M. EX. COMP. WALTER H. DAVIS,
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.
Proceedings of the
GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONs OF CANADA
AT THE
Sixty-Seventh Annual Convocation

Held in Masonic Temple,
corner of Ouelette Avenue and Erie Street,
City of Windsor, Ontario,
Wednesday and Thursday, February 25th and 26th,
A.D. 1925, A. Inv. 2455

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved

W. H. DAVIS, Hamilton, Ont.  
Grand Z.

HENRY T. SMITH, Toronto, Ont.  
Grand Scribe E.
PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Windsor, Ontario, Wednesday and Thursday, February 25th and 26th, A.D., 1925, A. Inv. 2455.

Present

M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis...............Grand Z.
R. " " K. J. Dunstan ........Grand H. }Grand Council
R. " " Edwin Smith ..........Grand J. }
M. " " George Moore ...........Grand Treasurer
R. " " Henry T. Smith ........Grand Scribe E.
R. " " E. W. E. Saunders ....Grand Scribe N.
R. " " W. J. Armstrong as Grand Principal Sojourner
R. " " Edward Lakin....as Grand Registrar
M. " " W. N. Ponton ...........Grand Historian
R. " " Thomas Peters ...........Grand Janitor
R. " " J. B. Nixon ............Grand Lecturer
" " A. Art. Gray.............as Grand Senior Sojourner
" " P. M. Grant ............as Grand Junior Sojourner
" " John Gray ..............as Grand Sword Bearer
" " W. H. McMillan.....as Grand Master 1st Veil
" " G. E. Norman......as Grand Master 2nd Veil
" " F. C. Luke .............as Grand Master 3rd Veil
" " L. Hill .................as Grand Master 4th Veil
" " G. C. Murphy...........as Grand Standard Bearer
R. " " W. J. Wadsworth...as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
" " H. P. C. Stewart...as Grand Organist
V. " " Isidor Finberg ...........Grand Pursuivant
" " A. T. Porter ............as Grand Steward
" " G. Creber ..............as Grand Steward
R. " " C. W. Marsh ............as Grand Steward
" " W. H. Wilson............as Grand Steward
" " O. Coles .................as Grand Steward
" " F. T. Armstrong...as Grand Steward
" " T. Blackmore .........as Grand Steward
" " S. S. Forbes ............as Grand Steward
V. " " E. J. Everett ...........as Grand Steward
GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Percy J. McConnell.........Windsor  Dist. No. 1
" " " "  Henry C. Ives ..............London " 2
" " " "  Robert Y. Morrison...Woodstock " 3
" " " "  William Downing ..........Kitchener " 4
" " " "  James Hooper .............Port Nelson " 5
" " " "  Hugh C. Dunlop ..........Goderich " 6
" " " "  James A. Coleman ........Niagara-on-the-Lake" 7
" " " "  Heman H. Lang ..........Toronto " 8
" " " "  John Marr .......Toronto " 8a
" " " "  Charles B. Adair ........Peterborough " 10
" " " "  William James Potts..Trenton " 11
" " " "  Charles W. Marsh ......Morrisburg " 12
" " " "  Harry W. Auenger ....Smith's Falls " 13
" " " "  William McDonald ......Sudbury " 15

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Sixty-seventh 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 152 Warranted Chapters and 1 under Dispensation on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 126 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.**
Ex. Comp. C. W. Heaman, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, P.Z.

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

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

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

No. 15.  
**Wawanosh, Sarnia.**

No. 16.  
**Carleton, Ottawa.**

No. 18.  
**Oxford, Woodstock.**

No. 19  
**Mount Moriah, St. Catharines**
Ex. Comp. John Herod (Proxy); R. Ex. Comp. A. N. Lindsay, P.Z.'s.

No. 20.  
**Mount Horeb, Brantford.**

No. 22  
**Grenville, Prescott.**
Ex. Comp. E. A. Cook, Z.

No. 23.  
**Ezra, Simcoe.**
Ex. Comp. C. S. Ryerse, Z.
No. 24.  
_Tecumseh, Stratford._
Ex. Comps. E. A. Robertson, Z.; D. Davidson, J.

No. 26.  
_St. Mark's, Trenton._

No. 27.  
_Manitou, Collingwood._
Ex. Comp. G. C. Coles (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 28.  
_Pentalpha, Oshawa._
R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Henry (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 29.  
_McCallum, Dunnville._
R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parkes (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 30.  
_Huron, Goderich._

No. 31.  
_Prince Edward, Picton._

No. 32.  
_Waterloo, Galt._

No. 34.  
_Signet, Barrie._
V. Ex. Comp. James Shrubsole (Proxy); R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, J.Z.'s.

No. 35.  
_Keystone, Whitby._
R. Ex. Comp. W. M. VanValkenburgh (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 36.  
_Corinthian, Peterborough._
Ex. Comp. A. Richardson (Proxy); R. Ex. Comp. C. B. Adair, P.Z.'s.

No. 37  
_Victoria, Port Hope._
Ex. Comp. G. T. Hancock, Z.

No. 40.  
_Guelph, Guelph._
Ex. Comp. T. E. Cotton, Z.

No. 41.  
_Harris, Ingersoll._
V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Sutherland (Proxy), R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid, P.Z.'s.
No. 44.     Mount Sinai, Napanee.
            Ex. Comp. R. D. Taylor, Z.

No. 45.     Excelsior, Colborne.
            Ex. Comp. J. T. Gordon (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 47.     Wellington, Chatham.
            Ex. Comps. J. T. Crouch, Z.; W. H. Ferguson; V.

No. 48.     St. John's, Cobourg.
            Ex. Comp. A. E. Challis, Z.

No. 53.     Bruce, Petrolia.
            Ex. Comp. F. Scarsbrook, Z.

No. 54.     Palestine, St. Thomas.

No. 55.     Niagara, Niagara.
            R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Coleman, P.Z.

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

No. 59.     Sussex, Brockville.
            Ex. Comp. R. H. Sheridan, Z.

No. 61.     Granite, Almonte.

No. 62.     York, Toronto.
            Ex. Comps. J. T. Watson, Fred Markham, A. J.
            Brown; V. Ex. Comps. D. Robertson (Proxy), C. F.
            Brooks, P.Z.'s.

No. 63.     Havelock, Kincardine.
            Ex. Comp. Robert Patterson, Z.

No. 64.     Willson, Welland.
            Ex. Comp. J. W. Holstock (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 65.     St. Paul's, Toronto.
            Ex. Comp. T. Wibby, Z.; R. Ex. Comps. W. J. Mc-
            Collum, E. B. Brown, E. W. E. Saunders, K. J.
            Dunstan; M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, P.Z.'s.
No. 67.  
_Enterprise, Palmerston._

No. 69.  
_Grimsby, Grimsby._
R. Ex. Comp. Jas. A. Wray (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 70.  
_Grand River, Bracebridge._

No. 71.  
_Prince of Wales, Amherstburg._

No. 72.  
_Keystone, Stirling._
V. Ex. Comp. T. W. Solmes (Proxy); R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts, P.Z.'s.

No. 73.  
_Erie, Ridgetown._

No. 74.  
_Beaver, Stratford._

No. 75.  
_St. Clair, Milton._

No. 77.  
_Occident, Toronto._

No. 79.  
_Orient, Toronto._

No. 80.  
_Ark, Windsor._

No. 81.  
_Aylmer, Aylmer._
Ex. Comp. Harry Grant, Z.

No. 82.  
_Shuniah, Port Arthur._
Ex. Comp. J. C. H. Wink, Z.
No. 84. *Lebanon, Wingham.*
   Ex. Comp. H. J. Jobb, Z.

No. 86. *Macpherson, Meaford.*
   Ex. Comp. I. Topp, Z.

No. 88. *MacNabb, Dresden.*

No. 90. *Golden, Kenora.*
   V. Ex. Comp. H. S. Galloway (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
   Ex. Comps. W. F. Bowerman, Z.; Ashton Fletcher, P.Z.

No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*

No. 95. *Tuscan, Sudbury.*
   Ex. Comp. W. W. Stull, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Wm. McDonald, P.Z.

No. 100. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*


No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
   Ex. Comp. T. M. Sale, Z.

No. 104. *White Oak, Oakville.*

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

No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
   Ex. Comp. G. A. Shaver (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
   Ex. Comp. C. Loken, Z.
No. 115.  
*Brant, Paris.*  
Ex. Comp. R. Stephenson, Z.

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. W. S. Settterington, Z.; B. E. Ellis, J.; Alvin Bunn, P.Z.

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

No. 134.  
*King Darius, Cannington.*  

No. 135.  
*Succoth, Uxbridge.*  
Ex. Comp. T. C. Leask, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, P.Z.

No. 138.  
*Shekinah, Toronto.*  

No. 140.  
*Fort William, Fort William.*  
Ex. Comp. Oliver Coles (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 143.  
*Glengarry, Maxville.*  
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Munro (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 145.  
*The St. Patrick, Toronto.*  
Ex. Comp. E. E. Reid (Proxy), R. Ex. Comp. B. Cairns, P.Z.’s.

No. 146.  
*Bernard, Listowel.*  
R. Ex. Comp. T. Blackmore (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 147.  
*Lucknow, Lucknow.*  

No. 150.  
No. 151.  
Laurentian, Pembroke.
Ex. Comp. John Gray (Proxy).

No. 152.  
Alberton, Fort Frances.
Ex. Comp. George Campbell (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 153.  
Sombra, Wallaceburg.
Ex. Comp. G. E. Norman, Z.

No. 161.  
Madoc, Madoc.
Ex. Comp. E. Smith, Z.

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

No. 164.  
Lorne, West Lorne.

No. 167.  
Kichikewana, Midland.

No. 169.  
Temiskaming, New Liskeard.
Ex. Comp. L. Hill (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 175.  
The Hamilton, Hamilton.
M. Ex. Comps. W. H. Davis, George Moore (Proxy), P.Z.’s.

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

No. 185.  
Toronto, Toronto.
Ex. Comps. F. C. Becker, Z.; D. Colman, P.Z.

No. 198.  
Couchiching, Orillia.
Ex. Comps. R. J. Green, Z.; A. L. Church, P.Z.

No. 203.  
Cobalt, Cobalt.
Ex. Comp. J. A. MacVichie, Z.

No. 205.  
Victoria, Thornhill.
Ex. Comps. J. A. Thompson, J. E. Francis (Proxy),

Kitchener, Russell.
Ex. Comp. H. G. Bigelow, Z.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

No. 212. Mount Sinai, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. A. Brookstone (Proxy); V. Ex. Comp. I. Finberg, P.Z.'s.

No. 213. Northern Lights, Timmins.
Ex. Comp. G. C. Murphy, Z.

No. 214. Vimy, Inwood.

No. 215. Mimico, Mimico.
Ex. Comp. E. F. Stoll, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Everett, P.Z.

No. 217. St. Alban's, Toronto.
Ex. Comps. J. L. House, Z.; W. Hughes, H.; J. A. Cooper, P.Z.

No. 218. Prince Edward, Shelburne.

No. 219. Ulster, Toronto.
Ex. Comps. W. McKee, Z.; W. Steen, P.Z.

No. 220. Lebanon, Lambton Mills.

No. 221. Durham, Durham.

No. 222. Ottawa, Ottawa.
Ex. Comp. M. E. Rous, Z.

No. 223. Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.
Ex. Comp. F. K. Ebbitt (Proxy), P.Z.

Ex. Comp. J. W. Will, Z.

No. 225. Beaver, Toronto.

No. 227. Quinte Friendship, Belleville.
Ex. Comp. H. J. Clarke, Z.
Seventy-eight Chapters were represented by regular officers, 30 were represented by Proxy; 18 were represented by Past Z.’s, making the total
Chapters represented 126. There were 271 delegates registered, having a total of 551 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. Haentschel, Chairman, J. Austin Evans, B. Cairns, H. A. Miller, A. Brookstone, E. J. Everett, John T. Edworthy, Committee.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, 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 be admitted as visitors during the sessions of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Toronto, Wednesday and Thursday, February 27th and 28th, 1924, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Wednesday and Thursday, February 27th and 28th, 1924, 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.

CIVIC WELCOME

V. Ex. Comp. W. T. Turner in introducing His Worship, the Mayor, Comp. F. J. Mitchell, said:—It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and also to the visiting Companions, His Worship, Comp. F. J. Mitchell, Mayor of the City
of Windsor. I would like to add, that he has the distinction of being the youngest Mayor and also the only Mayor who was born in the City of Windsor.

The Grand Z. in receiving the Mayor said, I understand you are one of our youngest Companions. I will be very pleased if you will give a few words to the delegates.

His Worship, the Mayor, in addressing the delegates said:—Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Canada, I am sure this is placing me in a very important political position this morning, especially after the introduction by Comp. Turner. I feel very much like the orator who at one time was addressing a meeting of school children, when he said, he would like to talk to them about Mount Vesuvius, and one of the scholars said, he would much rather that he was speaking there than to them that morning.

I know of no event that could be more popular in the Border Cities to-day than your meeting here, at which you have done me the honour of asking me to give an address of welcome; and rightly so, for a growing community like ours, where Masonry is going ahead by leaps and bounds, this is an event of the greatest importance. And when you gather together on occasions such as this, you gather like pupils at a school; you glean a great deal of information which enables you to keep abreast of the times, with great benefit to the Grand Chapter and to your own Chapter. This is really a school you are attending. I know there are a great many in other cities who say that money spent sending delegates is money misspent, but I am one of those who believe the prosperity of our community is directly due to such meetings as you are holding here to-day; and it is when you are attending Grand Chapter like you are here—and I must congratulate you on the numbers that have turned out—you are led in the spirit of fellowship and good-will, and when
you return to your own Chapters you instill those principles and views in others with benefit to yourself and the Chapters in general.

I know that Windsor and the Border Cities are known throughout Canada. I know we are known as a peculiar people. So we have been published recently in Parliament by some Member in it as a city where the natives cannot read nor write, and whose chief industries are race-tracks and breweries, and the citizens—bootleggers. But I am sure now you have seen us you will not agree with that description. The gentleman who made such a statement, you will realize, has not told the truth. It is a very peculiar thing, I did not know until last night, that there was a brewery here; and apparently it took some of the visiting members a long time even to find it out. I am sure you will all feel impressed by the wonderful growth of our city; and I am sure you will also feel that you would like to share in its prosperity.

Not only have we benefited in the wonderful growth of population, but some of you, although you may not have been born here, are already wishing us prosperity and good fortune. I know of no community, and I might say this, we have had our seasons of trade depressions, when things were not so bright as they might be—I know of no community where the working man and the business man have taken the rough with the smooth and faced adversity as they have been doing here in Windsor and the Border Cities.

I had the occasion to be visiting one of the inland towns the other day, and the people were complaining of the liability of the government with the open tariff causing a bad trade depression and compelling them to shut their manufactories down, and I was talking to the Mayor, and he went up to buy a magazine, and it is the truth, a moth flew out of his pocketbook. I have referred to your visit here as attending a school, and as every school has its recreation hour, I hope some of our citizens will
take you on a tour of our city and that you will enjoy the sights.

(The Mayor then entertained those present with several humorous stories, which were well received.)

I think I have said more than enough, and I assure you it is a very, very great pleasure to extend to you a most cordial reception and to give to you the keys of our city, and I hope yours will be a prosperous and pleasant visit.

M. Ex. the Grand Z.,—On behalf of the Grand Chapter, I thank you most heartily for your kindness in bestowing upon us the keys of the city, and I sincerely trust the delegates will do nothing to cause you to regret that action.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM THE CHAPTERS OF ST. CLAIR DISTRICT

R. Ex. Comp. Percy J. McConnell, Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District, presented on behalf of the Chapters of St. Clair District, the following address:—

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

On this occasion, the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, meeting to review the progress of our Royal Craft during the past year, and to legislate for its future welfare and guidance, we the Royal Arch Masons of St. Clair District, No. 1, extend to you, and through you to the Companions of other Grand Chapter, our sincere fraternal greetings, and welcome you within the portals of our Masonic Temple.

Meeting for the first time in our District, we assure you, Most Excellent Sir, you have conferred an honour upon us, which will long be remembered and cherished, as one of the greatest we have received in our Masonic careers.

While we know your labours will be arduous, but they will prove of great benefit to this District and to the Royal Craft under your Jurisdiction. We
sincerely trust that the hours set apart for relaxation will be of profit and pleasure to you. For your entertainment, we have arranged, thanks to the courtesy of our Detroit Companions, to have exemplified an Order, which we, in St. Clair District esteem very highly, and consider of the utmost importance to the young manhood of our country, namely, the Order of the De Molay for Boys.

Most Excellent Sir, in the name of the Companions of St. Clair District, No. 1, we receive you with open arms, and welcome you.

Signed on behalf of the Chapters of District,—

J. T. Crouch, Z., Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.

Rev. W. Moore, Z., Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg

S. E. Savage, Z., Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridge-town.

Jas. B. Henderson, Z., Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.

Wm. Hopper, Z., MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.

W. S. Setterington, Z., King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.


Wm. Merrett, Z., Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne.

W. R. Fellows, Z., Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim.

The Grand Z., in replying to the address said, he believed this to be the first occasion the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada had visited the Border Cities, and so far everything had passed off satisfactorily. He trusted that their stay in the city would be a valuable one for the Royal Craft in St. Clair District.
RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS
GRAND LODGE OF CANADA


M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt in receiving them stated, he was the first to welcome a deputation in Grand Chapter from Grand Lodge. He considered it the greatest honour Grand Chapter could confer upon itself was in receiving these representatives from the Grand Lodge of Canada.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR BODY

R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, presented to Grand Chapter, M. Ex. Comp. E. A. Evans, Supreme Grand Master and R. Ex. Comp. W. H. A. Eckhardt, Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and in doing so said, this was the first time that the two illustrious and distinguished Companions from the Province of Quebec had been presented to this Grand Body.

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton in most felicitous terms welcomed the representatives of the Templar Body of Canada, and said that it was the chivalrous Branch of our Great Fraternity.

NEW YORK STATE

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt introduced the deputation from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, who were M. Ex. Comp. John F. Birmingham, Grand High Priest, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. S. S. Foster, H. M. Rice, and Ex. Comp. J. W. Baird. They have come from the greatest State in the Union for the purpose of being with us to-day.

R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith in receiving this deputation referred to his recent visit to the
Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, which had been held in Albany. It was a very pleasant meeting for him.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The deputation from Michigan was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, it consisted of M. Ex. Comp. William Goff, Grand High Priest, R. Ex. Comps. W. K. McSween, S. E. Mifflin, S. A. Farnum. This deputation had come, said R. Ex. Comp. Smith, from a Great State and a Great Body, second to none among the States of the Union.

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer in tendering a welcome to the Michigan Companions said that he had tested their good qualities many times and had never found them wanting because they were honourable and true men.

THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

R. Ex. Comp. A. Cowan in introducing the delegates from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, M. Ex. Comps. Walton K. Swetland and August P. Zunzig, said these distinguished visitors were not only bringing great weight to the Grand Chapter of Canada but were also bringing with them wisdom, strength and beauty.

R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, in most eloquent terms said, that it is on record there were several Lodges in Philadelphia in the year 1730, and that the third oldest Grand Lodge in the World was that of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown presented M. Ex. Comp. W. W. Williamson, a Past Grand Z., as well as the present Grand Scribe E., as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. R. Ex. Comp. Brown said, we were under great obligation to the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec for coming so far to be present with us.
In receiving M. Ex. Comp. Williamson, R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood said the Grand Scribe E. of Quebec had been received among Foreign Representatives, but we did not consider his Jurisdiction as being foreign, for it was one in our own Country and consequently he was one of our own tribe and family.

Grand Honours were accorded the distinguished visiting Companions.

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. They were introduced in appropriate terms by R. Ex. Comp. C. B. Adair. The following Grand Representatives answered to their names:

R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith Alabama
“ “ “ James McC. Potts Colorado
“ “ “ Harvey J. Milne Connecticut
“ “ “ James H. Cowan Florida
M. “ “ W. N. Ponton Georgia
R. “ “ Edward Lankin Iowa
“ “ “ W. Y. Mills Louisiana
“ “ “ Robert H. Reid Manitoba
“ “ “ Oliver Ellwood Minnesota
“ “ “ W. M. Logan Montana
M. “ “ R. H. Spencer Nebraska
R. “ “ Charles T. Wilkinson New Brunswick
M. “ “ Walter H. Davis New Hampshire
R. “ “ K. J. Dunstan New Jersey
M. “ “ F. W. Harcourt New York
R. “ “ George L. Gardiner North Dakota
M. “ “ George Moore Nova Scotia
R. “ “ Ed. Worth Oklahoma
“ “ “ Edward B. Brown Quebec
“ “ “ Walter G. Price Tennessee
“ “ “ J. B. Nixon Vermont
“ “ “ Joseph W. Hickson Victoria
“ “ “ Alexander Cowan West Virginia
“ “ “ William J. Wadsworth Wisconsin

The Representatives were accorded Grand Honours, and were warmly greeted by the M. Ex. the Grand Z., and he expressed the wish that the dele-
gates would convey to those Grand Bodies which they represented the cordial greetings of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Logan on behalf of the Grand Representatives said, he appreciated the honour in being asked to respond on behalf of the Grand Representatives here assembled. He, as well as those with him, recognized that it was a great responsibility at a time like this to be a Grand Representative. There was a time when it meant something and the duties were complicated and questions were referred to Grand Bodies through their Representatives for consideration, that day had gone by. Some of the Grand Jurisdictions contemplated dropping the system of Grand Representation. I would like to say, if I may, for the Representatives here assembled, they appreciate the welcome you have accorded them, and I know they will return home and report to their respective Jurisdictions the cordiality with which they had been received on the floor of this Grand Body to-day.

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

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

It is a source of great pleasure to me, as your Grand First Principal, to welcome you to this our Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation and I sincerely hope the sessions will be pleasing and of interest to all of you. I trust our deliberations and findings will be of value to the Royal Craft. We expect to have with us on this occasion, a number of distinguished visitors, from whom we shall be delighted to hear. The good Companions of St. Clair District, under the able leadership of R. Ex. Comp. P. J. McConnell, have arranged an interesting programme for our hours of ease, which I trust will be enjoyed by you. Our year has been a time of stress in business affairs, and many have passed through a period of financial anxiety, but, even in this time of difficulty, Grand Chapter has made substantial progress in membership, and from a financial standpoint. Our net membership has increased by 768 and now stands at 25,315, our increase in net assets over liabilities is $3,731.88, for which we have every reason to be thankful.

New Chapters.

Assisted by the Grand Council and a number of Right Excellent and Excellent Companions from Toronto and Hamilton, I had the pleasure of consecrating and dedicating McKay Chapter, No. 243, Stoney Creek. This Chapter, founded in my boyhood home, bids fair to become one of our most flourishing Chapters.

I have granted dispensations for the institution of Chapters under favorable auspices in:

Cochrane, to be called Cochrane.
Nilestown, to be called Nilestown.
Preston, to be called Preston.
Weston, to be called Humber.
I wish to express my thanks to the following Grand Superintendents and the accompanying Excellent Companions for performing the institution ceremonies:

R. Ex. Comp. H. C. Ives, at Nilestown.
R. Ex. Comp. John Marr, Humber Chapter. As the hall at Weston was not in readiness, this ceremony took place in the Annette Street Hall, Toronto.

Removal.

The Companions of Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston, felt that the Chapter would do more effective work if removed to Palmerston. As the vote of the Companions in this matter was practically unanimous, I approved the removal.

Dedication of Rooms.

Chapter quarters at Durham and Palmerston have been dedicated by R. Ex. Comp. William Downing, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith and other Excellent Companions.

Representatives.

Vacancies having occurred, I approved appointments of the following Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapters mentioned below, these Representatives having been recommended to me by their Grand Chapters.

M. Ex. Comp. Jeff. L. Davis, Fayetteville, Arkansas.
M. Ex. Comp. George E. Scott, Wilmington, Delaware.
Ex. Comp. George I. Daneker, Baltimore, Maryland.
Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Mattern, Richmond, Virginia.

R. Ex. Comp. Frederick C. Steinbicker, Wheeling, West Virginia.

I have had pleasure in recommending the following distinguished Companions as Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter for other Grand Chapters, which recommendations have been approved by the respective Grand Chapters:

R. Ex. Comp. T. W. Chapple, Arkansas.

The first three of these are reappointments, the other two were made necessary by the long continued inability to act, on account of illness of R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett, and the death of M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed.

We have been endeavoring for some time to arrange an exchange of Representatives with the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. We have this year received the following letter of date December 15th, 1924, from the Grand Scribe E. of England addressed to our Grand Scribe E.:

"Dear Sir and Right Excellent Companion:

The Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter further considered the correspondence, which has passed between us, respecting the exchanging of Representatives between our two Jurisdictions.

I am desired to point out that it has never been the practice of this Grand Chapter to exchange Representatives with Sister Jurisdictions, and after very careful consideration, the Committee is unable to recommend a departure from this custom.

This decision, I am asked specially to state, will in no way impair the amicable arrangements that exist between our respective Grand Chapters; indeed, it is always our desire that such relations should, wherever possible, be strengthened.

Yours fraternally,

P. COLVILLE SMITH,
Grand Scribe E."
While we may regret that our request has not been granted, when we consider their position in the matter, we must realize that it is not to be expected that they should single us out for special consideration, therefore we must acquiesce in their decision and express our hope and trust that nothing may occur to disturb our present amicable relations.

By-Laws.

In addition to a general approval of changes made necessary in By-Laws to make dates of election and installation agree with amendment of Constitution passed at our last Annual Convocation, I have approved By-Laws of the following Chapters:—

St. John's, No. 3, London.
St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton.
Pembroke, No. 58, Mattawa.
St. Paul's, No. 65, Toronto.
Grimsby, No. 69, Grimsby.
Occident, No. 77, Toronto.
Orient, No. 79, Toronto.
King Cyrus, No. 119, Leamington.
Ionic, No. 168, Campbellford.
McKay, No. 243, Stoney Creek.

In this connection, I would suggest that Chapters, revising By-Laws, do not need to incorporate in them sections which are already parts of our Constitution, but should concern themselves with the rules and regulations applicable to their particular Chapters. I would recommend that Grand Chapter consider the advisability of having a model set of By-Laws prepared.

Dispensations.

A number of dispensations have been granted to allow Chapters to confer degrees at other points than their respective Chapter homes where the interests of the Chapters and prospective candidates were served by such approval.
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Minnewawa, No. 78, at Forest.
Shuniah, No. 82, at Hornepayne.
Tuscan, No. 95, at Chapleau.
St. Lawrence, No. 100, at Athens.
Fort William, No. 140, at Sioux Lookout.
Madoc, No. 161, at Bancroft.
Kichikewana, No. 167, at Port McNicoll.
Temiskaming, No. 169, at Kirkland Lake.

Other Dispensations.

To allow a Brother accepted by Pembroke Chapter, Mattawa, to receive degrees in Chapleau, conferred by Companions of Tuscan Chapter, Sudbury.

To allow a Brother accepted by Cobalt Chapter to receive degrees in Fort William Chapter.

To allow degrees to be conferred on a candidate who had lost three fingers of right hand.

To allow degrees to be conferred on a candidate who had lost a leg.

To allow Port Credit Chapter to receive an application from a Brother residing at Sunnyside, who purposes changing his residence to Port Credit Jurisdiction.

To allow Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston, to advance a Brother as Serving Companion.

To allow Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, to dispense with June Convocation.

To allow King Darius Chapter, Cannington, to confer all degrees at afternoon and evening session.

To allow Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, to confer all the degrees at one Convocation on a candidate who was leaving the country.

To allow Moira Chapter, Belleville, to confer Mark Master Mason and Royal Arch degrees at one Convocation.

To allow Doric Chapter, Newmarket, to elect and install officers at one Convocation, December, 1924, this concession having been recommended by the Grand Superintendent.
To allow Port Arthur Companions to wear regalia at an At Home with provision that attendance be confined to Chapter Masons, members of their households or ladies accompanied by Chapter Masons.

To allow Members of Northern Light Chapter, Timmins, to wear regalia at an At Home given by Companions with members of local Symbolic Lodge with the provisions, that it is confined to members of the Chapter and Lodge, and their ladies, and that dispensation be granted by the Grand Master to Symbolic Lodge.

To allow Lorne Chapter, West Lorne, to confer degrees on a Brother in less time than that allotted by Constitution.

A number of dispensations were granted to Chapters wishing to attend Divine Service wearing regalia, with the restriction that regalia should be worn only in church or in building where the service was held.

In this connection, I may not have the same views as a number of my Companions. While I consider it most laudable for Chapter Masons to assemble themselves together to pay their tribute of worship to the God we all adore, yet I feel it is not consistent with the high dignity of our beloved Order to proceed in procession through the public streets for that purpose, and I have declined to grant dispensations for processions of Companions wearing regalia.

Masonry, in my opinion, should dwell in the heads and hearts of its devotees and be exemplified in their lives and actions and not be a subject for public and possibly unprofitable display.

Rulings.

1. That Chapters shall elect officers in November in accordance with amendment to Constitution.

2. That, when a Companion, who had been suspended for non-payment of dues, wished to be restored, his name must appear on summons issued for Regular Convocation at which ballot for restoration
is taken. As I understand the recent amendment to our Constitution it was intended to prevent the restoration of an unworthy Mason, hence the necessity for this ruling.

3. That a Lewis, who had received the Royal Arch degrees in Scotland could not affiliate with one of our Chapters until he had attained the age of twenty-one years.

4. That, if a Chapter fixes its dues at a certain rate per annum without fixing date of payment, a Companion may pay his dues at any time during the year. Hence he, not having paid dues in 1923, would not be twelve months in arrears until 31st December, 1924. But, if specific date is fixed, say 1st January, the Companion would be twelve months in arrears 1st January, 1924.

5. That, where an unsigned unfavorable report was presented to a Chapter and the First Principal declared applicant rejected, such declaration was irregular. An unsigned report was not a basis for action. The Brother's name must be put on a future summons and a proper report be presented, so that action can be taken.

6. That a Companion charged in his Symbolic Lodge with a Masonic offence should be suspended from Royal Arch privileges pending trial. This Brother has since been indefinitely suspended by his Lodge. I have ruled that he stand suspended from Royal Arch privileges until Grand Lodge shall deal with the matter. If Grand Lodge confirms suspension or expels him, Section 86 of our Constitution will determine our action.

7. That, when a Chapter has passed a By-Law to increase fee for degrees, a Brother, accepted prior to approval of By-Law relating to increased fee, was entitled to admittance at the former fee.

From my experience regarding Dispensations and Rulings, I think it would be of great value to incoming Grand First Principals if dispensations and rulings of Past Grand First Principals were collated for them.
Christmas Greetings.

We issued the usual Card of Christmas Greetings.
I append two acknowledgments which may be of interest.

"St. James Palace, S.W.

"The Comptroller to the Prince of Wales (Vice-Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey) is desired by His Royal Highness to thank the Brethren of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada for their kind card of Christmas and New Year greetings, which are heartily reciprocated.

"31st December, 1924."

The other is an excerpt from a letter from Lord Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland to our Grand Scribe E.

"Please convey to your Grand Chapter very best wishes for 1925 from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and our heartiest greetings to Most Excellent Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion Davis, and the other Grand Principals."

Necrology.

"To the past go more dead faces every year."

While I do not wish to infringe on the functions of the Chairman of Committee re Fraternal Dead, I feel a special attention should be called to the severe loss Masonry in Canada has experienced in the passing over of M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed who, during his life deservedly held many of the highest honours in the gift of the various Masonic Grand Bodies. He was admired for his great ability and beloved for his many fine qualities of head and heart. I esteemed it a privilege to call him my friend. A grand old man has gone to his reward.

Royal Arch Masonry in the United States has lost one of its brightest ornaments in the death of M. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest
of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, a
great Masonic scholar and orator and a most lovable
man. Our Companions across the line have our heart-
felt sympathy in this their time of deep sorrow.

Amicable Relations Resumed.

It is pleasant for me to be able to report to you
that two long-standing disputes, which have dis-
turbed the Capitular world, have been settled during
the year. The Supreme Grand Chapter of England
and the Grand Chapter of Quebec have resumed
fraternal relations, as have the Supreme Grand
Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter
of the United States.

A resumé regarding the latter settlement may
be of interest.

The First Grand Principal of Scotland, M. Ex.
Comp. the Earl of Cassillis, met the General Grand
High Priest of the United States, M. Ex. Comp. Dr.
W. F. Kuhn with his colleagues, and discussed the
case of the Chapter in the Philippine Islands, which
holds allegiance to the Supreme Grand Chapter of
Scotland, and which has been felt by the General
Grand Chapter of the United States to be an invasion
of Jurisdiction. The treaty, made between the two
governing bodies, arranges that Keystone Chapter,
No. 354, shall retain its Charter, but accepting no
petitions for membership or exaltation except from
the members of the Scottish Lodge in Manilla, and
that all members of Keystone Chapter shall be
recognized as regularly made Royal Arch Masons.
The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland agrees to
grant no more charters for the Philippine Islands.

It was my good fortune to entertain with the
assistance of The Grand Council and other Grand
Chapter Officers, M. Ex. Comp. the Earl of Cassillis,
who passed through Toronto on his way home from
his long trip. This distinguished Companion, who
had been visiting the Chapters under the obedience
of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in various
parts of the world, gave us a most interesting talk, regarding his visitations and of his negotiations with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which negotiations have been successful in closing this long unsettled dispute. Edicts of non-intercourse have been withdrawn and peace and good will established between these great Jurisdictions.

**Other Grand Chapters.**

I have been able to visit, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, the Grand Chapters of Quebec and Michigan, in both of which Jurisdictions I had, as your representative, a most cordial greeting and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and kindness bestowed on us.


I had laid my plans to attend the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, but at the last moment, unavoidable circumstances prevented me from enjoying that privilege.

**Internal Visitations.**

I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of Chapters in our own Jurisdiction. In all, I found loyalty to Grand Chapter, enthusiasm for their particular Chapters and a truly Masonic hospitality.

At The St. Patrick Chapter, the Grand Chapter Officers, appointed for that purpose, presented M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer with the testimonial ordered by the Grand Chapter.

The Companions of Ontario District held their annual picnic at Cobourg. This bringing together of
Royal Arch Masons and their families must be productive of a fine Masonic feeling and will, I feel certain, prove most valuable to the Royal Craft in that vicinity.

I was compelled, most reluctantly, to cancel some engagements for visitations and to decline others. I sincerely trust my Companions of these Chapters will pardon me for what could not be avoided.

Ceremonies.

The Book of Ceremonies has been revised and required additions made thereto which will considerably enhance the value of this publication.

Scribes E.

Some complaints have been made by Grand Superintendents regarding difficulty in securing information regarding Chapters. I would urge upon the delegates present the advisability of impressing upon Scribes E. the necessity of giving prompt attention to official communications, so that the work of Grand Chapter may be more efficiently done.

Among interesting occurrences of the year, I will quote two:

To Madoc Chapter belongs the distinction of having exalted probably the oldest candidate in the history of Capitular Masonry, Charles William O’Hara, aged ninety-two years.

St. John’s Chapter, London, had the unique experience of conferring the Capitular degrees on two candidates, whose applications were recommended by their sons.

Forward.

We have a great field for development. At the present time, about twenty-five per cent. of the Masons in our Jurisdiction are members of the Royal Craft. While we desire to have our Brethren further
instructed in Masonic lore, we must keep in mind that quality is more important than numbers. Freemasonry is not a reformatory institution. We cannot profess that it makes bad men good, but we do believe it makes good men better men. We aim to take into the fraternity only men of good character and if we make mistakes, we should lop off the unworthy branches, that our membership may be comprised of the good and true men in our respective localities. But there are certainly many members of our Symbolic Lodges, who should be with us. Therefore I would urge increased activity in the various Chapters.

In concluding my term of office, I wish to express my appreciation of the assistance so cheerfully accorded me by the Grand Council and officers of the Grand Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, our efficient Grand Scribe E., has been indefatigable in lightening my labours.

Has the year been fruitful with all of you? Have your labours been rewarded by progress in your several Chapters? In most cases I feel the answer is Yes. If any feel that what they have done has not produced the results hoped for, they should remember that he who sows does not always reap, that earnest, sincere, thoughtful endeavour for the good of others does not always show immediate return, but the fruit of their labours will be garnered by those who come after them. We are labouring for the betterment of mankind, and we must feel assured, that an institution founded on a belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man will continue to grow and prosper, so long as the character and conduct of its adherents are of the right degree of excellence. May Grand Chapter, during the coming year, be enabled to do greater and better work. May our Chapters be blessed with every good and perfect gift. Our progress will be determined by the zeal and energy of our officers and Companions. May we keep in mind that the offices bestowed on us by our Companions have been calls for service to the
Royal Craft. The Keynote of Masonry is Service; service to our fellows, our Lodges and Chapters, our Country, our God. May we one and all endeavour to give such service that the world will be brighter and better for our having lived in it.

As Douglas Malloch says:—

"We walk the path, the great have trod
The great in heart, the great in mind,
Who looked through Masonry to God,
And looked through God to all mankind,
Found more than word or sign or grip,
Found man's and God's relationship.

And so, I say, a sacred trust
Is yours to share, is yours to keep;
I hear the voice of men of dust,
I hear the step of men asleep;
And down the endless future, too,
Your own shall echo after you."

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, 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.
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 1924. Allow me to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the honour conferred upon me by the Companions of my District, and to the Grand First Principal for approving their choice. I have had the pleasure of visiting all the Chapters in the District, and have found the work exemplified in each Chapter to be above reproach. The selection of the City of Windsor for the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter is deeply appreciated by the Royal Arch Companions of St. Clair District No. 1.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg.—On April 25th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. M. B. Squire, V. Ex. Comp. Wm. T. Turner, Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Tregenza, and with several officers and Companions of Ark Chapter, I had the pleasure of paying this Chapter my first official visit. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very proficient manner, and the Scribe E. is indeed to be congratulated on the manner in which he looks after the duties of his important office. This Chapter is indeed fortunate in the selection of their officers, and the future of the Chapter is bright in consequence.

MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.—I visited this Chapter on May 22nd, and was very cordially received. Ex. Comp. Wm. Bedell, the Past First Principal, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very creditable manner. I found the books and minutes well kept.

King Cyrus Chapter No. 119, Leamington.—On June 16th I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter, and was royally received and entertained.
The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very instructive manner by Ex. Comp. Alvin Bunn, First Principal and his officers, while the Mystical Lecture was given in a very dignified manner by R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Awrey. The prospects of this Chapter are very bright, as a result no doubt, of the wonderful companionship which I found existing among the Companions.

BLENHEIM CHAPTER, No. 239, BLENHEIM.—On October 1st I made my official visit to this Chapter, and was indeed well pleased with their Masonic Temple, and was very cordially received. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. J. L. Rutherford, in a very proficient manner. I found the books very well kept, and the prospects of this Chapter are excellent.

ERIE CHAPTER, No. 73, RIDGETOWN.—On October 13th I was present at this Chapter and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree conferred by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Neil McKay in a very efficient manner. The Scribe E.'s books are very well kept, and judging from my reception and the good fellowship which prevails among the Companions, I am pleased to report that this Chapter's future is very bright.

LORNE CHAPTER, No. 164, WEST LORNE.—On October 15th, I had the pleasure of visiting Lorne Chapter and witnessing the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Hugh Turner and his officers, in a manner that was a credit to their Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Dougall Turner exemplified the Mystical Knowledge in a very proficient manner. The books of the Scribe E. are very well kept, and the prospects of this Chapter are very bright.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 47, CHATHAM.—On October 16th, I paid my official visit to Wellington Chapter and had the pleasure of witnessing the Royal Arch degree conferred in a wonderfully impressive manner. The Scribe E., Comp. Martin, is
to be congratulated on the manner in which he looks after his duties. The outstanding feature of this Chapter is the support the officers receive from the Past First Principals.

**Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Wallaceburg.**—On October 28th I visited this Chapter and was very cordially received. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, which was conferred in a very creditable manner. The officers of this Chapter are deeply interested in the work, and I look for this Chapter to show good progress during 1925.

**Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.**—I visited this my Mother Chapter on Monday evening, November 24th, the occasion being our annual Past First Principals' Night, with V. Ex. Comp. W. T. Turner in the Chair, as First Principal. We were honoured by a fraternal visit from Peninsular Chapter, Detroit, Michigan, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Goff, Battle Creek, Mich., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan. The degree was conferred in a very dignified manner, especially was the Principal Sojourner's work well done by R. Ex. Comp. Thos. Peters, who was highly complimented by our guests from Michigan. The prospects of this Chapter are very bright, and the Companions are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to welcoming Grand Chapter here on February 24th, 25th and 26th next.

In conclusion allow me to state that my year of office has been one of especial pleasure to me, and it is most gratifying to report that the highest degree of companionship exists in St. Clair District No. 1.

Fraternally submitted,

P. J. McConnell,

Windsor, Ont.
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 Convocation of Grand Chapter by the Companions of the London District, No. 2, in electing me to the Office of Grand Superintendent of the District and by the Grand Z. in ratifying their choice. It has been a very gratifying and profitable experience to me and I recall with pleasure the welcome extended to me by the officers and Companions as representative of the Grand Z., for which kindness I thank them. I also desire to express my appreciation to R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, who accompanied me on most of my Official visits and who rendered me invaluable assistance during my term of office. I have endeavoured to perform the duties of my office efficiently, and in accordance with the instructions received from Grand Chapter. Harmony prevails throughout the District and every officer seems imbued with zeal to improve his own Chapter.

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on London District, No. 2, for the year 1924.

On April 7th, I visited Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy, when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a creditable manner by Ex. Comp. Geo. N. Howden and his staff of officers. I could not help but admire the smoothness in which the degree was conferred. This Chapter has a very fine room in which to meet. The Scribe E.'s books are well kept by V. Ex. Comp. R. M. Trueman, and the prospects of this Chapter are very bright. I had as an escort on this visit, the Grand Third Principal and fifty-seven Companions of London Chap-
ters who went in a special car. After the degree work luncheon was served, following which we listened to inspiring speeches by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, V. Ex. Comp. C. Gilbert and others.

On April 15th, I paid my official visit to LONDON CHAPTER, No. 150, LONDON. The officers, under the able guidance of Ex. Comp. C. Linnell, exemplified the Royal Arch degree in a worthy manner. This Chapter is honoured by having R. Ex. Comp. J. H. C. Woodward as Scribe E. Needless to say his books are in excellent condition, and through his untiring efforts the unpaid dues of this Chapter are very small. This Chapter has every prospect of remaining in the flourishing condition it now is. On several other meeting nights I visited this Chapter, unofficially.

On May 8th, I visited PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 54, ST. THOMAS notwithstanding the fact that never before or since has it rained harder or the wind blown more fiercely. I was accompanied on this visit by forty-seven Companions of the London Chapters who braved the wind and rain and motored over. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Jas. E. Hulse and his officers in an impressive manner. After the degree work we repaired to the banquet hall where an enjoyable time was spent listening to speeches made by R. Ex. Comp. Smith, Ex. Comp. Elgie and others.

ST. PAUL’S CHAPTER, NO. 242, LAMBETH.—This Chapter I visited officially on Tuesday, June 3rd. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. H. P. Snelgrove and his staff of officers in a very creditable manner. The Scribe E. has his books in excellent shape, and also the Book of Marks kept up to date. A very pleasing feature of my visit to this Chapter was the excellent banquet that the ladies had prepared. About 250 Companions from the London District also enjoyed this part of my official visit, which with the music supplied by
the Shrine Orchestra made a very pleasant visit indeed.

It gives me great pleasure to submit this special report on St. Paul's Chapter, the baby Chapter of the District, who has made a record that will be hard to beat. First, it has every member's dues paid for the year and half of the members' dues paid one year in advance. Another record is the number of new members it has taken in for the year, considering the very small field this Chapter has to draw from. The manner in which this Chapter has prospered is worthy of this special mention. St. Paul's Chapter is to be congratulated on having a staff of officers who have laboured faithfully to elevate the Chapter to the prosperous position it now holds.

Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, Aylmer.—On Friday, June 6th, I visited officially this Chapter, saw the Mark Master Mason degree conferred by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Stewart and other Right Excellent Companions. Unfortunately this Chapter is not at present in a very flourishing condition, although there is no reason why it should not be. The trouble seems to be too many Right Excellent Companions in the Chairs, also the Scribe E.'s books are in a very poor condition. I trust my successor in office will have a much brighter report to make on this Chapter. No doubt the Chapter felt the loss keenly in the passing away of V. Ex. Comp. J. H. Dalton, Director of Ceremonies.

Vimy Chapter, No. 214, Inwood.—I visited this Chapter on Monday, June 23rd. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. F. W. Smith and his staff of officers in a faultless manner upon Bro. Wm. Kimbell, the candidate of the evening. I could not help being impressed by the very efficient manner in which the business of the Chapter was conducted by the Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. J. Vance, who has his books in perfect order. I considered this to be one of the best Chapters in the
District, and with such men as Ex. Comps. W. R. Dawson, F. W. Smith, A. E. Loosemore, and W. C. Johnston at its head there can be nothing but success for the Vimy Chapter. Here again the ladies and the music were in evidence at the banquet which was enjoyed by all the Companions present, speeches being made by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Third Principal, Ex. Comp. Dawson, and many others.

Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.—I visited this Chapter on Wednesday evening, September 17th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Elgie and Hobbs and Comp. Stevenson of St. John's Chapter, London, and Comp. Lambert of St. George's Chapter, London. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. H. Young and his staff of officers in a most satisfactory manner. The prospects of this Chapter are very bright. After the work of the evening a pleasant hour was spent listening to speeches by Ex. Comp. Young, R. Ex. Comp. Newton, Ex. Comps. Elgie, Hobbs and others.

Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia.—I visited officially this Chapter on Friday, October 10th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Third Principal and twenty-seven other Companions of London Chapters. The trip from London of 59 miles was made in a special car. The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. E. J. Marshall and the officers in a faultless manner. The Scribe E. has his books in perfect order and the Book of Marks up to date. This is one of the strongest Chapters in the District, and owing to train connections the time I had to spend there was all too short. After the work of the evening we repaired to the banquet hall where we all sat down to a Jigg's supper which we heartily enjoyed. After listening to some very inspiring speeches by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Third Principal, R. Ex. Comp. O. S. Clarke, Past Grand Supt. and others, we were forced to hurry away to catch our
train. This is one of the few Chapters that has forged ahead this year.

**Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia.**—This Chapter I visited officially on Wednesday, October 15th, accompanied by the Grand Third Principal, Ex. Comps. J. A. Elgie, J. Wild, G. Martin and C. J. Collins, and the officers conferred the Most Excellent Master degree. We were delightfully entertained by the Companions of Bruce Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. John Sinclair, who has since passed on, was there and spoke briefly, this being the last visit of R. Ex. Comp. Sinclair before his death. He served Bruce Chapter faithfully for over fifty years and his passing will be regretted by every Companion in London District. Bruce Chapter has felt the adverse circumstances a little more than the other Chapters, but the future is full of rosy promise that far surpass any of those of the past.

**St. Andrew Chapter, No. 238, London.**—On Wednesday, November 12th, I made my official visit to this Chapter and witnessed the election of officers. I had visited this Chapter fraternally on several previous occasions when degrees were being conferred, but there was no degree conferred on this night. This Chapter has a very bright future before it, all the officers having their work well in hand.

**St. John’s Chapter, No. 3, London.**—This being my Mother Chapter, I was present at all the Convocations during the year. I paid my official visit on Wednesday, October 22nd, and was accorded a very warm welcome. R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., was present at this Convocation and gave the Companions of St. John’s Chapter some interesting information regarding the formation and early history of the Chapter which proved of great interest to them. This meeting was also the occasion of a fraternal visit from the officers and Companions of Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill, who received a very cordial welcome from the Companions of St. John’s Chapter. After the work
in the Chapter room the Companions repaired to the banquet hall where a very pleasant hour was spent listening to speeches. On May 13th an Emergent Convocation was held for the purpose of celebrating their 80th Anniversary. M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, Grand First Principal, was with us on this occasion. The Past Principals, with R. Ex. Comp. John Graham as First Principal, conferred the degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a manner that proved them worthy of their titles. After the work of the evening was finished we all enjoyed a pleasant hour at the festive board and had some very inspiring speeches by M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith and others. St. John’s Chapter has the finest set of officers in the District, also the best Scribe E. Ex. Comp. J. A. Elgie has his officers out to rehearsal at least once a month which keeps them in trim, and each officer has his work well in hand. I can see nothing but success of the highest order for St. John’s Chapter, also a continuance of the flourishing condition it is in at present. I wish to add a word of praise to R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, the competent Scribe E. of this 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.

**St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, London.**—I visited this Chapter officially on November 28th and witnessed the annual election of officers. I also visited this Chapter on several of its meeting nights and witnessed the conferring of all the degrees by the officers. Ex. Comp. W. M. Noble and his officers are well qualified to hold their several offices. I also had the great pleasure of being with the St. George’s Chapter on its visit to the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, on Friday, October 17th. This was a real treat to everyone that had the opportunity of being present, and I considered myself honoured with being included among the guests on this occasion. It is to be hoped that there will
be more of these visits, as it is with 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 during the year.

I had the great honour and pleasure of being present on the occasion of the fraternal visit of Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, to St. George's Chapter on June 27th, and witnessed the Royal Arch degree exemplified by the officers of the visiting Chapter in a faultless manner. During the course of the evening Ex. Comp. E. Lee presented Ex. Comp. W. M. Noble, First Principal of St. George's Chapter, with a silver trowel as a token of the visit. R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Third Principal, was also presented with a beautiful illuminated address from St. George's Chapter, congratulating him on his recent election to the Office of Grand Third Principal. Following the degree work an adjournment was made to the banquet hall where speeches were made by R. Ex. Comp. E. Smith, Ex. Comp. Lee, R. Ex. Comps. Ellwood, Morrison and many others.

NILESTOWN CHAPTER, U.D., NILESTOWN.—On December 3rd accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Third Principal, and other R. Ex. Companions and under the instructions from the Grand Z., I instituted this Chapter. This Chapter has an excellent staff of officers and is in a very fair way to become established among the older Chapters. From results, already attained, I shall have no hesitation in recommending that this Chapter receive its Charter at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. I expect to visit this Chapter officially in January and then make a special report of the working of the same.

On Sunday, December 7th, Divine Service was held for the Royal Arch Masons of London District at the Church of the Redeemer, London. The entire
service was Masonic, special music being given by the choir under the leadership of Comp. W. Vaughan, Organist and Choir Leader. R. Ex. Comp. A. S. H. Cree, P.G.P.S., Rector of the Church, delivered the address, which made the service one of the most impressive and inspiring that has ever been held in this District. The Church was filled to capacity and no doubt this will be a yearly event among the Companions of this District.

Concluding Remarks.—Capitular Masonry in this District is in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the somewhat adverse circumstances that are general this year. All Chapters of the District are working together in close harmony; all have very good quarters and paraphernalia for the work of the several degrees. I desire to express my appreciation for the assistance cheerfully given on all occasions by Ex. Comp. S. Sampson, who accompanied me on my several visits, acting in the capacity of Secretary. The future looks bright with promises and with the increasing enthusiasm no fear need be entertained for the realization of our hopes.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY C. IVES,
London, 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 Wilson District for the year 1924:

FRATERNAL VISITS.

On May 9th I was invited by the officers of Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll, to pay them a fraternal visit, which I accepted, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Reid. We spent a very pleasant and profitable evening with the Companions there.

Accompanied on June 16th by R. Ex. Comps. Reid and Dutton, and Ex. Comp. Lee, I visited the Brant Chapter, of Paris, the occasion being a Past Grand Superintendents' evening. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Past Grand Superintendents and showed conclusively that they had not forgotten how to do this impressive degree. This was remarkable when you consider the age of some of them, as R. Ex. Comp. Smiley was 72 years old, and still doing work; also R. Ex. Comps. Logie and Inksater, who are over the three score years period of life.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

HARRIS CHAPTER, No. 41, INGERSOLL, on June 13th conferred the Royal Arch degree which was exemplified in a highly commendable manner with Ex. Comp. A. Crawford in the Chair. After the work of the evening, we were entertained by the Ingersoll Companions in a truly Masonic manner, and were sorry when the time came to part for home. I was honoured at this meeting by being asked to present M. Ex. Comp. M. Walsh with an address and token from Harris Chapter.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 20, BRANTFORD, I visited, on October 3rd, when the Mark Master
Mason degree was conferred on five candidates very impressively, after which the Companions showed their old-time hospitality to the visiting Companions, and a very pleasant hour was spent before we had to start for home.

BRANT CHAPTER, No. 115, PARIS, I visited on October 6th, when the officers conferred the Royal Arch degree. This degree was exemplified in such a manner that I felt called upon to congratulate them, admitting there was very little to be done to improve it. However, as I have always found the Paris Companions so proficient in their work, it did not surprise me. Here we were royally entertained after the meeting.

EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, SIMCOE, I visited on October 13th when the officers conferred the Most Excellent Master degree in a faultless manner. This was followed by a discussion on the different points of the work, after which a splendid luncheon was provided and a social hour was spent by the Companions.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, WOODSTOCK, I visited on October 17th when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a very able manner. This being my official visit to my Mother Chapter, I could not but feel pleased at the reception accorded me by my Companions, and we spent a very pleasant and profitable evening together. After the close of the Chapter we adjourned to the Temple Tea Rooms and enjoyed a social hour.

A Chapter of Instruction was held at Woodstock on September 17th. This being the first Chapter of Instruction held in this District for a number of years, it was much enjoyed by the Companions who attended.

At 2 p.m. the Mark Master Mason degree was worked by the Officers of Ezra Chapter, Simcoe, after which there was a full discussion on the work. Following this Mount Horeb Chapter officers were to have worked the Most Excellent Master degree,
but they failed to appear, and a team was picked from among those present and the degree was exemplified. This was the most profitable part of the day. As R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Third Principal, who were present, gave the Companions the full benefit of their combined experience in explaining and going through the work. At 5.30 p.m. the lodge was called off and at 6.30 p.m. the Companions sat down to a sumptuous repast in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple. At 8 o'clock, p.m., the Chapter was opened by Ex. Comp. Lee and officers of Oxford Chapter, Woodstock. After the Grand Chapter Officers were received and the Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a faultless manner, there was a full discussion on the work, followed by addresses by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Third Principal, and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. This closed the proceedings for the day.

In making my visits I found in every Chapter the books were well kept, the Scribes E. thoroughly familiar with the duties of their office, and the Chapters working in a most harmonious manner. This speaks well for Capitular Masonry in Wilson District, and shows that the officers of the various Chapters take their duties seriously, and try to fulfill the obligation they entered into on taking office. One thing I must mention, only two Chapters in the District have a Mark Book. I would strongly recommend that the Mark Book be procured and used.

I wish to express my grateful appreciation of the honour conferred on me in being elected to this high Office. The duties have been a pleasure to me, and I shall always look back with happy remembrance on the enjoyable visits I had to the different Chapters. I wish to sincerely thank R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid for his kindness to me in having his car at my disposal and accompanying me on all my
visits, and also to my District Secretary, Ex. Comp. R. D. Montgomery, for his help.

In conclusion I will say: 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 they owe to all mankind.

To the officers: If you have been willing to undertake part of the work; if you have laboured without fee or reward; if your work is pronounced good, true and square, may the True Work be given you that may gain admission to that Temple not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

Yours fraternally,

R. Y. Morrison,
Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 3.

Woodstock, Ont.
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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 and privilege of submitting for your approval my Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4.

First, it is my desire to express to the Companions my deep appreciation of the honour conferred in elective to the Office of Grand Superintendent, and for those acts of kindness and good fellowship which have been extended me in my visits to the various Chapters.

It has been my good fortune, during the year, to have had almost all the positions available to a Grand Superintendent: Instituted a Chapter, Dedicated two and moved one Chapter in the District from Harriston to Palmerston, and held a Chapter of Instruction.

I have visited all the Chapters at least once, and in many instances made several visits, while the new Chapter at Preston has been my constant care. I trust that the friendships formed and cemented during the year may be continued in the future by a closer fraternal relation among all the Companions.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, NO. 32, GALT.—On April 14th, I commenced my duties by paying an unofficial visit to Galt, so that I might see the regular officers put on the Most Excellent Master degree, which was done in splendid form with the full musical ritual. Ex. Comp. Comba, the Second Principal, was in charge.

At the regular meeting in May the Past Principals conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree in a most impressive manner. The work in Waterloo Chapter is and should be well rendered, when it is possible to have five Past Grand Superintendents taking part in the ceremony. These stalwarts of the Chapter are to be congratulated on their continued
health, and the Chapter on having their assistance and guidance.

The Office of Scribe E. is in very capable hands. Comp. Ritchie reporting no outstanding dues, and while little advancement has been made in numbers in this Chapter during the year, we can be sure of a splendid growth with a new era of prosperity in the country.

HALTON CHAPTER, No. 234, GEORGETOWN.—In visiting this Chapter on May 16th, I was accompanied by several of the Past Principals of Kitchener Chapter. Having lived in Georgetown for a number of years, it was rather a home coming, and a number of the officers were old friends, and it was a distinct privilege to see the enthusiasm and vim which pervaded the rendering of the Mark Master Mason degree, with Ex. Comp. B. G. Arnold in the Chair. This Chapter is following that excellent rule of the Second and Third Principals conferring the degrees of the Most Excellent Master and the Mark Master Mason respectively. The ritualistic rendering of the degree left nothing to be desired, and several of the innovations of this the youngest Chapter of the District have been recommended to the other Chapters during the year. Halton Chapter is to be congratulated in that much numerical strength has come to them during what to most Chapters has been a lean year, and the finances of the Chapter are in good hands. Both the Scribe E. and the Treasurer have been most efficient officers.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, No. 67, PALMERSTON.—The visit to Enterprise Chapter was made on the last night of meeting in the Chapter Room at Harriston, on June 2nd. Unfortunately Ex. Comp. D. P. Macfarlane was unable to be present, owing to illness, but the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred by Ex. Comp. Corbitt, assisted by the regular officers, in a most pleasing and impressive manner. All the officers were well conversant with the ritual and gave almost perfect rendition.
With the move to Palmerston many difficulties which confronted the Companions will be overcome, and in the years to come Enterprise Chapter will advance to the interest of Capitular Masonry in the District over which it has jurisdiction.

On November 19th, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., Ex. Comp. J. A. Hallman, and Ex. Comp. R. Snow, the Chapter Room was dedicated with fitting ceremony and a large number of Companions from the District were present. Comp. J. H. Franks assisted at the organ which made the ceremony more impressive.

Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelburne. —I officially visited Prince Edward Chapter on September 19th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Weir, Ex. Comps. J. F. Carmichael and R. Snow, and was most pleasantly received by the Companions. In view of the report by R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, I expected the worst, and was more than agreeably surprised at the enthusiasm shown by the members. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. James Cassie and the regular officers, and the almost perfect ritualistic rendition proved that much practice had been given to acquire such a degree of perfection. Particular mention should be made of the Principal Sojourner’s work done by Comp. S. Pat
terson.

This Chapter seems to have struggled against rather hard times at the start, but with the present officers and those who are coming along the brightest prospects are in sight, not only for a strong numerical Chapter, but one in which the best traditions of the Order will be fully maintained. When the Chapter was closed luncheon was served and the usual form of entertainment followed, featured by an address from Ex. Comp. J. F. Carmichael on “The Builders.” This was, perhaps, my banner visit, especially on account of the fact that little was anticipated and much given. Keep up the good work.
Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.—On October 17th, I made my official visit to this my home Chapter, and was duly received by Ex. Comp. Swinton and the Companions. The work for the evening was the Mark Master Mason degree, which was conferred by Ex. Comp. Cooper. It is the practice in Kitchener Chapter for one of the three Principals to each assume a degree, which method is recommended to all in the District, it enabling a division of the work and much good experience to the junior officers. Ex. Comp. Cooper performed his duties in a very creditable manner and gave proof of his efficiency in delivering the work. The progress of the Chapter has been somewhat slowed down by the business depression, but the officers are looking forward to a year of much good progress. The Chapter is in splendid financial condition, due largely to the efficient Scribe E., Comp. A. W. Voelker, and the books are a model of accuracy.

Durham Chapter, No. 221, Durham.—On October 20th, I visited this Chapter accompanied by Ex. Comp. S. Halfyard, Ex. Comp. Geo. DeKlein-hans and Ex. Comp. Snow, and was privileged to be introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Clark and most cordially received by the officers and Companions. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. E. D. McClocklin, assisted by Ex. Comp. E. A. Hay, and the lessons of the degree given in a splendid rendering of the ritual, without too much prominence to the humorous side of the degree.

The Chapter is in new and well-appointed quarters and is doing good work in the District. The records of the Scribe E. are especially well kept. On November 19th I dedicated the Chapter Room, using the new Ceremony which is most impressive, and was assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Ex. Comps. J. A. Hallman and Robert Snow, and Comp. J. H. Franks as Organist, who helped to make this Ceremony a success.
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GUELPH CHAPTER, No. 40, GUELPH.—My visit to Guelph Chapter, on October 24th, was the second attempt to inspect the work of this Chapter. On the previous occasion, owing to illness, I was compelled to disappoint the Companions at the last minute. However, accompanied by a number of the Companions from Kitchener Chapter, I was introduced in an official capacity by R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, and most royally welcomed by the Companions of this Royal City.

The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred by Ex. Comp. Templeman and the regular officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Marr and Ex. Comp. Swindell. It is needless to state that the ritual of the Order is correctly rendered and the officers are well suited to the labours incumbent upon them. This has been a year of few candidates, but the Chapter is enthusiastic and put forward splendid entertainment for the members and thus must grow in numbers with the renewal of the general prosperity in the community.

PRESTON CHAPTER, U. D., PRESTON.—On October 29th, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. J. F. Marr and J. D. Weir, and Ex. Comp. Roy Cooper, J. A. Hallman, J. F. Carmichael, Geo. DeKleinhans and a number of Companions from Guelph and Kitchener, I instituted a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at the Masonic Lodge Rooms, Preston, and placed Comps. B. Ziemann, Jas. King and H. Edgar, respectively in the Principals' Chairs. Since this time I have attended most of the meetings of this Chapter and assisted in the working of the degrees.

We were delighted to have with us on the occasion of instituting this Chapter R. Ex. Comp. Hepburn, the first Grand Superintendent of Wellington District, who gave us a talk at the banquet table reminiscent of the olden days. R. Ex. Comp. Hepburn is over 90 years of age, but still in good health and a splendid figure, with a deep love of the Craft and a fund of knowledge of both Canadian and Craft history in the Province. May he long be
spared to us. Prospects are good here for a strong Chapter, and we extend every good wish to the Baby Chapter of the District.

**IONIC CHAPTER, No. 83, ORANGEVILLE.**—On October 28th, I paid my last official visit to this Chapter and was received by Ex. Comp. Capt. W. J. Adams, after being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Preston. This was a most interesting occasion and one which should have been the first rather than the last, for the Grand Superintendents have to pass an examination before R. Ex. Comp. Robt. Irvine as to their knowledge of both the work of the degrees and the Constitution, which tests the tact and ability of the official, and is a splendid instruction and would suggest to the incoming Grand Superintendent that he make his first call at Orangeville.

Ex. Comp. W. J. Adams conferred the Mark degree in almost perfect manner, and the floor work was especially smooth, showing practice in the work and knowledge of the requirements to make an impression on the candidates. The festive board was a continuation of the good work in the Chapter Room. Several of the Companions of Orangeville and Shelburne being most finished orators. Special mention in that regard might be made of R. Ex. Comp. McKeown and Comp. Patterson.

**CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.**—On Thanksgiving Day, November 10th, a Chapter of Instruction was held under the auspices of Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, and we were honoured by the presence of R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. The proceedings commenced at 3.30 in the afternoon, when a Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by Durham Chapter, Ex. Comp. E. D. McClocklin presiding. The work was efficiently done and called for little question.

The various chairs were then assumed by the officers of Halton Chapter, who conducted the opening of a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, under the guidance of Ex. Comp. I. T. Cameron, Second
Principal. The work was done in a faultless manner with the usual dramatic innovations which Halton Chapter have demonstrated for the benefit of the District. The work on the floor was particularly impressive and gave proof of care in every detail. Before the close of the afternoon we were privileged to have some instructive lessons brought to our attention by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. The Chapter was resumed at 8 o’clock with the Galt Companions in the Chairs. Ex. Comp. Frank Balne, Z., R. Ex. Comp. Alfred Taylor, H., Ex. Comp. L. H. Ingall, J., and Past Principals filling the other offices. It is needless to say that the work of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred in a most impressive manner, and there is no doubt that the visitors carried away much in which to enthuse. The evening was brought to a close by a banquet, at which the principal event was an address by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, who was largely responsible for the success of the gathering, and to whom I desire to express my thanks for this and many kind assistances during the year.

In concluding my report, may I again express my deep appreciation of the many courtesies extended during my term of office, and for the assistance rendered by the Kitchener Companions who journeyed with me to the various Chapters.

I trust that the year has been of some value to the District, and that the Companions have received as much benefit from my visits as I have in visiting them. I trust that my successor may have the Chapters’ continued support.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Yours fraternally,

WM. DOWNING,
Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4
Kitchener, Ont.
HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 5.

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 Hamilton District, No. 5.

First, I wish to express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me in my election to the Office of Grand Superintendent for this District. I visited every Chapter, and I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the several Chapters for their warm and courteous reception to myself and the Companions who accompanied me.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, MILTON.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on May 22nd in company with the Most Excellent the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. George Moore and a number of Excellent Companions from Hamilton. The Grand Z. was received with Grand Honours, and the others received a warm and hearty welcome.

The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred on a number of candidates by the Hamilton Companions, with M. Ex. Comp. George Moore acting Z., and needless to say the work was well done. After the Chapter was closed all adjourned to the banquet room, and after the toasts to the King and the Royal Craft were honoured, the Most Excellent the Grand Z. delivered a very pleasing address. Very instructive remarks were also made by M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore and R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Logan. R. Ex. Comp. Judge Elliott also made some pleasing remarks on behalf of St. Clair Chapter, after which all returned home, having had a very pleasant visit.

On September 18th, 1924, I paid my official visit to this Chapter and was loyally received. M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore, R. Ex. Comps. Clark and Britton, Ex. Comp. W. A. Stephenson and Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, Z. of McKay Chapter, and Secretary for the District, also accompanied me on this visit
as well as a number of Companions from the Hamilton Chapters. There was no degree worked, but the officers can work all the degrees in a very creditable manner. After the Chapter closed, a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet room.

This Chapter is in a good condition with 95 members on the roll, no deaths this year, and only $30.00 outstanding dues, an average of 21 members and 6 visitors at the meetings. The property is insured for two hundred and fifty dollars, and the prospects for 1925 are good.

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.—I visited this Chapter every month, as it is my Mother Chapter, and assisted in all the degrees when they were exemplified. This old Chapter has always been noted for its good work. At the regular meeting on April 25th, I had the honour of being presented with the Regalia of my Office, as Grand Superintendent of Hamilton District, No. 5. The presentation was made by an old and highly esteemed friend of mine in the person of M. Ex. the Grand Z., Walter H. Davis, and I shall always remember with great pleasure and satisfaction the kindly words spoken by him to me on that occasion.

After the Chapter was closed the Companions were invited to the banquet room, where refreshments were served and the usual toasts drunk, after which they listened to an eloquent address from Comp. Lyman Lee, on observations taken by him during his summer vacation, which proved to be a very pleasing and instructive address.

On October 24th, I paid my official visit to this my Mother Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H. R. Clark, R. Ex. Comp. Geo. H. Britton, Ex. Comp. W. A. Stephenson, and Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, Secretary of the District and Z. of McKay Chapter, No. 243. The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified in the usual efficient manner.

On Friday, October 28th, 1924, I again visited The Hiram Chapter and conducted the election of officers for 1925, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H.
R. Clarke, R. Ex. Comp. G. H. Britton, Ex. Comp. W. A. Stephenson, who acted as Scrutineers, and Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes and other Companions of McKay Chapter, No. 243. The vote was marked by its unanimity, which was very gratifying to me.

On December 13th, I attended an Emergent Meeting when The Hiram Chapter received a fraternal visit from the Adytum Chapter, No. 235, Buffalo, N.Y., and when the Holy Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the Past Z.’s of The Hiram Chapter, with M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore as Z., R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Fuller as H. and V. Ex. Comp. Robt. Buchanan as J. The work was well done and highly praised by the visiting Companions. M. Ex. Comp. Davis paid a fraternal visit to the Chapter on this occasion and was given Grand Honours, to which he replied in a very pleasing manner. At the close of the Chapter a very pleasant and instructive time was spent in the banquet room.

On December 26th, I had the honour as well as the pleasure of visiting The Hiram Chapter, accompanied by the M. Ex. Comps. W. H. Davis, and Geo. Moore,, R. Ex. Comps. F. J. Miller and D. W. Evans, V. Ex. Comp. Robt. Buchanan, Ex. Comps. Thos. Towers and Geo. Laidlaw, where I assisted M. Ex. Comp. Moore, together with the other Companions mentioned, in installing the officers for 1925. The M. Ex. Comp. Davis gave the closing charge in a very pleasing and impressive manner. After the Chapter closed, a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet room.

R. Ex. Comp. James Hooper, Grand Superintendent, and many visiting Companions. After the installation of the officers all adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid banquet was served by the wives and daughters of the members of McKay Chapter, who graced the banquet room throughout the remainder of the evening. Excellent addresses were delivered by the Grand Z., the Grand H., the Grand J., and a very pleasing and instructive address was given by the Grand Scribe E. on Royal Arch Masonry. The meeting was then closed with “Happy to meet, Sorry to part and Happy to meet again,” and “God Save the King.”

On October 1st, I paid my official visit to McKay Chapter, No. 243, Stoney Creek, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H. R. Clark, R. Ex. Comp. D. W. Evans, R. Ex. Comp. Geo. H. Britton, Ex. Comp. W. J. Woods, of The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, and Ex. Comp. W. A. Stephenson, of St. John’s Chapter, No. 6, and a number of Companions from The Hiram and St. John’s Chapters. The Holy Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a splendid manner by the officers of the Chapter, and I am well pleased with the progress they are making. I have no doubt that under the direction of Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, and a splendid staff of officers, the good work in this Chapter will continue.

On December 3rd, I again visited McKay Chapter and assisted R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Miller to install and invest the officers for 1925. I feel sure that these officers will continue the good work began in 1924, and I wish them every success. During the year they have held twelve regular and two emergent meetings with an average attendance of members 17, and visitors 8; they have accepted 28 petitions, initiated 17 candidates. Have made two life members, in the persons of R. Ex. Comp. H. R. Clark and R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Britton; have a present membership of 35; have conferred 17 Mark Master Mason degrees; 17 Most Excellent Master Mason degrees, and 17 Royal Arch degrees. The assets of the Chapter are $650, and the equipment
and furniture of the Chapter is fully insured. The officers can work all the degrees. The Chapter has a very efficient Scribe E. and the future of the Chapter looks very bright.

Keystone Chapter, No. 224, Hamilton.—I am an honorary member of this Chapter and I have visited it at every regular Convocation and they are doing very good work for a young Chapter. They are fortunate in having good officers, but this year they met with a severe loss in the death of their First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. R. Whatley. On April 7th, I conducted the election to fill this office, when the Immediate Past Principal was the unanimous choice of the Chapter, and Ex. Comp. H. E. Warner has again proven himself to be a most painstaking officer. This was also Past Principals’ Night, and the Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Donald Munro and the Past Principals of the Chapter in a very creditable manner. On October 6th the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by the junior members, assisted by Past Z.’s. The degree was very well done, which speaks well for the future of the Chapter.

On November 3rd, I paid my official visit to the Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H. R. Clark, Ex. Comp. W. A. Stephenson, Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, District Secretary, and a number of visiting Companions. I conducted the election of officers, and it is to be noted that every officer was elected by an unanimous ballot. When the Chapter was closed, a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet room.

On December 1st, I had the honour and pleasure of assisting R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Miller, who is also a life member of this Chapter, in installing the officers for 1925. I feel assured as to the prosperity of this Chapter, and some of the dark clouds have rolled by and the sun is again shining. Six applications have been received for the new year, back dues are coming, and everything is looking bright for the new officers. The present membership is 134,
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The assets, $150, with an excellent Scribe E. who looks after the business of the Chapter in an able manner.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON.—I paid a fraternal visit to this Chapter on April 10th. At this Convocation R. Ex. Comp. H. R. Clark was presented by his Chapter with the Regalia of his Office of Grand Registrar. The presentation was made by Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, who made a very neat and suitable address, to which R. Ex. Comp. Clark expressed his thanks in a very feeling and earnest reply.

I also had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on a special invitation on September 11th. At this Convocation the Most Excellent the Grand Z. was present, together with R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and M. Ex. Comp. George Moore. The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by the officers in an efficient manner, after which all adjourned to the banquet room, and after refreshments and the usual toasts, all listened with great interest to addresses given by the Grand Z. on Masonic History, and the Grand Second Principal on the Telephone and the Radio, each of these subjects were touched upon in a masterly manner. I also visited the Chapter on November 13th, when the election of officers for 1925 was conducted by R. Ex. Comp. H. R. Clark.

On December 11th, I visited this Chapter and had the pleasure of assisting R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Miller in installing the officers for the year 1925. At this Convocation the officers and members of McKay Chapter, No. 243, paid a fraternal visit and exemplified the Holy Royal Arch degree with Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes as Z. This degree was conferred in a splendid manner, and a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to McKay Chapter for their masterly work, after which a very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room.

It was a particular pleasure to me to pay my official visit to this Chapter on October 9th, when I received a most royal and hearty welcome. The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by the
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junior members, assisted by the Past Z.'s. The whole degree was conferred in a splendid manner, which speaks well for the future of the Chapter. At the conclusion of the work, all adjourned to the banquet room, where the tables were beautifully decorated and a splendid repast provided. Fully 300 sat down and each received a suitable souvenir of the occasion, and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. After the toast to the King and the Royal Craft was received, the toast to the Grand Chapter of Canada was drunk, and I have never heard the Grand Chapter, or any other body, toasted in a more enthusiastic manner. At the conclusion of my reply I had the unexpected honour of being presented with a beautiful gold ever-sharp pencil, suitably engraved, which I shall treasure as long as I live, as well as the kind words spoken in making the presentation to me.

THE HAMILTON CHAPTER, No. 175, HAMILTON.—On October 21st, I paid my official visit to this Chapter and was received with a warm and hearty welcome by the officers and Companions, nearly all of whom were old and esteemed friends of mine. The Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified in a splendid manner by Ex. Comp. J. D. Ferguson, Second Principal, and his officers. The Chapter is in a healthy condition and has a very efficient Scribe E., who looks well after the business of the Chapter. I again visited this Chapter on December 16th and witnessed the Installation of the officers for 1925. This ceremony was conducted by M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore and a staff of officers chosen by himself, and it is needless for me to say the work was well done, and a splendid staff of officers installed who will be a credit to the Chapter. Present membership, 124; assets, $379.00; insurance, $400.00; liabilities, none.

ANCEASTER CHAPTER, No. 155, ANCASTER.—I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this Chapter on October 14th and received a hearty welcome from the officers and Companions. A splendid
delegation of Companions from the other Chapters of the District accompanied me on this visit. The candidate for the evening was unable to be present, and no work was done; however, I found the Chapter in good condition and the officers and Companions enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons, and I have no doubt about their future success. After the Chapter closed, all adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid repast was prepared to which all did ample justice. The Companions were then treated to a splendid address from Comp. T. H. Regan, Sheriff of the County. Short addresses were also given by R. Ex. Comp. H. R. Clark, R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Britton, Ex. Comps. W. A. Stephenson and S. S. Forbes. After the junior warden’s toast and “God Save the King,” all returned home well satisfied with their visit. Present membership, 151; assets, $600.00; insurance, $400.00; liabilities, none.

CALEDONIA CHAPTER, No. 236, CALEDONIA.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on October 16th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. H. R. Clark and Geo. H. Britton, Ex. Comps. Forbes, Stephenson, Greenall, Pickard, Shaver, and Comps. Kendall and Davis. I got a very warm reception from the officers of the Chapter, who then proceeded to exemplify the Mark Master Mason degree, which was done in a very excellent manner for a young Chapter. They are in a healthy condition financially. They have no outstanding dues, no liabilities, and have assets amounting to $600.00. They have also an excellent Scribe E., whose books are carefully kept. After the Chapter was closed, a very pleasant time was spent in the Chapter room, where a luncheon was served. Short speeches were made by R. Ex. Comps. Clark and Britton, and Comps. Forbes, Stephenson and others. I have no doubt this Chapter will be a credit to the Royal Craft.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, No. 104, OAKVILLE.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on November 18th, and received a very hearty reception. I was
accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H. R. Clarke, R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Britton, Ex. Comp. W. A. Stephenson, Ex. Comp. Laidlaw, Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, District Secretary, and a number of other Hamilton Companions. The White Oak Chapter is in a healthy condition, with a splendid staff of officers and a very efficient Scribe E., whose books are in splendid shape, with 87 members on the roll, and an average attendance of 17 members and 2 visitors. They have a splendid new Chapter room and their future seems very bright. At this Convocation I conducted the election of officers with R. Ex. Comps. Clark and Britton, and Ex. Comp. Stephenson as Scrutineers. Harmony reigned throughout the election. There was one candidate present for the Mark Master Mason degree, but the heating of the new building not being installed the degree had to be postponed. The Chapter was closed and all adjourned to the large banquet hall in the basement, where a splendid luncheon was served and speeches were listened to around a big wood fire. All left for home with pleasant recollections of the visit to White Oak Chapter.


Yours fraternally,

JAMES HOOPER,

Grand Supt. Hamilton District, No. 5.

Port Nelson, Ont.
HURON DISTRICT No. 6.

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 Huron District, No. 6.

Officially I visited every Chapter in the District and have generally found the work done in a very efficient manner and in accordance with the requirements of Grand Chapter. The only noticeable neglect is in the Mark Books. These are not kept as well as they should be. I brought this to the attention of all the Chapters, explained the requirements, and have been assured in all cases that the regulations will be complied with in the future; also that in cases where there is no record for some members an endeavour will be made to get it.

The advisability of holding a Chapter of Instruction was considered and Past Grand Superintendents consulted, and I decided to follow the policy of my predecessor and encourage the interchange of fraternal visits between the Chapters, believing this more beneficial to weaker Chapters than a Chapter of Instruction.

My attention was called by the Grand Scribe E. to a rather poor style of summons being used by one of the Chapters, and on taking this up with the Chapter, I was informed it was intended to improve the style of summons at an early date.

During the year two of the Chapters, Havelock, No. 63, Kincardine and Huron, No. 30, Goderich, have suffered great loss in the death of their Scribes E., Comp. J. A. MacKenzie, of Kincardine, and Comp. J. B. MacKay, of Goderich. Both were faithful and efficient officers, and they are greatly missed by their Companions.

Throughout the District there has been complete harmony during the year. Most of the Chapters are in a very good position with bright prospects
before them. On all my official visits I was greeted most cordially and entertained most royally as the Representative of the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

Following is a brief report of each Chapter visited:

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, STRATFORD.—On May 22nd, I made my first official visit to this the largest Chapter in the District. I was accompanied by a number of Companions of Huron Chapter, and was greeted by a large turnout for the meeting. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in the usual faultless manner which characterizes all Masonic work in Stratford. This Chapter is fortunate in having a number of Past Grand Chapter officers and Past Principals who take a deep interest in Capitular Masonry. V. Ex. Comp. Hurrell, one of the Chapter's "stand-bys," and one of the oldest members, gave the closing Charge perfectly. R. Ex. Comp. J. Stevenson, the faithful Scribe E., has a set of books which are models. After the meeting a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet room, where a toast list interspersed with songs was enjoyed by all.

ELLIOIT CHAPTER, No. 129, MITCHELL.—On May 27th, accompanied by several members of Huron Chapter, I visited this Chapter, and it was a pleasant surprise for me to see the style of work this Chapter is doing. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner that would have been creditable to a much larger Chapter. It was particularly interesting, as the First Principal's son was the Principal Sojourner. The Scribe E.'s books are in good shape, except the Mark Book, which requires attention. A pleasant hour was spent at the festive board and several old friendships renewed.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, No. 147, LUCKNOW.—On June 17th, I visited this Chapter, the smallest in membership in the District, and took with me several of the officers of Huron Chapter. We were welcomed most cordially by a fine lot of officers and
Companions, and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree exemplified in a very creditable manner. Ex. Comp. Joynt and his officers are enthusiastic, and arrangements were made for interchange of fraternal visits and work with Huron Chapter. Later these two Chapters paid each other fraternal visits and conferred degrees. The Scribe E.'s books are well kept. After a sumptuous supper in the banquet room, a splendid time was spent listening to speech and song till the "wee" small hours.

BERNARD CHAPTER, NO. 146, LISTOWEL.—On June 20th, I visited this Chapter, accompanied by Comp. Mitchell, and was given a most cordial welcome by a large turnout of members and visitors. It was a very hot night, turning to a severe thunderstorm, but the large well furnished Chapter room allowed for good ventilation, and what might have been unbearable heat was quite comfortable. A number of visitors from Palmerston were present. R. Ex. Comp. Blackmore continues to take deep interest in the Chapter and with other active Past Principals helps to guide its affairs. The officers conferred a Mark Master Mason degree in a very creditable manner. This Chapter, with the interest shown by the officers and Past Principals, and material available for new officers, should be assured of much success. The Scribe E.'s books are well kept. All enjoyed the supper, and with speech and song the meeting lasted till the early hours. This Chapter attended Divine Service in Knox Church, Listowel, on Sunday October 26th.

THE MALLOCH CHAPTER, NO. 66, SEAFORETH.—On October 20th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. H. O. Sturdy and others, I paid my visit to this Chapter and was pleased to meet again many old Masonic friends. We were given a hearty reception by a good attendance of members. The officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a very dignified manner, which must have impressed the candidate. R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Cooper was faithfully at his post as Master of the 4th Veil, and continues to show his
interest in the Chapter. Ex. Comp. C. Aberhart delivered the Mystical Lecture in his usual excellent manner. The Chapter has a keen set of officers who show deep interest in the work. It should have a bright future. The Scribe E.'s books are neat and well kept. We adjourned to the nearby Cafe of one of the members for a wonderful banquet, and afterwards assembled in the Chapter room for a pleasant hour with informal talks on Masonry.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, NO. 46, ST. MARYS.—On November 13th, this Chapter received me most cordially on my official visit. I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Tichborne, who lived in St. Marys at one time, and who was pleased to again meet many old friends. This was the night of election of officers, and after much difficulty in getting a Past Principal to agree to accept the office of First Principal, Ex. Comp. Hunter was elected. The Past Principals and members present all pledged him their whole-hearted support, and I trust it will mean renewed enthusiasm and a successful year for the Chapter. The officers then conferred the Royal Arch degree and did it well, correct and dignified, and it is difficult to understand why some officers who had their work so well in hand refused promotion.

The Scribe E.'s books are in good shape, neatly and carefully kept. R. Ex. Comp. Constable continues to keep up his interest in Chapter affairs. A very enjoyable time was spent after the meeting at a delightful banquet with informal talks, etc. I sincerely trust that this Chapter will have a successful future.

LEBANON CHAPTER, NO. 84, WINGHAM.—On November 18th, accompanied by Comp. Saunders, I visited this Chapter, and was warmly welcomed by a large gathering of members. Ex. Comp. W. McKibbon, R. Ex. Comp. Coutts and Comp. Chapman made it seem like home to me. R. Ex. Comp. Tamblyn, the faithful worker and efficient Scribe E. of the Chapter, was unfortunately very ill and
unable to be present. Some of the Companions took me over to see him before the meeting, and he was feeling badly at missing the meeting. I join with the Companions in their sincere wish that he may be long spared to work among them. His heart is in Chapter work and it is in a great measure due to his efforts that the Chapter is in the prosperous condition it is to-day. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a faultless manner by the Chapter officers, strict attention being paid to every detail.

Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine.—My visit to this Chapter was on the night of the celebration of their 50th Anniversary, November 21st. This meeting was postponed from an earlier date which had been fixed on account of the sudden death of Comp. J. A. MacKenzie, the efficient and much beloved Scribe E. R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand J., and R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, P.G. Supt., were present, representing Grand Chapter for the Anniversary. I was accompanied by a number of Companions from Goderich, and visitors from several other Chapters in the District were present. It was a well attended meeting and the regular officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a very efficient manner, which showed careful preparation. Interesting and instructive addresses were listened to from R. Ex. Comps. Edwin Smith and J. B. Nixon, both in the Chapter and at the banquet following, where also Comp. Malcolm, M.P., gave a most interesting address on Canada and the changes which have taken place in the last 50 years. Many other Companions replied to the toasts or entertained with song, and when at an early hour the meeting closed everyone was delighted with the successful celebration of the Anniversary, and wished Havelock Chapter many prosperous years to come.

Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton.—Unfortunately it was late in the season, December 9th, when I paid my official visit to this Chapter. The officers delayed fixing a date for my visit,
hoping that they would have a candidate so that some work could be exemplified. However, as none presented themselves, they received me at their last meeting of the year. I was given a most cordial reception, and as it was the night of installation of officers, I had much pleasure in witnessing R. Ex. Comp. Scott with Ex. Comp. Huber as D. of C. perform the ceremony in an exceptionally skillful manner. I saw the regular officers open and close the Chapter, and from the manner in which this was done I feel satisfied that the degree work is well done also in this Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Hillmer is an efficient and painstaking Scribe E. With the Past Principals faithfully working as they do, and the regular officers as efficient as they showed themselves, I feel sure this Chapter will continue to prosper. We spent an enjoyable hour in the banquet hall after the meeting, listening to speech and song.

**Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.**—On December 16th, I visited my Mother Chapter officially, though having attended practically all the meetings throughout the year. I was given a most cordial reception coming among them officially as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal. Ex. Comp. Hill and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in their usual efficient style. I will be able, I think, to be more helpful to this Chapter after my year in office, especially after seeing many of the other Chapters do their work.

Comp. W. Sturdy, who has been acting Scribe E. since the death of Comp. J. B. MacKay, gives promise of filling that important office with credit to himself and benefit of the Chapter. The banquet following the work in the Chapter room was most enjoyable when after the usual toast list there were short informal talks by many of the Companions.

This concluded my official visits, and I trust my efforts have been helpful to, at least, some of the Chapters in the District. I have carried out all instructions to the best of my ability, and endeavored
to bring about a fuller appreciation of the importance of Capitular Masonry.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions for the honour they conferred upon me in recommending my appointment to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Companions of Huron Chapter for considering me worthy to fill this high and important office.

Fraternally submitted,

H. C. DUNLOP,

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

I have pleasure in submitting my report for 1924 on Capitular Masonry in this District. Before going into details I wish to place on record my thanks to Ex. Comp. Wood, of Niagara Chapter, No. 55, whom I appointed my District Secretary, and who has accompanied me on all my visits besides conducting all my correspondence. For his services I would also thank Comp. A. F. Marsh for his company on many occasions.

On March 21st, I visited my home Chapter, Niagara, No. 55, and was accorded Grand Honours, the members of the Chapter being warm in their congratulations upon my appointment as Grand District Superintendent. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon three candidates, Ex. Comp. Wood, First Principal, and his officers, each rendering their respective parts most efficiently.

Accompanied by Ex. Comp. Wood I paid a visit to Mt. Moriah Chapter on April 11th and witnessed the degree of the Holy Royal Arch conferred on seven candidates, the Mystical Lecture being given by R.Ex. Comp. Burch.

Following this visit I was a guest with my wife at Willson Chapter At Home, and had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. Damude, the D.D.G.M. of Niagara District, No. 10, A.F. & A.M. I again visited this Chapter accompanied by R.Ex. Comp. F. J. McClelland and Ex. Comp. Wood for the purpose of presenting jewels to ten Past Z.'s, and a jewel to their worthy and able Scribe E. There was no degree work on this occasion.

Grimsby Chapter, No 69, Grimsby.—My first official visit was paid to this Chapter on May 5th, on which occasion I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. Wood and Quin, Comps. Marsh, Hall, Houghton, Jerman, Slingerland, and Parnell. I was introduced
by R.Ex. Comp. Randall and accorded Grand Honours, receiving a very cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. McConachie, his officers and Companions assembled. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon one candidate and a substitute, four Past Z.'s assisting. R.Ex. Comp. Randall has his books in their usual good shape, and reports dues fairly well paid. This Chapter possesses one of the finest quarters in the District, including a fine banquet hall to which the Companions adjourned afterwards and enjoyed an excellent repast, after which the toast to Grand Chapter was responded to by R.Ex. Comp. Randall and myself. Comp. Marsh delivered a stirring address upon Brotherly Love.

Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Bridgeburg. —Accompanied by Ex. Comp. Wood and Comp. Marsh, I visited Hugh Murray Chapter on May 13th. I was introduced by R.Ex. Comp. Watts. The degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred upon the candidate, Ex. Comp. Jamieson taking the place of Ex. Comp. Yeo, who was absent owing to domestic sickness. The cramped quarters rather militated against perfection in the work. The books are in the capable hands of Comp. North and as a consequence the dues are well paid up and Marks recorded. The Companions' ladies had prepared a lavish refreshment in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, to which all did ample justice, after which R.Ex. Comp. Watts explained that the plans were already prepared for building a Temple, a site for which is already bought. Excellent addresses were delivered by visiting Companions from the States, and Comp. A. F. Marsh, who spoke upon Character Building.

Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls. —My next visit was to Mount Nebo Chapter on May 16th, the First Principal and Comps. Caughill, Hall, Jerman, Parnall, Singer and Slingerland being my escort, being introduced to Ex. Comp. Gilleland and the Companions by R. Ex. Comp. Swannell. The
Third Principal conferred the degree of Mark Master Mason upon two candidates in good style. The Scribe E.'s books are in good shape, R. Ex. Comp. Swannell reporting the dues well paid up.

WILLSON CHAPTER, No. 64, WELLAND.—Ex. Comp. Ort gave me a very cordial welcome when, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Wood, V.Ex. Comp. Brown, Comps. Brennan, Dawson, Pay, Doherty, Brock, Singer, Quinn, Marsh, Inksater and Ex. Comp. Laughton, I was introduced by R.Ex. Comp. Ross, on my official visit to this Chapter on May 28th, The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. Scribe E., Comp. George Wells, keeps his books as well as ever. After refreshments a pleasant time was spent listening to R. Ex. Comp. Ross telling of past exploits, and I took occasion to remind the Companions that they would celebrate their 50th Anniversary this year on August 11th.

I took part in a parade of the Companions at Port Colborne for the purpose of attending Divine Service on Sunday, June 29th, Comp. Rev. C. Henderson officiating at Burnaby Church, assisted by D.D.G.M. Damude reading the lesson. Many of the Past Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge officers were present.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 57, PORT COLBORNE.—The degree of a Mark Master Mason was worked by First Principal Allen, assisted by R.Ex. Comp. McCracken and R. Ex. Comp. Yocom, of Dunnville Chapter, upon the occasion of my official visit to Port Colborne Chapter, on September 4th, when I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. McCracken and received a warm welcome. Comp. Lew Smith, as Scribe E., is in the right place and reported the dues fairly well paid up and the Book of Marks attended to. There was a small attendance of members, being the first Convocation of the season, being augmented by visitors from Dunnville.

At the request of the First Principal, I installed the officers of King Hiram Chapter on December

Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville, Ont.—This Chapter was next on my list, and I journeyed there with Ex. Comp. Wood and Comp. Marsh in my train, on September 9th. A cordial welcome awaited me. Ex. Comp. Paterson and his officers working the Royal Arch degree in a very finished manner. This Chapter, though nearly the youngest in the District, sets an example to many older ones in the way of earnest endeavour. Comp. Scribe E. is most painstaking with his books. A spirit of true Masonry prevades this Chapter, and the officers are most anxious to perfect themselves in their work. A splendid banquet and stirring addresses by Comps. Rev. C. M. Dumas and Rev. A. F. Marsh were enjoyed by the numerous company.

Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, Ont.—There remained now only this Chapter and Niagara, No. 55, to complete my round of visits. Mt. Moriah Chapter had two candidates for the Royal Arch degree when I visited them on October 10th, being accompanied by Ex. Comps. Wood and Corus and Comps. Marsh, Gilleland, Paton, and Hall. I was welcomed and introduced by R.Ex. Comp. Dr. G. Smith, D.D., and R.Ex. Comp. Grobb, and Ex. Comp. McKay and his officers had greatly improved since my former visit and the degree work was well done, R. Ex. Comp. G. Burch, a veteran of 82 years, giving the Mystical Lecture. In the capable hands of R. Ex. Comp. Lindsay, the Scribe E.'s work is safe. The Companions had provided a sumptuous repast which was greatly enjoyed as were the speeches delivered by R.Ex. Comp. Lindsay and Comp. A. F. Marsh on "What it Means to be a Mason."

Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.—October 17th was the date fixed for my official visit to my home Chapter, the officers and
Companions of which had invited Companions from Mt. Moriah, Smithville, Dunnville, and Port Colborne Chapters to pay a fraternal visit on this occasion, so that when I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Dr. Rigg, the Companions gave me a hearty welcome. Despite many drawbacks the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was well worked, Comp. Paton taking the Scribe N.'s Chair on very short notice and doing well. The other officers all did their own work, no Past Z. taking part. The company to the number of 100 or so adjourned to the lower hall and refreshed themselves with good things. Bro. E. Coleman, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, helping most materially at the piano. Ex. Comp. Dr. Herod, of Mt. Moriah Chapter, giving a very interesting account of a visit paid to a lodge of which George Washington was a member. Short addresses from some of the visiting Companions brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville, Ont. —On October 24th, I paid my official visit to McCallum Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Wood, and was introduced by R.Ex. Comp. Yocom and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree conferred upon one candidate by a Degree Team. The work was well done as was to be expected under the circumstances. Ex. Comp. Allan as W.M. ably filled the chair. This is a real live Chapter, the Companions being very keen and turning out in good numbers. R.Ex. Comp. Parks and Comp. Rev. Dumas delighted the numerous assembly which included a contingent from Smithville Chapter, by their thoughtful and humorous addresses.

Requested by the First Principal, on December 5th, I visited Niagara Chapter, No. 55, and assisted in working the Most Excellent Master degree. On December 12th, I, assisted by R.Ex. Comp. McClelland and Ex. Comps. Wood and Rigg, installed the officers for 1925 of Niagara Chapter.

Wherever I visited I tried to impress upon the Chapters the desirability of the officers doing their
own work and not depending upon Past Z.'s, at the same time pointing out that it was a good thing for the First Principal, after he was proficient himself, to distribute the work so as to keep the Past Z.'s interested. Another thing I laid stress upon was attending Divine Service, holding "At Homes," so that wives, families and sweethearts should not be left out in the cold; and lastly, spending part of the funds of the Chapter in benevolence.

In conclusion, I beg to thank all who have assisted me in the discharge of my duties. It has been a very pleasant time, making new friends and renewing older friendships, and I trust my successor will meet with the same kindly reception that my Companions and I have.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES AVERY COLEMAN,
Niagara-on-the-Lake, 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 upon the condition of Capitular Masonry in Toronto East District, No. 8, for the year ending February 25th, 1925.

 Permit me to express my deep appreciation and sincere thanks for the high honour conferred upon me by the Companions of the District in electing me to the honoured office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Officers and Companions of the various Chapters for the kindness and many courtesies extended to me and to my Secretary, Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson. On every occasion we were received right royally, and shown the utmost courtesy, which was not only an exhibition of true companionship, but as well an indication of loyalty and respect to him whom I represented, the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and, as well, to our honoured institution.

To me my Masonic year has been most pleasant and profitable. Being possessed by nature of a spirit of friendship and brotherly love for my fellow men, I regarded my appointment not as an honour only, but as well a privilege and an opportunity of extending my acquaintance among the Companions and also to speak a kind word or do a kind act when and where the opportunity presented itself.

The year has been a profitable one to me Masonically. I have gained much information from the office of the Grand Scribe E., the various Chapters of my District, and the Companions generally, which I hope and believe will be of considerable benefit to me, and through me, I hope, to my Companions during the few short years I have left to spend among them.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson as District Secretary. He has been most faithful in his duties and he accompanied me on
every official visit, as well as on several social, or unofficial, visits to various Chapters in the District.

I officially visited every Chapter in my District, and some of them unofficially, once, twice, and three Chapters three times each, my desire being to visit every Chapter in my District at least twice, but time and dates interfered. It was also my wish to hold a Chapter of Instruction in my District, but unfortunately I was unable to arrange for this. It was also my desire to have had several of the Chapters hold "Master Mason" nights, at which the beauties and also the intimate connection of "Capitular Masonry" to the Symbolic, would be presented by some skilled and instructed Companions, and as well the history, objects, and teachings of each degree. I believe if a special effort were made in this direction it would result in a greater interest by our Companions generally and an education of "Capitular Masonry" to our Brethren of the Symbolic Craft, this form of education I would strongly recommend.

On my official visits I endeavoured to perform my duties according to instructions,—efficiency and with the dignity and demeanour becoming the representative of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and was received and treated on every occasion by the various Chapters as such, on that same high plane.

I tried to impress on the officers of the various Chapters the importance of conducting the business portion with despatch and up-to-date methods, and how necessary it was for each and every officer, not only to know the ritualistic work, but also to understand it, for only by knowing and understanding can an officer render or convey to a candidate that which will make the correct impression, and which, no doubt, will make the ceremony much more interesting to our Companions generally. I am pleased to state that in most of the Chapters there was evidence of the officers being possessed of a zeal for the improvement of the ritualistic work as to accuracy and uniformity,—this I commended and advocated on every opportunity.
Substantial progress is going on, numerically and financially. All of the Chapters in the District appear to be in good condition, an exception being Doric, Newmarket, and I believe before the end of another year that this Chapter will be much improved. (Note the report on Doric.)

Orient Chapter, No 79, Toronto.—I officially visited this Chapter on April 10th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, District Secretary. I was pleased to meet many visiting Companions, among whom were Ex. Comp. A. B. Dalby, Z. of York Chapter; the three Principals of Beaver Chapter, accompanied by other Companions of their Chapter; Ex. Comp. C. P. Smith, First Principal of St. Paul’s Chapter, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Robt. Cassels, and a number of Companions from other Chapters. I surmised that perhaps the reason of so many visitors was, in a measure, due to curiosity as to the attitude or demeanor assumed by the new Grand Superintendent, and to form some idea of what to expect and prepare for, each on the inspection of his own Chapter.

Assuming this to be so, I welcomed the opportunity of making known in my remarks my attitude, not only to the officers of Orient Chapter, but as well to the visiting Companions and set at rest any misapprehension they may have conceived. I endeavoured to impress upon them that I was simply a Brother and Companion, on the level, clothed with authority, honour, and dignity in representing the Most Excellent Grand Z. in seeing that the business of the Chapters was being performed correctly and in an up-to-date manner, and that the ritualistic work was done accurately and in uniformity as called for by regulations of Grand Chapter, also that this could be done only by a thorough knowledge of the ritualistic instructions and practice, and that each perform his part as nearly as possible in his own natural way, avoiding the dramatic, or imitating the manner in which it may be rendered by another. This, I believe, to be more effective and impressive.
I was introduced by the Director of Ceremonies at 8.15 p.m., and was loyally and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. George Carey, the First Principal, as the representative of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and an expression of fraternal love and welcome to myself. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a highly commendable manner by all of the officers, having regard to accuracy, naturalness, and impressiveness, but I wish to make special mention of the explanation of the signs by Ex. Comp. R. J. Gaylord, the Mystical Lecture by Ex. Comp. F. G. Russell; the duties performed by the Principal Sojourner, were also a delight to witness.

The Chapter is specially favoured by, and to be congratulated on, having such a capable, affable, and genial Scribe E., in the person of R. Ex. Comp. D. S. L. MacDougall, for the manner in which he keeps the books, not only as to the accuracy but the neatness in which his work is done is highly commendable. The Chapter is in a splendid condition financially, and on the whole everything augurs well for the future success of this Chapter.

The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto.—I officially visited this Chapter on May 5th, and was loyally and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. A. J. Stringer, the Excellent Z. This Chapter being, I judge, conservative and careful in the selection of its candidates, the membership is not as large as it might otherwise be. But for the number of Companions on its register there was a goodly attendance, and dignity and decorum marked the demeanour of the Companions.

The Chapter has the benefit of a stalwart in the person of R. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, and several P.Z.'s. This Chapter, however, has suffered severely during the last few years, in the death of some of its valuable and cherished Companions, nevertheless it is progressing, and is in good condition.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. A. J. Stringer and his officers, in a manner as to accuracy and impressiveness that, I am sure,
would be gratifying to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. to see. While the exemplification was highly commendable by all of the officers, I wish to make special mention of the cool and dignified manner in which the Ex. Z. conducted the work. The work by Ex. Comp. E. C. Berkinshaw, Second Principal, was exceedingly well done; especially the Symbolical Lecture, which I believed to be word perfect, which was deliberately and impressively given. The work by the Third Principal was very good, as well as that of the Principal Sojourner. The books are well kept, and the finances in good condition. The Scribe E. is to be commended on the condition of his books. This Chapter is progressing and has a promising future.

Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge.—I made by official visit to this Chapter on May 8th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John Marr and Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, District Secretary. The visit was fraught with pleasure to me, having R. Ex. Comp. John Marr with me, who was quite familiar with the community, and well acquainted with most of the Companions, while I was practically a stranger to all, excepting two, of the Companions.

Here is a Chapter, the most remote in Toronto East District, No. 8, and, may I say, standing pretty well alone in regard to the work of Royal Arch Masons, as it has not the benefit of fraternizing with the Companions of City Chapters as those closer; but what do we find: This Chapter standing out prominently in upholding the principles of Royal Arch Masonry.

We were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Ormiston, Master of Ceremonies, and loyally and cordially received by Ex. Comp. Arthur M. St. John, the First Principal, his officers and the Companions, indicating their loyalty and respect to the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by Ex. Comp. Arthur M. St. John and his officers, in a manner gratifying to witness. Each
officer performed his duties deliberately, accurately, and impressively which, I observed, made its impression on the candidates. I wish, however, to make special mention of the efficient manner in which the Ex. First Principal conducted the work, and performed his own parts of the work; Companion Rodman for the able manner in which he explained the signs; Ex. Comp. Rynard delivered the Mystical Lecture, which for accuracy and impressiveness was a delight to see and listen to; and Comp. Curl delivered the closing charge.

On the whole I was delighted to see the work so efficiently done, and my comments were not of criticism, but of commendation. In R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, the Chapter has a most efficient Scribe E. The books are neatly and accurately kept, and the finances of the Chapter in good condition. This Chapter, I believe, will be one of steady progress.

**Beaver Chapter, No. 225, Toronto.**—I made my official visit, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, on May 14th. I was introduced by that stalwart and genial Comp. Alex. Wilson, “now he was ruddy and withal of a beautiful countenance and goodly to look at,” and we were with emphasis warmly and loyally received by Ex. Comp. G. H. Creber and his officers.

This Chapter, being one of the younger Chapters of the District and being composed largely of the Brethren of Canada Symbolic Lodge,—many of whom I had met previously through fraternal visits between Canada Lodge and Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill, so that I was no stranger,—put forward every possible effort to make me feel at home and among real Companions, and I was not slow to see and appreciate the kindness and courtesy extended to me and also to Ex. Comp. Thompson.

I found the officers and Companions of this Chapter to be very enthusiastic in carrying out the principles of Royal Arch Masonry, and in aiding in every way the progress of their own Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a manner
bespeaking the older Chapters, every officer from the First Principal down doing his work in a manner as to accuracy, precision, and impressiveness highly commendable to officers of any Chapter.

Ex. Comp. J. E. Baker, Scribe E., appears to be a capable officer, as the books are well kept and according to requirements, and the finance are in excellent condition, especially for a comparatively young Chapter. At the “Fourth Degree” a very interesting programme had been arranged, and was a most enjoyable feature. This Chapter is in good form and has a promising future.

THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, NO. 4, TORONTO.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on May 16th, accompanied by my Secretary, Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, and we were introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Oscar H. King, Director of Ceremonies, in his usual pleasant form, and received a most cordial and loyal welcome by Ex. Comp. William W. Ash, the First Principal, who, with his officers and Companions not only demonstrated their loyalty and respect to the Most Excellent Grand Z., the Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter, but as well appeared to go out of his way to find warm words of welcome to myself personally. This I appreciate very much as I had not looked for, nor did I expect, such a welcome from not only the oldest Chapter in my District but the oldest Chapter in Toronto. I had looked for more reserve and formality and was agreeably surprised, but this relief did not lessen or detract in any way the dignity with which the whole work of the evening was carried out.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Ash and his staff of officers in a most dignified, accurate, and impressive manner, which no doubt conveyed to the minds and hearts of the candidates the sublime principles of the Royal Arch degree. Ex. Comp. Ash is to be commended on the manner in which he conducted the business, and the work of the evening, which demonstrated that he
not only knew his work, but had the ability to exercise that knowledge.

There was a large attendance of the Companions of the Chapter, among whom were R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and several P. Z.'s, of which I note the Chapter has twenty-eight on its register and which, I believe, is the largest number for any one Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

The Mystical Lecture was delivered by Ex. Comp. G. W. Slack, I.P.Z., in his usual form, natural, deliberate, accurate, and impressive, approaching nigh unto perfection. It is a delight for me to witness the rendition of any part of the Ceremony by Ex. Comp. Slack, his mode of delivery being most impressive and inspiring.

I understand that this has been one of the most successful years, both numerically and financially, of the Chapter, and its reputation for a high standard upheld. The book and records are well kept and the finances in excellent condition, for which due credit must be given to Comp. L. G. Jackson, Scribe E., Comp. Alex. C. Lewis, Asst. Scribe E., and the Treasurer, V. Ex. Comp. Joseph King, with his long and faithful service as such for 34 years. This Chapter is of a high standard as to membership, mode of business, and manner of work, and should be a good example for younger Chapters to compare with.

YORK CHAPTER, No. 62, TORONTO.—We all speak less or more of our Mother Chapter, or the Chapter in which we were advanced, received and exalted, but of York Chapter, if the appellation were applicable, I should be entitled to designate as my Grandmother Chapter, as Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill, is truly an offspring, and as such has been ably and gratefully supported by the Companions of the Parent Chapter, amongst whom I wish to make particular mention of, our late and beloved R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson; V. Ex. Comp. Robertson; R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Hopkings, and Ex. Comp. C. Murphy. These Companions have been
pillars of strength to Victoria Chapter and in the death of the late R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson, the Companions of Victoria Chapter lost one of their most staunch and cherished friends. We of Victoria Chapter equally mourn his sad demise with the Companions of his Mother Chapter.

I paid my official visit to this Chapter on June 6th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, District Secretary, and was introduced by Ex. Comp. C. Murphy, Director of Ceremonies, who was in good form and on his good behavior and in no way stinted in his brilliant remarks in commending me to the care of Ex. Comp. Dalby, his officers and Companions, on my official visit. I received a most cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. Dalby, in a manner expressive of the loyalty of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and his warm expressions of welcome to myself personally I appreciated very much. The reputation of this Chapter for hospitality and good work I believe to be too well known for me to attempt to enlarge on.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified for my inspection and was executed in a dignified and impressive manner by each and all of the officers, maintaining the standard for which this Chapter is noted. Ex. Comp. Dalby is to be highly commended on not only his own particular part of the work, but the whole work of the evening conducted and controlled by him. Work by Comp. G. Campbell, Principal Sojourner, was excellent, the candidates were well kept in hand, and the rendition of his part of the Ceremony was practically word perfect and impressive.

The Chapter is fortunate in the choice of its Scribe E., Ex. Comp. W. E. Hofland, who is an efficient officer, and also the Treasurer, V. Ex. Comp. D. Robertson. The books are well and neatly kept and the finances in good condition. On closing the Chapter we retired to the banquet room where we had a very enjoyable time at the festive board,
entertained by a splendid programme of speakers and musical talent.

This Chapter celebrated its Semi-Centennial on the 3rd of October, the occasion being the commemoration of its Fiftieth Anniversary, at which the work of the evening was conducted by Grand Chapter Officers. A most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent, and the occasion was a decided success. This Chapter is one of the pillars, not only of the District, but of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and I am sure its past history will be fully maintained in the future.

**KING SOLOMON’S CHAPTER, NO. 8, TORONTO.—**

This is another one of the older Chapters of the Jurisdiction, and it maintains its standard of excellence as to the character of the work, hospitality, and real Companionhip.

I paid my official visit on June 26th. The evening being quite warm and sultry, Ex. Comp. Shortt and I agreed to have the work of the evening carried out with as little formality as the occasion would permit.

I was introduced by the acting Director of Ceremonies and received a very cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. H. B. Shortt, expressing the loyalty of himself, his officers and Companions to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Grand Chapter of Canada. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified for my inspection in a very satisfactory manner as to dignity, clearness and impressiveness.

The books are exceedingly well and carefully kept by Ex. Comp. Fred D. Hunt, Scribe E., who is an efficient officer. The finances are in excellent condition and the Chapter has every promise of continued success.

The "Fourth Degree" was most enjoyable throughout, the talent furnished by the Entertainment Committee of which V. Ex. Comp. A. H. Lougheed is Chairman, and also by the fine spirit of the Companions to one another. The future of this Chapter should be one of progress.
AURORA CHAPTER, No. 235, AURORA.—I officially visited this Chapter on September 19th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Gordon C. Kirby, of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, whom I was much pleased to have with me, and also Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, the District Secretary.

The attendance was not large, but the enthusiasm and ambition of the Companions for to uphold the principles of Royal Arch Masonry, in a large measure compensated for the lack of numbers, and it should be noted that this Chapter, being one of the youngest in the District, and a number of its Companions living at a distance, yet the attendance was well over the average.

I was introduced by Ex. Comp. W. R. McQuade, Director of Ceremonies, and cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. Davies, expressing the loyalty of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified for my inspection, and while not word perfect it was well up to the standard, and the rendition on the whole better than some of the much older Chapters. This Chapter is to be complimented on the progress it has made, as to its work, membership and condition generally.

The minute book and register neatly and correctly kept, but Scribe E. had forgotten to bring along the Mark Book, but he assured me that all Companions had registered their Marks in accordance with regulations of the Constitution, and has since produced the Book in evidence of the fact that it had been done. The finances of the Chapter are in as good condition as might be expected for a young Chapter.

After the Chapter was closed we retired to a restaurant, where a banquet had been provided, at which we spent a very pleasant hour. I have every confidence in the future success of this Chapter.

The election of officers took place at the regular Convocation in November, and I was requested by
Ex. Comp. Davies to install and invest the newly elected officers for the ensuing year, which I was very pleased to have the privilege of doing, on the evening of the 19th of December, assisted by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, the District Secretary. I am pleased to state that in my judgment due discretion was exercised in the choice of officers for the ensuing year.

Ex. Comp. F. R. Underhill, the newly installed Z., appears to be an enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason and well qualified to carry out the duties required of a First Principal, and the same, I believe, can be said of each of the other officers in regard to their respective duties.

St. Alban’s Chapter, No. 217, Toronto.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on September 23rd, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, District Secretary, and was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. A. E. Covell in a most cordial manner, and was loyally and cordially received by Ex. Comp. T. E. C. Butler, the First Principal, expressing the loyalty of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and a warm welcome to myself. Owing to my frequent visits to this Chapter, I am regarded pretty much as though I were one of the Companions of the Chapter; however, to visit this Chapter is a real pleasure to me as I have always been made to feel perfectly at home.

One of the chief characteristics of the Companions of St. Alban’s Chapter is to endeavour to make it pleasant and homelike for every visiting Companion; in fact, the real Companionship existing among the Companions of this Chapter must make an impression upon every Companion who enters within its portals. The Companions are enthusiastic and ambitious, that their work and the Chapter itself should reach the summit of high standing.

This Chapter is fortunate in having amongst its Companions some of our most ardent Royal Arch Masons. We here again find the effect of the influ-
ence and wise counsel of our late and lamented R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson, and also that of our Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith.

All of the Companions of this Chapter are worthy of commendation for their loyalty and enthusiasm, but in this Chapter, as in all others, a few because of certain circumstances stand out more prominently than others, amongst whom I desire to make special mention: Ex. Comp. J. A. Cooper, V. Ex. Comp. A. E. Covell, Ex. Comps. F. Clinckett, T. E. C. Butler, J. L. House, W. Hughes, Comps. R. H. James and G. T. Gardiner, all of whom are most enthusiastic for the good and welfare of their own Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry in general.

The Mark Master degree was exemplified for my inspection, this had been arranged previously by Ex. Comp. T. E. C. Butler, the First Principal, at my request. Ex. Comp. J. L. Davidson, the Third Principal took charge of the degree work, and while on the whole the rendition of the ceremony was very good it was not up to the average of the work generally executed by the officers of this Chapter; however, due consideration should be given, as no doubt the midsummer recess had clouded the memory of some of the officers, especially that of the Third Principal, who conducted the work, while all of the other officers did their work exceedingly well under the circumstances; I wish to add, however, that I can vouch for the work of this Chapter, generally, as being of the highest character, as I have witnessed the exemplification of the different degrees many times during the last few years, and on my unofficial visits this year. Ex. Comp. T. E. C. Butler, the First Principal, is proficient in the work of the several degrees, and has maintained the standard set by his predecessors.

The books, with the exception of the Mark Book, has been well kept by Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Hughes. The Mark Book, however, has been neglected. I endeavoured to impress upon the First Principal and
Scribe E., and in fact all of the Companions the importance of having every Companion register his Mark, drawing their attention to Sections 230 and 271 of the By-laws of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, and I am now pleased to report that Scribe E. has informed me that he has succeeded in getting most of the Companions to register their Marks, and that he hopes shortly to get them all registered. The finances of the Chapter are in splendid condition and exceedingly well guarded by a most efficient and trustworthy officer, "The Treasurer," in the person of Comp. R. H. James.

At the "Fourth Degree," an excellent programme had been arranged, consisting of speeches, music and song, and was rendered with pleasing effect, making the hour spent at the festive board a pleasure to all. This is one of the up to date and alert Chapters of the District, and I would say its future success is assured.

UNIVERSITY CHAPTER, No. 241, TORONTO.—The youngest Chapter of District No. 8. The appellation, "Young," can be well and fittingly applied to the Companions of this Chapter, as they are possessed with youthful vigor and zeal to uphold the principles of Royal Arch Masonry, and particularly a high standard of the ritualistic work in their own Chapter. I officially visited this Chapter on October 7th, and was introduced by Ex. Comp. C. H. C. Wright, and fraternally welcomed by Ex. Comp. A. A. Kinghorn, the First Principal, and loyally received as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified for my inspection, the rendition of which was a pleasure to witness, every officer from and including the Veils to the First Principal, executing his work with precision, natural, deliberate and impressive.

Work of such a high standard must surely impress and edify not only the candidates, but as well all who have the privilege of beholding it. While dignity and decorum marked the demeanour
of the Companions, the true spirit of Companion-ship was fully demonstrated by the cordial intercourse amongst them.

The excellent rendition of the Ceremony, and the most cordial friendship of the Companions made me regret that I had not previously visited the Chapter, and although I have not been able to visit the Chapter since, it is my purpose to attend as often as opportunity may permit.

This Chapter is most fortunate in its choice of a Scribe E., Ex. Comp. P. W. Rogers. His books are a model of neatness and accuracy; yes, perfection itself. The finances are moderate, but in as good a condition as might be expected for a new Chapter.

The enthusiasm, excellency of work and the cordial Companionship is, I believe, a guarantee of the future success of this Chapter. At the "Fourth Degree" a very pleasant hour was spent at the festive board, being entertained by speeches and musical talent.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, NO. 65, TORONTO.—I officially visited this Chapter, at its regular Convocation, on the 8th of October, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, District Secretary. Being introduced by the Director of Ceremonies, I was most cordially welcomed and received by Ex. Comp. C. P. Smith, the First Principal, as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.

This is one of the most stable of our Royal Arch Chapters, composed as it is of some of our most ardent Masons, amongst whom are: R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Grand H.; R. Ex. Comp. E. W. E. Saunders; V. Ex. Comp. Robert Cassels, Ex. Comp. Mullikin, V. Ex. Comp. S. B. Sykes, Comp. John A. Rowland, Comp. Geo. Barron, the three Principals, Ex. Comp. C. P. Smith, Ex. Comp. Thos. Wibby, Ex. Comp. Morgan R. Griffiths, and many others, who deserve mention, if space would permit.
The demeanour of the Companions and the solemnity of the Ceremony seemed to me to permeate the very atmosphere of the Chapter Room. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified for my inspection, the rendition of which was very satisfactory, the duties of the various officers of their respective parts, being executed in a dignified, deliberate and impressive manner.

The delivery of the Historical Lecture by Ex. Comp. Morgan R. Griffiths was excellent, natural, deliberate, distinct and impressive; a pleasure to hear, and the Symbolical Lecture was given by Ex. Comp. Thos. Wibby exceedingly well, and the work by the Principal Sojourner was exceptionally well done, and on the whole I am sure the candidates were very much impressed, in fact, one of the candidates, Bro. Geo. H. Ross, whom I have known for many years, assured me that he was much impressed with the Ceremony.

The books and records are neatly and accurately kept, including the Mark Book, and the finances in good condition. After the Chapter closed we spent a very pleasant hour at the festive board, entertained by a varied programme of speeches, songs, and music. Ex. Comp. C. P. Smith, the Ex. First Principal, is not only a kind, pleasant and earnest officer, but is as well a most genial host. I can see no reason to doubt the future success of this Chapter, being composed as it is of so many pillars of Masonry.

The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto.—I had the pleasure and privilege of accompanying the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and other Grand Chapter officers, on a visit to this Chapter, on their Annual Irish Night, held on March 15th, being the nearest Saturday night to the 17th.

The Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter Officers were introduced by the Director of Ceremonies, and received a most cordial and loyal welcome from Ex. Comp. Ernest E. Reid on behalf of himself, officers and Companions, which
was appreciatively received and replied to by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified, after which an adjournment was made to the banquet room where a sumptuous repast had been prepared, and a splendid programme arranged, consisting of speeches and musical talent, imparting enjoyment to all.

I again had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on May 17th, when the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter officers were the guests of the evening, and had charge of the work. The Royal Arch degree was conferred, the rendition of which was a profit and pleasure to all, after which a most pleasant hour was spent at the festive board.

I also had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter, unofficially for the third time, on Friday evening, October 31st, to witness the unique event when a large number of Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Masons occupied the respective officers' chairs of the Chapter and conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree.

A large number of the officers and Companions of Keystone Chapter, Buffalo, with many distinguished Companions from the United States were the guests of the evening. This I believe to be one of the largest and most successful events ever held by any Royal Arch Chapter in the City of Toronto, and so far as I know in all Canada.

I paid my official visit to this Chapter on October 18th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, District Secretary, and was cordially received and welcomed by Ex. Comp. Ernest E. Reid, expressing the loyalty of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Reid and his officers in a very efficient manner, natural, deliberate, accurate and impressive, leaving no opening for criticism, but commendable.
This Chapter is fortunate in its choice of a capable officer as Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Ledger, who assumes no light task in keeping the books and records, and in looking after the finances of this Chapter. He has, however a dependable custodian of the Treasury, in the person of Comp. Fred W. Jacobi, and to their credit the books and finances are in excellent condition. The Chapter is to be commended on its generous benevolence.

This Chapter should, and I believe does, wield a great influence for good, being one of the largest and most active of the whole Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. At the "Fourth Degree" we spent a most pleasant time, entertained by speeches and a specially arranged programme of musical talent, etc.

**Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill.—**

Here is appended the Report of R. Ex. Comp. John Marr on Victoria Chapter, which leaves little to add except to mention that this Chapter held a "Master Mason’s Night" in June, at which two addresses were given by two Right Excellent Companions, which apparently resulted largely in the reception of some fifteen applications, and more has followed:

"By mutual and fraternal exchange of courtesies, it was arranged between R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang, of Toronto East District, No. 8, and R. Ex. Comp. John Marr, of Toronto West District, No. 8a, that each make the inspection for the other of his Mother Chapter, and decided that R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang make the inspection of Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, West Toronto, this being my Mother Chapter, and I to make the inspection of Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill, which I therefore did, on Tuesday evening, October 21st, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Dr. G. G. Elliott, District Secretary, Ex. Comp. C. W. Long, and a number of Companions of City Chapters.

"This being my first visit to Victoria Chapter, I was particularly pleased to find this Chapter to
have such a comfortable and well appointed Chapter room, although rather confined as to space. I soon realized that size is not always the requisite for efficient work, enthusiasm, and good fellowship. I was given a gracious introduction by R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Hopkings, and received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. O. C. James in a cordial and fraternal spirit, after which the officers presented for my inspection the Mark Master degree in a most impressive manner, which is all the more notable as a great many of the officers live at considerable distance and do not have the same opportunity to receive as much training as do the officers of the city Chapters.

"It was also most pleasing to note the large attendance of the members of this young Chapter, and the knowledge that they do so regularly, and the evident interest the Past Z.’s take in its welfare. Present were R. Ex. Comps. H. H. Lang and E. A. James, Ex. Comps. W. H. Legge and A. Helmkay, a veteran and a most enthusiastic Mason, and a member of this Chapter, who, though living at a considerable distance, and handicapped by illness, feels it his duty to attend the meetings regularly, which is very commendable, and should be an incentive to all.

"The examination of Scribe E.’s books and records were found in excellent condition, and the finances healthy.

"JOHN MARR,

"Grand Supt. Toronto West District, No. 8a."

DORIC CHAPTER, NO. 60, NEWMARKET.—My official visit to this Chapter had been arranged, first for Wednesday, October 1st, but owing to the indisposition of the Scribe E., Comp. F. H. Drosser, and the absence of a candidate, my inspection was deferred until their next regular Convocation, which would be held on November 5th. I, however, requested Ex. Comp. T. H. Hill, the First Principal, to open the Chapter and if I could assist them in
any way I would be pleased to do so; this he did in my presence and I noted several inaccuracies, by the various officers, both in opening and closing, which I had them correct, and this they accepted in a most kindly spirit.

I again visited the Chapter as had been arranged on November 5th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, District Secretary, and again found them unprepared, and according to regulations of Grand Chapter this should have been the night of the election of their officers, but on investigation I found they had not amended their By-laws, governing the date of their election, in accordance with the amendment to the Constitution as passed by the Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation, and even had this been done they were not prepared to go on with the election of officers, owing to lack of attendance.

I then suggested that they give notice of motion to amend their by-laws, and also that they apply to Grand Chapter for a dispensation authorizing or allowing them to hold their election and installation on the same evening, at their regular Convocation in December. This they agreed to do. The dispensation was granted by the Most Excellent the Grand Z., the by-laws were amended, and on the 3rd of December I again visited the Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson.

On this last date I was pleased to find they were prepared for the election of their officers. The Chapter was regularly opened in the Royal Arch degree, and I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Arthur Winn, and received a cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. T. H. Hill, the First Principal, expressing the loyalty of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

After the routine business of the Chapter, including the amendments to the By-laws, was completed, the election of officers was proceeded with, which resulted in the election of what, in my judg-
ment, was a capable array of officers for the ensuing year.

On closing the election, with the assistance of Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, I proceeded to install and invest the various officers, who were all present, except two or three of the junior officers, whom I requested the Ex. First Principal to have invested not later than their next regular Convocation, and to date as of December 3rd.

Assuming the Sceptre, as First Principal, Ex. Comp. Arthur Winn gave an outline of the policy he intended to persue, which if carried out, Doric Chapter should mark progress during the ensuing year.

The First Principal has assured me, as well as the Second and Third Principals, that they were determined to do all in their power to bring about a revival in the interest of the Chapter during the ensuing year, and I would strongly urge that every encouragement be given them to assist them to achieve the desired improvement. Sister Chapters could help very much by visiting as often as possible.

As to the books, they are only in a fair condition, and a large amount of dues are in arrears, for a small Chapter, this feature I strongly urge to have them correct, and I am confident the new Z. and the newly installed Scribe E. will see to it that the dues are collected, and I believe the prospect for candidates is very good, and in a short time this Chapter should be in very good shape.

Fraternally yours,

H. H. Lang,
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 to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the District.

First I would like to express to the Companions my deep appreciation of the honour which they conferred upon me, when they submitted my name to the Grand Z. for the high and important office of Grand Superintendent of the District.

It has been a season, I can truthfully say, fruitful in every respect to myself, and one which I shall forever hold in kindest memory, and I sincerely trust that my visit, with the Companions of the several Chapters, may have resulted in some assistance and in cementing and extending friendships which time only will sever.

On my visits to the different constituent Chapters in this District, as well as my social visits to the Chapters in District No. 8, a number of which I had the pleasure and privilege of attending, the greatest good fellowship and harmony prevailed, and the splendid social feeling observed amongst the Companions in general was most pleasing and worthy of commendation. With such a spirit prevailing in every Chapter, there can be no doubt of the steady future advancement of Capitular Masonry in our Jurisdiction.

Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto.—I officially visited this Chapter March 26th, 1924, accompanied by my Secretary, Ex. Comp. Dr. G. G. Elliott, and V. Ex. Comps. R. R. Hopkins, E. J. Luttrell, S. G. Newdick, also Ex. Comps. J. H. Corner and E. C. Tyres. After a hearty introduction by the Director of Ceremonies, I was warmly and courteously received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Dr. Ashton Fletcher, and a
large turnout of members and visitors. The work presented was the Holy Royal Arch. It was exemplified in a manner and with the dignity befitting this Supreme degree, impressing candidates and visitors alike with the solemnity and importance of Royal Arch Masonry.

This Chapter, one of the largest in the Jurisdiction, is to be complimented on the efficient manner in which its records are kept and the finances administered, being a credit to the present Scribe E. and also to his predecessor in this office. Also for the interest and zeal displayed in their efforts towards the object of charity and benevolence, not only in regard to their own members, a most pleasing occurrence being the annual Christmas tree and banquet given to the needy children and mothers of the community, which has now become one of the fixed good deeds of this Chapter. I wish to express to the officers and Companions of the Chapter my thanks for the beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses which they so kindly and thoughtfully forwarded to my wife as an expression of their good will.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto.—On the evening of Tuesday, May, 6th, I paid my official visit to Mount Sinai Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex Comp. K. J. Dunstan, V.Ex. Comp. I. Finberg, Ex. Comps. J. H. Corner, Ernest Reid and others. I was introduced in a happy manner by Ex. Comp. L. M. Singer, and most cordially received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. E. P. Bernstein. There was a good turn out of members and the work of the evening was the Holy Royal Arch degree, which was excellently rendered, every officer giving strict observance to his part of the work.

This Chapter is full of enthusiasm and eager in every way to advance the interest of the Royal Craft. They have a number of specially trained officers and are supported to a man by the Past Z.'s of the Chapter. At the last Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter one of their Past Z.'s was signally
honoured by being appointed to office in Grand Chapter as Grand Pursuivant in the person of Ex. Comp. Isidor Finberg. The books of this Chapter, as well as the finances, are in a sound and healthy condition.

During the ceremony, and at the subsequent banquet, we were favoured by a Quartet from the Bell Telephone Company, which greatly added to the pleasure of the occasion. After the ceremony I was pleasantly surprised by being presented by Ex. Comp. M. G. Cohen, on behalf of the officers and members, with a handsome travelling Companion, which I greatly appreciated.

**Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, Toronto.**—I officially visited this Chapter on the evening of Thursday, May 15th, 1924, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, V. Ex. Comp. James Herriot, Ex. Comp. P. K. Perry, the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Dr. G. G. Elliott and others. After a very pleasing introduction by V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell, I was heartily received by the Ex. First Principal, Ex. Comp. Edward Salisbury, who, in his remarks, made most pleasing references to Grand Chapter, and the Chapter's loyalty as a constituent body.

The work of the evening was the Holy Royal Arch degree and it was rendered by the officers in a manner which was impressive, accurate and with the solemnity which makes of this degree, when given in such a manner, one not likely to be forgotten by candidates or Companions.

While this Chapter is not large numerically, being one of the younger Chapters of the Jurisdiction, any lack of numbers is fully made up in the zeal and regular attendance of its members. The books are well kept and finances are in a healthy condition, and my belief is that this Chapter will continue to make steady progress.

**King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, Toronto.**—It was my pleasing duty to officially visit this Chapter,
on Tuesday evening, May 20th, 1924, accompanied by Ex. Comps. J. H. Doughty, Dr. W. H. McNairn and Dr. G. G. Elliott, District Secretary.

I was very graciously introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley and received by the First Principal of the Chapter, Ex. Comp. Bart Sproule, in his pleasing, happy, courteous and delightful manner, expressive of the cordiality which this Chapter extends to all the representatives of Grand Chapter, and to all visitors generally.

The work presented for the evening was the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and each officer endeavoured to excel the other in his rendition of his part of this beautiful and Supreme degree in Masonry.

I might just here remark that the appointments of this Chapter room are to be admired and altogether the atmosphere was of such a nature that it breathed of that true spirit which we so much crave at our convocations. Congratulations are surely due to those who have so earnestly and faithfully laboured in the interests of this Chapter since its institution. The books are well and neatly kept and the finances are in excellent order, and I have every reason to believe that this Chapter will steadily continue to prosper.

(The St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, Toronto.—Thursday evening, May 22nd, 1924, I officially inspected this Chapter, accompanied by the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Dr. G. G. Elliott, and was introduced by a very old friend, Ex. Comp. J. T. Edworthy, the Director of Ceremonies, and received a warm and most cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. R. G. Furness, the First Principal.

A glad surprise was in store for the Chapter by the unexpected visit of M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Past Grand Z., who was on his way homewards, after a visit with M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, Grand First Principal, to a Grand Royal Arch Convocation in Michigan. He was welcomed in a most hearty
manner, but owing to another engagement he could not complete the evening with the Companions.

The officers of the Chapter duly rendered the Royal Arch degree in a splendid and most efficient manner on three candidates, and by their close attention to the work gave every evidence of complying with the principles and the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Mark, Minute and other books are up to date, and the dues fully paid. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition and has the brightest prospects. They are progressing and in due time, with their splendid exertions, will have all their working paraphernalia complete, which is a very worthy object for such a young Chapter.

**PORT CREDIT CHAPTER, No. 230, PORT CREDIT.**—The evening of Friday, May 30th, 1924, I officially inspected Port Credit Chapter. On this occasion, I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Everett, Ex. Comps. E. F. Stoll, W. H. Danter, E. C. Tyers, Ex. Comp. S. H. Creber, of Beaver Chapter, and a large number of Past Z.’s and Companions of Beaver Chapter; also Ex. Comp. Donaldson, of Temiskaming Chapter, and the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Dr. G. G. Elliott. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price and cordially received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. H. McNairn, who, with his officers, exemplified the Holy Royal Arch degree in a most acceptable and dignified manner, each officer vieing to give his part in a clear and perfect rendition of the work.

This Chapter, instituted only a few years ago, gives promise, under the guidance of R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price and Past Z.’s of the Chapter, together with an enthusiastic complement of officers and its members, to become a credit to this Jurisdiction and Royal Arch Masonry in general.

The records of this Chapter have been in able hands and are in excellent condition, and the finances are such as to cause no concern.

The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified by the officers on two candidates, one a distinguished representative of the District in our local Parliament and the other a representative business man of the community. The rendering of the degree was most impressive and carried the conviction that the officers of this Chapter are efficient and capable of maintaining the highest standard of the Royal Craft.

The inspection of the books of the Chapter revealed the fact that all records were in keeping with the instructions, and that the finances were in a healthy condition. At the subsequent banquet inspiring addresses were given by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith and some of the other visiting Companions.

Toronto Chapter, No. 185, Toronto.—On Monday evening, September 15th, 1924, I officially visited Toronto Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang, the Grand Superintendent of District No. 8, Ex. Comp. T. Windsor, of Oakwood Chapter, and Ex. Comp. Dr. G. G. Elliott, the District Secretary. I was introduced by the Director of Ceremonies, Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Becker, and given a most cordial welcome by the First Principal of the Chapter, Ex. Comp. W. J. Dunlop, after which the officers of the Chapter, assisted by some of the Past Z.'s, conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree on a number of candidates in a very satisfactory
manner, impressing all present with the thought which should ever be present in the rendering of this Supreme degree, namely: with earnestness, dignity and solemnity. Examination of the various books of the Chapter revealed the fact that they are in good order, up to date, and the finances in excellent condition.

PEEL CHAPTER, No. 195, BRAMPTON.—Owing to a pressing business engagement, which necessitated my being a considerable distance from home, I found it impossible to make the official inspection personally as promised to this Chapter on Tuesday evening, October 7th, and I, therefore, requested R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth to act officially in my absence, which he kindly consented to do. I herewith append the following report which he delivered to me:—

"Toronto, Oct. 12th, 1924.

"Dear Sir and R. Ex. Comp,—

"At your request I had the honour to represent you at the official inspection of Peel Chapter, which was held in Brampton on Tuesday, October 7th. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Dr. G. G. Elliott, District Secretary, Ex. Comp. C. W. Long, Ex. Third Principal Shekinah Chapter, and Comp. Jas. Jolly, of Shekinah Chapter. There were a goodly number of Companions present. When the Chapter opened, Ex. Comp. J. A. Hocking and officers conferred the Most Excellent Master degree in a very creditable manner on two candidates. I made several suggestions as to the manner in which the floor work should be carried on, which were happily received.

"A number of Past Principals, as well as R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Lowry, were present. I would like to Congratulate Peel Chapter on the excellence of their Mark Book, as every Companion has made his mark therein, which I considered very commendable."
"I may say that I appreciate very much the honour you conferred upon me by asking me to inspect Peel Chapter.

"Fraternally yours,

"W. J. WADSWORTH."


My introduction by Ex. Comp. Shriner was in a very gracious and kindly spirit and I was heartily welcomed by the First Principal of the Chapter, Ex. Comp. J. H. Corner and a large assembly of members and visitors. After some references in acknowledgment of their cordial greetings, the officers of the Chapter, assisted by some of the Past Z.'s, conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree for my inspection. The work in most every detail was performed with a clarity of diction, elocution, and impressiveness that must have been convincing to the large class of candidates, and is a sure evidence of the untiring efforts of the officers to maintain the high standard of the past.

The Chapter is to be congratulated on their very able Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick, whose records, books and finances are kept in such good order and condition. A word or two might also be said in regard to the work of benevolence of this Chapter, ranging from entertainments to the underprivileged and assistance to many charities.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, West Toronto.—By a mutual exchange of courtesies, it was arranged between R. Ex. Comp. John Marr, of Toronto West District, No. 8a, and R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang, of Toronto East District, No. 8, that each make the inspection for the other of his Mother
Chapter, it was therefore decided that R. Ex. Comp. John Marr make the inspection of Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill, being my Mother Chapter, and I to make the inspection of Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, West Toronto, which I did on October 14th, 1924.

On my arrival, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson, my District Secretary, I was struck by the location and homelike appearance of the hall, as it appeared to me more like the home of a private club, or lodge, than the ordinary Masonic Hall, or Temple, and on my entrance to the Chapter room I was surprised to see the artistic decorations, and one in particular, the Zodiac, artistically painted on the ceiling, and on viewing it could not help thinking how appropriate it was for a Masonic hall, or Chapter room, for the Brethren of a Symbolic Lodge, or the Companions of a Chapter to have before them a symbol of the handiwork of "The Great Architect of the Universe." It is an excellent and well appointed Lodge or Chapter room, and the Companions can well be proud, and I am sure they are, to have such a fine hall to convene in.

I was introduced by the Director of Ceremonies, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John Marr and other Grand Chapter officers, and loyalty and cordially received by Ex. Comp. W. H. McMillan, the First Principal, his officers and Companions, in a manner expressive of their loyalty to the M. Ex. Z., the Grand First Principal, and the Grand Chapter.

In Shekinah Chapter I found every evidence of a real, live, up-to-date Chapter, beginning with the Summons, which was full of "Pep," and every officer, commencing with the Janitor, to and including the First Principal, well up to the standard, in their duties of Royal Arch Masons, and ably supported by the Past Z.'s of the Chapter, and valuable assistance of R. Ex. Comp. John Marr, W. J. Wadsworth, and the R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., as Historian; can there be any doubt of the success of this Chapter?
It is noteworthy the zeal of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. H. McMillan, who is labouring under quite a handicap, due to his calling in life, had to move his place of residence to Trenton, Ont., but nevertheless he has kept fully up in his work and has attended to his duties. Here is an example of effort, even to the point of sacrifice, on the part of an officer to do his duty in spite of inconvenience to himself; is this not real Masonry?

The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified for my inspection and the work was done in a manner tending to accuracy, and impressively conferred by all of the officers. This Chapter is particularly fortunate in the choice of its Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth, as evidenced by his books, being neatly kept, accurate and up to date in every respect. The financial standing of the Chapter is in good shape and apparently has overcome the financial loss suffered due to the failure of the Home Bank.

After the closing of the Chapter, we retired to the banquet room, where we were entertained at the "Fourth Degree" by a splendid programme of speeches and musical talent, which apparently was enjoyed by all. This Chapter is well established and progressive, and of its future I can conceive no doubt.

H. H. Lang,
Grand Supt. Toronto East District, No. 8.

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8 p.m. Through the courtesy of Shekinah Chapter, who convene in this hall, the paraphernalia of this Chapter was used for the ceremony.

The Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree under the direction of Ex. Comp. Dr. J. Austin Evans, of Lebanon Chapter, as Ex. Z., Ex. Comp. W. K. Perry, of Antiquity Chapter, as Ex. H., and Ex. Comp. P. M. Grant, of Shekinah Chapter, as Ex. J. The other officers were all members of Shekinah Chapter.

The Chapter being duly opened, the acting Z. instructed Director of Ceremonies, Ex. Comp. Bart Sproule, to retire and introduce the Grand Superintendent and Grand Chapter Officers. After a pleasing reception by the Ex. Z., Ex. Comp. Dr. Evans, the Grand Superintendent was requested to approach the East, along with the Grand Chapter Officers, and proceeded with the ceremony of Institution. After the Grand Chapter Officers were seated in their chairs, the following Principal Officers were placed in office: R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong as Z., Comps. R. B. Dargavel as H., and Wm. Burrage as J., also the other officers in their respective chairs, and they were duly authorized to perform the necessary duties of a regular Chapter Under Dispensation until the next Regular Convocation of Grand Chapter.

This Chapter begins its history with a membership of nearly twenty-five, and a large number of applications are now in the Scribe E:’s hands for approval.

After the ceremony, on adjournment to the banquet room, addresses were given by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Edwin Smith, Henry T. Smith and others, wishing this, the newest Chapter in the Toronto Districts, every success.

ULSTER CHAPTER, No. 219, TORONTO.—On Tuesday, October 28th, 1924, I officially visited this Chapter, accompanied by my District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Dr. G. G. Elliott, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong and cordially re-
ceived by Ex. Comp. William Phillips, First Principal. On this occasion a fraternal visit was being made by Ex. Comp. F. G. Russell, of Orient Chapter, accompanied by a large number of Past Z.'s of this Chapter and a splendid turnout of their members. After the reception was over, the officers of Ulster Chapter, assisted by some of the Past Z.'s, exemplified the Holy Royal Arch degree in a most able and creditable manner, which speaks highly for the present officers and for the valuable assistance and interest which has always been freely given by the Past Z.'s of the Chapter.

On inspection of the books of the Chapter, I am pleased to report that records are clear and up to the requirements, and the finances in a sound and healthy state. The future of this Chapter is assured.

LEBANON CHAPTER, NO. 220, LAMBTON MILLS.— On the evening of Thursday, the 27th of November, 1924, it was my privilege and pleasure to visit officially this Chapter, accompanied by my Secretary, Ex. Comp. Dr. G. G. Elliott, Ex. Comp. H. F. Cowan and others. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. R. E. Port and most courteously received by the First Principal of the Chapter, Ex. Comp. J. T. Phillips, after which the Holy Royal Arch degree was presented to me for inspection. The rendition of the degree was performed and interpreted most impressively and leaves no doubt of the sincerity which the officers of this Chapter feel about their responsibilities.

This Chapter, though only a few years constituted, is progressive, and the members most zealous for its continued welfare. I am pleased to report that the records and finances of the Chapter are in first class order.

After the conclusion of the work of the evening, Ex. Comp. Dr. J. A. Evans presented, on behalf of the Officers and Companions of the Chapter, magnificent bouquets of giant white and yellow mums
to myself and the District Secretary, which were deeply appreciated.

At this, the expiration of my term of office, it is gratifying to me to report the excellence of the work performed by the several Chapters of the Jurisdiction, and the real enthusiasm of all the Companions for the continued progress of Royal Arch Masonry. In thus completing my duties of office as Superintendent of District No. 8a, I hope not readily to forget the many friendships which I have formed and the many kind attentions extended to me by one and all throughout the past year.

In conclusion, I wish to particularly express my gratitude to R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., for counsel and assistance, the Past Grand Superintendents and other Grand Chapter Officers who gave generously of their time and talents to assist me on various occasions in the duties of this office.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN MARR,
Grand Supt. Toronto West District, No. 8a.
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 to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9, and at the same time express my sincere appreciation to the Companions of the District for the great honour they conferred upon me.

While the responsibilities of the office increased my Masonic duties, I have been more than repaid by the cordiality with which I have been received, and the new and valued friendships made. It has been my privilege to visit all the Chapters in the District, some of them several times, except Amabel, Wiarton, which on account of the absence of the First Principal, and the Scribe E. the greater part of the year, held no meetings.

On March 28th, I attended Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, to witness the installation of the officers by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Whipps and C. T. Stephens. On this occasion the presentations took place of jewels to a number of Past Z.’s, after which a pleasant hour was spent in the refreshment room.

In making my report, it is with pleasure I state that there seems to be a greater interest taken in Capitular Masonry in this District. No doubt on account of the Chapter of Instruction held last year by my predecessor in office. A larger attendance at the Convocations of the Chapters, and a greater appreciation of the privileges and duties attached to the Supreme degree have been shown since that gathering. Similar events as well as more social gatherings as well as more fraternal visits should take place among the Chapters. These would stimulate greater enthusiasm among the Companions, and create in them a desire for more knowledge as to their responsibilities as Royal Arch Masons.

I find too large a proportion of dues outstanding, and would remind the Companions that sufficient
funds must be provided for the carrying on of our work. Funds for charitable objects should not be neglected. I would suggest to the Principals and Scribes E. that they should see that the objects of charity are not overlooked in their Chapters.

The Ceremonial Work in the District is deserving of the highest praise. The Principals and officers are devoting great care and thought to their duties, which make the Ceremonies when conferred very impressive.

The following are the official visits made by me to the several Chapters mentioned, when I witnessed, conferred by the officers, the degrees as set forth:

**Couchiching, No. 198, Orillia.**—On Friday, April 11th, the Most Excellent Master degree.

**Signet, No. 34, Barrie.**—On Thursday, September 9th, the Royal Arch degree.

**Kichikewana, No. 167, Midland.**—On Wednesday, October 1st, the Royal Arch degree.

**Grand River, No. 70, Bracebridge.**—On Thursday, October 2nd, owing to the illness of Ex. Comp. Hines, no degree work was done.

**Macpherson, No. 86, Meaford.**—On Thursday, October 16th, the Royal Arch degree.

**Georgian, No. 56, Owen Sound.**—On Tuesday, October 21st, the Mark Master Mason degree.

**Manitou, No. 27, Collingwood.**—On Friday, October 24th, the Mark Master Mason degree.

On November 21st, I again visited Couchiching Chapter, Orillia, on the occasion of the presentation of an address to R. Ex. Comp. Patmore, who was going to Vancouver to reside. The meeting was a large and enthusiastic one, and it clearly showed the esteem with which the Right Excellent Companion was held. His genial manner and truly Masonic spirit will surely be missed throughout the District, and the good wishes of his Companions go with him and his estimable wife to their new home.
I wish to express my thanks to the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Cole, who accompanied me on the most of my visits.

In concluding my report I wish again to express my appreciation of the many courtesies received. The year has been full of pleasure and profit to myself and, I trust, some benefit to the District.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. BRIGHT,
Meaford, 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 that I submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10, for the year 1924. I would like to assure the Companions of this District that I appreciate the honour of having been chosen as a representative of the Grand Z. To me it has been an inspiration. The warm and cordial receptions I have received on all my visits have been very gratifying to me. There are twelve Chapters in the District, and I had no difficulty in arranging for a visit to each of them, and some I visited oftener.

The Past Principals' Association was organized in May, at Cobourg, with R. Ex. Comp. Humphries, Chairman, and Ex. Comp. Gummow, Secretary-Treasurer. Besides the organization work arrangements were made for our District Picnic, and Committees were appointed to take charge of the work. The Second Annual District Picnic was held at Victoria Park, Cobourg, on July 30th. On this occasion we were honoured by the attendance of M. Ex. Comp. Davis, Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Grand Second Principal, and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. Peterborough, Campbellford, Lindsay, Cobourg, Port Hope, Warkworth and Whitby sent large numbers of Companions with their wives and families, and we also had some of the Companions from Brighton, Cobborne, and Havelock. The Softball Trophy was competed for very keenly, and was won this year by the Cobourg team. Many other sports and competitions were run off, and all had an excellent afternoon's outing. After the supper hour the gathering was addressed by M. Ex. Comp. Davis, R. Ex. Comp. Smith and R. Ex. Comp. Humphries, and the Campbellford Quartette contributed several numbers to the enjoyment of everyone. I sincerely
trust that this Annual Picnic may become an annual event in this District.

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 168, CAMPBELLFORD.—Following the usual custom, I visited this Chapter on the 17th of March, which happens to be its birthday. I found the Chapter in its new and excellently appointed Chapter room and witnessed the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree in excellent form by Ex. Comp. Denyes and his officers. I have visited this Chapter so many times on its birthday that I feel almost as a member, and can strongly recommend the Companions of this Chapter being experts in the art of hospitality.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 48, COBURG.—I visited this Chapter at its May meeting, but as there was no work in progress the evening was utilized as before mentioned—for the organization of the Past Principals' Association. As this Chapter is so well officered, and in such a prosperous condition, I did not feel it necessary to make another visit for the inspection of its work, as I know from report as well as from personal knowledge that the officers do their work in a most creditable manner.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 139, HAVELock.—I visited this Chapter in May, and on this occasion Ex. Comp. McNickol and his officers conferred the Most Excellent Master degree with accuracy and precision.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, No. 94, LINDSAY.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter in June and found, as I expected, the officers' work to be of a very high order. This is one of the strong Chapters of the District, largely due to the devotion of some of their Past First Principals, particularly Ex. Comps. Davidson and Johnston. The work of the officers of this Chapter will always be of a very high order.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 37, PORT HOPE.—On the occasion of my visit to this Chapter in June, the Royal Arch degree was conferred. The work was
very beautifully done by the officers, and this Chapter has a very bright future.

Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.—I visited this Chapter in May and saw the Mark Master Mason degree conferred. On this occasion there were nearly twenty of the Companions from Pentalpha Chapter, Oshawa, present and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was spent. This is one of the most enthusiastic Chapters in the District.

Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.—I anticipated my visit to this Chapter with a great deal of pleasure as it happens to be my home town, and my expectations were fully realized. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers, assisted by some of the Past Principals, and the work was faultlessly done. So long as R. Ex. Comp. Henry takes as deep an interest in this Chapter, as he as been doing for many years, I know that Pentalpha Chapter will continue to be a real influence for good in this community. At this meeting a very fine and eloquent address was given by R. Ex. Comp. Grierson, who continues to take a deep interest in Royal Arch Masonry.

Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.—While this is a small community, I found a large attendance of Companions present when I visited this Chapter in September. There were quite a number also present from Campbellford, and we spent a very pleasant evening. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on this occasion and, while I hesitate to make comparisons, I feel justified in saying that, all things considered, this was the best degree work I have seen in this District.

Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.—I arranged to visit this Chapter in October, but found when I arrived that, due to his private avocation, the First Principal was unable to be present. However, we spent a very pleasant evening with those who were able to attend, with Ex. Comp. Drury,
of Cobourg, and a number of Companions from his Chapter. I was sorry not to have been able to see any work done on this occasion, but from reports received I understand this Chapter has the reputation of doing excellent work.

Presqu'île Chapter, No. 144, Brighton.—I visited this Chapter in November and listened to the conferring of the Royal Arch degree, which was done in excellent style by the officers, assisted by the Past Principals.

King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.—This Chapter has, for a number of years, been very inactive, and I decided to do my best to inject a little life into it. To this end I arranged to meet with some of the officers and most enthusiastic members for a little informal discussion for the purpose of devising means whereby the Chapter might make some better progress. This meeting was held in September, and I was accompanied by two Past District Superintendents from Peterborough and a number of Past Principals from Lindsay. The result of this meeting was that at the October meeting ten applications were received, which were ballotted on and accepted in November. The officers of Midland Chapter, Lindsay, were present at the November meeting and conferred the Mark Master and the Most Excellent Master degrees, and in the evening the officers of Corinthian Chapter, Peterborough, were present and conferred the Royal Arch degree. This Chapter, I believe, is now on a fair way to do good work.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at their regular meeting in November, when the Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified. This is the strong Chapter in the District and, under the able guidance of Ex. Comp. Dobbin, has made remarkable progress during the past year. The work has been uniformly well done, and they have paid a good deal of attention to the development of the
social side of Royal Arch Masonry. They have exchanged visits with King Solomon’s Chapter, Toronto, and Midland Chapter, Lindsay. One of the outstanding features inaugurated in this Chapter is the examination of all candidates in the Royal Arch degree, and I understand that they are to reward every candidate who passes the examination as a Royal Arch Mason by presenting him with a Royal Arch jewel.

The pleasure of my visits has been very largely increased by having with me on all but one occasion a number of Past Principals and Companions from my Home Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Logan has been particularly kind in this regard, having made seven journeys with me for this purpose. R. Ex. Comp. Cotton has also given me great assistance and accompanied me on many occasions.

In summing up I would say that Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District is in a very healthy condition, and to a very large degree this is due to the Scribes E. of the constituent Chapters. This office is now held in nearly every case by Past Grand Chapter officers. I have found their books to be in excellent shape, and that they are all devoted to their Chapter and its welfare. I would like to add that, in speaking to the different Chapters, I have endeavoured to encourage rather than criticize. As stated before, I have enjoyed my year in office very much, and sincerely hope that I may renew many of the acquaintances I have made during the past year, on many future occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. ADAIR,
Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.

Peterborough, Ont.
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:

I have much pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year 1924.

As your representative, I visited every Chapter in the District, and desire to congratulate them on the efficiency of the officers I found in the various Chapters. This has been a year of great activity in Prince Edward District. I wish to thank the officers and Companions for the very cordial and fraternal manner in which I was received during my visits.

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Immediate Past Grand Z. and other Companions of my home Chapter—St. Mark’s—accompanied me on every visit, which made my work easy. It was encouraging to find that harmony prevails throughout the District, and great progress has been made by most of the Chapters during the year.

THE MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of May 6th and was well received. In addition to a large number of the Companions of The Moira Chapter, there was a good representation from St. Mark’s, Trenton—between 25 and 30 Companions—also a number from Mount Sinai Chapter, Napanee. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner. I found the books well kept by V. Ex. Comp. Scantlebury, Scribe E. After the work of the evening had been completed, the Companions retired to the banquet hall where interesting addresses were made. I was much impressed by an address from Comp. R. J. Graham on his travels.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 31, PICTON.—On September 15th, I visited this Chapter. The Most
Excellent Master degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Vick and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. The Chapter is in a very healthy condition. The books are well kept by Comp. John L. Graydon. R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Colden is a tower of strength to this Chapter.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of September 17th, and was introduced by Ex. Comp. Rev. A. J. Wilson, and cordially received by Ex. Comp. D. R. Sharp. As this was the first meeting after the summer holidays, there was no degree work. The Chapter is in a healthy condition financially, the books are well kept by R. Ex. Comp. Walters. M. Ex. Comp. Spencer and myself left some suggestions with a view of getting in more new members. This Chapter is fortunate in having such fine Chapter and banquet rooms.

Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of October 14th, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hill. After extending to me a hearty welcome, the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. E. Marcellus and his officers in a very able manner. A glance at the Annual Report speaks volumes for the enthusiasm in Madoc Chapter, 42 initiations in the year. After the work of the evening, the Companions retired to the banquet hall, where an eight piece orchestra furnished fine music for the evening. The books of the Chapter are well kept by V. Ex. Comp. Geo. M. Wright.

Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.—I visited this Chapter on October 27th, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts. As there was no degree work, a half hour was spent in talk and suggestions on the work before going to the banquet room. The books of this Chapter are neatly kept by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Potts, who is a tower of strength to the Chapter.
QUINTE FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 227, BELLEVILLE.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of November 11th, was introduced by Ex. Comp. J. C. Herity, and was heartily received by Ex. Comp. John McIntosh. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a most efficient manner. This young Chapter is going ahead by leaps and bounds. The books are well kept by Comp. Harry Thompson, who is a live wire as Scribe E.

ST. MARK’S CHAPTER, No. 26, TRENTON.—I made my official visit to my home Chapter on the evening of November 18th. I see the work conferred by this Chapter every month. Every officer is making an effort to see how nearly perfect he can do his work. The Annual Report will show what progress the Chapter has made in the last year, for which the credit is due to our Scribe E., Comp. M. W. Andison, who has also kept the books in a neat and efficient manner. At this visit Ex. Comp. John McIntosh and about 35 officers and Companions from Quinte Friendship Chapter, of Belleville, made a fraternal visit and conferred the Royal Arch degree with music in a most impressive manner. They also took charge of the banquet proceedings with their orchestra from Belleville.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of Prince Edward District for the honour conferred on me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, when they selected me to represent them for the year. I also wish to thank the Companions of each and every Chapter for the loyal support and hearty welcome accorded to me at all times; also to thank the Grand Scribe E. for his kindness to me in aiding me with information and advice. And last, but not least, to thank M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Immediate Past Grand Z., for his support in accompanying me on every visit.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. J. POTTS,
Grand Supt. Prince Edward District, No. 11. Trenton, 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 St. Lawrence District, No. 12, for the year 1924.

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. Without exception, every Chapter in the District has endeavoured to exemplify the ritualistic work of the several degrees with dignity and perfection. 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.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit each Chapter in the District once or more during my term of office, and on each occasion I was courteously received and made to feel the true meaning of companionship.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.—On May 16th, I visited this Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Gorrell Ex. Comps. Henderson and Farlinger, and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree exemplified by Ex. Comp. Brunke and his officers. This Ancient Chapter has a well-earned reputation for doing everything well, and this evening was no exception to the rule.

This being my first official visit, I faced the duties with considerable trepidation. On being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Mills, I was at once put at ease by the hearty reception I received. I was most impressed with the beautiful Temple and quarters in which Masonry is housed in Kingston. Comp. R. S. Graham, Scribe E., keeps in close touch
with his duties; his books are in excellent shape, and the Chapter is in a flourishing condition.

**Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.**—On May 21st, I officially visited this Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Gorrell, Ex. Comp. Froats, Comps. Duprau and Springstead. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Glenn A. Shaver and his officers in a most impressive manner, and the rendition of the Mystical Lecture by R. Ex. Comp. C. J. Hamilton being especially fine.

A noteworthy feature is the great interest manifested in Capitular Masonry by the officers and a number of members reside in Wales, twelve miles away, who travel in all kinds of weather to be at the meetings.

The books are in the capable hands of our esteemed Comp. John Ridley. Following the Convocation, the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a most pleasant evening was spent. An excellent address was given by R. Ex. Comp. J. Howard Munro on the history and symbolism of Masonry. With its excellent quarters there need be no fear of any decadency of Royal Arch Masonry in Cornwall.

On November 19th, I again visited Covenant Chapter, this being Past First Principals’ night. The chairs were occupied by Past Principals and the Chapter was opened and closed and the Most Excellent Master Mason degree conferred. The work was a credit to those who had passed through the chairs. I was cordially welcomed, as on my former visit, and a very pleasant hour was spent in listening to speeches around the festive board.

**St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100 and Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville,** held a joint meeting for my official visit on June 5th. I was accompanied on the occasion by R. Ex. Comp. G. M. Gorrell, Ex. Comps. Robertson and D. Fink and nine Companions from St. John’s Chapter.
A large number attended the meeting in the Masonic Memorial Temple. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred by officers of the two Chapters. These two Chapters have always been noted for excellent work, and the degree was conferred in a most admirable manner. Both Chapters are to be congratulated upon the excellency of the work of their officers.

The books of both Scribes E. are well kept. The Chapter being closed, a banquet was served at which Ex. Comp. H. O. Bothwick presided as toast-master. A prosperous future is assured for Capitular Masonry in Brockville.

I visited Sussex Chapter unofficially on September 10th, at which Convocation the Mark Master Mason and the Most Excellent Master Mason degrees were conferred in a creditable manner.

On October 29th, I attended the Golden Jubilee Banquet of Sussex Chapter, No. 59, in the Masonic Memorial Temple, on which occasion every Chapter in St. Lawrence District was represented either by the First Principal or a Past Principal. R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., gave a very interesting account of the History of Sussex Chapter. In the absence of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., he also responded to the toast to Grand Chapter, and was listened to with wrapt attention by the large concourse of Companions present.

Several other toasts were presented by Ex. Comp. T. H. Guest, who presided at the banquet, and rarely is one treated to so many well timed and excellent addresses as graced the evening.


The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner by Ex. Comp. C. F. Williams, assisted by Past Principals and his officers. The Mystical Lecture was delivered by Ex. Comp.
F. W. Elliott in a manner that was both instructive and impressive. The Companions are enthusiastic and Royal Arch Masonry is flourishing in this place. After the close of the Chapter, we were royally entertained at the banquet table.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 112, MORRISBURG.—On Friday, June 27th, I officially visited St. John's Chapter, my home Chapter, when the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. D. T. Henderson 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 R. Ex. Comp. W. C. Davy, Scribe E. His books are kept in a business-like manner, and are a model of neatness and accuracy. His Mark Book being up to date.

On November 21st, I was in attendance on Past Principals' Night, and the work was a credit to those who had passed through the chairs. The Mystical Lecture was impressively given by R. Ex. Comp. W. C. Davy, and the Closing Charge by Ex. Comp. F. W. Elliott, of Grenville Chapter, Prescott. A number of visitors were present from Brockville and Prescott, and a keen interest is taken by the members of St. John's who reside in Iroquois, seven miles distant. If possible, Past Principals' Night should be held in all the Chapters of the District at least once a year.

I wish to express my thanks to St. John's Chapter for recommending my appointment to such a high and honourable office.

LEEDS CHAPTER, NO. 132, GANANOQUE.—I visited this Chapter on October 1st and received a warm welcome from the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Dennison and his officers in a most creditable manner. This being the first Convocation after the summer recess, there was a small attendance.
This Chapter is ably supported by two great Masonic pillars in the persons of R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Davis and V. Ex. Comp. H. F. Ward, Scribe E., whose books and papers are worthy of commendation. The future of Leeds Chapter is very bright.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta.—On November 3rd, I visited this Chapter in company with R. Ex. Comp. W. C. Davy, R. Ex. Comps. Stein and Dowell, and a number of Companions from Brockville. We received a royal welcome. Unfortunately there was no degree work. The business of the evening, the election of officers, was carried on in a business-like manner.

This Chapter is to be congratulated on its beautiful quarters, and with the splendid set of officers, who are capable of doing good work. I have every confidence for the future success of this Chapter. The Chapter was closed and a social hour spent in the banquet room.

When Grand Chapter closed a year ago, I felt that, as one of the embryo cabinet ministers of that august body, I had assumed a grave responsibility. I had visions that I might require the sauvity and tact of a diplomat, the tongue of an orator, and the knowledge of a Chief Justice before my term of office had passed. As I entered upon the active duties, pessimism gave way to optimism. There was no jar nor discordant note during the year to mar my term of office. No requests have been unheeded, no suggestions resented; courtesy, hospitality and a spirit of comradeship have marked my associations throughout the District. Now that we have come to the end of this Chapter year, I hope that the Companions of the District will feel that I have in some measure endeavoured to fulfill the duties my position entailed. It is with no small measure of regret that I relinquish the office of Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District, No. 12. It has been the best and biggest year of my Masonic career. The extensive friendships formed have
impressed most indelibly upon my mind the intensiveness of true Masonry. I am proud of the District, and decidedly grateful for the honour conferred on me.

I wish to congratulate my fortunate successor, whoever he may be, and assure him, in advance, of a most enjoyable year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Chas. W. Marsh,
Grand Supt. St. Lawrence District, No. 12.
Morrisburg, Ont.
OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 13.

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 the Ottawa District, for the year 1924. During the past year I have visited all the Chapters in the District at least once. The honour which has been conferred upon me by the Companions of this District is one of which I am indeed proud, and I want to express my thanks to the various Chapters in the District for their kindness to me during my term of office.

Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.—On the evening of May 2nd, I visited this Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comp. W. H. Wilson, of St. Francis Chapter. Being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, I was cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. W. H. Hooper and given the customary Grand Honours by the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was beautifully exemplified by Ex. Comp. R. J. McLaren on two candidates. The explanation of the Signs and Lecture by Ex. Comp. W. J. Portersfield, were all worthy of comment. The Scribe E.'s books are very neat and in excellent condition. The floor work by Comp. F. C. McDiarmid, Principal Sojourner, is also worthy of mention. After the Chapter was closed, an enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet hall, listening to songs and stories. Ex. Comp. W. H. Hooper took Ex. Comp. W. H. Wilson and myself then to his home where we enjoyed a radio concert for an hour or so.

Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.—On May 15th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. My reception was of such a cordial nature that I could not but feel my official duties had every prospect of being most pleasant. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Josephs and was most cordially received
by Ex. Comp. C. A. Bailey and Companions, after which the Chapter was called off and the lodge opened in the Most Excellent Master degree. This degree was conferred on five candidates, which was admirably conducted by the regular officers. After the Chapter was closed, a sumptuous banquet was served, followed by the usual toast list, interspersed with speeches and songs.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth.—By the generosity of Ex. Comp. W. H. Wilson in using his automobile, we motored to Perth on the evening of May 19th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. R. Craig, Ex. Comps. R. Hawkins and T. S. McDonald, of St. Francis Chapter. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Thornton and received a warm welcome from Ex. Comp. F. C. Avery and Companions. After the business of the evening, the Chapter was called off, and the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on two candidates by the Ex. Second Principal, J. A. Hope in a most creditable manner. After the Chapter closed, we sojourned to the banquet hall, where an enjoyable hour was spent. This Chapter is to be congratulated on its team of officers; also Ex. Comp. F. C. Avery on being First Principal of such a Chapter.

Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.—On the evening of May 23rd, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. I was officially introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. Howard Munro and received a courteous and hearty reception. There being no work, the evening was taken up revising the By-laws. The Chapter has a very capable set of officers. The books of the Chapter are well kept by the Scribe E., and I believe that this Chapter has a promising future before it. I am greatly indebted to R. Ex. Comp. Howard Munro for the courtesy extended to me during my visit to Maxville.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell.—I visited this Chapter on June 6th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. W. H. Wilson and found everything going
smoothly. I was introduced and received in such a way that I at once felt quite at home. The gathering was rather small owing, I believe, to some big concert in one of the churches in that village. The candidate did not appear; he had a long way to drive over rough roads, and besides there was a heavy thunderstorm about the time he would have had to leave home. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. M. Bolland and his officers for my inspection. The officers are to be congratulated on their rendering of the work. The Scribe E. has his books in first class shape. The "Fourth Degree" was a very pleasant event.

BONNECHERE CHAPTER, No. 114, RENFREW.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at the Regular Convocation, on October 20th. I was met at the station by the First and Third Principals of the Chapter. Every provision was made for my comfort while in town. The degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master were conferred on two candidates in a very pleasing manner by the Worshipful Master, Ex. Comp. R. F. Fraser and his regular officers. The books of the Scribe E. are well kept and very neat in appearance. After the work of the evening an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where the balance of time was spent in partaking of refreshments and in listening to some splendid addresses given by the Past Principals of the Chapter.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, No. 133, SMITH’S FALLS. I paid my official visit to this, my home, Chapter on October 24th, and witnessed the Most Excellent Master degree conferred by our worthy Excellent Second Principal, Ex. Comp. Simpson Orr, in a very able manner. The officers are all well skilled, and the books of the Scribe E. are very neatly and well kept. After the meeting we repaired to the Workman’s Hall, where a pleasant time was spent partaking of refreshments and listening to short addresses. I wish to express my extreme thanks to
Ex. Comp. J. J. Gardiner for the display on canvas, the working of the telephone, which was much appreciated by all the Companions present. I had the pleasure of being present at the annual Past Principals’ Night of St. Francis Chapter, held on May 30th, when I witnessed the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. W. H. Wilson in a manner that was particularly impressive. The chairs were all filled by Past Principals of the Chapter. At the conclusion we adjourned to the banquet hall, where a pleasant hour was spent. The Past principals are always very faithful in assisting in the work of the Chapter. With the assistance of Ex. Comp. W. H. Wilson, I installed the officers for the ensuing year, at the Regular Meeting on December 19th.

CARLETON CHAPTER, NO. 16, OTTAWA.—There was a large attendance to greet me on my official visit to this Chapter, October 31st, an Emergent Convocation. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. M. W. Shepherd, of St. John’s Chapter, No. 148. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most suitable manner by the First Principal of the Chapter and his regular officers. This is the largest Chapter in this District, and financially it is in a prosperous condition. Apparently there is no lack of interest in the attendance. The books and records of the Chapter are kept in a most creditable manner by the Scribe E., Comp. L. C. Allen. After the degree work in the Chapter room, an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where the evening was spent in partaking of refreshments and listening to a splendid programme of songs and speeches.

GRANITE CHAPTER, NO. 61, ALMONTE.—I visited this Chapter on November 13th. I was met at the train by V. Ex. Comp. Pollock and Ex. Comp. McFarlane. The chief work of the evening was the election of officers. Ex. Comp. McFarlane being elected to the office of First Principal for the sixth time. The Mark Master degree was put on for my inspection by Ex. Comp. McFarlane and his officers,
one of the members acting as a candidate. The work was very well done. The Chapter is very fortunate in having Ex. Comp. R. M. McFarlane and V. Ex. Comp. Pollock, who are very faithful at all times in carrying on the work of the Chapter. I have no doubt the reports from this Chapter in the future will be good.

OTTAWA CHAPTER, No. 222, OTTAWA.—I visited this Chapter officially on November 17th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. J. Howard Munro, of Glengarry Chapter, No. 143. Ex. Comp. J. R. Howie, First Principal of the Chapter, extended us a cordial reception, and with his officers exemplified the Royal Arch degree in a most creditable manner, and this Chapter is to be congratulated on the sincerity shown in their work, especially that of the Principal Sojourner, which I am sure left an impression on the candidates. The First Principal is to be congratulated on his endeavours to make the proceedings of the “Fourth Degree” entertaining by providing a good programme with first class music.

ST. JOHN’S CHAPTER, No. 148, VANKLEEK HILL.—I officially visited this Chapter at the Regular Convocation, December 5th. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Howard Munro, Past Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District, 1914, and R. Ex. Comp. M. W. Shepherd, Past Grand Superintendent, 1923. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Elvidge, and received a very kind reception by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. C. H. Reaspeck and the Companions present. There being no degree work at this Convocation, I was asked by the First Principal to install the officers for the year 1925, which I did, assisted by the Past Principals of the Chapter and R. Ex. Comp. J. Howard Munro, of Glengarry Chapter. I was very kindly met at the station by Ex. Comp. A. D. McRae, Scribe E. of the Chapter. The books and records being in his care is a sufficient guarantee that they are well kept. I am sure the interest taken by V. Ex. Comp. Elvidge and Ex.
Comp. McRae is indeed gratifying to the officers and other Companions of the Chapter. After the closing of the Chapter, we repaired to their banquet hall, where an excellent repast was provided and a splendid programme presented.

In conclusion, I desire again to express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me in being elected to this High Office. And I wish to thank those who accompanied me to the different places throughout the District.

Fraternally submitted,

H. W. Aunger,

Smith's Falls, Ont.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

May I have the honour of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14, for the year 1924.

First, allow me 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 of the Algoma District, and also to thank the Grand Z. for ratifying their choice.

I have visited each Chapter in the District and found the work throughout uniform in the exemplification, and a deep interest being taken in the work by the officers of the several Chapters. The Scribes E. are also keeping their records and books in an efficient way.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora.—My first official visit was to my own Chapter at its regular Convocation on April 18th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Cherry and R. Ex. Comp. Brenchly and received a hearty welcome.

The Most Excellent Master Mason degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Cade and his officers in a very pleasing manner; they all being well versed in the ritualistic work. I wish to pay a tribute to V. Ex. Comp. H. Galloway for his work in the past as Scribe E. We thought his place would be very hard to fill, but he was succeeded by Comp. H. Tate, who is surely following his example and making a painstaking Scribe E. I examined the books of each officer and found them kept in a neat and efficient manner.

Not being at Grand Chapter, R. Ex. Comp. T. W. Chappel, Past Grand Supt. was commissioned by the Grand First Principal to install me, which duty he duly performed.
I wish to thank R. Ex. Comp. Chappel for his kindness and assistance during my term of office. I might also say that Past Grand Supt. R. Ex. Comp. J. K. Brydon and other Past Grand Superintendents, also the Past Principals still take a deep interest in Royal Arch Masonry.

After the Chapter was closed, the "Fourth Degree" was in order, and a pleasant hour was spent in listening to speeches and songs rendered by a number of my Companions.

Since my official visit the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Golden Chapter officers, and I wish to mention Comp. Rev. Diamond, whose work as Principal Sojourner was excellently done.

Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances.—My next visitation was to this Chapter at its Regular Convocation, held May 13th, 1924. In the afternoon V. Ex. Comp. J. W. Walker and R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Clark called on me at the hotel and welcomed me to the town.

During the afternoon R. Ex. Comp. Clark showed me the beauty spots around the town and also took me across to the American side to see the town of International Falls. I certainly enjoyed the car ride and had a very pleasant afternoon.

In the evening I was greeted by a large representation of Companions and was accorded a most kindly and courteous reception, being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Clark and R. Ex. Comp. D. J. Gillon.

As they had no candidate ready, at my request, V. Ex. Comp. J. W. Walker and his officers exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree for my benefit. The work was exceedingly well done and no fault could be found and only praise bestowed on the officers.

After the Chapter closed, we adjourned to the banquet hall, where a bounteous meal was served and a very pleasant time spent.

Allow me to thank all the Companions of this Chapter for their kindness, and especially R. Ex.
Comp. Clark, V. Ex. Comp. Walker and R. Ex. Comp. D. J. Gillon for their courtesy to me while in Fort Frances.

**ATWOOD CHAPTER, NO. 149, RAINY RIVER.**—On Wednesday, May 15th, I resumed my official work and visited this Chapter at their Regular Convocation. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Gorham and H. G. C. Ledger and accorded a very hearty welcome.

This Chapter having no candidates to initiate, we discussed the different degrees and the work of the Chapter. It was a very pleasant and instructive evening, and I am satisfied that all the officers are proficient in their work.

I examined the books of the Chapter and found them exceptionally well kept, under the care of R. Ex. Comp. Ledger, who is a most painstaking Scribe E.

After the Chapter closed we had a very pleasant hour during the “Fourth Degree,” and I noted, most particularly, that quite a number of the young members were very capable and delivered interesting addresses, equally as good as the older members.

During the afternoon I was taken for a long car ride along the shores of Rainy River, which I wish to thank Ex. Comp. L. D. Hickie for. It was a delightful trip. Allow me to say that R. Ex. Comp. Gorham still takes a sincere interest in the Chapter work.

The First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. J. McPhee, has been transferred to Winnipeg since his election, but comes to Rainy River for the meeting each month, thus showing his deep interest in the Chapter.

**FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER, NO. 140, FORT WILLIAM.**—On the 9th of September this Chapter called an Emergency Convocation for my visitation. I was formally introduced by R. Ex. Comps. E. E. Wood and A. M. Frank and received a cordial welcome.
Ex. Comp. R. Jamieson and his staff of officers were all in their places, which they filled most efficiently.

The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a most creditable manner. The officers are all up to date in their ritualistic work.

I examined all their books and found them neatly and carefully kept, as Comp. H. Faulkner is a very able Scribe E. and a business like officer.

After the Chapter closed, we adjourned to the banquet hall. When the inner man had been more than satisfied, a delightful hour was spent in listening to songs and addresses.

Comp. Ward and Ex. Comp. Colbert, who accompanied me from Kenora, each gave short and pithy addresses, also R. Ex. Comp. E. E. Wood and a number of other Companions.

During the afternoon, R. Ex. Comp. A. D. Cameron and Comp. H. Faulkner took us around the city in their cars to view the various industries, and also to see the beauty spots of the city, for which I extend to them my hearty thanks and appreciation.

**Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur.**—An Emergent Meeting of this Chapter was called for my visit. R. Ex. Comp. A. D. Cameron, of Fort William Chapter, kindly drove us to Port Arthur on the afternoon of September 10th, they having called a meeting in the afternoon, at which a class of candidates from Horne Payne received the Mark Master Mason and the Most Excellent Master degrees.

We did not enter the Chapter Room, as some of the Companions had arranged to take us in cars around the beautiful City of Port Arthur, R. Ex. Comp. A. P. Freed being our guide on this occasion. We returned to the hall later, when a bountiful banquet was served at 6 p.m.

The Convocation opened at 8 p.m. and I was formally introduced by R. Ex. Comps. J. W. Morgan and A. M. Franks. I received a most cordial greeting from this Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was
conferred on six candidates by Ex. Comp. Cocker and his staff of officers in a manner which was very creditable to the Chapter.

Ex. Comp. T. J. C. Rodden is a most capable and dependent Scribe E., and I found his books were kept in a very efficient manner; his work deserves a high mead of praise. The Treasurer's book was also kept in a very business like manner. At the conclusion of the evening's work, a number of Companions gave interesting addresses.

In conclusion, let me say that I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of being the Grand Superintendent for Algoma District, No. 14, for the year 1924.

This District covers a number of miles, three hundred to the east and about the same to Fort Frances, via Winnipeg, and although it has taken much time and lengthy trips, I have enjoyed each visit and appreciated the opportunity of meeting so many Companions, and wish to 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 with just five Chapters, all of them are doing excellent work, have great enthusiasm, and their future is exceedingly bright.

Fraternally submitted,

Wm. Whitaker,
Kenora, Ont.
NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 15.

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

I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the New Ontario District, No. 15, for the year 1924, and in assuring you that never in the history of this District has the Royal Craft been in a more prosperous condition or with a more promising outlook.

Permit me to point out that in this District, perhaps the most extended in your Jurisdiction, the vast extent of territory makes it impossible to carry on the same close co-operation between Chapters that commonly obtains in the more compact centres. In only two parts of this District are Chapters close enough to make fraternal visits convenient. The supervision of the Grand Superintendent is quite an arduous undertaking. In the performance of his duties he travelled over 2,300 railway miles and was absent from his home and work for more than two weeks. "The time and labour which it cost" was amply repaid by the warmth of welcome everywhere given him, and the evident interest of each Chapter in the welfare of the Royal Craft. It was a delightful privilege to travel from town to town in this vast Northland and meet and make new fraternal friends in every Chapter. I feel more than ever a debt of gratitude to my Companions for nominating me to the High Office of Grand Superintendent, because of what it has meant to me personally for my further education, Masonically and geographically.

Chapters of Instruction are therefore out of the question in this District. Your Superintendent, however, made it his special duty to impress on Chapters your instructions for uniformity in the work. Wherever degrees were not conferred on the
occasion of his visit, he held conferences with the Chapters so that both by questions and examinations he was able to point out any irregularities that appear to have crept in during the progress of time. On the whole it may be safely stated that the secret work is of high order. This kind of instruction was received with considerable interest in every case where it was presented.

Similarly he emphasized the importance of Royal Arch Masonry in the whole scheme of the Craft. This was done by means of addresses delivered to each Chapter either in connection with the work of the evening, or at the hour of refreshment. One report was kind enough to say of these efforts, "The addresses he delivered, both in Chapter and at the festive board, have seldom been equalled in the District, and our Companions are looking forward to another visit for a repetition of their pleasure and profit in hearing him."

Throughout the whole of Northern Ontario, Craft Masonry is a flourishing and rapidly expanding Art. The Royal Craft has, as a consequence, a fruitful constituency to draw upon. But out-of-town membership is relatively large which militates against high average attendance. To serve this large area is it becoming quite a common practice to carry the Royal Craft to the candidates. Under dispensations from the Most Excellent Grand Z., two Chapters, Temiskaming and Tuscan, have extended their work by holding field days out of town. The former visited Kirkland Lake, and with full equipment conferred degrees on a large number of candidates. The latter did similar service in Espanola and in Chapleau, 170 miles distant, to accommodate those from afar who might not otherwise have been able to receive the Royal Arch degrees.

We are delighted to welcome a new Chapter, Cochrane U.D., to the number of our District. It was my good fortune to be able to institute this young scion of Royal Craft Masonry on the evening of November 4th, when with the assistance of
Excellent Companions from Abitibi, No. 223, we launched their enterprise with the most auspicious circumstances and a very encouraging outlook. This Chapter farthest north among us is most ambitious, and will surely be heard from in the years to come.

Details of Official visits:—

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 103, NORTH BAY.—On September 17th, I visited St. John's Chapter, and after a right royal entertainment throughout the day, was officially received by the Chapter in the evening. No degree work was presented, as no candidate was ready so soon after holidays, but we held a conference on the secret work of the various degrees with considerable satisfaction. St. John's has been fortunate in her Principal Z. this year, good work has been done and substantial progress has been made. The prospects are good.

PENMBROKE CHAPTER, No. 58, MATTAWA.—The day following the former visit, September 18th, I proceeded to Mattawa. Pembroke Chapter has a very limited constituency and has great difficulty in maintaining her ground. But the few officers and Companions who stand by are to be commended for their noble effort to carry on. No work was presented for inspection here, but fraternal intercourse and instruction helped to encourage those present and to stimulate their ambition to put forth every effort to make better progress. Let us be patient and though prospects are not bright, help to keep alive the feeble flame of the Royal Craft in Mattawa.

COBALT CHAPTER, No. 203, COBALT.—On my second trip, I visited Cobalt on the 7th of October. The Excellent Z. lives in the adjoining town of Haileybury, and on his arrival his second in command and others took me in hand to show me the sights. This is a distinctive mining town. Here one meets virile men. As might be expected there was a fine turnout of Companions at Chapter meet-
ing, and the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on a candidate in good form with plenty of "Pep." The year shows substantial increase in membership. Cobalt is made up of sterling silver, and its prospects are good. Ex. Comp. N. J. McAuley was a dignified Z and added distinction to his office. His successor will be an excellent manager. A day spent between the two towns is well worth while, owing to the differences which mark their appearance and distinctive features.

**ABITIBI CHAPTER, NO. 223, IROQUOIS FALLS.**—Northward another hundred miles brought me, on October 9th, to Iroquois Falls, the Garden City of the North. Delightful October sunshine made the journey a joy. On arrival, I was taken in hand by the Ex. Z., Frank Ratheram, who, with Comp. Rev. Cushing, of Timmins, made a fine reception committee and I was splendidly entertained.

After my official reception that evening, the Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates. The ceremony was carried out with a fervency of manner and facility of expression that made it very impressive to the candidate and enjoyable to the witnesses. The work could not very well have been better given, and Abitibi has established a fine reputation for excellence of ceremony. There is a particularly capable Scribe E. guiding the general affairs of the Chapter, and no place visited made a better impression on your representative, both in the matter of present performance and that of future prospects.

**TEMISKAMING CHAPTER, NO. 169, NEW LISKEARD.**—Back on my homeward way, I stopped off for a day at New Liskeard. This town, though only 12 miles from Cobalt, is a typical farming town such as one would find in Old Ontario. There is more leisure to enjoy life here, and the Companions of Temiskaming are "Given to Hospitality," of which I partook a fair share. On the evening of the 10th of October I made my official visit and found
a fine attendance, though here as elsewhere the non-resident membership makes it hard to maintain a high average attendance. No degree work was presented, as they had already cleared the slate for the season. Again, by conference on the manner of the secret work and an address on the importance of the Royal Craft, the Superintendent sought to make his visit worth while. Due appreciation was manifest. Temiskaming also serves a larger constituency in territory than most Districts embrace, and therefore has excellent prospects for expansion. Under such capable leadership as that given by Ex. Comp. Mills, Z., a fine quality of work is assured.

A hurried return trip of 332 miles found me at Cochrane, as already reported, for the institution of a new Chapter there on November 4th. I am deeply indebted to Ex. Comps. Ruwald, Ebbitt and Spence, Iroquois Falls, who were present and rendered efficient assistance, both in the ceremony and during the hour of refreshment.

Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins.
—On Wednesday evening, November 5th, I was entertained at an Emergent Meeting of Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins. Here in the midst of this wonder city of the North, whose very streets seem paved with gold, is a prosperous Chapter making steady progress in the face of various difficulties that arise from time to time. The officers and Companions are faithful and hopeful. The Excellent Z. is well supported by Ex. Comp. Kemsley in the work of the Chapter. No regular candidate was in readiness, but the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on a substitute, and while the ceremony lacked the element of reality it was nevertheless very well performed, and the proceedings made more impressive by the music rendered by Comp. Rev. Cushing. One can feel assured that the Royal Craft is in capable hands in Timmins and that the future of Northern Lights Chapter will be one of steady growth and success.
Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.—This is by all means the largest and wealthiest Chapter in the District. On November 14th, I was received on my official visit with due dignity in the presence of over a hundred members, a number of whom being visitors from the American Soo. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified on two regular candidates with dignity and precision. Several Past Z.'s took part in this work, and the floor work was particularly well conducted by the junior officers. It is a delight to witness such a beautiful presentation of this Supreme degree, and your representative congratulated Ex. Comp. Kahle, at the conclusion of the work, on the high standard of excellence set by Algonquin. The degree created a favorable atmosphere for the address on the value of Royal Arch Masonry which was given in the Chapter room by your representative, and it was particularly well received. They know how to excell in all branches of Masonry in this Canal City, and they do none of the work any better than their Royal Arch Masonry. They need have no worries about the future. The prospects are excellent.

Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.—My mother Chapter gave me ample opportunity to inspect her work from every angle; modesty bids me refrain from expressing opinions, save that for particular examination I chose the occasion when we proceeded to Chapleau for a field day of work in the new Masonic Hall in that Railway Town. Ex. Comp. Stephenson and his officers conferred all three degrees in fine style, but seldom ever have I seen the Royal Arch work put on with such impressiveness and fitting solemnity as it was that evening of October 28th. Candidates were fortunate indeed to have taken part therein. I made my official visit on the evening of December 9th, when at the request of the retiring Z. I installed and invested the officers for the ensuing year. Prospects in Tuscan
never were better than at the close of this a record year of her growth.

I must in closing express my gratitude to the various Chapter Executives for their unfailing courtesy in arranging their meetings to suit my personal convenience, and for the uniform kindness shown me at every turn. It fully compensated for other inconveniences incident to such an extended District. One might suggest that the time is not far distant when a division of territory may be necessary and a better nomenclature be found for the Districts thus divided. I would assure the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter that in no other District of our fifteen is the Royal Craft in more harmonious and prosperous shape, or the prospects for the future more excellent. And if you have any lingering doubts about my North Country optimism, then I very cordially invite you to come North next year and be convinced by your own personal contact. I am certain you will receive a right royal welcome.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

WM. Mc Donald,
Grand Supt. New Ontario District, No. 15.
Sudbury, Ont.
YUKON TERRITORY

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

I now have the honour to submit my brief report of Klondike Chapter, No. 154, of Dawson, Yukon Territory, which, as you are aware, is the only Chapter in the District, and I have never had the pleasure or opportunity of visiting any Chapter outside of this one, but from what I have learned from Companions from outside Chapters, Klondike Chapter compares most favorably.

While I have not made any official visits to our Chapter, I have been in attendance at nine Convocations the past year, and can vouch that everything is in excellent shape, and beg to report that we have had a very successful year, and from present indications 1925 will be still better, as we already have five candidates to start the new year with.

Sincerely and fraternally,

FRANK H. OSBORN,
Acting Grand Superintendent.

Dawson City, Y.T.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

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

Grand Chapter was called from labour at 12.30 o'clock noon for luncheon as well as to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labour at 2.00 o'clock, p.m., 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. John Lloyd Rutherford,
    Blenheim St. Clair Dist. No. 1
" " " Edwin Ruthven MacNeill,
    Strathroy London " 2
" " " Samuel William Seago,
    Brantford Wilson " 3
" " " Strachan D. Croft, Durham Wellington " 4
" " " Sidney Smith Forbes,
    Hamilton Hamilton " 5
" " " Frederick Temple Armstrong, Lucknow Huron " 6
" " " John Wildish Holstock,
    Welland Niagara " 7
" " " C. H. C. Wright, Toronto East " 8
" " " J. Austin Evans, Toronto West " 8a
" " " John Thomas Andrews,
    Bracebridge Georgian " 9
" " " Chas. L. Davidson, Lindsay Ontario " 10
" " " Frank H. Chesher, Belleville Prince Edward" 11
" " " Harvey J. Milne, Kingston St. Lawrence " 12
" " " John Gray, Ottawa Ottawa " 13
" " " Oliver Coles, Fort William Algoma " 14
" " " Frank Kittson Ebbitt,
    Iroquois Falls New Ontario " 15
" " " Franklin Hermon Osborn,
    Dawson City Yukon Terr'y" —
ADDRESSES OF SOME OF THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Most Excellent Grand Z. said, we will now have the pleasure of listening to a few remarks from some of the distinguished visiting Companions.

M. Ex. Comp. John F. Birmingham, Grand High Priest of the State of New York:—Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada, I have been deeply impressed, from the time I crossed the border until the present moment at the reception accorded my company from New York. Our train had hardly crossed the Border when one of your officers—I do not know whether he was a policeman or an immigration man—all I know is, he said to us, that he was glad to see us, and I told him we were on our way to Windsor. He said, "Alright; I hope you have a good time."

I feel highly honoured to be able to bring you the greetings of the Empire State. We have been in the past greatly honoured by receiving representatives from this Grand Jurisdiction, men who stood high in the ranks of Masonry, who stood high in their representative communities, and also in the affairs of this great Dominion. We have always felt that a great honour had been conferred upon our State in being privileged to extend to them our hospitality, and to extend to them any courtesy, especially as Masons, and I have looked forward with a great deal of pleasure at the time when I would meet with you and to fraternize with the Companions of this great Province.

Let me say, I was deeply touched this morning listening to the address of your Grand First Principal and particularly in his closing remarks. When he said, we were labouring together for the benefit of mankind. I can assure you, Most Excellent Sir, and Companions, there can be no border line for us, either as Masons or good citizens. We extend to you the hand-clasp of fellowship, and wish for you an abundance of success in all times, on that broad
platform of humanity and brotherly love. In our State we are engaged in the same mission of character building. We are endeavouring to teach the same lessons, and to convey to the minds of our Companions the virtues and principles, for which Royal Arch Masonry stands. To me Royal Arch Masonry means a philosophy of love, a philosophy that is practical, a philosophy that is valuable and most enjoyable to those who will follow its precepts. I am happy to say that this applies to most of the Masons throughout my own country, and I find here the same kind of men. And you are to be congratulated on the wealth that you possess that is not represented by the bonds and cash in the hands of your Treasurer, but in the human wealth, which is represented by the character of the men whom it has been my privilege to meet since my arrival here, and with whom I hope to be better acquainted before I leave. We are striving to achieve the same ends and follow those principles which are productive of good results as years roll on. We hope to continue the fine fraternal relationship that exists between the two countries and that there will be no border line, and that we may be able to look upon the united efforts as we look upon the united Flags, the Union Jack and Old Glory, side by side in the old vanguard, and prove to the world what is true—brotherhood and justice and right, the ties which so dearly bind together the two countries. I shall be most happy to return to my own Jurisdiction after this fraternal visit with profit to myself and our own State.

M. Ex. Comp. Walton K. Swetland, Grand King of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:—Most Excellent Grand First Principal, and my very dear Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada: I feel especially distinguished and honoured upon this occasion by the most appreciative salutation which I have just received, and I must admit that I was somewhat
surprised at my first introduction here by the Right Excellent Companion, who introduced myself and my company, when he said, we brought weight and beauty. I was not so much surprised at the weight, but where he found the beauty I do not know, unless he referred to the company who accompanied me.

I want to say first, that I appreciate very much the honour conferred upon me by the Most Excellent the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, to come here and represent him in his enforced absence. He delegated me to come here, and I regret exceedingly that he is not here. And I want to express for him the feelings of cordiality that exists between these two great bodies. He sends his very cordial greetings and felicitations to you, and for me to express our appreciation of that good feeling.

I also bring the cordial greeting from one whom you know, Most Excellent Grand High Priest John M. Core. Up to a week ago I expected him to be with us, but owing to the sudden indisposition of his estimable wife, he is unable to attend. I would like to say that through the efforts of the last two Past Grand High Priests, Core and Quinby, we have been bringing to the home of the various subordinate Chapters our school of instruction, and we have incorporated a system in every district in the State of Pennsylvania, having the Grand Officers go there and exemplify the work on the floor of the three degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Masons. In that way, through the efforts mostly of these two gentlemen, Capitular Masonry is in a better condition to-day than it ever was before:

Very frequently excursions of instruction are made in all of the State and it has resulted in a genuine feeling of brotherhood, which can but result in good to all concerned. We are all united in the same grand cause which has been expressed here to-day by some of the most pleasant introductions.
The membership, too, increases in these subordinate Chapters. Quality should be determined before quantity, special attention should be given to quality. I cannot see how a man can enjoy his Masonry without knowing what he is enjoying. Therefore those who seek the ancient mysteries of the degrees are the ones who enjoy Masonry.

In conclusion, I want to extend to you one and all a most cordial invitation to attend one of the Quarterly Sessions of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. We sincerely wish we could have more of you visit us as a further testimony of the good fellowship that exists between Canada and the United States.

M. Ex. Comp. W. W. Williamson, Past Grand Z., and Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec:—It gives me a great deal of pleasure to convey to you the fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. I do not know that I can say anything to you along the lines of Capitular Masonry, you know. I come from a very small Jurisdiction, small in numbers, but large in enthusiasm. I am delighted to come to this the Mother of Grand Chapters. I think this Grand Chapter has the honour of being the Mother of a good many of the Grand Chapters throughout the world. She has started them in the proper manner, not to except our own small Province of Quebec. Our percentage is about the same as that of the Jurisdiction of Brother Logan. When you realize that 60 per cent. of Masons are in the Royal Craft, I think it is a great tribute to Masonry in general.

I have to apologize to you for the absence of our Grand First Principal. He is a lawyer and has a case in Court, and asked me to tender his abject apologies to you and to convey his expressions of goodwill, and he hoped this Annual Convocation would result in good. Something has been said by our visiting Companions from across the line about our respective flags, Old Glory and the Union Jack.
I should like to say the pleasure we have in coming from Quebec and meeting them here, we have met them before, and to them I would like to say that while they have departed from the old Home, whenever they feel like returning they will find an open door and a good welcome to them. In conclusion I will say that you can rest assured that you have always the love and esteem of all the Companions of the Province of Quebec.

M. Ex. Comp. E. A. Evans, a Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, as well as the Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar:—Most Excellent Grand Z. and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, while I have been introduced as coming from Quebec, I really come 150 miles farther East, but I would like to say that I do consider that Quebec is the cradle of Freemasonry. We had the late Sir James Levoine who says, that Masonry existed in the City of Quebec during the French Regime. Secondly, we have the knowledge that Champlain was a Huguenot, and a member of the faith. Thirdly, we have that wonderful stone which is in the portals of Chateau Frontenac with all the Insignia letters of Malta, dated 1647.

Further, we have a letter relating to the Priory of the Order of Malta in Quebec. A copy of a letter in which the Grand Prior was requested to take the sum of twenty thousand pounds towards the building of the Priory in Canada. Recently again I came across a peculiar publication in New York, dated, 1819, in which there are mentioned particulars showing that there was an encampment in Quebec of Knights Templar known under the same name that we are now. It gives the names of all the presiding officers, and gives the names of other lodges in Montreal.

It might be interesting for you to know how we are progressing in that ancient City. We have a
population of approximately 120,000, while the Protestant population number less than eleven thousand. Notwithstanding that fact, we have four Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapter, Lodge of Perfection, Rose Croix, and Preceptory of Knights Templar. We have to be very careful in the selection of our material, necessarily so, and whilst we are always anxious to increase our membership, we are always careful to get good material, and if anyone desires to go further into Masonry we tell him when he receives an application that it will be necessary for him then to proceed. We have progressed not only in the Scottish Rite, but also in the Temple. Now I think I have said enough about Quebec, and I assure you that I feel it a great honour to have the cordial reception I did from you, and I thank you one and all for the cordial reception that you gave me.

Comp. John A. Rowland, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:—Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I was very much impressed, in fact I was almost charmed at the way,—the ease and delightful manner in which the Grand Secretary passed over to me as to what should be said on this occasion. This duty, which you can see for yourselves, becomes increasingly difficult every minute, because all that can be said has already been well said. I think I am in the position of the young Negro who was charged in the Police Court, the evidence was rather against him, and he went into the witness box to give evidence in his own behalf. The magistrate said to him, you will have to be sworn, and the evidence you shall give, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Arastus kissed the Book.

The Magistrate then said, Now, what have you to say for yourself. After a little consideration, Arastus said, "Well, Judge, with all them limitations upon me, I don't think I had better say anything at all." I am sure you will all agree with me
the regret I feel that the Grand Master cannot be here with us to-day. His recent illness has made it necessary for him to restrict his Masonic activities for the time being, and every representation to Grand Lodge has devolved upon the Grand Secretary and myself, and I wish, in the first place, to thank you on our behalf for the very kind way in which we were received this morning. Nothing could have been more gratifying than to be received by our old friend Fred Harcourt.

He has told you how, when he was Grand Master, it was my privilege to act as his chauffeur. Together we have explored that magnificent body of water known as the Grand River, and I may say that before that magnificent body of water the St. Lawrence, the Hudson, and the Mississippi pale into significance. During those few years I have come to know him very well, and I have always regarded him a "polygon" of Masonry.

Well, I may have been tempted to emulate his virtues, and I can assure you that I have long since despaired to speak with the same ease, charm, and easy manner that he can.

I am particularly glad to be here as a representative of Grand Lodge, in the Province of Ontario, because I see not only the evidence of the strengthening and tightening of the bonds of union between our organization and our nation, but also of a closer co-operation in the future in all of our Masonic activities.

Speaking from a Ritualistic standpoint, the work of the first three degrees is implanted in the Blue Lodge and supplanted in the Royal Arch, for it is in that degree the Master Mason finds his reward for all his work.

You are built upon the foundation on which we lay, and with materials with which we are furnishing, and it is owing to that fact we should take a more than passing interest in the work and your successes, and it is essential that you should follow
with the greatest attention and concern everything which affects the Craft Masonry.

I have heard it said, and you have all heard it said, that if Masons were properly united we could wield an influence which no power could withstand. There is a great deal of truth in that, and a great element of danger.

I cannot believe that an organization such as ours, with a history which we have had, and grown as we have grown, and possesses a membership such as is ours, that builds upon the principles we are building, I refuse to believe that an organization like that, and one that has existed so long, could have travelled so far without making a contribution to mankind that anybody could esteem.

I am happy to bring to you to-day the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and upon their behalf to express to you their best wishes, and to hope this Convocation will be of great value to you, and that it will flourish in Ontario as it deserves, and we appreciate the beautiful flow of felicitations and good wishes that have come to us from these visiting Companions. I thank you.

M. Ex. Comp. William Goff, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan, at a subsequent Session extended the greetings of his Grand Body to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

The Grand Scribe E. said he had received many letters and Telegrams regretting inability to be present at this Annual Convocation, and extending fraternal greetings to the Grand Body.

Telegrams:

M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Smith, “February 24th—Am awful sorry that I cannot be present at your Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation. To your Grand Z., yourself and all Companions, I extend the love
and esteem of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick. May the Great Architect bless all your good work."

R. Ex. Comp. George N. Delap, Grand Representative, "Hartford, Conn., February 24th—Sixteen thousand Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut join me in fraternal greetings to your Grand Chapter in Annual Convocation to-day. May Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men reign amongst you."

R. Ex. Comp. W. Whitaker, of Kenora, Grand Superintendent of Algoma District, No. 14—"Impossible to attend Grand Chapter owing to serious illness of son."

Letters:

R. Ex. Comp. William Noble, Grand Representative near Grand Chapter of Oklahoma—"While I will be unable to be with you in person, I will be with you in spirit, and wish you and all the other Grand Officers and members of the Grand Chapter a pleasant and prosperous session."

R. Ex. Comp. Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia—"Grand High Priest, M. Ex. Comp. Pius J. S. Otto, wishes me to convey his best wishes for a pleasant and profitable Convocation, that peace and harmony may prevail, and that Capitular Masonry in your Jurisdiction may be advanced by your labours."

Regretting inability to be present, M. Ex. Comp. M. Walsh, P.G.Z., writes—"I am 86 years of age past and my hearing is too poor for any more meetings, and so must forego the pleasure of attending the Grand Convocation."

Communications were also received, regretting inability to be present, from M. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario; R. Ex. Comps. R. J. Reade, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania; John K. Brydon, Grand Representative of Alberta, near the Grand Chapter of Canada; John Byatt, of Melbourne, Australia, Grand Representative of

In a letter from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Principals’ Association, Toronto, it was pointed out that should any publicity be deemed either necessary or advisable concerning Annual Convocations of Grand Chapter the same should be given through Official channels.

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| ruary 1st, 1924,
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| Investments — At |
| cost, January |
| 31st, 1925, as |
| per Schedule ...... $60,943 30 |
| Bought—January |
| 30th, 1925, $3,- |
| 000.00, 6th War |
| Loan Bonds, due |
| Nov. 1st, 1934... 3,127 50 |
| $60,943 30 |
| $60,943 30 |
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, WINDSOR, 1925

February 1st, 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

January 31st, 1925, Capital:

At Canadian Bank of Commerce .......... $11,764 65
Incidentals Account in hand .......... 26 02

$11,790 67

Investments, as per Schedule .......... 60,943 30

$72,733 97

Increase (see above) ................. *$3,731 88

INVESTMENTS HELD JANUARY 31st, 1925

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10,147 50 10,000 00

Dominion of Canada, Victory Bonds, 6th Issue, Bought January, 1923, Interest 5½%, half-yearly; due November 1st, 1934

4,103 00 4,000 00

Dominion of Canada, Victory Bonds, 6th Issue, Bought January, 1924, Interest 5½%, half-yearly; due November 1st, 1934

2,054 00 2,000 00

Dominion of Canada, Victory Bonds, 6th Issue, Bought January, 1925, Interest 5½%, half-yearly; due November 1st, 1934

3,127 50 3,000 00

Totals

$60,943 30 $61,521 00

(Signed) George Moore, B. F. Griggs, C.A.,
Grand Treasurer. 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:

Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction is steadily progressing. While the net gain in membership last year was only 768, yet I am pleased to report that almost every Chapter, throughout the Jurisdiction, is showing continued activity along well constructed lines for the general welfare of Royal Arch Masonry. I find that many of the Scribes E. are anxious to have their Chapter books in accord with the records in the Office of the Grand Scribe E. By a close attention to the Annual Returns of the constituent Chapters, as they are being checked each year, when coming into the hands of the Grand Scribe E., many existing discrepancies are being eliminated.

For the first time in the history of Grand Chapter the complete returns of Officers, with the names of the Past Z.’s of the constituent Chapters, have been received. Every Chapter in the Jurisdiction has also forwarded its annual return with fees and dues. It is occasionally necessary to call the attention of the Scribe E. to the necessity of sending a complete list of the Past Z.’s of a Chapter, with the list of Officers for the year, as this Return is placed before the Credential Committee for the proper registration of Delegates in attendance at Grand Chapter.

It is very gratifying to be able to say that the Scribes E. of the Constituent Chapters are co-operating in many ways with the Office of the Grand Scribe E. for the better carrying out of the Constitutional requirements of Grand Chapter.
There have been issued, during the past year, ninety-one Dispensations, a few for Companions attending Divine Service in a Church, wearing Royal Arch Regalia, others for qualifying Companions elected to fill positions of First and Second Principals, while others for changing dates of holding Convocations of Chapters. A few also were issued for holding "At Homes," as well as to allow Chapters to confer the Royal Arch degree in conjunction with the other degrees on the same evening.

**Receipts from Chapters**

From the Annual Statement, accompanying this report, will be seen that the amounts received for the past year from the Constituent Chapters, in fees and dues, amounted to $16,185.35, and with the interest on investments of $3,217.75, making a total in receipts of $19,403.10. This information is fully set forth with the disbursements in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Audit and Finance Committee.

**New Chapter**

The authorized Warrant, after the last Annual Convocation, was engrossed and forwarded to the proper officer for—

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

**Chapters Under Dispensation**

The following Chapters were granted Dispensations on the dates set forth—
Cochrane, Cochrane, Ont.—May 5th, 1924.
Preston, Preston, Ont.—July 22nd, 1924.
Humber, Weston, Ont.—October 16th, 1924.
Nilestown, Nilestown, Ont.—November 20th, 1924.
### Present Standing of Membership

The following table shows the present standing of the membership of Grand Chapter:

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- **Net Gain**: 768
- **Total Membership, December 31st, 1924**: 25,315

#### Net Additions
- Ontario: 886
- Yukon Territory: 4

#### Net Removals
- Ontario: 122
- Yukon Territory: 122

The Jurisdiction embraced 153 Chapters, December 31st, 1924, distributed as follows:

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**Total**: 153 Chapters, 25,315 Members
The Chapters reporting during the year 20 or more exaltations are as follows:—

Madoc, No. 161, Madoc, 42; St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto, and The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, 31 each; Occident, No. 77, Toronto, and Ark, No. 80, Windsor, 29 each; Tuscan, No. 91, Sudbury, 27; Temiskaming, No. 169, New Liskeard, 26; Beaver, No. 225, Toronto, 24; Signet, No. 34, Barrie, 23; Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston, and The St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, Toronto, 21 each.

By-laws

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

St. John's, No. 3; St. John's, No. 6; Pembroke, No. 58; St. Paul's, No. 65; Grimsby, No. 69; Occident, No. 77; Orient, No. 79; King Cyrus, No. 119; Ionic, No. 168; Smithville, No. 240; McKay, No. 243.

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; The Moira, No. 7; King Solomon's, No. 8; Oxford, No. 18; Mount Moriah, No. 19; Grenville, No. 22; Ezra, No. 23; Pentalpha, No. 28; Signet, No. 34; Wellington, No. 47; Palestine, No. 54; Niagara, No .55; Granite, No. 61; St. Paul's, No. 65; Maitland, No. 68; Grand River, No. 70; Prince of Wales, No. 71; Keystone, No. 72; St. Clair, No. 75; Minnewawa, No. 78; Golden, No. 90; Tuscan, No. 95; Algonquin, No. 102; St. John's, No. 103; White Oak, No. 104; Bonnechere, No. 114; Brant, No. 115; Maple, No. 116; Succoth, No. 135; St. Andrew's, No. 139; Fort William, No. 140; Atwood, No. 149; Laurentian, No. 151; Alberton, No. 152; Ancaster,
No. 155; The Beaches, No. 163; Lorne, No. 164; Hamilton, No. 175; Hugh Murray, No. 184; Peel, No. 195; Cobalt, No. 203; St. Alban’s, No. 217; Ulster, No. 219; Abitibi, No. 223; Keystone, No. 224; Prince of Wales, No. 226; Quinte Friendship, No. 227; Port Credit, No. 230.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR 1ST FEBRUARY, 1924, TO 31ST JANUARY, 1925.

FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS

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Fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,  
Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1924 be received and referred to the Executive Committee for report thereon at the present Convocation.
WARRANTS

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

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows:

Cochrane Chapter, Cochrane, Ont., was instituted on Tuesday evening, November 4th, 1924, with eleven petitioners, and it now has a membership of twenty-four.

Preston Chapter, Preston, Ont., was instituted on Monday evening, October 27th, 1924, with eleven petitioners, and it now has a membership of twenty-six.

Humber Chapter, Weston, Ont., was instituted on Saturday evening, October, 18th, 1924, with nineteen petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-two.

Nilestown Chapter, Nilestown, Ont., was instituted on Wednesday evening, December, 3rd, 1924, with fourteen petitioners, and it now has a membership of twenty-one.

The Grand Superintendents of the Districts, in which the Chapters at Cochrane, Preston, and Weston are located, report that the officers of these Chapters are capable of performing their duty, all have provided themselves with proper regalia and equipment, and they recommend that the Chapters named should receive Warrants at this Annual Convoction.

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

Cochrane Chapter, No. 244, Cochrane, Ont.

Preston Chapter, No. 245, Preston, Ont.

Humber Chapter, No. 246, Weston, Ont., and that Nilestown Chapter, U.D., Nilestown, Ont.,
be continued under Dispensation till the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES MCC. POTTS,
Chairman of Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.
REPORT OF 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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$3,040 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. W. HARcourt,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.
To the Most Excellent Grand First Principals and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to submit the Auditor's report and Financial Statement for the year ended January 31st, 1925, and congratulate Grand Chapter on the gratifying results obtained from the past year's activities.

The total receipts for the year amounted to the sum of $19,403.10, while the disbursements, including the sum of $2,940.00 expended in benevolence, amounted to $15,671.22, leaving a balance of $3,731.88 to be added to the Capital Account of Grand Chapter, which now totals the magnificent sum of $72,733.97.

During the year Surplus funds to the extent of $3,127.50, were invested in Victory Loan Bonds maturing in 1934 and bearing interest at 51/2 per cent per annum. This increased our Capital investments from $57,815.80 to $60,943.30, with a face value of $61,521.00. A detailed schedule of these investments is included in the Grand Treasurer's report.

It will be noted that debentures to the amount of $17,000.00, now held in our investment, will mature on December 1st, next. This amount, together with any accumulated Surplus fund, will be reinvested by your Committee to the best possible advantage.

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31st, 1925

RECEIPTS

Balances, February 1st, 1924, in Canadian Bank of Commerce $11,168 04
Incidentals Account, in hands of Grand Scribe E. 18 25

$11,186 29
## Receipts from Chapters:

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Interest received on Investments: $3,217.75

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Audit and Financial Reports to January 31st, 1924: $250.00

Grand Z. Expenses: $400.00

I.P. Grand Z. Expenses: $325.00

Deputation, etc., Expenses: $59.87

Funeral Wreath and Flowers: $51.45

Grand Chapter, Regalia Repairs: $18.56

Grand Scribe E., Office Incidentals, Postage and General Expenses: $442.23

Presentation to I.P.G.Z.: $350.00

Reception to Lord Cassillis, Grand Z., Scotland: $130.60

**Total:** $12,640.53

**Total:** $18,798.72
Balance, January 31st, 1925—

In Canadian Bank of Commerce ....$11,764 65
Incidentals Account in hands of Grand Scribe E. ................................ 26 02

11,790 67

$30,589 39

I have audited the books and vouchers of Grand Chapter for the year ended January 31st, 1925, and found them in order; and certify that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts. I also certify that I have inspected and found in order the Investments of Grand Chapter, the cost value of same being $60,943.30 and the par value $61,521.00.

B. F. GRIGGS,
Chartered Accountant,
of Sharp, Milne & Co.

Toronto, February 7th, 1925.

Your Committee beg to recommend the following appropriation for the current year:—

Benevolence ..................................$ 3,040 00
Salaries (including Auditor) .................. 4,800 00
Superannuation .................................. 1,000 00
Foreign Correspondence .......................... 300 00
Office Rent, Telephone, Ins., etc. .............. 1,200 00
Grand Chapter Convocation Exp. ............. 500 00
Expenses of Executive Committee ............. 1,000 00
Printing, Engrossing, etc. .................. 2,600 00
Grand Scribe E., Office Incidentals .......... 500 00
Grand Z. Expenses and other Incidentals .... 1,200 00

$16,140 00

We further recommend the re-appointment of Comp. B. F. Griggs as Auditor.

We note with satisfaction and pleasure in the Auditor's report that the books and accounts of Grand Chapter are excellently kept by the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, and your Committee again desires to express its confidence in the loyalty and integrity of these officers.

Respectfully submitted.

Windsor, Ont., February 26th, 1925.

O. ELLWOOD,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, and—

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

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent 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:—


The facts of this case are set out in the 1923 Proceedings at page 204, and the case again came before your Committee in 1924 as reported at page 171 of the Proceedings of that year.

Comp. McMullen is now under suspension and was notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

He has not appeared, and the Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. COWAN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, and—

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

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

Your Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry beg to submit the Annual Report and to announce, after careful perusal of the statements of the several Grand Superintendents, that the condition of the Royal Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction is healthy, vigorous, and virile. The Representatives of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., have all discharged the duties of their office faithfully, discreetly, and well. Of the reports received, nothing but words of the highest commendation can be given. All are interesting, well-compiled, and carry information of such importance as to at once establish beyond the shadow of a doubt that these conscientious officials have achieved a marvellous amount of work in their respective Districts during their term of office.

In reporting on the vital condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, composed of 153 Chapters, and 25,315 members in good standing, your Committee have been careful to record not merely the result of the labours of twelve months, but also to place before you certain facts and figures which have a definite bearing upon the future of the Royal Craft.

Too much stress cannot be given to the very great danger that lurks, unseen and unsuspected, behind the assumption that the success or failure of our Chapters depends solely upon the number of candidates admitted to membership during the year. An increase in numbers denotes a growth, but whether that growth be healthy, permanent, and satisfactory, depends very largely upon the impression created in the Candidate’s mind during his progress through the several degrees. We deplore the tendency in some Chapters to hurry Candidates through degrees. Hurriedly made Royal Arch
Masons seldom display a lasting interest. Masonic students claim that Masonry's crying need is education—enlightenment as to the truth that lies back of ritual and symbolism—a wider knowledge of its principles, its history, and its philosophy. In the face of this, we find men being hurried through degrees of Masonry without time for thought or study—no time to ponder and reflect. Strength gradually attained is more vigorous, and surely thoroughness and impressiveness are more desirable than speed.

"MORE MATERIAL FOR THE TEMPLE" is the theory upon which we base our efforts, but surely only material of tested quality. As the builders' first thought is to the quality of his material, so our first consideration should be as to the character and conduct of those who seek further enlightenment. Having satisfied ourselves that he who seeks that Light is worthy of advancement, our next care must be to present the beautiful lessons, the moral truths, and basic doctrines of Royal Arch Masonry, in such a manner as will evoke a sympathetic response in the heart of the Seeker of Light, and engender within him a wholesome respect for those great lessons of Morality, Charity, Tolerance, and Brotherhood, which shine forth like stars in the Heavens, beckoning him ever onward through the paths of Virtue, Uprightness, and Honour.

Having aroused the spark of interest, we next kindle the flame of enthusiasm—and here we find the secret of real success. To lack of enthusiasm may be attributed the very noticeable decrease in attendance in many of our Chapters. Companions who have been fascinated by an impressive and dignified rendition of the ritual, very often find their enthusiasm wane and they become passive and indifferent. They are still loyal, of course, to the Royal Craft, still appreciative of the wonderful old institution of Masonry, still proud of the title of Royal Arch Mason, but their enthusiasm has been
lulled into inertia, and this perhaps because the meetings have not been sufficiently attractive to hold their interest. Perhaps so much attention has been given to the securing of new material that the Builders have become negligent in making suitable disposition of the material already on hand.

The success then, of our Royal Craft is found, first in a healthy growth. Secondly, in the retention of the interest and enthusiasm of its membership. Thirdly, in the practice of those tenets and principles upon which the whole structure rests. To this end, we emphasize the importance of accuracy, sincerity and dignity in the ceremonial work, promptness in the opening of the Chapter, and closing at a reasonable hour.

Among the strongest links of our Masonic Chain, is the Link of Friendship. Every opportunity should be given the Companions to fraternize, to enjoy each other's company, to strengthen the ties of fraternal relationship by the bond of brotherhood and lasting friendship, keeping ever before us the words of the learned Pythagoras:—

“Friends are as Companions on a journey,  
Who ought to aid each other to persevere  
In the road to a happier life.”

**Benevolence**

It is with much satisfaction that we note the amount expended in Benevolence by the constituent Chapters. In the Grand Superintendents' reports, there are but very few Chapters who have not found occasion to exercise that virtue which we claim as peculiarly Masonic. During the past twelve months, the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have disbursed Benevolence in the sum of $6,150.00, supplementing the grants of Grand Chapter, and thus proving in a tangible manner that the Royal Arch Masons in this Jurisdiction are fully alive to their responsibilities. Benevolence is not in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. Not merely a feeling, but a principle. Not a dream of
rapture for the fancy to indulge in, but a serious business for the hand to execute.

"And chiefly for the weaker by the wall,  
You bore that lamp of sane benevolence."

The following table shows the present standing of Grand Chapter:—

| Number of Chapters—Warranted | 149 |
| Number of Chapters—UD | 4 |
| Number of Members, December 31st, 1923 | 24,547 |
| Number of Joinings, December 31st, 1924 | 166 |
| Number of Restorations, December 31st, 1924 | 53 |
| Number of New Members for Year 1924 | 1,333 |
| Number of Withdrawals, December 31st, 1924 | 254 |
| Number of Suspensions, December 31st, 1924 | 291 |
| Number of Deaths, December 31st, 1924 | 239 |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, December 31st, 1924 | 25,315 |

Showing the very satisfactory net increase of 768 members.

INSURANCE.

It is satisfactory to note that the great majority of Chapters carry a fair amount of insurance. We commend this precaution and earnestly recommend to the few Chapters who are not carrying insurance upon their regalia and paraphernalia, that they give serious thought to this important matter.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

It is with some surprise that we note the large number of Districts in which Chapters of Instruction were not held during the past year. But four Grand Superintendents report the holding of such meetings. While this is, of course, something that should be left to the discretion of the Grand Superintendent, we have no hesitancy in recording our hearty approval of this method of conveying instruction and of developing a uniform interpretation of our work. In this connection, we record our approval of the establishment of Principals’ and Past Principals’ Associations. Each year we learn of new Associations being formed. They
are entitled to our heartiest support, filling as they do a long-felt want. Here a common meeting ground is provided and opportunity given for the exchange of ideas and discussions on matters of interest to Royal Arch Masons.

**MARK BOOKS**

For years past, attention has been drawn to the indifference exhibited by many Chapters in regard to the Book of Marks. While no doubt some progress is being made along these lines, your Committee find that the regulation governing the use of such books is only partially being observed. We recommend that the Grand Superintendents again be instructed to forcibly impress upon the constituent Chapters, the necessity of complying with the standing instructions relative to the Book of Marks, and to stir up such activity as will insure proper respect for this regulation, and in so doing eradicate the idea that it is merely a legislative measure to be honoured in the breach.

**FINANCES**

Perhaps at no time in the history of this Grand Body, has its financial standing been on a more satisfactory basis than we find it in at the close of the year 1924. It is not the purpose of your Committee to do more than to make a passing reference to the financial condition of Grand Chapter. Other reports will be presented, dealing with this very important subject in a most comprehensive manner.

The financial status of the constituent Chapters, however, has been given considerable time and careful study, and your Committee deem it expedient to place before you a few illuminative figures, and at the same time to urge in the strongest terms possible, the desirability of closer attention to the question of dues.

The amount of uncollected dues at the close of the past twelve months totals to $26,623.00.
Allowing that a considerable amount has since been liquidated, and keeping ever before us a thought as to the general business conditions, we are of the opinion that there still remains outstanding a very substantial sum, which must, of course, have a deleterious effect upon the financial condition of the individual Chapter.

We note with interest, the very reasonable yearly assessment in many Chapters. Indeed, we marvel at the small valuation which some Chapters place upon a year's membership. Strange to say, this appears to have but little bearing upon the number of Companions who have failed in their duty, and who are responsible for the large amount of uncollected dues.

It is worthy of note that the annual dues have been advanced in many Chapters, and the trend now is to make this charge such as to provide a fixed revenue sufficient for the operation of the Chapter. This, in our judgment, is a commendable step in the right direction, and the only safe and sane road to financial success. The question of outstanding dues is for the consideration of the individual Chapter. We do, however, desire to leave with you the thought that the actual strength of a Chapter should be computed upon the basis of its members in good standing.

The past year has been an unusual one in many respects. That era of prosperity so fondly anticipated has failed to materialize. Bright reports are received from some lines of endeavour, but generally speaking, business conditions were such as to suggest the need for great care and watchfulness. To this end, we are pleased to learn that a number of Chapters have materially increased their assets, while others demonstrate sound business judgment in the reduction of liabilities.

The report of 153 Chapters indicates that the assets exceed the liabilities by the very substantial sum of $177,314.75.
From the reports of the Grand Superintendents, we glean that in all parts of the Jurisdiction, not forgetting the far-flung outpost at Dawson City in the Yukon Territory, peace and harmony prevail. Energy, enthusiasm and loyalty characterize the work of the 153 Chapters claiming allegiance to this Grand Body. It is gratifying to learn that the younger Chapters are all progressing favourably, and in many instances setting an example of zeal and activity to the older established Chapter: that while the personnel of our Chapters change frequently, we still have with us in goodly numbers, those pioneers of the old guard—the Past Principals of other days. One report refers to a Veteran still active and interested at eighty-two years of age; another of a meeting at which three Past Z.'s—all seventy years or over—were not only present, but actually taking part in the ceremonies; while still another refers to a regular attendant at ninety years of age. The charm and fascination of Royal Arch Masonry to those Companions is still a very potent factor in their daily lives.

In perusing the District reports, we are at once impressed with the large number of Chapters in certain Districts, and realize the heavy claim upon the time and energy of the Grand Z.'s representatives, all of whom have been untiring in industry, unflagging in enthusiasm, and unsparing in attention to duty. They have been received with that loyalty which is ever manifest outwardly and inwardly wherever Masons meet. So generously have the Companions entertained, that the Grand Superintendents one and all write of a year of delightful pleasure, strenuous and exacting, but none-the-less satisfactory.

One Right Excellent Companion in that wonderful Northland nonchalantly refers to a hurried trip of 332 miles to inspect a Chapter, while yet another energetic and conscientious worker records 2,300 miles of travelling and an absence from home of
two weeks, in the performance of his duty. We can pay no greater tribute to the zeal and fidelity of these distinguished Companions, than to say—"They have served faithfully and well."

This report could hardly be considered as complete without some expression of appreciation of the splendid manner in which the Grand Officers, and particularly the Grand Zerubbabel, have conducted the affairs of Grand Chapter during the past year. A worthy successor to a long line of distinguished Royal Craftsmen, Most Ex. Comp. Davis has not only maintained the high standard set by his predecessors, but by devotion to duty, has provided the rulers of the constituent Chapters not only with a definite source of inspiration and encouragement, but also with a living example of all those attributes which are essential in a true Mason, an efficient executive, and a real man.

"Kindliness is in all his steps,
Truth is in his eye,
In all his gestures—Brotherhood."

Your Committee feel that in this ultra-progressive age, care should be taken to discourage innovations, alterations and deviations from our ritualistic work, and to provide the ancient landmarks, traditions, usages, and customs of Royal Arch Masonry with ample protection against the ravages of those who, with a mistaken zeal, are ever ready to suggest changes to modernize our work.

In conclusion, Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has reason to be proud of its past achievements, grateful for its present state of prosperity, and hopeful of its future advancement.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE L. GARDINER,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

The Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence beg to report as follows:—

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid, Woodstock, Past Grand Superintendent, has given the following Notice of Motion:—

"That the following words be added to Section 264 as well as to Section 265, Page 67 of the Constitution,—‘except for the purpose of attending Divine Service as Royal Arch Masons.’"

There is no legal objection to this motion going before Grand Chapter, but if the purport of the motion commends itself to Grand Chapter, then the amending words to Section 265 should appear immediately after the words "without a dispensation."

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and—

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

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

Your Committee on the Fraternal Dead present the following:—

We pause for a moment in silent meditation during this Grand Convocation and looking calmly, yet humbly, toward the duties and responsibilities before us, and reflecting with some satisfaction upon the accomplishments of the past, we reverently thank God for all the blessings vouchsafed us, proclaiming anew our devotion and practice to our Sublime Teachings and Tenets, and thus it may be truly said—

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.”

Yet, while we are gathering, Death comes at any time, under every circumstances reminding us that “Life is uncertain and all earthly pursuits are vain.”

“Leaves have their time to fall
And flowers to wither at the north winds breath,
And stars to set,
But thou hast all seasons for thine own, Oh! Death.”

.... Several distinguished Companions are absent from our midst, we honour their names, we revere their memory, we bow in humble submission to the will of the great I Am, we murmur not, we say, “Father, Thy will be done.”

“When the weary ones we love,
To the silent land remove,
Though the earth seems poor and waste
All our life joy overcast—
Hush! be every murmur dumb;
It is only—‘Till he come.’”

A CRAFT LEADER

On Saturday afternoon, September 27th, 1924, an Honourary Past Grand Z. of this Grand Body passed away, M. Ex. Comp. Augustus Toplady Freed. He was a journalist of the old School, being
formerly Editor of *The Hamilton Spectator*. He was 89 years of age, and had been ill but one week.

Comp. Freed was born in Beamsville, Ont. When still a boy he removed to Dundas. There he learned his trade as a printer on *The Dundas Warder*. He then went to Paris, Ont., where he joined the staff of *The Star*.

In 1851 he went to Hamilton and joined the staff of *The Gazette*. He travelled abroad for a time, but returned to join the staff of *The Daily Banner*, when that journal was started in 1854.

Later Comp. Freed became a partner in the job printing firm of Pigott and Donnelly. This firm launched a literary journal called *The Canadian Garland*, of which Comp. Freed became Editor. The firm later dissolved. He then went to New York, where he worked on *The Tribune*.

When Mr. David McCollough became Managing Editor of *The Hamilton Spectator* he urged Comp. Freed to return from New York and accept the Editorship. He did so, and later became Managing Editor and occupied that position for many years.

Comp. Freed was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a member of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite and prominently connected with other Masonic Orders. He was a most affable man, and well learned in the mysteries of our Royal Craft. Well might we say of him,—

> "Life's race well won.  
> Life's race well done,  
> Life's crown well won,  
> Now cometh rest."

*Nova Scotia.*

Most Excellent Companion John Hay, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, entered into rest in the early hours of Friday morning, January 30th, 1925.

He was born in Scotland on September 23rd, 1853, and forty years later he came to Nova Scotia.
to accept a position with a well known mercantile firm in Truro, and later established himself in business there as a merchant tailor.

Nature was very generous in her endowments to Companion Hay, and his genial manner and pleasing appearance, combined with a happy facility of expression, made him an outstanding figure both on the floor of the Lodge room and in the banquet hall. Masonic study was his great hobby, and he was always willing to give freely of the results of his digging in the quarries for the enlightenment of others.

Quebec.

In March last the Grand Chapter of Quebec was called upon to mourn the death of one of its Past Grand First Principals, M. Ex. Comp. Walter J. Francis, of Montreal. He had visited this Grand Body, and had shown in his address that he was a man who possessed a high ideal in regard to the educational and social advantages in the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry. His work in the interest of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was always exemplified by fidelity, but there comes a time when this may suddenly cease, yes,—

"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."

Standing by the graves of the strong men we have lost, many of whom were in the very noon-tide of their power. There is something in us that rebels against the idea that they have passed into nothingness.

Dying is not the end—it is but an incident, a process of living. It is not a wall cutting off our path, but a gateway through which we pass into a larger and fuller life.
"Even for the dead, I will not bind my soul in grief  
Death cannot long divide  
For it is as though the rose that climbed my garden wall  
Had blossomed on the other side  
Death doth hide,  
But not divide,  
Thou art but on Christ’s other side!  
Thou art with Christ, and Christ with me;  
In Christ united still are we."

COMPANIONS HOLDING RANK IN GRAND CHAPTER WHO HAVE DIED


R. Ex. Comp. William Thompson, of Kingston, Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District, No. 12, 1898-9, died April 24th, 1924.


R. Ex. Comp. James Whitten, of Bracebridge, Grand Superintendent of Georgian District, No. 9, in 1899, died May 14th, 1924.


R. Ex. Comp. George Monkman, of Barrie, Grand Superintendent of Georgian District, No. 9, in 1895, died October 15th, 1924.


R. Ex. Comp. William McKellar, of Stratford, Grand Registrar in 1896-7, died April 20th, 1924.
V. Ex. Comp. J. C. Cooke, of Kincardine, Grand Steward in 1899, died October 11th, 1924.
R. Ex. Comp. Rev. William Thomas Wilkins, of Trenton, who was at one time Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, died 28th January, 1924.

A NOTABLE AMERICAN MASON

The Royal Craft in the United States, on September 1st, 1924, met with an irreparable loss by the sudden death, in Kansas City, Missouri, of M. Ex. Comp. William Frederick Kuhn, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. His death occurred just a few days previous to the meeting to be held in Portland, Maine, in September last, of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, and over which he was expected to preside.

Although ripe in years, Comp. Kuhn had a young heart which he kept so by constant association with his Companions and the advocacy of advanced and progressive ideas. He was moved with an ardent desire for the education of Royal Arch Masons in the duties and privileges of the Order. Constantly, by tongue and pen, did he endeavour to arouse a consciousness in the Royal Craft to this crying need. In all Masonic walks of life, this wonderful character will be greatly missed, especially by our American Companions.

M. Ex. Comp. Kuhn undoubtedly was a splendid example of Masonic scholarship, and it can be said of him in his sudden death that,—

"Gone from a world of care, sorrow and pains,
Gone from a world where mortality reigns
Yes, gone from a world where all is unrest,
Gone, gone we trust to the Land of the Blest."
AMERICAN JURISDICTIONS

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

Alabama—John B. Lyons, P.G.H.P.
Colorado—George W. Rowe, P.G.H.P.; Burt E. Warren, G.M. First Veil.
Connecticut—Augustus Enrico Blageslee, P.G. H.P.
Florida—H. N. Sweeting, P.G.H.P; Olin S. Wright, P.G.H.P.
Georgia—Alvin S. Sansburn, Grand Scribe.
Illinois—Samuel Shannon, P.G.H.P; Frank Spencer, P.G.H.P; John C. Hallenbeck, P.G.H.P
Indiana—Elmer Crockett, P.G.H.P.
Kansas—Edward White Waynant, P.G.H.P.; Edward W. Wellington, P.G.H.P.
Kentucky—Frank Hollinsead Johnson, Grand Treasurer.
Maine—Winfield S. Hinckley, P.G.H.P; Wilmer Judson Dorman, P.G.H.P.
Maryland—Rev. Edward Worrell Wroth, Grand Chaplain.
Massachusetts—Smith B. Harrington, P.G.H.P.
Michigan—Frank Vinton Hale, Grand Scribe; William Gilson Hudson, P.G.H.P; Arthur Erwin Stevens, P.G.H.P.
Mississippi—Charles H. Blum, P.G.H.P.
Missouri—John Rolph Parson, P.G.H.P.; William Abbott Cristy, Grand Principal Sojourner.
Nebraska—Alpha Morgan, P.G.H.P.
Nevada—Rev. George Collidge Hunting, Grand Chaplain.
New Jersey—Edward Mills, P.G.H.P.; Daniel Demarest, Grand Chaplain Emeritus; Andrew J. Bale, P.G.H.P.
North Dakota—Francis Ignalls, P.G.H.P.
Ohio—Jacob Henry Bromwell, P.G.H.P.; William Taylor McLean, P.G.H.P.
Oklahoma—John Angus Gillis, P.G.H.P.
Pennsylvania—Hibbert P. John, P.G.H.P.; William B. Meredith, P.G.H.P.
Washington—William Elliott Yates, P.G.H.P.; Otis Adam Crampton, P.G.H.P.
Virginia—William See Mathews, P.G.H.P.; Elias Lyons Guy, P.G.H.P.; Jeremiah Alexander Miller, P.G.H.P.

"When great men die,
The years beyond our kin
The light they leave behind lies,
Upon the paths of men."

All men realize, and none better than the true Mason, that from their birth they are travelling to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns. The arm of friendship cannot interpose to prevent the coming of the messenger of death; the wealth of the world cannot purchase a release; nor will the innocence of youth, or the charms of beauty propitiate his repose.

"Tis the human touch in the world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
That means more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine.

For shelter is gone when the night is o'er
And food lasts only a day;
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Will live in the soul Alway."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDWIN SMITH,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, 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

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, in a few well chosen remarks, presented the report on Fraternal Correspondence, that appears as an Appendix to these Proceedings, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and—

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

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT


The Grand Z. then called for nominations for the elective offices of Grand Chapter, and the next place of meeting.

CALLED OFF

The Chapter was called from labour at 4.40 o'clock p.m., to meet again at 10 o'clock a.m. the following day.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1925

CALLED ON

Grand Chapter resumed labor at 10 o'clock a.m., the Grand Z. on the Throne.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS

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

Your Committee join with the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in expressing the pleasure it gives to all the Companions of Grand Chapter of holding the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation in the delightful City of Windsor, so well known for its Masonic activities, its zealous and enterprising members, its splendid and commodious accommodations and the boundless hospitality of its Companions.

Under these happy auspices we join the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in welcoming to this Grand Convocation our visitors, the distinguished Representatives from the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Quebec; also those from the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, the Representatives from the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and the Representatives of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada. The presence of these eminent Companions is always an inspiration to the members of this Grand Chapter, and we greet them heartily with the hope that when they return to their homes they may carry with them pleasant remembrances of their visit to the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee express their satisfaction and pleasure at the success which has rewarded the efforts of the Companions during the past year.

Although the business conditions, under which we laboured, were not calculated to invite a spirit of enthusiasm, yet our numerical growth has been excellent and our finances are in a sound and satisfactory state. The consecration of McKay Chapter of Stoney Creek, the addition of four new Chapters, the dedication of new Chapter rooms and the valu-
able assistance rendered by Grand Superintendents is evidence that all have been striving to attain the goal of success. Therefore this Grand Chapter has great cause for thankfulness.

Your Committee are in hearty accord with the appointments of Grand Representatives. They are skilled Companions in the Royal Art and should add lustre to their reputations and honour to the Grand Jurisdictions which they represent.

Your Committee is unanimous in its opinion that the correspondence between the Supreme Grand Chapter of England and the Grand Chapter of Canada, regarding the exchange of Grand Representatives, is perfectly courteous and explicit. The subject has had careful consideration, and the assurance is given by our Companions of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, that their decision "not to depart from ancient custom," is in no wise intended to convey a feeling, that will interfere with the amicable relations at present existing between the two Grand Jurisdictions, but that their desire is to strengthen the bonds of union wherever possible. We join the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in the hope that nothing may occur, to mar the peace and harmony of the present.

The approval of By-laws, Dispensations granted and the Rulings by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal appears to have received careful consideration, and are in accord with the Constitution. Your Committee, however, would suggest, that Dispensations be granted as sparingly as possible. The suggestion that a model set of By-laws be prepared for the guidance of the Constituent Chapters, also that a collation of Dispensations and Rulings of Past Grand First Principals of Grand Chapter, be printed for reference by future Grand First Principals, is a step in the right direction and your Committee concur in the suggestions.

The letter of acknowledgment of "Christmas Greetings" from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and his reciprocal response, will give much
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF INSTRUCTIONS IN RITUAL

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

The Committee appointed "to go over the instructions so that when the present supply of the Ritual is exhausted that Grand Chapter will have on hand revised instructions to be used in the renewed Ritual," reports that they have carefully gone over the instructions and have prepared and have attached hereto an interleaved copy containing a large number of minor changes intended to provide greater clearness, similarity of language and uniformity of practice.

Your Committee also recommends certain changes in the body of the Ritual to remove clerical mistakes and grammatical errors.

As the changes are too numerous to itemize in the report itself the Committee recommends that they be submitted to the Grand First Principal, and if approved by him be adopted.

The revision of the Ritual did not come within the reference to this Committee, but attention is drawn to the advisability of appointing another Committee for that purpose, which Committee might report at next Convocation, or be given power to act in the meanwhile, as a new supply must be printed before the Grand Chapter meets again.

To illustrate the character of the questions which such a Committee might consider it is pointed out that under our work the candidate is not obligated in the Mark Master degree until he has received a material portion of the ceremony, whereas in the English work he is obligated at the beginning. The English charge in connection with the working tools might be substituted and the odes revised. Certain explanatory paragraphs which are omitted from our work might be introduced with advantage. For
example, as to the implements of labour, and also in the Historical, Symbolical and Mystical lectures.

A form for "Calling Off" and "Calling On": the Chapter should be provided.

The above references are simply to direct attention to the advisability of a more comprehensive consideration of the Ritual as a whole, in order that improvements may be incorporated when changes are being made in the directions mentioned.

Frequent revisions are objectionable from every standpoint, including the labour involved in proofreading and checking; therefore your committee feels that the whole matter should receive attention at the same time.

Respectfully submitted,

K. J. Dunstan, Chairman,
George Moore,
R. J. Reade,
Henry T. Smith,
Committee.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee be received and adopted.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE ORDER OF DE MOLAY

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

The Committee appointed to report upon the advisability and practicability of establishing or endorsing the Order of "De Molay for Boys" within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter reports as follows:—

NAME

The Order was named after Jacques De Molay, who in 1297 was Grand Master of the Order of the Temple and was burned at the stake May 18th, 1314.

ORIGIN

The Order of De Molay was formed by Frank S. Land, Kansas City, Mo., in 1919. The Grand Council was organized in 1921.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Order is to make "better boys, better men and better citizens." The degrees are intended to teach reverence, patriotism, filial love, clean living and good fellowship.

HOW FORMED

When a Masonic body wishes to form a De Molay Chapter it is first necessary to pass the following resolution: "Be it resolved by Chapter No. —, R.A.M., that we lend our active moral and financial support to the organization of a Chapter of the Order of De Molay."

Petition for Letters Temporary must then be forwarded to the Grand Scribe "E," Kansas City, with a fee of $15. When a charter is issued, $25 additional is required, $1 is collected upon each member receiving both degrees and a per capita annual payment of 40 cents. Boys between sixteen
and twenty-one are eligible. While the original intention was to restrict the membership to Masons' sons and their friends in practice, any boy is accepted who is vouched for either by a member of the Chapter or by a Master Mason.

FEES AND DUES

The Grand Council has prescribed that the minimum fee for the degree shall be $3. The majority charge $5, and some as high as $10.

The Grand Council does not prescribe an amount for the yearly dues, but does collect, as stated, 40 cents per capita.

The dues range from one to six dollars per annum. The majority charging three dollars.

PLACE OF MEETING

The usual meeting place is in the Masonic Temple.

INITIAL EXPENSES

The initial expenditure depends largely upon the equipment, but is usually from one hundred to eight hundred dollars.

NATIONAL MAGAZINE

It is obligatory for each member to subscribe to "The De Molay Counsellor" at a cost of 40 cents per year.

WHO MAY ORGANIZE

Any recognized Masonic body may sponsor a Chapter of the Order. The organization must agree to give moral, and financial support if necessary, and supervise operations through an Advisory Committee of nine.

Your Committee has not deemed it advisable nor necessary to investigate thoroughly either the aims or objects of the Order or its practical effect upon the lives and conduct of its members, nor has there
been any attempt to ascertain how Sponsor Chapters are discharging their responsibility, nor the effect upon the finances and general life of the Chapters.

Your Committee is opposed to such authorization on the broad ground that the safest policy for the Grand Chapter, and for its constituent Chapters, is to refrain from endorsing or allowing the name of Masonry to be connected with any institution or activity except such as are under the direct control of the Order.

The following extract is quoted with approval:

Report of Committee appointed by Grand Chapter of Kansas, dated 30th March, 1922:

"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."

On the broad principle that Masonry should not be linked in public estimation with any non-Masonic Order over which it has no control or only partial control, but for whose objects, methods and practices it would be held accountable in more or less degree by those within and without the Craft, your Committee reports against the Grand Chapter authorizing constituent Chapters to sponsor or become responsible for any outside Order. The Order of De Molay is non-Masonic, and therefore we should not sponsor it.

Fraternally submitted,

K. J. DUNSTAN, Chairman,
EDWARD B. BROWN,
FRANK HILLS,
Committee.
It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee re the Order of De Molay be received and adopted.

In amendment to the motion, it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. P. J. McConnell, Past Grand Superintendent, St. Clair District, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. H. C. Woodward, Past Grand Superintendent, London District, and—

Resolved,—That this Grand Chapter, having witnessed the works of the Order of De Molay for Boys, as exemplified by a special team of boys under the supervision of Past Grand High Priest M. Ex. Comp. Frank P. Wilcox of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, place our approval upon this movement, and hereby authorize any Chapter under our Jurisdiction to be sponsors for the organization of a Branch of the Order of De Molay on the distinct understanding, that such Chapter shall undertake any and all financial responsibility consequent upon such action, and that this Grand Body shall not be called upon for financial assistance by reason of such organization.

After a general discussion, the amendment and the motion being submitted for the approval of Grand Chapter, the amendment was declared lost, and the original motion declared carried.
Proposed Notice of Motion re Office of Grand Scribe E.

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt stated, he had brought before the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter, the previous evening, the question of removing from the Annual Election of Officers the Office of Grand Scribe E., and that the Executive Committee had decided to recommend to Grand Chapter that the engagement of a Grand Scribe E., and all the arrangements regarding his length of service and salary, be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter, and that the necessary steps be taken to amend the Constitution so as to give effect to this recommendation.

After some discussion, during which the Companions were asked to express their approval of the suggestion by a standing vote, which appeared to show the Companions to be unanimously in favour of the suggestion, M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt was directed by the Grand Z. to prepare the necessary notice of motion to comply with the recommendation, and submit it at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

Committee on Benevolence

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt's term as member of the Committee on Benevolence, having expired, on motion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, it was resolved that M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt 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. " " F. W. Harcourt, retires in 1928.
AS TO PAYMENT OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It was moved by V. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and—

Whereas it appears that the present arrangements for the payment of the travelling expenses and per diem allowances of the members of the Executive Committee in attendance at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter have been found unsatisfactory, and the resolution passed by this Grand Body in February, 1920, authorizing such payment has proved uncertain and difficult of application by the Sub-Committee in charge of the arrangements, be it therefore—

Resolved,—That a Special Committee be appointed by the Most Excellent the Grand-First Principal to inquire whether any, and if any, what changes in this regard are advisable, and, if necessary, to devise a scheme of arrangement for these payments on an equitable basis, and to report at the next Annual Convocation. The new regulations if approved by Grand Chapter to become effective at the next Annual Convocation of the said Grand Chapter. This resolution on being submitted to Grand Chapter was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid, seconded by Ex. Comp. John Gray, and—

Resolved,—That the following words be added to Section No. 264, as well as to Section No. 265, page 67 of the Constitution,—“Except for the purpose of attending Divine Service as Royal Arch Masons.”

The resolution on being submitted to Grand Chapter was declared lost.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—
The following Companions were elected by Grand Chapter as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

R. Ex. Comp. Alexander Cowan ........................................ Barrie
" " " M. E. Sherwood ........................................... Woodstock
" " " Walter G. Price ........................................... Port Credit
" " " Oliver Ellwood ........................................... London
" " " George L. Gardiner ........................................ Toronto

HISTORIAN ELECTED

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, 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.

TORONTO NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Cities of London, Toronto and Kingston having been nominated for the next Annual Convocation in the month of February, 1926, and being put to the ballot the result showed Toronto had received the highest number of votes and that City was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John Marr, and—

Resolved,—That this Grand Body tender to R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Potts, Chairman, and the other Excellent Companions who acted as Scrutineers, for services so capably rendered in the election of the Officers of Grand Chapter.
CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE RECEIVES THANKS

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. James Hooper, and—

Resolved,—That this Grand Body tender to the Credential Committee its thanks for the able manner in which the several members of the Committee discharged the duties allotted to them.

THANKS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to the Special Committees on the Revision of the Ritual and on the Order of the De Molay for the able manner in which the several members had discharged the duties allotted to them.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO COMPANIONS OF WINDSOR

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. E. W. E. Saunders, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to R. Ex. Comp. Percy J. McConnell, the Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District, to the Officers and Members of Ark Chapter, Windsor, as well as to the Officers and Companions of other Chapters in the District, for the splendid arrangements made for the reception of the Delegates, and the fraternal reception so generously accorded to the distinguished visitors; also for many personal courtesies extended to all the Companions in attendance at this Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, assisted by M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, then proceeded with the Installation and Investiture of the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.
INSTALLING BOARD RECEIVES THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre, and—

Resolved,—That this Grand Body tender its thanks to M. Ex. Comps. George Moore and R. H. Spencer for the able manner in which the Ceremony of Installation had been performed.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. Ex. Comp. A. W. Grant .......................................................... Ottawa
    "   " W. Y. Mills .............................................................. Kingston
    "   " J. McC. Potts ......................................................... Stirling
    "   " C. W. Haentschel ..................................................... Haileybury
V. "   " A. D. MacIntyre ......................................................... Ayr

ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Toronto...Grand Lecturer
V. "   " Thomas Towers, Hamilton........................................... Grand Senior Sojor’r
    "   " James Stewart, Walkerville ....................................... Grand Junior Sojor’r
    "   " Samuel R. Sampson,
         London .......................................................... Grand Sword Bearer
    "   " Robert D. Montgomery,
         Woodstock .................................................. Grand Master 1st Veil
    "   " Samuel Halfyard,
         Kitchener .................................................. Grand Master 2nd Veil
    "   " Harry Oswald Sturdy,
         Goderich ................................................ Grand Master 3rd Veil
    "   " Arthur J. Wood, Niagara-on-the-Lake ...Grand Master 4th Veil
    "   " John A. Atcheson, London .................................... Grand Standard Bearer
    "   " L. F. Stephens, Hamilton ...................................... G. D. of Ceremonies
    "   " Wm. Edward Tregenza,
         Windsor .................................................. Grand Organist
    "   " George Garnet Elliott,
         Toronto ................................................ Grand Pursuivant
V. Ex. Comp. John A. Thompson,
Thornhill ..................Grand Steward
" " " James D. Cameron,
Peterborough ..............Grand Steward
" " " James Shurie, Trenton. Grand Steward
" " " William Kyle Farlinger-
er, Morrisburg ..........Grand Steward
" " " William H. Wilson,
Smith’s Falls ............Grand Steward
" " " Abraham I. Katz, Ken-
ora ..........................Grand Steward
" " " George H. Davidson,
Sudbury ...................Grand Steward
" " " T. H. Graham, Toronto. Grand Steward
" " " William G. Bright,
Meaford ....................Grand Steward
" " " W. C. Norman, Tor-
onto ........................Grand Steward

The labours of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 12.45 o’clock p.m., Windsor, Thursday, February, 26th, 1925.
LUNCHEON HOUR

On Wednesday, at noon, February 25th, 1925, fully four hundred and fifty Companions partook of a tasty luncheon in the large banqueting hall of the Masonic Temple, at Windsor, M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, the Grand Z., presiding. During the hour several interesting addresses were delivered by some of our American guests.

THE GRAND CHAPTER BANQUET

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, Michigan, Pennsylvania, the Grand Chapter of Quebec, the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada, and others, with the newly elected Grand Superintendents, dined at 6.30 o’clock p.m., together, at the Prince Edward Hotel, Windsor, with M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, the Grand Z., presiding.

Subsequently this party repaired to the Masonic Temple, corner of Ouelette Avenue and Erie Street, and there witnessed, with a large number of Companions, the exemplification of the degrees of the Order of De Molay for Boys, which was ably presented at the request of Ark Chapter, Windsor, under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. Frank P. Wilcox, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Toronto, Grand H., President.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M. Ex. Comp. Michael Walsh ........................................ Ingersoll
" " " George Moore .................................................. Hamilton
" " " F. W. Harcourt .................................................. Toronto
" " " A. S. Gorrell ...................................................... Regina
" " " W. N. Ponton ...................................................... Belleville
" " " R. H. Spencer ..................................................... Trenton
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M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, Grand Z. Hamilton
" " " Harry H. Watson ..................Vancouver
" " " E. T. Malone ............................Toronto
" " " John M. Gibson ..................Hamilton
R. " " Edwin Smith, Grand J. ...........................London

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. Ex. Comp. John Lloyd Rutherford,
Blenheim St. Clair Dist. No. 1
" " " Edwin Ruthven MacNeill,
Strathroy  London " 2
" " " Samuel William Seago,
Brantford Wilson " 3
" " " Strachan D. Croft, Durham Wellington " 4
" " " Sidney Smith Forbes,
Hamilton Hamilton " 5
" " " Frederick Temple Armstrong, Lucknow Huron " 6
" " " John Wildish Holstock,
Welland Niagara " 7
" " " C. H. C. Wright, Toronto...Toronto East " 8
" " " J. Austin Evans, Toronto...Toronto West " 8a
" " " John Thomas Andrews,
Bracebridge Georgian " 9
" " " Chas. L. Davidson, Lindsay Ontario " 10
" " " Frank H. Chesher, Belleville Prince Edward" 11
" " " Harvey J. Milne, Kingston St. Lawrence" 12
" " " John Gray, Ottawa Ottawa " 13
" " " Oliver Coles, Fort William Algoma " 14
" " " Frank Kittson Ebbitt, Iroquois Falls New Ontario " 15
" " " Franklin Hermon Osborn,
Dawson Yukon " —

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Toronto.....Grand Scribe E.
" " " Charles Gilbert, London.......Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER.

R. Ex. Comp. Alexander Cowan Barrie
" " " M. E. Sherwood Woodstock
" " " Walter G. Price Port Credit
" " " Oliver Ellwood London
" " " George L. Gardiner Toronto
CHAPTER OF CANADA

APPOINTED BY GRAND Z.

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" " " W. Y. Mills ....................................................Kingston
" " " J. McC. Potts ..............................................Stirling
" " " C. W. Haentschel .............................................Haileybury
V. " " A. D. MacIntyre ..............................................Ayr

SUB-COMMITTEES.

GRAND Z.’S ADDRESS.


BENEVOLENCCE.


AUDIT AND FINANCE.


GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.


WARRANTS


CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.


CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.


FRATERNAL DEAD.


PRINTING COMMITTEE.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.
M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton (Chairman).

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No. 27. George Mager.
No. 32. Augustus Hollands.
No. 54. John Morris Nettleton, Gordon Park McConchy.
No. 57. Donald McNevin, Chauncy Smith.
No. 60. George D. Fortune, Francis Levi Morton.
No. 64. William J. Corrigan, John Newby.


No. 72. George Gilbert Thrasher.


No. 75. John Oswald McGibbon.


No. 83. Robert J. Bennett, C. L. Pownall, A. B. Ruddy, C. H. Smith

No. 84. Harry E. Pembroke, John A. Simpson, William Henry Sing, R. G. Williams.

No. 88. Edward Leigh.

No. 90. James Stewart Allan.

No. 95. W. A. McCauley, Frank A. Lucas, George Walter Visser, Orrin Davis Lewis, Harry George Hess.

No. 100. C. A. Donaldson, A. B. Loucks.

No. 102. Richard D. Gillespie, Frederick L. McQuarrie.

No. 103. Swan Swanson, Wm. Chas. Newman.


No. 117. Chas. H. Mills.


No. 146. Albert E. Windsor.


No. 195. Winnett Hector Graydon, David Stuart Thompson.


No. 225. Carlton Wst.

No. 226. William J. Buchanan.


SUSPENDED FOR U. M. C.

Chapter
No. 55. James Laughton.

RESTORATIONS

Chapter
No. 1. James Robert Lowery.
No. 4. Elliott Rowe Lawler.
No. 5. W. L. Prine, J. R. Steele.
No. 8. Wm John Ritchie
No. 24. William Allen Cober.
No. 32. Harry Havelock Whitehall.
No. 46. Richard H. Wiggall, John A. Matheson.
No. 54. William Stokes.
No. 63. George A. Norman, H. L. Collins.
No. 67. James Thomas Ireland.
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No. 72. Darius Green.
No. 73. D. Marr.
No. 76. William L. Fenwick, James C. Hull.
No. 77. Fred Pearson, William George Crawford.
No. 79. Wm. Francis Erroll Brown.
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No. 102. John J. Carrick, Noble James Kenney.
No. 114. Thomas Burt.
No. 115. Robert Elliott.
No. 130. Walter Frank Briggs.
No. 135. Albert John Slatter.
No. 139. Frederick J. Squire.
No. 149. A. P. McDonald.
No. 154. Charles McDonald.
Our Departed Companions

IN MEMORIAM

They Rest in Peace

“What of the night? For him there is no night, For us the night, so saddened and forlorn, And o'er the darkness, as he takes his flight, A star is born.”
HE IS NOT DEAD

“As Hiram slept, the widow’s son,
So doth our Brother take his rest!
Life’s battles fought, life’s duties done,
His faults forgot, his work confessed:
So let him sleep that dreamless sleep
Our sorrows clustering ’round his head.
Be comforted, ye loved who weep,
He lives with God. He is not dead.”

HAVE BEEN LONG TOGETHER

“Life, we’ve been long together,
Through pleasant and through stormy weather.
’Tis hard to part when friends are dear—
Perhaps ’twill cause a sigh, a tear,
So steal away—give little warning—
Choose thine own time.
Say not ‘Good-night;’
But, in some brighter clime,
Bid me ‘Good-morning.’”
For when God breathed into Adam the breath of life and he became a living soul, he gave Adam a part of himself. Man's soul is therefore a part of God and that soul is as indestructible as God.

M. EX. COMPANION

Augustus Toplady Freed
ELECTED HONORARY PAST GRAND Z. IN 1920
DIED SEPTEMBER 27th, 1924
HAMILTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James Douglas Christie
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3
DIED MARCH 2nd, 1924
SIMCOE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William Thompson
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12
DIED APRIL 24th, 1924
KINGSTON, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION

Walter O. Edwards
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3
DIED MAY, 1924
INGERSOLL, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James Whitten
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9
DIED MAY 14th, 1924
BRACEBRIDGE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James N. McGregor
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5
DIED JULY 20th, 1924
OAKVILLE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

George Monkman
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9
DIED OCTOBER 15th, 1924
BARRIE, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION

Samuel P. Gourlay
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7
DIED NOVEMBER 25th, 1924
ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William Birrell
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5
DIED FEBRUARY 15th, 1925
HAMILTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

John Sinclair
PAST GRAND SCRIBE N.
DIED NOVEMBER 10th, 1924
PETROLIA, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

W. A. Wilson
PAST GRAND REGISTRAR
DIED FEBRUARY 15th, 1924
LONDON, ONT.
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William McKellar
PAST GRAND REGISTRAR
DIED APRIL 20th, 1924
STRATFORD, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION
J. C. Cooke
PAST GRAND STEWARD
DIED OCTOBER 11th, 1924
KINCARDINE, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION
J. H. Dalton
PAST GRAND MASTER 3rd VEIL
DIED OCTOBER 31st, 1924
AYLMER, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION
Richard A. Williamson
PAST GRAND MASTER 2nd VEIL
DIED DECEMBER 10th, 1924
PICTON, ONT.

Well may we say of them, "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."
Deaths

Chapter
No. 1. Jas. Redden, 23 Feb., 1924; William Thompson, 24 April, 1924; Wm. Samuel Milne, 4 Feb., 1924; Frederick Crozier, 31 Jan., 1924; William Nicol, 24 Feb., 1924; Alexander VanAlstyne, 12 Jan., 1924.

No. 2. David Newland, 26 Jan., 1924; Garnet S. Cramp, 31 Jan., 1924; Joseph Rushforth, 31 March, 1924; James Lyon, 3 April, 1924; William R. Whatley, 5 April, 1924; George Oblender, 27 April, 1924; Harry Sasche, 5 May, 1924; Harold Atchinson, 12 May, 1924; Thomas E. Epps, 16 Sept., 1924.


No. 6. George Cruickshank, 18 May, 1924; John Burns, 7 March, 1924; Peter J. McLean, 27 June, 1924; Augustus T. Freed, 27 Sept., 1924; Frank J. Leckenby, 10 July, 1924; Robert A. Hutchinson, 7 Jan., 1924; Edmund S. Palmer, Lewis T. Constable, (dates not given).

No. 7. Wesley Bullen, 8 Feb., 1924; Herbert William Lindstrom, 20 May, 1924; George Jacobs, 26 June, 1924; James Dennis Collip, 17 Sept., 1924.

No. 8. John H. Knifton, 5 Sept., 1924; Fredericton Thomas Hutchinson, 18 Nov., 1924.
Deaths

Chapter

No. 15. Thomas O. Bard, 25 Mar., 1924; E. C. Barre, 1 March, 1924; Chas. E. Boody, 4 Sept., 1924; John E. Campbell, 22 Nov., 1924; William J. Havers, 1 July, 1924; James T. Woodwark, 7 Nov., 1924.

No. 16. Samuel Edward Bell, 17 Feb., 1924; George Burton Burney, 6 Mar., 1924; Edward Darwin Towsley, 24 June, 1924; Thomas Morton Chapman, 13 Aug., 1924.


No. 20. Robert Alexander Whyte, 18 Nov., 1924.


No. 27. Albert H. Johnson, 19 June, 1924; Chas. Augustus Macdonald, 27 Sept., 1924.

No. 28. Percy Howard Punshon, 28 May, 1924; Benjamin Joslyn Rogers, 30 June, 1924; Albert Leslie Milmine, 30 Sept., 1924; James Francis Robinson, 24 Nov., 1924.


No. 30. Fred. J. Pridham, 8 April, 1924; John Blain McKay, 2 Oct., 1924.

No. 31. Lewis E. Garrison, 10 Jan., 1924; John Vancleaf, 1 Sept., 1924; John Stuart Shurrie, 29 Oct., 1924; Richard A. Williamson, 10 Dec., 1924.

Deaths

Chapter
No. 34. George Monkman, 15 Oct., 1924; Robert G. Cowan, 26 July, 1924.
No. 35. Stanton A. Baker, 16 April, 1924.
No. 36. Samuel Taylor, 2 July, 1924; George Mc-Williams, 30 July, 1924.
No. 37. Sandy Lockington, 30 Jan., 1924; Charles Howe Lattimore, 1 April, 1924; Hilliard Cameron Robinson, 16 May, 1924; Thomas Walker, 8 Oct., 1924.
No. 41. Walter O. Edward, May, 1924; Beattie Patterson (date not given).
No. 44. Frederick Fraser Miller, 18 Oct., 1924.
No. 47. William H. Sparling, 21 Jan., 1924; G. A. N. Wahlen, 7 May, 1924; Samuel A. McCormack, 12 Sept., 1924; Charles Dunlop, 18 Nov., 1924.
No. 48. Robert Morrow, 18 Nov., 1923; Richard John Winch, 1 Dec., 1924.
No. 53. Charles H. Smith, 15 April, 1924; Thomas Kelly, 10 June, 1924; John Sinclair, 10 Nov., 1924.
No. 54. Thomas Hall, 11 Feb., 1924; Frederick William Wright, 20 Mar., 1924; John Squance, 20 June, 1924; P. David McCarthy, 3 July, 1924.
No. 55. Frank Bissell, 4 June, 1924.
No. 56. David Reilly, 4 April, 1924.
No. 59. Thomas Hare, 13 July, 1924.
No. 61. James Allan McAdam, 1 Mar., 1924; Samuel Davis, 29 April, 1924.
No. 64. Harry W. Hobson, 15 Feb., 1924; Charles Stewart, 2 Mar., 1924; John Phelps, 3 April, 1924; Frank C. Williams, 12 Sept., 1924.
Deaths

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No. 65. James Walter Curry, 6 May, 1924; Charles V. Snelgrove, 10 Mar., 1924; Arthur James Phillips, 30 Nov., 1924.
No. 66. William Down Bright, 9 Oct., 1924.
No. 69. Charles Wesley Harriston, May, 1924; Andrew E. Durfey, May, 1924.
No. 71. Marwood Barrett, 22 April, 1924; William F. Curtiss, 19 Mar., 1924.
No. 72. Wm. Arnold McKee, 13 July, 1924.
No. 73. A. M. Elliott, 4 Jan., 1924; James Cooper, 6 June, 1924; Thomas Shippy, 26 Sept., 1924.
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No. 76. Ivan M. R. Widdisfield, 25 Mar., 1924.
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No. 79. Wm. S. Milne, 4 Feb., 1924; Chas. A. Taylor, 5 July, 1924; Henry Chas. Bowring, 24 Aug., 1924.
No. 82. Warren Hilles, 13 Oct., 1924; T. A. C. Elliott, 23 Oct., 1924; J. A. Oliver, 3 April, 1924.
No. 83. John Kilpatrick, 10 July, 1924.
No. 84. Benjamin Wilson, 5 April, 1924; Jno. W. K. VanNorman, 22 June, 1924.
Deaths

Chapter
No. 88. T. B. Townsman, 19 June, 1924.
No. 90. F. T. Hooper, 3 Jan., 1924; William Scotland, 6 June, 1924.
No. 91. William S. Milne, 4 Feb., 1924; Malcolm R. Clissold, 13 Jan., 1924; David Todd, 14 Mar., 1924; G. W. F. Price, 20 Mar., 1924; John L. Davis, 15 Apr., 1924; Hugh Barr, 21 May, 1924; Robert Cassels, 25 June, 1924; Manuel E. White, 1 Nov., 1924; Samuel G. Bishop, 19 Dec., 1924.
No. 94. Robert Hartley Bell, 25 April, 1924; Arthur George Simpson, 16 Nov., 1924.
No. 95. William Frederick Dick, 21 July, 1924.
No. 116. Richard Henry Ferguson, 16 June, 1924; John B. Pewtress, 10 Jan., 1924.
No. 117. J. Wesley Hessenauer, 12 Feb., 1924.
No. 119. H. Malott, 29 May, 1924; Charles L. Campbell, 9 May, 1924.
No. 132. James Brown, May, 1924.
No. 133. Frank E. Diprose, 14 Aug., 1924.
No. 135. William Barton, 31 Jan., 1924.
No. 139. Mathew White, 10 July, 1924.
No. 145. Clarence A. Archer, 8 Nov., 1923; Alex. E. McLauchlin, 6 Dec., 1924; Herbert J. Taylor, 18 Nov., 1924.
Deaths

Chapter
No. 148. William Samuel Hall, 12 Sept., 1924.
No. 150. John Hall, 29 May, 1924.
No. 175. Augustus T. Freed, 27 Sept., 1924; John McCoy, 22 May, 1924.
No. 195. Charles Marvin French, 10 Feb., 1924; Walter Clarence Young, 26 Feb., 1924.
No. 198. Thomas Phillips, March, 1924; Herman A. Croaxall, Jan., 1924.
No. 205. Norman Allsopp, 4 May, 1923.
No. 213. Ralph Caverly, 20 Jan., 1924.
No. 224. William R. Whatley, 12 April, 1924; William E. Brewis, 4 Sept., 1924.
No. 231. Charles Wessly Hayward, 8 Feb., 1924.
No. 236. George Simpson, 26 Nov., 1924.
No. 239. Edward Shugal Flint, 20 Nov., 1924.
No. 242. George Albert Routledge, 3 Jan., 1924.

"I know thou art gone to the home of thy rest—
Then why should my soul be so sad?
I know thou art gone where the weary are blest,
And the mourner looks up and is glad;
I know thou hast drank of the Lethe that flows
In a land where they do not forget,
That sheds over memory only repose,
And takes from it only regret."
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CAPITULAR CORRESPONDENCE AND REVIEW

M. E. Companion William Nisbet Ponton, P.G.Z., Grand Historian "Canada."

FOREWORD.

The cruise of this Special Service Squadron about the known world of the Royal Craft—urbi et orbi—is happily accomplished and the lines of communication have been kept open. We have found free and open Ports wherein to sojourn for a while, and always a companionable welcome. We have met the greatest in Grand Rank, but neither they nor we have forgotten the undecorated and unofficial "Legion that never was listed, breaking a way for the rest." The chronicles of our voyage, and the gleanings and gatherings and gifts that we have brought home to share with our Canadian Companions will we trust, develop a better sense of perspective and proportion and make real and realized the benedictions and beatitudes and amplitude of the tie that binds us as Brethren, not Bondsmen, of our wise and gentle Craft. Her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace. We have found everywhere the will to go forward together—not to drift—with all sail set—with confidence in the Great Pilot—the Ancient of Days—and in our fellow travellers, men of good will and good sense—chosen of the true—select but not exclusive—the family of the faithful but not selfish or parochial—acting and reacting upon one another—unifying and creative. We have found Newton’s "The Men’s House" with windows and doors ever open to the City of Light—Delight—and Peace with every promise and potency of purposeful progress and a plentitude of prosperity. Yet again we remember the call to vigilance, and that prudence which is Providence, so well expressed by
the Master Craftsman Pericles of olden time—
"Prosperity can only be for the Free—and Freedom
is the sure possession of those alone who have the
courage to defend it." So let us cherish our memories
—rally to our standards—maintain our landmarks—
observe our laws, defend our rights, be buoyant in
spirit—and make and keep as our central ganglion
that virile virtue which rejoiceth in the truth—
thinketh no evil—and teacheth that life is not merely
a gift of the Great Giver, but a trust to which we as
"Stewards of the Mysteries" and Defenders of the
Faith, must ever pledge fidelity—fidelity—fidelity.
This is the message over sea and over land which
men of light and leading—the Rulers of the Royal
Craft—are broadcasting to us in the following pages.
Let us "listen in" with the understanding heart—
and let us be not merely points of contact but also
of transmission. To do good and to distribute forget
not. Here we find in these Grand Jurisdictions, these
laboratories of human potencies—many men, many
minds—unity in diversity—that touch of nature and
of wisdom that makes and keeps the whole world kin
and kind.

ALABAMA.

Jacob Bley, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 15,151.
Net gain, 1,468.

Two unusual and speaking photographs of Grand
High Priest Jacob Bley, and of George Allan Beau-
champ, Grand Secretary, with full biographies from
birth to the present, introduce to us the volume of
Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation was held
in Montgomery, December 3rd, 1923.
Thirteen Grand High Priests were at the post of
duty and of honour.
Canada was represented by a veteran of the Royal
From the Grand High Priest's address we take
the following striking paragraphs:—
“It is but fit and proper that we give thanks to the Great Jehovah for the manifold blessings which have been bestowed on us during the past year—especially the Glory of Life—that we are here to-day to enjoy the fellowship of each other and to participate in the results attained by this honorable Institution.

“The Brotherhood of man is only an exemplification of the Fatherhood of God, and it behooves us therefore as Royal Arch Masons to carry into practice the teachings of Masonry, so as to make the world brighter and better.

“Looking backward and perusing the accomplishments of the year just closed, I have arrived at the conclusion that it is not the volume that is of consequence, but the fervency and zeal with which we have preserved and sustained all matters pertaining to the Craft.

“It is not required of us to create new problems to be worked out by the fraternity at some future time in order to make history, but keeping abreast of the times and strict adherence to the duties incumbent on us will reap the reward we may expect.

With regard to the Alabama Masonic Home he sounds the following trumpet note:—

“COMPANIONS: Your zeal for the institution of Masonry and sincerity of purpose is the object of this communication.

“ONE OF THE GRANDEST MONUMENTS EVER ERECTED TO HUMANITY IS THE MASONIC HOME AT MONTGOMERY.

“To describe its splendor and usefulness is a task beyond my ability. However, a visit to the Home will convince you that to contribute to its support is an honor rather than a duty as a Mason.

“The Institution is taxed to full capacity at all times and the demand for more work is increasing daily.

“I make this special appeal to your liberality, assuring you of my personal appreciation and trust that the voluntary contributions this year will surpass all previous records and be commensurate with the needs at this time.”

The Committee on the Grand High Priest’s address says:—

“The able, magnificent, timely address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest is in keeping with the high ideals and characteristics of his fraternal life. His administration for efficiency and wisdom has made a profound and lasting impression for the good of Masonry.”

The Committee on Masonry and citizenship reports:—

“Congress seems slow to pass the Towner-Sterling Bill, and your Committee recommended that this Grand Chapter go on record as approving this bill that education may have
its proper place in the councils of our National Government, the States encouraged to meet the requirements to obtain the benefits of the bill, so that the boys and girls in our land may have equality of opportunity so far as the grammar school and high school grades are concerned."

The close of Grand Chapter is thus recorded with dignified words:—

"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."

Statistics and rosters of names follow through many pages.

Past Grand High Priest M. Ex. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee writes the Foreign Correspondence Report. He has evidently had some experience in practical politics, his introductory remarks being pertinent and suggestive:—

"Nothing has come of it so far, and the reason seems to be that we have been resoluting, and letting it go at that.

"The way to get the answer from Washington is for the individual Mason at home to let his Congressman and Senator know just how he feels about it, and if enough of them put it strong enough, the answer will be forthcoming.

"An active, intelligent, well paid lobby is maintained by those interested in parochial schools and all the forces of the alien religious groups in America are arrayed against the bill. Acting as individuals, each Mason should be as solidly for it, and send word in such a way as to get the answer. Resolutions get nowhere when not followed up by active effort of the individuals behind the resolution. Let's get busy and ask our Congressmen about the delay."

Under Canada he picks a few weak spots among others that are good, and says:—

"There are quite a number of 'as' among the list of Grand Officers, but with all that it is a formidable array.

"Several Grand Superintendents were out of position also, there being 17 present and 6 absent. Eighty-three Chapters were represented by the regular officers, 53 by proxies, and 5 by Past Z.'s. Thirty-seven were not represented.

"There was civic as well as fraternal welcome.

"All Chapters made returns, something unusual in the history of the Grand Scribe E. office.

"The Correspondence Report is the excellent work of R.E. Companion Edward B. Brown, and is worthy of careful reading."
From the records of Michigan we quote:—

"Just preceding the Grand Secretary's report is a picture of Charlie in his lair. Also of the lady assistant. Didn't know the weather ever got so warm at Coldwater that a fellow had to take his coat off indoors.

"Many matters of local interest were transacted.

"At the thirteenth annual meeting of the Past Grand High Priests' Association, composed of a banquet, all the distinguished visitors were entertained, and there were present many ex-distinguished members of Craft in Michigan.

He records the visit of the Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. of Canada.

The human touch is apparent under Virginia where he extends the proffered hand of conciliation:—

"Correspondence Report is the splendid work of R.E. Companion Joseph W. Eggleston, and demonstrates that he is still active and discriminating, although he says he is 74 years young.

"My dear Companion, this scribe has taken no offense at all, but was indulging in a little pleasantry in order to appease the boss of all of us, our delightful and efficient Grand Secretary, who never under any circumstances is willing to say or write anything he does not believe to be true. So no apology is at all necessary."

He concludes with an enquiry which it is ours to answer:—

"Time travels rapidly towards eternity. The present is a fast age, and the old is giving way to the new. Ought we not make pause before laying aside the wisdom of the fathers?

The Council of Anointed High Priests met on December 3rd and full statistics and roll calls are given.

Joseph Leon Gunter, Albany, Alabama, Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA.

William T. Coote, Grand Z.
Membership, 2,711.
Net increase, 28.

The meeting was held in Calgary, 12th and 13th March, 1924; five Past Grand First Principals were duly in attendance.

Canada's Representative was not there.

The welcome given to Grand Chapter illustrates the fact that Royal Arch Masons are—as they should be—specially interested in municipal and educational affairs, Mayor Webster, of Calgary, being an Ex. Comp., and Chairman Selwood of the Public School Board being a R. Ex. Comp., so that they were not merely among friends but among the Brethren of good fellowship when they welcomed the Chapters, and it will be noted that they also praised each other.

The address of Chairman Selwood closes as follows:

"He praised the work of Ex. Comp. Webster, as Mayor, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to co-operate in civic affairs with His Worship. The spirit of the times was progressive and the members of the Royal Craft could perform no better service than to exert their influence in supporting a wise and constructive policy of education to the end that the Royal Arch Masons of the future may be so trained and educated as to appreciate, even better than ourselves, their privileges and duties to the Craft and their fellow citizens."

From the businesslike address read by the Grand First Principal we glean the following:

"Let us express our thanks to The Great Jehovah for the many blessings He has bestowed on us during the past year; especially let us give thanks for the bountiful harvest with which he has blessed our Province.

"The past year has been the most harmonious one in our history, as I have not been called on to settle any difference, to censure any Chapter, or any Companion."

He shares this reviewer's ideas as to the inconstant moon. No Lodge or Chapter should pin its meetings upon anything so movable and variable. It has absolutely no symbolic significance. He says:

"I find there are still a number of Chapters using the moon schedule for their meetings, and would recommend that these be changed as they are very confusing."

In his conclusion he gives us words of truth with a touch of poetry—

"I believe that the greatest good to the Order and to the world at large, can be done by impressing more deeply upon
the minds of the Companions, the great moral lessons taught by our symbolism. Too many are Royal Arch Masons, in name only, who have little or no conception of the fundamental principles on which our Order is founded. Too many Chapters consider their full duty done when the last degree is conferred. I have been trying, in my visits to the different Chapters, to impress upon them the importance of having different members give talks on the work. I think there is a splendid field for the Past Principals to take up this part of the work. I believe it will have the effect of creating greater interest in the meeting, as well bringing home the real teachings of Capitular Masonry."

To leave some simple work behind,
To keep my having lived in mind.
If enmity to aught I show,
To be an honest, generous foe.

To play my little part; nor whine
That greater honors are not mine.
This, I believe, is all I need
For my philosophy and creed.

From the reply of the Grand Representatives assembled at the altar, to the Grand Z., this is worthy of being quoted:—

"At this time, particularly when so many national and international considerations in Europe and other continents seem to be so unstable, it is most gratifying to reflect upon the fact that a mutual spirit of abounding good will and beneficence has dominated (for the past century) all of the relationships between Canada and the United States, and that Masonry in all its branches has been the greatest factor in promulgating this needed contribution to the civilization and peace of the world."

Grand Scribe E. in his report says truly—

"Our Chapters are having somewhat of a struggle to keep progressing, but, I believe the experience has its benefits, for, besides knitting us closer together, as companions in the Chapter, we are learning to know one another more intimately, and we are finding out that "making new members" is not the great end of Masonry."

The following paragraphs from the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address are notable:—

"While the net increase has not been as large as we would wish, in the opinion of your committee it may be considered substantial, in view of the financial conditions prevailing in this province. A Mason's first duty is to his own kith and kin and should the fees for exaltation and dues become burdensome, his primal duty is to maintain those dependent upon him."
The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry develop the three essential features of progress under the three headings of (1) development, (2) uniformity, (3) harmony. Of harmony they say:—

"On every hand perfect unanimity reigns supreme. This is undoubtedly due in no small measure to the solid judgment and diplomacy which has been displayed by the Grand Superintendents. The frequent visitations of Chapter to Chapter as indicated in the reports has done much to produce this splendid spirit of harmony and concord."

It will be remembered that this Grand Chapter of Canada installed M. Ex. Comp. Hiram Darling of Alberta, who was then in failing health. His gentle graciousness impressed all when here. It was almost his last public function for we find in the Report of the Committee on Alberta's Fraternal Dead the following:—

"We desire to remember at this time our dearly beloved M.E. Comp. Darling, Past Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter, who on May 6, 1923, passed to his rest and his reward. M.E. Comp Darling was a most earnest Mason and gave in the interest of this Grand Body all that his failing strength would permit. He was sympathetic and helpful in all his endeavours and under all circumstances.

"Now the labourer's task is o'er,
Now the battle day is past; now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last;
Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave me now Thy servant, sleeping."

"Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

"Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark;
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

"For though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

An excellent picture of M. Ex. Comp. Darling occupies worthily a full memorial page. He was a great educationalist as well as Craftsman.
J. K. Brydon of Kenora, represents Alberta here. F. S. Watson of Edmonton, represents Canada there.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was not ready for the printer and is to be distributed later.

The next meeting is to be held at Calgary, 11th March, 1925.

John E. Johnson, Calgary, Grand First Principal.
Edwin G. Ironside, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

ARIZONA.

Max Fidler, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 1,270.
Net gain, 46.

A picture of Grand High Priest Fidler adorns the Proceedings.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Globe, 12th February, 1924, when the usual Committees were appointed and preliminaries arranged, in ample form.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present, a wonderful record for one of the smaller Grand Chapters.

Canada was represented by Ex. Comp. James H. Barrett.

The Grand High Priest gives a brief but comprehensive review and we take from his address the following sentence:—

"The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter, of our historic and illustrious Order, is privileged to meet at this time in what is known as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, copper producing districts of the United States. The city of Globe is also noted for its hospitality. While some Chapters have grown more than others, the condition of all may be pronounced healthful. Not a single Chapter has sounded a discordant note. Peace has prevailed."

Under Necrology he says:—

"'Death, the gate of life,' has opened to our Companions, who are just ahead of us in our pilgrimage. They have arrived at the destination. We are but travelling toward it."
The following are included among his rulings:

"When objection is made to a candidate by a Companion after ballot and the objection stated to the Chapter, the matter should be referred to a committee, and on the report of such committee, decided by the Chapter by a majority vote.

"An objection is valid when made by a Companion to the advancement of a Brother, if it is simply lodged as such, without any reason or ground given therefor."

Saskatchewan and Manitoba are officially recognized and welcomed into the Grand sisterhood through the Committee on Correspondence.

Among the general regulations of this Grand Chapter we find the following:

"The restoration to good standing by a Lodge, of any Companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in his case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter.

"That it is illegal and improper to confer any of the Capitular degrees on Sunday.

"That a Stated Meeting of a Chapter can not be 'called off' to a subsequent day or evening. That the transaction of all regular business must be confined to the evenings named as stated or Regular meetings."

Comp. William Birrell, of Hamilton, represents Arizona in Canada.

The Order of High Priesthood met as usual.

There is no Correspondence Report. We hope next year to find one in Arizona's Proceedings.

Frank Thomas, Phoenix, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskrurge, Tucson, Grand Secretary. He is also Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas met at Little Rock, Arkansas, November 22nd, 1923, M.E. Comp. Nick Kizer, Grand High Priest, in the chair. It was the seventy-fourth convocation.

The Grand High Priest in his address reviewed the year's activities and included a memorial which he had circulated relative to the untimely death of M.E. Comp. George Thornburgh, one passage from which is worthy of quotation, as delineating a real and ideal man and Mason:
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“A good citizen, an ardent prohibitionist, and a leading Mason, Col. Thornburgh was above all things a devout Christian. He was ever a true man, a man of marked ability, worthy of any office in the gift of the Fraternity, the Church or the State. Well poised, clear-headed and responsive always to whatsoever things are honest, true, pure and of good report, he fulfilled many important trusts, and never fell short of the duties imposed or the expectations of his fellow men.”

A very excellent address was given by M.E. Comp. William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest. The entire address should be read by every Royal Arch Mason, but some conception of its strength and spirit may be formed from the following paragraphs:

“Freemasonry is a beautiful allegory which unfolds to the thinking Freemason the interesting story of the loss, the recovery, and the practical interpretation of that which we call ‘the Word.’ This definition contains one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry that before a man will rule, he must first learn to obey; that before he would teach, he must first be a student; a Craftsman before he will be a Master of the Craft; a subject before he would be a King; and before he would enlighten others he must become enlightened himself. These principles are fundamental, but the tendency of our present day is, that a man wants to be the boss before he is an Entered Apprentice; be Master of his lodge before he has been an obedient Craftsman. The world is suffering from unprepared men; unprepared for existing conditions; for an honest day’s work; for adverse conditions that may arise, possessed of a mere smattering of everything, but little of anything; an expert in all things but an expert in nothing. Undisciplined men, men who lack self control, are a curse to the age. A disgrace of law, and incompetency to perform, is as prevalent among the better class as among the crooks. Bold defiance of law is everywhere present. Men wink at the violation of law, especially the Eighteenth amendment. No Freemason will violate this law or wink at the violation thereof. If he does he will never find the Master’s Word. A true Past Master has learned the lesson of obedience in the school of discipline, has become master of himself and is thoroughly prepared for the duties upon which he would enter.”

And further with regard to the lost Word—

“This means that the Royal Arch Degree is a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, and the Orders of Chivalry were recognized as Masonic. This constitutes York Rite Freemasonry. It naturally follows that one degree is not higher
than another, but is a part of the unfolding of an interesting story, and the Royal Arch is as much a part of Ancient Craft Masonry as the Master’s Degree, and it may be truthfully stated that no one is in possession of all Ancient Craft Masonry without the Royal Arch. In this interesting relation and co-relation we have the beautiful symbolism of the Loss, the Recovery and the interpretation of the Master’s Word. If there is a Loss there must be a Recovery, and the Recovery is of little value unless you interpret the Recovery. It would be merely theoretical, philosophical nonsense to discover the Master Word, and fail to interpret it in a practical application to our duties as Freemasons.

“The Royal Arch portrays this Discovery. That is, if you receive the degree in a manner that will enable you to recognize that you have made the Discovery. Unfortunately, many who have received the Royal Arch Degree did not receive anything, and the whole thing was merely a joke. Many newly-made Master Masons have been disappointed in not receiving that which was promised them, and in the fact that they were put off with a substitute, although they received the promise that at the proper time the true Word should be discovered.”

A contribution of $500 was voted to the Relief Association of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, and another of the same amount toward the securing of a motor car for the Superintendent and Matrons of the Masonic Orphans’ Home at Batesville.

By unanimous resolution Grand Chapter adopted the District plan of superintendency, a Deputy Grand High Priest being provided for in each of four districts.

Total membership of Grand Chapter, 7,506.

M.E. Comp. George H. Parsons was elected Grand High Priest.

Fraternal correspondence was prepared by Comp. Mark P. Olney, whose recommendation of recognition of the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan was accepted.

A brief and concise summary of the activities of fraternal Grand Chapters is presented with a minimum of quotation, which means a maximum of hard work.

Arkansas is a fertile jurisdiction.

R. C. B.
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CALIFORNIA.

William Penn Humphreys, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 22,097.
Net gain, 1,410.
Grand Chapter assembled in Pasadena, April 15th, 1924.
The local Chapter extended a warm welcome. Twelve survivors of the earthquake and fire of April 18th, 1906, who were present at the morning session of Grand Chapter on that date, were specially welcomed. This is an annual custom.
Canada's representative did not answer the roll call.
A fine portrait of Grand High Priest Humphreys faces the opening page of the transactions.
In California Grand Representatives do not lag superfluous on the stage and fraternal greetings and best wishes are exchanged between the various Jurisdictions.
M. Ex. Comp. Stockwell, of North Dakota, and M. Ex. Comp. Evans, of Oklahoma, were cordially greeted.
The Grand High Priest's address was an interesting one and from it we take the following:—

"Three Chapters, San Francisco No. 1, Sonora No. 2, and Sacramento No. 3, with a total membership of 127 Companions, formed our Grand Chapter in the Masonic Temple of the town of Sacramento in 1854. To-day, amidst the most sumptuous surroundings that can be supplied by wealth and successful civilization, we meet as the representatives of 112 Chapters under Charter, 4 Chapters under Dispensation.
To-day but few of our Chapters can be said to be isolated; good officers are easier to obtain; and although we are still conservative, increased zeal and excellent morale exist from one end of this Jurisdiction to the other. The imperative necessity for mutual contact and co-operation has been realized by all; harmony and enthusiasm prevail; widespread interest extends from Oregon to Mexico; better work is being done and our numbers of late years have increased more rapidly.
Yet there is still room for improvement. Our membership is smaller than it should be. Throughout the United States the average percentage of Master Masons who are Royal Arch Masons is 28.7%, while in California it is only 21.7%, nearly 25% below the average—a condition which
should fill us with determination to at least bring our percentage up to the average. We must remember and apply the precept of the poet Vergil:

"Possunt, quia posse videntur."
(They can, because they think they can.)

They are not allowed to "rush" their Degrees in the Western States, and they work in close cooperation with the Grand Lodge in this regard:

"During the past year I have heard of no violation of the rule laid down in Section 246 of our Grand Lodge Constitution, requiring a newly raised Master Mason to wait six months before petitioning for the York or Scottish Rite degrees.

"Every High Priest and every Secretary of every Royal Arch Chapter in this Jurisdiction, upon receiving a petition for degrees, should scrutinize it thoroughly to see that it shows affirmatively on its face that the petitioner has been a Master Mason for at least six months."

Attendance and membership of real men in real Chapters is emphasized:

"Trusting to a kindly Providence to provide candidates, or waiting until candidates somehow turn up, is fatal to the growth of any Chapter.

"Good attendance cannot be secured unless the degrees are conferred with accuracy and dignity, nor unless in addition to the degrees, the Chapter occasionally provides some interesting and attractive features. The old saying 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' applies with as much force to Capitular Masonry as to any other department of life. The attendance of any Chapter depends largely upon the vision, energy and intelligence of its High Priest; but if this officer functions properly, he will have no difficulty with securing a goodly attendance."

Education, patriotism and Masonry are inseparably linked together.

"To-day some of our teachers seem to regard patriotism as an unimportant by-product of education, and as far less important than the dismal science of political economy."

His conclusion, in which he speaks of his successor, is admirable:

"He will be able to use the achievements of the past as stepping stones for still greater achievements in the future; and when another year rolls by, and he, too, in his turn, is about to transmit his trust to his successor, he will realize the feeling that comes over all of us at this moment in our
lives; a feeling which is so wonderfully expressed by that staunch Companion, Rudyard Kipling:

“When I was a king and a Mason, in the open noon of my pride,
They sent me a voice from the darkness, they whispered and called me aside;
They said 'The end is forbidden'; They said, 'Thy use is fulfilled;
Thy place shall be as that other—the spoil of a king, who shall build.'

I called my men from my quarries; my wharves, my trenches, my shears,
All I had wrought, I abandoned to the faith of the faithless years;
Only I carved on each timber, only I cut on each stone,
‘After me cometh a builder; tell him, I, too, have known.’

The Committee on the Grand High Priest’s address says in commendation:

“His extensive travels in the interest of the Royal Craft conclusively prove that the duties pertaining to his high office at once gripped him on assuming office and held him throughout the year. His emphasis at his visitations and in his address upon the necessity of training the youth of our Commonwealth in the fundamental principles of love of country and its institutions, has been well timed and forcibly made.

Here is something unique in the way of reports, Chairman Brandon like the linnet, simply sings because he must, and to make poesy out of grievances is indeed an achievement.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

To the M.E. Grand Chapter R.A.M. of California:

Your Grievance Committee the whole year through
Have really and truly had nothing to do.
That you may understand the situation,
Just listen to the following narration.

In days gone by, we read in song and story
Judges rode circuit through the English land
Trying the cases brought them, all and sundry.
Administering justice out of hand.

But sometimes, 'ere the Judges reached a City,
The suitors came together, one by one.
Differences were hurriedly adjusted,
And not a case was left to act upon.
Then when, at length, they saw the Judges coming,
Officials met them with a pleasant speech;
Happily wined and dined them in the evening,
And gave a pair of milk-white gloves to each.

Thus did they typify the peace and quiet
Which in their law-abiding City reigned:
And so we of your Grievances Committee
Bear witness that our Chapters all have gained

By our just law's benignant operation,
The Peace and Harmony our Order loves.
We don't expect the wining, but Companions.
Pardon the question—How about the gloves?

Respectfully submitted,
F. D. BRANDON,
SAMUEL E. BURKE,
Committee.

Report adopted.

$500 was appropriated to the Building Fund of
the Masonic Club House at the University of Cali-
ifornia, and $500 to the Students' Loan Fund—an ad-
mirable object.

A new feature is a somewhat formidable list of
extinct Chapters with requiems from 1866.

Joseph White Rogers, of Toronto, represents Cali-
ifornia, and Canada is represented by Roland English Hartley, San Francisco.

The Chairman of the Committee on Corre-
spondence, Comp. Max A. Plumb, treats of many out-
standing subjects in an interesting and concentrated way. He does not separate the Jurisdictions but
draws from all.

From his introduction we take these quota-
tions:

In the matter of Decisions, I find this year that there is
less complaint by the Grand High Priests that questions are
submitted to them which can be easily answered by a refer-
ence to the Constitution. High Priests are either becoming
more intelligent or they are not as lazy as in former years.

There is still complaint that certain practices are intro-
duced into the P. M. and R. A. M. degrees which are not
provided for in the ritual but as the Grand High Priests, in
whose jurisdictions this has occurred, have promptly punished
the offenders and have enforced the law this evil has not con-
tinued. The only remedy is to promptly squelch the offenders. I believe that High Priests particularly will be benefited in the government of their Chapters if they read these reports.

"I recommend that each Companion read carefully each year the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This report is too voluminous to be read before the Grand Chapter, and, for that reason, I am afraid a great many Companions do not give it the consideration it deserves. Companions, I know of nothing that will keep you so well posted in the doings of the Capitular world as this Report. Read it once and you will do so again without urging."

He cites the following ruling:—

"Question: How long does a Chapter have control over a member after giving him a dimit?

"Answer: When a member has been granted a dimit, the Chapter no longer has control over him except to the extent that it has jurisdiction over all sojourning Companions within its jurisdictional lines."

One can scarcely believe that permission to smoke in Chapter or Lodge would even be asked or suggested, but the question arose and our colleague comments as follows:—

"Most California Chapters do not allow smoking in Chapter rooms at any time, and certainly never during degree work.

Under De Molay he says with reference to Wisconsin:—

"This Grand Chapter appropriated $1,500.00 last year to further this movement and the Grand High Priest recommended that an additional $300.00 be given this year for this purpose. He says:—

"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. It is the thing we work for, make sacrifices for, and are responsible for, that is dearest to our hearts. It is the same with boys, for we are but boys grown tall."

He gives our motion as to membership in the Mother Blue Lodge being essential to membership in a Chapter, full prominence. Canada is about the only exception to an almost universal rule.

On account of terrible storms Alberta the regular night's meeting had to be cancelled and permission
was refused by Grand Chapter to holding election and installation on same date. On this California comments as follows:—

“In view of the conditions this should be changed. If the fitness for office cannot be determined while the Companions are previously in the line, an additional week or two leaves little time for detective work.

Under multiple membership our colleague says:—

“An amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was offered and carried as follows:—

“Any Royal Arch Mason may be a member of more than one Chapter at the same time.”

Canada, 1923:—

“Referring to the motion by M. E. Companion Ponton under the head of dependent members we also find that the Grand Lodge of Canada permits multiple membership. This principle is recognized in many eastern Grand Lodges. There is no valid objection to a man in belonging to as many Lodges or Chapters as he pleases except the difficulty of keeping a true record of members by Grand Secretaries. The Grand Bodies which permit this seem to have no great difficulty in keeping their records, but it is always the Grand Secretaries who object to multiple membership being introduced.”

Comp. Plumb believes in discipline—“carry it plumb”—and says with reference to a certain Secretary:—

“This Secretary should have been suspended and his books taken by the High Priest of the Chapter. The use of a back-bone stiffener in that Chapter would have relieved the Grand High Priest of a very nasty job.”

With regard to undue haste he says:—

“Let us, Companions, make haste a little more slowly and if the number of members does not increase by leaps and bounds, yet we may be sure that at least the number of Royal Arch Masons, in all that the name implies, is increasing and that unhampered by a lot of dead-and-down timber.”

And under Michigan he comments and quotes as follows with regard to weak Chapters:—

“I still maintain, as in former reports, that ‘the proper thing to do with dead ones is to bury them.’

“I am persuaded, that sooner or later this Grand Chapter must say to every Chapter, that, to justify its existence and the continuance of its charter, it must not only do some work, but that it must do ‘good work, square work, such work as we are authorized to receive.’”
The transactions are well indexed—a feature of most of the Jurisdictions now being observed much more carefully than formerly.

Next meeting 21st April, 1925, at San Francisco.
Rudolph Beck, Oxnard, Grand High Priest.
Thomas A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

**COLORADO.**

Reuben W. Hershey, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 8,038.
Net gain, 72.

A biography of the new Grand High Priest, Walter Raleigh Lewis, with his speaking photograph, precedes the volume, and of him his biographer says:

"He brings to the office of Grand High Priest all the qualifications of a true Mason and an ardent exponent of the Royal Art."

The Fiftieth Annual Convocation was held at Denver, September 18th, 1924, and it was decided to postpone the ceremonial celebration of the half century of good work well done in Colorado until the next annual gathering. Eighteen Past Grand High Priests, the best representation with one exception of any Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, rallied to the standard of duty and of privilege.

R. Ex. Comp. Stanley C. Warner, of Denver, represented Canada, and his name is indeed familiar in the Bay of Quinte District and throughout Ontario. Canada is proud to have one of her own sons represent her in Colorado.

The Grand Representatives were thus welcomed by Grand High Priest Hershey:

"These Grand Jurisdictions should also be proud of the representation they have near the Grand Chapter of Colorado. A number of them asked about you gentlemen, who should, each of you, make it your business to keep in close touch with the Jurisdiction which you represent and inform this Jurisdiction and thus create closer harmony between the Grand Chapters."
From the excellent photograph of Grand High Priest Hershey we read that he is among the younger of the Grand High Priests of the United States, but he speaks with mellow maturity. From his address we take the following:—

“A very small part of Masonry is in the Lodge room and it is the right living, right thinking and right talking outside of the Lodge room in our daily lives with one another that builds up and holds up this wonderful fraternity of ours, and that creates a feeling of respect for and guidance to those who do not receive and follow our teachings. The respect of our fellowmen is of greater price to you and to me than all the wealth of the universe.”

He made all necessary arrangements for the meeting, greeting and entertainment of the Earl of Cassillis, Grand Z. of Scotland at Colorado Springs in the most cordial manner.

He concludes as follows:—

“Last but not least, the end of another perfect, prosperous happy year has passed, and I want to assure each and every Companion of our Grand Jurisdiction that I enjoyed every minute of my association with them during the past ten years or more, and it is with regret that I will to-day turn over my office to a much more worthy successor and wish him Godspeed in all his work for all time to come.

From the Grand Lecturer we take these sentences:—

“The past year has been a rather quiet one for most of the Chapters, and the average attendance at the stated and special Convocations has been less than that of the preceding year.

“Apparently this was largely caused by the financial condition of the state as a whole, the rancher, miner, and stockman having experienced heavy losses during the past few years. This condition appears to be righting itself, and undoubtedly the increased prosperity to the state will be shown by a corresponding increase of work in the Chapters.”

The veteran Correspondent, Ernest LaNeve Foster, was given a special reception in the East and made his viva voce Report, introducing R. Ex. Comp. Woodward as the reviewer for this year. We take the following from his speech:—

“Last year on this committee you selected a Companion who is perfectly competent and willing, and who has agreed to carry on this work, which is read by the Companions
throughout the several Jurisdictions of the United States and some foreign countries. In presenting this report to you, I am sure you will remember that the workman is worthy of his wages and will provide for the large amount of work devolving upon him. Personally, I did not do the work, but I have the privilege of presenting the report to you and stating that the work was done.

“It is a great pleasure to see my name at the head of the list of Past Grand High Priests. Forty-four years ago I was at the head of the Grand Chapter, and now my name is listed as the senior member.”

From the Report of the Committee on Necrology these thoughts stand out:—

“Nevertheless, each Companion, according to his understanding, endeavors to regulate his life and conduct so that he may safely pass the square of the Grand Overseer, and not be cast aside and rejected. And so, with full confidence, of those Companions who have departed, we may say, ‘They have passed through the shadows and entered into Light.’

“Who does his best as circumstance allows, does well, acts nobly—angels could no more.”

Colorado’s Soldier Masons Fund amounts now to $15,682, and good philanthropic work is being done with the income.

The returns of all the constituent Chapters to July 31st, 1924, are given with full lists of membership.

James McC. Potts, of Stirling, represents Colorado in our Grand Chapter.

A very convenient directory of Grand Chapters is printed giving name and address of Grand High Priest, name and address of Grand Secretary (G.S.E.), and name and address of your Correspondent and reviewer.

From the review of Comp. Woodward under Canada, 1923, we take the following:—

“Later in the session distinguished visitors from New York, Quebec, Michigan, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania were received with due ceremonies, and made very interesting addresses to the Grand Chapter. Formation of the Grand Chapters in Manitoba and Saskatchewan was approved The correspondence report is written by Companion Edward B. Brown, and includes Colorado for 1921. He quotes from Most Excellent Companion Gill’s eulogy of our late Companion Charles H. Jacobson, and pays appreciative tribute
to Most Excellent Companion Foster, the chairman of this committee."

And Canada, 1924, gives him the following material:—

"During the session the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were received, as well as distinguished visitors from New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

"The Grand Treasurer reports permanent investments of over $55,000.00. The Grand Secretary reports nine Chapters chartered. He also reports a net loss in membership of three thousand and two, but this was on account of the formation of the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, which were organized in the territory of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"The correspondence report is written by Most Excellent Companion William N. Ponton, Past Grand Z., and covers Colorado for 1922. He quotes liberally from the Proceedings, and says that Most Excellent Companion Kuhn scored effectively in his address."

Connecticut suggests the following comments to Colorado:—

"In this Jurisdiction, each initiate receiving the Mark Master's degree is assessed the sum of $2.00, which is turned over to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, which, we take it, is something in the nature of our Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association. This seems to be a good way of raising additional funds for charitable purposes, and certainly does not impose a hardship on anyone. Almost at the close of the session the roll of Chapters was called, and all answered with the exception of a few Chapters which had previously been excused. We wonder how many Chapters would have a representative present in our own Annual Convocation during the last hour."

Kansas, as usual, gives plenty of material, and this is emphasized:—

"We class the address of the Grand High Priest among the best Masonic papers which we have ever read. From it we are able to learn that in addition to discharging the routine duties of his office, he has labored hard and faithfully for the good of the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction. It is a temptation to insert the address bodily, but lack of space forbids.

"He calls attention to the practice of collective balloting, which is in violation of Masonic custom, and which is certainly one of the results of the rush to make members."

From Missouri we garner the following comment:—
“Referring to the custom which obtains, not only in Missouri but in all Jurisdictions, of delegating the actual conferring of degrees to the same men year after year, he says, ‘It seems to me that every officer of a Chapter should know the duties of two positions; the position he was chosen to occupy, and the position next above him in line.’ This expresses our opinion exactly. He very properly refused two dispensations to receive petitions and ballot upon them in less than the usual time.”

Through Quebec we derive the following interesting information from Scotland, as quoted by our Colorado colleague:

“Under the head of Scotland in his report he draws attention to the mutual findings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, that a Mason’s mark may consist of any number of points, joined together by straight lines, always excepting an equilateral triangle. This is the proper conception of a Mason’s mark, and is much more consistent than many of the elaborate initials or monograms or other things of that character which are so often recorded.”

Comp. Woodward in his conclusion pays a tribute to the standard of excellence of M. Ex. Comp. Foster, who filled this office for 35 years, and adds the following general comments which make a worthy conclusion:

“Sixty-five volumes of Proceedings have been read with more or less care and notes made of things which appeared to be of interest. Matters in the domain of Capitular Masonry have, for the most part, maintained an even course. New Grand Chapters have been admitted to the circle of fellowship; the Texas controversy has arisen and been settled; and the annual increase in membership is about back to its normal rate, after the great rush during the World War. In some quarters there is a slight tendency toward innovations, but sober second thought will prevent any unwise changes. The strength of Masonry in all its branches is its conservatism. All of the fraternal societies are modeled to a great extent on Free Masonry. This is as it should be, but it does not follow that it is wise for us to imitate them. The whole is greater than any of its parts.”

The next Convocation will be held in Denver, September 17th, 1925.

Walter R. Lewis, Trinidad, Grand High Priest.
William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.
F. Ward DeKlyn, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 15,798.
Net gain, 678.
No ordinary face looms up on the title page as a prelude to the transactions in the lineaments of Grand High Priest DeKlyn.
The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple in Hartford, May 13th, 1924.
Fifteen Past Grand High Priests signified by their attendance their loyalty to the Royal Craft and among them are well known and familiar names.
The veteran M. Ex. Comp. George N. Delap represented Canada. He never fails.
A perfect galaxy of visitors distinguished by rank and character laid siege to the hearts of Connecticut, hailing from New Jersey, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and the General Grand Chapter, all of them with names—to us Canadians at least who have tasted their hospitality "familiar in our mouths as household words."
From the Grand High Priest's address we derive some interesting information. He calls a spade a spade and does not magnify—
"This lack of interest is also seen among the older members of our Chapters and I am sorry to say that this is not alone affecting our Masonry but also in our public affairs with our duties as citizens of our republic. This lack of interest should be given our earnest consideration and an effort made to keep our Order in the place it deserves in our respective communities.

His protest against the use of Royal Arch titles in trade marks was effective at Washington.
He speaks enthusiastically of the great gatherings to confer the Most Excellent Master degree under the leadership of the late Dr. Kuhn, both as to manner and as to result. Among his rulings we find:—
"Question: Can a Chapter receive petitions from Master Masons whose Lodge is working under dispensation? Answer: Yes. They are M.M. in good standing and so recognized by the Grand Lodge."
In conclusion he says:—

"As a Council officer of this Grand Chapter I have visited all but three of the subordinate Chapters and I can assure you this duty has been most pleasant.

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, of the Grand King and of the Grand Scribe show a splendid year’s work well done, keeping contact with the Companions.

The Committee on Ritual headed by our old friend, Edgar B. Ellis, brought in two very important reports, most of which were approved by Grand Chapter and the vote on the General Grand Chapter Ritual was postponed till next Convocation.

The roll call at the close of the meeting is a feature of Connecticut’s Proceedings and a good idea to secure fidelity and continuity of attendance.

In the review of Grand Chapters the personality of the veteran M. Ex. Comp. George A. Kies is limned in large and attractive characters. He finds electric contact and food for comment everywhere.

Under Indiana and Illinois he quotes:—

"Under Indiana, a bit of truth:

"If word is ever whispered around that the Chapter is dead and the officers unable to confer degrees it will be a long, long time before that impression can be removed. Most of the trouble with these Chapters seemed to have been caused by negligent secretaries. The problem of the secretary is one that we always have with us and is hard to solve at times, and the trouble is not confined to Indiana alone."

Massachusetts comes in for a large share of his kindly but critical pen-thoughts—

"So we have the incongruity that when a Past High Priest is appointed to office in Grand Chapter, he loses a part of his rightful title, while Companions on the floor retain theirs. While your reporter has in general small use for titles, yet, if they are to be retained, we would like to see a logical system, the monitor to the contrary notwithstanding.

“Our objection lies in the undoubted fact that even sealed letters are possible of getting unto unauthorized hands thus revealing the names of applicants for degrees, in which event rejections easily become known later. If this be not an invasion of the secrecy of the ballot, we do not know what it is.”
Of the outstanding historical work of Comp. Conover, of Michigan, he says:—

"Charlie Conover supplements the Proceedings with a History of the Origin and Development of the R.A. Degree. He preludes by showing the difficulties encountered in tracing its origin. It may have originated in continental Europe, although it also may have been an integral part of the Master's degree, on which accusations were made of 'mutilating.' It is also significant that at the union of the two English Grand Lodges, in 1813, control was assumed of Craft Masonry 'and the Holy Royal Arch.'"

South Carolina gives him the following opportunity:—

"He notes that our High Priests are styled 'M.E.' and asks if this is a misprint. We wish it were. But our monitor (Gould and Sheville's) so styles them and a few finical old hunkers have thus far successfully resisted all attempts at a logical change.

"He jollies your reporter on his brief review of South Carolina and says: 'Be more generous with your space next year, Kies.' Well, hang it, we will if you will only start something. We know from your past record that you are eminently capable of it. But when everything moves smoothly like well oiled machinery, what is there for the poor reviewer to seize onto?"

The alphabetical arrangement of other Grand Chapters is not followed and Canada and other British Chapters are allocated to a place by themselves, not at the head but at the end of the column, the rear guard. We think Comp. Kies likes us, we know he likes R. Ex. Comp. Brown, his old colleague. He comments upon our invested assets of $56,000 and upon other finances and says among other good things:—

"Companion Edward B. Brown submits his eighth annual review, 136 pages. He gives Connecticut, 1922, 2 pages of cordial notice. He mentions M.E. Companion Ponton's welcome visit to us, and speaks of Companion P. as 'sorely afflicted with the "runarounds," according to the opinion expressed in another Grand Chapter.' We in Connecticut hope his 'affliction' will become chronic.

"Companion Brown has pleasing recollection of M.E. Companion Ellis' visit to Canada and was 'delighted to read in his address of the impression made upon him by what he then saw and heard.'

"He facetiously says of our reporter's foreword that it 'will add to the gaiety of nations.'"
"We have never been a member of the O.E.S. But, in Connecticut at least, there is no thought of anything like Masonic recognition. Indeed, we have good reason for believing that the O.E.S. does not want it.

"In Connecticut these ladies both individually and as an organization have for years tactfully but materially helped in the welfare of our Masonic Home, which they rightfully claim in part as their Home. We may be shortsighted and stupid, but they are the opposite of terrifying to us."

We trust that for many years we may have the opportunity of meeting and greeting M. Ex. Comp. Kies.


DELAWARE.


The Proceedings open with the Masonic career of retiring Grand High Priest Willin, whose thoughtful features and firm chin adorn the title page.

A special Convocation of Grand Chapter was held to meet and greet M. Ex. Comp. Kuhn of whose address the Grand Secretary says:—

"It was the very rare privilege to listen to the most eloquent and instructive address in the history of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, General Grand High Priest Kuhn dealing with the dignity and solemnity of the work, urging upon us the strict adherence to the ritual, and the elimination of all forms in the ceremonies that would tend to detract from the beauty and dignity of the work."

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation opened at Wilmington, 16th January, 1924, with a large attendance of permanent and other members and visitors.

Pennsylvania and New Jersey were received with grand honours.

Many Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. We note their fidelity throughout the U.S.A. Jurisdictions.
That the Grand High Priest enjoyed and was enthusiastic in the performance of his privileges and duties is apparent from his opening sentences:—

"Companions, if after an experience of thirty-four years with my Brothers and Companions of the Craft, any one had told me a year ago that this past year of my life would be fraught with double the pleasures and associations that it had ever been my lot to pass through, I should have doubted the same. But my experiences during the past year have not only shown me that the joys and pleasures have not only been doubled, but will have to acknowledge that they have been seven fold what I anticipated.

"Companions, I have no apologies to make on this the threshold of the evening when I shall surrender the gavel of authority to my honored successor. I have done the best that was in me, so if I have erred or done anything amiss, it has been a mistake of the head and not of the heart.

"Let us here pause and for a short time pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the Companions who have entered the Portals of the Fourth Veil there to take up their abode with The Great I Am until we shall be summoned to join them."

He notes the appointment of Companion Alfred C. Larter, of Toronto, as the representative of Delaware.

He details in friendly fashion his visits to New Jersey and to Pennsylvania and the grand welcome they gave him and all of us there, and he concludes:—

"Wise and conscientious officers will strive to make the Order to shine brighter as the years go by. We must do our utmost toward the upbuilding of the same for, remember, we can only get out of anything in this life what we put in."

Many reports and statistical lists follow. A very useful four pages are those giving the Standing Resolutions from 1871 to 1921.

The Report on Correspondence is by Ex. Comp. Thomas J. Day and is a model of concentrated brevity.

Canada receives the most generous report of all, and he quotes from the address of Grand Z. Spencer as follows:—

"Let it be understood that Royal Arch Masonry is not a stepping stone or an after thought, that has been tacked on to Ancient Craft Masonry, but that it is part of that
Ancient body, although working under a Grand Body of its own."

And concludes:—

"M.E. Companion W. N. Ponton in eloquent and appropriate terms extended to the Grand Chapters to be formed the warm and sincere congratulations of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"R.E. Companion Edward B. Brown presents an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence. Delaware for 1922 receives a page of courteous comment."

The Ritual looms large throughout nearly all the Jurisdictions, and under Mississippi, he quotes:—

"In the report of the Grand Lecturer we note the following in reference to the ritual: 'I believe however that we have the best ritual of the Capitular degree in existence today. The form in which the subject matter appears is the same as that of the last General Grand Chapter ritual, is much easier to commit to memory, and the pledge required assures a greater privacy than any cipher now used in such publications.'"

Probably no verse is so often repeated by our various colleagues throughout the United States than the following, which we perpetuate for the ready reference of our Companions:—

"Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And dam his treacherous flatterings without winking;
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking."

John E. Krauss, M.E. Grand High Priest.
John W. Macklem, Wilmington Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Roe Fulkerson, Grand High Priest.

The biography of this well-known—world-known—Grand High Priest follows later in this review, but his speaking and characteristic features are indeed his best biography.
The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, Washington, February 13th, 1924, with a full complement of Officers and nine Past Grand High Priests in attendance. Among the latter we note the name of M. Ex. Comp. Frank F. Major, to whom this reviewer and other Canadians are indebted for delightful hospitality in the past.

Canada was represented by Lucien K. Yung.

A warm welcome and grand honours were extended to George E. Corson, the veteran correspondent and Past General Grand High Priest, also to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master of the Grand Council and the Grand Commander of the Knights Templar.

Much of course was expected from the unique character of the Grand High Priest, and we were not disappointed in his annual address, from which we clip the following nautical paragraphs:

"Companions, to-night I bring back to port the capitolar ship entrusted to my keeping one year ago. The voyage has not been in any way remarkable. Fair skies and quiet seas have prevailed. There have been no wild storms of contention, no tidal waves of discord. The only difficulties of navigation have been the chilling icebergs of indifference met in every sea voyage.

"To me as captain the voyage has been a very, very happy one. As I am well insured, indicating longevity, and as only the good die young, I expect long to remember the placid seas of fraternity, the azure skies of friendship, the friendly ships hailed in passing, the sun-tipped white sails of brotherhood.

"To the officers who shared the quarterdeck with me I give my heartfelt thanks. It does not take an especially brilliant man to guide as well organized a ship as ours, but it does require unity of effort. So if it is found that even I have been able to keep her within the chartered course, to my officers must much of the credit go.

We have each year to inscribe in our records the names of beloved Companions of this Grand Chapter who have solved the 'great mystery.' They have gone from the turmoil and struggle of mortal life to the reward that awaited them in the realm of life and light eternal. We mourn their loss and sympathize with those they left behind, looking forward with steadfast faith in their future and in our own,
knowing that somewhere in the inscrutable realms which the Great Architect of the Universe has so kindly kept from ken, we will again meet and know them."

With regard to the Royal Arch Hall of the Home the Grand High Priest spoke as follows:—

"The High Priests’ Association, consisting of the council officers of the constituent Chapters, felt that something besides these things could and should be undertaken. As even the humblest of God’s creatures can reproduce itself, we came to believe there might be an objective even higher than making more Royal Arch Masons.

"In addition to the elderly guests of the Home we now have twenty children. These are not to be confused with woods colts and foundlings. Every one of them is the son or daughter of a man good enough socially and morally to be a member of the fraternity. They are a group of lovable, husky little rascals.

"The basement of the Royal Arch Hall will be an admirable indoor playground where these youngsters can roller skate, mistreat a basket ball or knuckle down to alleys. It will be fitted for such purposes."

As to the Past Master’s Degree he has entered into the crusade to ameliorate and improve its dignity:—

"In transmitting the report I stated that ‘the efforts of the committee to elevate the rendition of the Past Master’s degree to a more dignified plane, divesting it of frivolity and making it the medium of good and wholesome instruction to the candidate, are deserving of your earnest co-operation, and it is my wish that the recommendations of the committee be put into effect whenever the degree is conferred.’"

With regard to the late lamented M. Ex. Comp. Kuhn, he says:—

"M.E. Companion Kuhn was prevailed upon to remain over a day, and in company with Past General Grand High Priest Corson and the Grand Secretary it was my pleasure to show him around Washington. A touch of local color was added when a bootlegger’s flivver ran into our limousine. The limousine and the General Grand High Priest stood the encounter very well, but the flivver rolled down an embankment, scattering cushions, corn juice and bootleggers over the landscape in picturesque disarray. We of the District strive for unique entertainment of distinguished visitors."

And his conclusion is a gem:—

"In almost every Masonic Grand Body is an old Nestor the oracle to whom Grand Officers go as did the Greeks to Delphi. In his keeping is all the wisdom, all the law and
all the prophets. He sits enthroned in an office, and like Diogenes dispensing philosophy from his tub, he radiates geniality, information and cigar smoke. The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia has such a man. Arvine W. Johnston out-nests Nestor. He has something on the oracle at Delphi in that he always answers. He is wiser than the wisest. He knows more Masonic law than Mackey. His throne is an office chair and over his head float halos of cigar smoke through which radiate the fires of his geniality and gentleness. Long may his smoke rings rise as the incense of a pure heart. To him the present Grand High Priest makes profound obeisance in grateful thanks.

"To the various officers of the Grand Chapter who have accompanied me on the series of Grand Visitations to the constituent Chapters I also offer my sincere gratitude. No Grand High Priest ever had a better balanced group; three ministers were all too few to keep the average good. All will be numbered among my dearest friends until the inevitable tube roses.

"That's all. I submit it without apology. I have tried hard to violate Rule Five of the legislature of my native State of Tennessee, which reads, 'Do not take yourself too seriously.' But I have taken the position of Grand High Priest seriously and step down from it in the hope that you will approve this record.

"A little sun, a little rain,  
A little loss, a little gain,  
A little joy, a little strife,  
And this is life.  
A little work, a little play,  
One kind deed done each passing day,  
A few good-byes, a setting sun,  
And life is done."

From the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer the finances appear to be in a most satisfactory condition.

We take the following extracts from the report of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's address—a worthy tribute:—

"Unlike some of the other branches of Masonry, the opportunity for acclaim and display and the performance of service noticeable and notable outside of capitular circles are greatly lacking. This branch of Masonry is all too much regarded as a mere stepping stone to other branches of Masonry, with the result that the beauties of its ritual and teachings and the sweetness of its associations are either lost sight of entirely or else greatly minimized."
“The Grand High Priest has, however, found the opportunity for service out of the ordinary and of the highest importance to all branches of Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

“By his unfailing kindness, his gracious personality, his companionship, the love of his fellows, and the hundred and one other qualities which go to make up real character he has found an enduring place in the esteem and affections of his Companions.”

Then comes a unique piece of Masonic literary lore and humor, an auto-biography within a biography; the Grand Secretary writes as follows:—

“The Grand Secretary has been the Boswell of many a Past Grand High Priest. It has been his custom to articulate the several vertebrae of the Most Excellent’s civic and Masonic history, hitting all the high spots and omitting the facts that he wouldn’t care to have inscribed on his tombstone, and adding thereto a pleasing characterization to “lend artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative.”

And the Grand High Priest’s letter should be given in full to catch the spirit. We must content ourselves with the following paragraphs:—

“Ten or fifteen years ago I began writing for some magazines in my profession. This led to other literary work until I found myself a literary man as well as an optometrist. The bad reading matter I supplied people meshed perfectly with my business of correcting the resultant defective vision.

“I now do nothing but write.

“I am glad to say I have the same wife I started out with twenty-five years ago. My mother is still with me and these ladies with ‘Wee Nippie,’ a Scotch terrier, form my family. The lady still likes me and my mother thinks of me what every mother thinks of her erring child.

“I never carry an umbrella under my arm with the ferrule sticking out to jab innocent people in the midriff, and I do not feel that Masonry these days is not what it used to be. I know it is better.

The Grand Secretary then concludes:—

“A literary venture that he does not mention was his service of nine years (1910-1918) as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, which brought him into the limelight of the Royal Craft on account of his ability to extract humor from even the drowsing dullness of a Grand Chapter report—and take it from one who knows, this is a task about as hopeless as drawing blood from a turnip.

“There is only one Roe Fulkerson, and he has a place in the affections of his Brethren that is all his own.”
The returns of the constituent Chapters are full and interesting, but we do not find any totalling of membership, which therefore we are unable to give.

The review of Correspondence by Comp. W. W. Jermane, P.G.H.P., is headed appropriately, “The Capitular World.”

From his foreword we share the following thoughts with special reference to Quebec and to Canada and to well-known Companions:

“There is, for the moment, some degree of compensation for these losses, in the knowledge that M.E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers continues to be the foreign correspondent for Quebec. Last year he wrote his 36th annual review. The retirement of Companion Foster leaves him the dean of foreign correspondents in North America, and, without a doubt, in the entire world.

“Companion Chambers writes well enough to be a finely trained newspaper man; and perhaps he is. If he isn’t, journalism in Canada overlooked something worth while when it permitted him to drift into other kinds of activity. I do not count him as being second in point of ability to any of the reviewers. There has been a small company—not larger than a dozen to fifteen—whose writing is of a character to command instant attention and respect. He is of that company, and ranks, with two or three others, at the head of it.

“To him, too, I offer my felicitations and best wishes, with the hope that it will be many years before he lays down his pen for good.

“R.E. Companion E. B. Brown, foreign correspondent for the Grand Chapter of Canada for eight years, declined further service in that capacity, and a new man was appointed to do the work. We shall miss him. Canada is the mother Grand Jurisdiction of the Dominion, and it has been a cause for rejoicing that its reviewer was a man equal to every duty imposed upon him in that important station. He belonged to the small and select company just mentioned. I sincerely regret that he could not see his way clear to further service in a field where he had been so successful.”

Under Canada we find the following:

“R.E. Companion E. B. Brown, who for eight years has written the correspondence report, has declined to accept further service, and the Grand Chapter tendered him a vote of thanks for the able and painstaking way in which his work has been done. The members of the Round Table will miss him. No reports were fairer and few as intelligent as his, or showed as wide a grasp of the entire field of capitular activity. I wish there were some way of keeping Companions
of that kind at work in the correspondence field to the end of their days."

"So say we all of us—Teddy Brown is a good comrade, and a knight, 'sans peur et sans reproche.'"

The District of Columbia Royal Arch Masons live up to their responsibilities as occupying the administrative centre of the United States.

The next Annual Convocation will be held February 11, 1925.

Simon Bube, Washington, Grand High Priest.
Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND GRAND LODGE MARK MASTER MASONs.

The Quarterly Communication was held at Mark Master Masons' Hall, London, 4th December, 1923, when R.W. Bro. T. H. Gardiner, himself soon to be numbered among those departed, announced the death of Grand Secretary A. D. Hansell, and also of Past D.G.M. Richard Loveland-Loveland, K.C.

Under Foreign Relations we are glad to find the following report from the Board:—

"The Board reports with satisfaction that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, the Governing Body of the Mark Degree in that Province of the Dominion of Canada, desire to resume fraternal relations, suspended in the year 1886. The Board reciprocating the desire for amity between the Governing Bodies of the Degree of Mark Master Mason, recommend Grand Lodge to accede to the request of the Grand Chapter of Caiada (in Ontario), for the exchange of Representatives."

This was subsequently acted upon and the record is thus reported:—

R.W. Bro. T. H. Gardiner: "Now, Sir, arising out of the Report I am sorry to say that some 40 years ago, or thereabouts there was a little difficulty between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada—who are the Governing Body of the Mark Degree there—as is mentioned in the Report, which resulted in Canada with-
drawing their representative to this Grand Lodge. They now desire to resume fraternal relations and we are ready to do so. I therefore move: That fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada (in Ontario) be resumed."

R.W. Bro. A. J. Thomas: I beg to second the motion. Fraternal relations with that governing Body were suspended many years ago, but they having held out the hand of good Fellowship I feel sure we shall accept it.

"The motion was put and carried unanimously."

Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Pollock was invested as Junior Grand Warden. He is not merely a great Mason but also an eminent jurist.

Bro. Major Thomas Gabriel Lumley Lumley-Smith, D.S.O., was duly invested as Grand Secretary.

The next Quarterly Convocation was held 4th March, 1924, R.W. Lord Aldenham on the throne, with a large attendance present, when the following proclamation was made by the Grand Director of Ceremonies in due and ancient form:

"Whereupon the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed

"Be it known, that the Most High, the Most Mighty and Most Illustrious PRINCE ARTHUR WILLIAM PATRICK ALBERT, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, etc., Field Marshal in the Army, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, Sovereign of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and Hospital for the United Kingdom, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master in England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, and in Ireland, Knight, Grand Cross, etc., etc., etc., 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.

Two far distant warrants were reported as granted:

Caput Anguli—Devon.
Amatole—Cape Province.
Border—South Africa.

The following appointments were made, both well known in Canada, as was Sir John Pringle:


A good idea of the financial standing and great philanthropic operations of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in England may be gathered from the balance sheets showing a balance of £21,588 Sterling, with income for year ending 31st March, 1924, of £8,155 Sterling.

We note the statement of the annual dues contributed from the 820 Lodges scattered over the habitable globe, the following names which are out of the ordinary, many of them having old associations:—


The next Quarterly Communication was held 3rd June, 1924, Lord Aldenham on the throne.

The resignation of the veteran and venerable Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Halsey was accepted and R.W. Bro. Keyser was appointed in his stead to be Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire.

This re-echo of the disaster in Japan is heard:—

“The Board have the pleasure to report that the District Grand Lodge of the Argentine has sent a donation of £20 for Mark Master Masons, sufferers by last year’s disastrous earthquake in Japan. This money has been transmitted to the Secretary of the only Mark Lodge in Japan, ‘Orient’ Lodge, No. 304, at Yokohama.”

The M.W. the Grand Master re-appointed Rt. Hon. the Earl Stradbroke as Pro. Grand Master and Lord Aldenham as Deputy Grand Master.

Among the Past Grand Senior Overseers we find William John Songhurst of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and among the Grand Senior Deacons one
identified with the Empire of India—Rustamjee Tamiljee Patel.

The next Quarterly Communication was held 2nd of September, 1924, Lord Aldenham on the throne.

Among those present being such well known men as R.W. Sir T. Vansittart Bowater, Sir Alfred Robbins, Rear Admiral Stephens, Charles Edward Keyser and Colonel the Hon. George Vere Arundell Monckton Arundell, D.S.O., O.B.E.

The death, universally regretted, of Thomas Henry Gardiner, President of the General Board, was announced, and Colonel John Maurice Wingfield, D.S.O., was appointed President, conducted to the throne and duly invested.

The Annuity Branch reported the death of an Annuitant and the election to the Fund of two beneficiaries to share the allowance annually made. One hundred guineas were given to the Freemasons’ Hospital and Nursing Home, and a retiring pension of £400 per annum to W. Bro. Mills, P.A.G.D.C.

ENGLAND—SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, First Grand Principal.

Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro. First Grand Principal.

Sir Frederick Halsey, Second Grand Principal.
P. Colville Smith, Grand Scribe E.
Sir John Ferguson, Grand Treasurer.
Sir Thomas Willes Chitty, Grand Registrar.
W. John Songhurst, P. Asst. G. Sojourner.
J. S. Granville Grenfell, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

We could mention a dozen other well known names as well known in Canada as in England among the Officers of Grand Chapter who attended the Quarterly Convocation 7th November, 1923, at Freemasons’ Hall, London, showing the calibre of the personnel of this Mother Grand Chapter.
In view of the request of the M.E. First Grand Principal, the following motion was presented and carried:—

"That it be referred to the Committee on General Purposes to submit to the Supreme Grand Chapter, for its approval, the amendments to the Royal Arch Regulations, necessary to give effect to the gracious message of the Most Excellent the First Grand Principal, approving of the institution of London Rank in the Royal Arch."

Among the petitions for new charters is the following:—

"From Companions H. Wharton-Wells, George J. Symonds, Ernest W. Whitehead, and others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Canada Lodge, No. 3527, to be called the Canada Chapter and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London."

Memorials were presented for permission to remove several Chapters from one place of meeting to another and were all granted. This occurs at nearly all meetings of the Grand Chapter of England, which however, is not to be taken as being in a state of flux or unstable. The Temple after all is the men who compose it.

The closing of each meeting is thus recorded:—

"Grand Chapter was closed in Antient and Solemn Form. At the close of the proceedings the first verse of the National Anthem was sung."

The next Quarterly Convocation was held 6th February, 1924, Lord Ampthill on the throne.

A separate resolution was passed empowering the M.E. the First Grand Principal to confer London rank upon an additional number of Companions during the current year, a limitation of 150 names being suggested.

The Committee also reported negotiations with the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Among the deaths which it was the Grand Chapter's melancholy duty to report, was the Earl of Warwick, Past Second Grand Principal.

The following substantive resolution was moved and passed:—

"That a new Rule to be numbered 33a, be inserted in the Regulations as follows:—
“The First Grand Principal annually may confer, for long and meritorious service, upon Past First Principals of London Chapters, to a number not exceeding one for every complete four London Chapters then on the Register of Supreme Grand Chapter, the right to wear, during the First Grand Principal’s pleasure, a distinctive Jewel, Collar and Apron, which may be worn at all Royal Arch Masonic meetings, with the designation of London Chapter Rank.

“Such Rank shall be equivalent to Provincial or District Grand Rank in Provincial or District Grand Chapters, but the holders of London Chapter Rank by such holding shall not take any Rank outside the London Masonic area.

“A registration fee of One Guinea shall be payable by each recipient of London Chapter Rank.”

In his address introducing the Resolution Ex. Comp. Manisty, K.C., said:—

“In the Craft, as probably most Companions know, it approximates to one appointment for every three Lodges, but the Committee thought that as Chapters are smaller than Lodges, and the number of Past First Principals fewer than Past Masters, one appointment to four Chapters would approximate to one appointment to three Lodges in the Craft, and in this way we arrived at the proportion of one to four.”

“The only further point I think I need mention is that it was the strong opinion of the Committee—and one which I most fully share—that, in any recommendation made to the Most Excellent The First Grand Principal of a Companion for the honour of London Chapter Rank, the dominant feature in that recommendation should be the services rendered by the Companion to his Chapter, and to Royal Arch Masonry generally.”

The next Quarterly Convocation was held 7th May, 1924, Lord Ampthill on the throne.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Antient and Solemn form.

Then follows a list of M.Ex. and Ex. Companions who were declared and appointed officers of the Grand Chapter for the following year:—

“These offices, according to the Regulations of the Order, devolve upon the Companions holding corresponding positions in Grand Lodge.”

The following Resolution was passed:—

“The Committee recommends that the following Clause be added to Rule 73 of the Royal Arch Regulations:—
“Every Candidate who has been exalted in a regular Chapter not under the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, previous to his being admitted a member of an English Chapter, shall make the following declaration in the Chapter to which he is to be admitted:—

'I exalted in Chapter No. on the Register of the Grand Chapter of do solemnly declare that if I am admitted a member of this Chapter I will adhere to the Book of Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and I promise true obedience to the First Grand Principal thereof and to all the Rules and Regulations of such Supreme Grand Chapter.’"

A long list of the contributions of Chapters was given, the last one entered being Cedars of Lebanon, Twickenham, No. 4317.

The total receipts were £4,892 Sterling.

To give an idea of the odd nomenclature and the wide extent of the Grand Chapter of England, it is interesting to quote some of the names which have a fine old flavour:—

Old King’s Arms, London; Strong Man, London; Felicity, London; Doyle’s of Fellowship, Guernsey; Merlin, Carmarthen; Resurrection, Valletta; O Tentosama, Yokohama; Cuneceastre, Chester-le-Street; Anglo-American, London; Sir Edward Clarke, London; University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

The next Quarterly Convocation was held 6th August, 1924, Lord Ampthill on the throne.

Among the petitions for new Charters was one to be named Pro Deo et Patria Chapter and three others as follows:—

Koffiefontein Chapter, Koffiefontein, Orange Free State, South Africa.

Port Harcourt Chapter, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

Sekondi Chapter, Seccondee, Gold Coast Colony.

Yokohama Chapter petitioned for a charter of confirmation, the original having been destroyed in the earthquake.

Several Chapters applied for charters authorizing the members to wear Centenary Jewels, they having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, and the prayers were granted.
We review England with loyal and loving interest, remembering many kind and courteous attentions to Canadians when visiting London, especially during 1924, when we were dissolved in the universal solvent and courtesy of British kindness and hospitality.

We hope that our English Companions will adopt the methods of all other Grand Chapters and publish their proceedings in one volume. Their material is of the best. Would that their manner of publication were as good as their matter!

P. Colville Smith, C.V.O., Freemasons' Hall, London, Grand Scribe E.

FLORIDA.

Ely P. Hubbell, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 7,405.
Net gain, 292.

The seventy-eighth Annual Convocation opened in the City of Jacksonville, May 20th, 1924, in ample form.

Canada was represented by Companion Chester DeRocher, an appropriate name combining English and French and suggesting Canada's two Mother Countries.

The Grand High Priest gave a good report of proceedings and also thoughtful and suggestive comments, some of these we excerpt:

"One cannot get away from the thought, it seems to me, that there are at least three sources of authority that are being greatly abused in the world to-day—the state, the home and the individual.

"Whenever one goes to the pulpit or to the writings of thoughtful men, one is impressed with the attention paid to the sins of commission of our youth to-day. But not youth alone seems to be caught up in the pervading atmosphere of lawlessness. We find it from the cradle to the friends of old age, this desire to rebel against established authority. It is then we recognize lawlessness as a rampant evil.

"One of the sources of personal lawlessness is the breakdown of authority in the state and the rise of selfish individualism. Unless Americanism can be made to mean less
individualism and more social obligation, as I understand it, the republic is headed for perilous times.

"Another source of breakdown is in the family. Someone has said: 'There is just as much authority in the family as there ever was, but only the children exercise it.' It is only at our peril that we permit ourselves to lose a kind of spiritual authority which should prevail in the home.

"Again, the breakdown of authority occurs in individuals. D. L. Moody gave his now famous definition of character as: 'What a man is in the dark.'"

From the rulings of the General Grand High Priest he quotes as follows:—

"What is the standing of a Royal Arch Mason hailing from a Chapter under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, while the edict against the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland is enforced?

"(b) Such a Royal Arch Mason holding a dimit and applying for membership in a Chapter under the Jurisdiction as stated in (a), may be elected to membership after due reference, but he must be healed, viz.: re-obligated in the degrees he had received, and such degrees in the American System of Capitular Degrees, which he had not received, must be conferred upon him. The dimit is merely a certificate setting forth the fact that he had received certain degrees."

Manitoba and Saskatchewan are as in most Jurisdictions, officially recognized.

The Grand High Priest took occasion to advise the Grand Secretary on an application made to him as follows:—

"On general principles I am not favorably disposed to the plan of permitting the public and promiscuous use of either the names of the Grand Officers or the names and addresses of the members of constituent Chapters for solicitation purposes."

The Committee on Memorials chronicle a long list of departed Companions and quote:—

"A little time, and we
Who knew them well, and loved them here,
One after one shall follow them,
As pilgrims through the gate of love
Which opens on eternity."

Regulations, amendments to the Constitution and a full register of membership are given.
The Foreign Correspondence is by Ely P. Hubbell. From the foreword we take the following:

"The ability to collate the instructive and interesting and omit the non-essentials is as difficult now as it has been at any time. We greatly enjoy the necessary study and preparation, and if we have succeeded in imparting some of the inspiration we have gathered on our mystic travels we feel amply repaid for all the time and labor bestowed."

Under Canada the speech of M. Ex. Comp. Core, one of our guests, struck him as friendly and fraternal. We reproduce two of his quotations:

"If any of you come down there you will find that in our work, either Symپolic or Capitular, we are striving to adhere very closely to the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry. We have not introduced a lot of new things; we do not believe it is proper to do so. We take Freemasonry from our forefathers and try to transmit it to our children without impairment and in all its virgin purity."

With regard to ourselves and R. Ex. Comp. Brown he generously passes this fraternally combined compliment:

"From the many specimens of work that have been presented from time to time by M.E. Companion Ponton, it is safe to assume that the Companions of Canada will continue to be well served, and he is given a most cordial welcome to a seat at the Round Table.

"Companion Brown's report, which proved to be his 'swan song,' is fully up to former high standard of excellence."

Our colleague of the Round Table closes with the following appeal for law and order and peace:

"Generally speaking, we find that controversies are being adjusted and that the field and scope of Royal Arch Masonry is widening. Special emphasis is put upon benevolence and education, and the necessity of a more stringent observance and enforcement of all forms of constituted law and authority. This is as it should be."

Next Annual Convocation May 19th, 1925, at Jacksonville.

Earl L. Wirt, Bartow, Grand High Priest.
Wilbur P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF U.S.A.

William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest. Deceased.

Charles Northrup Rix, elected General Grand High Priest and resigned.

John Albert Blake, now General Grand High Priest

Membership, 761,615.
Chapters on roll, 3,325.

Excellent portraits of the late lamented Dr. Kuhn, of Charles A. Conover, the world known Secretary, of groups of Chapters outside of the United States but under the Jurisdiction, and other illustrations adorn the volume.

A biography of Dr. Kuhn precedes. He was Professor of Materia Medica and of Physiology and Pharmacy for many years as well as Special Lecturer on Mental and Nervous Diseases in the University of Kansas, and had a wide public and Masonic experience. He was the author of “A Small Basket of Chips from the Quarries” and many other pamphlets. As an addendum to the biography written before his death, the General Grand Secretary appendes the following personal tribute:—

NOTE:—Since the above sketch was prepared and put in type, our beloved Companion Kuhn has passed over to the other side of the Great Divide. While preparing to retire on the night of September 1, he suddenly passed away in a stroke of apoplexy. His travelling bag was packed and he had made all preparations to leave soon for the Triennial at Portland. Elsewhere in these proceedings will appear fitting memorials to his memory. Dearly beloved, Farewell.

GENERAL GRAND SECRETARY.

The Thirty-ninth Triennial Convocation met at Portland, Maine, September 10th, 1924.

From the address of welcome by the Grand High Priest of Maine we take the following:—

"From the West and the East; from the South and the North, which, after all, are but geographical demarkations in this great and glorious homeland of ours, we bid you a
hearty welcome. Elsewhere, as our own Maine poet has expressed it:

“There’s fame and gold to coax and hold,
But it’s home—it’s home, up here.”

So we want you to feel that you have come to our home, to be one with us through all the days of your sojourn.

“I am not unmindful of the pathos which marks our gathering here to-day. With a suddenness and a gentleness that are awe-inspiring, the Angel of Death, who is none other than the Ambassador of the Larger Life, called from the earthly life that genial personality whom we expected to preside here.”

Large delegations from Pennsylvania and Texas were welcomed, and also R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., of Canada; Thomas Cochrane, of Canada, and W. W. Williamson of Quebec.

Grand King Blake acted as Grand High Priest.

Subordinate Chapters from Hawaii, Chile, China, Porto Rico, Alaska, Canal Zone and Mexico were represented.

A wonderful Memorial service was held, and from the address of Comp. Rev. C. H. Briggs, D.D., we quote this paragraph as to Dr. Kuhn:—

“Like Farraday, he never had time to make money, but his life went into the building of manhood. You have read his writings; they are scattered all over our land. They are all uplifting and ennobling in their influence. You have heard him talk, and you never heard him waste an opportunity; however he might begin with pleasantries and humorous anecdotes, he was sure to arrive at some thought that would broaden and take hold of men and stir them and lift them to a higher appreciation of the great things for which Freemasonry stood. Remarkably able, in that respect, he never wasted an opportunity, and always was he ready to speak and men were always ready to hear that which was worth hearing.”

From the tribute of M. Ex. Comp. Witt we quote:—

“I have never been more impressed, in the death of any man, as to the importance of the place which he filled, not only in the life of his community but the place which he filled in this Grand Body. He was pre-eminent,—and I say that with all the force which it carries with it. I believe that he was the greatest influence for good that ever went out of this Grand Body, and we shall miss him.”
APPENDIX

And from the brief but feeling and eloquent address of M. Ex. Comp. Hempstead we quote:—

"There are hand-grasps that will come back to us with a rushing flow of memory in the silent hours of the night; there are notes and tones of voices that will greet us in the morning hours, and yet linger upon us when the yellow glow of sunset goes down into its grave.

"Sleep on, oh friend, until the waking day;
And ever we who loved thy presence here,
Will keep for thee, through changes manifold,
A tender memory growing with the years."

The address of General Grand High Priest Kuhn has a mournful significance as his Swan Song, final message, last and best word, to his Companions. We take the following striking passages:—

"Have we, since last we met, added anything to the world's welfare? Is the world better because 800,000 Royal Arch Masons have lived and have added something to the age's needs, in deeds of loving kindness and joy; have we contributed even a little of thought to the civilization of to-day; have the intellectual, moral and spiritual forces been quickened? Has Royal Arch Masonry since its formation into an organization 127 years ago, been any force, any influence, to relieve this old world of its turmoil and strife, and have we lived three more years as expressed, 'He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.'"

Among his rulings are:—

QUESTION: "Is the High Priest of a Chapter under a dispensation entitled to the rank of Past High Priest?"

ANSWER: "No. The High Priest of a Chapter under a dispensation is the creature of the Grand High Priest or the General Grand High Priest, and has not been elected or installed as a High Priest.

"Election, installation and service in a legally chartered Chapter constitutes rank.

QUESTION: "Can a Chapter deprive a member, who is a delinquent in dues, the right of 'voice and vote?'"

ANSWER: "No. As long as a Companion is a member of a Chapter, he cannot be deprived of any of his rights without due trial."

QUESTION: "What constitutes 'Exaltation' in the Royal Arch Degree?"

ANSWER: "The central or goal idea of the Royal Arch is the discovery of that which has been lost—the Master's Word. "The Exaltation then is the communicating to the candidate that for which he has been searching. It is the end of
his symbolic Masonic labor. Revealing to the candidates as per ritual, in groups of three, the Ineffable name and the G.R.A.W. This constitutes the Exaltation. All other ceremonies are but preliminary to it."

Referring to the Scottish treaty:—

"This conference was most pleasant and satisfactory in every way. Earl Cassillis is a genuine Scotch gentleman and above all a true Royal Arch Mason. A man genial, courteous, democratic, open-minded, educated and well informed on all matters Masonic. We met in the broad spirit of Royal Arch Masonry, seeking no advantage over one another, and keeping in mind above all things else, the welfare and prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry, not in a provincial, clannish or a special national Royal Arch Masonry, but a world Royal Arch Masonry.

"After a free and open discussion of all points involved in the controversy, the following treaty, or concordat, was agreed upon by all present, as just and honorable. This treaty was signed by myself and Cassillis on behalf of our respective Supreme Bodies as the representatives of the parties to the controversy.

"The incoming General Grand High Priest may have the pleasure and satisfaction to proclaim with the glad tidings of a Christmas Day, 'Peace on Earth,' the additional corollary: 'Peace, good will and fraternal accord between Royal Arch Masons of every country and under each flag of the English-speaking people.'

"If the General Grand Chapter is merely a confederacy of independent Grand Chapters without any bond of cohesion, then the sooner we disband the better it will be. It is a mere farce to meet triennially, elect a General Grand High Priest, and present him with a Jewel of Office. If the General Grand Chapter has no other purpose than a mere conference, then why not elect a temporary President who will preside during the conference? The General Grand Chapter must be something or nothing.

"I recommend that the Texas matter and the action of the Grand Chapters thereon be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

"A change has come and the tide of Capitular Freemasonry is on. Never during the past century have these degrees received the attention they are receiving to-day. The tide is sweeping on. Not a tide for membership, but a tide for dignified rituals.

"The candidates, with that vision before their eyes, will not enter upon the 'Holy Royal Arch' as a degree which must be endured because it is a necessary prerequisite to some so-called higher degrees. They will enter our Chapter rooms with minds alert and spirits quickened. When they are ex-
altered to the Most Sublime degree they will understand that they have indeed found that which was lost, and they will realize that the ceremony is a symbol of that great quest that each soul must make as it seeks for the password to the way of immortal life.

"Need I say more to prove that Royal Arch Masonry is coming into its own? When men's visions are enlarged, their intellect stirred and moral and spiritual powers quicken and men ennobled. Royal Arch Masonry has accomplished its mission. Push on the good work until the proudest title a Mason may wear is, that he is a Royal Arch Mason.

"I find that Royal Arch Masons are satiated and saturated with the husks of ceremonial work and the babbling of the Ritual. They want to be taught and the sorry part of it is there are so few teachers and real lecturers. Men are hungry for information and are looking for some organization that will open the avenues for study and for moral and intellectual growth.

"In my addresses before Grand and Subordinate Chapters I have stressed and emphasized the intellectual, the historical, both sacred and profane, the moral and the intellectual values of Capitular Freemasonry.

"The paucity of Royal Arch literature is a Capitular crime."

And the conclusion we cannot sandwich, we quote it in full:—

"I appreciate more than heart or lips can utter, the sincere greeting, the hearty handclasp and the many kindnesses shown me, wherever I have gone. But these are personal things that every man should appreciate and cherish through life, yet personal courtesies are incomparable to the soul and the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry from which they spring. If men are made to realize that

"We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and glorious time;
In an age, on ages telling,
To be living is sublime"

much will have been accomplished.

"The pessimist is abroad in the land and his wails and groans are heard everywhere. But fear not. Let us be optimists for the Eternal Years of God are His. His law is one of evolution. An advancement and not retrogression. An evolution to higher and better things is a universal law. I firmly believe that the future contains better things and better conditions, when love, devotion and sacrifice for others will be the dominant note in the world's great Overture.

"I would intimate, in a feeble way, Peter, as he passed the Temple's gate where a beggar sat pleading for alms:
"Silver and gold have I none," he said, "but such as I have, I give."

Down the ages the call rings forth its message, that all may heed,
Silver and gold, in this world of ours, is never the greatest need;
There are tears, and sorrows and troubled hearts abroad in the world to-day,
That all the silver and gold on earth never could drive away;
Every day we may give ourselves in friendship, to those we meet,
The clasp of our hands, the smiles of our lips, the service of willing feet;
However small it may seem to us, it may help some soul to live,
If we mould our lives on Peter’s rule, "Such as I have I give."

The Permanent Fund of General Grand Chapter amounts to the handsome sum of $28,500.

From the Report of Grand Secretary Conover we cull the following:—

“Our General Grand High Priest has travelled far and wide, visited nearly every Grand Jurisdiction in our union, and wherever he has gone he has spread the Gospel of Royal Arch Masonry and the study of its significance, its position and influence in our Masonic fabric.

“Immediately on gathering in the reins of office he launched upon a most auspicious campaign of education—education of the Royal Arch Mason as to what Royal Arch Masonry really means to its votaries, what it ought to mean to the erstwhile Watch Charm Mason, and what it could mean to him if he would open his eyes to its beauty and live the life it really inculcates.”

The unexpected sometimes happens even in General Grand Chapter and promotion is more rapid than anticipated. Comp. Charles N. Rix had a unanimous ballot but wrote a touching letter from Hot Springs, Arkansas, saying that having entirely lost his hearing he would not be able to accept the office. He had been a faithful Grand Officer and Grand Chapter telegraphed appreciation and regret and received a generous reply.

An application having been made for recognition of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, the Committee recommended that it be not concurred in de-
spite the protests of some enthusiasts. We are all lovers of girls, but Masonry has quite enough to do without touching the skirts of outside Orders, meritorious though they may be.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, composed of the leaders of the Royal Craft, could not approve of the exercise of power over sovereign State Jurisdictions in connection with the Texas trouble and confine the edict to Texas alone, thus virtually endorsing the action of Florida. The situation is best explained by the following extract from the report:

"The remainder of the Edict of April 15th, 1923, raises a different question. The General Grand High Priest can exercise no powers which the General Grand Chapter does not have. By express constitutional provision the General Grand Chapter has no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the State Grand Chapters, nor can it exercise any doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely. That it may advise with and suggest action by the State Grand Chapters there can be no question, but that is the limit of its power. Had this edict been in the form of a request for action, it probably would have been acceded to by the State Grand Chapters.

"We therefore recommend that the Edict of April 15th, 1923, in so far as it severed the fraternal relations between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas only, be approved. (Approved)."

The late M. Ex. Grand High Priest was an enthusiast, but in this instance through his zealous regard for the prestige and honour of General Grand Chapter, went too far,—probably the only mistake he ever made, but his redeeming virtues were so great that this only kept him human and mortal like ourselves. Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia appear to be the only three States not within the fold of the General Grand Chapter.

John Albert Blake, Boston, General Grand High Priest.


Charles Arthur Conover, Coldwater, Mich., General Grand Secretary.
Clarence Hyde Andrew, Grand High Priest.  
Membership, 19,125.  
The Proceedings opened at Macon, 29th April, 1924, by an Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Due form.  
The Lord's Prayer was given by way of invocation, and M. Ex. Comp. Kuhn was asked to deliver an opening and encouraging address, which he did.  
We take the following striking conception from one of the addresses given by him:—

"Companions, one word more as to the interpretation of the Master's Word. How are you interpreting it? How will others interpret it? Are we helping them to interpret it? The evolution of the attributes of Deity, and the ennobling conception of Deity began with the Hebrew people in the time of Abraham. This conception came clearer and brighter as the ages rolled along until finally the Great Interpreter, the Revealer came

"He gave us a revelation of the Master's Word, never before apprehended. His life of service, his sacrifice, his teachings of the true interpretation of the Master's Word will eternally stand. If we understand this interpretation we will know what the Master's Word means."

No less than fourteen Past Grand High Priests and a Past Grand Secretary were present.  
Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.  
From the Grand High Priest's annual and able address we take the following:—

"Most of us stand in awe of those who have been placed in his exalted station, but my dear Companions, the greater the man, the more approachable he is. Meet him, take him by the hand, take him into your hearts, even as he has already enshrined you in his, as he has every worthy Companion in his Jurisdiction, and let him take away pleasant and lasting memories of his visit to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia.

"This is a report of what we have accomplished the past year. Not what I did, but what we all did—working together. You have led the blind by a way they knew not, out of the darkness and into the light, that they might praise and worship their Creator, reverence His great and sacred name and learn of Him those things He would have us to do."

The Grand Master wrote to the Grand Chapter with the following among other suggestions:—
“Before a Master Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction can advance to the so-called higher Masonic Bodies, he shall attain to that degree of proficiency required in the E. A. and F. C. degrees.”

After speaking of the Old Folks’ Home most approvingly, the Grand High Priest makes the following among other recommendations:—

“I recommend that dimits be granted only where a Companion desires to affiliate with some other Chapter, and that the dimit be made out to be presented to the Chapter with which the Companion wishes to affiliate, and that his membership remain in the Chapter that issues the dimit, until the other Chapter notifies the Chapter that he has been elected by the Chapter to whom the dimit has been issued.”

And among his rulings we find the following:—

“I refer you to Article 149 of the Code of the Grand Chapter of Georgia: ‘Suspension or expulsion by a Subordinate Lodge, having jurisdiction and as provided by the Grand Lodge works suspension or expulsion in a Chapter without further trial, but the Chapter may also, if it see proper, try the member and inflict greater (not less) punishment. The Chapter may act on any reliable information as to the proceedings in the Blue Lodge. Restoration in the Blue Lodge restores also in the Chapter.’”

Again he returns to the Home and vocational training there as follows:—

“The welfare and the future of our children in the Masonic Home is near and dear to each and every Companion. “We love each and every one of them, and it is our desire to bring them up so that they will be real men and women, and when they leave the Home they will be prepared for the battles of life, morally, physically, and financially.”

Master Masons’ Nights are approved by the Grand Lecturer, who says:—

“The ‘Master Masons’ Night,’ which was suggested to the Chapters, was not adopted generally, but those Chapters who did hold these meetings report them as great successes, both as an entertaining feature and for practical results.”

A brief Correspondence Report is submitted by Comp. Charles L. Bass and we particularly regret that the sunshine of Georgia does not illumine Canada. Perhaps our Proceedings did not reach our friend and colleague in time.
From Minnesota we take the following:—

"There will be no divisions among us. In the Masonic educational field our greatest work is to enlighten our own members.

"There is a wonderful field in the education of our own membership, and keeping them in touch with the trend of things without presuming to tell him what his action should be toward them."

And under West Virginia we find this comment:—

"The Grand Master's address is short but a good report of the labours of the year. We quote at length what he says of Cryptic degrees because it is unusual and presents a side of the question that is not generally known.

COUNCIL DEGREES.

"With almost each Grand High Priest some question arises out of the conferring of the Cryptic degrees within the body of a Chapter, or he is requested to do those things which seem inconsistent with the order of conferring the degrees in our Chapters."

Early H. Johnson, Atlanta, Grand High Priest.
Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

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Jay R. Mason, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 2,702.
Net gain, 122.

The friendly and thoughtful face of the Grand High Priest precedes the transactions.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation was held in Boise, Idaho, on May 21st and 22nd, 1924.

The Grand Chaplain opened with a touching invocation from which we quote the following:—

"While Thou hast lengthened to us the tenure of life, some of our Companions have been called from the tasks of human life to the more exalted service of life eternal. Grant their virtues may be long remembered and emulated by us; that we may praise their many deeds, forget their faults and seek to build our spiritual structure so that when our final summons comes we may lay us down without fear and be assured of an entrance into Thy Kingdom Eternal."

General Grand High Priest Kuhn was given an enthusiastic welcome.
The Governor of Idaho was introduced and he personally welcomed the Grand visitor and the Grand Chapter to Boise. This official courtesy was suitably acknowledged.

From the Grand High Priest’s address we note that he had an active and vigorous year. He is outspoken with regard to the duties of Grand Representatives, with regard to whom he remarks:—

“That ‘it was not good for man to isolate himself and live alone,’ and I believe we all recognize the fact that God in His wisdom has created man to be a social creature and has designed that he should receive the greatest and most important part of his knowledge from the information of others, and so we, as the Grand Representatives of the several Grand Jurisdictions, meet and fraternize with you, that we may glean what we may from your field of labor and carry it on to others for their benefit.”

Canada’s Grand Representative did not respond to his name when called.

Visitors from Oregon were warmly welcomed.

The Grand Secretary records:—

“The Grand Chapter then listened to one of the most wonderful, impressive and instructive addresses in its history by the General Grand High Priest, Companion William F. Kuhn.”

—though dead he yet speaketh.

The report of the Grand Lecturer opens with prose but closes with poetry, from which we take one verse:—

For behind the little windows
Where the light shines on the snow,
There’s a welcome—and a friendly greeting
By the firelight’s golden glow;
And I’ll think of you off yonder,
And I’ll wish that you were here,
But I never feel lonely
When the lights burn bright and clear.

Delegates from Utah were then given the grand honours and replied in happy vein.

The Correspondence circle is in charge of Comp. George E. Knepper who, under Alberta magnifies the office of Dr. Brett by calling him the Lieutenant-Governor of Canada. The West makes its impress broad and deep.
Under Canada, for 1923, he quotes Grand Z. Spencer approvingly and is struck by the number of Grand visitors, of whom he says:

“The above visitors were later on formally introduced, and a regular talk-fest followed. It took eighteen printed pages to contain the speeches.”

With regard to Manitoba and Saskatchewan, he says:

“Companion W. N. Ponton in eloquent and appropriate terms, extended to the Grand Chapters to be formed the warm and sincere congratulations of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The separation of these provinces did not, he said, constitute a loss to the Royal Craft, or to this Jurisdiction. It afforded opportunity for greater development in those provinces. This was followed by a banquet at which fully 350 Companions were present.

R.E. Comp. Edward B. Brown’s good work is praised as fully up to standard and regret is expressed at his retirement.

We clip one super-excellent paragraph from Virginia, where they have attained perfection unlike the rest of the world:

ENOUGH SAID
The Grand Lecturer’s report is quite brief, but he says things. The following is a sample:

“Never in the history of this Grand Body have the Chapters been in a more healthy, steady growing condition. Every Chapter has proficient, enthusiastic workers, and many new ones are becoming interested in our sublime ritual yearly. We are 100 per cent. proficient.”

We leave Idaho’s breezes refreshed by our visit.
Harry P. Wolf, Coeur d’Alene, Grand High Priest.
Edward H. Way, Boise, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

J. C. Ferrin, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 86,410.
Net increase, 4,067.

The Seventy-fifth Convocation convened in the Grand Ballroom of the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, 30th October, 1924, a large concourse of Capitular Crafts-
men being present. No less than 15 Past Grand High Priests contributed their present co-operative activities.

From the opening prayer of the Grand Chaplain we take these striking sentences:

"And now, dear Father, we pray that Thou wilt bless Thy children here gathered; who are our companions on the great march through time. Give us strength that we may pursue our course as in Thy sight; give us health of body that we may be spared to toil a little longer; give us Thy guidance in all things, so that walking well in Thy sight we may bless Thee and serve our day and generation.

"Help us to be worthy of the great trust which is imposed upon us, and may we be true companions as we journey on."

Canada was represented by R. E. Comp. F. W. Soady.

Twenty-seven District Inspectors keep the Royal Craft in touch with the centre.

The Grand High Priest gives an exhaustive but in no way exhausting address, from which we cull these passages of more than passing interest:

"We also have with us this morning, many veterans of the cause, who have attended the convocations of this Grand Chapter these many years; starting in the full strength and vigor of young manhood, and are again with us to-day, crowned with all the glory that follows a life of service. To them we say, welcome, thrice welcome; would that some mysterious power could halt the devastations of time, and scatter the gathering shades of evening, that we might have the benefit of your council, and feel the heart-throbs that come with the clasping of your hands for many years to come.

"It seems almost, that distance, and even time itself will soon be annihilated, and no sooner will the year begin, than it will be gone; gone beyond recall; so if we wish to be of service in this fast flying age, it behooves us to be alert for any opportunity presented to advance the cause of humanity, and put a little sunshine into the lives of those we meet along life's swiftly passing trail."

Of the late Dr. William F. Kuhn he worthily says:

"The all absorbing theme of Dr. Kuhn's life had been the expounding of 'The Master's Word,' and the memory of that genial personality, and the words of wisdom that fell from his kindly lips, and flowed from his masterful pen will make
their influence felt for years to come throughout the Capitular world."

He courteously entertained the Earl of Cassillis and party representing Scotland, but still adheres to the idea that Scotland from his point of view is in the wrong. Fortunately a treaty mutually fair to all has been negotiated.

"We were glad to extend these courtesies to such a distinguished visitor during his short stay in our Jurisdiction, and trust the scales may soon be removed from the eyes of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, so that full fraternal relations may be resumed."

Under Chapter visitations he says:—

"The order and decorum maintained in most of the Chapters visited has been all that could be desired; but it is sometimes beyond my comprehension why a room full of grown up men should rush to one end of the hall, to see three candidates exemplify the passage of the children of Israel through the River Jordan; this is frequently seen in many of our Chapters, but if the Companions would think for a moment how absolutely silly and childish such a procedure is, I am sure they would not again indulge in it."

Schools of ceremonial and ritual have been successfully held in this Jurisdiction.

Under Dispensations refused we read:—

"This request was denied, with the information that the Chapter could not travel from place to place for advertising, or for the purpose of securing candidates.

"On September 14th I received a request for a special dispensation to authorize Reynolds Chapter, No. 75, to receive and ballot on eight petitions at a special convocation of the Chapter to be held September 16th. The reason for this request was that several of the candidates were very anxious to get started.

"I could not see why they could not wait two weeks longer, as they had doubtless waited a considerable period since becoming eligible, and replied that I could not grant the dispensation.

"New rituals were furnished the following Chapters, for which the fee of $10.00 each was collected and sent to the Grand Secretary."

With regard to suspensions in Lodge and Chapter he says:—

"I have received no report from the members of this commission, but the commission reported to the Grand Master
that a verdict of indefinite suspension from the Lodge had been rendered by them. As this verdict automatically fixes the status of the case in the Chapter, I presume the members of the commission did not think it necessary to report to the Grand High Priest."

He gives great praise to the Illinois Memorial Hospital, and says:—

"I am convinced that this hospital is engaged in a great and commendable work of Masonic endeavor; and it is my firm belief that it is worthy of the support of all branches of our Masonic organization."

And he speaks thus of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan:—

"Words are inadequate to convey to the Companions who have not visited this Home, a full conception of this great Masonic work being carried on by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and the excellent condition in which every thing connected with the Home is maintained."

As to collective ballotting and an alternate method of ballotting at one time with two or three ballot boxes, he says:—

"If Chapters do not care who they take in, this practice may be all right. But as the chief purpose of the ballot is to enable every member present to exercise his right to say who shall be taken into the Chapter, he should at all times know beyond a doubt for whom he is casting a ballot.

"Before petitioning the Chapter, every candidate has passed the ordeal of an investigating committee, and a favorable ballot in the Lodge, and it would appear that a group ballot on all petitions that have received the unanimous and favorable report of the Investigating Committee of the Chapter, is much more apt to accomplish the purpose of the ballot, than the practice now in vogue of using two or more ballot boxes at the same time."

With regard to Clubs and also Sabbath desecration, he gives food for thought with no uncertain sound in the following:—

"They have been given publicity through the medium of Masonic papers, and other forms of advertising, calculated to make it known to the world that Sunday means no more to Royal Arch Masons than a holiday dedicated to sport, and a good time for its members and their families, such as might with propriety be enjoyed on any other day of the week.

"The groves were God's first Temples' and we can worship Him and show our reverence for His day while communing with nature in some shady grove, as well as any-
where else; but a motor run on Sunday, under the auspices of a Chapter, should be conducted in keeping with the spirit of our institutions, and not so as to bring Royal Arch Masonry into disrepute.

"The character of advertising sent out by some of these clubs would be more appropriate for a one-ring circus, or for an old time beer garden picnic, than for a Masonic function, or anything pertaining to Masonry. In my opinion, the formation of any club whose membership is made up of the members of a Chapter, should be under the direct supervision of such Chapter, and the Excellent High Priest should be held responsible for any acts of such club, whereby the name of Royal Arch Masonry is brought into disrepute, either by the character of advertising, or otherwise."

In the report of the Committee on the address we read:

"That that part of the report in reference to the donation of a wading pool for Masonic Orphans Home as a permanent memorial of our 75th anniversary, be approved and the thanks of the Grand Chapter be extended to the Chapters in the first five districts for their generous donation."

The Grand Master of Illinois, M.W. Bro. Davenport, was received with all honours and responded briefly, profoundly thanking the Grand Chapter for the wonderful, liberal appropriation to the Grand Lodge of fifty thousand dollars to assist in the construction of an addition to the Hospital at the Old Folks Home at Sullivan, also for the wading pool for the little folks at the Orphans' Home at LaGrange.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered a wonderful oration from which we cannot resist taking some extracts for the benefit of our Companions in Canada:

"I deem myself happy because of the privilege of speaking to a body of men of fraternal spirit, of high purpose, of noble endeavor and clear vision, men who are in the line of a great succession.

"We are the heirs of the ages with all their good and evil. Strains of mixed blood have been passed down to us. With the poet we may say: 'To-day we look with pride upon the open doors of finely equipped homes where the unfortunate children have a full and fair opportunity to throw off disease and become healthy and strong and if this is impossible they are treated with tender care.'"
“Surely it is most refreshing to study the path of progress. We as Americans have greatly developed in many directions since the landing of our Pilgrim Fathers. Think of New York City. When Hendrick Hudson spread his tent on Manhattan Island who would then have dreamed that such a teeming city would follow the humble beginnings. Not long ago, broad prairie was found edging Lake Michigan and now rapidly growing and richly developing Chicago lifts her queenly head.

“Consider also with me our vast moral and spiritual heritage.

“Companions, may it never be said that any of us are careless and indifferent to the heritage of the moral and spiritual Temple Builders, or that we neglected our work in the quarry or the shop. It is ours in the noble sense to ‘Carry on.’

“Sculptors of life are we as we stand
With our lives uncarved before us,
Waiting the hour when at God's command
Our life dream shall pass o'er us.
If we carve it there on the yielding stone
With many a sharp incision,
It's heavenly beauty will be our own,
Our lives that angel vision.”

“The golden rule is committed by the man of character not only to his memory but to his life.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence gave an able report from which we take the following:—

“There should be no organization within the Chapter other than for purely charitable purposes. The Chapter is a separate entity distinct from the individual. It has well-defined powers and functions. A club, though confining its membership to the members of a particular Chapter, should in no sense be considered as a part of the Chapter.

“Your Committee is firmly of the opinion that it is unlawful to use any of the funds of the Chapter in the formation, support or maintenance of any social or pastime society, club, or other form of organization among its members.”

The obituary report is eloquent, poetic and full of feeling, and we wish that we could reproduce many of its gems. The following must suffice:—

“If you think some praise is due him
Now's the time to slip it to him
For he cannot read his tomb stone
When he's dead.”
“The world is bestowing its big honors and worth while prizes on the fellows who show initiative. One of the greatest sins of life is stagnation.”

The review of Fraternal Relations—a term of which we approve—is by M.E. Comp. Turnbull and is interesting throughout. The introduction gives us the following thoughts:

“The preparation of the report on Fraternal Relations necessitates the reading of several thousand pages of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. Much of this is entirely routine and uninteresting, except to those immediately concerned, but scattered through all these pages will be found the meat for the reviewer.

“The social and intellectual side of the Chapter has also been featured to a greater extent than ever before.

“Grand Orators and Reviewers have called attention to the finer teachings of the Royal Craft and have asked for a united front to stem the tide of lawlessness and indifference that is abroad in the land. They have demonstrated the need of men who will daily and hourly do their duty as it presents itself, and do it patiently and thoroughly, even when it appears commonplace and tiresome. They have stressed the fact that the post of honor is the post of duty; that the little duties, the common things of our every day lives, well done, are those which embody the highest ideals of life and character and tell the story of a successful life.”

From the Report on California we take this comment:

“The opinion of the Grand High Priest seems to be the correct solution of the matter of increased attendance at lodges or any other body for that matter:

“Elect as Masters only those brethren who have sufficient ability, education, energy, intelligence and vision to make their meetings so attractive that a large audience will naturally ensue, we must remember that we are confronted with a condition, not a theory.”

“Instead of a six months or one year rule why not require the Chapter Officers to demonstrate their fitness to teach the candidates more about Masonry? If this could be done and newly made Master Masons were encouraged to take the Chapter Degrees, it is very probable that the badly wanted ‘increased attendance’ would come without effort. In place of telling the new member ‘Thou shalt not’ why not attempt to make the Lodge and Chapter living things by development from the inside? Men are not made strong, self-reliant beings by exterior laws or agencies.”
Under Maine we find these words and thoughts:

“The report on correspondence is again by Thomas H. Bodge who most thoroughly read and reviewed our proceedings. His comment on the change of name by one of our Chapters is very appropriate:

“Has the record of his achievements faded from memory? And in another fifty years will the then members petition the Grand Chapter to again change the name that the worth of a third may be preserved? Le roi est mort! Vive le roi!”

“He passed away before his usefulness had reached its zenith—as we thought, but his ability was needed in other fields and he was called hence.

“Our fathers find their graves in our short memories, and sadly tell us how we may be buried in our survivors.”

Nebraska again gives this reviewer opportunity for well merited praise:

“The Companions of this Jurisdiction are few in number but the successful launching of the various educational and hospital enterprises in other states has incited them to devote their united efforts to one object and to join the ranks of those who are living lives of usefulness.”

Under Virginia our reviewer says, with regard to these reports:

“This writer believes the report should be a general review of the Capitular World, interpreted for the benefit, principally, of his home readers, with reference to the relation existing between his own Grand Chapter and those of other states.”

British Grand Chapters are not inserted alphabetically, but bring up the rear guard of the Proceedings.

Canada produces these kindly and generous comments:

“The Grand Z. delivered a very interesting address. His opening remarks are good doctrine for Illinois Companions:

“No argument is needed to convince the 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.'

"The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry called attention to the increased church attendance by Chapters, saying:

"'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 shared in prayer and praise, and have qualified themselves through illuminating addresses to give a reason for the faith that is in them.'

"A very delightful time was had at the luncheon hour.

"'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 honored to the strains of the National Anthem and 'America, 'Tis of Thee' the Grand Z called for a few short talks. The song in honor of the United States may bear the correct title but we usually sing 'My Country; 'Tis of Thee.'

"The report on Correspondence is by Companion W. N. Ponton and is all that was expected from this eloquent writer. The report covers 170 pages and is in scholarly language throughout. The only criticism is that Illinois failed to have a place.'

From England we get this information through Illinois:—

"The average number of members in an English Chapter is small and no record of membership is published, but the total membership must be very large. The last on the roll is Cedars of Lebanon Chapter, No. 4317.

With regard to Saskatchewan and Canada he records the following words of cheer:—

"No monarch before ever freely relinquished suzerainty over two hundred million acres of territory just because he was asked to. Believing on consideration that it was to the advantage of the Companions in these two provinces to manage their own affairs, he not only gave his consent but added his blessing.

"Surely we may expect this infant to grow by leaps and bounds to maturity in a short time. We extend the hearty congratulations of the Grand Chapter of Illinois and bid them God speed in their work of upbuilding Capitular Masonry.

H. A. Clevenstine, Rock Island, Grand High Priest.

James E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.
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INDIANA.

Roy E. Tilford, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 32,440.
Net gain, 480.

The transactions of 1923 are doubly adorned with the portraits of retiring Grand High Priest Tilford and Grand High Priest elect, John H. Wineland, whose biography precedes the title page, the last paragraph being a very complimentary tribute:

"M.E. Companion Wineland is a modest and unassuming Christian gentleman, courteous and companionable at all times, conscientious and capable, wherever placed, a lover of all that is true and good, a community builder in the highest sense, and beloved by all who happily know him. This is eulogy enough, and even this much for the public eye he would strongly deprecate."

The Grand Chapter assembled in Seventy-eighth Convocation at Indianapolis, 17th October, 1923, with a large attendance of officers and members, sixteen Past Grand High Priests being at the post of duty, a splendid record of loyal continuity of service, coming from all parts of the State.

Canada's Grand Representative is not included among those present.

M. Ex. Comp. Leach of the General Grand Chapter and M. Ex. Comp. Fay Hempstead of Arkansas and other high officers were welcomed with grand honours.

From the Grand High Priest's address we cull the following:

"We have tried to place each individual Chapter upon a more stable foundation. It has been my constant desire to be in as close touch with each Chapter as possible and in doing so I am sure that the year has meant a great deal more to me than I could have possibly meant to the fraternity."

He gives the details of a busy year. Among his rulings we find the following:

"Anderson Chapter asked for guidance in a case where a brother had been suspended in the Blue Lodge. I referred them to Section No. 135 and informed them that a brother
who was suspended in his Blue Lodge was automatically sus-
pended in the Chapter."

The copies of "The Work" are in themselves valued at their true worth, and control is continu-
ously exercised as witness this order:—

"On January 8, 1923, I issued an order that all Rituals
must be returned to the Grand Secretary’s office by the first
of February under penalty of arrest of charter."

With regard to the Home he says:—

"I want to call your attention to the fact that, the Ma-
sonic Home Board have provided a vocational printing press
at the Home, that those children who desire may be educated
in the art of printing."

And he concludes as follows:—

"I want you Companions to feel free to criticise my acts
if you so desire, but I want you to know that, whatever may
have been my mistakes, I was prompted in my actions by
what I thought was my duty and what I deemed to be for
the best interest of Capitular Masonry."

The Memorial of the Fraternal Dead says:—

"Three hundred and twenty-six of our Companions have
so wrought and during the year have gone where they shall
hear the plaudits ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.’ As
a shock of corn, fully ripe, they have been gathered in their
season."

The Committee on Jurisprudence touches every
administrative function of Grand Chapter with an
experienced hand.

The Council of High Priests met as usual.

The annual Capitular Review is by the Grand
Secretary, Robert Archer Woods, P.G.H.P., from
whose introduction we take these preliminary sen-
tences:—

"Nothing strange or startling will be found in this re-
view, for the Capitular household is quite orderly and sane,
these days, ministering to its inmates with a wholesome re-
gard for their welfare, morally, educationally, and institu-
tionally. We have been told that we have a work to do in the
world other than repeating the ritual and parading our re-
galia; and in many quarters we have begun to exercise that
privilege and duty. The destitute and the orphaned are
objects of our care and solicitude, more than ever before;
and in these wards of our mercy many are reaping the harvest
of their Christian hopes for the betterment of mankind."
Canada is treated generously and discriminately.

Of our Grand Z's address he says:—

"Among his rulings, at regular convocations the Chapter must be opened on the Royal Arch degree and called off for work in the preparatory degrees, and then called on again. Indiana opens on the Royal Arch at Stated Convocations for business or work, and then closes. If work is also to be done in preparatory degrees, that degree is opened, the work given, and closed; similarly for other degrees. These openings and closings are short, and less cumbersome than the old system in vogue with us of calling off and calling on."

Of the report on the Condition of Masonry for 1923 he says:—

"A wonderfully fine and inspiring report was made by the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, closing with this superb outlook:

"Your committee have confidence in the abiding strength and creative vitality of the condition of our Masonry so long as we of one accord are animated by the spirit of that virile virtue which rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, vaunteth not herself, thinketh no evil. Let sincerity be our motto. We cannot camouflage before the Almighty. Let us keep in touch with the center and enlarge our concentric circle. Let us stand four square together, this Grand Chapter being the expression of the will and the spirit of all; and believing in the symbolism of the immortal Triangle, let us make and keep the Royal Arch Temple of humanity a great laboratory wherein is moulded, developed and evolved the triple alliance of mind and heart and will."

The good work of R. E. Comp. Brown is highly spoken of.

Under Connecticut we find:—

"One decision declared that, so far as the statutes of Connecticut were concerned, a member of a Chapter in Scotland has the status of a clandestine made Mason. We think it the general opinion that such an one is not a clandestine Mason, being regularly made in a regular Body, but merely denied the privileges of visitation during the suspension of fraternal relations imposed on that Grand Chapter. Should such a member be sick or in distress it would be our duty to succor him; a clandestine Mason would have no claim upon us as Masons whatsoever."

From his Delaware review we take the following:—
“There is a regular and constitutional way in which by-laws are changed, and this writer cannot discover an excuse great enough to cause a Grand High Priest to violate his Constitution. It does not inspire much respect for the law in the minds of the subordinates. He may be clothed with power to set laws aside, as a ‘prerogative,’ so called, but it is a straining of mercy and poor business.”

And we say good-bye to Indiana with the following sentences from our reviewer’s conclusion:—

“With the exception of the church, there is probably no institution on earth that so surely and constantly accompanies the progress of civilization as that of Masonry. Wherever its seats are established there is the greater assurance of just and equitable government, of business honor and personal integrity, and of domestic virtue and general happiness.

“But, whether cloud or sunshine, the Royal Craft moves on, and the glorious opportunity is yours and mine to have a part in its furtherance. Are you on the job?”

John H. Wineland, Elkhart, Grand High Priest.
Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Raymond T. Warner, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 23,347.
Net increase, 739.

The penetrating gaze of M. Ex. Comp. Warner establishes at-once a preliminary connection with the Grand Chapter of Iowa, whose Seventieth Annual Convocation was held in Burlington, 11th October, 1923, and was opened in ample form with a large attendance.

Canada’s Grand Representative (who bears a Canadian name, D. B. Aylesworth), did not answer the roll call. The veteran C. W. Postlethwaite is the representative of Iowa in Toronto.

From the Grand High Priest’s able address we take the following:—

“We believe that the officers are studying their rituals more, know the work better, and most of the Chapters have eliminated all frivolity and try to impress upon their candidates the great lessons of the degrees. With the going of frivolity there has come to the candidates closer heed to the
lessons taught and greater interest in the work. Such being the case, then Capitular Masonry has made a stride forward.

"Some Chapters seem to want assistance from the Grand Chapter and receive it gladly. Others seem to prefer to continue in a comatose state indefinitely. Such a Chapter is a source of expense to the Grand Chapter and a hindrance to the growth of Capitular Masonry by reason of its exclusive jurisdiction, preventing prospective candidates from petitioning live Chapters and receiving the work. "

"We believe that the time has come when this Grand Chapter must say to such Chapters that, if they wish to exist, they must do work—good work, true work, square work. Just such work as should be done by all Chapters, and that it be promptly done."

The Grand High Priest thanks his colleagues in conclusion for wise advice, good counsel and considerate judgment.

C. C. Hunt, some of whose literary work we quoted in our last report, writes a very vivid biography of the retiring Grand High Priest in which he says among other tributes:—

"In nowise aggressive, he is always firm when the occasion demands it.

"When greater tasks were assigned to him and greater responsibilities laid upon him, he proved that he was equally capable and faithful in these larger spheres.

"Whatever task is given him to do,

He does with all his might.

He is faithful in both great and small,
And serves the Truth and Right."

The membership by name of each Chapter of the Order of High Priesthood is given and this Order does not appear to be as in some Jurisdictions, merely formal and ceremonial.

The Report of Correspondence is by P.G.H.P. Edward M. Willard, and he gives us much food for thought. Among other things we cite:—

"There is much more to our institution than mere theory. We should make practical application of that which we are taught—and build constructively.

"To be guided by Masonic principles in every-day life is a necessity, so that we may live, 'to be good men and true—men of honor and honesty.'

"The individuality of each Royal Arch Mason is important. It is not what others do, but what are we doing to create the influence of thought that leads to right thinking."
"In the turmoil of social and political strife going on in the world to-day, something will have to be done to change the tide. Hurry, hurry, seems to be the word.

"You are writing each day a letter to men;
Take care that the writing is true;
'Tis the only gospel that some men will read—
The gospel according to you."

Under Canada, which he treats with friendly touch, he reports specially the favorable opinion of the Grand Z. upon the De Molay movement and also the Report of the Committee recommending a judicious period of observation.

From our Report on Conditions of Capitular Masonry, which he quotes at length, we reprint the following:—

We excerpt from the committee on condition of Capitular Masonry:

"And here and now we must bring the experience of the past to the service of the present and exemplify in good work and thought and deed the Supreme Degree. To the foundation stone, the Rock of Ages, let us add the keystone and copingstone of the Royal Arch which never sleeps.

"Go and toil in any quarries
Do not fear to do and dare;
If you want a field of labor
You can find it anywhere.

Under Colorado he finds a gem of poetry which we share with our Companions:—

"'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 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,
We live in the soul alway."

The following thoughts from New Jersey will echo in all hearts, more especially as it was among the last of the wonderful utterances of that exalted and Excellent Companion, the late Henry S. Haines:—

"We neither expect nor desire to witness new things, but we do expect to find hearts gladdened and souls refreshed by renewed manifestation of enlarged benevolence and a stronger determination to make practical our professions, and to
use more diligently and effectively the means Providence has placed in our hands, through the ministry to better the condition of mankind. This purpose is worthy of the best endeavors of the reviewer, and is only one that, however feeble its execution our humble offering may appear, it may at least awaken in others stronger than ourselves a thought that will prompt them to the performance of greater and nobler things."

Quebec gives our colleague the following for which we desire to perpetuate in our Proceedings:—

"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."

And the Geographical and spiritual journey taken by our correspondent from that scholarly State of Iowa closes as follows:—

"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 morrow, whether
We two pass by, or but one alone."

George E. Masters, Glenwood, Grand High Priest.
Orvis F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

The Right Hon. The Lord Muskerry, M. Ex. Grand King.

Ireland's volume of Proceedings for 1923 is indeed brief but concentrated.

The stated Convocations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter are held in Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the 1st Wednesday in February, May, July and November, and Chapters of Instruction are also regularly held.

It is to be noted that the chief Officers rank as follows:—

1. Grand King.
2. Deputy Grand King.
5. Grand Registrar.
7. Grand Captain of the Host.
9. Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Trust Ireland, even Masonic Ireland, to do things a little differently from the rest of the world. Their individuality is always distinctive.

In a letter from Lord Muskerry which precedes the Proceedings, he notes what would be a modest call to us, the following:

"I note that M.E. Comp. Col. Wallace reports determination of all the R.A. Chapters meeting in the New Hall that he dedicated, to meet not less than 6 times in the year. I am very glad that my District Grand First Principal is keeping this matter to the fore, as it is much needed."

The Finance Committee report:

"The great prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry during recent years has been well maintained in the year under review, and the receipts from all sources will, it is expected fall very little short of the record year 1921."

"The number of Brethren who have been exalted to the Royal Arch degree is very gratifying."

"As in the Craft, the large number of new Warrants issued was not confined to any particular district; Dublin, Antrim, Down, Armagh and South Africa are represented."

New Warrants are issued to such distinctly Hibernian names as Raloo, Ballymacarrett, Crossgar and Mountpottinger.

We hope that the next Proceedings will not be printed in Erse.

An attempted adjustment of inter-jurisdictional comity is explained in the following:

"In Ireland and Scotland when a Royal Arch Mason is appointed First Principal or King he receives the degree of V.W. Master. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England recognize the Certificates of the respective Supreme Grand Chapters of Ireland and Scotland as evidence that the Companion named therein has taken the degree of M.M.M., but requires further proof that such Companion has received the degree of V.W.M. In Ireland the P.K. Certificate states that the Companion mentioned has served the office of V.W.M., which supplies the further evidence required by
the Grand Mark Lodge of England. It was found that the working of the M.M.M. degree was very similar in the three Constitutions.”

All the Grand Superintendents report from their respective Districts, and from that of Meath and North Connaught, Colonel King Harman writes:—

“But Chapter 854, Carrick-on-Shannon, to which I have called attention in two previous reports, seems to be quite defunct: one Chapter has not been able to meet at all this year, owing to destruction of premises, and almost total disappearance of members: and another, whose building was destroyed, has only been able to resume labour quite recently. However, there are still grounds for hope, chiefly on account of the keenness of most Companions to keep alive the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry, and I trust that during the coming year we shall close the gaps caused by recent disturbances, and be able to maintain and even improve our position as Royal Arch Masons.”

The finances appear to be carefully managed and in a prosperous condition. An Irishman is said to be one who does not know what he wants and won’t be happy till he gets it, but this is not true of our Companions of the Royal Arch.

V.E. Comp. Henry C. Shellard, Grand Registrar.

KANSAS.

Charles N. Fowler, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 20,787.
Net gain, 1,054.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation convened in the Lodgeroom of the new Scottish Rite Temple, Topeka, February 25, 1924.

M.E. Comp. John W. Neilson, of the General Grand Chapter, was officially presented and welcomed.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were at the post of duty, pillars and columns of support.

The Grand Representative of Canada, Ex. Comp. Roy H. Clossen was present.

The Grand High Priest made an excellent address, from which we quote for the sake of getting the old-time flavor of their First High Priest of
fifty-nine years ago. Referring to the pioneers of the Royal Craft he said:—

“They served with freedom, fervency and zeal, bringing rough ashlars upon which we have been laboring during all these years, forming them into perfect ashlars for the building. We have watched with unceasing care its wondrous beauties increase under the watchful eye of the Master until it now contains 93 Chapters with a total membership of 20,787.

“Are we erecting the building of the same material as laid down in the original plans and specifications—or are we not constantly striving for new plans, adding new material until there is danger of overloading the old foundation, thus ruining the beautiful structure.

“In the address of M.E. Richard R. Rees, the first Grand High Priest of this Grand Jurisdiction, given at the first Annual Convocation, which although written fifty-nine years ago, rings out to-day as a warning stronger than ever before, he says: ‘Stand forever aloof from all jarring conquests around you. Remember that we occupy a platform so far above the world’s cold conflicts that all the flags and banners of all the earth comingle in one common hue. Companions, as citizens, discharge your duties to your country. . . . In all your varied relations of life, political, religious, social, domestic or fraternal, act freely, openly, manfully and independently, but beware of the insidious danger of one of these relations comingling with another. . . . However much in all the walks of life you may revere a home or kindred, friends or country, principles or faith, . . . yet as Masons, in that separate association, you know no land, no kindred, nor no country; you know no ties but those which bind you to each other and cement the world-wide brotherhood into one community. . . . We ask not whence he came or what his kindred or faith; enough to know that he was formed by God Almighty’s hand and meets us with the grip of Brotherhood. Then stand aloof from all contending factions whether sectional or national, world-wide or intestine; let all the elements of war and conflict rage; let the stormcloud burst in all its fury and in all its horrors; mingle with them as you may, . . . but in the name of Heaven and for the sake of Masonry mingle not the mystic band as such in this contending jar.’

“It is a deplorable fact that Capitular Masonry seems to have absorbed some of the spirit of the times. This is especially true in the matter of disrespect, disregard and contempt for Masonic law and constituted authority. The mad race for pleasure in many of our Chapters, a number of which are brushing aside not only the Ritual but the law, as well as violating well defined principles of Masonic custom in their extravagance and pursuit of pleasure—perhaps not
with premeditated intent—but thoughtlessly following the trend of the times, has produced a condition which calls for serious consideration."

With regard to the use of lantern slides he says:

"I am fully convinced this plan is no longer an experiment, and that this method of conferring the second section of the Royal Arch Degree is here to stay. The time has arrived when we should amend our Constitution to provide that the optional use of the slides may be done legally and in a regular manner."

Discipline is administered with an unerring hand, and as a result of a Chapter not accounting for Rituals and not replying to correspondence from Grand Chapter, the following action was immediately taken:

"I therefore ordered the Assistant Grand Lecturer to proceed to Larned and arrest the charter of this Chapter, which was accordingly done."

From the Grand High Priest’s general remarks and conclusions we quote him in these words:

"The great need to-day is for real Masons, with a vision of what Masonry really is, Masons with a burning desire to do what they can for Masonry and not what Masonry can do for them.

"In making real Masons, it is necessary first to secure the proper material, but that is not all—a great responsibility rests upon those who are chosen as officers to see to it that the lessons of our great Institution are properly and impressively exemplified.

"Who is a Mason? It is one whose life Is built on love, on kindness and on faith; Who holds his brother as his other self; Who toils for justice, equity and peace, And hides no aim or purpose in his heart, That would not chord with universal good."

The Committee on Necrology reported feelingly. We take two examples of their tributes to the dead:

"To the stricken hearts in the families of our Companions who have passed to the great beyond, we offer a word of sympathy, and the memory of loving thoughts. We say to them—"
"'Their grief is our grief, their loss is our loss, their hope is like our hope for a reunion in the other world where no grief can come, no tender ties be broken. They have laid down the working tools of this life, and entered upon the duties of a new one.

"We will watch and wait a little while,
Till the harbor-master sets us free;
And then, with our freight of hope and faith,
We, too, shall sail o'er the unknown sea.'"

Under Manitoba and Saskatchewan, which were eventually recognized, the following is interesting as referring to the Baptism of our youngest offspring:

"But one question could be raised in connection with the organization of this Grand Chapter and that is, under what authority the Grand High Priest of North Dakota deputized a District Deputy Grand High Priest of his Jurisdiction to install the officers and constitute this Grand Chapter? Such practice is not only unknown so far as the writer of this report has been able to ascertain, but rather reflects upon the good offices of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the mother Grand Chapter in that country. We do not question the motives of Companion Stockwell, the Grand High Priest of North Dakota, but we are of the opinion that it would have been much better if he had declined to render the service, rather preferring that it be done by the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"However, your committee are willing to waive this part of the proceedings and therefore take pleasure in recommending that our Grand Chapter extend the usual fraternal greetings and accord to them an exchange of Grand Representatives."

Sir John M. Gibson, of Hamilton, represents Kansas near this Grand Chapter.

The Correspondence Review is in the able hands of R.E. Comp. Albert K. Wilson, from whose foreword we quote:

"It will be observed from the report and quotations taken from some of the Proceedings that there is a tendency to lend the endorsement of the Royal Craft to certain organizations, some of which have presumed to require as a prerequisite to membership, that of affiliation in either a Symbolic lodge or some of the co-ordinate bodies. This action, however, is confined to few Jurisdictions and it seems that their action is largely based on sentiment, as there is no evidence of authority in either the laws or customs of the Royal Arch
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Craft which would justify any Grand Chapter in assuming the grave responsibility of being accountable for the defaults of individuals or other societies."

Under British Columbia he gives us this brief paragraph:—

"That the Order of De Molay for boys is not a Masonic organization and admiration for its aims and objects does not require the sponsorship of the conduct of its affairs."

Canada receives friendly and abundant recognition. We quote some of his comments as follows:—

"The distinguished Companion W. N. Ponton, now being Grand Master of their Grand Lodge, was formally introduced to the Grand Chapter, but we fail to note where the usual Honours were extended to him.

"Recognition was extended to the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

"Under the head of 'Condition of Capitular Masonry,' we take pleasure in quoting the following:—

"'But it would be a sad commentary on the conscious condition of Chapter Masonry if Death were needed to lift aside the veils—to realize the truth and its signet—to grasp the revelation of the God of the Golden Rule upon the judgment throne. Life not death is our mainspring. The mystical lecture glows with an illuminating light.'

"Referring to the order known as the De Molay, we quote the following which is conservative, yet it is good common sense and in keeping with the underlying principles of Ancient Craft Masonry, of which the Grand Chapter is a close relative:—

"'While it may be in every sense a most worthy institution, yet it is new to the members of this Jurisdiction, and your committee believe that the interests of Grand Chapter will be best served by observing at least for the present a judicious period of observation.'"

"None of them are in any manner associated with Masonry, while the Eastern Star membership is confined to the wives, widows, mothers, daughters and sisters of Masons. We do not, however, believe that any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons should officially endorse the Eastern Star or any other outside association or society."

Under the District of Columbia we find something worth quoting:—

"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."

From Indiana the following:

"The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that it was all right for a Chapter to sponsor the De Molay, but the latter must meet in outside quarters, as under the laws of their Jurisdiction only such organizations as are recognized by the Grand Lodge can meet in the same hall, and this does not include the De Molay."

Minnesota produces this comment:

"As a matter of fact, Companion Schurman, we were a little afraid of endorsing that organization because we would then have no alibi for sidestepping the proposition of endorsing the other twenty-three similar organizations now running around the country with the tag of Freemasonry attached to them. Companion Schurman, however, is no novice at the business, and we submit that he uses good judgment in all Masonic affairs, although we may once in a while differ on little matters of this kind."

Under Pennsylvania we find the following as to secretarial responsibilities and opportunities:

"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 normal 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."

Quebec, as usual, gives a suggestive thought:

"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."

"The writer took the position that no regular Masonic Grand Body should either directly or indirectly recognize any of the numerous organizations or societies which have assumed to tag themselves with Freemasonry, he has the following to say:"
"'When will Grand Masonic Bodies learn that they can safely leave to the individual Mason in his civic capacity the general welfare work that is entirely outside of Masonry, until such time at least as there is no more purely Masonic work waiting for them to do?"

"We might add that the writer of this report, in dealing with such subjects, takes a position which is thoroughly in accord with all the Masonic Grand Bodies in this Jurisdiction, of which he has the honour of being Grand Secretary, Grand Recorder and Correspondent."

Next meeting at Wichita, February 23, 1925.
William Easton Hutchison, Garden City, Grand High Priest.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

Edwin F. Gayle, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 8,653.
Net gain, 1,094.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Grand Convocation was held in New Orleans, February 5th, 1924. Just as the roll was called of Past Grand High Priests a telegram was read announcing the death of M. Ex. Comp. Allen. In an eloquent extemporary tribute to his memory he was thus characterized by Grand Chaplain Foster. May we all respond to the triple call to fidelity in a similar way:—

"He was regular, he was dependable, he was faithful. He was simple in his life, he was absolute in his friendships, he was faithful to duty."

The representative of Canada, Ex. Comp. John W. Armstrong, was present and was received with the other Grand Jurisdictions "in alliance and close affiliation." R. Ex. Colonel W. Y. Mills, of Kingston, represents Louisiana in Canada.

The address of the Grand High Priest begins generously and auspiciously with these words:—

"A year ago, when the mantle of my Illustrious Predecessor Joseph Sinai fell upon my shoulders, I was over whelmed at the honor and doubtful of my ability to carry on the movement and development and growth of the order inaugurated by him. I was fully acquainted with the lethargy which he had overcome, and the number of dormant
Chapters that he had prodded into wakefulness by his most aggressive administration. Any success that may have accompanied my feeble efforts to carry on the work that he so ably began, I attribute to the fact that the Supreme High Priest above, has been ever present in spirit and in life, to stimulate a civilizing patriotic movement exemplified and illustrated by Capitular Masonry."

Under the state of the Order he says regarding the R.A.M. Degree:—

"In fact, the Degree has passed from the abstract to the concrete; from moral platitudes and generalities to the concrete application of the principles inculcated to modern, social and economic life.

"The Degree, as now exemplified, carries to the heart and to the conscience, a message of patriotism, love of country and pride of race. The elimination of the 'Rough Stuff' now enables the candidate and the Companions to appreciate the great fundamental, social and historical principles underlying the exclamation, 'As long as they were faithful to God, they prospered, but when the Children of Israel forgot and forseek their God, national ruin came upon them.' The candidate can now trace the history of nations of the world and read the lessons of human progress in these lines."

M. Ex. Comp. Kuhn was received heartily and there met the Grand High Priest and other officers of Texas, the hatchet having been fully buried and peace declared. As the late M. Ex. said:—

"You know Louisiana is close to Texas, and I wanted to meet the Texans, as some one has said, the lion and the lamb are eating grass together. We ate shrimps together."

Later the General Grand High Priest made one of his inspiring addresses from which we take the following paragraphs:—

"You know, Royal Arch Masonry has not come into its own. The General Grand Chapter is 126 years old. The greatest thing that has been holding Royal Arch Masonry down is tom foolery. When the Shrine was organized we thought all of that stuff was going into the Shrine, where it belongs. But there are lots of light headed fellows in Royal Arch Masonry that want to keep it in Royal Arch Masonry.

"You have been doing work here equal to any Grand Chapter in the United States, and you have been doing better work than two-thirds of them. Why? As your Grand High Priest has said, you stress the beauty of Royal Arch Masonry. You have made men grow.

"Every Freemason is symbolically a workman whether his place is in the quarries or shop. Every day finds him
standing before the Overseers to test the work wrought by him according to the design laid down in the 'Great Trestle Board.'

"A Freemason ought to look things squarely in the face, lay aside all prejudice, and study the question carefully. There is nothing to be afraid of. Let us lay aside our dinky squares, and recognize the beautiful, and not heave it among the rubbish, because we do not understand it."

R. Ex. Comp. John A. Davilla adds to the duties of Grand Secretary those of Recorder of the Order of High Priesthood and Foreign Correspondent, and he does all things well. He recommended the recognition of an interchange of representatives with Manitoba and Saskatchewan, which was unanimously approved.

In his general introduction he says:—

"The various reports show that while the increases of several years past have been lessened, healthy accessions have been made and general interest has been, in the States, enhanced, if anything, by the elimination of the old time tactics in the conferring of the ritual."

Canada receives gracious and gratifying comment from which we take the following extracts to show how much our Jurisdiction is appreciated in the sunny south.

"We of the arid zone might take some consolation from the following excerpt from the talk of M.E Comp. Ponton, in response to an address of welcome:—

"‘Some of the Companions had pleasant memories of Toronto, and all had hopes of being back in Toronto again to drink the cup of laughter, the cup of memory and of hope, they are all going to drink the ‘stirrup cup’ of good cheer, and were going to enjoy themselves in Toronto.’

"Entirely too many cups and too suggestive and we might add, tantalizing.

"The Grand Z. reports:—

‘Notwithstanding the depression in business it will be seen from the reports to be presented that we continue to prosper.

‘During the past year we have had an increase in membership of 1,563, and our splendid financial condition is being maintained under the guiding care of our Executive officers.’"
Under the heading of a word to the Chapters, the Grand Z. says:

"I would urge the prompt opening of Chapters and an expeditions performance of the Work, at the same time remembering that our aim should be to make Royal Arch Masons, and not just Chapter members.

"We would be remiss in our duties were we to fail to quote the following beautiful language found in the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry:

"Your Committee is again privileged to report that all is well with the great co-operative Commonwealth of Capitular Craftsmanship—that the various officers and committees are functioning properly and productively and that the membership continues to be of that excellent calibre and quality which should always characterize a living and vital organism of men of goodwill whose central ganglion is that spirit of duty, discipline, devotion and reverence which animates and is reflected from the stately and rhythmic ritual, and the principles and teachings of our Royal Craft.'

"Foreign Correspondence is by M.E. Companion Edward B. Brown. His work is written in a pleasing style and holds the reader. We appreciate his review of Louisiana and his complimentary remarks as to our work."

Commenting upon the farewell of the veteran M. Ex. Comp. Corson to his colleagues of the Round Table he quotes and says:

"To my worthy Companions of the Round Table, I bid 'Adieu,' with grateful appreciation of friendly relationships and pleasing intercourse in the past and praying that Heaven's richest blessing may descend and be the abiding portion of each one of them, both now and evermore.

"We say 'God bless you,' and may the blessings you invoke redound to yourself, a thousand fold."

So say we all.
We had written a much longer and fuller review of Louisiana, but with that of New York it was lost in His Majesty's Mail, in which, however, we do not often have to pass a vote of want of confidence.

Greetings to New Orleans!

David Ettinger, Grand High Priest, New Orleans.
John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, New Orleans.
MAINE.

David Logan Wilson, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 16,933.
Net gain, 620.

The benevolent and experienced features of Grand High Priest Wilson precede the Transactions of the Grand Chapter of Maine, which held its Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation at Portland, May 6th, 1924, with all Grand Officers present and also 113 representatives of sixty of the sixty-five chartered chapters; thirteen of the sixteen living Past Grand High Priests; nineteen of the other twenty-two Permanent Members, including fifty of the fifty-six Representatives of other Grand Chapters, together with visiting Royal Arch Masons.

M.E. Comp. Curtis Chipman, of Massachusetts, with a large delegation accompanying him, and M.E. Comp. Dutcher, Grand High Priest of New York, were duly introduced and assigned to the seats of honour.

Canada’s Grand Representative was not present.

From the very thoughtful annual address of the Grand High Priest, we take some outstanding clippings:—

"I could ask for nothing more than that the same splendid spirit of harmony, of friendship, of zeal for our noble Institution which has characterized this Grand Body these many years, may be continued with us. As we proceed with the work of this Convocation may we find friendships being deepened and strengthened and

'Go on our way
Attended by the vision splendid'

of great things yet to be achieved for the Craft.

"It is a very great delight to welcome our distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Chapter of Maine has ever been 'given to hospitality' and we are never more contented with ourselves than when we have forgotten ourselves in ministering to the comfort and pleasure of those whom we delight to honour. Much that marred the dignity and impressiveness of the work, and which also gave to the candidates a very strong impression of its mean-
ing, has been eliminated. With this elimination there has come an enlarged recognition and understanding of the sublime lessons of the Royal Craft, which are surely giving it a larger place in the consideration of the Companions. This movement, which had its genesis in former years, has made a marked advance this year, due to the persistency with which visiting officers of the Grand Body and officers of Subordinate Chapters have insisted upon the proper rendition of ritual and work.

As to the profane he writes:—

"Any attempt to use Masonic names in connection with anything that is not distinctly Masonic, should be frowned upon by the Craft. Recently an effort has been made by a shoe concern in Massachusetts to secure as a trade mark the words 'Royal Arch Shoe.' I therefore caused a protest to issued."

He concludes in the following words:—

"May He lead us all to an ever deepening appreciation of the true meaning of the Craft, that we may the better express its virtues in our daily contact with humanity, to its uplifting to nobler walks in life, and to the honour and glory of His name."

Much business was done and fine tributes were paid to the departed members.

The Representative of Maine in Canada is V.E. Comp. G. Sterling Ryerson.

The Report on Correspondence is in the good hands of E. Comp. Thomas J. Bodge, who gives Canada a very large share of his fraternal attention. He quotes the address of the Mayor of Toronto as follows:—

"The Craft has no ulterior purposes to serve; it has no secret aibs; it does not interfere in politics or religion; and it does not set my Masonry as a religion."

He has this to say about a ruling of Grand Z. Spencer:—

"5. I was asked whether the Jewel of a Knight Templar, or of a Knight of Malta, could, according to Section 283 of the Constitution, be worn in our Chapter rooms. I said 'No.'

"If that refers to a vestment or official jewel, I think it correct, but if to a charm, button or pin I am of opinion he went too far.

"One Chapter desired to confer the rank of Past Z. on a worthy Companion, but he correctly ruled against it."
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And as to the Proceedings generally and other reports he says:—

"Nearly twenty pages were devoted to the introductions of and responses from the distinguished visitors from many Grand Jurisdictions.

"Comp. Edward B. Brown presented his eighth report saying it must be his last. He gave one hundred and thirty-eight pages of splendid review, and the Craft can ill afford to lose his services, for he quotes wisely and comments judiciously.

"Among the sixty-two Proceedings reviewed is Maine, which receives most courteous and appreciative consideration. He gives an admirable report of our Centennial Observance, and under his reference to the Correspondence Report says:—

"'Throughout the Maine Proceedings references are found to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in Portland in 1924. Like Mr. Pott the Eatanswil Gazette, we pen the words 'We will be there.' The genial Grand Secretary has invited us.'

"We certainly all invite you, Companion Brown, and know you will enjoy 'breaking bread' with the correspondents, especially as we intend that ceremony to include opening clams and cracking lobster shells.

"We also cordially invite and expect his successor, Past Grand Z. William N. Ponton, who was with us one year ago to participate in the festivities."

From Indiana he quotes with approval the following:—

"Under New York we learn his views on the De Molay, and they coincide closely with my own:—

"'The Shrine is required to meet in its own temples; and it is scarcely probable that the rule will be altered. There are too many extraneous Orders; De Molay, American Crusaders, Boy Builders, what not. Lay down the fence for one, lay it down altogether, almost. Let these Orders equip quarters of their own, and Brethren and Companions may assist in their private capacity all they desire. The objects of the Order of De Molay are unquestionably proper and desirable, and our sympathies are with the right development of the youth of the country, but as a Masonic appendix, let us vote nay.'

"Companion Woods writes such a good opinion on the granting of dispensations to permit balloting out of time, I quote it:—

"'Emergencies do not exist, at any time, anywhere. We manufacture what we call emergencies. Some fellow has been asleep at the switch for, lo, these many years, and of a sudden comes a move to fix up a swell class for the Shrine, or he is about to start on a journey and imagines the higher
degrees will boost him along and add to his pleasure and dignity, and he then becomes insistent on advancing. The Order is made for HIM, see? He wants it, and ergo must have it, and have it NOW. Is the Royal Craft benefited one iota by receiving that member? Has he any respect for our sublime institution? Not so one can notice. Stick to the law, and let members enter by the regular channel, orderly and respectful, and the Order will merit and get the respect and veneration it should deserve."

Under Louisiana we find the following grim comment:—

"Under Kansas, commenting upon permitting Chapters to go to halls other than their own to work degrees, he said, 'This is a custom that we have not yet acquired in Louisiana, but we fail to see why it should not be permitted.' Don't do it. It has sometimes been permitted in Maine, but I am convinced that there is no valid reason for it and there are objections. If candidates do not care enough for the degrees to go to the Chapter home—well, what's the use?

"Under Mississippi we are told Louisiana is a stickler for dependent membership. I wish our Maine companions had the same sentiment."

He concludes his able review as follows:—

"Naturally I have been much interested to observe the action taken at the annual Convocations in relation to providing funds towards the expenses of delegates to the General Grand Chapter to meet here four months hence. It is pleasing to note nearly if not quite every Grand Chapter has assumed the cost of sending more than one presiding Grand High Priest or council officers, recognizing it is the part of wisdom to have as representatives those who have been in touch with capitular activities many years and will be better able to grasp the effects of proposed legislation and see that our ancient landmarks be strictly adhered to.

"There are several subjects that might well be discussed in a foreward, which I do not write as every such is the summing up of what is to follow, or in a conclusion like this; but I prefer you read the review itself. I am inclined to the opinion of Comp. Eggleston of Virginia that where writers make extended use of an introduction or conclusion the body of the report is neglected."

Next meeting—their Centenary—will be held at Portland, May 5th, 1925.

David L. Wilson, Bath, Grand High Priest.
Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.
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MANITOBA.

William D. Lawrence, Grand Z.

Within the comparatively small compass of a thin volume is concentrated more really good matter than is to be found in many more pretentious tomes of the Transactions of older Chapters. From first to last this initial publication is full of interest and significance. It is as it were fons et origo of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Proceedings are appropriately prefaced by excellent portraits of the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E., whose well known features look good to us of the Mother Grand Chapter. M.E. Comp. Newman also looks out from a subsequent page.

A valuable historical introduction giving the beginnings of the Province of Manitoba, will form a basis of reference for all time. It is from the pen of R.E. Comp. F. W. Brownell, an outstanding Mason and citizen. As all will not have access to this history, we give our Companions a glimpse of it by the following liberal citations:

"Manitoba is considered to be the gateway of the great Canadian Northwest. The name comes from two Indian words, Manito, meaning the Great Spirit, and Waban, meaning the Narrows, the name especially applied to the narrow part of Lake Manitoba. The wind, when rushing through the Narrows, makes a peculiar sound; the early Indians believed this to be the voice of God, so they named the place Manito-waban, ar the Narrows of the Great Spirit. The name was afterwards changed to Manitoba by the early settlers.

"The Province extends 300 miles along the northern boundary of the United States, bordering on Minnesota and North Dakota. It extends northward to the 60th parallel of north latitude; the line separating it from Saskatchewan on the west is 770 miles long, or nearly twice the length of Illinois. Ontario bounds it on the east, and the northeast corner for more than 300 miles is washed by the waters of Hudson Bay. The area of the Province is 251,832 square miles, of which 19,906 square miles are water.

"There were but few white inhabitants in Manitoba previous to 1870. Since that date the population has increased rapidly, and in 1921 the Province had a population of 610,118. Since the census was taken a large number of immigrants have entered the Province. Most of the older
inhabitants are of English and Scotch descent, but recent immigration has added a number of nationalities from Central and Southern Europe. In 1915 there were 11,000 Indians in the Province.

"The first white man to penetrate this region was the French explorer, Sieur de la Verendry, who explored the neighborhood of Lake Winnipeg in 1733.

"Manitoba maintains an excellent school system. It was the first Province to follow the example of the United States and to set aside two sections of land in every township as a grant for the maintenance of public schools. Elementary education is free and compulsory. The schools are maintained from public revenues, provincial and local. The elementary and secondary schools are under the control of a minister of education, who is a member of the executive council of the Province. He is assisted by an Advisory Board composed of twelve members; some of these are elected by the teachers and others are appointed by the Department of Education.

"The City of Winnipeg in 1921 had a population of 179,087, and now ranks as the third city in the Dominion; it is at times spoken of as the coming 'Chicago of the Canadian West.' It is in harmony with the Province in all progressive measures and it is the leader of Western Canada in social, moral and religious advancement."

A Convocation was held in Winnipeg, 30th March, 1923, to organize and constitute the Grand Chapter, and everything was done decently and in order. Simplicity characterized all. The main motion was simply this:—

"That a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for Manitoba be now formed."

and the next motion was this:—

"That we adopt the procedure of the Grand Chapter of Canada with such change as may be deemed necessary or advisable."

North Dakota had the honour of installing the Officers and organizing the Grand Chapter and they did their work chivalrously and well.

Cordial thanks were tendered to Prince Rupert and Connaught Chapters of Winnipeg for generous entertainment. The Chapters were re-numbered and Committees appointed.

The first annual Convocation was held in Winnipeg, 6th February, 1924, with a full attendance of Officers and members.
Distinguished visitors from North Dakota were cordially welcomed.

The local Chapters extended an address of welcome, from which we take the following:—

"A short year has passed since the first stone was laid in the foundation of this Masonic Institution, and we venture the opinion that if the same earnest effort is continued and the same careful supervision exercised, there will be erected a monument, which will, in years to come, reflect honour and glory on the names of those who participated in the work of this first and each succeeding year."

In his response the Grand Z. struck a fine and vibrant note:—

"This Grand Body is like a chain, the links of which are forged from the loyalty and the co-operation of the constituent Chapters. The warmth and the sincerity of your welcome and the evident good will that characterizes your address afford ample assurance that the links represented by your several Chapters are of true metal, staunch and strong—and we are encouraged to undertake the duties of this Convocation secure in the knowledge of your confidence and support."

From M. Ex. Comp. Lawrence's splendid address the following will give us all food for thought and will be a source of delight:—

"We are the pioneers of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba as such. The dim distant trails of Keystone and Prince Rupert, or Signet, Corinthian and others of our older Chapters have wound along through the years, until at last they have come together and broadened out into the highway, along which Capitular Masonry in this Province is to move henceforth under its own Jurisdiction. And if we, who are to-day charged with the guidance and control of this Grand Body will but employ in the discharge of that duty something of the courage, the hardihood and the broad vision of the men who first ran the rapids of our rivers, who first blazed the trails through our forests, who first constituted the Province of Manitoba, if we continue to possess the qualities that characterized those hardy pioneers—then we need not fear what the future holds for this Grand Chapter of ours."

Courteously these acknowledgements are given:—

"Our contact with neighboring Grand Bodies during the past year has not been very extensive, but it has been both pleasant and beneficial. Our mother Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of Canada, was most considerate. Not only
were we awarded a handsome dower towards our organization expenses, but R.E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., has given us every possible assistance and advice, and in times of doubt and difficulty he has unfailingly offered the proper solution.

“To reverse Kipling a little, it is gratifying to know that even though we are now mistress in our own, we are still daughter in our mother’s house.

Internationally we hear the voice of peace and good-will:—

“Our people living under almost identical conditions, they have the same ideas, they hold the same ideals. For us as Masons there is yet another bond of union, in that cement of affection and brotherly love, which unites us into one sacred band, where no dissension can ever exist. May the ties that bind us together never be broken. May the two great nations, to which we are each so proud to owe allegiance, ever stand steadily shoulder to shoulder, as they did in the dark days of the Great War, a solid front opposed to the powers of despotism and autocracy.”

Capitular Masonry generally is not neglected in his message:—

“Take advantage of the opportunities it affords. First learn to know thyself, and then to know thy fellow man.

“Here lies the tragedy of our race
Not that men are poor.
All men know something of poverty.
Not that men are wicked.
Who can claim to be good?
Not that men are ignorant.
Who can boast that he is wise?
But that men are strangers.’

“I don’t think that it is any exaggeration to say that in almost every community throughout this Province of ours the men of prominence—the men of repute—are practically, without exception, members of the Craft. No matter how sharply they may differ on social and political matters—and we Westerners have the reputation of holding strong opinions, Freemasonry affords a forum, where every month, in this Province alone, thousands of just and upright men meet upon a common level.”

And then, although our extracts are already copious, we cannot resist giving his conclusions, not altogether veiled in allegory:—
“There is a beautiful old Greek legend that the island of Delos, in the Aegean Sea, was dedicated by the Gods to peace, and by them rendered inviolable from war. No hostile foot ever trod that kindly soil. There the citizens of every country met and worshipped beneath the aegis of eternal peace. The little spark that first glowed in that old Greek legend has lived and burned in the hearts of men down through all ages. It has quickened and inspired them in every phase of the struggle for the things that go to make up the monument of human progress—a monument destined surely to be crowned some day with the capstone of eternal peace. In the struggle for personal liberty it strengthened the arm of the English barons at Runnymede, to press upon the parchment of the Magna Charta, the reluctant seal of King John, and it raised up Abraham Lincoln to strike the chains of slavery from the limbs of four million human beings and to pay as the price his life. In the struggle for religious liberty it held the martyr in the Roman arena fast to the faith, that made many a Roman holiday, and it wrung from the tortured lips of Hugh Latimer burning at the stake as a heretic, these prophetic words, ‘bear a good heart, Master Ridley, we shall this day light such a candle in England, as by God’s grace shall never be put out.’

“So I say to you Companions, hold fast to thy faith; let thy light shine before men, and the time will surely come when the little spark that first burned in the heart of that old Greek legend will fire the beacon that gives to all the world the message that the angels sang to the shepherds on the hills of Judea 1900 years ago, the message, ‘Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.’”

The Grand Superintendents gave comprehensive reports.

Two new Chapters were given warrants.

Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid, of Woodstock, is Manitoba’s Representative at our Grand Chapter, as F. W. Brownell, of Winnipeg, is our Representative there.

The finances appear to have a good foundation, and among the receipts we note Canada’s grant of $1,500—just a little baptismal gift to the Grand Chapter which on its seal exemplifies a Buffalo in action.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead writes a beautiful report, from which we take:—
“Have you a trusty comrade dear,
   An old and valued friend?
   Be sure your turn of sweet concourse—
At length will have an end.

And when you part—and part you will,
Oh take it not unkind,
If he who goes is happier
Than you he leaves behind.”

“There are discoveries far greater than the three Craftsmen made while preparing for the Foundation of the Second Temple awaiting us.

“During the year eleven Companions of this Jurisdiction have broken step with us and have gone ahead. With sincere affection we pay tribute to their memory.”

The Committee on the Address report:

“The address of the Grand First Principal, couched in the language of an ardent student of Capitular Masonry, could not help but appeal to everyone privileged to hear or read the same, the high ideals and the voicing of plain truths bring home to everyone the necessity of a fuller realization of our individual responsibilities.”

A model form of By-laws was submitted and is on file for reference.

That veteran and ever reliable Mason, R.E. Comp. John Parton, issues the shortest and most condensed report on Foreign Correspondence which we find in any of the Proceedings, and we look forward to his larger work in 1925. Hear him in his introductory mood:

“When I note the work done by the Corresponding Committees in the other Jurisdictions, who have long passed the stage of infancy or even adolescence, and have to deal with the Proceedings from every Grand Jurisdiction in the world, I feel that my work on this subject has been easy and light. Moreover, I am very much of a novice in the fraternity of ‘Companions of the Round Table,’ and I ask for the indulgence, not only of the members of the Grand Chapter, but of the other members of that fraternity, on any shortcomings in my report.”

He does not review Canada, he could not associate us with anything foreign. Everything he touches he adorns, and concludes:

“We belong to an institution which is not confined to the narrow limits of particular institutions, but is world-wide; having no limits except that its members must be men, who
believe in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul. What can we not accomplish if every one of us takes our teachings seriously, setting an example before the whole world of justice tempered with mercy, courage with gentleness, prudence with generosity, temperament with toleration. Disease germs are not the only catching ones—let us all endeavor to spread the germs of happiness and virtue among our fellow creatures and thus do our part in making a finer world.”

The next meeting will be held 4th February, 1925.

F. L. Newman, Portage la Prairie, Grand Z.
H. F. Moulden, Winnipeg, Grand Scribe E.

MARYLAND.

William Mohr, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 9,094.
Net gain, 382.

The portrait of M.E. Comp. Carroll, the new Grand High Priest, looks rather like the product of the north than of the sunny south and of the “soft speech of Maryland.”

Grand High Priest William Mohr was absent with other Grand Officers, though illness, so that R.E. Comp. Carroll, as deputy, presided at the Annual Convocation, which met for the One Hundredth and Twenty-sixth year in Baltimore, November 22nd, 1923. Ten Past Grand High Priests gathered to give the benefit of their experience to the service of the present.

Greetings were exchanged with the absent Companions.

Canada’s Grand Representative did not appear, which we regret. These absences of Canada’s choice are too frequent to pass over without comment. We seem to be particularly unfortunate in recording the average of attendances.

The welcome extended is in these striking words. We like the title Ambassadors:—

“The M.E. Grand High Priest welcomed these Ambassadors of our sister Grand Chapters, and requested that they
convey to their several Jurisdictions our sincere good wishes for a continuance of the friendly and fraternal relations now existing."

From the Grand High Priest's address, which was read by his successor, we find the following:—

"The new members are thrice welcome, and we trust that they may actively participate with us in reviewing the work of the past; to enjoy the present and to plan for the future."

The address is a businesslike document, and thus records the kindly relations existing between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Grand Master Seipp is also Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter.

"I desire at this time, to officially express my appreciation, personally, and on behalf of the Grand Chapter to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Warren S. Seipp, for the courtesy of inviting your Grand Officers to accompany the Grand Lodge of Maryland in its special train to attend and participate in the laying of the corner stone of the George Washington Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

"Companions, in these strenuous days of our existence, it seems almost impossible for one to accomplish all our hopes and desires, and to work out all the plans we have in mind for the good of our beloved Fraternity.

"I do not believe that any man accepts a position of responsibility and honor without a feeling that he will give the best that is in him to the exacting duties of his office, but frequently he is handicapped by circumstances."

The revised Constitution of the Grand Chapter is given in full in the Proceedings and appears to be a model document. A page also of standing resolutions is twice printed in order to impress itself upon the Officers of constituent Chapters.

Biographies of those who have done good service in the past appear on several pages, thus building up that best of all history which is the essence of innumerable biographies.

A full title of the membership of each Chapter in alphabetical order is given for reference and covers many pages.

The Council of Anointed High Priests convened on November 22nd, and no less than 20 High Priests Elect were consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.
The Correspondence Report is in the hands of Comp. Rev. Henry Branch, D.D., who has resumed his post.

Canada, unfortunately for us, has not received his friendly touch, nor do we notice our sister and daughter Province, Quebec.

Under Alberta he and we find the following:—

"It is here, by strengthening the fibre of individualism, through the subtle installation of the gifts of the spirit that the teachings of our Masonic faith can most nobly and truly aid the forces fighting for our national re-creation; but let no man suppose, be he ever so virtuous or wise or high in places of men's fame, that he can confer any honor 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."

"That so man's mind
Not conquered by his clay, may sit above his fate,
Inhaling the very purpose of the stars,
And trade with his eternity."

British Columbia gives a splendid and hopeful wish for health, wealth, faith, and hope in the following words:—

"Nothing short of a quotation from Goethe will satisfy this Grand Z., as he closes his address, wishing each of us—

"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 neighbor;
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."

From his review of Louisiana we take 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 live, act 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 be, but not ours. Let us determine to serve our Father and His children, and do it."

Oklahoma again furnishes material for the reviewer:—

"The Masonic Service Association is most clearly and earnestly presented in an address by M.E. Companion Wm. L. Eagleton, P.G.M. In his address he says: 'The two great objectives of their organization are Relief and Research—Relief, for conditions, calamities and troubles of too great magnitude for Grand Lodge action; for this purpose, and to meet this kind of need this organization is national and must and will be dealt with by the powers that be when occasion demands. We will not be set aside again when our services are needed and when we demand the right to extend aid. We as a national organization have construed the Objective 'Research' to be service along all lines, but especially along educational lines. Every thinking Mason admits we are sorely in need of education, that we know but little of what Masonry is, what Masonry has done, or Masonry proposes to do. There is a reason for this.'

"The solution of this problem is found in the answer to these questions, and Masonry enters upon a new career when the unseen things become real and the learning and scholarship of the ages as brought within the grasp of sight and sound and the coming generation will see the hidden mysteries of sight and sound."

Under Pennsylvania he comments:—

"Referring to the De Molay movement as now being fathered by the Masons of Maryland, our Grand Correspondent, E.W.R., concludes his notice of this innovation with a significant tribute: 'Masonry already has many tails to drag her kite.' Thank you for the illustration."

Charles H. Carroll, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

Gustave A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Curtis Chipman, Grand High Priest.

Membership, 39,186.

Net gain, 1,519.

The regular quarterly Convocation was held in Boston, March 13th, 1923.
The invocation of the Grand Chaplain was a worthy thanksgiving, from which we take the following sentences:

“We thank Thee for all that this Grand Chapter has meant to this Commonwealth, to America and to the World. We thank Thee for all that, bringing its treasures out of the past, it means to us to-day.

“We thank Thee for the noble men, just and upright Masons, who have been at its head, and for all those upon whom its chief responsibilities have rested, who unselfishly, giving their best, thinking only of the welfare of the Institution, have guided it on its way.”

Dating from 1798 the tap roots of Massachusetts do indeed go down in fertile soil.

Canada was not represented.

Many distinguished guests were welcomed and all responded briefly.

The welcome extended to M.W. Grand Master Dudley H. Ferrell was specially warm and appropriate:

“Most Morshipful Grand Master, I would indeed be less than human if I did not feel a thrill of pride and satisfaction that to me should fall the honor of extending to you, Sir, the greetings of this Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. I know of no one in Masonry who could better adorn the office you fill, nor one whose presence would bring more pride and satisfaction to every Companion here. I take this occasion, Sir, of assuring you of the loyalty of every Royal Arch Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and you are most cordially and heartily welcome at our birthday party.”

From the Committee on the Grand High Priest’s address we take this commendatory sentence:

“We are glad to note that the Grand High Priest carries the banner of Royal Arch Masonry in a lofty position and insists upon a proper appreciation of personal responsibilities among our members to its right and demand for a deep respect of its dignity and importance in the Masonic system.”

A historical address of more than ordinary interest by Grand Chaplain Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., was much appreciated. We make the following brief extracts:

“Then came the great World War, and we have cause to be thankful that in that crucial hour the leadership of our forces was committed to one so wise, so genuine and so
patriotic as Arthur D. Prince. Broadly democratic in spirit, the door of his friendship is open to every honest man, and one does not have to be obeisance as he enters. Honors do not part him from us, and by any process to change him from what he is, would make him less attractive.

"His glove is velvet and his tongue is silver, but there is an iron hand in the one—and a high concept of Masonic dignity and worth behind the other—and the longer we are associated with him the more we appreciate his faithfulness and ability.

"To-day in the United States and Canada there are approximately 800,000 Companions sworn to fidelity to the glorious principles that we seek to inculcate."

Excellent addresses were given by all the representatives of sister Jurisdictions, a real feast of reason and good fellowship, pre-prandial rather than post-prandial, for we read that immediately afterwards they repaired to the Banquet Hall where a most satisfactory dinner was served. Afterwards M.E. Comp. Curtis Chipman introduced M.W. Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master, who made as usual, a splendidly satisfying address, from which we take a few sentences to illustrate his quality:

"Now what worries me, and it is the thought that ought to concern us as Masons, is that along with this remarkable advancement in the ordinary things of association, in the material, in the intellectual, have we kept pace in the moral development of life?

"Masonry is the greatest adventure in intangibles upon which man has ever entered, and yet the intangibles are the eternal reality.

"I bring to you—I do not bring to you because you already have it—but I emphasize for you the continuance of that which is your supreme purpose. Along with this gradual development and expansion of life as it claims our common interest, let us do our part to continue the progress and the expansion of those moral ideals, of those ethical principles which, when all is said and done, alone give to life its value, and alone give to the future the reality that is worthy of our seeking. May your past be an inspiration, an urge, to your future."

The next Quarterly Convocation was held June 12th, 1923, in Boston. Canada was represented.

General Grand High Priest Kuhn was cordially welcomed by an address from the Grand High Priest, tracing in outline the history of this old Grand Chapter, and concluding:—
“We do not recount these incidents of our history as a basis for assuming any false sense of superiority in ourselves, but rather draw from this retrospect a deeper and more powerful incentive to become worthy of such an ancestry. To this hallowed ground, therefore, you come as an honored guest.”

From the main address, delivered by M.E. Comp. Kuhn, we are privileged to take a few touches which illustrate the man and the Mason, now alas gone from our midst:—

“I have known your three boys, the three kids—Pollard, Blake and Hubbard—for a great many years, and there is a great deal of satisfaction to see them looking so young and chipper—not Chipman—and I hope I can live long enough to see your jolly and young Grand High Priest meet with you many years also.

“I can think of twenty-five subjects in Royal Arch Masonry that a book might be written about, or a monograph, that could be read in thirty minutes, that might brighten a man’s mind and set him to thinking. Take the Royal Arch, and look how it comes in contact with ancient history in every direction, and with the greatest men of the age—Cyrus, Darius, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Haggai and Zerubbabel. What do they mean? What age did they live? What did they do? What did they teach? All these things mean a great deal, but what do we know about them?

“Amos had a wonderful conception, for he says, ‘I will set a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel.’ That man saw ahead nearly fifteen hundred years. He knew it must come. Then take the conception that Elijah had; take the conception that Isaiah had; then come to Jeremiah—each of them had a higher conception. Jeremiah stands at the head of all the great prophets because he is the man that predicted a new covenant and that the kingdom of God will be in the hearts of men. People were looking for the interpretation, and that interpretation of the Master Word came.”

The next Quarterly Convocation was held September 11th, 1923, in Boston.

Canada was not represented.

An address was delivered by Rev. Comp. Beal on the subject, “A Vision and a Challenge.”

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held December 11th, 1923, in Boston.

Canada was duly represented by our Grand Representative, and in addition M.E. Comp. Spencer and R.E. Comp. Walter H. Davis were present with

The dead were not forgotten, and eloquent Memorial tributes were expressed.

M.E. Curtis Chipman, Grand High Priest, always says the right word in the right place and at the right time, and his address was equal to his previous good record. From his inspiring introduction we make our own the following sentiments:

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"A broad field of opportunity for service lies before you, and you may well be pardoned the thrill of pride which you must feel that you are now a part of a great legislative body, created for the betterment of our fellow men and dedicated to the advancement of Capitular Masonry throughout the world. The benefits to be derived from contact with those whose experience and wisdom make them worthy leaders in our craft cannot be over-emphasized, and you are urged to make free use of their aid and counsel in the solution of the problems that lie before you.

"Let us, then, dedicate ourselves anew to the ennobling principles of our Royal Craft, and demonstrate our belief in it by word and deed, consecrating our energies to the uplifting of our fellow men, and by the example of our own living draw to our standard those who see in the daily tasks an opportunity for service to the Great Architect of the Universe and who count on His power for guidance."

Of his visit to Canada he generously says:

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"Accompanied by R.E. Charles E. Cook, D.G.H.P., I was in attendance at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada at Toronto, Ontario, Most Excellent Richard H. Spencer, Grand First Principal. The representatives from Massachusetts were received with the greatest cordiality, and it was a valued privilege to convey to our Canadian Companions the greetings of this Grand Jurisdiction. Our visit was marked by a continued succession of courteous attentions on every hand, and the friendliness of our hosts will be ever held in grateful recollection."

He appointed M.E. Comp. Spencer as the representative of Massachusetts near the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

He urged the establishment of a Rainy Day Fund, and made this appeal on behalf of Grand Lodge philanthropies:
“This Grand Chapter has no special organization for the distribution of relief funds and, therefore, makes an annual contribution to the Grand Lodge towards the support of its Masonic Home.

“The Grand Lodge is now in need of additional funds to carry on its relief work, and it would be especially pleasing to your Grand High Priest if your Chapter were to send a contribution for this purpose. The care and support of our distressed Brethren is certainly a duty incumbent on us all, whether members of the Chapter or not, and I hope you will see your way clear to answer this appeal at an early date.”

He concludes thus gracefully and rhythmically:—

“And now, Companions, I have laid before you the record of the past year, in which I have striven to uphold the standard of Capitular Masonry and carry forward the work according to the dictates of my understanding. Where I have failed in your sight, I must accept the blame as my own; where I appear to have succeeded, I must acknowledge my debt to those loyal and devoted friends and Companions to whom I have turned for counsel and assistance, and turning, have never asked in vain.”

The Correspondence Review is by M.E. Comp. Frederick T. Comee, P.G.H.P., who is also Grand Secretary. He must abide with Masonry all night while others sleep to overtake this great work.

Canada is courteously reviewed, and he thus comments and reports:—

“One of the most complete records of a Convocation of a Grand Chapter that has reached me is found in the printed Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada for 1923. The actual record occupies two hundred and fifty-two pages, which means that very little of the interesting matter it contains can be mentioned in this brief review.

“A Grandfather’s Clock was presented the junior past First Grand Principal, M.E. William N. Ponton, as a feeble expression of the ‘heartfelt appreciation of his brethren in all walks of Masonry’ of his valuable services.

“The report on Foreign Correspondence is the eighth by R.E. E. B. Brown, and I regret to learn that he will not be able to continue his able and interesting reports. His fraternal and friendly review of Massachusetts, 1921, covers nearly two pages. He evidently does not understand the Massachusetts system of electing officers, and I am glad to give him a brief description of it. It has many advantages over the system in most general use. We have no promotion in the official line, and a Companion elected to office, except the Grand High Priest, understands that his term of service will, under ordinary circumstances, be but for one year.”
Under Florida's correspondence he says and we acquiesce:—

"M.E. Ely P. Hubbell (elected Grand High Priest at this Convocation), again presented a very interesting Foreign Correspondence Report containing much information which should be carefully read by every Companion who is fortunate enough to obtain a copy of it."

He agrees with Oklahoma, and may we not also agree in Canada with this pregnant thought of warning and of stability:—

"He expresses my opinion so perfectly that I give you this excerpt from his conclusion:—

"The time will come when American Government itself will shake from its foundations and become a thing of the past, unless the patriotic men and women of our land band themselves together for a common purpose, the preservation of our Country, our homes and our firesides.

"The American people in the name of freedom and liberty cannot afford to receive and harbor in this country any man or set of men who come to our shores determined to undermine, overthrow and destroy the freedom and liberty vouchsafed to our people. Under the law such characters should be sent back from whence they came, and not be permitted to remain in our midst.'"

We lay down the volume of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts with a satisfied feeling of good work well done.

Curtis Chipman, Boston, Grand High Priest.
Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

William H. Van Iderstine, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 44,554.
Net gain, 1,994.

Encouraging study and research, and following the chronology of the dates of origin of various Masonic Bodies, a very interesting page of the chronicles of Michigan contains a list of Masonic publications, including our old and new friends, The Builder and The Master Mason and other excellent journals.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation was opened in ample form in Lansing, May 21st, 1924.
The visit of the Governor of the State is thus recorded:

"The Grand High Priest then requested Past Grand High Priest Lou B. Winsor to introduce His Excellency, Comp. Alex. J. Grosbeak, Governor of the State of Michigan. This honoured Companion was received with applause and addressed Grand Chapter, cordially welcoming its members to the Capital City of our State. He particularly stressed the duty of the Masonic Order to stand squarely behind our government, both State and National, and protect it against encroachment of racial influences which are calculated to upset confidence in law and order."

Distinguished Representatives from New York and from Canada were then cordially welcomed and received with the Private Grand Honours.

A Michigan custom that might well be followed is the annual reading of the Roll of Honour of the Grand Chapter, embracing all the Past Grand High Priests who have passed onward and upward.

Fifteen living and virile Past Grand High Priests, including the veteran Lou B. Winsor, answered the call of duty by their presence.

Excellent photographs of M.E. Companions Iderstine and Goff illustrate the Proceedings.

From the Grand High Priest’s address we are glad to learn that:

"It is a great pleasure to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout this jurisdiction, and while the increase is some below the past year, we believe the work is better, and most of the Chapters have eliminated all levity and the candidates are more impressed with the important lessons of the degrees."

Of those who have gone, especially the late Grand Chaplain Claflin, he says:

"Life’s labor done
Serenely to his final rest he passed
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger like sunlight hues."

With regard to field work he sends out this rallying summons:

"These officers are your servants and are desirous of helping you in any of the problems of your Chapter. Be assured that you can call upon them for advice and assistance and they will be glad to collaborate with you. Many Chapters may
be able to do the ritualistic work in fine shape, but many lack organization and 'pep' on the part of the officers."

Among his decisions we take the following three as examples of the problems submitted:—

"QUESTION. Can we receive the petition of a Brother who has but one leg?
"ANSWER. Yes
"QUESTION. If I find a member of the Ku Klux Klan among my officers, and he is advanced by ballot to the next station, have I the right, as the E.H.P., to refuse to declare him elected?
"ANSWER. No.
"QUESTION. Is the lodge room a 'Blue Lodge Room' when the Chapter is in session and can it be used for social events?
"ANSWER. When a Chapter and Lodge meet in same room, which has been dedicated by the Grand Lodge it would not be proper for Chapter to have any functions in Lodge room which would conflict with Grand Lodge regulations."

From the report of Deputy Grand High Priest Goff we take this sentence, but we trust and believe that no Past Grand High Priest will ever be found among the actual "has-beens."

"I thank you for the many courtesies extended during your administration, and while you may join the ranks of the has-beens, yet the friendship that we have formed during our progress through the lines will remain pleasant memories during the years to come."

From Grand King Izor's report we take the following conclusion:—

"That your year's labor in the vineyard of the Royal Craft of Michigan has been abundant in harvest, and the standard of the ritualistic work continued in progress towards a higher plane of efficiency, is a matter of congratulations."

From the Report of Grand Scribe Phillips we are glad to reprint his kindly reference to his Canadian visit:—

"On February 25, I accompanied the M.E.G.H.P., William H. Van Iderstine and Deputy G.H.P. William E. Goff, on a fraternal visit to the Grand Chapter of Canada, at Toronto. This indeed was a wonderful experience, and I cannot say too much in praise of the hospitality and splendid work that was exhibited in the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"It was one of the happiest times that I have ever experienced."
Grand Secretary Conover gives an all-embracing report covering every field of activity. The universality of their hospitality is well expressed in the following:

“At the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, special invitations to this annual convocation were prepared and sent out to all other Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in correspondence, the officers of the General Grand Chapter and other distinguished Companions.”

Like the writer, he disapproves of the movable moon feasts and says that the number of Chapters dating their meetings on the basis of that, as I think, unstable factor—void of all symbolic significance—has been reduced to only three in the whole State.

Grand Lecturer Leedle gives a comprehensive report. Among other things he says:

“It is highly gratifying to me to see the dignified manner in which most of the officers of the Chapters are doing the work, and the extra effort they are putting forth to see that a favorable impression is made on the candidate, so that when a degree is completed the officers are pleased to congratulate the candidate and to hear nothing but favorable impressions of the work.

“These are the things that help to make life worth living, and I hope that each of you in your travels through life will find friends as true as you have been to me.”

The Obituary Committee pay a feeling tribute:

“From the rank and file during the past year the names of 590 of our Companions have been added to the roster of the Lodge above. They were from the circle of our closest comrades and we cherish in our memory services well rendered in the promotion of the great end of our Institution.

“And now, Companions, on us rests the responsibility of guiding the footsteps of those who are to come after.

“Oh! God, if we could only see a little clearer,
And judge less harshly when we cannot see,
Oh! God, if we could only draw a little nearer,
To one another, then nearer to Thee we’d surely be.”

Our own Grand Z. Davis, who was a welcome guest, is thus recorded, and Past Grand Z. Spencer, an honorary member, also spoke:

“The Grand High Priest then called upon M.E. Companion Walter H. Davis, Grand Z. of Canada, who conveyed his thanks for the kind invitation to visit the Grand Chapter
of Michigan, which he had accepted with great pleasure, because it was his first visit in a foreign Jurisdiction since his election. He expressed the hope that the exchange of visits between the two Jurisdictions would continue to strengthen the strong bonds of fraternalism which had existed for the past four years."

An exchange of representatives with Manitoba was authorized.

An appropriation of $2,000 from the funds was set aside for the purpose of Boys' Camp under an advisory Board.

We are honored in having as our representative, who always answers the roll call, M.E. Comp. Charles E. Conover. Michigan is represented here by R.E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, who also is always present.

The Committee on Resolutions report the happy visit of New York and Canada as follows:—

"An example of the true fraternal spirit which pervades all Masonry was the presence of distinguished representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions."

From the biography of the retiring Grand High Priest Iderstine we take the following attractive sketches:—

"The subject of this sketch has so far eluded the bewitching smiles of the female class and still retains his standing as the idol of his mother. He has the happy faculty of making a friend of everyone he meets, and is very popular in all of his social circles. He steps out from the official line of the Grand Chapter with the hearty friendship, esteem and the best wishes of all."

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests met as usual, and among the records we find the following:—

"Following the conferring of the Order, the Most Excellent Grand President called upon our Most Excellent Companion Davis, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, who responded in his usual felicitous manner."

Appendices of more than ordinary statistical interest follow.

Under General Grand Chapter we find:—

"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."
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In lieu of the Correspondence Report, which we hope is only temporarily suspended, we find a continuation of the excellent series on the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch System by Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary, and we think it only right to let our Canadian Companions share some of the results of his arduous and efficient work. We therefore make the following extracts from this instalment of his work, which is printed in full in the Proceedings and will no doubt be issued subsequently in book form:—

"In opening the next installment of this History, I am reminded of a pertinent statement of our "honored Brother and brilliant Masonic writer, Robert Freke Gould of England, in the second volume of Ars Quatuor Coronati (Vol. 11, p. 170). In commenting upon some bothers who seemed to be backward about bringing up work in the form of readable articles of Masonic interest, he said:—

"'To those brethren who are chary of recording their impressions in print, I would say: 'No man is his Craft's Master the first day.' There must be a beginning in everything. Men must learn before they are competent to teach. But, alas, if there are no candidates for the apprentice stage, the Masters themselves will dwindle away and in due time cease to exist.'

"As an historian, I make no claims, but spurred on by Brother Gould's invitation, I make bold to continue in my task of assembling in an imperfect way, such scraps of information as I have been able to gather for the members of the Capitular Rite on the Royal Arch Degree.

"In following the history of Royal Arch Masonry in America after its introduction here from Great Britain, it may be interesting to note some of the early records and struggles of the first Chapters and their development, which later grew into the State and National governing bodies.

"As was already mentioned in the preceding article, the early 'Chapters' met under the sanction of a Lodge warrant or charter, and the Lodge was supposed to be responsible for the actions of the 'Royal Arch Lodge.' However, the members of the Chapters were not necessarily members of the Lodge, and in many cases were sojourners.

"Among the centres where Masonry took root and grew was Albany, a small but important town of 3,000 population, situated at the head of navigation on the Hudson River. How or why Albany should have been looked upon with favor as a centre in which to propagate the rites of Masonry we do not know, but we do know that twelve years before the battle of Saratoga, a blue Lodge known as Union 1, was formed, a Lodge that is known now as Mount Vernon No. 3.
“It appears that the claim is made that in Albany also, the oldest continuously working bodies of the Scottish Rite in the world. These bodies occupied the same lodge rooms as the symbolic lodges and united with them in erecting the first Masonic Lodge House in America and upon the site where now stands the Albany Masonic Temple.

“As a ritualist, Thomas S. Webb saw the opportunity of bringing order out of chaos and erecting a new Masonic system. He perceived the hiatus between the Master’s degree and the Royal Arch and devised the Most Excellent Degree, thus co-ordinating the rationalizing the rituals and earning for himself the right to be hailed as the ‘father of the Royal Arch System’ as we have it to-day and earning for it among Masonic historians the name ‘the American Rite,’ though it is still popularly termed the York Rite, a thing which it certainly is not. It is the American Rite, the Albany Rite, the Temple Chapter Rite.”

With regard to St. Andrew’s Chapter of Boston he says:—

“On November 11, 1790, St. Andrew’s Lodge voted: ‘That the Royal Arch Lodge be indulged with the use of the Charter of St. Andrew’s Lodge so long as the majority of the members of the Royal Arch Lodge are members of St. Andrew’s Lodge.’ Thereby hangs a tale.

“We find the Royal Arch Lodge called a ‘Chapter’ for the first time in 1792, but the use of the term did not become general until 1794.

“The Master, Wardens and the rest of the Brethren shall seat themselves at the Table during business according to seniority, and every member of this Society shall obey the Master in all reasonable matters which tend to Masonry, and if any controversy shall at any time arise during Lodge hours between any two or more Brothers not agreeable to the harmony of this Lodge, that the Master striking with a proper instrument on the Table, shall be to them a signal for silence, upon which if they do not immediately obey, the Master is to repeat it a second time, and if the argument still continues, a third time, after which if they shall still persist, each of them for their offense shall be brought to immediate trial:

“Among the articles of agreement of the union of the two Grand Lodges of England in 1813, we find the only declaration made anywhere or at any time as to what constitutes ‘Ancient Craft Masonry.’ This article declares that ‘Ancient Craft Masonry shall consist of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason, together with the Holy Royal Arch.’ Mackey says:—

“No event in the history of Speculative Freemasonry had so important an influence upon its development as a sys-
tem of symbolism, as the invention of the Royal Arch Degree and its introduction into the Masonic Ritual.'

"The earliest recorded history that we have of the Royal Arch in this country was in 1753. It was introduced in New York about 1758-9, by an English military lodge, and in Massachusetts in 1769, where it was conferred by 'St. Andrews Lodge.'

'Of the early ceremony of the Royal Arch nothing has as yet been discovered, which of course is natural enough as so little was committed to writing in those early days; and as the ceremonies were in a state of evolution from Speculative Masonry which in turn had so recently evolved from operative, they were undoubtedly considered more in the light of an experiment than as a fixed ceremony. About the first mention of the Royal Arch degree is by D'Assigny in 1740, who classed Royal Arch Masons as those 'who as their qualifications and excellencies are superior to others," etc.; meaning to coivey that they were 'Excellent' Masons.

"According to this idea, that which was once lost, and then found, in the Third Degree (in one of the sections), was subsequently under the new regime discovered in the 'Royal Arch,' only much extended, and under most exalted and dignified surroundings.

"The central idea of the degree appears always to have been the finding of the word.

"The Royal Arch Degree was originally intended to be given only to Masters of Lodges or those who had particularly distinguished themselves in Masonry.

"Pierson says: 'The degree practiced in the United States differs from each of the first four named, (Europe) in date, history, names of officers, ceremony, etc., it was, in fact, when first promulgated in Thos. Smith Webb's 'Freemason's Monitor' of A.D. 1797, a new degree. In its manufacture, here a little and there a little was taken from the Rite of Perfection, a little from Dermott's and some from Dunkerley's Holy Royal Arch with new matter interspersed by way of cement, and the result was a fifth phase, or the Royal Arch as it is now practiced in all but two States of the Union.'"

The Proceedings are well indexed, a feature of most United States' Jurisdictions.

Next Convocation will be held in Detroit, May 20, 1925, and some of us Canadians—as good neighbors—will be there to meet and greet our baptismal sponsors.

William E. Goff, Battle Creek, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.
MINNESOTA.

Louis Lawrence, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 15,104.
Net gain, 454.

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, St. Paul, October 9th, 1923, with a fine array of officers and members and a splendid line-up of loyal Past Grand High Priests *sixteen in number*, four times four square.

Canada was represented by E. Comp. A. P. Swanstrom.

From the photograph of the Grand High Priest, which precedes the Transactions, we should judge he is a man who has tasted of life's experiences in all its aspects. His address is simple and business-like. Among his decisions we take the following:—

1. "There is no waiver of Jurisdiction in Minnesota.
2. "The territory of a Chapter is half way in an air line to the next Chapter.
3. "Dual and Honorary memberships are prohibited in this Grand Jurisdiction.
4. "I would suggest that every High Priest and Secretary read the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Uniform Code of By-laws. In fact every officer should, to know what he has obligated himself to observe and support.

$1,000 was appropriated by Grand Chapter for the Masonic Home.

He believes in the interchange of Fraternal Correspondence by Grand Representatives and reports pleasant interlinking correspondence with New York and Florida.

He briefly concludes with this invocation:—

"May the deliberations and acts of the Grand Chapter be guided by the Supreme Grand High Priest above."

The following paragraph from the Committee on Necrology are worth quoting:—

"The Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter is always a time of memory and hope. Inevitably it compels us to review the past, to recall our failures and our losses, but it just as forcefully inspires us with high hopes and great courage for the future."
‘They have written their own histories;’ ‘They have builded their own monuments;’ ‘They are gone who seemed so great.’ ‘Gone! but nothing can bereave them’ of the force they made their own.

“Being here; and we believe them
   Something far advanced in state,
   And that they wear a truer crown
   Than any wreath that man can wish them.”

Oliver Elwood, of London, represents Minnesota in our Grand Chapter.

Fraternal Correspondence forms a goodly share of the Proceedings, and worthily so, in the hands of Comp. Charles S. Schurman, who has a character and style all his own. From the foreword we take the following:—

“In the reading of the reports, as well as in other reading, we have found that the Masons of the country are divided into two classes in opinion. There is the radical and the conservative. These classes exist in everything we are inclined to think, and perhaps it is not a surprising discovery to find them here. The radical is not satisfied with existing order of things at all. He wants the Institution to move forward rapidly, and ‘do things.’

“Other Masonic writers deplore the action of bodies taking any interest in matters that are outside of the old beaten paths of Masonic activities. They can see only evil coming out of all the interest in the practical world problems of any kind that are not labeled with the Square and Compass, in which is circumscribed the letter ‘G.’

“IT is perfectly proper to call attention to the fact that teachers should be of a highly moral tone; and to have scholastic attainments fitting them well for their vocation, etc. Briefly stated information on such subjects could be given to the brethren, and given them, not in the dictorial way.”

Under Arkansas he comments:—

“Comp. Olney’s report is filled with good things. Most reviewers make an introduction, or a conclusion. We are inclined to think the scheme is a good one, as it gives the members who do not attend the Grand Chapter a digest of what is going on in a few words, and is the only information many of them get, as we fear but a handful read what the reviewers write. Still it places information where it can be reached by those interested.”

British Columbia gives him the following account of the Peace Memorial which this reviewer
has frequently used and passes on for the benefit of all Companions:

“This fine report concludes with a picture of the Peace Memorial Arch and the following explanation of it. The existence of this arch may be new to some of our Companions.

“The Peace Arch, erected in 1921, thirty miles South of Vancouver, spanning the Boundary Line between Canada and the United States of North America. Built to commemorate one hundred years of Peace along an International Border of more than three thousand miles and dedicated on the 6th day of September, 1921, to Friendship, between the peoples of the two countries—forever.

“Over the doorway of the Canadian side are the words—‘Brethren Dwelling Together in Unity,’ and on the United States side—‘Children of a Common Mother.’

“On one of the gates that stand wide open are the words—‘Open for One Hundred Years,’ and on the other ‘May These Doors Never Be Closed.’

Under the address of Grand Z. Spencer, of Canada, he says:

“Dispensations were issued for ten new Chapters, and one refused because he did not think it could be sustained. A word of wisdom to the local Chapters was advice that they be opened promptly and that the work be expeditiously performed, which is just as important to other Jurisdictions as to Canada.”

R. E. Comp. Brown as usual receives a friendly greeting. He says:

“R. E. Comp. Edward B. Brown submitted his eighth annual review of other Grand Jurisdictions, and it is replete with kindly comment.

“We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the Companions in some localities lose interest in the Chapter, and cease to attend. Then the regular meetings are not held, no new members are introduced, and finally the charter is surrendered. He is of the opinion that Chapters are not so well attended as the Blue Lodges. The report covers 90 pages, and is a very faithful presentation of affairs in the Capitular world.”

Under Maine he counters fraternal criticism which he has read, which shows that he has sufficient Scotch in him to make his friends understand the meaning of Nemo me impune lacesseit:

“Comp. Thomas H. Bodge gives Minnesota for 1922 consideration in the Correspondence Report. He seems pleased with the work of Comp. Anderson, and even commends our
report in generous language, and then proceeds to tear it to pieces. He thinks we do not comment enough, and that we are possibly too 'progressive.' Wonder if he is a politician of the conservative type who gets the blind staggers when 'progressive' is mentioned. Perhaps we did not write carefully enough. We don't believe that Masonry should leave the beaten path too far. The landmarks are fine things to follow. We don’t wear the same kind of clothes—at least the women don’t, do they—as when you were a boy. We don't eat the same kind of food. Our circumstances are not the same, and while we may not be what is called 'progressive,' we are not precisely the same kind of Masons that there were in those far away days. The world demands more of us, and, as we see it, we have more to give”

New Hampshire proved an interesting Jurisdiction to our colleague, and under it he says:—

M. W. Brother Walter Greenland Africa, Grand Master of Masons of New Hampshire, was among the distinguished visitors. Geographically speaking we should say the Grand Master was all right. Rev. Comp. Edward W. Rustin, Grand Chaplain of the Holy Royal Arch, of Pennsylvania, and M. E. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and a lot of other dignitaries were present and received with the customary honors.

“The Grand High Priest’s address was strong on necrology and visitation. He ruled that it was improper for the names of the committees on investigation to become known.”

New York’s hospitality and visitations are commended:—

“He visited the Grand Chapters of Canada, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire, the quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and was received with such cordiality as to cause him to bubble over about their ‘never-ending hospitality.’”

As we all do, he appreciates the good work of M.E. Comp. Warren, of New York, and says:—

“We have followed Comp. Warren to the very end with interest and profit. In his ‘conclusion’ we note that he does not look with very much favor on legislation which seems to be popular in some Jurisdictions looking to restricting advancement to so-called ‘higher degrees.’ Yet he does not like to see the mad scramble to get degrees when those the applicant already has are not understood or appreciated.”

As to Fraternal Correspondence, Quebec gives him a suggestion which he embodies in the following words:—
“Under Florida we find that he thinks that the special mission of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter reviewers is to give to the membership—no, the reading Masons and the searchers after facts—information as to what legitimate Masonry is doing in every part of the world. He says that they are shirking their duty when they fail to do so, either by intent or action of their Grand Bodies; also that mere essays upon some of the few topics that furnish themes for present-day discussions are poor substitutes.”

William J. Works, Duluth, Grand High Priest.
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

J. Rice Williams, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 7,503.
Net gain, 346.

The biography and picture of the new Grand High Priest, Van Arsdall, adorns the opening pages of the Proceedings of the Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, held in Vicksburg, 21st February, 1924.

The next Convocation will be held in the City of Jackson, 26th February, 1925.

Canada’s Grand Representative, Comp. William Kimmel, was present.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief and businesslike. From his introduction we clip the following sentences:—

“A very hopeful aspect of Capitular Masonry within this Jurisdiction is the general elevation of appreciation of our ideals and veneration for our principles among the Companions. Nothing can invest Masonry with strength and grandeur like leaving it to be its own 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.

“Masonry is not a religion of dogmas, not a creed, nor sect.

“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 a brother, and through him to all the children of men.”
He embodies in his address much correspondence.

The Grand Lecturer gave a long and able report from which we gather:—

"Several of the Chapters have purchased lantern slides for use in the Royal Arch degree.

"It seems to me, Companions, that the Grand Chapter should take some steps at this Convocation looking to the dissemination among our brethren of the Craft of a knowledge of Capitular Masonry and of reason why they should seek membership in our Order."

M.E. William F. Kuhn. General Grand High Priest, delivered one of his inspiring addresses, which alas we will hear and read no more. Therefore each one in this year’s reviews is doubly precious and should be preserved. Space permits the following excerpts from his wonderful words:—

"I have but one theme: more dignified and impressive ritualism and a moral and educational value of the Capitular degrees. It is a lamentable fact that Royal Arch Masonry has not come into its own. Many Freemasons are proud of the fact that they are Master Masons, or Knights Templars, or Scottish Rite Masons, but seldom do they boast of being Royal Arch Masons.

"Royal Arch Masonry will come to its own as soon as these facts are recognized. Freemasonry is a beautiful allegory which unfolds to the thinking Mason the interesting story of the Loss, the Recovery and the practical application of that which we call the Word. This is all that the great text book, Freemasonry, contains. The Loss is symbolized in the Lodge, and the Recovery, with its practical application to life is symbolized in Royal Arch Masonry. Freemasonry has a golden thread, a central idea running through all of the degrees and around which all the symbolism of Freemasonry revolves. This central idea, or the goal of Freemasonry, upholds the the entire fabric, and unless this is kept in mind, the whole structure falls to the ground. This center is the Master’s Word.

"Freemasonry is a great school in which every Mason, if he desires, may educate himself. He will not only be a historian, but a Bible student. If he is a reader he will find the footprints of Freemasonry in all history, in the arts and sciences.

"Picture the Temple reflecting its golden splendor under the noon-day sun; imagine the great choir chanting anti-
phonally, that wonderful psalm, 'Lift up your heads Oh ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and let the King of Glory come in.' Listen to that inspiring prayer of the King, standing on the brazen scaffold in his rich and kingly robe, see the fire descend on the sacrificial altar, and the Temple illuminated by the Divine Presence, while the vast throng fall prostrate worshipping and praising. 'For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.' Who would not like to have witnessed this wonderful scene?

“There are some who naturally will drop out if Freemasonry is not congenial. We have moral morons as well as intellectual morons, and a moron is not fit to be made a Mason, whether he be one morally or intellectually.”

The Committee on the Address submitted the following:

“We have enjoyed his visit and have listened with great profit to his charming, inspiring address. We feel that every member attending this Grand Convocation and the meetings of the other Masonic Grand Bodies has been enlightened and uplifted by association with this man, whose greatest achievement is in being entitled to be called 'a real Mason.'”

A Committee doing good work and making clear comments each year on points of difference as they occur, is the Capitular Law Committee of three, to whom are referred all constitutional and all other questions arising.

John J. Farley, of Belleville, represents Mississippi in Canada.

The returns of all the Chapters for the current year with the officers and members are given in full.

The Foreign Correspondence is again in charge of R.E. Comp. George C. Myers, who, in his introduction, says:

“Peace and harmony appear to prevail in all the Jurisdictions we have reviewed, and we find that interest and efficiency in the working teams of Chapters is increasing, which is shown by the reports of Grand Lecturers and Inspectors.

“We have tried not to take up too much space in reporting unimportant matters, but to give to the Companions something of interest that is occurring throughout the Capitular World.

“We hope that the Companions will find something in these reviews that is worth perusal, take what may interest you and discard the chaff.”
From his report on Alabama we gleam:—

"Because of the disturbed financial condition of our people, our growth in membership this year has not been commensurate with the growth of other years. Yet we have had a considerable increase in membership. Our Chapters are for the most part, energetic and aggressive. We turn from a thankful contemplation of the past to face the future with assurance, and conscious of a feeling that, even though the achievement of the past fills us with pride and thanksgiving, the best is yet to come."

Under Canada we find these comments:—

"The Grand Chapter is divided into twenty-three districts with a Grand Superintendent for each district who reports his actions to the Grand Chapter. Their reports indicate that the subordinate Chapters are well up in the work and are laboring industrially for the good of the Order.

"Companion Edward B. Brown, as Foreign Correspondence Reporter, makes a very full and accurate report of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions. His report is one of the best that I have come across in reviewing the reports of all Grand Jurisdictions."

California furnishes him with the following thoughts:—

"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."

The District of Columbia refers to a matter in which all the Grand Chapters of the United States are much interested:—

"An intensive campaign for funds necessary for payment for the property has resulted in gifts to the fund of fully $900,000, and visions of the completed Temple are already before the eyes of our brethren. Our Companion Past Grand Master Charles Cyrus Coombs surely made history during 1922, and the Masonic world is expecting the time will not be far distant when Temple Heights will be crowned with the most magnificent Masonic edifice in the world."
Idaho gives this verse:—

“When you think of a man, you seldom think
Of the knowledge he has of books,
You seldom think of the clothes he wears,
His habits, or faults, or looks;
You seldom think of the car he drives,
Nor the bonds his gold has bought;
When you think of a man, you mostly think
Of some kindness he has wrought.

As in many Jurisdictions, the Grand Chapter takes great interest in the Homes; even small jurisdictions centralize efforts upon them.

Under Nebraska we find:—

“He visited the Masonic Home and commends Companion William F. Evers for his management, and says the Home is sanitary and well kept.

“He also visited the Children’s’ Home and says:
“In my estimation, this is one of the grandest institutions in existence. The Masonic bodies of Nebraska, assisted by the Order of the Eastern Star, are doing a wonderful work in this Home. The children, over fifty in number, are well taken care of.”

Pennsylvania gives a reference, as many other Jurisdictions do, to what is colloquially but wrongly termed “dependent membership”:—

“A very fair review of Mississippi for 1922 is made by Companion Edward W. Rushton. In regard to the amendment adopted by us in 1922, that ‘Non-affiliated Master Masons are declared to be not eligible for the Chapter degrees,’ he says: ‘In Pennsylvania a member of a Chapter ceases to be such by ceasing to be a member of a Masonic Lodge for more than six months.’”

Quebec always gives food for the reviewer, and we find this appeals to Mississippi as to us:—

“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 of 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.”

Tennessee has a lively correspondent whose aerial flights are bracing. This is one of his literary soarings:—
“The Report on Foreign Correspondence was written by Companion C. H. Smart, and is somewhat of a ‘Smart’ report. We admire his style.”

“We quote his opening remarks:—

“In January, 1921, the airship in which we had sailed the ‘blue ethereal’ for two years met with a mishap, and was relegated to the scrap pile forever—as we thought. The Grand High Priest at the 1922 Annual Convocation fitted us out anew, and we again assumed our station on the poop deck (if there is such a thing on an airship), and have endeavored to steer the Grand Chapter’s good old ship Correspondence clear of the asteroids, shooting stars, comets and all bodies that move throughout the heavens, for at least the good old year, 1922.”

Wisconsin gives us this nautical reference:—

“Our ship is staunch and strong and is, on an even keel, pursuing a steady course toward a safe harbor.

“I can see no good reason for abandoning the ship, changing its style and build, or altering its course.

“We have done well, each year a little more, in one way or another, than the year before.”

Clyde J. Van Arsdall, Indianola, Grand High Priest.
Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

John Pickard, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 35,086.
Net gain, 2,638.

The Annual Proceedings of Missouri are prefaced by a fine picture of a distinguished Scholar, and Scientist and a biographical sketch of Dr. John Pickard, to whom with a fine tribute his biographer says:—

“The year just closed has been to him a most busy one. He has magnified his office and indelibly impressed upon the Royal Craft throughout the State its dignity and its rank. The Chapter in Missouri is no longer looked upon as a mere stepping-stone to the Commandery or the Shrine. It is fast coming, as it should, into its own. The conferring of the Past Master and the Royal Arch is no more a spectacular joke, and rare fun for the looker-on.”

The Annual Convention was held in the University of Missouri, Columbia, with a full attendance
of members and of distinguished visitors from Texas, Iowa, Illinois and the General Grand Chapter.

The address of the Grand High Priest is scholarly and appropriate. From it we quote:—

"Companions:—That word with all its fragrant associations has a new meaning for me as I stand before you this morning to bid you welcome, thrice welcome, to this, the Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter; a welcome to this seat of learning, to this Athens of Missouri, to this great University, to these colleges, to my own home town."

He refers in most hospitable vein to the visit of the Earl of Cassillis, of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and on other subjects his comments are outstanding:—

"A few Chapters still occasionally suffer from mental aberration and relapse into the undignified and unseemly practices and methods which characterized more barbarous ages in the past and still afflict less enlightened Jurisdictions in the present time. But in the main our Chapters and our members fully realize that Chapter degrees are filled with wise teaching and are meant to upbuild and ennoble."

"No man ever fully understands or comprehends the marvellous content of Freemasonry until he has stood at the altar striving as best he may to hand on this sublime teaching to the candidate kneeling before him. Companions, let us permit, encourage, compel the officers as they pass the chairs to have a share in the rich experience of actually conferring degrees."

Much is made of the wonderful Convocation held in honour of the late lamented M.E. Comp. Kuhn, in which many States joined:—

"Since the Most Excellent Master's degree, as developed under the special supervision of the Most Excellent Companion Kuhn, is splendidly adapted to effective presentation before large classes and great assemblies, all Grand Jurisdictions were invited to join with the Missouri Grand Jurisdiction in a series of Convocations for the conferring of this degree.

"The responses to this invitation were most gratifying. "After these great joint Convocations hundreds of Companions have remarked, 'To-night, for the first time, I fully comprehend the significance and purpose of the Most Excellent Master's degree.'"
“But after all, a bald recital of the facts can do little towards conveying an adequate impression of the spiritual quality which has characterized these great Convocations. The candidates, with that vision before their eyes, will not enter upon the ‘Holy Royal Arch’ as a degree which must be endured because it is a necessary prerequisite to some so-called higher degrees. They will enter our Chapter rooms with minds alert and spirits quickened. When they are exalted to the Most Sublime degree they will understand that they have indeed found that which was lost, and they will realize that the ceremony is a symbol of that great quest that each soul must make as it seeks for the password to the way of immortal life.”

And he gracefully concludes as follows:—

“I am thinking, in fact, of all with whom I have been officially connected in the years as I have been going through the Grand Line. To have known those Companions has been an education; to have been friends with them has been a benediction.”

Sir Alfred Robbins, of England, was most cordially received and presented with an illuminated address which is reproduced in the Proceedings. In his reply Sir Alfred Robbins, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes of England, spoke as follows:—

“In Missouri I have been received with wonderful demonstrations of Masonic welcome. I value them all, and I value this further testimony of the welcome given to an English Mason who comes to you with love and good will, with a desire to strengthen the good will that has always existed between English and American Masons.

“It gives me special pleasure as an Englishman to be in this place on St. George’s Day, the day which we in England celebrate as the day of our patron saint, because it seems to bring the bond nearer between those who believe in the principles for which St. George fought, as we believe in them, that it brings closer together those on both sides of the Atlantic.

“I come to this country on a mission of friendship and good will.

“I was asked, Most Excellent, by an ingenuous press representative in one of the States—and I believe even in America there are a few press representatives who remain ingenuous (laughter)—I was asked whether my visit had not some secret diplomatic or political object. I could disclaim that at once, excepting so far as the words I have spoken to you. If by politics we include that which covers the happiness, the welfare of mankind, then the preservation of peace by legitimate, by idealistic means, comes within poli-
tics, and, so far, my mission is political. But it goes to a deeper base than that; it is more than that which is fraternal, because, whether on one side of the Atlantic or the other, we of us who are Freemasons have made a high resolve at the altar of our lodge and before the altars of our Chapters that we would faithfully adhere to certain principles which, uplifting man, raise the whole of mankind through the upraising of the individual.

"It is in that belief and in that feeling that Freemasonry will do all this that I have been a Freemason so long; that I have enjoyed its ministrations thoroughly; that I come to this country with a desire to meet face to face thousands of brethren who are believing and practicing what we are believing and practicing, and, by meeting them, to strengthen the bond of Masonry, and, by strengthening the bond of Masonry, to do something to develop the world."

Grand Master McIntyre, of Missouri, gave an eloquent address, from which we clip the following:

"Now, brethren, the one great service which I have tried to render in connection with the few days I shall be with our distinguished guest is to assure him that at the core, at the root, we are as sound as they. Why? Because we are trying our level best to stand exactly where they always have stood (applause) on this question of fundamentals. I say there is only one fundamental dogma in Freemasonry, and that is the belief in God; and I say that when Moses and those followers who came after him and took the same view, when they contributed to mankind for the first time in the history of the world the theory of monotheism they handed to humanity the greatest contribution that has ever been made."

By resolution, $400 was appropriated for the Grand Correspondent—a generous and worthy allowance.

Canada was represented by Companion Orson H. Swearingen.

Under Foreign Correspondence, reference is made to the late Rev. Dr. Miller as "one so lovable, so gifted and so pre-eminently qualified, so favourably known and so highly respected."

Canada and R.E. Companion Brown are referred to in kindly fashion.

Willis A. McCullah, Marionville, Grand High Priest.

Ray V. Denslow, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.
NEVADA.

The Grand Chapter of Nevada held their fifty-first annual communication in the Masonic Temple, City of Reno, on June 10th, 1924, M.E. Comp. William B. S. Park, presiding. There were present from Canada representing Sister Grand Chapters M.E. Comp. Elwood H. Beemer, of Nova Scotia, and M.E. Comp. Robert M. Price, of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. There were also representatives present from a large number of Sister Grand Chapters of the United States.

M.E. Comp. Park took serious ground in discussing prevalent evils throughout the country, and in urging the maintenance of Public Schools and respect for law and order particularly in regard to the Eighteenth Amendment and the Narcotic Traffic, introducing his remarks by the following:

"Somehow it seems to me that in this day, this age of unbelievable conditions; that man has run wild in his search for the Almighty Dollar, and the thought that he has certain responsibilities other than SELF has completely gone from his mind, his one thought seems to be, ‘This is to be a race for us all and the devil take the hindmost’; but here in this room where we as Royal Arch Masons have come to meet and study the better things of life, I want to call your attention to some very important subjects; as I see them, the most important subjects for us to study at this time. I refer to our schools, the seeming disregard of our laws and courts, both State and Federal, the narcotic evil and the child-labor laws."

He also commended the child labor law in the offing as legislation by the Federal Government, and pleaded for its support.

The Grand Secretary noted a request from the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan seeking recognition; these Grand Chapters having been approved by the Grand Chapter of Canada. The Committee reported favorably and the same was accepted by Grand Chapter. A controversy with the Grand Chapter of Texas was amicably settled.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported taking a recess because of lack of occupation—a very creditable condition indeed, and a happy one.
R. E. Comp. Elwood Barber was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year, and R. E. Comp. E. D. Vanderleith, Grand Secretary.

Generous space was given those who had answered the last summons during the year, with photographs of some of them, together with a list of those called from Sister Jurisdictions. Fraternal Correspondence was written by the Grand Secretary whose splendid service to Masonry was noted by the Grand High Priest. Grand Chapter of Canada was favoured with generous quotations, and British Columbia was well written,—a large proportion of the whole report was given to this correspondence.

Our best greetings to distant but friendly Nevada.

R. C. B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Albion Edward Hayes, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 5,844.
Increase, 54.

Surely the bright young face of M. Ex. Comp. Hayes, which prefaces the transactions of New Hampshire, must be the youngest of all of the Grand Rulers of the Craft in the several Jurisdictions visited by this reviewer.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation was held in Concord of happy and harmonious memory, May 20th, 1924. Twelve Past Grand High Priests graced and strengthened the East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call. Canada appears to be particularly unfortunate in this respect throughout the United States with a few shining exceptions.

The hospitality of New Hampshire is proverbial and a galaxy of distinguished guests was introduced, received the private Grand Honours and seated in the Grand East, including representatives of the Scottish Rite, of Quebec, of New Jersey, of Connecticut, of New York, of Rhode Island and of Massachusetts.
Grand High Priest Hayes in his address well said:—

“These annual convocations should be of much benefit, not only affording an opportunity for the Companions from different sections of this Jurisdiction to meet in fraternal intercourse, but also to welcome Companions from other Jurisdictions, bringing us all closer together in the work in which we take so great an interest.

“As Companions let us devote our energies to the tenets of our Institution, as citizens endeavor to elevate the conditions of humanity, morally and intellectually. The goal of Masonic teachings has not been reached; opportunities are ever present, remembering our fraternity is what we make it.”

He gives at great length the biographies and the Masonic services of many for whom the bell has tolled during the past year, quoting the following lines:—

“They are passing away, those dear old friends,
Like leaves on the current cast,
With never a break in the rapid flow
We watch them, as one by one they go
Into the beautiful past.”

This Dispensation strikes us Canadians as unusual, much as we like to keep the close touch between Lodges and Chapters:—

“On March 12, 1924, granted a dispensation to Mount Hayes Chapter, No. 27, of Berlin to install its officers in connection with the installation of the officers of Sabatis Lodge, No. 95.”

With regard to the Ritual, which appears to be of great moment in all Grand Chapters, he recommends:—

“I recommend a committee of three be appointed, one of whom shall be the Grand Secretary, with power to prepare, print in cipher, and distribute five rituals to each Chapter of this Jurisdiction, making regulations for their safe and proper keeping.

“For the past five years the work in the Capitular degrees has been both unsettled and unsatisfactory, so I further recommend for the coming year there shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, four Deputy Grand Lecturers to assist the grand officers in giving directions and instructions to the officers of the several Chapters in the work.”
With M. Ex. Comp. Chandler, whose many courtesies the writer well remembers, he visited the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island and speaks of the pleasure of meeting Sir Alfred Robbins, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes of England, whose tour through the United States was productive of so much good. He thus comments:

"After the regular business session we were privileged to listen to an exceptionally fine address by Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England.

"This interchange of fraternal visits with other Grand Jurisdictions, inaugurated by my predecessors, I believe is productive of good results in furthering the interests of Capitular Masonry. It creates closer relationship, it cements personal friendships, and as a constructive policy, the same problems which face them are the same which we have to contend with. I sincerely hope this practice will continue."

He speaks of special objects of Masonic effort worthy of constant attention in the Masonic Home, the outstanding monument of Masonic charity in the State, and also the Masonic Bulletin—the medium of Masonic news and influence—now beyond the experimental stage. He concludes with this summary of objects and aims:

"In administering the affairs of the office I have become impressed, as never before, with the desire for the uplift of humanity. To put in practice the spirit of the principles of our Order that we may rise above the prevailing tendency of commercialism and greed."

The Foreign Correspondence Review is conducted by a colleague of long standing, R. Ex. Comp. Charles B. Spofford, who in his introduction summarizes some of his opinions as follows:

"Only in the abstract do we realize its proportions, for New Hampshire is a small domain. Its membership has attained the summit of Craft Masonry, both numerically as well as educationally. To our own members we urge its reading, with the hope that it may give a higher idea of what it means.

"Several Grand Chapters have taken official action on the Order of De Molay. Without prejudice, we have quoted their action, so far as it has been observed. This may be taken in most instances as 'hands off,' notably so in Oklahoma, Montana, Minnesota, and Indiana. The same has heretofore been
observed relative to the Order of Eastern Star. Whatever qualifications for admission are required might equally be as well applied to an endorsement of the Y.M.C.A., or Boy Scouts, whose membership is equally as elevating to good citizenship."

With regard to Alberta's subjective form of review he says:—

"The topical form of review has many advantages to the Masonic student, but to the average reader, opinions and edicts, often conflicting, give him little of information of the great Institution in other parts of the world."

California gives him this opportunity of comment:—

"The Report on Correspondence is by Willard T. Chevalier. It is topical in arrangement, and he says he has read, marked and mentally digested fifty-nine proceedings, not without an occasional attack of 'intellectual dyspepsia.' "

"He tried to write a report for the California Companions, and if they didn't like it they ought to say what they do prefer. We confess a topical review is more of a job than most of us think, but following precedent we keep to the same path of our predecessors as the more likely to be appreciated by our readers."

From Canada's review we take the following extracts:—

"R. H. Spencer, Grand Z—, gave a voluminous address, topically arranged: To the Grand Representative system he refers to his recommendation of the previous year, reference being made to those whose absence had been over a three-year period. He accepted their resignations, and appointed others to the honor. This is a course of action which meets with our approval, it having been one of the first comments we made in the beginning of these reviews, and which we observe has come to pass in many Grand Chapters, including our own, which took the initiative last year. "

"The Report on Correspondence is the first by William N. Ponton, Past Grand Z—, whom our Companions will remember with pleasure. We regret he did not have us on his list, but one hundred and seventy-two pages are devoted to a very thorough report, and from such an eminent Companion the same are comprehensive. He refers to the Order of De Molay, with the action of each state."

Connecticut gives him an original touch:—

"The Grand Chapter, in obedience to the General Grand, ordered all relations to cease with Texas. Poor 'Lone Star State,' another slap on the wrist for being naughty."
“Under Colorado he quotes Companion Foster’s opinion in his review of Kansas, in which he says the endorsement of the Order of De Molay might be a good move, and then again it might not. He did not consider it any part of Masonry to pass judgment; that any clean order among boys was good, but we only make trouble by making selections. ‘Let Masonry stand for Masonry and Masonry alone.’”

Under Delaware he says:

“His closing paragraph is worthy of repetition:

“The unfinished tree perfects itself by the law of growth which it must obey, but man is accorded the privilege of standing so near his Creator as to choose between deformity and growth.”

This from Massachusetts is interesting as recording a wonderful progress:

“Alluding to the increase in membership during the past twenty-five years from 15,000 to 38,000, he says: “We may well take a just pride in the character and caliber of those who have united with us.”

The poetry of Nevada appeals to him and to us:

“Out—where the vision wanders,
While a Presence uplifts the veil;
When day’s soft light
Slips into night—
Beyond the end of the trail.

“Out—where the faith sees clearer,
Through the tangled and thinning veil;
Along the way
Into that Day—
Beyond the end of the trail.”

We are glad to note that Utah was as striking to him as to us. He says:

“The Correspondence Report is unsigned but is evidently by a Master hand. The introduction modestly has the following:

“Then, too, during the year as the Chapters are few we have the pleasure and privilege of frequent visits from the leaders of the Craft of the Jurisdiction. Fellowship, such as ours is becoming, is really a far greater blessing than all else can be. Numbers and greatness will come, we would not hinder it if we could for it means more receiving the blessings, yet when we do gain size, I know many of us will look back to the good old days of fellowship and sympathetic understanding.”
His valedictory thought is:—

"Before closing for the night, the Chinese merchant takes down his chop and carefully puts it away. In case of fire, the chop must be rescued first, at all costs. Even to change its color or shape would be sacrilege.

"By whatever device it is symbolized, in any country, the goodwill that attaches to a merchant or manufacturer’s name is something to be prized and protected.

"This token might apply to our Masonic affiliation. ‘Our Mark’ should be recognized not only as our Masonic life, but in our business relations with the world. Think it over!"

Next Convocation May 19th, 1925.
Eugene Page Hadley, Laconia, Grand High Priest.
Harry Morrison Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Frank C. Preiss, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 18,153.
Net gain, 1,454.

Several special Convocations, among them one to constitute the Henry S. Haines Chapter, were held at various times through the year, and are formally recorded in the Proceedings.

The Sixty-eighth Convocation was convened at Trenton, N.J., May 14th, 1924. From the prayer of the Grand Chaplain we take this unusual invocation:—

"And for the officers who take their places, one and another, may such wisdom be vouchsafed to them that they will remember that they are representatives of their brothers. Help us that we may perpetuate the principles that become dearer to us as we understand them. Deliver us from the things that hinder the peace and order of our Fraternity; and grant that we may so strive after holiness and truth that manhood and brotherly sympathy may be established, so that we will rejoice in each others’ company, and be strengthened by each others’ advice, and shall work in harmony and peace."

No less than twenty Grand High Priests were present—the highest record of any of the Jurisdictions that we have this year reviewed. All honor to the veterans!
Distinguished visitors from Delaware, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York were welcomed by the Grand High Priest as follows:—

"The arm of friendship and the hand of fellowship has no end or distance, and to you, Companions, we extend the arm of friendship and the hand of good fellowship. We trust that your stay with us will be pleasant. We will profit by your presence and words of wisdom that you will give us later in the morning.

"I ask you to continue under the escort of Most Excellent Companion Albert Leon, that I may extend to you the courtesies of the East."

From the able address of the Grand High Priest we take these examples of his style and matter:—

"In view of this past year's work, let us take but a moment's retrospect and ask ourselves how much better than heretofore have we performed the great duties which as Masons we are charged to inculcate, to God, our neighbor and ourselves.

"Bound by the most sacred obligations of mortal man, what have we done during the year to suppress the crying evils of the day; the graft, avarice and selfishness, so common in the mad rush for gain and place; that defiance of law and the evil spirit which snaps its fingers in the face of justice and thus threatens to undermine the very foundations of our civil government?

"And to those who are in that 'far, far country,' whose voice it seems at times we can almost hear in the murmuring of the breeze at twilight, in the laughter of the breeze at dawn; whose faces come to us in the dreams that hold us through the long hours when we sit and think upon old times, whose hand we sometimes almost touch as we reach to the dim veil that hangs between this world and that world of theirs beyond the mountain peaks that stand between time and eternity—to them let us drink the love and friendship which, because it is love and friendship, is as eternal as the stars and as undying as the soul."

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recommended for official recognition.

The Grand High Priest noticed an announcement of a Chapter that "Damascus Commandery No. 5, K.T. will attend in full uniform and confer the P.M. Degree. Herald the good tidings." The Grand High Priest immediately wrote as follows and
stopped it effectively, and adds this comment in his address:—

"I am an ardent Knight Templar and am pleased to know that a fraternal and friendly spirit exists between Royal Arch Masonry and Templarism. Nevertheless, I cannot permit you to proceed with your plan. It is perfectly proper for you to have a 'Damascus Night' and have the members of Damascus Commandery occupy the Stations and Places in your Chapter and confer any Capitular Degree; but neither they, nor any other member, can appear in the Chapter Room in Full Templar Uniform.

"As stated in the above letter, I am indeed happy to see that a fraternal and friendly spirit exists between Capitular Masonry and Templarism. However, I do not believe in letting our enthusiasm run away with good judgment. We must adhere to Ancient Customs and Landmarks of our Fraternity and not permit innovations."

We regret to notice that physical perfection is still insisted on in New Jersey. A Brother duly elected in a Chapter lost his hand thereafter and is held ineligible for the Capitular Degrees. It is to be hoped that New Jersey will join the Jurisdictions who deal with things of the spirit and not the manual and material in our Temple not made with hands. This man is probably good enough for the Church and Heaven, but apparently not fit for the Royal Arch.

The in-roads of smoking appear to be making progress even in dignified New Jersey, and the Grand High Priest recommends that it be prohibited in Chapter.

He closes with the somewhat well known but ever true verse:—

"Let me walk by the side of the man in the road,
Let me seek out the burdens that crush,
Let me speak a kind word of good cheer to the weak,
Who are falling behind in the rush.
There are wounds to be healed, there are breaks we must mend,
There's a cup of cold water to give;
And the man in the road by the side of his friend
Is the man who has learned how to live."

From the report of our old and genial friend, Peter McGill, Grand Secretary, we take the following extracts which are characteristic, especially
when accompanied with the twinkle of his humorous eye. He passes "from grave to gay, from lively to severe" at a moment's notice:—

"Your Grand Secretary has on several occasions been asked to make decisions. He should not be asked to do this. It is not in the province of the Grand Secretary to make decisions, for that is the province of the Grand High Priest alone. If the Grand High Priest doesn't know the law—he has always his Council Officers and his Corps of Past Grand High Priests to consult with and if he fails in this way to gain the information desired there is always the Grand Secretary to fall back on as a last resort. Your Grand Secretary freely admits his ability to furnish Grand High Priests with such information as they desire. In fact, he has been supplying this information when needed for some years back and there is no question in his own mind of his ability to do so.

"Your Grand Secretary badly needs a new typing machine. The one he has been using, 'which is still in commission,' is almost obsolete."

The Committee recommended that a minimum fee of $30 for the Capitular Degrees be approved.

Grand High Priest Krauss, of Delaware, said among other good things:—

"There is nothing so great as friendship and fellowship. A good friend to help you along is a thing that is invaluable. "I say to you, Most Excellent Sir, and to your successor and the incoming officers of this Grand Chapter of New Jersey: 'March On!'"

Grand High Priest Core, of Pennsylvania, said in the course of a companionable speech:—

"But we adopted $30.00, and that is as little as a Subordinate Chapter can function on, and carry on its work. "I was interested in the discussion this morning regarding behaviour during the conferring of degrees. In Pennsylvania, we do not take the Blue Lodge as a criterion. We take it that the Grand Chapter fixes the standard of decorum. The Chapter is the Sanctum Sanctorum of reflective Masonry, wherein we reflect upon the duties we owe to God, our brethren and ourselves. If we as a Chapter do not hold up Capitular Masonry, how can we expect others to do so?"

"Up-State we maintain a considerable degree of dignity, and smoking is not allowed in Chapter rooms. I am glad to realize that there will be no smoking in New Jersey."

Grand High Priest Dutcher, of New York, was in his best form and said:—
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“I assure you that we as Royal Arch Masons have many things to consider aside from the Ritual work, and the conferring of the degrees, all of which takes place within the tiled doors. We have many things to consider as to our relation in the community without the tiled door; and up our way, at least, we have been too long leaving our Masonry with our apron at the outer door.

“Insofar as the ideals, suggested by that beautiful song, ‘Home Sweet Home,’ are perpetuated as the standards of American life, will America continue to be the land of liberty and the land of the free.

“All hail to these homes, and the American standards of living, and let us put our shoulders to the wheels; and, being confronted as we are in the cities with so many of those standards which are not American, let us hold up the standards of American home life.”

And New York will no doubt gladly allow that Canadian—British North American—home life is a most excellent rallying centre.

Among the greetings borne by R.E. Companion Hilton, of Rhode Island, we take the following:—

“He should not come in for what he will get, but for what he can give. So, Companions, it seems to me that the spirit of service should be emphasized when we ask Masons who are not Chapter Masons to join our Chapters.”

And from Curtis Chipman, of Massachusetts, tried, true and trusty, we receive with pleasure these sentiments:—

“Perhaps I should explain that in our Grand Jurisdiction it is usual to re-elect the Grand High Priest until he has served for three successive years. This very agreeable custom permits us the happiness of meeting officially three times the usual number of presiding Grand Officers that fall to the lot of most Grand High Priests.

“Companions, we are greatly inspired by this gathering to-day. We rejoice in the success that has attended your undertakings in this great work entrusted to your guidance, and I pray that God will make us firm and united, upright and noble, with minds free from selfish motives and hearts manly in thought and in deed, stimulating us to continue worthy of our inheritance, and give us strength to carry forward the torch of Light, kindled by the Master, whose followers we are.”

The Committee on Ritual report:—

“We heartily concur with the position taken by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, ‘that, although it is highly expedient that every High Priest should receive the
Order of High Priesthood, yet its possession is not essentially necessary as a qualification for the discharge of his official duties."

The Committee on Necrology close their report with this sentiment:—

"They had our love and esteem for the good work they wrought. They received their wages as faithful Craftsmen. They are offering on the other side, as the fruit of their labor here, work passing the Great Overseer's square, a square more true and more merciful than those we use here, and that work will find eternal use in the second Temple."

The newly-installed Grand High Priest Tilden spoke as follows:—

"Companions, there is a verse of Scripture which reads: 'Let not him that putteth on his armour boast like him that taketh it off,' therefore I shall not attempt to make any predictions, but I wish to thank you for the consideration you have given me in electing me to the office of Grand High Priest, and I assure you that I will give you the best that is in me."

Among the Memorial pages we find these verses and perpetuate them:—

"When death draws down the curtains of the night
And these we love in his deep darkness hides,
We can but wait the coming of the light
And bless the memory that still abides.

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country the Beyond.
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond.
They make it seem familiar and most dear,
As journeying friends bring distant regions near."

R.E. Comp. Godfrey Pittis has for many years worthily represented Canada. His courtesy is well remembered.

R.E. Comp. K. J. Dunstan represents New Jersey in Toronto.

Statistics of all the constituent Chapters follow in detail.

The Correspondence Report is in the hands of R.E. Comp. J. Edward Hardenbergh, who in his foreword says:—

"We can think of no more delightful work than that of browsing through the records of Masonic activities and commentatorially presenting them to the Fraternity."
“Everywhere is seen the unselfish service of leaders in our great cause; service without pecuniary reward, but service that calls for the love and admiration of the Craft, and what reward in mere dollars and cents can measure up to the love of our fellows.

“The idea may be Utopian, but we have visualized a plan by which each existing Chapter, through individual effort, would foster the higher education of at least one boy or girl. What more glorious work could be engaged in?”

This under Alberta is interesting as showing the view of a sympathetic outsider:—

“An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Duggan, of the city, who said that while he was not a member of the Order, he knew something of the aims and ideals of Masonry, and wondered if, as an Order, it was not too much occupied within its organization instead of outward. He urged the Fraternity to do more to show the world at large, in these troublesome times, its influence for good.”

Canada is briefly reviewed.

Massachusetts furnishes food for thought as usual:—

“I am far from depreciating the value of social intercourse among our members, who are thus drawn to one another by one of the very fundamentals of our Institution, but I should regret to see injected into a Chapter’s life anything which would make the secular entertainment of its members the first consideration and its Masonic teachings secondary. The proper balance between the two, I feel confident, safely may be left to the good judgment of those Companions who have been chosen by their associates to act as their leaders in the development of their Masonic life.”

Under Tennessee we find:—

“The Committee on Education, in its report, calls attention to the fact that the ‘splendid support of the Fraternity for general education in the State had its origin on the floor of this Grand Chapter,’ and that practically every subordinate Chapter in the State has an active Educational Committee, aggressively interested in developing a constructive sentiment for better school facilities and on every side the growth and development is evident.”

We have experienced New Jersey’s hospitality in the past and know its good quality.

Next Convocation at Trenton, May 13th, 1925.

Fred. E. Tilden, Jersey City, Grand High Priest.
Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.
NEW MEXICO.

Richard H. Hanna, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 1,905.
Net gain, 101.

Probably the youngest face that greets us as prefacing any of the Proceedings is that of Richard H. Hanna, who surrenders the sceptre in New Mexico.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in Raton, February 21st, 1924, and the next Annual Convocation will be held February 19th, 1925.

Seven Past Grand High Priests were present at the opening and a goodly number of members.

In his annual address the Grand High Priest says:

"It becomes my first duty to render an account to you of my stewardship.

"Our State has undergone a period of great business depression during the past year and our progress has not been all that we would desire, but we have gained rather than lost and should feel encouraged and inspired to still greater effort to overcome our difficulties and place Capitular Masonry in the advance of Masonic progress in our Jurisdiction."

He recites the transactions of a busy year and concludes as follows:

"In closing my report I desire to express my thanks for the assistance rendered me by our official family and all others having opportunity to serve.

"I return to the ranks with a keen appreciation of the great honor you have done me."

From the report on Ritual we take the following:

"We further report that two copies of the typewritten draft of the Ritual, as adopted at the said last Annual Convocation, have been deposited with the Grand Secretary, by whom they have been deposited with the records in the archives of this Grand Chapter, where they now repose.

Grand King Steen, of Colorado, was introduced and addressed the gathering.

The following resolution was passed:

"BE IT RESOLVED, By the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico, that a Standing Committee on Ritual be, and
the same hereby is, created, to consist of three well-informed Companions, to be annually appointed by the Grand High Priest; that such Committee shall be the custodians of the Ritual of this Grand Chapter."

An historical list of the elected and appointed Officers of the Grand Chapter is a convenient addendum to the volume.
The names of members and of sister Grand Chapters follow.
There are sixteen Chapters in New Mexico, all apparently prosperous. There is no Correspondence Report.

John M. Bowman, Las Cruces, Grand High Priest.
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

George E. Briggs, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 67,526.
Net increase, 3,276.

This is the second review that I have made of the Proceedings of the February, 1924, Convocation of the State of New York, my first and long one having been unfortunately lost in the mail. I must apologize therefore to our nearest neighbor for a possible "patch work" effect in my report made at the last moment. It is unavoidable.

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation convened in Albany, February 5th, 1924, within the same square block where for over a century the Grand Chapter of the Empire State has met.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were actively present, sharing the burdens, lightening the labours; their hope the anchor.
Edward F. Rolle well and worthily represented Canada. New York is represented by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt in Canada.

From the reception of the Grand Representatives we take the following:—
"I wish each of you individually to convey to your several Grand Chapters and Grand High Priests our esteem and good wishes. I trust you will lose no opportunity during the the year to keep in close correspondence and touch with those Jurisdictions, and inform them of our doings, as I know they will be glad to be advised."

And from the reply of the Grand Representative of Tennessee the following:—

"We represent in a most remarkable manner diversity and unity, representing as we do States of widely different character, industrially, geographically and historically. We, nevertheless, represent the unity of Royal Arch Masonry, which is the same in spirit and idea in all Jurisdictions."

Grand First Principals and Grand High Priests of Canada, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania were then welcomed most fittingly by the Grand High Priest, whose annual address covers every possible activity. An outstanding feature is that he personally and officially visited every Chapter within his great Jurisdiction during the year. He says:—

"In material things—finances, equipment, paraphernalia, attendance, ritual and such—we think there has been a steady and commendable advance all along the line. Best of all, however, we believe that the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry prevails among our Chapters and Companions as never before in our history."

To the memory of the late Grand Chaplain Pierre Cushing he pays this tribute:—

"On every side came words of regret and recollections of a good word or deed. The people, rich and poor, young and old, black and white, all sects and denominations, who gathered together in such numbers at the funeral services at Le Roy with open grief, were but a fractional part of those who are bereaved.

"Gone is our Grand Chaplain. We shall see him no more. Gone is the sweet character and good Christian. Gone to his Heavenly Father is one of the dearest and most beloved men who ever labored in the quarries and exhibited suitable specimens of their skill. Gone is the gentle voice and the sweet smile. No, he has not gone, for "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Your reviewer had the great privilege of hearing six of the addresses of the late Grand Chaplain, each one with food for thought and inspiration."
Among those taking a prominent part in installation and other work is, we are glad to note, our own Ontario Brother and Companion M.E. Comp. William Prouse, of Buffalo.

The Grand High Priest believes in the cultivation of amity and good will between sister Jurisdictions and says:—

"Believing that the cordial relations between Grand Chapters could be best cemented by fraternal calls I accepted the kind invitations received to attend the sessions of eight other Grand Chapters.

"We were cordially received and hospitably entertained from our arrival at the Toronto railway station to our departure therefrom."

He refers to our Proceedings and even to the pages thereof showing what a good neighbor and fellow student he is to us.

Of the importance of the Constitution he said:—

"These are only samples of many instances where High Priests rush to a letter when they should go to the Constitution. If presiding officers made themselves more familiar with the book of our laws and when a question arose in their mind what to do, would consult the Constitution, they would save both themselves and the Grand High Priest trouble and annoyance."

As to bolting Degrees in one night he thus expresses his matured opinion:—

"I see no objection to linking the Past Master’s Degree with the Mark, or the Past Master’s with the Most Excellent, but I assert without fear of successful contradiction that no Chapter or Chapters or officers can confer all three degrees upon the same or any class in one evening and do justice to the degrees, to the candidates or to the members on the side lines. I have become thoroughly convinced that this ‘railroading’ of candidates, this giving of degrees ‘by injection’ in short, abbreviated and all kinds of abridged forms, should be prevented, the sooner the better."

And concludes with these loving words of farewell:—

"I have learned in my nine years of service as a Grand Officer to have but one supreme desire: That, as the days are coming closer and closer when I shall push aside the purple curtains of twilight and go forth to the 'Great Adventure'—I hope without fear—I can so live the days to come as to keep what I think I have—the friendship of the officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York."
The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing to do. 'Tis a great thing to be able some times to do nothing well.

The Committee on Jurisprudence give a thought-ful and far reaching report. With such names as Cheney, Kline, Warren and Stagg, it could not be otherwise.

The Grand High Priest-elect, Companion Dutcher, said:—

"Just one word more in closing, as to the work in the Chapter. It is this. I hope that when the next year rolls around every High Priest would find it possible, if called upon to rise in his place, and, in answer to a proper question, could say to the Grand Chapter, 'Every candidate exalted in my Chapter during the last year has been instructed in the lectures of the several degrees.' Now, in many Chapters it is not being done."

From the eloquent Memorials of the Dead we take these verses:—

"How shall we honor them, our Deathless Dead? How keep their mighty memories alive? In him who feels their passion, they survive! Flatter their souls with deed, and all is said! In the heroic souls their souls create Is raised remembrance past the reach of fate. The will to serve and bear, The will to love and dare, And take for God unprofitable risk— These things, these things will utter praise and paean Louder than lyric thunders Aeschylean; These things will build our dead unwasting obelisk."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again fathered by M.E. Comp. Arthur Warren and his reviews are always of great interest, profoundly thoughtful and scrupulously accurate.

He is kind to Canada and says among other words of commendation:—

"At a meeting held May 10th, under the auspices of St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto, a large and enthusiastic gathering of Royal Arch Masons took place, when M. E. Comp. Ponton, Immediate Past Grand Z., was presented with a handsome grandfather's clock."

"The usual Christmas Greetings, which is a stated custom in the Grand Chapter, was observed.

A notable occasion during the year was the visit of The St. Patrick Chapter, of Toronto, to Ancient Chapter, No. 1,
of New York City. Many of the prominent Companions from The St. Patrick Chapter were present and were greeted by the most prominent Royal Arch Companions of our great city. Such visitations tend in a most remarkable degree to weld more firmly the bonds of fraternal regard between the Companions of these two great English-speaking peoples.

"Dispensations were issued during the year for the formation of ten new Chapters and six Chapters were consecrated and dedicated.

"Commendation was made of the manner in which the office of Grand Scribe E. was conducted and the close touch he kept with the Scribes E. of the Constituent Chapters. The recommendation was made that the Grand Chapter be more liberal in its support of that office both in remuneration and supplying of equipment for carrying on the work. All of which seems proper.

"This word was addressed by the Grand Z. to the Chapters: 'Let it be understood that Royal Arch Masonry is not a stepping-stone or an afterthought.'

"These fundamental truths cannot be too often brought to the attention of the Royal Craft."

In conclusion he pays a splendid and well merited tribute to R.E. Comp. E. B. Brown, to whose sincere words he always looked forward, as they brought a wealth of pleasant memories.

Under Idaho he quotes:—

"When you think of a man, you seldom think
Of the knowledge he has of books,
You seldom think of the clothes he wears,
His habits, or faults, or looks,
You think of the friend he's been to man,
And the good that he has done,
And you judge the sort of a man he was
By the friends that he has won."

"His review of the reports proves further that he notes with care two important things in his reviews, and like the rest of us, is trying to call attention to the most important parts of the reports in the Jurisdictions that come under his observation."

Iowa gives him the following portion of the address of M.E. Comp. Hunt:—

"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 substitute—the Royal Arch symbolizes the fulfillment 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.

“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.”

M.E. Comp. Warren’s concluding sentence is:—

“Generally speaking, the entire Capitular world seems to be awake and in earnest and the differences that exist between Jurisdictions are rapidly vanishing. A new day seems to be dawning, when more attention will be given to the discussion of the things which will make Capitular Masonry a real power for good in the world, and the technical discussions as to territorial rights will be relegated to the background.”

Then follows a wonderful address by Grand Chaplain Buchanan: “A Peril, A Phase and A Privilege.” Space will only permit one quotation:—

“But let us remember there are others coming, who will ‘enter into our labors,’ and the material we leave for them to use, to further fashion, it may be, and to properly place, must be ‘good work, true work, square work,’ no matter although we may not see its final disposition and distinction.”

“Toil away and set the stone
That shall stand when you are gone.
Ask not that another see
The meaning of your masonry.

Grind the gem, and dig the well,
For what? For whom? I cannot tell.
The stone may mark a boundary line,
The well may flow, the gem may shine.

Be it wage enough for you
To shape them well and set them true.
Of the future who can tell?
Work,, my friend, and so farewell.”

“I have spoken of a possible Peril, and of a possible Phase. I wish to close my address by speaking of a possible Privilege. “The Great Light tells us that ‘none of us liveth to himself,’ which is just as true of an institution as it is of an in-
dividual. Moreover, it may be said of the entire human family, again in the words of the Great Light, that “whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.” Let us not forget, then, that the Companionship of the Living Arch is no local bond; the chain engirdles the globe.”

We have tasted and experienced the corn, wine, oil, incense and salt of the Royal Arch Craft of New York and we draw nearer and nearer to them under the standards of co-operative work and congenial spirit year after year.

Frederick L. Dutcher, Rochester, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.

**NORTH CAROLINA.**

Raymond C. Dunn, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 8,126.
Net gain, 493.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Chapter convened at Raleigh, May 13th, 1924, Grand High Priest Dunn on the throne. His excellent portrait precedes the Proceedings.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests evinced their loyalty and continuity of interest by their presence and co-operation.

O. Frank Hart, of the General Grand Council, was an honoured visitor from South Carolina.

Canada was worthily represented by R.E. Comp. John E. Cameron. R. W. Brennan, of Toronto, represents North Carolina here.

The Grand High Priest gave an interesting report, prefacing it by the disappointment he had realized in not being able to fulfil his “vision splendid” in the year’s work that he had laid out for himself, owing to severe illness. He nevertheless appears to have done a great deal of good productive labour of love, continuing to impress upon the Companions that it is not numbers but quality that counts.
In pointing out to a Chapter that there is no place in the Ritual for by-play, he said:

"I know that the new Ritual has been very much criticized, yet if the Companions will but get the idea that the only play ground of Masonry is the Shrine and that horse-play has no place in Masonry, and after having gotten this impression, if they will but seriously follow the work as outlined in the Ritual, just as the Knights Templar do in the Commandery, they will find a great store of wealth and beauty."

Referring to the great Masonic "drive" in connection with the joint conferring of Degrees as organized by the late M.E. Comp. Kuhn, he says:

"Reports from all Jurisdictions of the General Grand Chapter were to the effect that on this date thousands of candidates received the Most Excellent Masters degree and thus a unique and unprecedented tribute was paid to the General Grand High Priest. I commend to the future Grand High Priests of North Carolina this plan of holding, at least once a year, either State-wide or District Convocations; not only is such a Convocation the occasion of much friendly and social intercourse, but there were new ideas born, greater enthusiasm engendered, and renewed interest and activity inspired, and the cause of Capitular Masonry is much benefited."

Under the Fraternal Dead he quotes:

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north-wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own,—Oh! Death."

The personnel of the General Grand Chapter delegation receives much attention at his hands. He truly says:

"The pleasures incident to and attendant upon the Grand Convocation too often lure the representatives away from the sessions where the business of the Convocation is being transacted and thus the Grand Chapter loses the benefit of its much needed representation. One honored by a Grand Chapter as its representative should forego everything else in order that he might truly represent the Grand Chapter sending him."

He comments on reunions as follows:

"I cannot too strongly commend a reunion of the York Rite Bodies to be held by the Chapters and Commanderies of the State at stated intervals. This is peculiarly the age of meetings. Scarcely a night passes but that a busy man is called upon to attend a meeting of one kind or another."
The educational activity of North Carolina gives a leadership to all Grand Chapters.

$3,000 was contributed to the carrying on of the good work. The Grand-High Priest says:

"Masonry has found its soul in the aid given to worthy girls and boys in the attainment of life's ambition to make of themselves useful men and women and thus exemplify the teachings inculcated in the several degrees of Masonry."

In conclusion he gives this buoyant sentiment:

"In conclusion, I can only urge the Companions to greater activity, calling their attention to the fact that in action there is life, in stagnation, death. With the ten thousand Chaper Masons of North Carolina moving forward in one solid phalanx of interested activity, doing the right as God shall give them to see the right, spurning the wrong as God shall give them to despise the wrong, taking to heart the claims of the poor and the unfortunate and the uneducated little ones, and answering their appeals with unselfish service, Capitular Masonry in North Carolina will achieve those great results for which it was destined by the will of God."

Under the Memorial page to the late Past Grand High Priest, Jos. F. Rhem, we find the following transcript and paraphrase of Ecclesiastes with the added poem by Guest:

"How sudden was his call to all of us! We could not think him cold and pulseless. We did not know but a week or so before when we saw him in radiant life, that 'the silver cord was almost loosed;' we thought him bound to us and to life 'with hoops of steel,' not soon to sunder.

"We did not know that the 'golden bowl was breaking,' we thought it full of the elixir of life from which for years we would drink the wine of refreshment. We did not know that the 'pitcher at the fountain' was cracked; we thought it filled with the milk of human kindness and the drippings from a heart of love. We did not know that the 'wheel at the cistern' was broken. We thought it would turn for many years and draw from the depths of his noble heart its precious freight of gentleness and faith."

Who once has had a friend has found
The link 'twixt mortal and divine;
Though now he sleeps in hallowed ground,
He lives in memory's sacred shrine;
And there he freely moves about,
A spirit that has quit the clay.
And in the times of stress and doubt
Sustains his friend throughout the day.
From the very full report of the Committee on Education, regarding the Masonic Loan Fund and other cognate matters, we take this clause:—

"It will be seen that the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., and Grand Commandery, K.T., are doing their full part and share (irrespective of the Knights Templar Educational Loan Fund of the Grand Encampment) which is nation wide in its scope, and which has already been put into action the spring of 1924."

A complete list of the officers and members of the constituent Chapters is given so that all may know one another.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is by Comp. J. Edward Allen, well and happily known to many Canadians. He at once wins his way to our hearts by his introduction:—

"These reviews have been prepared with the purpose of making them as readable and as instructive, as was possible under the circumstances. The great majority of the Grand Chapters have been ‘pursuing the even tenor of their way’ without excitement and without much that would be called sensational or spectacular. The journalists will tell you that these are the basis of ‘news.’ We read, ‘Happy is that people whose annals are brief;’ and there is ample reason to believe that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry is quite healthy."

From Alberta, under the subject of De Molay, he gathers up three verses of which we give one:—

If I were sending a boy away,
I should hold him close on the parting day
And give him my trust. Through thick and thin,
I should tell him I counted on him to win,
To keep his word at whatever cost,
To play the man though his fight be lost.
But beyond all that I should whisper low;
"If trouble comes, let your father know;
Come to him, son, as you used to do
When you were little—he’ll see you through."

British Columbia also gives him material for ample comment.

His review of Canada appeals to us very strongly and this reviewer thanks him especially for his appreciation of our report on Capitular Masonry, and of the good work of our predecessor and friend, R.E. Comp. E. B. Brown:—
"Eighteen pages are devoted to the reception of visitors from other Jurisdictions. We are going to quote one brief extract from the address at that time of John M. Core, from Pennsylvania, as follows:

A Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, himself a very eminent lawyer, used a term which to me was new at the time, but I have since then thought a great deal about it, "that the genius of Freemasonry is Anglo-Saxon." We down south in the United States are proud of the fact that we got our Freemasonry from England.

"From the report of the Committee on Capitular Masonry, we quote:

This Grand Chapter and the constituent Chapters will be asked by our British Brethren, and will be prompted by our own patriotic desire, to take part in the great work of welcoming to their new homes in Canada the tide of British men and women who may be expected to fill our waste places, to cultivate our rich soil, to enjoy our broad areas and invigorating air—Britain has men, Canada has room. We the Builders should do our share of Nation Building for and through the sojourners within our gates—Brethren of our own tribes and families—our own Anglo-Saxon kith and kin.

"We think this to be a very high type of Masonic work. "We must quote the following fine lines:

"These are the things I prize,
And hold of dearest worth:
Light of the sapphire skies,
Shadow of clouds that swiftly pass,
The smell of flowers,
And of the good brown earth.
And, best of all, along the way,
Friendship and mirth."

"We note a fraternal comment on North Carolina in the Correspondence Report, which is by Comp Edward B. Brown. His work is excellent, and is read with great pleasure. We thank him for comment on our maiden effort, two years ago. We shall try to improve.

"Altogether, we have enjoyed our trip to Canada through the medium of the printed Proceedings, even as we have enjoyed two trips to Toronto by rail and boat. Our neighbors to the north of us are the most delightful sort of friends and Masons."

These verses strike him and strike us and recall our own citation beginning "Go toil in any Quarries":—
If you can’t be a pine on the top of a hill,
Be a shrub in the valley—but be
The best little shrub at the side of the rill;
Be a bush, if you can’t be a tree.

If you can’t be a highway, then just be a trail,
If you can’t be the sun, be a star;
It isn’t the size that you win or you fail—
Be the best of whatever you are.

His beginning was good, his conclusion is good
and will appeal to many of us, his colleagues and
reviewers who are proud to be associated with a
correspondent of his calibre:—

"Companions, the Reviews are before you. It seems to be
the desire of the Royal Craft universally, that the Fraternal
Correspondent shall comment freely on what he sees in the
books. This has been done. In noting these comments, the
reader is not expected to agree with all of them; we believe
Ruskin, in that lecture, ‘Of Kings’ Treasuries,’ delivered in
Manchester, reminds us to ‘be sure that you go to the author
to get his meaning, not to find yours;’ and agreement or dis-
agreement is an entirely separate matter.

“This writer is a busy man, and the job of completing
this document is being attempted at his busiest time. He re-
grets, therefore, if imperfections be found, as they certainly
can be, that he did not have more time to use in the prepara-
tion of the Fraternal Correspondence.”

Next meeting in Gastonia, May, 1925.
E. Rowley Hampton, Asheville, Grand High
Priest.
John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Walter L. Stockwell, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 4,158.
Net gain, 69.

Walter Lincoln Stockwell has been known from
the Atlantic to the Pacific for several years and has
burst the bounds of North Dakota. He leaves the
Royal Craft in the most healthy condition of its his-
tory, for he has not neglected his duties despite his
many engagements as First Vice-President of the
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and
Canada, and of his administrative offices in connec-
tion with Grand Secretaries and Grand Councils of the United States. His biographer and predecessor as Grand Secretary has summed up his virtues and aspirations as follows:—

Believes in supporting all movements which mean the up-building of this community, the state and the nation. Gives generously of his time and effort to public service.

"Companion Stockwell has been untiring in his efforts to raise the standards of Masonry in all of its branches and the Craft in North Dakota recognize his worth and are proud of his achievements."

He was Grand High Priest; he is now Grand Secretary of North Dakota.

The Thirty-fifth Convocation was held in Fargo, January 22nd, 1924.

M.E. Comp. Lawrence and R.E. Comp. Moulden, of Manitoba, were welcomed with a personal and national reception, which is thus described:—

"The Grand Chapter was called up and as soon as the committee and guests reached the altar, two verses of 'God Save the King' were sung in their honor. Every one joined heartily in the singing. The Grand High Priest greeted them most cordially, spoke of the fact that Masonry in these two Jurisdictions had sprung from the same source—Old Northern Lights Lodge of Fort Pembina and Fort Gary.

"It should be added that the Union Jack was displayed beside the Stars and Stripes in honor of the Manitoba Companions.

"M. Ex. Comp. Lawrence spoke of the delicate courtesy of the welcoming song and the display of their flag and said that they were deeply sensible of it. They were sure that they were among friends.

"Companion Moulden responded briefly saying that he understood that it was a Grand Secretary's business to look after the Grand High Priest and keep silence. The North Dakota Companions richly enjoyed this reference because their Grand Secretary, the then Grand High Priest, has been known to talk on occasion."

The Grand Master of North Dakota, with other guests, was then received. Eight Past Grand High Priests were present.

Comp. Stockwell made a stirring appeal for more of the spirit of brotherhood and love in the world, and in his address answered the question, "What of the Hour." We quote as follows:—
“Royal Arch Masonry in North Dakota is what you make it. We are here to-day to take account of stock, check up the weak spots, put our efficiency engineers at work, and see if the Grand Chapter and every constituent Chapter cannot be made a more efficient agency for the promotion of the great principles of our beloved Order, and the wider spread of those great doctrines of altruism, service, and sacrifice so wonderfully typified by those weary sojourners from Babylonish captivity.

“We are here also for fellowship and friendship. We yearn for fellowship and friendship, which are the fundamental needs of the world. If in Masonry we do not find this fellowship and this friendship, then we shall go elsewhere and seek until we do find them.

“The challenge to the Grand Chapter is clearer than ever before. Are we going to meet the challenge and draw new plans, and new designs upon the Trestleboard for the New Temple. For the consideration of this and many another problem we meet to-day.”

These decisions may be interesting even in our Jurisdiction:

“One question came up to me from Cheyenne Chapter, No. 4, as to the ‘pass word’ in the Royal Arch Degree. While I have never given the matter much heed and did not recall that there was a pass word, it seemed best to consult higher authority on the general principle of ‘Safety First.’ The General Grand High Priest replied to my inquiry thus: ‘There is no pass word for the Royal Arch Degree, in fact there is only one degree in the Chapter that has a pass word and that is the Mark Degree. The Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch have a word but no pass word. The Great Lights (Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses) according to the General Grand Chapter Ritual are arranged in the several degrees of the Chapter in the same manner as in the Master Mason degree in the Blue Lodge. We trust that there will be no further inaccuracies in the display of the Great Lights hereafter.’

R.E. Comp. George L. Gardiner represents North Dakota in Canada and no more worthy representative could be found in Capitular Masonry.

$1,875 was loaned out through the Students’ Loan Fund, an excellent institution on which the Grand High Priest makes the following remarks:

“The Grand Secretary will make a detailed report of this fund. We are quite of the opinion that Companion Moultrie deserves our gratitude for showing us the way by which Royal Arch Masonry could serve the young people of this commonwealth. Is there any reason why every Chapter in
this Grand Jurisdiction might not in a smaller way aid some worthy boy or girl to complete a high school education and make a start on a higher education. The world is looking for leaders and these leaders will be found in the trained men and women furnished by our high schools, colleges, and universities. Here is a suggestion born of our experience as a Grand Chapter."

With regard to his visit to Alberta he says:—

"The Grand Officers were present and extended every courtesy. We sincerely cherish the happy memories of that day and we came away with a deeper conviction than ever before that Masonry plays a large part in keeping the bonds of friendship and good will strong among the English-speaking peoples of the world."

He set out to visit and did visit all the Chapters in his Jurisdiction, as to which he says:—

"In view of the fact that my time is devoted exclusively to the service of Masonry it occurred that it was possible for me to visit officially every Chapter in this Jurisdiction where-as most Grand High Priests are men of business or of professions and have not six or seven weeks time at their disposal for such visitations. It was our desire to be as helpful as possible. We did not go in the guise of an inquisitor, inspector, or unfriendly critic; we went with a view to being helpful and if possible to say something that would stimulate the zeal and interest of the Companions particularly where conditions had been unfavorable over a period of several years."

From his conclusions we take these confident sentiments:—

"We have no apologies to make, we have done what we could. We have honestly endeavored to make Royal Arch Masonry more worth while in North Dakota. We may have failed, but it was not for lack of effort. We do not know how much has been accomplished. We leave that to you to determine. Our conscience is clear. We are deeply grateful for the honor conferred and it shall always be to us a stimulus to larger effort and finer consecration to the great principles underlying our Royal Craft."

The Fraternal Correspondent, M.E. Comp. Eben George Guthrie, makes his tenth report, and it is without doubt one of the most interesting features of the Proceedings. We take the following extracts to give a taste of his quality:—

"To make a friend is a mighty constructive work; to lose one is nothing short of an awful calamity. Friendship has
many comprehensive definitions, but let me suggest one simple in character: It is the cord which binds your heart to mine. You cannot expect to have your friend's heart if you do not give him yours. To have a friend, you must be one.

"At the risk of being termed a disturber of the usual order of things, or a radical making an effort to reform a condition of long standing and thereby upsetting the customary order of progression which has become firmly established, I am going to raise my voice to support and advocate the abolition of promotion in the line.

"The honor of becoming the Chief of the Order should depend upon merit and not result from a favor which was bestowed years ago and carried along by sufferance to the end. Let us advocate a system which will do more than merely perpetuate the personal preference of one who was in power a score of years ago.

"Let us make a definite distinction between personal reward and a Grand honor; let us consider the future in reference to the present rather than the past, and accept the past as a guide but not necessarily a precedent to be followed.

"It occurs to your correspondent that not enough stress is placed on instructing candidates in the several Capitular degrees. The candidate receives his degrees and no examination is required as to his fitness or ability to proceed, yet he is presumed to be in a position to dispense light and truth to uninformed Masons, wherever dispersed, but in truth he is sent away on the high seas of Masonry like a ship without chart or rudder, possessed of a few phrases of his obligation, which to him are without meaning."

With regard to their welcoming the Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, he admits that this has provoked merriment in some circles and mild criticism in others, but he claims that it was only out of "courtesy to one of our own kin."

The Grand Secretary and he appear to be on the most intimate terms. That these Westerners do breezily enjoy one another is apparent from the statement of the Grand Secretary that more than the omission from a printed circular can do away with George. He is the frat. correspondent "ad lib" —"de jure," "sic semper tyrannis."

Canada is not the only country that suffers from stress and hard times as appears from the report from the Third District:

"If you ask how in view of short crops, high taxes, low prices for farm products and all the other misfortunes in-
cident to human life, we managed to get these applications, my only answer is that the Companions of Rabboni Chapter believe in Capitular Masonry, they value its teachings, they want their brethren of the Blue Lodges to 'Eat bread' with them and they have shown their interest by giving some of their time to the work of "rebuilding the house of the Lord, without the hope of fee or reward."

The Committee on Necrology says well:

"The good Gray poet Whittier never gave expression to a truer statement than in those lines in 'Snow Bound':

"Life is ever Lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own."

"Your Committee is mindful of the fact that there are those who would prefer that this report be printed without reading, not because of any lack of love and sympathy for those who are gone, but rather because somehow death is not a pleasant theme upon which to dwell. To such we would repeat, 'Life is ever Lord of Death.'"

The Committee on the Good of the Order, illustrating the continuity and permanence of Benjamin Franklin Road Stones, says:

"Those stone markers still stand where they were originally placed, showing how well he did his work.

"As this Grand Chapter meets to-day it is marking off the 35th birthday of its life, work and progress.

"It is an inspiring thing to celebrate and reflect upon the birthdays of great men and great organizations. But to-day it may be fitting to consider also what we do with the time between birthdays.

"Let it be specially called to the attention of each local Chapter that there is annually printed and published a printed volume of the doings of the Grand Chapter and that every year this printed volume is added to the archives of each local Chapter and that its contents make worth while reading for every Chapter Mason."

The Companions from Manitoba were made honorary members.

Forty Grand Representatives responded to the call. Canada was not represented. George H. Keyes should have been there. The Grand High Priest says "they typified a tie which was growing stronger year by year."

Their Grand Chapter Dinner was a wonderful success, and we appreciate the international courtesy described in the following paragraphs:
“Three toasts were proposed: First, To the President of the United States and the American Republic—‘America’ was sung in response. Second, To the King and the British Commonwealth of Nations, especially the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Manitoba,—‘God Save the King’ was sung in response. Third, To the Solidarity of the English-speaking Peoples,—‘The Battle Hymn of the Republic’ was sung in response.”

Under the Order of High Priesthood a new and jovial bond of union was formed and three of the articles are as follows:

3. That its purpose shall be for fostering and cementing those ties which have bound them together during the years that have gone.

4. That its meetings shall be held annually for the breaking of bread and enjoyment of reminiscences.

5. That its rule shall be, for each member and guest to pay for his own annual dinner.

Comp. Guthrie in his able review finds much to comment on and quote in the different lands he visits.

Under Alabama we find:

“He issued a dispensation for organizing one new Chapter, issued a new charter for another, and issued many dispensations for the hurry-up process, although he disapproved of the practice, but granted them for sufficient reasons.

“We are glad to read that he acknowledged his disapproval, yet are sorry that he disregarded his inner promptings, for only in rare, exceptional cases is there real need and that is not when the purpose is purely for advancement to prepare for other rites and ceremonies.”

Under California we take this paragraph:

“Companion Max Plumb again presents the Report on Correspondence in topical form. It is very evident that the Grand Chapter want it in that form, and that he should continue in the practice, though he confesses that nearly all the other states use the other style of report. He says that some brickbats have been thrown at him and that some of them were unkindly. It is to be regretted that he should take the brickbat as having been thrown at him, for we are sure that they were intended only for the form of his report. We stand here to confess that we have not only not defended such a review, but have harshly criticised it, but such criticism would lose its effect on Companion Plumb.”

Under Idaho we find this appropriate comment which Canada might make in several Jurisdictions
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on account of absent Grand Representatives—"our envoy evidently thinks his commission has expired, so he did not attempt an appearance."

From Iowa we garner the following:—

"We can do little in making a man a Mason other than in name; what we want is evidence from him that he can and will produce just such work as is wanted for the building of this earthly Temple. To my mind, Masons are born, not made, and when so born we can fit them out with tools and implements that will enable them to better understand and practice our teachings

"If expert workmen are in charge of the machinery, they will be better equipped to expound knowledge to the novitiate, but with inexperience endeavoring to teach the initiate, no good results can be obtained, regardless of the birth-mark of the entrant. We want more students of Masonic tradition and research, then we shall establish a stronger Masonic force of example."

Rhode Island gives him opportunity for this comment:—

"This paragraph is good enough to be made part of the records:

"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."

To Canada he does more than justice, and in a fine review says:—

"Grand First Principal Spencer submitted an inspiring and instructive address, most of which was of local interest, but always carrying a tone of action and spirit. In the matter of Grand Representatives, he held that vacancies should be created in the case of those who do not attend, as there are plenty of young, ambitious Craftsmen who would be inspired to greater effort by such reward. The Grand Z. is absolutely right in that, and as they have had a law on their books since 1907 to that effect, he should have lopped off a lot of the
old branches and set out the new sprouts, so that the demonstration could have been illustrated by a good and efficient crop of Grand Representatives at their 1923 Convocation, for pruning seemed to be needed.

“The report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry was written by that able artist, Companion Ponton, who is competent to do justice to whatever task is given him. We have taken an excerpt from his report which appears in another place in our review.

“Companion Edward B. Brown presented his 8th Annual Review of Foreign Correspondence, then asked to be relieved from further duty, an announcement which was accepted with much regret. Companion Brown is an accomplished Reviewer and we are sorry that he felt compelled to relinquish the task. He covered one hundred and forty pages in his report, all of which stamp him as being in the front rank. He is thorough in his reading and just in his opinions.

“While deeply regretting the departure of Companion Brown, we welcomed the arrival of Companion Ponton, who succeeds him. We have quoted him so many times, that we feel almost a personal acquaintance with him, so we greet him as a Knight of the Round Table.”

He winds up his report as usual by what he happily denominates “Pick-ups along the Trail,” and quotes under “Inefficiency:”—

“If talk alone would do the trick,
What vast improvements we would see!
We’d save the sinful and the sick,
And fill the world with honest glee.
From every fault we would be freed,
And midst the generous acclaim,
Ambition and his brother Greed
Would hide their heads in sorrowing shame.”

Canada’s Capitular Masonry Report, based on the pivot sentence, “we cannot camouflage before the Almighty” is quoted.

From Kansas he takes the following:—

“And so our greatest glory is to travel that same road upon which they fared so well which leads to the great world’s altar stairs,

“That slope through darkness up to God,
We live here and they live there and neither without the other is perfect.”

And he concludes with characteristic touch:—

“And so, my dear Companions, herewith is presented my tenth review of the Doings of Other Grand Chapters, with
the sincere hope that I may have brought light to some lesser informed brethren, and that I may not have spent my strength in vain."

The labor is finished—the toiler gone home,

His work is before you—to delight,

Whatever your verdict—it scarce matters not,

The book is all finished—Good Night.

John A. Graham, Bismarck, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**

John William Logan, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 2,711.
Net loss, 40.

How a Grand Chapter full of vitality and of good works such as Nova Scotia can possibly record a loss, becomes less a mystery when we read the reports of the masterly inactivity of two of the Grand Superintendents. Compressed within the volume of transactions now before us lie more truths and more suggestive thoughts than in the great majority of the Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions which we have this year reviewed. We prophesy a turn of the tide for Nova Scotia, and that a double gain will be recorded next year for this most worthy, fertile and fruitful Grand Chapter.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation was held in Bridgewater, the 10th day of June, 1924, with a large attendance of Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests and members. This reviewer notes with pleasure the name of M.E. Comp. Edgar N. Clements, an old comrade in Varsity and Osgoode Hall days, and R.E. Comp. W. E. Logan, Past Grand King.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with Nevada, holding its Grand Convocation at the same day and hour.

Grand Representatives from Canada and many other Jurisdictions sent fraternal greetings and letters.
The acting Grand High Priest of New Brunswick was welcomed and gave an interesting address emphasizing the importance of cultivating the fraternal spirit between the Grand Jurisdictions.

Under the heading of Necrology in the Grand High Priest's address we take the following:

"Each year in these Grand Convocations, we pause to honor those whose work on the Great Trestle Board of Life has been finished since we last met. This year the number is unusually large."

"Released from earthly toil and strife,
With Thee is hidden still their life;
Thine are their thoughts; their work, their powers—
Are Thine, Great Architect, and ours:
For well we know, where e'er they be,
Our dead are living unto Thee."

He was not called upon to give any decisions and thus explains the suggestive reason why:

"We have not been asked for any decisions which prove that the Constitution as rearranged and with the annotations, is being studied more intelligently and provides for nearly every question that may arise."

His visitations were many:

"During the year, it was my privilege and my very great pleasure to visit all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction with the exception of Shannon, No. 9."

On the state of the Craft he says:

"Unfortunately the returns, which the Grand Secretary will lay before you, show a small decrease in our membership, which can no doubt be attributed to the business depression, and general unrest which have prevailed for the past year."

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"I regret to have to report that some of the Grand Superintendents have not given their office the care and attention which is required, if they are to accomplish that which was hoped for when the office was created, and would suggest to my successor that he most strongly urge the importance of this office on all who accept it."

From the clear-cut report of the Grand Secretary we take this paragraph:—

"This it is to be hoped is but an indication of the improvement in the conferring of degrees that will follow the issuance of the Ritual and that the permanent effect of this study and labor during this and the coming years will be to give a better conception of the meaning contained in these Capitular degrees and in so doing to create in the minds of both officer and candidate a higher appreciation of them and a more earnest attention to the building up of our Subordinate Chapters."

It will be noted that Nova Scotia has always had the nomenclature of Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe for the three chief officers, and they are even drawing the lines more tightly:—

"We recommend that in future any elected and installed High Priest who fails to receive the Order of High Priesthood as provided by the Constitution, shall not be permitted to perform any of the duties of his office nor entitled to rank as a Past High Priest of his Chapter at the expiration of the term for which he was elected."

Some of the Grand Superintendents are justly scored for their neglect of duty and violation of trust.

The Grand Archivist, R.E. Comp. Reginald V. Harris, who has now given up the post on assuming that of Grand King, gives a most interesting report from which we take the following excerpts:—

1. During the year I have made extensive researches regarding the early history of Capitular Masonry in Canada, particularly in this Province, obtaining considerable information from England, Scotland, Ireland and Massachusetts. I have discovered in our own Archives conclusive evidence establishing the fact that Royal Arch Masonry was active in Quebec from 1760 to 1791, the latter being the earliest date hitherto established; also from various sources that the various degrees were conferred in Nova Scotia as early as 1760 and possibly as early as 1757, our earliest date hitherto established being 1780. I am convinced that more remains to be discovered and that the story when written will open an entirely new chapter in the history of Freemasonry in America.

4. In accordance with the amendment to the Constitution made at last Convocation, several Chapters appointed Archivists or History Committees to write the history of their Chapters, I have given some of the committees what
assistance I could, and during the coming year several histories should be ready for publication.

"If some such plan is followed, and an index of all papers printed to date inserted each year, I feel sure that we will not only interest our own Jurisdiction but other Jurisdictions throughout the world and eventually complete the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Nova Scotia."

He then presented a Key-stone to Grand Chapter which was thus received:—

"V. E. Comp. R. V. Harris held the interested attention of the Companions as he exhibited a beautiful Keystone quarried from the marble of the famous quarries of King Solomon in Palestine."

And the following Resolution was adopted:—

"That this Grand Chapter purchase stock in the Freemasons' Hall at Halifax to the amount of five hundred dollars with the understanding that in furnishing the Chapter Room a suitable place shall be provided in which the stone from King Solomon's quarries, presented to this Grand Chapter by the V. E. Grand Archivist, Companion R. V. Harris, may be placed."

Appended to the volume of Proceedings are a most valuable paper on the origin and history of the Capitular Degrees, by R.E. Comp. R. V. Harris, and a historical sketch of Joseph Conway Brown, who died in 1871, and which is virtually a history of a large period of time of the Grand Chapter. It is by R.E. Comp. Porter. It would be useless to try to reproduce a portion of these essays within our limited space. We trust they may be published separately in pamphlet form.

With regard to Comp. Brown it was said:—

"Scarcely ever have we been so deeply pained at the loss of one we had never seen face to face. The fraternal tone of his reports, the Masonic learning and zeal they bore witness to, and the warm-hearted affection for the brotherhood that shone forth everywhere in them, made the sad announcement fall with freezing chill upon the heart. Friend, brother, companion, farewell."

V.E. Comp. Rev. H. L. Haslam was elected Grand Archivist.

The report on Correspondence is also the work of the Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. Porter, and is in every way satisfying.
Addressing the Companions of Grand Chapter he says:—

"This Report has been written for you. In it an effort has been made to convey to you the trend of Capitular thought and endeavor found in the Proceedings of the various Grand Jurisdictions; also an idea of the criticism or appreciation expressed in regard to this Grand Jurisdiction. These will be found scattered through the different Reports—read them."

Under Alabama he finds the following:—

"It is inspiring to read the record of a life like that of their Grand Chaplain recently deceased. One of those not wanting when 'duty calls or danger.'

"The only quarrel we have with him is that he is among the few who use the word 'Foreign.' We regard him as just as much one of us as if he was just across the way in Georgia, or any other neighboring state.

"Thanks for the kindly assurance, but the word 'Foreign' was used by our first correspondent and so it is apt to remain, although personally we prefer 'Fraternal' believing that the word 'foreign' has no application among those to whom fraternal recognition is extended."

Canada receives generous comment, and each Jurisdiction is preceded by a definite mention of the Grand Representative of Nova Scotia, either positive or negative, present or absent:—

"Note please, the Grand Representatives were received and at the invitation of the Grand Z. given seats on the dais.

"The Grand Chapter of Canada made an innovation this year by taking two days instead of one for its Convocation and so many good things were said and done that choice of matter is difficult.

"This Convocation will be remembered, in that Charters were granted to two new Grand Chapters, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This is something unrivalled in Masonic history.

"A decision by the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania was read by M. E. Comp. Spencer which evidenced the courtesy and brotherly sentiment existing. It allowed Pennsylvania Chapters to receive as visitors members of Chapters in Canada, although they had not received the Past Master's Degree.

"One of the pleasing incidents of the year was the presentation to M. E. Comp. Ponton of a handsome grandfather's clock by the Grand Z., on behalf of Grand Chapter. M. E. Comp. Ponton is known widely as the Orator of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada, and we use the term Canada in its
geographical significance. He is also known in the Grand Chapter of Canada as one of its inspiring workers."

He makes good extracts from M.E. Comp. Spencer's address which he praises, especially his word to the Chapters:—

"Let it be understood that Royal Arch Masonry is not a stepping stone or an after thought, that has been tacked on to Ancient Craft Masonry, but that it is part of that Ancient body, although working under a Grand Body of its own.

"Make it known to Master Masons that the Most Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch is calculated to impress upon one's mind an affirmation belief in the existence and attributes of a Supreme Being, and that it directs a due reverence for His great and Sacred name."

Comp. Brown will appreciate Comp. Porter's kindly reference in the following:—

"R. E. Comp. Brown gives Nova Scotia, 1922, his usual courteous and sympathetic review. We regret in common with all the other Grand Correspondents that Comp. Brown has retired from the work. He was elected Grand Historian."

From Colorado we take these clippings from his review:—

"Something unique was an evening when the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by Past Grand High Priests and it is stated that the work was done in a very creditable manner. This seemed to be a matter of surprise to younger Companions, which is in accord with the spirit of the age."

The Grand Representative for Canada was called upon near the close of the Convocation and responded in a fine address from which we excerpt:—

"We are just following a little too far the spirit of the times, the spirit of unrest, or dissatisfaction, and of disagreement and bickerings. If you can not agree with another Mason, just have your fight out inside. Don't parade our differences throughout the world. The fact that our differences of opinion among each other—and we would not be men if we did not differ in opinions—are made public, sometimes published in the newspapers, to-day in my judgment is belittling Freemasonry. We don't need advertisements in the public newspapers.

"If I had my way about it, no man who was not a Blue Lodge Mason would ever see the inside of a Lodge room. I would not have any one know what is in there. This would be one of the greatest attractions of our organization. I say,
my Brethren, the more we parade Masonry to the world, whether it is our differences of opinion or our agreements, the more harm it does the Order.”

Connecticut gives him this good matter:—

“He told of several visits to other Grand Jurisdictions and says very truly:

“Companions, if we are to maintain the very cordial relations with our sister Jurisdictions that we now enjoy, we must of necessity exchange fraternal visits, and we cannot expect any Grand Chapter to send a delegation to our meetings unless we in return visit them.

“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.”

Under Missouri he praises the Order of High Priesthood:—

“This superlatively beautiful and impressive degree will be conferred during this Convocation. I strongly urge every High Priest and Past High Priest who has not already received it to take this work without delay. The cost is small and the value very great.”

And again under Nevada he says:—

“The Order of High Priesthood met, paid tribute to a deceased officer of whom they could say, ‘Our lives are the poorer for his going’ and transacted business.

“Thanks, Comp. Vanderleith, for your first word ‘Always an attractive volume is Nova Scotia’s.’ From one whose own work proves him so capable of judging, praise means a good deal.”

His Pennsylvania review gives us the following:—

“The Annual Grand Convocation was held on St. John’s Day, opening at seven o’clock p.m., and closed at nine o’clock forty minutes. M. E. Comp. Richard Spencer, Grand Z. of Canada, was a guest.

“M. E. Comp. John M. Core, Grand High Priest, delivered an address showing that much constructive work had been done during the year and incidentally, that the Grand High Priest had been a strong working force in accomplishing it.”

We read with much interest under Scotland the following:—

“The Royal Arch Masonry of Scotland seems to have had the same origin claimed by some on this continent. We ex-
cerpt from the speech of M. E. Comp. Nisbet, who is Ireland’s Grand Representative.

"‘But there is one thing which also interests me to-night, and that is, if you remember, that it was from Ireland that Royal Arch Masonry in Scotland sprang. We are now celebrating the 180th Anniversary of the oldest known record of Royal Arch Masonry in Scotland. The oldest record is that, I believe, of "Stirling Rock" Chapter. The oldest minute is dated 1743. I believe that that Chapter and others had been working before that, but there are no extant records of their working; but they were no doubt going very strong at that time, and they really got their Royal Arch Masonry from Ireland, from Irish regiments quartered there, who came over and were quartered in the North and West of Scotland. They imparted Royal Arch Masonry into the Craft Lodges in these districts, and after that Royal Arch Masonry began to take a strong hold in Scotland, and has come to what it is now.’"

Endorsed on the back of the Proceedings are these impressive words which should be observed by us:—

"Three copies of these Proceedings are by order of the Grand Chapter sent to each Subordinate Chapter in the Jurisdiction and are intended exclusively for the use of the Chapter, and not as the personal property of any officer or member."

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Halifax, 9th of June, 1925.

Pius J. S. Otto, Dartmouth, Grand High Priest.
Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary.

**OHIO.**

B. F. Perry, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 74,748.
Net gain, 3,212.

The opening of this, one of the largest Grand Chapters in the world, is thus formally recorded in the Transactions:—

Columbus, Ohio, October 3, 1923, A. I. 2453.

"The officers and members of the Grand Chapter assembled at the Deshler Hotel, and were escorted to the Masonic Temple by Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templars, led by the American Legion Band. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio then convened
in its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation, in the large auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in this city, at 9 o'clock a.m., standard time."

A photograph of a very companionable man in the features of the Grand High Priest introduce this volume.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests rallied by his side with their usual fidelity.

A prayer of invocation by Grand Chaplain Mitchell is entirely out of the ordinary, and we quote:—

"We thank Thee for the good providence that makes it possible for us to be present under auspices so favorable, and in this glorious autumnal season may there be a natural ripening of the noblest desires which Thou hast inspired within us, that we may indeed bear much fruit, to the honor and glory of Thy holy and mighty name. Be Thou present, we pray Thee, for we covet Thy favor and we ask Thy blessing.

"May we rejoice in the prosperity of our fellowmen. May we be sympathetic towards those who are suffering and in distress. Especially bear in mind our guests, enjoying our hospitality, and the institution inaugurated by this body and sustained by the Fraternity at large in our great commonwealth. Grant, Father, that these, our Companions, the widows and the children of other Companions, may greatly enjoy their stay in this Institution, and may others who hereafter may join them and receive the protection, the medical skill and the care given to them, be the more happy because they are identified with our beloved Order."

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio gave an excellent address and we cannot resist quoting the following paragraphs:—

"And we welcome you, not only for our own gratification and pleasure but for the great silent, resistless potent influence that you are bringing to bear in steadying the great ship of our public institutions and protecting it against disaster.

"Again, Companions, everything that could be said by a man of more gifts of speech than I have, I want you to understand is said here to-day. We have a city administration here that I may say, without any partisanship, because I am on the other side, is the first clean, entirely decent, efficient administration that we have ever had, and the head of every department of that administration is a Royal Arch Mason."
Distinguished visitors were then introduced from the General Grand Chapter, from Massachusetts, from the Royal and Select Masters, and finally General Grand High Priest Kuhn himself, who gave a delightful and breezy address, from which we take the concluding sentence to show that Masonry is not all solemn:—

"I will not detain you longer. But I am reminded of another incident which I must tell you. A celebrated orator had a faculty of premising his ideas by saying, 'Did you ever stop to think?' Then he would talk for twenty minutes. Then he would come back and say, 'Did you ever stop to think?' And he would take twenty minutes longer. After he had repeated that about ten times, some fool in the back of the audience—there are always those fellows around you know—got up and when the speaker said, 'Did you ever stop to think?' this fellow said, 'Yes, but Mister, did you ever think to stop?' I will stop now and see you later.'"

Massachusetts contributed this fine sentence:—

"And it is in that spirit of friendship, fellowship and fraternity that we greet you, and would ever meet, act and part."

In the address of the Grand High Priest we find many thoughts which we would like to reproduce, but must content ourselves with the following:—

"A study of the reports now available indicates that we have passed the high tide of increase in membership following the war, and are again approaching normal conditions. While jealousy and apprehension are sowing seeds of discord among the peoples of the earth, the members of the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction have dwelt together in perfect harmony—a living example of the lessons taught.

"The fraternity, the nation, and the world have lost a friend. The extent of that loss can not yet be justly appraised.

"Finally, without in the least detracting from its importance, permit me to suggest that the conferring of degrees is but a means to an end—the admission of a brother into that inner circle of our fraternity composed alone of Companions. Whatever you may do to awaken interest in Capitular Masonry in your District, to increase the attendance, to draw these Companions closer together, will be the greatest service you can render the Chapter."

It is of interest to note that a new Chapter was constituted and consecrated under the name of Toronto Chapter No. 221, and the officers of To-
ronto were duly installed. This reviewer would suggest that some of the Chapters in Toronto establish a chain of correspondence with their name-sake in Ohio.

Among fraternal courtesies Canada is specially mentioned on requests to Brantford and to Edmonton. The Edmonton request had to be declined, and is thus recorded:

"A very courteous letter refusing this request states the law of that Grand Jurisdiction as follows: 'It is a standing regulation in our Grand Chapter, either with our local Chapters or those of other Jurisdictions, that a brother must have, at least, the Mark Master Degree, before he can receive the remaining degrees in another Chapter. If Brother Arthur Dufresne had received his Mark Degree in Kilwinning Chapter, we would have been only too pleased to have given him the remaining ones.'"

Under Grand Representatives this is of interest for it emphasizes the great service performed by Grand Representatives on the occasion of the death and funeral of the late President Harding in California, where Ex. Comp. Whiteman did splendid service:

"In the language of Resolution 22 of this Grand Chapter, 'the system of the exchange of Grand Representatives between the respective Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the world, whilst usually involving no specific duties, yet is such an expression of fraternal love, good will and reciprocal courtesies between Grand Bodies and those of their obedience that the system should be especially fostered and commended.'"

Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

Of the Home he says:

"It appears to me to be the nearest approach to a real home that has yet been attained. I wish every Royal Arch Mason of Ohio might have seen all that we saw that day, I feel sure you would have caught the spirit of the place which is that of a real home."

And from the well of his conclusions we draw this bucket of clear water:

"There are at this Convocation, the representatives of an army of nearly seventy-five thousand picked men, distributed throughout the entire State, and forming a part of the commercial, social and moral life of every community. Indeed,
were the members of the Craft to withdraw, it would be necessary to reorganize every activity which makes for the betterment of the community. Not one alone, but every member of this army has been taught reverence for God, loyalty to the government of the country where he resides, and his duty to his fellowmen. To understand aright that duty, one must understand brotherhood in its broader sense.

"The birthright of every American is opportunity."

A new office appears under Ohio, denominated the Necrologist, and from his report we take the following touching sentences:—

"Companions: A Necrology Report of the good need not be depressing. Is it right to regret the arrival in port of navigators after a safe passage through all the storms and other perils of a protracted voyage?

"The happy ripening of age and character came with wisdom's right hand blessing—length of days, while the left hand favor—riches and honor—came in due proportion.

"Among those untitled Masons we count one whose loss is a national misfortune.

"Know ye not there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

"When Warren Gamaliel Harding, President of the United States, closed his earthly career the world's chief office lost no ordinary occupant."

In the address of M.E. Comp. Kuhn, full of humour and gentle touch, he describes some of his travels and his special mode of recognition. He passed unnoticed for a long time, but finally was identified. He tells it as follows:—

"They didn't see my little Blue Lodge pin. And I simply said to my little Blue Lodge pin, 'Never mind; don't be worried; they wouldn't know you if they met you in the middle of the street.'

"Please note, one man out of a half a dozen that recognized a Blue Lodge pin, and he happened to be a colored man. He recognized the courtesy called for by the Blue Lodge pin. I had not gone high enough to suit the others. The rest did not know it."

In his great address in the evening, which we hope will be published in pamphlet form, he said among other good things:—

"This means that the Royal Arch Degree is a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, and the Orders of Chivalry were recognized as Masonic. This constitutes York Rite Freemasonry. It naturally follows that one degree is not higher
than another, but is a part of the unfolding of an interesting story, and the Royal Arch is as much a part of Ancient Craft Masonry as the Master's Degree, and it may be truthfully stated that no one is in possession of all of Ancient Craft Masonry without the Royal Arch. In this interesting relation and co-relation we have the beautiful symbolism of the Loss, the Recovery and the interpretation of the Master's Word. If there is a Loss there must be a Recovery, and the Recovery is of little value unless you interpret the Recovery. It would be merely theoretical, philosophical nonsense to discover the Master's Word, and fail to interpret it in a practical application to our duties as Freemasons.

"The Master Mason did not receive that which was promised him, because he was not qualified in those things that 'Mark the perfect man.'

"It is all right to belong to a party; but it is all wrong to have the party own him, and he fail to exercise horse sense in analyzing questions. A Freemason ought to be an independent man, with no yoke about his neck. When Freemasons can analyze questions, consider them deliberately, come to a rational conclusion; they are coming closer to receiving the Master's Word.

"Companions, just a moment. I will tell you a little story. It is said that during the war a Scotch regiment was stationed near Paris, and one little Scotchman asked another one what about Paris. 'Is it a beautiful city? Can I see anything if I go over there?' He said, 'Yes, it is a beautiful city. Go and see it, for you will never regret it. Get permission of your commanding officer and go to Paris.' It was late in the evening when the little Scotchman came back; it was dark; and, of course, like many Scotchmen, perhaps he had too much. But he was coming in. And the guard said to him, 'Who goes there?' 'Why,' he said, 'It is me.' The guard said, 'That may be true, but who are you?' Well, he said, 'I am the end of a perfect day.'"

How many of us could thus personify this ideal of the joy of life from the spiritual and spirituous point of view and retrospect.

Canada's Representative in Ohio is Wilden E. Joseph, of Columbus. The venerable Hugh McKay (one of Nature's noblemen), of Hamilton, represents Ohio with us.

A beautiful picture of the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield, splendid in architecture and comfortable in equipment, reproduces the shrine of Masonic devotion for Ohio; and full statistics and names of those resident are given with businesslike detail.
APPENDIX

The report of Foreign Correspondence is by M.E. Comp. O. P. Sperra. It is his fifteenth and well expresses the experience he has had. He opens as follows:—

“Our Fifteenth Annual Report is herewith submitted. We have endeavored to collect the more important happenings in the Capitular World from the various proceedings and give them to our Ohio Companions for their benefit and consideration. We trust that the effort we have thus made will meet with their approbation.”

Under California we find:—

“The very magnitude of the matter challenges the courage, determination, faithfulness, loyalty, devotion and all the powers of body, mind and spirit of the man to the task.

“A few special dispensations were issued. Three of these we were unable to understand, because they allowed the balloting on petitions without their being referred to a committee of investigation.”

Canada is generously treated, and we make the following extracts from his review:—

“V. E. Comp. Hugh A. Mackey, of Hamilton, the Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Ohio, near that Grand Chapter, was in attendance.

“Companion Alfred Maguire, the mayor of Toronto, being introduced to Grand Chapter, made a very impressive address of welcome with many wise thoughts of Masonic interest. Among other things he said:—

‘When we consider the state of the world at large, and particularly the European part of it, we can make bold to say that if the people there were to imbibe the spirit of brotherhood which characterizes our Masonic Craft they would be lifted to a higher plane, and the world would be vastly benefited.’

“Most Excellent Companion R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., impressed us as being a thoughtful Mason.

“The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was present, and interested in the work, Most Excellent Companion W. N. Ponton.

“From the address of Grand High Priest Curtis Chipman we clip the following beautiful thought:

“It may be that generations have been born to bring each one of us to a point where somewhere, somehow, we are to stretch forth the hand to a fellow being at his hour of need; when the one great purpose of our lives shall be upon us, and we must not fail.’

“We again take the liberty of making an excerpt, and from the report of the Committee on ‘Condition of Capitular Masonry’ we quote the following:—
"‘What a glorious opportunity these Corps Commanders, these Captains Courageous, these semaphores and sentinels, have of shedding that light of radio-activity which both illumines and warms, and of erecting and maintaining that living arch of humanity—God-fearing, law-abiding, virile and companionable men.’

“The volume of Proceedings abounded in good things, and we would be glad to give more of it, but our space is limited. The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is an excellent one.”

Colorado gives him this fine old gem:—

"'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 of the Soul alway.”

From Maryland we take the following striking thoughts and dynamic words:—

“In order that I might meet the faithful, the regulars, who are the backbone of every Chapter, I decided to visit each Chapter without notice. I may have been criticised for this method, but I found that by it I accomplished what I wanted, that is, to know who were the workers in each Chapter, and how they conducted the proceedings and in what shape the respective Chapters were.”

Listen to this tribute to a strong man:—

“No weakling, or time-saver, he. No one ever wondered where he would be found on any subject of public interest. He scorned a straddler, he despised a dodger. He knew what he believed, and expediency never kept his mouth shut. He was a man—a man of intense convictions and of invincible courage. It is not often that we look upon such a type these days, and the community which loses men of this strong breed loses human towers of strength. Loyal and true and brave, Baltimore is deprived by his death of a mental and moral force as admirable as it is rare.”

It is interesting to note under Nova Scotia that their Jurisdiction covers also Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

Under Pennsylvania we find:—

“Most Excellent Companions W. N. Ponton, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and Most Excellent Companion William E. Krupp, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, were distinguished and
welcome visitors. The Grand High Priest in the opening of his address says: 'Harmony and co-operation, the backbone and sinew of every organization, has characterized all our work.'

From Tennessee we find an old favorite reproduced, and we again share it with our Companions:—

"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! 
Through the days of labor and nights of rest, 
May the love of sweet Allah make you blest! 
So we touch our heart, as the Easterners do— 
May the peace of Allah abide with you!"

At the close our colleague says:—

"As the results of war conditions are being neutralized and normalcy beginning to gain hold sway, the advance of Capitularism in its effort to better the condition and lives of mankind is reaching practical and desirable results."

John P. Kuhns, Columbus, Grand High Priest.
Edwin Hagenbuck, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

Edward Payson Gallup, Grand High Priest. 
Membership, 13,806. 
Net gain, 949. 
Character is outlined in every feature and expression of this visible reproduction of Grand High Priest Gallup and his biography is most interesting. Note the individuality of this western and southern language throughout the Proceedings. It is distinctive, and they evidently love humour. 

From the biography we quote:—

"The one to whom has been assigned the task of bringing the history of a subject up to date admits that his early history is only a matter of cold figures to the writer, and his record since coming to this commonwealth is the only basis upon which to form a story. The fact that 

"A man is only a boy grown tall, 
They do not change much after all," 

will bear out the theory that he must have been a 'regular fellow.'
“It is quite different to-day from what it was when Brother Gallup and a few others were building the foundation upon which primary Masonry has been erected. To a man who does not thoroughly know Gallup, he has the appearance of being what might be termed gruff, but such is not his character. He is firm in his stand on what he thinks is right and has to be convinced before he wavers in opinion. But when ‘Ed. Gallup’ is convinced, he is one of the most decided of all creatures, but he has to be shown.

“Elected Grand High Priest in 1923, and he now hopes to round out his Masonic career by being elected president of the Knife and Fork Club of Oklahoma, a very strong and popular institution.”

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Ada, April 16th, 1924.

The address of welcome was a model of laconic quick fire, and we produce it so that our Companions may become better acquainted with the language and the manner:

“At every convening of these Grand Bodies, it becomes the duty of some local man to tell you something you already know,—that we are glad to have you. I am a Past Master at delivering addresses of welcome to Grand Chapters, although this is the first one I have ever greeted, because I know how to make it snappy and get it through. The Companions of Ada are indeed pleased to have you with us. The convening of such a body of real citizens, real gentlemen, real Masons, reflects credit upon the Craft in general, and is exceedingly pleasing to us of the Craft in Ada in particular. You are welcome to anything and everything in Ada that a Royal Arch Mason wants. We are pleased to have you with us; we trust that your stay in Ada will be pleasant; that your memories of us while in Ada will be as fond as our memories of you will be when you have departed.”

Canada was represented by R.E. Comp. William Noble, Fraternal Correspondent.

The Grand Representatives were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, who said:

“It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome you as representatives of other Grand Chapters. I do not know how many of you know what you represent or what your duties are, but we may be able to tell better when you make your reports from the Grand Chapters you represent. Personally, I wrote the Grand Chapter of Alberta and received a very courteous response, which I will read you.”
He then read the letters from Comp. Ironsides, of Calgary, and Comp. Ed. Worth, of Cobourg, Ont.
The address of the Grand High Priest is interesting and begins as follows:—

"I desire that this welcome may be especially cordial to those who are present for the first time, and that the benefits they may derive from this Convocation, may be an added incentive to continued meetings with us."

He appointed many new Grand Representatives, and exchanged many interstate courtesies. Among his decisions we find the following two:—

"A Companion dimitted in 1916 and now brings his dimit back never having applied for membership in any other Chapter. Does he have to be elected?"
"Answer—Yes. Action would be the same as if dimit issued by some other Chapter."

"A Master Mason having in the last few days moved from the Jurisdiction of this Chapter, has petition for the degrees. Can we receive the petition or must the Brother wait six months and then petition the Chapter where he now resides"
"Answer—if the petition was received before the Brother moved he is your material. You cannot receive it after he has moved from the Jurisdiction of your Chapter."

Under distinguished visitors we quote:—

"Companion T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas, was at this time introduced, and made a highly entertaining and instructive address, and gave us a synopsis of the activities of the work of the Grand Chapter in Texas, which includes the maintaining of a Home for Aged Masons maintained independently of the Orphans’ Home of the Grand Lodge."

Manitoba and Saskatchewan and Queensland were all three duly recognized.

The Students’ Loan Fund in charge of the Educational Committee is the best philanthropic service possible. The Committee say:—

"It is very gratifying to know that the students who participate in our loan fund prove themselves to be among the best students of the schools that they attend. The Secretary upon the advice of the Executive Committee requires each student to submit to us the grades of the studies they carry and by this method we are enabled to know whether we will be justified in assisting them.

"We have to the present time made loans in the aggregate of $10,900.00."
The Masonic Service Association is doing a great work in this as in other Jurisdictions, and the Committee make an excellent report from which we take these extracts:—

"We were all deeply impressed with the scope and magnitude of the work of the Association and the good being done. If any brother has any doubt in his heart as to the advisability of keeping in the front rank of endeavor in the Masonic Service Association of the United States, he has only to attend a National meeting, and hear brethren from over the whole country, who are giving their best effort to the work."

Of De Molay they say:—

"Masons as sponsors for these Chapters have very great responsibility. Too many are neglecting their duty in that regard. A mere guaranteeing of moral and financial support which the sponsoring body does, however important it may be, is not sufficient. They should attend the meeting of the De Molay, and see that the Sponsoring Board were doing their duty.

"Of the Four Hundred Dollars appropriated by this Grand Chapter at its last Convocation, I have used nearly all."

Our colleague, William Noble, gives a vivacious and searching review. In his introduction he says:—

"Again, and for the sixth time, we have made our former aerial but now radio flight throughout the Capitular World, and have reviewed all proceedings received up to date.

"Peace and harmony prevails throughout the United States, Texas and the General Grand Chapter having settled their differences, the troubled waters are troubled no more.

"Scotland is the only disturbing element, with no settlement of differences in sight, but we continue to hope that Scotland will get out of the Philippine Islands in the near future, thereby restoring fraternal relations, because we love Scotland, but want her to do the right thing.

"To the friends of the tribe of the Goose Quill sitting around the Round Table, we say howdy, here is the top of the morning to you, and with the hope that there will be many more reunions, with no break in the chain, for a long time to come.

"In our radio voyage of the year just passed, we have turned in on the following Grand Jurisdictions, 63 in number."

Under California he disapproves of setting bad precedents in granting Dispensations for various
causes which he thinks are not adequate requests for
the general and generous dispensing of privileges
not enjoyable under the Constitution.
Under British Columbia he says:—

"Companion J. W. Prescott wrote the Report on Corre-
spondence, but left Oklahoma out, why we know not, but at
least give Oklahoma the once over in your next, Companion
Prescott.
"His report is a good one, but he says that the Order of
De Molay for boys is not Masonic, and that the De Molay
movement does not require sponsorship for the conduct of its
affairs.
"At any rate, give the boys a chance and help them along,
and if given a chance, they will soon be able to walk alone.
The boys are not Masons but the most of them are the sons
of Masons, so help them along."

Canada receives a generous review. Of our own
Grand Z. he says:—

"Most Excellent Companion Richard H. Spencer, Grand
Z., delivered a splendid address."

With regard to our Correspondence Report, he
gives this comment:—

"The 1923 Correspondence Report was written by Com-
ppanion Edward B. Brown, and for the eighth and last time.
The Capitular World has lost a very valuable man and the
Round Table an excellent and lovable member. We regret
his departure, and wish him success in his future walks of
life, and that his lot may be cast in pleasant places. He
allotted over two pages of his valuable space to Oklahoma and
said Grand High Priest McMahon made a splendid executive.
He says that we failed to review Canada in our fourth report.
Well, the principal reason was, that we failed to receive Can-
da's Proceedings, therefore couldn't report what we didn't
see, but we are here with the bells on this time 'Canada,' and
have tried to give you a fair and impartial hearing."

Under England he records:—

"Two legacies were reported,—one in the sum of £500,
and one-fourth of the residuary estate from another brother.
"Our English Brethren have a well defined educational
programme producing practical results."

Nevada gives him these verses, which this Re-
viewer has used frequently in laying Corner-stones
under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Canada,
and which we reproduce here to perpetuate them:—
“Endurance is the crowning quality and patience all the passion of great hearts.

“And in serving, Companions,

“O see that ye build securely
When the time for building comes,
With square-hewn blocks of righteousness
And corner-stones of faithfulness,
And girders strong of righted wrong
And the blood of our martyrdoms,
And build on that one foundation
That shall make the building sure.
That rock that was laid
Ere the world was made,
Build on Him and you build secure.”

Under New Jersey he pays a proper tribute to our deceased colleague, Henry S. Haines, the well-beloved:

“The Report on Correspondence was made by Companion J. Edward Hardenbergh, who was appointed to succeed the Past Master of Correspondents, Henry S. Haines, who had no peer and who was the equal of any of his predecessors, or those yet permitted to sit at the Round Table, and who will be missed with sadness, for to know Companion Henry S. Haines, was to love and revere him, as we do.”

In his conclusion he quotes from Canada’s Condition of Capitular Masonry Report and thereby pays us a great compliment, and adds:

“But mighty problems are facing our beloved country, and the gravest dangers beset America on every hand, and a call to arms may be made at any time, not necessarily from a foreign foe, but a foe within, in the form of a red flag, bolshevik, soviet, anarchy, socialism and other destroying elements.

“The Masonic fraternity should take time by the forelock and prepare for any eventualities, by precept and example, teaching and practicing patriotism, Americanism and the love of country and its flag.

“FINIS—We are through and our work, whether good or bad, is before you, but heed our warnings and admonitions, before it is too late.

“Play the game as set out in our closing poem.

“I’m gonna try to play the game
And play it hard and play it fair;
I may not win, but just the same
I’m gonna try to do my share.
I may not always meet the test
As well as some more clever guy
But while my heart beats in my chest,
I’m gonna try.
"I’m gonna try to be a friend
That folks can trust, and who they know
Will be the same way to the end
Whether the luck runs high or low;
I’ll hitch my wagon to a star
And set my goal up in the sky
And though I may not get that far,
I’m gonna try."

Next Convocation will be held in Cushing, April 21, 22, 1925.

Thomas J. Wells, Enid, Grand High Priest.
James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

George Glanville Brown, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 6,908.
Net gain, 230.

The biography of the retiring Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Brown, is more than usually interesting, and we quote from it the following:—

“When he was a young man he did three things which all young men would do well to emulate—besides getting married and joining the church, he got a job and stuck to it ever since. For nearly thirty years he has been clerk of the State Land Board and the splendid condition of the State School Fund is due largely to his efficient management of the office.

“At the close of his term of service as Grand Master, when he presided over the Grand Lodge, he had the unique distinction of being both Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, having been inducted into that high office a few days before.

“It is also Companion Brown’s privilege to enjoy another unusual honor is the fact that he has been chosen to the highest office in each of the Bodies which comprise the ‘York Rite.’”

Many Trustees’ meetings were held during the year for the transaction of interlocutory business.

Four special Convocations of Grand Chapter were held for constituting and instituting Chapters.

The Sixty-fourth Convocation was held in the City of Albany, Oregon, April 14th, 1924. Ten Past Grand High Priests showed that their past
honours were not forgotten in their present responsibilities.

Canada's Grand Representative was not present—a negative record we are sorry to report from many Jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest's address does not forget those who have passed before. He effectively and feelingly quotes:

"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 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.'"

He keeps in close touch with Grand Lodge as shown by the following recommendation:

"The Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Oregon, at its seventy-third Convocation, amended its by-laws to require payment of dues in advance, and I recommend that similar action be taken by this Grand Body."

And in conclusion says:

"Though my official connection with these bodies is ended, I do not expect to discontinue my attendance at the sessions, but hope to be with you for many years to come for—

'Tis the human touch in the world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
That means more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine.
For the shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And food lasts only a day;
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Will live in the soul alway."

The Grand Orator made a fine address entirely out of the ordinary and linking up the Chapter with the life of the nation in such a way that we think it best to reproduce a page in full that it may be considered in this rather novel way by our Companions. He speaks of his actual purpose without dogmatically insisting upon the acceptance of his argument and solution as follows:

"It is briefly to review some of the precepts of Capitular Masonry, which appeal to me as the most salient, not alone
to refresh our minds upon them, but to instill a disposition
to more practically apply them and to inspire a more fruitful
study of them in their relation and comparative value to
each other and us.

"One of them is that an employer has a right to contract
for labor without regard to the price that he may be paying
other laborers. It is the lesson of the integrity of a con-
tract, the absolute, unquestionable right of dominion over
and ownership of property.

"Another is that at all times we should render fair value
for what we receive.

"Another is that anonymity is to be avoided and its pro-
duct is to be rejected.

"Another that we must sacrely accord to others their
rights and their possessions.

"Another is the necessity of exercising caution in enter-
ing into engagements. This teaches that many times we
find ourselves embarrassed by hastily made promises.

"Another that we must avoid the practice of deception.

"Another that we must submit to the law.

"Another precept teaches that sometimes an advantage is
to be gained by cutting the red tape of routine and doing
something differently from our fellows; and that is supple-
mented by the axiom that many times apparently valueless
objects are really of inestimable worth.

"Another lesson is the lesson of the charter, the necessity
for a warrant of authority.

"And still another is the recognition given to the exulta-
tion which rightfully ensues upon meritorious accomplish-
ment.

"And again to the exaltation of those who are endowed
with sincere humility.

"We are also taught to seek the truth with swiftness,
courage, patience and wisdom, and that 'Holiness belongeth
to the Lord.'

"Then there are lessons of the arch. Its essential sup-
port is at the point of union of the parts extending upward
from its basic pillars, thus typifying the true Masonic ideal
of union between otherwise widely separated minds, hearts
and peoples.

"In every walk of life, we have all of us many times,
longed for the spirit of the young fellow-craft who threw his
own work away and took up other work because of its sin-
gular form and beauty. Theology has progressed just in
proportion as it has abandoned its spirit of dogmatic con-
tention and found beauty in new fields of truth.

"To Masons, it is supererogation to hold forth upon the
value of a name for the zenith of a Mason's aspiration is to
be worthy of the Name of all Names; but it is undeniable
that the lesson of the mark is a valuable as well as a most
practicable.
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"And then the lesson of Abou Ben Adhem, who was content to be known as a lover of man and whose name because of this 'led all the rest,' the lesson of the exaltation of genuine humility, makes strong appeal to all thoughtful and reflective minds.

"To search constantly for the truth, the divine attribute, the foundation of every virtue, Truth, which, 'crushed to the earth will rise again, for the eternal years of God are hers', this, we are taught is the principal object of Masonic study; and well may we pause before we place any precept above it.

"The spirit of rebuilding is the greatest single qualification of true dependable character. 'The man worth while, is the man who can smile, when everything goes dead wrong.' To my mind, the inculcation and development of this spirit constitute the greatest glory of Royal Arch Chapters.

"In conclusion, Companions, may I submit that in all the ethical teachings of all the moral philosophies, nothing more commendable, grander or more sublime can be found than the lesson of unselfish service in rebuilding the Temple."

The Committee on Jurisprudence makes several reports and is completely seized of its duties:—

David A. Clark, of Toronto, represents Oregon in Canada, and Donald McKay, of Portland, represents Canada in Oregon.

The Correspondence Report is written by R.E. Comp. Walter O. Haines, who in his introduction says:—

"The Proceedings for 1923 have less of general interest than for several years past. With the slowing up of the rush for degrees has come the lessening of the demand for legislation to prevent Master Masons from advancing. Now the various bodies are beginning to see the effects of being swept off their feet by the hue and cry of those who fancied that the rush was all for the purpose of joining the Shrine. Chapter applications are fewer than before and the baneful effects of hasty legislation will be felt for some time to come. In one State, at least, there was an average of less than one team for each Chapter for the year.

"While we, personally, believe that there is a possibility of the General Grand Chapter being of great use to Capitular Masonry we freely admit that our opinion of it as at present constituted is far from complimentary."

California gives him this thought, which we reproduce:—

"Attempts have been made and are still being made to enkindled in the minds of certain members, a hatred because
of religion or sect, but this is not consonant with our vaunted doctrine of tolerance, and we are aware that this wholesome principle has caused many creeds to kneel at our sacred altars in taking the vows of Masonry. It is my belief that such radicalism, both towards the government and our fraternity, must be conquered. It must be ended, less stigma and reproachment be placed on our banners and prove of benefit to our age-old foes. It is for you to choose and I trust that you will choose wisely and for the best interests of our beloved fraternity."

"Oregon may well give heed to such sentiments."

Canada is favourably reviewed. He says of the Grand Z. and other officers: —

"In closing he uses these words: —

"'Let it be understood that Royal Arch Masonry is not a stepping stone or an after thought that has been tacked onto Ancient Craft Masonry, but it is part of that Ancient body, although working under a Grand Body of its own.'

"The sum of $3,010.00 was expended for benevolence during the year which is characteristic of our Canadian Companions.

"The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry made a report which is well worth reading. We wish we could quote at length from it, but space forbids. The thought most to the front in the report is expressed in the one sentence: —

"'Help me to need no aid from men, that I may aid such men as need.'

"The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by R.E. Companion E. B. Brown, who in submitting his report said that he would not be able to continue to serve as fraternal correspondent. He received a vote of thanks from the Grand Chapter for his services to which he responded. The present report is his eighth, and we can say that we have enjoyed his reports and will miss them."

The much discussed Bill on Education, known as the Towner-Sterling Bill, and the Federal legislation proposed is more fully explained under the District of Columbia than in any other Jurisdiction, and this is naturally so. As it is a matter of such wide interest, we think it best to reproduce rather fully their comments upon the psychology that underlies the Bill: —

"Apparently, what the friends of the bill had in mind was a greatly needed co-ordination of methods, and the support of the federal government in giving popular education the prestige it must have if the schools are successfully to do the work laid out for them. Back of the bill are all the
organizations in the country that are directly interested in public school work—the National Educational Association, composed of many thousands of public school teachers; state teachers' associations; boards of education; parent-teachers' associations by the thousands; women's clubs, national and state; and the Protestant churches of the country. To these is to be added, as I already have said, the support of Freemasonry.

"It is obvious that this imposing body of support would include the elements of the population that are aggressively and intolerantly anti-Catholic.

"In the minds of these ardent crusaders the Tower-Sterling bill is the entering wedge of a drive at the parochial schools of the Catholic Church. The bill does not say so, and none of its authors has any such thought in mind; but that makes no difference to those who see in it an opportunity to make a point against a religion that they believe is at heart antagonistic to American institutions as they have developed under Protestant direction.

"This class of the population is a small minority, but by its activity it has given color to a good deal of the propaganda in support of the bill. Naturally, the officials of the Catholic Church became aroused, and were not slow in letting it be known that they could not give it their support.

"Congress is made up of politicians, and in entirely too many cases its views express, not what should be done, but the personal desires of its members with reference to the next general election. These members do not create public sentiment, nor seek to direct it. They slavishly follow it, let it lead where it will. Members who are fine specimens of American manhood in everything else, run to cover like cowers the moment an organized minority trains its guns upon them.

"That is why legislation has lagged; that is why so many people, in numerous cases its friends, have begun to fear that it will not be possible to put it through."

From Nova Scotia he quotes with approval these extracts under the State of the Craft:

"The reason why so many Companions rarely, if ever, attend Chapter is that they can see no exquisite beauty in Capitular Masonry. They have not commenced to ascend the three steps, and they fail to realize that they cannot possibly become enraptured with Capitular Masonry unless they know her well, are intimately acquainted with her. Neither do they realize that it is impossible to learn to know her unless they frequent meet her in the Chapter halls.

"In order to attract the Companions who are playing truant, the meetings must be made interesting; and in the present condition of the Craft, the greatest possible attraction is instruction. At the opening and closing of every
Chapter the High Priest is reminded that it is one of his great duties to read and expound the laws to his Companions: that is, to give instruction. If every High Priest would make an honest effort to fulfill this duty the average attendance at the convocations would go up by leaps and bounds."

The State of Washington gives us this symbol and imagery:

"Masonry is comparable to a temple. All temples have a foundation and a superstructure. The foundation of Masonry is laid in God and His eternal truth, and the temple proper is built of Man, polished, purified and beautified. A temple is significant of beauty both internally and externally. With our temple the external beauty should be the expression of the internal, for Man is only beautiful insofar as his heart is pure and good. The temple of the body is so precious that we are admonished again and again to correct every irregularity and avoid every intemperate practice."

The next Convocation will be held at Portland, Oregon, April 13th, 1925.

H. Wayne Stanard, Brownsville, Grand High Priest.

James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

John M. Core, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 57,591.
Net gain, 2,058.

We like the swing of the title page which reads as follows:

"Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, For the Year ending December 27th, 1923, being Its One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Year."

The various Quarterly Communications held in March, June, September and December 6th were well attended and much business was transacted.

Canada's Representative, Samuel Shaw, was in constant attendance.

The closing is always recorded as follows:
"The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty-five minutes P.M."

Our Brethren of the State and City of Brotherly Love are dignified and conservative.

At the various Communications the several Degrees were successfully exemplified; that in September by the Instructors of the Capitular Schools of Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Scranton.

On December 6th Grand Chapter entertained a galaxy of distinguished guests, including M.E. Comp. Kuhn (since alas deceased), M.E. Comp. Briggs and escort from New York, M.E. Comp. Preiss and escort from New Jersey, M.E. Comp. Willin and escort from Delaware, M.E. Comp. Chipman and escort from Massachusetts and also representatives from West Virginia and Rhode Island.

The veteran Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, George P. Wells, desiring to retire, M.E. Comp. Joseph B. Quinby, well known to us in Canada, was elected Grand Secretary.

The visiting Companions made eloquent addresses bristling with humour, full of wise counsel and great lessons, presented with characteristic force.

At the Annual Communication held in that noblest of all American Masonic Temples in Philadelphia on St. John's Day, M.E. Comp. Spencer, of Canada, was welcomed and addressed Grand Chapter with acceptance.

From the Grand High Priest's address we take the following:—

"We are firmly convinced that the interchange of visits between Grand Chapters will go far towards removing any misconceptions which we may have of one another.

"The minimum fee for the three degrees is now thirty dollars, effective from this date. A new feature of the Constitution is fixing the minimum dues to be charged by subordinate Chapters. From this date no Chapter can charge less than four dollars per year, and as much more as their requirements demand."
He gives a detailed and wonderful account of the various rehearsals of the work held in several Districts, and adds:

"I cannot speak too highly of the loyalty and efficiency of the Schools. A review of the rehearsals will show that representatives of one or more of the Schools was present at every rehearsal. I wish to bear testimony to their efficiency and loyalty.

Among his decisions are the following:

"Decided, that the 'Book of the Law' as used by the Chapters should consist of the Ten Commandments written in Hebrew Characters on a parchment or scroll.

"In order to have uniformity throughout the Jurisdiction I called in all 'Books of the Law' and furnished each Chapter with a correct copy."

By request of the Grand High Priest of New New York he made a Royal Arch Mason at sight by virtue of his present prerogative power.

He recites his visit to Canada, which we well and pleasantly remember.

He speaks truly when he says that "we are of opinion that no one can teach unless he himself thoroughly understands the subject taught.

He gives the following encouragement and warning:

"The future looks bright and promising, and we believe our Fraternity is now entering into its own more than ever before."

"That there is a field for Capitular Masonry, all its own, in the completion of the work of the Symbolic Lodge, we all agree. It is up to us in Capitular Masonry to see that the field is fully occupied. When we, as Royal Arch Masons, do our full duty in this matter there will be no wailing and lamenting that this or that organization is destroying our influence and taking our material. When we give every Master Mason an opportunity to complete his Masonic education, and our Officers are capable and interested, there will no longer be complaint of 'lack of interest in the Chapter.'"

In the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, Canada again falls to the thoughtful and experienced hands, head and heart of M.E. Comp. William D. Meredith, and we appreciate his kindly and understanding message.

From his introduction we cull the following:
“Prosperity should be considered in a two-fold sense. Financial prosperity and Masonic prosperity; Financial prosperity when the fee is paid and the degrees conferred upon an applicant who will rarely attend its meetings, but whose sole purpose is to wear the chapeau and display a Maltese cross; Masonic prosperity when those exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason appreciate the work of the degrees and study their meaning, attend its meetings and become interested in all the affairs of the Chapter, and believe the Royal Arch Degree is the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. The Royal Arch Degree is not a misnomer.

“The Order of De Molay, originating in Kansas City, Missouri, has spread rapidly throughout the United States.

“We cannot understand how Freemasonry (referring to Symbolic and Capitular Masonry), can have anything to do with it officially, from the fact that it is not in any sense of the word and never can be a Masonic organization. Hence, hands off!”

Under Canada he speaks of the visit of the St. Patrick Chapter, of Toronto, to Ancient Chapter No. 1, New York, and adds:—

“The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a manner that was approved by all present. Why didn't they continue their journey to Philadelphia, and witness perfection?

“He made a large number of rulings (decisions), all of which would meet with approval in our own jurisdiction.

“The reception of distinguished visitors consumed considerable time of Grand Chapter and considerable space in the Proceedings. The introductions and replies are very able and truly Masonic, and deserving of a place in the proceedings.”

He is most generous in his commendation of the writer's report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, which after all only breathes the spirit of our Grand Chapter and could not have been written had it not been for the co-operation of all our Companions. He is pleased to say:—

“A beautiful picture drawn by a master hand. Again in closing, his language is inspiring to every Royal Arch Mason. Read the following:

‘And amid lofty ideals, and depth of thought and educative influences in this great school of character—the Chronicles of the Chapters tell us that the members are buoyant optimists and do not neglect the joy of life as gatherers of gladness, and that touch of nature which makes and keeps the whole world kin.’
"These are the things I prize,
And hold of dearest worth;
Light of the sapphire skies,
Shadow of clouds that swiftly pass,
The smell of flowers,
And of the good brown earth,
And, best of all, along the way,
Friendship and mirth."

With regard to R.E. Comp. Brown he says:—

"It is his eighth annual report, and the last. He has served his Grand Chapter ably and faithfully. His declination will be greatly regretted, not only by his own Grand Chapter, but by Capitular Masons in general. His report covers eighty-eight pages and is complete in every respect. There is much we would like to quote, but space forbids.

"While the retirement of Comp. Brown will be greatly regretted, all will rejoice that he will be succeeded by M.E. Comp. William N. Ponton."

Under Quebec, which is always sympathetically reviewed, Ex. Comp. Harry J. Bell says:—

"It was a pleasure to read the address of the Grand First Principal Z., from which we quote the following sentiments:

‘Nothing can invest Masonry with strength and grandeur like leaving it to be simply its own proper self. . . . Mightier than any power of speech is the living dead. . . . Let the Companions but show in their lives true veneration for our lofty teachings, and the impotent execrations of a fierce opposition shall fall powerless as tiny pebbles against the adamantine fortress.’"

The whole report is an able one.
M.E. Comp. John M. Core, Uniontown, Grand High Priest.
Joseph E. Quimby, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

Henry Willis, Grand First Principal Z.
Membership, 3,196.
Net gain, 225.
The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation was held in Montreal, 26th March, 1924. The next Annual will be held 25th March, 1925, in Montreal.
M.E. Comp. J. Alexander Cameron represented Canada, and the strong and staunch Jurisdiction of
Quebec is represented with us by R.E. Comp. E. B. Brown, K.C.

From the address of Gœrand Z. Willis we take the following fine paragraphs:

"Old Father Time, on his resistless march, has left behind him another twelve months of his eternal journey since I last addressed you, and we are again reminded that we are too surely and quickly hastening to that sixth hour of the sixth day when we shall carry up the work done in the quarries of life, and present it for the inspection of the Great Overseer of the Universe.

"I have ever believed that the Grand First Principal is the servant of the Craft, and not the master; that his powers and duties are defined by constitutional enactments, and that there are no governmental powers inherent in his office."

With regard to the deaths of M.E. Companion Noyes and M.E. Companion Francis and other Royal Craftsmen he says:

"And so, Companions, in less than a year, our Senior and Junior Past Grand First Principals have 'passed through the veils.'"

He was disappointed, as we were, in his not being able to attend our annual of which he says:

"Owing to illness, I was unable to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and a combination of circumstances also prevented the other Grand Officers from being present."

He concludes by broadcasting this message of goodwill:

"And this, Companions, completes the record, and I shall soon surrender to your hands, the sceptre of authority. Let us continue to keep untarnished the ideals of the Royal Craft, for 'blessed is the man of high ideals who never lowers his standard nor surrenders to defeat, till eye and ear, till vocal chord and tongue, till mind and heart are disciplined and all abilities of mind and soul are marshalled by the will and move onward toward the goal of perfection.'

"I shall gratefully remember the exalted honor conferred upon me, and shall ever pray that 'Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces.'"

At the evening session M.E. Comp. Walter H. Davis, Grand Z., M.E. Comp. Spencer and M.E.
Comp. Curtis Chipman, with escort, were officially welcomed and made suitable acknowledgments.

Of the fine monument and memorial testifying the immortal memory of the dead and the vital energy of the living in the new Temple soon to be erected, the Committee says:—

"We rejoice with our Brethren of the Craft in the wonderful effort and result in connection with the proposed Masonic memorial Temple and look forward to the time when we shall all be comfortably housed in that building erected to the Glory of God and in Memory of our fallen Brethren."

The roll of officers and Past Principals of constituent Chapters is a very useful and appropriate part of the Proceedings.

Again, as we hope for many years to come it will be, the Report on Foreign Correspondence has the Master touch of the Dean of Reviewers, M.E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers.

Of United States Jurisdictions he says in his introduction:—

"One very naturally finds, at this time, many references to the new Ritual of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which has been very generally adopted by the Grand Chapters of that country, and apparently with a great deal of satisfaction."

Again he says in reference to the ministry of Freemasonry:—

"Attention is invited to what an esteemed Brother Reviewer suggests as the mission of Freemasonry as a whole and the body of Royal Arch Masons in particular, namely, 'to stem the tide of anarchy and hatred which threatens to overwhelm society, by the display of those social and Masonic virtues and principles of Brotherhood, which our Order is intended and well calculated to unfold, by the practice of charitable thought, of unselfish fraternity, of looking for and encouraging the latent virtues of our fellows, by fanning into active flame that vital spark of the Divine love with which every mortal is endowed; ever bearing in mind that the desire of the Bolsheviks and other kindred spirits is to destroy, and that this desire for destruction is the child of hatred, let us adopt a constructive policy, building (on the great foundation of Divine Love to all creation, as expressed in the Fatherhood of God), a superstructure of love to mankind.'"

We are glad that he shares the admiration expressed by the present writer for the great late
M.E. Comp. Kuhn, whose work will follow him. He says:—

"An important feature of many of the Convocations of American Grand Chapters during the year under review was the presence and remarkable oratory of the General Grand High Priest of the United States. M. E. Companion Wm. F. Kuhn's addresses to the many Grand Chapters visited by him were not only masterpieces of eloquence, but were made the vehicle for communicating to his hearers many instructive facts in regard to Capitular Masonry and its exalted teachings."

Of Canada he is most kind and generous, and from his review we take the following paragraphs:—

"The feast of good things in the report before us offers abundant choice to the Reviewer. Addresses, reports and statements all speak eloquently of the progress of the Royal Craft in the great Province of Ontario and of the devotion to its interests of the Companions of its Chapters.

"The Correspondence Report is the admirable work of M. E. Companion Colonel W. N. Ponton, K.C., Past Grand Z. In his Foreword, introducing his reviews of the Reports of Sister Jurisdictions, he says:—

"'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."

"'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.'

'Very pleasant and courteous is his review of Quebec's Proceedings, and he has earned our very warm thanks for flattering notice of our own work as Correspondent."

He finds a gem under Connecticut:—

"M. E. Companion Arthur N. Nash, Grand High Priest, delivered an address from which we take the following paragraphs:—

"'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.'"
Often in far away Jurisdictions our colleague finds nuggets of ore in Nevada:—

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Louis G. Campbell, commenced his address with a feeling reference to those who had been called to rest during the yar, saying in the course of his ‘In Memoriam’:

‘After life’s fitful fever he sleeps well.’ We borrow these words from the immortal Shakespeare to say them of the Companions who during the last twelve months have ‘taken the lamp and gone to bed while we stay a little longer as one stays to cover up the embers that still burn.’

From our neighbor, New York, he takes the following:—

“The conclusion to which M. E. Companion Warren arrives, after his round-the-world visit with the Grand Jurisdictions that he reviews, is similar to our own. As he expresses it:

‘Generally speaking, the entire Capitular world seems to be awake and in earnest and the differences that exist between Jurisdictions are rapidly vanishing. A new day seems to be dawning, when more attention will be given to the discussion of the things which will make Capitular Masonry a real power for good in the world, and the technical discussions as to territorial rights will be relegated to the background.’

Under Pennsylvania he gives this conservative note straight from the shoulder:—

“Again, under Connecticut he says, ‘The De Molay is a very worthy object, yet it is not Masonic.’ And once more, ‘The Order of De Molay is not Masonic in any sense of the word. It is not confined to the sons of Masons, but includes their chums. As individuals, encourage it. As Masons, hands off.’

“Good old Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania! Its conservatism recalls that of British Masonry, the Mother Masonry of us all.”

Utah again gives him food for thought:—

“Fellowship, such as ours is becoming, is really a far greater blessing than all else can be. Numbers and greatness will come, we would not hinder it if we could, for it means more receiving the blessings, yet when we do gain size, I know many of us will look back to the good old days of fellowship and sympathetic understanding.

“Many readers will be struck with the above remarks concerning the compensation in the way of close communion and fellowship which small Lodges and Chapters find in the
absence of the thrills and enthusiasm that are found in larger
foregatherings."

And he concludes thus worthily and in friendly
reminiscent spirit:—

"The writer will be more than compensated for this, how-
ever, if the result commends itself to those who read the fore-
going pages.

Each year that he is engaged in this work, the Reviewer
misses the fellowship and communion of those who were fel-
low laborers with him in past years and who have now passed
to their reward."

"The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer
The headstones thicker 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 morrow, whether
We two pass by, or but one alone."

W. M. Couper, Grand Z.
W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.
Joseph I. Phillips, Montreal, Grand Lecturer.

QUEENSLAND.

John A. Miles, Grand First Principal.

This young and vigorous Chapter appears to be
making substantial progress and to be walking with
confident step. In full regalia the Grand Z. greets
us at the opening of the small volume of Proceed-
ings.

The First Annual Convocation was held at Bris-
bane, 31st October, 1923. Grand Representatives
of New South Wales, Western Australia, New Zea-
land, Maryland, South Carolina and other Jurisdic-
tions present.

The election of officers seems to have been unani-
mous.

M.E. Comp. Aubrey Halloran, of New South
Wales, and a distinguished escort were received
with grand honours and were addressed as
follows:—

"First Principal (M. E. Comp. J. A. Miles), in a few well-
chosen words, hoped that the distinguished visitors would en-
joy their stay amongst us, and that they would go back well satisfied with the progress of this Grand Chapter, and not in any way regretting the part they took in its formation and inauguration, and installing its first officers five years ago. He asked M. E. Comp. Halloran if he would kindly install the Principals and Officers of Grand Chapter on this occasion."

Apparently in Queensland the connection between the Preceptory and the Chapter is very close, as certain Companions named were formally presented with their diplomas as Knights, Templar and Knights of Malta in Grand Chapter.

Canada’s Grand Representative does not appear to have been present.

From the address of the Grand First Principal we take the following:—

“He pointed out that from the beginning of time, the principles and symbols of Royal Arch Masonry had been practised, and though the legal mind, which wanted documentary evidence for everything, could not admit that Royal Arch Masonry had an unbroken history from the earliest Egyptian teachings until now, there was internal evidence that our teachings had come to us from thousands of years ago, unchanged by time and uncontrolled by prejudice.

“He pointed out that our symbols were taught in Egypt, Ninevah and Ur of the Chaldees, how Moses incorporated in his laws to the Jews, how they run through all his writings, how the six days’ creation are two triads, and how practically every religious sect in the world is dependent on the Laws of Moses for its origin.

“He further mentioned that no nation or people had ever flourished whose laws were not founded on the Masonic teaching, and how soon they decayed when they forgot those laws and began to have but one aim—self.

“M. Ex. Halloran then followed on the lines of the Grand First Principal in pointing out that happiness and prosperity could only come through Masonic teaching.”

The Grand Scribe E. opens his report of much business well done by the following satisfactory sentence:—

“I have much pleasure in reporting that every Chapter has had work during the year, 69 candidates being advanced, and 68 candidates exalted.”

The Grand Inspector of Workings in a comprehensive report says:—

“Re Ritual Work.—Our Chapters need, in some instances, to be reminded that the conferring of degrees is not by any
means all there is in Chapter work. Chapters are mainly for higher instruction, the improvement and the mutual benefit of their Companions, and not recruiting grounds for the Royal Arch. The Royal Arch is still a beautiful system of morality, and not an organization whose chief aim is its own aggrandizement. Ritualism starts the Comp., but Masonic reading, education, and reflection must finish him."

Extracts from communications of greetings and recognition are given at the end of the Transactions and our friends and Companions are brave and confident and frank enough to print even adverse opinions from the New Zealand Craftsman, dubbing them "a clandestine Grand Chapter," and the whole is summed up as follows:—

"Our Companions will see from the foregoing extracts the opinions of Masons in the other parts of the world of the manner in which Freemasonry is carried on in Queensland."

We wish you well!
John A. Miles, Grand Z.
Thomas C. Moxley, Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND.

Howard K. DeWolf, Grand High Priest.
The strong face of M.E. Comp. DeWolf, with character in every feature, adorns the Proceedings.
The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation (merging into the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth), was held in Providence, March 13th, 1923.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests graced the chamber.
Canada was, as usual, represented by our esteemed and Most Excellent Companion Norris G. Abbott.
A constellation of distinguished visitors contributed to the enrichment of the life of the Convocation, including New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania in full force and virtue.
From the Grand High Priest's address we can only take a few specimens of his excellence:—
“What is the object of our great Fraternity? Let me quote the words of the immortal Washington: ‘To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy the benevolent design of a Masonic Institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discourse the principles that actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.’ For a century and a quarter, Capitular Masonry through this Most Excellent Grand Chapter and through our Subordinate Chapters, has brought happiness to every Companion fortunate enough to be a part of it.

“Before entering upon the work of this Most Excellent Chapter, let us return to Him, ‘From whom all blessings flow,’ our sincere thanks for His manifold comforts and considerations.”

He describes his visits to Boston and to Albany, and emphasizes the pleasure mutually experienced at meeting “Canada” in New York.

Of Grand Secretaries and Secretaries he has a mede of unusual praise:—

“When I think of these devoted Companions, I am reminded of these thoughtful lines by James Russell Lowell:—

“The longer on this earth we live and weigh the various qualities of men
The more we see the plain stern featured beauty
Of plain devotedness to duty.
Steadfast, still not paid by mortal’s praise,
But finding amplest recompense,
In this world’s ungarlanded expense
In work done squarely and unwasted days.”

“Such are the type of men who serve as secretaries in our Masonic Bodies, and I thus gratefully acknowledge the many kindnesses and courtesies shown to me by these devoted Companions.”

He does not neglect the fiscal and financial:—

“No Chapter is too big or too small for dues, and such dues should be so regulated to take care of running expenses and to lay up a treasury for a rainy day. The expense account of some of our Chapters has now reached a point, that should anything happen to cause a reduction in the usual number of candidates, the surplus now on hand would soon be wiped out. These observations, the result of twenty-five years of activity in Masonry, are made simply because I think they are necessary, and because I think it my duty to make them.”
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In conclusion he recommends:—

"The mapping out of a programme of constructive helpfulness, so that when the occasion arises we will be able to efficiently co-operate in any movement for the relief of our Brethren and Companions who are in distress. Let us translate these theoretical principles and ideals into a living constructive Royal Arch Masonry, of which we may be proud."

An able and interesting historical address, covering 125 years of life of Rhode Island Grand Chapter, was prepared and delivered by M.E. Comp. Albert L. Anthony, which at once attracts attention by its first sentence:—

"In considering the history of our Grand Chapter for the past century and a quarter, I am reminded of a vagrant line or two of Austin Dobson's:

"Time goes, you say? Oh, No! 
Alas, time stays: We go."

His conclusion includes the following striking notes:—

"He said: 'Freemasonry could not have lived as long as it has, or prospered as greatly, were it not for its having been a repository for sacred truths; and were it not for its alliances with many of the interests and forces which are most potent in ministering to the world's good.'

"All honor to the fathers, that they planted Freemasonry on the everlasting foundation of truth and of love; that they wrought so efficiently and faithfully for its uprearing on such a basis; and that they have left behind them in the organization which they established, in the systems which they taught and illustrated, and the goodly example of heroic characters and noble lives, an inspiration which prompts their successors of to-day to undertake the largest and best service for the glory of God and the good of men. So may we my brethren, so work, so act, and so live."

"Then gather all your vigor, press forward in the fight. And let this be your motto: 'For God and for the Right!'"

The time merger referred to at the beginning of this review is thus explained:—

"The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, being about to close the Grand Chapter, announces that whereas the Grand Chapter was opened as the One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Annual Convocation, it is his purpose to close the Convocation as the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Annual Convocation. In explanation of his action in so doing, he calls attention to the fact that the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was constituted on March 12th, 1798, and that this was, in fact,
the first Annual of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island. It is, therefore, in his judgment, consistent with the fact to consider the Annual Covocation about to be closed as the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Annual Convocation."

Providence boasts the largest Chapter in the world with a membership of 3,518. Truly as the old house in Chester says "God's Providence is mine inheritance."

Well known names, familiar as household words to the reviewer, who has enjoyed their hospitality, occur throughout the Proceedings and a list of constituent Chapters.

A biography of M.E. Comp. DeWolf adds another link to the chain of personal history.

The report of Albert Knight at the annual Convention of Anointed High Priests records the name of one who does such splendid service to Masonic literature in The Bulletin.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence Report.

Norris G. Abbott, Providence, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.

Wilbur A. Scott, Providence, Assistant Grand Secretary. (My oldest friend in this State of friends.)

SASKATCHEWAN.

C. H. Crandon, Grand Z.
Membership, 2,522.
Net gain, 35.

Excellent portraits of a great trinity of Capitular Companionship illustrate the first Annual Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

Brief biographices of these "household words"—Gorrell, Spencer and Crandon are given. A sentence or two from each summary will suffice. Of Gorrell the biographer says:—

“A severe critic of work poorly done, yet ready to give credit when due; though quick to emphatically express his opinions, he is prompt to admit errors. Zealous for high ideals of the Craft and energetic in pushing them forward, the
history of Masonry in Saskatchewan, both in the Craft and the Capitular work, could not be written without giving space to the part he has played.

"He is an entertaining and forceful speaker and has few equals in the Craft in this line. Being regarded as the leader of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan, he was, at the organization of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, made a Past Grand First Principal of that body."

Spencer is summed up in this sentence:—

"Democratic by nature, he is genial, kind-hearted and free and would pass as a Westerner in most any crowd."

Crandon is commended in the following terms:—

"Most Excellent Comp. Crandon has a reputation as a ritualist, not only in Capitular Masonry but in all the other branches, with which he is associated. To his energy and zeal the advancement of Capitular Masonry in the northern part of this Province owes much."

A convention of the new Grand Chapter met for organization at Regina on June 21st, 1922.

The report of the special Committee of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Chairman E. T. Malone, is given and forms a good basis, and on April 25th, 1923, notices were sent to all Royal Arch Masons calling a gathering for Installation on June 12th, 1923.

On this date, at Regina, the First Convocation was held and was largely attended, M.E. Comp. Gorrell requesting M.E. Comp. Spencer, Grand Z., to take the chair.

The election of Officers was then proceeded with, and Grand Superintendents were elected and confirmed in office.

The Installation proceeded in ample form by the Grand Z. of Canada, after Saskatoon had been chosen as the next place of meeting.

The gift of $1,500 by the Grand Chapter of Canada was suitably acknowledged, and the new ship of fellowship was duly launched.

The First Annual Convention was held in the Masonic Temple at Saskatoon, February 20th, 1924. After greetings by the Mayor and by the local Companions, Grand Z. Crandon delivered a compre-
hensive and business-like address, reciting the trans-
actions of a busy organizing year.

Dispensations were issued for new Chapters at
Melfort, Kamsack and Lancer, a good beginning for
this lusty young infant.

As to thoroughness of qualification he says:—

"The examination of candidates before advancement is a
matter that is not receiving the attention of a number of
Chapters. I took occasion to impress the importance of this
on the Chapters visited, and recommended that the incoming
Grand Superintendents be instructed to see that it is not
neglected. If we are to turn out properly qualified Royal
Arch Masons it is incumbent on us to see that they are in
possession of the knowledge to this end."

And he concludes buoyantly:—

"I feel that we are now fairly started and can look for-
ward with confidence to the future success of our Grand
Chapter."

The report of Grand H. McCauley closes with
this very good verse:—

"It is my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road,
The strong arm of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load;
And since I have no gold to give
And Love alone must make amends;
My only prayer is, while I live
God make me worthy of my friends."

The following resolution was passed:—

"RESOLVED—That the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan,
meeting in first Annual Convocation, extends fraternal greet-
ings to our 'honored mother,' the Grand Chapter of Canada,
at their next Annual Convocation, and cordial good wishes
for continued success."

Letters and telegrams of regretted absence were
read from the Grand Z. of Canada, from Grand
Secretary of North Dakota, and Grand Scribe E. of
Manitoba.

The Grand Scribe E. gives a model report in
which he says:—

"The formation of our Grand Chapter in June marked a
new era for the Chapters in our Province. We are just be-
ginning to get acquainted with one another, a necessary step
before much progress can be made. The severance from the Mother Grand Chapter of Canada, automatically cancelled the Charters of our Constituent Chapters. The old Charters were forwarded to R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the cancellation endorsed on them by him, and the Charters thus cancelled have been returned to the Chapters.

"We are much indebted to the Grand Chapter of Canada and to R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith for their courtesy in assisting us in procuring both Charters and Certificates."

He closes with a clarion call to action:—

"There is much to be done before our Organization can reach that state of perfection which is our aim. But—
"God be thanked that the dead have left still good undone for the living to do—
Still some aim for the heart and the will and the soul of a man to pursue."

M.E. Comp. Gorrell represents Canada, and R.E. Comp. William Croft represents Saskatchewan.

From the report of R.E. Comp. H. M. P. De-Roche, of Melville, we take the following excerpts:—

"At King George Chapter, Yorkton, I had the honor and pleasure of meeting and seeing in action the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal. I mention this here just to show the great benefit to Capitular Masonry of having our own Grand Chapter, for when we have a live Grand First Principal such as the present incumbent, who makes it his duty to visit during his term of office each and every Chapter in his Jurisdiction, we can easily see the great advantage to Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan of having a Grand Chapter of our own.

"I must thank also Right Excellent Companion Henning of Melville, formerly Grand Superintendent for Grand Chapter of Canada, who has, by his timely advice, piloted me through many difficulties."

Companion Henning is worthy of all honour. His good work is not forgotten.

The conclusion of R.E. Comp. Coster's report from Prince Albert is outspoken and honest:—

"In thinking over the miles of reports of Past Superintendents that I have perused in other Proceedings, I fear that I have not followed in the beaten path of reporting everything 'rosy,' and tingeing my report with sweetness that was not earned. I find myself forced to report matters just as I find them."
The Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, R.E. Comp. J. Orville Clarke, says this of Grand Superintendents and their responsibilities:

"Grand Superintendents occupy positions of dignity and importance. It is obvious therefore that Chapters should select for this office Companions of character, ability, and devotion to the cause of Capitular Masonry. As well as carrying the messages and commands of the Grand First Principal to the various districts and propagating and diffusing the light of Masonic understanding, their duties demand at least one visit to each Chapter in their respective districts, the witnessing if at all possible of a degree or degrees, an examination of the books of the Scribes and Treasurers and the material property of the Chapters, the growth or otherwise of each Chapter and its future prospects, the ability of its officers, the necessity or desirability for opening new Chapters, and finally the submission of carefully prepared reports covering their findings in this regard together with any recommendations prompted by their observations.

The Committee on the Grand Z.'s address says among other comments:

"We commend the M. Ex. Z. on his pointing out the fact that a number of Chapters were having their attendance register signed in pencil, as your committee consider this improper.

"We consider the register a very important book, and as it is actually part of the historical record, we concur with the Ex. Z. that it should be signed in ink."

Moose Jaw was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The seal of the Grand Chapter has this motto:—
"Agendo Spectemur"—which might be freely translated as, "we are known by our fruits."

From the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which is brief but full, and which is well written by R.E. Comp. C. P. Moore, we take the following suggestive sentences:

"Having read the reports of the Proceedings of many Grand Chapter Convocations, one is particularly struck with the general feeling of optimism expressed in the many addresses. At the same time, attention is drawn to the fact that a great work lies before Royal Arch Masons to-day. The idea that Masonry consists in conferring degrees and teaching lessons of virtue and morality must be corrected, for Ma-
sonry, in reality, means the application of those lessons to our every day life. Therefore, more complete instruction and the driving home of the truths taught, appear to be essential, as Masonic progress is marked by the results of the teachings and not by the teachings themselves. More attention to the social side of Chapter life also, appears to be necessary."

Under Canada he says:—

"The Report of the Special Committee was adopted by motion, after which Most Excellent Companions Ponton and Spencer extended to the Grand Chapters, to be formed, the congratulations of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence is a voluminous one from the pen of Right Excellent Companion Edward B. Brown, and contains a great deal of interesting matter."

And the volume closes with the following page:—

"After completing this report, I have received from Most Excellent Companion J. W. Prescott, of British Columbia, a carefully prepared paper on The Progress of Freemasonry in Western Canada, and wish it included in my report. It contains much information of interest to Saskatchewan Companions and will surely be enjoyed by all who read it."

Space only permits us to give the closing paragraph of Comp. Prescott's historical sketch:—

"The Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, rejoice with the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan in the progress made in the past in the righteous cause of their undertaking and pray that Our All Seeing Father may in His Wisdom continue to bless their work for the benefit of mankind."

The following details regarding the Province of Saskatchewan are interesting now and will be valuable in the future to our readers:—

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Number of Public, High Schools and Collegiates  .......  4,597
Railway Mileage .....................................................  6,413
Elevator capacity ................................................. 79,542,320 bushels
Number of Telephones ........................................ 97,450
  (One phone per 7.773 of population)
Number of Licensed Automobiles .........................  60,352

WE ARE NOT CROWDED YET.

James McCauley, Moose Jaw, Grand First Principal.
F. B. Reilly, Regina, Grand Scribe E.
Donald McLeay, Battleford, Grand Registrar.
(An old, tried and trusty friend.)

SCOTLAND.

M.E. Comp. The Earl of Cassillis, Grand Z.
John Sime, Depute Grand Z.

A Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held at the Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh, 21st September, 1923, the First Grand Principal on the throne, George A. Howell, Grand Treasurer and acting Grand Scribe E.

Motions of sympathy addressed to friends of departed Companions were unanimously agreed to.

Scotland has a far flung brother line as will be apparent from the names of the two Chapters granted charters, namely:—

Chapters St. Martin, No. 565, Lochgilphead, and Alan Wilson, No. 566, Bulawayo.

The Committee's recommendation as to Supreme Grand Chapter membership was adopted:—

"That in future membership tickets of Supreme Grand Chapter shall be current from 1st December, and expire on 30th November of the year following, and that the fees be payable on or before 1st December yearly."

A retiring allowance at the rate of £150 per annum was granted to R.E. Comp. Arbuthnot Murray, former Grand Scribe E. This seems to us a very small sum indeed for one who did such splendid service for so many years for Scotland.
With regard to Lord Cassillis' proposed visit abroad, the following item is recorded:

"In connection with Lord Cassillis' visit to New South Wales, his Lordship said that he proposed to return via America, and had a most cordial invitation from the Head of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. He had also cordial letters from Companion Conover, Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of America, and the Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter.

The trouble with the United States,—a mountain made of a mole-hill in our opinion, is thus alluded to:

"A number of letters from Companions abroad were submitted complaining as to being refused admission to American Chapters. It was agreed to take no action, but the hope was expressed that the First Grand Principal's visit to America next spring may do something to remedy matters." Fortunately a treaty of peace has been negotiated.

Much debate, many meetings and many votes were required to determine the election of Grand Scribe E., the first candidate on the Short Leet of three selected by the Committee after being appointed, resigned when he found that the future was not definitely and progressively provided for. As a result, after much discussion and apparently on the same decision numerically as throughout the various stages, M.E. Comp. George A. Howell was finally appointed and warmly congratulated. He appears to have been from the first the right man in the right place, but a group thought otherwise.

M.E. Comp. John Sime, Depute First Grand Principal (note not Deputy), and a body of Grand and Chapter Officers visited the Provinces of Ross and Cromarty, Inverness and Argyll and the Isles and gave a full report, as also of the Installations of Dumfries and Galloway.

The next Quarterly Convocation was held 21st December, 1923, the Depute Grand Z. in the chair, the Earl of Cassillis being overseas.

The Deputy Grand Superintendent of India, Harry Park Gibbs, was received with all the honours and made to feel thoroughly at home.
A charter was granted to a Chapter to be called “David Livingstone” to be held in Nyasaland.

We give space to the following paragraph, not merely because of the interest that everything in India now has to the Empire and the Royal Craft, but also because it gives a new, suggestive and appropriate title to that hour of refreshment, which some Companions still will call “The Fourth Degree”:

“At harmony following the Convocation, M. E. Companion Gibbs, in replying to the toast of his health, gave a very interesting account of Freemasonry in India, of which the Companions showed their appreciation by hearty applause.”

The following paragraph is of interest:

“A letter from Companion Ironside, Calgary, Canada, soliciting a visit from the First Grand Principal, The Earl of Cassillis, on his return journey from the Antipodes, was referred to the Foreign and Colonial Committee.”

The following greeting was sent out by the Grand Scribe E. on behalf of the Supreme Grand Committee and it would be hard to surpass the concentration and earnestness of the New Year’s good wishes by our Scottish Companions:

“The office-bearers of Supreme Grand Chapter desire to convey to every Scottish Chapter their best wishes for the New Year, and their fervent prayer is that, as time flows on, the blessing of the Most High may never be absent from your Convocations and your endeavors.”

At a special Convocation held 8th February, 1924, Grand Scribe E. Howell is thus described:

“We know that he is able and an upright man. He is a man of an independent spirit, who has dealt and will deal with all matters fairly and impartially.”

And in response after election he said:

“It will be my aim to knit together the bonds which should exist between ourselves and the other Grand Bodies, and to discharge the duties of my office in such a manner that will give satisfaction to the members of Supreme Grand Chapter, and give them no cause to regret electing me as their Scribe. In conclusion I should like to say this—I feel that I shall have the good wishes of those Companions who really thought to-night, and honestly believed, that they were voting for a better man.”
Honoraria of £25, £15 and £5 were granted respectfully to members of the staff for extra work:—

“A letter was submitted from the District Grand Scribe E. of Central South Africa in which he asked if permission would likely be given for a new Chapter to meet in two or three places distant from one another. It is recommended that Grand Scribe E. reply that every case would be considered on its merits, but in view of the circumstances indicated in the letter sent, consent would likely be given.”

A splendid record of attendance at meetings is given, showing that where duty calls our Scottish Companions are usually present to do it.

From the list of fees received from constituent Chapters nearly 600 in number, we take the following striking names which will be full of memories to some and suggestions to others:—

“The Lamp o’Lothian, Haddington; The Laird o’Cockpen, Bonnyrigg; Trafalgar, Redhill, Natal.”

The total funds on hand are reported to be £15,147 Sterling.

The next Quarterly Convocation was held 7th March, 1924.

“The erection of the Province of Mid and East Lothian, consisting of the Counties of Edinburgh (excluding the Metropolitan District) and Haddington was approved, as also the appointment of Companion The Hon. James Moncrieff Balfour, W.S., as Grand Superintendent, and Commission in his favour ordered to be expede.”

A message from the Earl of Cassillis was received and is thus recorded:—

“There is an extremely keen Masonic spirit, and also a very great desire to be closely associated with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

“Lord Cassillis wished his best wishes and thoughts to go with Supreme Grand Chapter at this meeting.”

Among the standing regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter are the following:—

“Demits should bear the FULL NAME of the Companion, as well as the date of his Exaltation or Affiliation. A fee of 1s. is now charged for countersigning.

“All proxy members of Supreme Grand Chapter are expected and desired to write at least once a year to the Chapters they represent.”
At the Annual Convocation held 21st March, 1924, the celebration of the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, the M.E. the Rt. Hon. Lord Muskerry, Grand King of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Ireland was present, was received by the Companions upstanding, and briefly responded to an eloquent welcome by M.E. Comp. John Sime.

At the close of the election, after Comp. D. Lowe Turnbull had been declared elected Depute First Grand Principal, he said—and the formal meeting thus closed:—

"It is not the time to boast when one puts one's armour on. I shall therefore simply content myself by saying that I shall endeavour to the utmost of my power to carry out the duties to your satisfaction. I have also to thank the Immediate Past Depute Grand Z. for the kindness and the efficiency with which he has performed the ceremony this afternoon."

"There being no other business, the Hymn of National Prayer, 'Lord, while for all mankind we pray,' was then sung to the tune of 'St. Paul,' and Supreme Grand Chapter was closed in full form."

Then following the romance of Scotland, the verbatim account of the great Banquet "which was excellently purveyed" to use the phrase of the Scribe, in which our Scottish Companions held high carnival and soared to lofty heights with flashes of humor mingled with that practical common sense for which the race is distinguished. Even the King's Toast introduced in a speech which is not usually the custom here, the Chairman saying:—

"Our King himself is a harder worker than many of his subjects, and with good reason may we acclaim the zeal, tact, and intelligence which enable him to carry through so magnificently, and to the entire satisfaction of the Empire, his manifold and difficult duties. I therefore ask you to be upstanding, and drink enthusiastically to the toast of 'The King.'"

The Prince of Wales in Scotland is described as the Duke of Rothesay.

Comp. Nisbet proposed the Imperial Forces and it was responded to by Colonel Hannay, C.M.G., D.S.O., with a refreshing frankness seldom heard:—
“Again, do you think it is wise to have a Navy weaker in cruisers than it was in pre-war? These cruisers are your security for your food supply. Surely an insurance is of little use if the company does not attend to essentials. The company is the Government which you elect, so the ultimate responsibility is yours.

“It is true that the pay has been substantially raised, but it is, I am sorry to say, about to be reduced. Reduced, too, at a time when most trade unions are striking for increases in wages owing to the cost of living. The Imperial Forces do not strike, they carry on; but is it fair or just to treat them in this way? I don’t think I can do better than to recommend you all to read an article in the Times of Monday on ‘Forgetfulness.’ We are not a military nation. We hate fighting of every kind. We are an extraordinary people in that we never prepare for war, but when it is forced upon us we fight like tigers. We have never been beaten in our history—we just muddle through—but at what a terrible cost in blood and tears, as the late war showed.”

A royal Irish welcome was given to Lord Muskerry:

“We express to Lord Muskerry our admiration at his braving the discomforts of the Irish Sea at this inclement season of the year to bring his message of mutual esteem and fraternal affection. We ask him to tell our Irish Companions how highly honoured we feel by this visit, and that we will consider it a duty as well as a privilege and pleasure to reciprocate this kindness on the earliest possible occasion.”

In the proposal of the toast to the City of Edinburgh the following story and application are given:

“A worthy appeared before the magistrate on a Monday morning, and the magistrate, by way of remonstrance, said, ‘I believe you belong to Edinburgh.’ The reply was, ‘Yes, I belong to Edinburgh, but on Saturday night Edinburgh belongs to me.’ We have not all the privilege of belonging to Edinburgh, but as Scotsmen we claim, each of us, that Edinburgh belongs to us, and Lord Provost Sleigh and his colleagues are only acting in a fiduciary capacity for the whole of Scotland. Now, the city of Edinburgh always reminds me as being typical of a Scotsman. Ireland has Dublin for its Fair City, and we have the Fair City of Perth, which may interest Lord Muskerry; but we have our ‘Edina! Scotia’s darling seat,’ as Burns called it.”

Lord Provost Sleigh, whose hospitality to the members of the Canadian Bench and Bar during
this past summer is well remembered, in his reply said:—

"This is one of the liveliest and jolliest meetings that I have attended since my election to the civic chair. I have enjoyed myself thoroughly, but, to tell the truth, I feel almost overwhelmed by the greatness of the occasion, because I have not only had to concentrate on the reply to the toast, which has been proposed in such glowing terms by Most Excellent Companion Andrew Hunter, whom I have had the pleasure of listening to before, but I have had to act as interpreter to my noble Lord on the left. He was not sure whether some of these songs were in the Gaelic or in the French language. I told him that I thought they were in Irish for his benefit."

From Lord Muskerry's reply we take the following:—

"We had a very bad time, as you know, in Ireland, both in Craft Masonry and in Royal Arch Masonry, and we met with a great deal of sympathy from all the other Sister Constitutions. And, as regards the Sister Constitutions, which is the toast, I can only say that as they are all Royal Arch Masons, they must be worthy and good men, so with that I thank you very much for the toast you have proposed."

The toast to John Sime was then introduced:—

"Companions, it has often been said that gratitude is a lively expectation of favours to come. Therefore, while thanking Companion Sime for what he has done, may I, in the usual pawky Scottish way, say that we hope to enjoy his services still for some time to come. I ask you to be upstanding, and to drink to the toast of 'The Installling Grand Principal,' Companion Sime."

And he replied eloquently:—

"We must show that we are in truth a governing body; we must keep closely in touch with our Companions over the seas, and let them see that they are as important to the Supreme Grand Chapter as the Companions at home. Otherwise, organizations and institutions of their own would take our place.

"I do not think that Companions here are aware that in one colony alone, New South Wales, one-fifth of our Chapters are located. It is an arresting thought that we have more than 100 Chapters belonging to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland in the Colony of New South Wales. We have only 570 Chapters altogether, and I certainly was most whole-heartedly in favour of a visit to the overseas Chapters."
The Grand Superintendent of Lanarkshire made a most impressive address from which we take the following:—

"In days gone by Masonry has stood for that which was best in the national life, and I believe that in the future we are going to be put to the most severe test that men can be put to, to stand for those principles which have made our nation great in the past. I am therefore hopeful, Companions, that by our united efforts—and I am only one of those who are pioneers in the District I represent—we may be able to go and tell them the right things to do, that the King and the Craft stand for the Constitution of Great Britain."

The representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was most enthusiastically received. In proposing it Comp. Constable said:—

"Companions, it is a pleasure to all of us to have Companion Chisholm with us, because the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland must work together if we are to do what Masonry stands for. And lastly, we have Companion C. C. Nisbet, Past Grand Depute Z. Companion Nisbet, I think, has been at every Vernal Equinox dinner that I have been at, and we would miss him if he were not here."

The end of the "harmony" is thus chronicled:—

"The Depute First Grand Principal.—'The last toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, hoping to meet again."

"The toast having been duly honoured, the Companions circled round the hall, and in the 'Brotherly Chain,' with the old handclasp, sang 'Auld Lang Syne.' The proceedings were brought to a close in time-honoured fashion by the singing of the National Anthem."

And we feel a species of spiritual exhilaration as we lay down the Proceedings of Scotland. If they would only publish their Transactions in bound volume form as other Grand Jurisdictions do, they would receive the benediction of all reviewers.

A quarterly Convocation was held 20th June, 1924, M.E. Comp. D. L. Turnbull on the throne. Guests and members from Siam and Uganda were cordially welcomed.

On the 4th of September a Pro Re Nata Convocation was held at Leith, the Earl of Cassillis presiding after his return from his world's tour. He
was cordially welcomed at the Quarterly meeting held on the 5th of September.

The Grand Chapter of Scotland has a magnificent library to which accessions are constantly being made.

An investigation into the proposed formation of the District Grand Chapter of New South Wales into a Limited Liability Company produced much discussion and is described with precision:

"Companion Shakespeare was asked if he had authority to agree to any modification of the position as disclosed by the Articles of Association and Memorandum, and in Companion Perry's precis, with the object of exploring for any possible modus vivendi, and certain suggestions were made on behalf of the Committee."

Under America we find:

"The Committee had the advantage of a full report from Lord Cassillis of his negotiations with the General Grand Chapter of U.S.A., in regard to the Philippines and afterwards considered carefully a Draft Agreement adjusted by Lord Cassillis with the Grand High Priest and the General Grand Chapter. Generally, the Committee approved of the Draft, but thought it desirable that a further endeavour should be made to have one of the clauses amplified."

Frank Conquergood, Grand Sword Bearer.
(What's in a name.)

George A. Howell, Grand Scribe E.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

William A. Wannamaker, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 6,536.
Net gain, 156.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation was held in Aiken, April 8, 1924. Eight Past Grand High Priests signed the roll.

Canada was worthily represented by M.E. Comp. W. W. Wannamaker.

The Grand High Priest's address opens as follows:

"The year just closed has been uneventful, but there are signs of progress and an evident desire on the part of the Craft to develop the higher ideals and stress the fundamental
teachings that may be found beneath the rubbish of form and ceremony. We are no longer content with the pleasing impression of superficial beauty and outward perfectness, but would penetrate the soul, which is the eternal, the steadfast, the immovable. Those of us who have labored for years will observe in every branch of Masonry a recent decided progress toward the development of the intellectual and spiritual.”

With regard to Manitoba and Saskatchewan he says:—

“Being of the opinion that the Grand High Priest is without authority to extend full fraternal relations, I was content to felicitate the Companions upon the forming of these two Grand Chapters and to inform them that the matter would be submitted to this Grand Chapter with a favorable recommendation.”

Among his rulings we find this:—

“The arrest of a Charter of a Lodge by the Grand Master is merely a suspension of the activities of the Lodge during some definite period of time, but not beyond the next Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, and does not, in itself, affect the status of any of the members of the Lodge.”

James B. Little, of Trenton, represents South Carolina in our Grand Chapter.

We are pleased to note that the salary of the Fraternal Correspondent who reviews the Chapters of the world, is generous and liberal and recognizes the importance of the work. He is the happy recipient of $500 annually, and earns it.

From the report of the Necrology Committee we take this sentence and verse:—

“As merchants, manufacturers, lawyers, and soldiers, they have left their mark upon the years, and have earned the love and high consideration of the communities in which they lived and were benefited by their life work.”

“They have ceased one by one from their labors,
So we clothed them in garments of rest.
And they entered the Chambers of Silence;
God, do for them now what is best.”

The review of the Proceedings of Grand Chapters by M.E. Comp. J. L. Michie, P.G.H.P., is prefaced by the following apposite verse:—
“When you think of a man, you seldom think
Of the knowledge he has of books,
You seldom think of the clothes he wears,
His habits, or faults, or looks;
You seldom think of the car he drives,
Nor the bonds his gold has brought;
When you think of a man, you mostly think
Of some kindness he has wrought.
You think of the friend he’s been to man,
And the good that he has done,
And you judge the sort of a man he was
By the friends that he has won.”

The veteran reviewer submits his fourteenth annual, and takes both a general and a particular point of view.

He finds *British Columbia* a fertile field:—

“Referring to this Scribe’s remarks anent the treatment certain Hindoos received when trying to land in British Columbia a few years ago, he says:

‘It would ill become us to class our dear Companion of the Sunny Southland with such a mischievous element as was alleged to form a portion of the aforesaid rejects.

‘Tis said a place called Ellis Island is also careful of its acceptances.

He quotes what I had to say of Demit versus Dimit. But the printer misquotes in one particular place. He quotes, ‘To Dimit is a voluntary act,’ it should be as I wrote it, ‘To Demit is a voluntary act,’ which is vastly different. To demit is to resign, to be dimitted is to be sent away.”

*Canada* he reviews generously and speaks highly of Grand Z. Spencer’s record and address. He also says:—

“D. V.’s from Michigan, Massachusetts, New York, Quebec and Pennsylvania were introduced, and also the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in *Ontario*.

“Grand Chapter formally approved of the formation of new Grand Chapters in the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and appropriated fifteen hundred dollars to each to assist them in their formative stages. Very handsome of Canada, and in marked contrast to the fuss created when the Grand Chapter of Alberta was formed.

“The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry made an eighteen page report, from which we cull this little gem.

“Go and toil in any quarries,
Do not fear to do and dare;
If you want a field of labor,
You can find it anywhere.”
“R. E. Companion E. B. Brown writes his eighth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. He writes a very capable and exhaustive Report, noting all the principal points in the Proceedings reviewed. We are extremely sorry to learn that it is to be his last Report, he states that he will not be able to continue as Correspondent.

“He calls it ‘a thousand pities’ that our Grand Chapter sustained Grand High Priest Miller in his ruling that a Brother who had lost his right hand was ineligible for Capitular Degrees. Companion Brown, how could such a Brother be exalted, or take part in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Royal Arch Degree?”

From Colorado he lets the Companions in on some details of this work:—

“Well, yes, “going through ten or twelve thousand pages’ is no light work, I know, for I’ve ‘been there,’ in fact, ‘am there’ now. Here’s hoping that Companion Foster will be able to turn out his Fiftieth Report.”

He gives in full under England the speech and report of M.E. Pro. First Principal, Lord Ampthill, from which we take one reference:—

“The old saying that ‘where there is a will there is a way’ holds good, and where there is a good will such as undoubtedly exists in Canada, there is also a good way. While I was in Canada I had long conservations on this matter with M. W. Bro. Col. W. N. Ponton, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and also with M. W. Bro. J. Alexander Cameron, a Past Grand Master, and a Past Grand Z., of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and I am, therefore, in a position to carry on personal negotiations with them, which will, I am confident. lead to a result which we must all desire.”

Iowa is always fertile and fruitful, and we make the following extracts from his report:—

“Here is something new. The State of Iowa not being represented in the collection of State Flags maintained in the Post Office in Washington, D.C., Grand Chapter voted to present a Flag to be placed in the Collection.

“The Board of Custodians states that all Chapters had been visited save two, it was impossible to get a date with one, and in the other instance most of the officers had gone to the Imperial Shrine. There are allurements in the Shrine Pilgrimages that are not to be found in any Masonic gathering.”
He thus comments on one of the many subjects suggested by *New York*:

“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.”

From his conclusion we take the following sentences:

“It gives me pleasure to report the formation of two new Grand Chapters in the Dominion of Canada, namely, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. They have been Fraternally Recognized by all the Grand Chapters that have met since their organization. They have started housekeeping under very favorable auspices, and I wish for them long continued usefulness.”

In commenting upon a shoe manufacturer applying for a trade mark to be called *The Royal Arch* and protesting there-against, he adds:

“We don’t want our Royal Craft to be advertised by the pedal extremities of the profane.”

He sums up interesting statistics as follows:

“All the Jurisdictions in the United States continue to show an increase in membership. New York has sunk from first to third place with 3,457, having been beat by Illinois with 4,074, and by Michigan with 3,982. Ohio with 3,212 comes fourth, while Pennsylvania with 2,059 and Texas with 1,550 takes fifth and sixth places respectively.

“When it comes to membership Illinois still leads with 82,345. The next five retain the places they held last year, namely, Ohio, 74,743; New York, 64,250; Pennsylvania, 57,519; Michigan, 42,560; Texas, 41,623.

The next annual cConvocation will be held at Spartanburg, 14th April, 1925.

William W. Wannamaker, Orangeburg, Grand High Priest.
O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.
SOUTH DAKOTA.

Cyrus B. Warne, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 6,352.
Net gain, 48.

The features of the Grand High Priest in etched engraving which opens the Transactions, leaves one in doubt as to whether he is a preacher, a lawyer or a philosopher—probably all three in one.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at the City of Lead, June 12th, 1924, with a good attendance and at the opening ceremonies "The Rose of Sharon" was beautifully sung.

The Grand High Priest thus introduces the State of which he is so proud and which the Companions love so well:—

"We meet here in the richest hundred miles square of these grand United States, amid the hills and pines of this beautiful section, where the handiwork of God in all its rare beauty seems to welcome us on this wonderful June day. In this land in which the hardy pioneer of our early days wrought so diligently and to such wonderful purpose to develop this beautiful land for future generations to enjoy, under whose hills the ingenuity of man found such stores of wealth and golden treasure we meet to-day. May the deliberations bring from the store house of Masonic wisdom treasures of legislative direction of administrative wisdom to direct this Convocation of the Capitular Masons of this grand State."

He has his own opinion about other Degrees, which he expresses as follows:—

"After going over the field thoroughly I am satisfied that in every case where the complaint is made of opposition of the so-called higher degree interference, or by some of the Companions missing the old rough road, if the officers will make an honest effort to confer the degrees in an efficient manner without the use of a ritual, using the slides, using the music and really bringing their Chapters up to the standard which they themselves know to be the right standard, they will have no cause for future trouble."

As to his many visitations he says:—

"I desire to make these visits profitable and not a burden, and requested each Chapter not to serve banquets as I much preferred that they use their money to procure the necessary equipment rather than to entertain me. In each visitation
I tried to give the Officers and Companions of each Chapter a vision of what Capitular Masonry really is, whence it came and whither it will take us. Also to impress upon them the fact that the new Ritual properly presented gives them a sovereignty all in themselves in place of just stepping stones to some higher degree. In their hands is the rounding out as it were of the beautiful teachings of Ancient Craft Masonry. How far I have succeeded I can only guess, but I would to God that I had the ability to make each of them see the light as it came to me. I have done the best I could with my limited talents, and I hope my successor will be able to do what I had hoped to accomplish.”

On the laying of Corner-stones—a most important function of the Craft—he says:—

“There in all the dignity of the Masonic Ritual, in the presence of the President of the United States, the corner stone was laid in due and ancient form. Here all branches of Masonry met to do honor to the ‘Father of our Country’.

‘June 6th, 1924, I had the honor of attending the laying of the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Library at Sioux Falls. To me this ceremony was second only to the above event.

“I hope that this Grand Chapter will do all in their power to aid in the completion of the beautiful building which will be our educational center for all South Dakota Masons.”

In conclusion he brings us this which he found somewhere in the quarries:—

“Every degree suggests not only a more complete knowledge of the Ritual but an increased knowledge of how to live, no man should seek ‘further light in Masonry’ who has not made some attempt to use the light already given to him. I venture to make the guess that our Masonic regular meetings are not more generally attended because of the fact that the brethren do not live masonically. —Masonry is not entertainment for ‘cowans’ but an urge to conduct which becomes strong men.

“It seems to me that what is suggested is that we have remembered and have been faithful to the teachings and labour of the Craft and the Master Builder of the Universe. The signs are a kind of confession of loyalty—a renewal of our confidence in the obligations—a reminder of ties which cannot be broken.

“And the effect upon the recipient of the degrees, surely a man himself must be as a stone if he will not perceive that the work he offers is his own personal conduct and character. ‘Brethren, square work, and square work only, is such as we have orders to receive.’ The secret of the ‘stone which the builders rejected’ the candidate is not yet ready to receive.
“Wages for work not well done, or ill done. (A common, modern failing.)

“I’d like to think that here and there
When I am gone there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
Existed had I toiled for gain;
That some one’s cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I had been worth while;
That I had paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine.”

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present.
Canada was well represented by Comp. Leonard M. Simons.

R.E. Comp. Henry T. Smith is the representative of South Dakota here.

The Committee on Necrology who record the passing of sixty-three Companions through the veil, give a very philosophical dissertation on life and death, and we extract the following lines:—

“The basis of all religion and the background of all philosophy. From the verdict of the senses, from the logic of cynicism man appeals to the justice of God and finds peace.

“The worlds on worlds
In myriad myriads roll
Round us each with different powers
And other forms of life than ours,
What know we greater than the soul!”

The Committee on Resolutions give a graphic report from which we take the following:—

“The courtesy, kindness and solicitous anxiety for the comfort and pleasure of all those in attendance at this Grand Chapter at Lead, and the Grand Lodge at Deadwood, though characteristic of the people who live ‘out where the West begins,’ have been intensified by the members of the fraternity in our behalf, and have resulted in a success commensurate with their efforts.”

And of the worthy Grand Secretary Pettigrew they have this laudatory word to say:—

“In his intercourse with the members of the fraternity he has at all times, and, no doubt, frequently under trying circumstances, been courteous and affable, qualities which have endeared him to all, from the highest in our councils to the youngest entered apprentice in the northeast corner. May the Great Ruler of destinies have in store for him many, very many years of active service, so that Masonry in South Dakota may be the recipient of its valuable results.
From Alberta Grand Correspondent Charles L. Brockway finds this gem:

"It is here by strengthening the fibres of individualism through the subtle installation of the gifts of the spirit, that the teachings of our Masonic faith can most nobly and truly aid the forces fighting for our national recreation; but let no man suppose, be he ever so wise or virtuous or high in the 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 for her renown and crown himself in the ample fulness of her gifts. Her high reward lies 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."

Canada is finely reviewed and we make the following extracts. He first refers to the children of our loins:

"All of them have the best wishes of the parent Grand Chapter, and together they constitute a most numerous and vigorous family."

He then refers to Grand Z. Spencer's address:

"Without regular attendance, without taking any active part in the proceedings of the Chapter, a union of minds and hearts is impossible."

"During the two years of his service he visited some eighty Chapters, accompanied in many instances by the Grand Scribe E., who 'assisted very materially in making the Chapter Convocations both interesting and instructive.' Chapters in every district but one were visited by one or the other of these officers.

"He thinks the time has come when strong capable men must be secured for the position of District Superintendent, men capable of giving instruction and assisting the Chapters in every possible way, and who have or will take the time to discharge fully the important duties devolving upon them. He called attention to some failures.

"M. E. Companion William N. Ponton, Chairman of that Committee, submitted a full report in which the 'Condition' was reviewed at length. It is a fine sample of what a report should be and is in the nature of a history of the year. Sound advice, forceful and pertinent suggestion, and vigorous call to service are all mingled with the report. If our Canadian Brethren read it and are not stirred to action it will be a pity.

"The same Companion contributed the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, a review of the proceedings which
came to his hands, among which South Dakota has very kind fraternal notice.”

We appreciate our colleague’s kindly comments. Under Michigan we find:—

“Companion Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary, in lieu of a Report on Correspondence, contributes ‘A History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree and Dependent Grades’ which is printed with the Proceedings. It is a most interesting and valuable contribution to Masonic literature, enabling both the student and the curious to gain information difficult of access to any but the antiquarian with abundance of time at his disposal.”

Iowa speaks and receives word of stimulating warning:—

“The Grand High Priest, like many of his predecessors in this and all other Jurisdictions, has laid upon his conscience the problem of weak, dormant and uninterested Chapters. These, like the poor, seem always to be with us. Each presents its own particular phase of the great problem, but the prevailing difficulty seems to be lack of interest on the part of the officers. He reported conditions as he found them, but, except in one case, his recommendation was that further fostering care be given by his successor before drastic action be taken. We sometimes wonder whether a little discipline might not be good for the souls of the delinquent Companions.”

Wisconsin gives a word of caution on which he comments and quotes as follows:—

“Of the Order of De Molay, to which the Grand Chapter has given such whole-hearted support, he speaks these pertinent words of caution:—

‘However, to have it bring forth its fruits in its fulness, 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 exiting. It is the thing we work for, make sacrifices for, and are responsible for, that is dearest to our hearts. It is the same with boys, for we are but boys grown tall.’”

The Order of High Priesthood met in due form. The next Convocation will be held at Sioux Falls on 11th June, 1925.

Joseph Stanton, Watertown, Grand High Priest.
George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.
Charles H. Byrn, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 10,510.
Net gain, 800.

The amiable features of the new Grand High Priest, John G. Greer, open the Proceedings and bear a striking resemblance to M.E. Comp. Prowse, of Buffalo, our old friend.

In the biography of the new Grand High Priest we find the following nugget:

"Loyal, faithful, true, describes John G. Greer."

The Ninety-fifth Convocation was held in Nashville, January 28, 29th, 1924, fourteen Past Grand High Priests testifying their loyalty by their attendance.

Canada's Representative, J. Leonard Wood, was duly present.

From the Grand High Priest's excellent address we cull the following:

"Let me hope and trust that each of you will do his utmost to legislate so as to permit the historian to say that we have measured up to the standard of our opportunities.

"We are here to render an account of our acts during the twelve months just closed; to formulate plans for the future; mingle with one another in friendly companionship, soon to part and again take up the burden of another year's employment for the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry. In doing this, remember

"... here is another turn of the road,
Another year is gone;
Take a strong new grip and grasp of your load,
And then—go on! Go on!

He is not merely full of poetry but of practical action. Witness this account of his unslothful stewardship:

"When I was installed Grand High Priest, I promised you I would visit every Chapter in the State, if it were possible for me to do so. In attempting to do this, I have travelled hundreds of miles by rail and auto, which has taken much of my time from business and home, and the pleasure of meeting so many of my Companions has greatly touched my heart, and I shall look back on these visits with no small degree of satisfaction."
"The following table gives the names and numbers of the Chapters visited, as well as the dates the visits were made, and as you will see it includes every Chapter in Tennessee."

Finally at the end of his review he gives us good resolutions to ponder, make and keep as follows:

"No man can be a true Mason unless he believes in God. This being true, the name of God should be sacred to every member of our beloved brotherhood. Such a thing as profanity should be as foreign to the members of our Order as it would be for us to neglect the needs of a brother.

"The response to this appeal has been most gratifying. I urge you to join me in helping make our words and speech as pure as the ideals that we profess.

"So, Companions, let us resolve:

"'To remember that the All Seeing Eye is upon us at all times.

"'To keep so close to the centre of things that nothing on the circumference can disturb or distress us.

"'To preserve our peace of mind when others squander theirs in impatience and irritability, for by so doing we shall keep our health and become a staff upon which others can lean.

"'To remain silent when others are mentioned, unless we can say something good about them.

"'To remember that, despite all appearances, the everlasting arms are around about us, sustaining and strengthening us.

"'To know that God created us to give expression to his glory, and that we best carry out His plan by maintaining courage in diversity, cheerfulness in sorrow, and hope in the place of despair.

"'To turn in thought to God whenever outer things would suggest His absence, and to persuade ourselves that in a universe that is filled with the presence of God there is nothing to fear.

"'To put these resolutions into active service so that this year will be such an improvement over all other years that my friends will resolve to follow along the same line.'"

From the many Obituaries we take this specimen of worthy Tennessee's heart and remembrance:

"Strengthened by his many well remembered virtues, we look and yearn for the happy reunion beyond the vale which marks the transition from time to eternity.

"Companion Woodward was a devoted son, an affectionate brother, a faithful loving husband, and a helpful companionable father, as is appreciated by those of his family who survive."
"He trod without fear or wavering the straight open pathway of life,
Knowing that living respected he would die regretted."

The Correspondence review is by M.E. Comp. C. H. Smart, who in his introduction says:—

"As we proceed in our task of reviewing the proceedings of our Sister Jurisdictions, we feel more and more that we are getting better acquainted with the Knights of the Round Table, and that we can say 'Howdy?' to them with a friendliness that is akin to old acquaintances."

Of Alberta's Grand Z. he says:—

"The Grand Z. made a good record as a visitor—
"He seen his duty, a dead, sure thing,
And went for it thar and then."

Canada is courteously reviewed in friendly spirit and from his review we choose the following extracts:—

"When the Grand Z. called the Grand Chapter of Canada to order, he found only fifteen of his thirty-one Grand Officers non est comeatibus—absent as it were. However, as they were all appointive ones, with no hope of being struck by lightning in the near future, and having had all the honors obtainable for the time being, they didn't think it worth while. Their places were easily filled, and the wheels of progress were not blocked in the least—never missed 'em.

"Seven Chapters were constituted during the year and dispensations issued to form ten new ones. That seems to be going with some swiftness. In 'A Word to Chapters' he speaks right out. Hear him:

"'I would urge the prompt opening of Chapters and an expeditious performance of the work, at the same time remembering that our aim should be to make Royal Arch Masons, and not just Chapter members.'

"The correspondence report is written by Companion Edward B. Brown—his eighth and last. For some reason he stated to the Grand Chapter that 'he would not be able to continue writing the report on Fraternal Correspondence. Companion W. N. Ponton was appointed in his place, to whom we extend our hand with well wishes for his success, and to Companion Brown we say, 'Success attend you in all your walks of life.'

"Companion Brown reviewed Tennessee for 1922 in five and a half pages."

Grand Representatives appear to be a live topic in all Jurisdictions and their responsibilities are being brought home to them. Listen to what our colleague says:—
"In the fifty-nine Annual Convocations reviewed by us, thirty-two of the Grand Representatives of Tennessee near other Grand Chapters were present and twenty-five absent—over forty-five per cent. did not think it worth while. There should be, in our opinion, some drastic measures adopted in regard to the representative system. As far as we can see, many are content to wear the honors, but are unwilling to take the trouble of putting in an appearance and answering roll call, even when their place of business in only a few blocks away from the hall were the convocation is held.

"Time's last solemn dirge is tolled."

"All we can do is to 'grin and bear it,' though Grand Chapters should require a report in writing to be sent to the Grand High Priest, giving reasons for the non-attendance. Then, if the reasons are not satisfactory, a new representative can be appointed."

He concludes with this grand simile:

"As the engineer of a passenger train gradually shuts off the steam that propels the engine as he enters the station, and finally brings his train to a stop without a shock, so do we shut off the motor of our airship as we near our journey's end, and as the wheels strike the earth, roll along a short distance and come to a halt, we alight and place our feet upon terra firma, feeling better for our pleasant journey among the Knights of the Round Table.

"And now into the opening year
We bravely tread:
Our wandering feet shall know no fear
Divinely led."

The Order of High Priesthood met as usual. The next Convocation is to be held January 26, 1925, at Nashville.
John G. Greer, Loudon, Grand High Priest.
Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

John A. Gartland, Grand High Priest.
Present membership, 41,623.
Net gain, 1,550.

The features of a strong, determined and thoughtful man, M.E. Companion J. A. Gartland, opens the Annual Transactions of Texas.
The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Waco, December 3, 1923.
Canada was represented by Comp. B. K. Hawkins, of Brownwood.

From the Grand High Priest's address we take the following:—

"During the past year, owing to the depressed financial condition throughout the State, the Chapters have not been as active or prosperous as formerly, in fact many of them have done no work at all. However, we are able to report that there has been a substantial gain in membership."

Five Dispensations were issued for new Chapters and ten Chapters were constituted.

Many Dispensations were issued and some refused.

With regard to the Aged Masons' Home of Texas the Grand High Priest says:—

"The wonderful work this Home is doing for the care and support of aged and infirm Master Masons, their wives and widows, should appeal to every Brother in the State, and it is his duty to help, aid and support it so far as his ability will permit.

"This Home was built and is being maintained by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and is open for the reception of any Master Mason who may be in need of such home, who is a member of any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, therefore, it is his duty as such to give it his moral and financial support.

"They are ours and it is our duty to support them. Each and every Mason is under obligation to do so. Remember your obligation."

It is a ruling of Texas that a Chapter must show continuity. Article 120 says:—

"When a Chapter fails to meet for three consecutive months it forfeits its right to meet and its Charter shall be arrested by the Grand High Priest, etc."

The Grand High Priest knew how to rule firmly and fearlessly when emergency arose as witness the first sentence of his letter to a recalcitrant Chapter:—

"Referring to yours of September 27th. There is only one course I could pursue in your case and that is to arrest the Charter of your Chapter for its willful and flagrant violation of Grand Chapter Laws."

With regard to Grand Representatives he voices the opinion of many:—
“I hope to see the day when Grand Representatives will be as conversant with the work and actions of the Grand Chapter they represent as they are with our own, learn every detail of the constructive things they do, how they do it, why they do it, and advise whether it would be beneficial for our Grand Chapter to do likewise.

“I would like to see a fraternal correspondence between the Grand Representatives of the Jurisdiction they represent, and each should be able to furnish the other more detailed information concerning the work of his own Jurisdiction than could possibly be gathered from reviewing the Proceedings. This would make the office a truly useful one and furnish a pleasant duty to perform.”

And he concludes as follows:—

“Is it any wonder then, in view of these facts, that the Institution should reckon among her hosts the pious, the religious, the philanthropist, the patriot, the warrior, the jurist, the philosopher, the mechanic, the artist, men of all grades and ranks of life who prize virtue, stimulate progress and civilization and cherish liberty?

“On this plane Freemasonry moves majestically along with the stream of the ages, moulding the character of men, recognizing her indebtedness to the past, her obligation to the present and future, realizing her grand scope and field of mission, keeping true to her ancient landmarks, scattering benediction in her path in active benevolence and charity to all who come within the sphere of her influence. And, as each member of the Craft, mindful of his individual responsibility, acts faithfully his part in the Lodge on earth, awaits the Supreme Master’s mandate summoning him to the Lodge in heaven, looks forward with bright anticipations and holy aspirations to that event which shall admit him to the glorious Brotherhood of the Redeemed in the presence of the Great ‘I Am’ where love, joy and immortality shall be his portion forever. So Mote It Be.”

Much space is given of course to the trouble with the General Grand Chapter of the United States in reference to Mexico, a trouble now happily ended, and we forbear therefore to make citations from the many reports.

The Committee on the Home report as follows:—

“Again we extend a fraternal invitation to every Mason in the State of Texas to visit the Home and see what is being done for the comfort and happiness of those of your brothers and sisters who in the decline of life by misfortune or otherwise have been deprived of that dearest of all places, home. You cannot visit this Home and see what is being done by
Masons without being proud of the fact that you are a Mason and that you are contributing to this great work."

From the Memorial Report we cull the following verses:

"But the hardest load we have to bear
Is the labor and strength that's lost
In building the bridge with toilsome care
O'er the stream that is never crossed."

"Then gather the roses along the way, And treasure the
fragrance rare;
Rejoice in the bright and joyous day, Refusing to borrow care.
For sorrow and pain will surely come, And your soul be tried and tossed;
But don't be bridging to reach your home
O'er the stream that is never crossed."

The Grand Orator's address was a real oration of the old-time eloquence. We quote as follows:

"I do not believe, as some profess to believe, that the Masonic Order is an institution of divine establishment; or that as an organization it is God-ordained.

"The first mission of Freemasonry, then, is to impress the world that there is but one God, the Father of us all, and that the arrangement of the Mosaic Decalogue was not accidental when the command: 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me' was given first place.

"When, therefore, we sit in judgment on our brother and brand our fellow-man as unclean because of race or station, we should remember the stinging rebuke of Peter in his vision: 'What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common or unclean.'

"To make practical our fraternity, Masons must learn that he who lets wag the tongue of slander and false accusation against his neighbor has converted his Masonic Apron into a filthy rag, and is no longer worthy to sit among Masons.

"Masons must also learn that he who needlessly repeats to unsympathising ears the story even of a brother's fall, dulls the whiteness of his Masonic badge and should stand in dread of the penalty he voluntarily invoked at the altar of Masonry.

"Until Masons learn that preaching a truth without living that truth has ever been and ever will be barren of living fruit, our teaching by our most impressive symbols and ceremonials will fail to accomplish the mission of Freemasonry."

T. M. Bartley, in charge of the Foreign Correspondence, does not treat of separate Jurisdictions but he gives ample food for thought in a unique and striking way.
Under Capitular questions he says:—

"The occasion for this agitation and legislation, is due to the fact that in many, many instances our Masonic bodies have been converted into degree mills, for the purpose of grinding out members instead of Masons. As deeply as we deplore the lamentable fact, we are compelled to admit it. If that be true, what should we do? Naturally, quit making just members, and go to making Masons.

"It requires Masons to make a Mason. That's up to the degree team. They must have a candidate for Masonry, instead of membership. That's up to the entire body. The conferring of the degrees is only pointing out the way to become a Mason. Making that way his way, is up to the candidate.

"To see that he does it, is up to all of us.

"When should they be admitted? When we are prepared to make Masons of them.

"How many should be admitted? All we can make Masons of.

"Why? Because the world needs Masonry as it never needed it before, and there is more to be done than we can all do."

With regard to the Home he says:—

"They want a home they can call their own. They know full well they have wrought their regular hours and borne the burden and heat of the day building this fraternity, and what the fraternity builds is but the fruit of their labors. The completed structure upon the foundation laid by them, and that it's theirs and that they are entitled to the reward of their labors. Isn't it a grand and glorious feeling? It makes one feel like life is worth living and the fraternity worth perpetuating.

"Of course, there are Jurisdictions that can't afford a home. That's unfortunate and their's is the greater misfortune."

With regard to what he calls the leaks and suspensious, hear him:—

"No business is as successful as it could be that permits continuous unnecessary losses. No fraternal order is doing as much as it should do that allows the loss of any, from causes that could be avoided. No business or fraternal order is receiving the consideration to which it is entitled, by those in charge of its affairs so long as such losses continue unnoticed or unheeded.

"It is not that the price is exhorbitant, for some Jurisdictions only charge the price of one picture show, yet their suspensions are up to the standard and marvels of regularity.

"The question is, what are we going to do about it? "Initiation fees are paid willingly. Make it sufficient that a part of it can be set aside as a permanent investment, and collect annual interest instead of annual taxes."
Masonry and Mexico are treated in detail and his summing up will be useful in the future.

The following pungent paragraph ends his reference to this sore subject:—

“In 1923, at the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, that charter was returned to the Grand Chapter of Texas, and there it will, in all probability, remain until the Annual Convocation in December, when it is to be hoped that the Grand Chapter of Texas will take its bearings and determine—‘Whither are we drifting.’”

“P.S.—It did.”

And with regard to relations of the General Grand Chapter he truly says:—

“If wise heads and Masonic hearts hold sway in their council chambers, it can be easily accomplished.

“This is the way Texas felt:

“Here’s to you, as good as you are;
And here’s to me, as bad as I am,
But as bad as I am, and as good as you are,
I’m as good as you are, as bad as I am.”

And he says good-bye to the subject and to his colleagues in the following words:—

“The question now for the Grand Chapter of Texas to consider is; Royal Arch Masonry in Texas; not, Royal Arch Masonry in Mexico.

“Regardless of past or present relations between the Grand Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter; we submit that if these two Masonic Grand Bodies can not cooperate with each other, and work in harmony, that our only contest should be, which can do most and serve best for the good of Masonry and humanity.”

Sam J. Helm, Corsicana, Grand High Priest.
T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

Warren Benjamin, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 1,042.
Net gain, 58.
Small in numbers but excellent in good works this volume of the Transactions of the Thirteenth Annual Convocation held at Salt Lake City, May 23rd, 1924, is full of interesting matter. There was
a good attendance of members representing the various Chapters, including Ontario Chapter.

E. Comp. Schramm, of the Scottish Rite of Utah and Nevada, and Right Eminent Comp. Konold, of the Grand Commandery, were presented and received with Grand Honours.

In reply Comp. Schramm responded in part as follows:

"Excellent Grand High Priest and Brethren, I should say Companions, I appreciate fully the privilege of coming here this morning in this official capacity, and bring you the greetings and good wishes of the Brethren of the Scottish Rite. In this State above all others, Masons are bound together a little closer than any other."

Then the chief guest, M.E. Comp. Kuhn of the General Grand Chapter, was received with an unusual warmth of welcome, and in order to reproduce the scenic beauty to which he was introduced we give the address of welcome of Grand High Priest Benjamin:

"They encountered many hardships, endured privation, and overcame obstacles, and it was these conditions that moulded rugged characters, and caused the weakest of heart to be eliminated by discouragement, returning to their eastern home, while the more resourceful continued on. These were the progenitors of the present western born generation. They fought the Indians, cut the sage bush, built roads and bridges, and finally laid out our beautiful city in which we welcome you this morning, and now that we have you with us as our distinguished guest, we are going to have great pleasure in showing you a little of the surrounding country that marks the last great frontier of the west, as well as some of the sturdy people who inhabit it.

"We shall ask you to gaze upon our snowy peaks, and our fertile valley. We shall drive you through canyons that are wonderful to behold, and through which flows the pure mountain water to be used by the farmer for irrigating purposes, and which are always an inspiration to the artists.

"We shall show you greener pastures in which to lie than the Shepherds of old found along the bottom lands of the Tigris or Euphrates. We shall ask you to lift your eyes to the everlasting peaks of our great Wasatch range, and drink the sparkling water distilled there by the sunbeams, and where nature keeps it stored up in the attic of the universe above contamination by disease.

"You shall gaze upon the magic waters of the greatest inland sea where nothing sinks but sorrow, and behind its
western shore nearly three hundred days a year the tender hues of the golden sunset sink lower and lower as the twilight hushes the day to its gentle close."

From the genial and appreciative reply of the late M.E. Comp. Kuhn we take just one sentence:—

"We all admired your beautiful city and have always done so. I do not know of any place where I have been where things were fairer and better than in your beautiful city, and although your Masons do not number into many thousands, it is not always the number that makes the stronger; this has been my experience and this is the fiftieth Grand Chapter I have visited, and I have tried to make it a special point to visit the smaller Chapters. I have found more real Masons, especially Arch Masons, in the smaller Chapters than in the larger Chapters; their work is better and more enthusiasm displayed, and I want to congratulate you upon your good work."

Canada's Representative, E. Comp. John C. Brown, was present.

The Grand High Priest in his address comments well and wisely upon present conditions as follows:—

"The falling off in the number of applications which has been general all over the country and extending from the Blue Lodge up through the higher bodies can be ascribed not to lack of effort on our part to attract men to our organization but rather to slowing up of business in general pending the adjustment of financial and industrial conditions that usually follow in the wake of a great war. It is the spirit of the times which is that of unrest, and the advancement of untried theories favorable to this or that side of the question involved, and their long delayed solutions producing such decided feelings of uncertainty and which have a deleterious effect upon the social, normal and economic life of the world in general."

With regard to numbers and great areas and hardships he truly says:—

"Perhaps some of our correspondents in large and congested centres will think 40 members are a small number but let me say we live in the zone designated 'the last great frontier of the West,' the country of magnificent distances, and we frequently travel a great many miles over rough, rugged, sandy and treacherous roads, dugways and trails, through the canyons of the mountains and over their passes to assist in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the House of the Lord and we have often wondered who there is among those more comfortably situated who would be willing to drive the
greater part of the day and night and even the next day to advance the great and good cause we are striving for."

Not in Utah alone are found the type on which Comp. Benjamin comments thus:—

"There are members who seem to think their individual mission in life. Masonically, is to revise the by-laws or tinker with the Ritual, tending to eliminate or change the ancient usages and land marks, of the Order; the so-called modernist. I believe this should be decried and if not checked will surely reach to and destroy basic principles which are the salt of life to our Fraternity."

The Committee on Correspondence report a pregnant thought:—

"I would suggest that a committee be appointed to study further this situation and to devise ways and means of making the Royal Arch so actually grasp the lives of its members that there will be no longer such a loss from and through indifference."

From the In Memoriam Report we take the following striking thought:—

"That old, old fashion, death, which came in with our first parents, is always with us. Never morning wore away to evening but some heart did break. But thank God for that older fashion still, that of immortality."

M.E. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, of Regina, represented Utah with us.

A full roster of Royal Arch Masons of Utah is given by Chapters and alphabetically so that the members may know one another.

From the Foreign Correspondence Report, the second review of E. Comp. William F. Bulkley, we extract these opinions as worthy of consideration:—

"In reading the reports this year I have been particularly interested to note the growing understanding generally of the point that the Royal Arch Chapter is inherently the teaching body of Masonry, and also an ever-growing desire to rise to the responsibility."

"Taking all the proceedings as a whole, one can see and feel human nature, with all its failings, with all its hopes and aspirations, in action, and one must further recognize that this same weak and erring human nature is gradually, as a result of group action, rising to heights far above that of the average man. The Great Architect of the Universe, acting through the mass, is compelling the wills and inclinations of the individual."
Canada for both 1923 and 1924 is intelligently reviewed. He quotes from the Grand Z.’s address the following information:—

“It must be gratifying to know that the Royal Craft is growing numerically year by year. This year we will have two days in which to conduct the business affairs of our Grand Chapter.

“Six Chapters were consecrated and dedicated.

“Royal Arch Masonry is not a stepping-stone or an after-thought, that has been tacked on to Ancient Craft Masonry, but is a part of that ancient body, although working under a Grand Body of its own.”

And says with regard to the report:—

“Companion William N. Porter gave a comprehensive and instructive report on the “Condition of Capitular Masonry.”

Under 1924 he again quotes from the Grand Z. as follows:—

“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.”

And still credits this reviewer with a name that is not his own in the following words:—

“Companion William N. Porter gave an interesting ‘Report on the Conditions of Capitular Masonry,’ in which he shows how thoroughly the life of Canada is being strengthened by the growing work of the Royal Arch.”

Under Kansas he finds:—

“The magnificent building, the object of our hopes, the foundation of which was so strongly laid at the first Annual Convocation, is not yet completed; we must labor on with square, plumb-line and rule, using only such material in its construction as shall pass the most rigid inspection—then it will, indeed, stand forever as a great beacon light of intelligence, fraternity, civilization and true religion, which will lead all humanity out of the darkness of ignorance, superstition, bigotry and the black sea of despairing unbelief into the light of the perfect day, which is the true light of God.”

He strikes oil in Texas in the following words:—

“The (according to the accounts in the Proceedings I have read) most interesting and successful philanthropic work carried on by Royal Arch Masons, is the Home for Aged Masons in Texas. It is homelike. It is real. It is charity and
philanthropy at its best. Too much praise cannot be given to Texas for its work here.

"By all means read the Grand Orator's address, 'The Mission of Free Masonry,' and feel with us the pride of membership in such an Order, the shame at being so backward in our expression of Masonry in our lives, and the desire to serve more faithfully."

And concludes with this benediction:—

"In conclusion, in presenting this report, I wish to thank the Grand High Priest of Utah for the opportunity of gaining contact with the interesting characters who are reviewing for the different Grand Jurisdictions, and to hope that my little contribution may be received with kindliness. With praise and congratulations to all the workers of the Royal Arch for their continuous endeavors for constructive thinking and work."

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation will be held at Ogden, Utah, May 25, 1925.

George W. Lynch, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest.
Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

Allan D. Ball, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 5,961.
Net gain, 72.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation convened in Burlington, 10th June, 1924.
R.E. Comp. Charles W. Whitcomb represented Canada at the roll call.
Seven Past Grand High Priests were in their places of duty and of honour.

From the address of M.E. Comp. Ball we take the paragraphs which follow:—

"I greet you most cordially upon assembling in this our One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation, and as in happy reunion we are assembled in this beautiful Queen City on the shores of Lake Champlain, world renowned for its scenic beauty, let us lay aside the cares and anxieties of daily pursuits, the troubles and toils of busy life and give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings with which He has crowned our labors since last we met, and supplicate His
favor and guidance in the discharge of the duties that await us.

"The true destiny of man is to grow in intellectual, moral and spiritual excellence, and Masonry, properly understood and administered, aids greatly to accomplish that end. Our duty is to solve and act that the world will be wiser and better, that harmony may prevail, and discord be banished from the land. If we, as Masons, do not meet the requirements and evident aim of the institution, we are tares in the field of human progress, and come short of the promises made when we partook of the Masonic mysteries."

Under charity and Home he says:—

"But I would call your attention to a still greater need in these uncertain times, in which everyone may share, and so prepare for his declining years, should misfortune overtake his pilgrimage and one in which he may accept the hospitality, not as a gift, but as his due, and again in which if he need not participate, he has through many years contributed his mite towards his brother's welfare—that of a Masonic Home. How better could we exemplify the real spirit of brotherhood, what more tangible evidence of our regard for the infirmities of age, often doubly made sadder by the loss of all kin or relegated to a younger generation, void of sympathy and oppressed by the burden? What more comforting as we travel towards the setting sun, to be assured of a safe haven with those whose kindred feelings can link with ours, and the curtain of night can be drawn by hands of brotherhood and love? I would ask you to give this your consideration, and wherever the responsibility lies, let us give our assistance."

And he concludes with this definition or summary of characteristics of the Companion who has accepted and absorbed the spirit of Masonry good and true:—

"He is charitable and merciful in his judgments, he has learned how to make friends and keep them, because he thinks well and not evil of other men; he can look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye—he sees something to love in a little child; he can look out on the world and see something besides dollars and cents; he can look into a puddle by the roadside, and see a clear sky, rather than only mud; he can look upward at night and see beyond the stars; and besides all this, he is one who has learned to know that:

"Evil is impotent,  
Sorrow a dream,  
God is omnipotent,  
Love is supreme."
From the report of the Grand Lecturer we place our Companions in possession of the following thoughts:—

"Once again we come to a mile-stone in the history of Capitular Masonry where we report the efforts of a year not now to be redeemed but from whose experiences we may hope for advantage in the days, which, God willing, shall be of those to come and through such opportunities shall rise to greater levels of the light.

"In the pride of ambition to shine in the light of another too many have aspired to office who were not willing or had not the time to devote to the conscientious performance of the task, thereby making their honor void and retarding the work another might have done. True glory comes from a duty well performed, not from an empty title."

The session was brief and business-like.

The Foreign Correspondence was in the capable hands of R.E. Comp. Archie S. Harriman, who has been elected Grand High Priest.

Canada is not reviewed, which we regret.

Under Connecticut our colleague says:—

"We note that the Grand High Priest refused permission to ballot out of time on a candidate in order that the latter might sooner apply to the Shrine. This action we heartily approve and hope it will always be thus in Vermont. In giving his reason for the refusal, the Grand High Priest said he did not believe in making the Chapter simply a stepping-stone for the other Masonic Bodies. What makes the Shrine a Masonic Body? The fact that they limit their membership to Masons? Then there are several insurance companies which might call themselves Masonic Bodies."

From Quebec, which always furnishes something of interest, the reviewer gives us the following:—

"Vermont's representative, Comp. C. M. Gardiner, though living in Montreal, was not present. His example must have been followed by the representative of Quebec near Vermont, for, though living in Burlington, he did not attend our last Annual Communication. Query: Was there a conspiracy to leave the two neighboring Jurisdictions mutually unrepre- sented?

"But we find most of his reviews too brief to hold interest. To paraphrase: A little comment now and then is relished by the best of men.

"We do find, however, a few instances which show what a man of his clear insight could do, if he would. Under Massachusetts, he says:
"In his concluding remarks he goes much farther than is perhaps desirable in contending for the propagation by Masonry of certain principles of Education and of Government in which individual Masons, it is perfectly true, should take a certain interest as citizens, but which are not proper subjects, as we have learned Masonry, for discussion in and division of Masonic organizations.

"That sentence certainly hits the nail square on the head. And he sinks the head with the following remark under New York:

"'Nothing that he said in the course of his admirable address was of greater importance to the Craft at times like these, when some of the novelty lovers are urging Masonic action in public affairs, than his Admonition to the Companions that "the great work of Masonry is done individually and not as an organization."'

Comp. Harriman is a master of good English well illustrated by his closing sentence under Wyoming:—

"'His review of Vermont is carefully epitomized and written in the true fraternal spirit."

A roster of membership of the various Chapters is given in full.

James B. Nixon, our veteran Companion, represents Vermont in Toronto.

Archie S. Harriman, Middlebury, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA.

M. Em. Comp. William Alfred Callaway, First Grand Principal.

Membership, 2,874.

Net gain, 442.

The Proceedings of Grand Chapter, which meets quarterly, are printed in Royal Arch red from first to last, a striking departure.

Joseph W. Hickson, of Toronto, represents Victoria here, while Comp. John Byatt of the Education Department, represents Canada in Melbourne.

Four new Chapters have been consecrated during the year.
The first Quarterly Convocation recorded met at Melbourne July 18th, 1923, and we like their formal record of opening and of closing which is consistently as follows:—

"The Grand Chapter was opened (closed) in Ample, Antient, and Solemn Form at .......... p.m."

The Grand First Principal is styled *Most Eminent*, not *Most Excellent*, and *Eminent* appears to be the generic Grand Chapter title. The First Principals of Chapters are spoken of as Most Excellent.

In the communication of the First Grand Principal we read with regard to Quebec:—

"At its Annual Convocation on 28th February, 1923, the Grand Chapter of Quebec formally 'recognized' this Grand Chapter, and agreed to an exchange of Representatives. Their M.E. Grand First Principal has nominated R. Ex. Comp. Duncan McLellan for appointment as our first Representative near the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and it has afforded me sincere pleasure to issue a Commission accordingly."

The name *Moira* held by one of our own old Chapters is repeated in Victoria, as in India and in London, and he speaks thus of its good work:—

"M. Em. Comp. W. P. Bice, my immediate predecessor in office, kindly represented me at the Moira Chapter, No. 12, Benalla, on 28th May. He was attended by a number of Grand Officers and a very instructive and interesting evening resulted. I am glad to hear of the large number of splendid candidates exalted in this Chapter during the last two or three years."

A list of Suspensions, or, as they call them there, exclusions, is given each quarter and the following, illustrating dual and dependent membership, is of interest:—

"F. H. F., M.H.R., Central Chapter, No. 24. "The exclusion of the last-named Companion from the Central Chapter also terminates his membership in the Moorabbin Chapter, No. 30.

The next Quarterly Convocation was held October 17th, 1923. The Grand Representatives are expected to sign an Appearance Book, specially provided. Canada did not sign.
Manitoba was recognized officially, and V.E. Comp. Ince was appointed their first Representative.

From the Committee of General Purposes we take the following under Dispensations:—

"Chapter No. 3.—Permission for the wearing (by Companions of the Order) of R.A. regalia at a Masonic Ball held on 31st July, 1923, at the Masonic Hall, Bendigo; Apron, Sash, and Jewel to be worn only inside the building, and the wearing of Robes of Office not permitted.

"Chapter No. 36.—The Regular Convocations of this Chapter being governed by the dates of full moon, a doubt has arisen this year as to the date on which the election of officers should take place. Dispensation was issued so as to avoid any irregularity."

With regard to Saskatchewan and Manitoba the following motion was recorded:—

"M. Em. Comp. P. Cohen, P.G.Z., was the seconded of the motion, which was also supported by M. Em. Comp. W. P. Bice, P.G.Z., who referred to the disadvantage under which Chapters in Western Canada had formerly labored owing to their great distance from their central authority. He felt that the formation of these Canadian Grand Chapters must particularly appeal to us as a Sister State in the same Empire."

A most interesting address was given by M.E. Companion Rev. A. T. Holden, C.B.E., which in abridged form is given for the benefit of the Companions. It is in matter and manner worth producing. Space will only permit the following:—

"To what extent is Freemasonry justified in revealing itself to the world? In what way may we fulfill our obligations to the community?

"I wish to say, first of all, not in blatant display of Masonic regalia and emblems. Within the Lodge room, if we so desire, we may wear all the emblems to which we are entitled; but in public we should be known as Freemasons by some more dignified way than by the exposure of regalia and the display of emblems.

"But what could be more out of place than to introduce into the jollity of the ballroom regalia and jewels that belong essentially to our secret and solemn ceremonies, thus subjecting them to a public intimacy that is quite uncalled for?

"During his recent visit to CANADA, Lord Ampthill, though not referring to this particular matter, but speaking generally, said:—We must show the world that there is something far deeper in Freemasonry than outward pomp and
panoply, which would not be justified were they not the symbols of profound realities.'

"Not then by vulgar display nor by foolish jesting should the onlooker gain his impressions of what Freemasonry is. As a matter of fact, Freemasonry should always be invisible to the outside world. Like leaven in the meal, Freemasonry should be silent and unseen in the community, though similarly potent and all-pervading.

"It claims nothing from the outside world, and does not interfere in the ordinary concerns of the community. It is not a combatant organization: Freemasonry is the friend of all, the enemy of none.

"Nothing less than the best we can be, and the utmost we can do for others, are the growing ambition and the persistent purpose of all true Freemasons—and such men become most valuable members of the community and possess a very exalted standard of public duty.

"Personal integrity must be maintained, and he must be a pattern of domestic fidelity.

"Self-knowledge, self-reverence, self-control,

These three alone lead life to sovereign power."

"His Masonic training specially fits him for public service, and his Masonic ideals make him an exponent of sane citizenship, not local and parochial, but broad and imperial. He will evince a sympathetic tolerance towards those who disagree with him, and will exhibit towards all in the community a Masonic charity which thinks no evil and is always kind.

"He is inspired by the example of the three weary sojourners from Babylonian captivity who in their long and toilsome journey never lost their vision but steadfastly pursued their purpose. They did not seek personal advantage; they were not influenced by the 'hope of fee or reward.'

"The Freemason of to-day must not forget that Masonry is more than mere ritual.

"We live to serve and to be of service.

"In this way shall we interpret Freemasonry to the outside world, and the onlooker will neither demand nor desire other or further justification for the existence of our Institution."

The next Quarterly Convocation was held at Melbourne, January 16, 1924. Companion Byatt signed the Appearance Book for Canada and worthily represented us.

The different climatic conditions in Australia are well illustrated from the communication from the Grand First Principal, dated at Melbourne, 16th January, 1924, in which he speaks of the hot summer solstice which had just prevailed:—
“Owing to the small number of installations, significant of the disinclination of ordinary mortals to a summer session, the activities of Grand Chapter Officers during the past quarter are in marked contrast to those of the first quarter of the Chapter Year.”

Saskatchewan was recognized and V.E: Comp. Michael was appointed their First Grand Representative.

Hospitality was extended to the Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal of Scottish Royal Arch Freemasonry, whom Canada afterwards entertained.

In the formula of correct procedure suggested by the Committee we find the following:—

“At a Convocation for the Installation of Principals no Present or Past Principal shall be present in a Conclave of Installed Principals unless he be vouched for as having duly served as actual Master of a Craft Lodge.”

The last Quarterly Communication chronicled was held April 16th, 1924, at Melbourne. Canada’s Representative was again present.

From the communication of the First Grand Principal we take the following:—

“I am very hopeful that our Supreme Degree, enshrining (as it does) the very essence of Masonic philosophy and spiritual teaching, is nearing the time when every true Freemason will recognize its necessity in his Masonic education and when, especially, the Brother who aspires to the higher offices in his Lodge will be expected to complete his esoteric knowledge before attempting to instruct his fellows.”

A large amount of interesting correspondence is conducted with the Grand Principals of sister Grand Chapters, and this from West Virginia is emphasized:—

“West Virginia: Very interesting letter emphasizing the fact that in the two Virginias at least the Grand Chapter strongly maintains that degrees received subsequent to Exaltation, or degrees which may require its candidates to be Royal Arch Freemasons, do not in any way affect the position of the H.R.A. as the Supreme and final Degree, ‘the Keystone of the whole Masonic structure.’”

Grand Chapter then closed in Ample, Antient and Solemn form.

William Alfred Callaway (re-elected), First Grand Principal.

John E. Kennedy, Grand Scribe E.
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VIRGINIA.

James C. Greenlay, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 15,746.
Net gain, 1,293.

The Proceedings are illustrated with an excellent picture of Grand High Priest Mattern and with several groups of Companions associated together in special work.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Convocation convened at Richmond, October 23rd and 24th, 1923, with a large attendance.

Since that date we regret to note that Grand King Bucher has passed away. He would have been the next Grand High Priest had he lived.

Eight Past Grand High Priests were present.
Canada’s Grand Representative was not there.

Many messages were read from absentees.

The Grand High Priest paid this tribute to the late M.E. Comp. Wright:

"May we in conclusion, as we pause for a moment to reflect, commend to the Craft that beautiful exhortation which they have heard so frequently from the lips of the Grand Lecturer, and which seems so beautifully expressive of his own life and character:

"Then let us imitate our Most Excellent Grand Master in his virtuous and amiable conduct; in his unfeigned piety to God; in his inflexible fidelity to his trust; that we may welcome the grim tyrant Death, and receive him as a kind messenger sent from our Supreme Grand Master, to translate us from this imperfect, to that all perfect, glorious and celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe in His glory presides."

With regard to Texas the Grand High Priest in his address says:

"This edict does not apply to the Grand Chapters of Virginia and Pennsylvania, they being independent bodies, but I thought best to refer to it to emphasize the wisdom of this Grand Jurisdiction in deciding to remain independent, as it is evident that once in the General Grand Chapter it is for all time, as the Edict would show conclusively."

With regard to the Home he says:

"In communicating with the District Deputy Grand High Priests I have endeavored to impress on them the merits of the Masonic Home and the importance of bringing to the at-
tention of each Chapter visited this great work for their consideration and support.

From the Grand Lecturer’s report we garner the following thoughts:—

“Men to-day are proud to proclaim themselves Royal Arch Masons and are clamoring not only for a more perfect knowledge of the Ritual, but also for a more intimate acquaintance with its history and symbolism.

“It is against human nature to rise to its height amid dismal surroundings, and it is but common sense that our Chapter rooms should be fitting. No beautiful temple is erected in vain. Even to those who may not enter—who may see it merely in passing—it has the effect of an inspiring picture. It helps the cause of Masonry just as a fine governmental building gives a good impression of a nation or State. No dingy or unattractive room creates a good impression.

“Thus, while it is the spoken word in our Lodge rooms that counts the most, the value of impressive surroundings as an aid to the inspiration of the ‘degree work’ should not be overlooked.”

A very useful page of nearly all the Proceedings refers to the Masonic Calendar, which for the information of our own Companions we reprint from Virginia as it has a somewhat different arrangement from the others:—

MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASON
Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A. L.). “In the year of light.”

ROYAL ARCH MASON
Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A. Inv.), “In the year of the discovery.”

ROYAL AND SELECT MASON
Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), “In the year of the deposit.”

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD
Dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek, ANNO BENEFACIO (A. B.), “The year of the blessing.”

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
Commence their era with the organization of the Order, ANNO ORDINIS (A. O.), “In the year of the Order.”
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Ancient Craft Masons—
Add 4,000 years to the common era. Thus: 1924 and 4000—5924.

Royal Arch Masons—
Add 530 years to the common era. Thus: 1924 and 530—2454.

Royal and Select—
Add 1,000 years to the common era. Thus: 1924 and 1000—2924.

Order of High Priesthood—
Add 1,913 years to the common era. Thus: 1924 and 1913—3835.

Knights Templar—
From the Christian era take 1,118. Thus: 1118 from 1924—806.

The Grand Chapter Committee on the address print this paragraph which shows that a well-known historic phrase is not confined to Canada:—

"We heartily approve of the recommendation of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest that District Deputies promptly notify the Grand High Priest of any visits which they find themselves unable to make. It is through this medium only that the Grand High Priest can keep in touch with the varied interests of the Grand Chapter, and we cannot too strongly emphasize the value of the personal touch found in official visitations."

A petition by a Royal Arch Mason to sanction the organization of the Order of De Molay for Boys in Petersburg was rejected by Grand Chapter.

Full lists of the members of the constituent Chapters are given.

The Fraternal Correspondence is by R.E. Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston, whose individuality is apparent on every page of his review.

Although Canada is not included in his searching, Capitular comments, we are tempted to make somewhat long extracts from his travel talks through the Jurisdictions which fell within his ken.

Under Alabama we find:—

"Shall this scribe flatter himself that his long continued demand that Grand Masters and Grand High Priests give the Craft some Masonic literature in their addresses was the moving cause of M. E. Comp. Ward’s writing these words:

"‘Through the years of almost a century our Companions of other days have met, as we meet to-day, to review their work and to devise plans by the aid of which the Craft might more effectually labor. Their’s was the council of wisdom, their’s the labor of devotion, their’s the achievement of fidelity. Hence to-day we are the recipients of multiplied blessings derived from their wisdom, devotion and fidelity.’"
'I thus call your attention to these, our predecessors, in order that I may the more effectively challenge you to be of their spirit. I urge you to consecrate attention, energy and judgment unto the work of this present Convocation to the end that the traditions which we inherit from the past may not only be preserved, but that the power of their influence upon our Chapters, and also upon the world, may be increased.'

'The above was refreshing reading after pouring over so many so-called addresses which were mere perfunctory official reports that might have been, perhaps in some cases were, compiled by the Grand Secretary from official records.'

Arkansas furnishes this extract:—

"We would therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter suggest to all Subordinate Chapters that they have their Arks relettered so as to correspond with the new Ritual which we are now using.

"We were not aware that these characters as found on any Ark could be read at all according to any Ritual, nor did we suppose that anyone cared to attempt the job.

"He said in conclusion:

"'I feel that no higher honor can be bestowed upon one than being called upon to serve at the head of Capitular Masonry in any Grand Jurisdiction, unless it be perhaps, that of being called upon to serve at the head of the General Grand Chapter, and it is now with a heart full of gratitude that I express my thanks for the honor you have bestowed upon me.'

"How about that highest of all honors mortal man can receive, the being made Grand Master of Masons?"

Illinois gives him great scope and he takes advantage of it as follows:—

"The Grand High Priest said:

"'There has never been a time when strong men were more needed in national and civic life than to-day.'

"Men who are not afraid to stand for that which is right and who dare openly combat that which is wrong. Where can we hope to find such men, if not in the ranks of our great Fraternity?

"Strong men are always wanted. Strength is a manly attribute. The world would be better off without its weaklings. So far in all the history of our fair land God has always raised up strong men to meet every issue. 'Men who are not afraid.' It has been said that the only hell is fear. In this life it is true beyond debate. Self-preservation is not fear in the real sense. Strange as it may seem, God has so arranged this life of ours that even in awful war the most daring fearlessness does not seem to add to a man's danger nor the most cringing cowardice give the slightest protection. Ask any soldier of real experience and he will back the state-
ment. So a beneficent heavenly Father has thrown his wings over the brave and demanded of them service regardless of the dangers he sees fit to subject them to. General Forrest was once surrounded by an overwhelming force with none with him save his little body guard. Any but the bravest of men would have surrendered. He turned to his little band and said: ‘Boys, let’s cut out of here; damn a man that’s afraid to die.’ They cut their way out to safety and did not lose a man. So let the issue come, physical or moral, and the strong will arise and meet it, for all the Forrests are not dead, and never will be.

“We are sorry that our review of Illinois was so poor that year, but if Grand High Priests and Committees will not give us any literature we are helpless and positively refuse to make a rehash of what was done and call it a review. When we can get no bread we refuse to give our readers a stone.”

Connecticut comes in for some rare comments:—

“Whether or not these objectionable practices originated in the Shrine, it is certain that that organization has been largely the cause of them. The Shrine has been correctly described as the play ground of Masonry and innocent fun is, to many men a sort of safety valve. Royal Arch Masonry, like Symbolic, is serious and solemn. Levity has no place whatever in any Masonic ceremony. Those who want relaxation should seek it in its proper place. When they try to introduce it in Masonry they should be excluded from the Lodge or Chapter room. A good law would be one requiring Masters and High Priests to order them excluded even if force be necessary. Nothing short of this drastic action will succeed. This is written by one with as been a sense of humor as is possessed by any Mason in America, and who considers it necessary in life. There is a time for such relaxation but not in Masonry. Masters and High Priests cannot be expected to stamp out objectionable practices until backed up by rigid law. We write this for Virginia Royal Arch Masonry, where it is as much needed as it can possibly be anywhere.”

Under Pennsylvania we read:—

“Elderly men can all echo the words of Cecil Rhodes. ‘This life is strange in many particulars.’ All earnest men see, as they approach the end of their days, how far short they have come from what they wish they had done in their brief life. Not only so but they realize that no opportunity will be given for filling up the woeful gaps left in their unfinished work. Life is indeed a mystery.

“The incoming Grand High Priest is evidently all American, for he said in his brief speech of acceptance:

“In the very foundation of our Government are written Masonic principles and Masonic teachings, and we firmly be-
lieve it is one of our great missions as Masons to uphold the Government against the assaults of false ideals ‘Made in Germany.’ The teaching of the anarchist, by whatever name it is called, is as opposite to the teachings of Freemasonry as light is to darkness."

"His words need elaboration, however, for anarchy in this country comes from ‘made in Germany’ only indirectly. Disloyalty does come directly from that source solely as a blow to the country and that will encourage and develop anarchy."

He quotes Quebec with approval:—

"We are simply in love with the following paragraph from the address:

"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. 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."

He is outspoken with regard to Boys’ Organizations, and under Illinois in this regard he says:—

"They are very enthusiastic in support of the Masonic training school called the Order of De Molay, and have found that it has a rival in the Builders, which they predict will not long survive. Unlike the De Molay the Builders take boys at 14 and only the sons of Masons, while the De Molay takes them only at 18 and takes their chums. Of the two we prefer NEITHER."

Our Colleague Eggleston is looking for literary lore and he certainly finds it. This is our justification for quoting him at such length.

J. J. Mattern, Richmond, Grand High Priest.
J. Gus Hankins, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Carey Scott Haynes, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 8,520.
Net gain, 738.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation opened on May 5th, 1924, in the city of Bremerton. After roll call and opening ceremonies Past High Priest Bender, of Olympus Chapter, extended a warm,
eloquent and rather unusual welcome in which he touches the peak of Olympus and the scenic grandeur of his State:—

"From time immemorial it has been the custom when a stranger or pilgrim arrived at your gate to so extend a welcome or courtesy that it would make your guest feel at home. In those olden days when the guest accepted a place in your household and broke bread under your roof tree, it established a sanctuary; he was secure in your castle, secure in your friendship, he was 'Welcome.'

"So it is with us, we want you to know that we will do our utmost to find you places in our households, we expect you to break bread with us; we expect you to work with us; we expect you to play with us; we expect you to be one of us and feel 'Welcome.'"

Canada was represented by E. Comp. Robert L. McCroskey.

No less than eighteen Past Grand High Priests graced the East. A fine record of fidelity.

Many Dispensations were granted; some decisions given and the Grand High Priest was active in visitation. He concludes his address with these words:—

"I have tried to serve you to the best of my ability. If I have made mistakes, they should be forgiven for they were mistakes of the mind and not of the heart."

The Grand Orator made the speech of the day, from which we take some extracts as food for thought:—

"For a number of years this August Body has included among the titles of Grand Officers that of Grand Orator. It seems as though the enormity of the offence would be somewhat mitigated if the title was shorn of the 'Grand.' However, appointed, I am expected to perform.

"Too often we meet the man, decorated with numerous emblems, significant of souvenirs of the places he has been. Engage the brother in Masonic communication. Do we find an abundance of new truths delved from the limitless supply by arduous thinking; or the laconic—I do not know any Masonry? Some one has duped an innocent man.

"Permit me, while we have the subject before us, to stress one more point in this connection. A point on which we may differ, but, be that as it may, one worthy our very serious consideration. Our capitular or higher degrees, admittedly, are based upon the one foundation—Blue Masonry. I fear, and facts will bear me out, that blue it is. The initiate, too often, is led through the Blue Lodge seeking, hurriedly
and often by ardent solicitation, to attain the higher degrees. For the sake of the bodies this side of the Blue Lodge, if not now, ultimately, I wish I could say to every Blue Lodge Mason, 'You shall go no further until you are a Master Mason in fact and in deed.' I would have him serve at least one year in the Blue Lodge before he is eligible to have his petition entertained in this body.

"Masonry is becoming top heavy. All eyes are focused on the superstructure and the foundation is neglected. It is up to us to put new life—not activity—new life and interest into the Blue Lodge, else the whole structure is going to suffer.

"We have heard the expression; it is a good one to turn over in our minds. 'If you have but one dollar in the world, spend it like a lord.' If you are called upon to return a brother's Mark, do so so freely that it would appear almost an accommodation to yourself. By giving freely you not only leave the recipient in much happier frame of mind, you actually do the same thing for yourself. I take it our work does not mean the small and stipulated sum alone. It means a personal effort on our part, a personal interest shown to relieve the distress of a worried brother.

"In the ultimate conclusion, are we going to find a single word that is going to mean to us all that we have in mind? No. We may call it the Master's Word if we choose, call it truth, call it light. All three are one and the same, the object of our search. Our reward is personal satisfaction and happiness.

"If, without the hope of fee or reward, you follow that desire for further light and knowledge, persistently, plodding through the labyrinth of arduous thinking, you will arrive at conclusions that will point out your duty to God and to man, the light will have dawned, the truth be yours. The secrets of Freemasonry—The Master's Word."

As in the other States the Knights Templar are in close touch with the Grand Chapter, and $5,000 was unanimously and generously voted as Grand Chapter's contribution to the Thirty-sixth Triennial Conclave as organized by the Knights Templar of Washington, to be held in Seattle July, 1925.

Ex. Comp. James McCormack gave the best account that we have yet read of the laying of the Corner-stone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, November 1, 1923. He gives full and interesting citations from the addresses then delivered, almost deifying the name and memory of Washington, who himself was a modest man. Perhaps we Canadians, however, would be
the better of a little wholesome hero worship ourselves. Certainly British history offers us many opportunities.

A resolution brought in by a Companion with regard to De Molay and the Rainbow Girls in the following words subsequently received the approval of a Committee to whom it was referred:—

"Now, therefore, This Grand Chapter grants its approval to the subordinate Chapters and the members thereof in giving aid and encouragement to such organizations in their respective communities."

The review of Capitular Jurisdictions is in the experienced hands of the Grand Secretary, Henry L. Kennan.

Under Canada, with regard to R.E. Comp. Brown, he says:—

"Companion Edward B. Brown for the eighth time presents the Report on Correspondence, quoting liberally from the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions and making many interesting comments. Washington receives more than passing comment."

Ohio gives him this thought:—

"The service which is demanded of every one of us, is not fully discharged until we carry beyond the walls of our Chapter rooms and into our every-day lives the lessons there taught. To the extent that we have greater opportunities than our brother, to that extent, at least, we are his keeper.

Under Oklahoma he comments:—

"He issued two orders, one, prohibiting smoking in the Chapter room while any of the degrees is being conferred and making it optional for a Chapter to prohibit it at all times; the other requiring applicants for the degrees or affiliation to produce documentary evidence of good and regular standing in his Blue Lodge or that he is not a wilful non-affiliate."

Our colleague does a large amount of original work and analysis, and quotes very sparingly. Desiring our Companions of Canada to share in the good things of other Jurisdictions, we quote at some length when good material is offered, and we hope discriminately.

Next Annual Convocation at Olympia, August 24, 1925.

Samuel S. Endslove, Spokane, Grand High Priest.
Henry L. Kennan, Spokane, Grand Secretary.
WEST VIRGINIA.

Paris P. Lester, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 11,438.
Net gain, 456.
The Fifty-third Annual Convocation was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Wheeling, 13th–14th November, 1923.
Twelve Past Grand High Priests lent dignity and ornament to the gathering.
Canada’s Grand Representative was not present. This reviewer is rather tired of recording this negation of office in these Grand Jurisdictions. If Canada’s Jurisdiction is not thought worthy of representing, why do not the official holders of the “empty honour” resign their post.
From the Grand High Priest’s address we are glad to learn:—
“West Virginia is rapidly taking its place among the States of the Union, if not in numbers, in enthusiasm for Masonry.
“May we pledge anew our best efforts for Masonry, and the things for which it stands.”
Among his decisions we find these:—
“Held, that the High Priest could not cast the deciding vote in case of a tie vote in the election of officers, but only on questions of motion has he that right.
“The Tyler is not excused from voting in an election and must vote.”
From his conclusions we take this fraternal and spiritual refrain:—
“I ask your indulgence, with this reservation, that the needs of the Royal Craft are greater than that of the retiring Grand High Priest.
“May we so live, that when ‘This mortal must put on immortality,’ we may be admitted into the Holy of Holies above, where the Supreme High Priest forever presides, forever reigns.
“So live, my Companions.
“Lift up the cry, O Craftsmen,
Until your voice is heard,
From all around, and by the sound,
The souls of men are stirred.
Make all the halls re-echo,
Till every tribe and clan
Catch up again the glad refrain,
The Brotherhood of Man.”
The Grand Secretary gives a full and able report. We are glad that he views and values as we do, the annual Proceedings of all Grand Jurisdictions and he recommends as follows:—

"While on this subject I would like to have authority to have bound copies of our Proceedings for our Library. We have the bound copies to 1906 and should have them to date. "We are constantly trying to secure a full library of Proceedings of the Grand Chapters of other Jurisdictions, and have nearly all. If it is the desire to preserve these, they should be bound. Most other Grand Chapters are taking this action, and the books are well worth the expense. I would ask authority to have this work done."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the recognition of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, which was approved.

As in nearly all Jurisdictions, the Committee on Necrology awaken tender feelings:—

"Low twelve has sounded for them, in the solemn procession of men from life to death.

"They are passing away, those dear, old friends,
   Like a leaf on the current cast,
   With never a break in the rapid flow;
   We watch them as one by one they go,
   Into the beautiful past."

"We hold them lovingly in our memory, and shall cherish the recollection of the good cheer and gladness that their diligence and faithfulness brought to us in fraternal association and deeds of true benevolence."

Alexander Cowan, of Barrie, represents West Virginia in Canada, while John Z. Zorn, of Wheeling, represents Canada in West Virginia.

Here follow alphabetically lists of all the members of all constituent Chapters with their officers and Past Grand High Priests, recorded for present and future reference.

The Order of Anointed High Priesthood met and did good work.

The Foreign Correspondence has been reviewed, this time under the tutelary care of M.E. Comp. George M. Ford, Grand Secretary.

He modestly refrains from any introduction or conclusion.
From his personal visitations and reports on many Jurisdictions we take the following from Alberta:—

"It is only as one passes through the responsibilities of this high office that one realizes the opportunity for service and the advancement of truth and righteousness. It is possible to do so little in one short year, but one's effort, joined to the long chain of endeavor of those who have gone before, ever adds to the Masonic structure."

And this from California:—

"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."

Canada is specially favoured with a commendation which we appreciate from this veteran Mason still in knightly harness:—

"This Grand Chapter has adopted a resolution, the gist of which is that absence for 'three consecutive Annual Convocations of a Grand Representative automatically vacates the appointment.' A good move, and it would be well if every Grand Chapter followed this example.

"A ruling was made, 'That a Knight Templar or Knight of Malta Jewel could not be worn in a Chapter meeting.' This strikes Chapter Masons 'in the States' as peculiar. It is presumed from this ruling that Capitular Masonry repudiates the Order of the Temple, don't you think, Companions, that this is just a trifle narrow, and it would be better to get in the van of progress.

"Those who have taken the Templar degrees, and even partially appreciated the beauties of the work and teachings, surely realize that the impressions made are bound to make men better. The teachings if only appreciated even so little make one think, and the thoughts are of such a nature that one must hesitate ere going astray.

"These Proceedings are so full of good things that it is hard to specialize on any one. We have read about everything in it, and fully enjoyed all, making us long to attend an Annual Convocation of our Sister Jurisdiction. May she live long and prosper."

Welcome would our colleague be.

If he had not quoted from Georgia this sentence we would have been tempted to do so ourselves:—

"With the noble inheritance of our forefathers to cheer us, and the splendid prospects of the future to encourage us, let us deliberate and plan for great achievements for the present, which alone we can claim as our own."
We think his chivalry gets the better of his Royal Arch Masonry in the following, but fortunately we do not all think alike or the Lake might be stagnant:

"The Grand Chapter was declared informal and a Committee of Ladies representing the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, were received. This is something new to us, and while we realize that some of our Companions who are so opposed to so-called 'innovations' will 'hold up their hands. and howl,' we personally agree with the Grand Chapter of North Dakota."

He shares our opinion as to Grand Representatives, and thus expresses himself under Ohio:—

"Our Neighbor, Friend and Companion, W. C. Carnahan, Bellairs, Ohio, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, we note was in attendance, and received as representing West Virginia.

"And (a rare exception) notified this Grand Chapter of the fact.

"Why do not all Representatives do likewise?

"Isn't it a fact, most Representatives do not appreciate the honor that has been shown them?"

From bonnie Scotland's review we clip the following:—

"The address of the Grand Z. throughout is a masterpiece, full of pure, wholesome thoughts, and it is evident that the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry in Scotland are in good hands."

Every Jurisdiction receives a frank but kindly touch.

Samuel R. Holroyd, Athens, Grand High Priest. George M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.


The picture of M.E. Comp. Keeler adorns the Proceedings of Wisconsin.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in Milwaukee on February 19, 1924.
The Grand High Priest’s address is all that could be desired, and we quote the following striking passages:—

“We miss them all, the handclasp’s warmth, the eyes’ love light, the congenial presence, all. To-day we entered these familiar halls, hallowed by years of fraternal intercourse, expectant, with greeting upon our lips and friendly hand to be extended. He was not here to meet us, but instead a void and the realization that we had met a friend, a companion here, perchance for the last time.

“Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.”

“And this we know that the infinite mind and power, that could conceive and create the human soul, did not intend that its life’s span should be measured by a house of clay, and in oblivion pass the years of eternity.”

The following ruling was given, but we call attention to the fact that it differs from the ruling of the General Grand Chapter of the United States:—

“Question: Should the Excellent High Priest of a Chapter when presiding be covered?

“Answer: Yes. There does not seem to be any edict or authority directly on the subject in this state, but my understanding is that such has long been the custom and practice in this state, and in my opinion that custom and practice has become so firmly established as to have the force of law, and should be changed, if at all, only by direct action of the Grand Chapter itself. The covering of the Excellent High Priest may well represent the mitre of the High Priest of ancient times.”

Another ruling is also of interest:—

“He has not signed the by-laws of the Chapter to which he was elected. May he be granted a dimit from that Chapter before he signs its by-laws?

“Answer: Yes. The election of a Master Mason by a Chapter to receive the degrees of the Chapter and the conferring of such degrees upon him, either by the Chapter in which he was so elected or by another Chapter at its request, constitutes such person a member of the Chapter so electing him and the signing of the by-laws of such Chapter is not necessary to complete his membership therein.”

All the Grand Chapters refer to the State Homes, and about that of Wisconsin the Grand High Priest has this to say:—

“Thus Wisconsin Masonry has finally realized a long cherished plan and hope to have a well equipped, comfortable home where the unfortunate brother and his family may en-
joy, under the protecting care and generous charity of our beloved brotherhood, those comforts of life denied them by the exigencies of the world."

As to De Molay he is one of its devotees:—

"In my humble judgment, this Grand Chapter has done nothing in its whole history more laudable and of greater and more lasting benefit to the youth of to-day, the man of to-morrow, than the introduction of the order of De Molay into our state."

As to the Work he says:—

"My observation and experience, during the past year especially, have firmly convinced me that the members of the Fraternity, who have the highest and best conception of it, its principles, teachings and mission, do not desire to see its ritualistic work degraded to the level of an ordinary burlesque."

He refers to the great Convocation at St. Paul as follows:—

"The work was conferred upon a class of twelve hundred and seventy candidates, brought together from the entire State of Minnesota, nearly every Chapter in that State being represented.

"It seems to me that better results may be secured and greater interest aroused and maintained by having the degree work done in the local Chapters and distributed throughout the year."

And in conclusion, with regard to Royal Arch Masonry, he says:—

"It is the hope of the world to-day. Its foundations were laid centuries ago. Its principles and the truths inculcated by it are ages old. No new truth has been created since the 'stars first sang together,' for truth is eternal, unchanging. A world in travail calls us as Royal Arch Masons to this high duty. We must not fail it, else Christian civilization and humanity are lost."

"Of a colleague he writes:—

"To find a friend along life's road
Who'll help to bear another's load,
In sun and storm, rich, full and free,
Just such a friend he's been to me."

No less than sixteen Past Grand High Priests were present, and Canada was represented by David Harlowe, of Milwaukee.
The Committee on Obituaries presented a report entirely out of the ordinary, full of both philosophy and sentiment, from which we quote:—

"And when we shall arrive at eternity's portals and there perceive that before the Holy Judge nothing merely human shall stand which our Great High Priest has not consecrated, cleansed and sanctified by His own personality, then will the mitre of wisdom drop from the brow, the honors of the world and the frontlets of genius sink into dust as nothing worth while; then will the glittering breast-plate of human ambition with which the heart girded itself for so many years be untied and its delusive dreams so fondly cherished vanish into dust; then will the surplice of good works and attractive adornments upon which the eye so confidently lingered, be stripped off, if wrought only for the meeting of human ideals."

As to De Molay the Committee have the following:—

"The most critical stage in the formation of a boy's character is between the ages of 16 and 21. This, then, is the vital time, and the time when the best of influences should be brought to bear. It must be remembered that it is not easy to straighten in the oak the crook that grows in the sapling. A tree will not only lie as it falls, but it will fall as it leans. Nobility of character is formed while the mind is still plastic and before it becomes set."

Three of the seven virtues cited are:—

"The sixth is cleanliness. The sort of cleanliness that causes him to abstain from profanity and evil thoughts.

"The seventh is patriotism. The sort of patriotism that means to be a good citizen every day, not reserving it for some great crisis.

"By Ritual and Obligation, the boy is taught that the public school is the cornerstone of the nation."

The Foreign Correspondent in commenting on Alberta writes as follows:—

"Among his 'Recommendations' he says:

"'I have noticed during the year that various devices are used by the different Chapters on their notices and stationery. I find that a number use the Keystone, which is not correct, for the Holy Royal Arch.'

"'We unfortunately have a number of Chapters that make the same mistake due no doubt to brevity of our Ritual on that point.'

Canada is fully noted with special reference to Klondike Chapter."
Under Colorado he says:—

"The session starts with a pretty memorial reported as follows:

"The following roll of deceased Past Grand High Priests was called by the Grand Secretary, the Grand High Priest responding as each name was called, with the date of his death."

"It was closed by "Beyond the Gates of Paradise," sung by Llewelyn Jones."

With regard to time regulations, as to taking other Degrees, he says:—

"This strikes us as being another instance of American Weakness—the indomitable desire to legislate, and having exhausted everything within its realm, now it legislates for those beyond."

Under General Grand Chapter the ruling of the Grand High Priest referred to above is, while not reversed, at least differed from, as follows:—

"To the question should a High Priest wear his hat he answers:

"'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.'"

The concluding observations are of interest. Space permits us only to take the following:—

"The Grand Bodies that show greater gains are those across the Atlantic and the Antipodes, where apparently the wave of extraordinary increase in membership has not as yet reached its limit.

"There has been some discussion on an entirely new issue—the size as to membership that subordinate Chapters should be limited—perhaps inspired by the large size of late years some of the Chapters are attaining."


William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.
APPENDIX

WYOMING.

Hudson W. Darrah, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 2,128.
Net gain, 87.

The refined and handsome features of M.E. Comp. Hudson W. Darrah grace the Proceedings. From his biography we take the following summary of his aims:—

"The opinions of one so prominent Masonically upon the vital problems of the day are always interesting, and being asked for an expression of his views thereon, stated that briefly they were: 'Just laws and their enforcement for the protection of society, personal liberty protected by law, equal rights, staunch support of the public schools and the advancement and betterment of American homes.'"

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation was held at Douglas, July 10th, 1924. Eight Past Grand High Priests were present, a good record for so young a Grand Chapter.

Your reviewer notes his Grandfather's name repeated in that of the High Priest of Baalbec Chapter, William Hutton, no doubt of Old Country descent and of the Clan.

Distinguished visitors from Nebraska were welcomed.

Canada was well represented by the Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. Richard H. Repath, also a familiar name to the Toronto Craft.

The Grand High Priest in his address reported many memorials, and based his report upon the text:—

"I am the Light, I am the Life," sayeth the Lord.

With regard to dispensations, as to which he had been criticised for too liberal allowance, he says:—

"With reference to the powers of the Grand High Priest, there are diversified views. I do not feel that I have exceeded my authority in the granting of dispensations due to the nature of the circumstances surrounding these acts; because the best interests of the Royal Craft were served in all instances. With reference to Gillette Chapter U. D., which would have been greatly hampered without a dispensation to
waive the time limit, the Grand Chapter has gained a Chapter of which Wyoming can well be proud. We realize that

"Virtue becomes a vice by being misapplied
And vice becomes a virtue by action dignified."

"Life consists in meeting exigencies as they arise with decision. That is what the Grand High Priest is for, bearing ever the good of the Order at heart."

He was a most industrious visitor. He makes the following recommendations:

"Agreeably with suggestions made by the M. E. General Grand High Priest, William F. Kuhn, I recommend that where Chapters are so located as to be within hailing distance of each other, making it convenient and inexpensive to hold joint Convocations, that such Chapters consider the feasibility of meeting in joint session from time to time, especially for the conferring of the Most Ex. Degree."

And concludes in this spirit of good will:

"The hospitality and courtesies extended at all times, these good and kindly acts given in the fraternal spirit of Brotherly Love are as stars shining in the pathway of life. "In laying down the gavel of authority it is done in full confidence that my successor will take it up wielding it in that Spirit of Right for which we stand.

The Grand Secretary has this to say regarding Correspondence in his very comprehensive report:

"During the year, as Grand Correspondent, reviews of 58 Grand Jurisdictions have been prepared, which are now in the hands of the printer and practically ready for inclusion in our printed Proceedings for 1924. This work has taken much time and labor, but is interesting and will I trust convey to the membership in Wyoming the conditions existing throughout the Capitular World."

The statistics and returns of the constituent Chapters are given in full.

The Order of High Priesthood held its regular meeting.

David H. McCracken, of Port Colborne, represents Wyoming in the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Report on Correspondence by the Grand Secretary is full of interest.

Under Alabama he says:

"A resolution to junk all rough roads and old bridges and to delete all reference thereto from the Ritual, did not meet
with approval for the reason that it would cause an undesirable change in the Ritual and require a recasting of the narrative of the P. S. Ed invisibly Alabama has not adopted the new General Grand Chapter Ritual.”

Under Alberta he comments, thus and we agree:

“The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations is in ‘topical’ form by way of extracts from the addresses of the various Grand High Priests, together with subjects of interest. While the idea is good in that one can glean at a glance the matters set out, yet because of the lack of statistics and names, the ‘personal touch’ found in the usual form of reviews seems to be missing.”

Canada receives friendly mention and a goodly share of comment, from which we take the following:

“The address of the Grand Z., both interesting and instructive, gave in concise form a clear account of his activities and the condition of the Order in the Jurisdiction.

“These inspections call for much sacrifice of time but unquestionably accomplish much good. The results of these inspections are digested in a splendid report upon the condition of Capitular Masonry in Canada submitted by a committee of which M. E. Comp. William N. Ponton is chairman.

“A splendid review of sixty Jurisdictions is presented by Companion Edward B. Brown, his eighth, and like all matters Masonic emanating from our Canadian Companions, his work is thorough and to the point. Wyoming at Thermopolis in 1922 received appropriate attention, which we appreciate. We regret the resignation of the distinguished Companion and extend to him every good wish, as also a cordial welcome to his successor, M. Ex. Companion W. N. Ponton.”

The good work of Michigan is emphasized:

“Congratulating the Grand Body because of 3,039 exaltations during the year, he reported the constituting of five new Chapters; referred to the adoption of the Grand Representative system as wise; suggested a ‘Constructive Programme’ for their consideration; discussed the matter of state-wide Jurisdiction for Chapters; reported the arrest of a charter for undignified methods in the R. A.—later restored after due repentance; favored the adoption of the General Grand Chapter Ritual as a means of eliminating the objectionable practices—which failed of approval; and referred to the dignity and solemnity of the R. A. work as witnessed by him in Toronto.”
From the Correspondence Report of Missouri he takes this re-assuring note:—

"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 thurst is to the God who guides the winds, holds the oceans in His hands, walks on the storm-clouds and steps from one mountain peak to mountain peak. "We can leave it all to Him."

New York gives him this interesting item:—

"Calling attention to their large accumulation of funds, something over $175,000.00, he believed the time had come for them to commit themselves to a permanent programme of constructive work, and as a beginning recommended an annual appropriation of $5,000.00 to co-operate with the Grand Lodge in establishing a suitable sanitarium for the treatment of tubercular Craftsmen."

Queensland is shared with us in interesting fashion:—

"The address of the Grand Z. was evidently extemporaneous as only a synopsis is given. After expressing his thanks for the honor of re-election for the sixth time, he pointed out, among other things of interest that 'from the beginning of time, the principles and symbols of R. A. Masonry had been practised, and though the legal mind, which wanted documentary evidence for everything, could not admit that R. A. Masonry had an unbroken history from the earliest Egyptian teachings until now, there was internal evidence that our teachings had come to us from thousands of years ago, unchanged by time and uncontrolled by prejudice.'"

From Scotland we take these paragraphs:—

"As is usual with our Companions across the sea, a magnificent banquet followed the closing of the Annual Convocation held in Edinburgh in March, 1924, when the festival of the Vernal Equinox was celebrated. Following the dinner, which is described as 'excellently purveyed,' a series of most interesting toasts were proposed and responded to.

"It is pleasing to note that steps have been taken to restore amicable relations between the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter of the United States."
With regard to De Molay, under Wisconsin, he takes this word of comment:

"He speaks highly of the Order of De Molay for Boys, sponsored by the Grand Body. Referring to the high cost of regalia therefor, he believes that too many robes detract from the real merit of the Order."

Next Convocation will be held in Casper, July 9, 1925.

Neil David Nelson, Thermopolis, Grand High Priest.
Richard H. Repath, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

These are spacious days—and we must live life abundantly. Therefore I have taken generous extracts from the trestle boards and treasure houses of our Sister Jurisdictions, "Our hope is in the aftermath." Those who read the foregoing "Diary of Fellowship" and wisdom, will surely agree with Newton when he says that Masonry is a thing of poetry and drama—of thought and inspiration, that Masonry is organized brotherhood—organized patriotism, and that every voyage in our staunch Craft is a journey in search of truth—and true happiness. More and more do we not realize that we English-speaking Masons (with our allies of kindred aims) must draw more closely together—lengthen the cords—strengthen the stakes—"Half the world united can make the world anew." Let us not merely talk about the cement of amity and unity—let us mix the mortar. Let us be a league of Masons—a league of good cheer—a far-flung brother line—noble not ignoble—and joining together responsively in that gracious English universal grace. "For good fare—good faith—good fellowship, thank God, thank God."

WILLIAM N. PONTON, P.G.Z.
Belleville, February, 1925.