1930
Proceedings
of the
Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons
of Canada

Seventy-Second
Annual Convocation
Toronto, Ontario
February 26th and 27th, 1930
TO SCRIBE E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

The financial year of Constituent Chapters ends on the 31st December, and Scribes E are requested to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E, immediately thereafter.

Write the names of Companions, in full, firstly in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificates. Also see that the age, occupation and place of residence are not omitted. Where deaths are included, the date of decease as well as the rank of the Companion should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the Officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada
AT THE
Seventy-Second Annual Convocation

Held in Masonic Temple
Yonge Street and Davenport Road
City of Toronto, Ontario

Wednesday and Thursday, February 26th and 27th
A.D. 1930, A. Inv. 2460

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

WALTER G. PRICE
Port Credit, Ont.
Grand Z.

EDWIN SMITH
London, Ont.
Grand Scribe E.
M. EX. COMP. WALTER G. PRICE,
Grand Z.
M. EX. COMP. DR. WALTER G. PRICE,
PORT CREDIT

M. Ex. Comp. Price was born in Toronto and in his early days attended the Crawford and Givens Street Public School, as well as the Parkdale and Harbord Collegiate Institute. Matriculating in 1899, he entered upon the study of Dentistry, in the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto, graduating in 1903. He is also a graduate of the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Toronto.

M. Ex. Comp. Price first saw Masonic light in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, G.R.C., Toronto, in the year 1905; subsequently became a Charter Member of Mississauga Lodge, No. 524, G.R.C., Port Credit, and in the year 1919 became its Worshipful Master.

In the year 1908, he joined the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, G.R.C., Toronto. After occupying several of the Minor Offices in the Chapter, he attained the chair of First Principal in the year 1917. He is a Charter Member of Mimico Chapter, No. 215, Mimico, in which he has taken real active interest since its inception.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, held in Toronto, 1918, he was elected Grand Principal Sojourner. In 1919, he was appointed Grand Representative of the State of Tennessee, near the Grand Chapter of Canada. On account of the death of the R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, he was appointed by the Grand First Principal as the Grand Representative of the State of Michigan, having resigned the office of Representative of the State of Tennessee.

In 1920 he was elected on the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter, and remained continuously as a member until 1926, when he was elected as Grand Third Principal. In 1928 at London, he was elected to the office of Grand Second Principal and his elevation to the chair of the Grand First Principal is a most popular one, not only throughout the Province of Ontario but throughout the whole Capitular Body of the American Continent.

M. Ex. Comp. Price is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, having joined the Toronto Lodge of
Perfection in 1913. He is also a member of the Supreme Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, occupying the position at the present time of the Grand Conductor of the Council, and in that Order is the Grand Representative of the State of Connecticut.

During M. Ex. Comp. Price's Masonic career he has had many honours presented to him and holds life membership with full privileges in the following Chapters: St. George's Chapter, No. 5, G.R.C., London, Ont.; Beaches Chapter, No. 473, G.R.C., Toronto; Beaver Chapter, No. 225, G.R.C., Toronto.
Grand Chapter of Canada

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Toronto, Ontario, Wednesday and Thursday, February 26th and 27th, A.D. 1930, A. Inv. 2460.

PRESENT


R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price..............Grand H. Port Credit, Ont.


M. Ex. Comp. George Moore ...............Grand Treasurer Hamilton, Ont.


R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Berkinshaw...........Grand Registrar Toronto, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton ...............Grand Historian Belleville, Ont.

Comp. Hiram J. Pritchard .....................Janitor Toronto, Ont.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS

R. Ex. Comp. J. Austin Evans ..............Grand Lecturer Toronto, Ont.


V. Ex. Comp. George Powers ...............Grand Sword Bearer Ottawa, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Alfred H. Watson............Grand Master 1st Veil Fort Frances, Ont.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

V. Ex. Comp. John A. Cooper.........Grand Master 2nd Veil
Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Leslie Armstrong.......Grand Master 3rd Veil
London, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Samuel Villa ............Grand Master 4th Veil
Hamilton, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Ferguson.........Grand Standard Bearer
Chatham, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Edward S. Calder....Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. John P. Stuart...........Grand Organist
Galt, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Jos. F. Malloy ............Grand Pursuivant
Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. David H. Cowling ........Grand Steward
Port Credit, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Gilbert H. Bedford........Grand Steward
Stirling, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Otto D. Williams ........Grand Steward
Barrie, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Jos. K. Workman ........Grand Steward
Sudbury, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Wm. Root ................Grand Steward
Brockville, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Alexander Reid ..........Grand Steward
Wingham, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. George N. Taylor ........Grand Steward
Port Hope, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Ernest M. Hobson ........Grand Steward
Cochrane, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Chas. H. Sheppard .......Grand Steward
Niagara Falls, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Arthur S. Crawford ......Grand Steward
Ingersoll, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Alfred Davis .............Grand Steward
Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Fred. C. J. Foster ......Grand Steward
North Bay, Ont.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Lester Mickle ................District No. 1
Amherstburg, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Gliddon H. Hardy ...........“ “ 2
Lambeth, Ont.
Woodstock, Ont.
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R. Ex. Comp. T. S. Parkinson .................................................. " " 4
Orangeville, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Towers .................................................. " " 5
Hamilton, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Hugh Hill .................................................. " " 6
Goderich, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. E. H. Brennan .................................................. " " 7
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Francis G. McLean .................................................. " " 8
Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Isador Finberg .................................................. " " 8a
Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Dr. E. Blanchard .................................................. " " 10
Cannington, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Nugent .................................................. " " 11
Belleville, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. D. Fink .................................................. " " 12
Iroquois, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Alexander L. McGregor .................................................. " " 13
Smiths Falls, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Hubert S. Galloway .................................................. " " 14
Kenora, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Dr. H. F. Goodfellow .................................................. " " 15
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Alfred Brian .................................................. " " 16
Haileybury, Ont.

PAST GRAND Z.'S
Most Ex. Comps. George Moore, W. N. Ponton, W. H. Davis,

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED.

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

COMMITTEES ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. John H. C. Woodward, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 156 Warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 139 were represented by the following Companions:
No. 1. **Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui**,  

No. 2. **The Hiram, Hamilton**.  

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

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

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

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

No. 7. **The Moira, Belleville**.  

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

No. 15. **Wawanosh, Sarnia**.  
Ex. Comp. R. G. Wyseman, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Saunders, P.Z.
No. 16. Carleton, Ottawa.


No. 19. Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.
Ex. Comp. James Dickie, Z.

No. 20. Mount Horeb, Brantford.

No. 22. Grenville, Prescott.

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

R. Ex. Comp. John Stevenson (Proxy), P.Z.

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

No. 27. Manitou, Collingwood.

No. 28. Pentalpha, Oshawa.

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

No. 31. Prince Edward, Picton.
Ex. Comp. Clifford Cooper, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. G. W. Morden, P.Z.

No. 32. Waterloo, Galt.
No. 34.  
Signet, Barrie.  

No. 35.  
Keystone, Whitby.  

No. 36.  
Corinthian, Peterboro.  
Ex. Comp. W. A. Logan, P.Z.

No. 37.  
Victoria, Port Hope.  

No. 40.  
Guelph, Guelph.  

No. 41.  
Harris, Ingersoll.  
R. Ex. Comps. R. H. Reid, W. A. Sutherland, P.Z.'s.

No. 44.  
Mount Sinai, Napanee.  
Ex. Comp. Chas. B. Collupy, Z.

No. 45.  
Excelsior, Colborne.  
Ex. Comps. A. Wolfram, Z.; J. R. Hancock, P.Z.

No. 46.  
St. James, St. Marys.  
Ex. Comp. J. M. Empy, P.Z.

No. 47.  
Wellington, Chatham.  
V. Ex. Comp. J. G. Martin, P.Z.

No. 48.  
St. John's, Cobourg.  
V. Ex. Comp. W. S. Cooper (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 53.  
Bruce, Petrolia.  
Ex. Comps. Earl Smith, Z.; H. D. Sherrin, P.Z.

No. 54.  
Palestine, St. Thomas.  
No. 55.  
Niagara, Niagara.

No. 56.  
Georgian, Owen Sound.

No. 57.  
King Hiram, Port Colborne.
Ex. Comp. J. S. Allen (Proxy), P.Z.

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

No. 59.  
Sussex, Brockville.

No. 60.  
Doric, Newmarket.

No. 62.  
York, Toronto.

No. 63.  
Havelock, Kincardine,

No. 64.  
Willson, Welland.

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

No. 66.  
The Malloch, Seaforth.

No. 67.  
Enterprise, Palmerston.
No. 69.  
**Grimsby, Grimsby.**

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

No. 71.  
**Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.**

No. 72.  
**Keystone, Stirling.**

No. 73.  
**Erie, Ridgetown.**

No. 74.  
**Beaver, Strathroy.**
Ex. Comp. Arthur Wright, Z.

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

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

No. 77.  
**Occident, Toronto.**

No. 78.  
**Minnewawa, Parkhill.**
Ex. Comp. R. G. Munn, Z.

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

No. 81.  
Aylmer, Aylmer.  

No. 82.  
Shuniah, Port Arthur.  
Ex. Comp. Fred. Stanworth, Z.

No. 83.  
Ionic, Orangeville.  

No. 84.  
Lebanon, Wingham.  
Ex. Comp. H. F. McGee, Z.

No. 86.  
Macpherson, Meaford.  
Ex. Comp. Albert E. Taylor, Z.

No. 88.  
MacNabb, Dresden.  
Ex. Comps. J. G. Conway, Z.; Edward Worth, P.Z.

No. 90.  
Golden, Kenora.  
R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Galloway, P.Z.

No. 91.  
Antiquity, Toronto.  

No. 94.  
Midland, Lindsay.  
Ex. Comp. J. W. Kennedy, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. C. L. Davidson, P.Z.

No. 95.  
Tuscan, Sudbury.  
Ex. Comp. A. A. Jackson, Z.

No. 100.  
St. Lawrence, Brockville.  
Ex. Comp. H. M. Borthwick, Z.

No. 102.  
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

No. 103.  
**St. John's, North Bay.**

No. 104.  
**White Oak, Oakville.**
Ex. Comp. C. Dickinson, P.Z.

No. 110.  
**Warkworth, Warkworth.**
Ex. Comp. J. L. Phillips (Proxy), P.Z.

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

No. 113.  
**Covenant, Cornwall.**

No. 114.  
**Bonnechere, Renfrew.**

No. 115.  
**Brant, Paris.**

No. 116.  
**Maple, Carleton Place.**
Ex. Comp. J. W. Morphy, J.

No. 117.  
**Kitchener, Kitchener.**

No. 130.  
**Chantry, Southampton.**

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

No. 134  
**King Darius, Cannington.**

No. 135.  
**Succoth, Uxbridge.**
No. 138. Shekinah, Toronto.

No. 139 St. Andrew’s, Havelock.

No. 144. Presque Isle, Brighton.
V. Ex. Comp. Vernon Coulter (Proxy).

No. 145. The St. Patrick, Toronto.

No. 146. Bernard, Listowel.

No. 147. Lucknow, Lucknow.
Ex. Comp. A. Hughes, Z.


No. 151. Laurentian, Pembroke.

No. 152. Alberton, Fort Frances.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith (Proxy).


No. 154. Klondike, Dawson.
R. Ex. Comp. John Craig (Proxy).

No. 155. Ancaster, Ancaster.
No. 161. **Madoc, Madoc.**

No. 163. **The Beaches, Toronto.**

No. 167. **Kichikewana, Midland.**

No. 168. **Ionic, Campbellford.**

No. 169. **Temiskaming, New Liskeard.**
Ex. Comp. G. H. Haywood, P.Z.

No. 175. **The Hamilton, Hamilton.**

No. 184. **Hugh Murray, Bridgeburg.**

No. 185. **Toronto, Toronto.**

No. 195. **Peel, Brampton.**

No. 198. **Couchiching, Orillia.**

No. 203. **Cobalt, Cobalt.**

No. 205. **Victoria, Thornhill.**
*Kitchener, Russell.*  
Ex. Comp. A. E. Sparks, P.Z.

No. 212.  
*Mount Sinai, Toronto.*  

No. 213.  
*Northern Lights, Timmins.*  
Ex. Comp. E. A. F. Day, Z.

No. 214.  
*Vimy, Inwood.*  
Ex. Comp. Robt. A. Mitchell, Z.

No. 215.  
*Mimico, Mimico.*  

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

No. 219.  
*Ulster, Toronto.*  

No. 220.  
*Lebanon, Lambton Mills.*  

No. 222.  
*Ottawa, Ottawa.*  

No. 223.  
*Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.*  

No. 224.  
*Keystone, Hamilton.*  
R. Ex. Comp. P. E. Lumsden (Proxy).

No. 225.  
*Beaver, Toronto.*  

No. 226.  
*Prince of Wales, Perth.*  
Ex. Comp. W. E. Thornton, P.Z.
No. 227.  
Quinte Friendship, Belleville.

No. 230.  
Port Credit, Port Credit.

No. 231.  
The St. Clair, Toronto.

No. 232.  
King Cyrus, Toronto.

No. 233.  
Oakwood, Toronto.

No. 234.  
Halton, Georgetown.

No. 235.  
Aurora, Aurora.

No. 236.  
Caledonia, Caledonia.

No. 238.  
The St. Andrew, London.

No. 240.  
Smithville, Smithville.
V. Ex. Comp. F. F. Hayes, P.Z.

No. 241.  
University, Toronto.
No. 242.  
*St. Paul’s, Lambeth.*

No. 243.  
*McKay, Stoney Creek.*
Ex. Comp. L. F. McDougall, P.Z.

No. 244.  
*Cochrane, Cochrane.*
Ex. Comp. A. D. McInnis, Z.

No. 245.  
*Preston, Preston.*
Ex. Comps. O. J. Little, H.; Geo. J. Rodgers, J.; W. D. Thompson, P.Z.

No. 246.  
*Humber, Weston.*

No. 247.  
*Nilestown, Nilestown.*

No. 249.  
*Palestine, Bowmanville.*

No. 250.  
*The Thomas Peters, Windsor.*
Ex. Comp. Jas. B. Henderson, P.Z.

Ninety-six Chapters were represented by regular officers; forty-three were represented by Proxy; total Chapters represented one hundred and thirty-nine. There were 522 delegates registered, having a total of 773 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

**John H. C. Woodward,** Chairman,
**B. Cairns,**
**E. J. Repath,**
**W. J. Armstrong,**
Committee.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. H. C. Woodward, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

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

The Acting Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Seventy-first Annual Convocation, held in the City of Kingston, Wednesday and Thursday, February 27th and 28th, 1929, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, and—

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Wednesday and Thursday, February 27th and 28th, 1929, 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

His Worship the Mayor, Major and Companion Bert Wemp, was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Berkinshaw, and in a most gracious and cordial manner extended on behalf of the Citizens of Toronto, a welcome to the delegates in attendance and the freedom of the City. The Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, replied, thanking His Worship, and acknowledging the Welcome.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were in attendance and introduced to the assembled delegates:


General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of United States of America—M. Ex. Comp. Wm. F. S. O’Hara, Toledo, General Grand King; Ex. Comp. Dr. Ewing V. Burns, Past Z., and also Grand Master Royal and Select, Ohio, introduced by M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan.


ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM THE TORONTO COMPANIONS

R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Berkinshaw, Chairman of Reception Committee, on behalf of the Companions of Toronto, read the following address of welcome:
"To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

We, the Ruling Principals of the Toronto Districts extend to you a hearty welcome and fraternal greetings on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of this great Masonic City. We do this with peculiar pleasure as we believe that never in the history of this Jurisdiction have the representatives of so many Chapters had an opportunity of combining in such a welcome. We have also the honour and gratification of welcoming several distinguished Royal Craftsmen who are with us to-day as the rulers of Sister Jurisdictions. To each of them we extend a special greeting on their visit to Toronto—the Queen City of Canada.

"To you personally, Most Excellent Companion Smith, we offer our sincere felicitations on having presided so acceptably and so faithfully as our honoured Grand Z. during the past two years. It has been a matter of pride to all the members of the Royal Craft that you have been consistently true to the finest traditions of this Ancient and Honourable Society, that you have possessed in an eminent degree the characteristic qualifications which have always been considered as essential in a good Royal Arch Mason. You have been unsparing in giving yourself to the Service of our Order, wise and just in your rule and in your personal contact with the Chapters have endeared yourself to all by your gracious, dignified, yet friendly bearing. That your labours have not been in vain is amply demonstrated by the steady advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

"As members of an institution which stands for obedience to and respect for all lawfully constituted authority we thank you on behalf of your loyal Companions for the effort put forth to successfully guide this Grand Body along the path blazed by our Companions of other days—who in the dim and misty
light of the past saw visions of a glorious and useful future for this great Order of which we are so proud.

"To the officers of Grand Chapter we offer our appreciation for the untiring zeal and unselfishness which they have exhibited during their tenure of office.

"To the Companions all—we extend greetings and express the hope that your sojourn in Toronto—'The Meeting Place'—the City of Homes—may be pleasant and profitable and that the happiness which is ours in having you with us may be reflected in some measure in your own hearts, thus adding to the enjoyment and satisfaction of both.

"Again, Most Excellent Sir, may we express the hope that the deliberations of this Grand Chapter may be crowned with success, that our meetings may be conducted with that harmony and brotherly love that have characterized our Convocations in the past. May our efforts strengthen the fundamental principles of our Order and conduce to the furtherance of Peace, Prosperity and Progress.

"Signed on behalf of the Chapters of the Toronto Districts.

Geo. T. Gardiner, St. Albans, No. 217.
H. M. Boddy, Ulster, No. 219.
Geo. E. Rennie, York, No. 62.
John C. M. MacBeth, King Cyrus, No. 232.
Alex. Wilson, Beaver, No. 225.
E. Stanley Trinnell, University, No. 241.
A. A. Kitchen, Antiquity, No. 91.
Phil. Bach, St. Clair, No. 231.
T. C. James, Beaches, No. 163.
Arthur Green, Occident, No. 77.
W. H. Price, St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4.
Geo. Nelson, Orient, No. 79.
Harley W. Percy, Shekinah, No. 138.
Benj. Lunenburg, Mt. Sinai, No. 212.
M. S. Gooderham, St. Pauls, No. 65.
Burnside Robinson, King Solomon's, No. 8.
A. J. Fish, Oakwood, No. 233."
The Grand Z. thanked R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Berkinshaw for the welcome extended, appreciating their kind thoughts, and asked that he convey to the several Toronto Chapters his thanks for the welcome accorded as well as those of the assembled delegates.

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

| R. Ex. Comp. | J. W. Lawrence | Alabama       |
| R.           | C. W. Haentschel | Arizona      |
| R.           | Harvey J. Milne  | Connecticut  |
| R.           | Robert W. Clewlo | District of Columbia |
| M.           | W. N. Ponton     | Georgia      |
| R.           | Joseph J. Shelley| Illinois     |
| R.           | John Stevenson   | Indiana      |
| R.           | Edward Lankin    | Iowa         |
| R.           | A. P. Goering    | Kansas       |
| R.           | John Graham      | Kentucky     |
| R.           | W. Y. Mills      | Louisiana    |
| R.           | Marshal E. Sherwood| Maine      |
| R.           | Robt. Henry Reid | Manitoba     |
| R.           | Frank Ebbitt     | Maryland     |
| M.           | W. G. Price      | Michigan     |
| R.           | Oliver Ellwood   | Minnesota    |
| R.           | Wm. J. Tow       | Missouri     |
| R.           | W. M. Logan      | Montana      |
| R.           | W. J. Potts      | Nebraska     |
| R.           | John F. Marr     | Nevada       |
| M.           | Walter H. Davis  | New Hampshire|
| M.           | K. J. Dunstan    | New Jersey   |
| R.           | J. Austin Evans  | New Zealand  |
| R.           | George L. Gardiner| North Dakota|
| M.           | George Moore     | Nova Scotia  |
| M.           | Edwin Smith      | Ohio         |
| R.           | Ed. Worth        | Oklahoma     |
| R.           | John J. Gardiner | Oregon       |
| R.           | Edward B. Brown  | Quebec       |
| R.           | Bernard Cairns   | Saskatchewan |
| R.           | James B. Little  | South Carolina|
| R.           | John H. C. Woodward| Tennessee |
| M.           | E. T. Malone     | Texas        |
| R.           | J. B. Nixon      | Vermont      |
| R.           | Joseph W. Hickson| Victoria     |
The Grand Z. welcomed the thirty-nine various Grand Representatives in suitable terms, after which M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton replied on behalf of them.

Grand honours having been accorded, the Grand Representatives took seats on the dais, and then M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith presented the following address.
ADDRESS OF GRAND Z

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

My Dear Companions; it is a pleasure as well as an honour to welcome you to the Seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and now that the end of my term is reached and I am about to hand to my successor the sceptre of office; I trust that I have given to you no cause for regret at your having placed your confidence in me. I bring a report on my labours; the tasks accomplished, my personal observations and recommendations for your consideration.

Our Departed.

The words, "Our departed," bring to us thoughts of the uncertainty of life and the quickness with which the sands of time are passing. Men to-day in the prime of life; to-morrow, yes, without warning, are called to the Grand Chapter above:

"And our hearts though filled with anguish,
Can but say, 'He knoweth best.'"

Most Ex. Comp. Sir John Gibson of Hamilton—an honourary Past Grand First Principal of this Grand Body, whose whole life was an exemplification of Masonry, and in his death we have lost a true and devoted citizen and craftsman.

Our late Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, whose long experience and ever-ready counsel was an inspiration for those who sought his advice; passed to the Grand Chapter above, on May 29th, 1929, without warning.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead will present their report, but to the bereaved families and friends and to Sister Jurisdictions we extend our sincere and tender sympathy. With profound sorrow, the absence of loved and familiar faces is noted.
Grand Scribe E. Office.

Immediately following the death of our Grand Scribe E., I assumed charge of the office until a meeting of my Past Grand Z.'s and chairmen of the Standing Committees could be convened; which was held in the office, Temple Building, Toronto, on Saturday, June 5, 1929, at 2.15 P.M., and following is a copy of the minutes:

Present:—M. Ex. Companions George Moore and W. H. Davis, Hamilton; Kenneth J. Dunstan, Toronto; Edwin Smith, London; R. Ex. Companions, Walter G. Price, Port Credit; Oliver Elwood, London; Alex. Cowan, Barrie; George L. Gardiner and A. D. McIntyre, Toronto.

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore and carried: “That M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan act as Chairman, and R. Ex. Comp. A. D. McIntyre act as Secretary.”

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner and carried: “That the committee recommend to the Grand First Principal, that he authorize the payment of the monthly salary of the late Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith, to his widow through his daughter, Mrs. Maude Wright, until January 31, 1930; provided his widow is living then, but should death intervene before that period all payments to cease.”

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, and seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis and carried: “That in the opinion of the meeting, there is no specific provision in the Constitution for the filling of the vacancy of our late Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, caused by death; be it therefore resolved that the Grand Council, assisted by the Immediate Past Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, carry on the work of the Office until the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter.”

I trust that Grand Chapter will approve of our action.
Our Veteran Jewel.

Following the acceptance of my suggestion, at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter held in the City of Kingston, to present a jewel to those Companions who have been connected with the Grand Chapter of Canada for twenty-five years or more, I appointed a committee consisting of the President of our Executive, the Grand Scribe E., with myself, to carry out the wishes of Grand Chapter, and after securing designs and prices, the committee decided upon a sterling silver, gold plated medallion beautifully enamelled in crimson and gold, and attached to a bar by a crimson ribbon, to be presented to those who have been an elected First Principal for upwards of twenty-five years or more and a similar jewel with an additional solid gold bar with the words, "fifty years," thereon, to be presented to those who have been an elected First Principal for upwards of fifty years or more. This solid gold bar, also to be presented to the recipients of the twenty-five year jewel upon their attaining the higher period of time.

I trust that Grand Chapter will approve of our actions and that during the years to come it may be the means of cementing our young veterans to the Royal Craft.

A list of the recipients will be found in our proceedings, but I desire to record the following who have served fifty years and are still active:

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, 1873, King Solomon Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.

R. Ex. Comp. Alfred Taylor, 1876, Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.

R. Ex. Comp. William Panton, 1876, St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton.


R. Ex. Comp. Daniel McDonald, 1878, King Solomon Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.
Grand Representatives.

I have recommended for appointment as Grand Representatives to represent the Grand Chapter named near the Grand Chapter of Canada the following Companions:


Michigan—R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Walter G. Price, Port Credit.


And have approved the following appointments, who, having been duly recommended, to represent the Grand Chapter of Canada, near his respective Grand Jurisdiction:

California—M. Ex. Comp. Angus L. Cavanagh, Sawtelle, California.


Companions, this honour that has come to you is of much importance, and I assure you as a Grand Representative, you should endeavour to be present at every Convocation of Grand Chapter and retain the closest felicitations between the governing bodies.

Dispensations.

One hundred and fifteen dispensations were requested and granted. Permission to accept an application for membership and confer the Capitular Degrees on disabled brethren by Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Bro. William Archibald Harriott and Bro. Thos. Sanders, was allowed.

Dispensations were requested to permit the Companions to attend Divine Service, and granted
where it was felt that it would be in the interests of Capitular Masonry.

Dispensations were also requested and issued to permit Chapters to confer the Capitular Degrees upon accepted candidates in adjacent towns or villages where properly equipped Masonic Lodge rooms were located. Several others were for changing dates of convocations; advancement of officers and changing the hours of regular Convocations.

A request for the wearing of Royal Arch Regalia at a Masonic Funeral was refused, the same being a Craft function.

Rulings.

Is it necessary to open in the Holy Royal Arch Degree at an emergent Convocation, when the work of the evening is the conferring of the M.M. Degree or M.E.M. Degree? I ruled that it is not necessary, simply open in the degree which is to be worked, confer the degrees, and then close.

A request from a Chapter for permission to have a loose leaf Minute Book, so that minutes may be typewritten: A Chapter may have the minutes typewritten by Scribe E. with proviso that each sheet shall be numbered, signed and afterwards secured in binder. This Ruling is sustained by me, having been given by Most Ex. Comp. Walter Davis —see page 35—1926 Proceedings.

A request from a Chapter to permit the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree by a visiting Chapter from the United States, upon candidates, was refused. I had no objection for the work being exemplified by the visitors.

What Regalia should be worn by a Royal Arch Mason in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, also in a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters? Apron and Sash or just Apron? I ruled that a Royal Arch Mason must wear his Apron and Sash in all degrees.

When a Chapter meets in Regular Convocation, to transact business and confer a Mark Master Mason’s Degree, what is the proper way to close; should Chapter be called off to confer the Mark
Master's Degree, then called on, and close in the Holy Royal Arch? I ruled that this is the proper procedure, the conferring of the Degree being part of the order of business for the Convocation, must be completed before the Chapter is closed in due form in the Holy Royal Arch. Pages 262 and 263 of Ritual gives the proper procedure to carry out the above ruling.

Can a Companion of a Chapter hold office in a Chapter, if he has taken his demit from his Lodge and is not a member of any other Lodge? My reply: Grand Chapter has already ruled and I have no other authority than to sustain their ruling, which permits a Companion to sever his connection with a Craft Lodge, and still be a member and hold office in the Chapter; see page 224 of the 1922 Proceedings, page 247 of the 1923 Proceedings, and pages 207-8 of the 1924 Proceedings.

Our Seal.

The use of the seal of the Grand Chapter of Canada is limited to official Grand Chapter documents issued by the Grand Z. or the Grand Scribe E. with the authority of the Grand Chapter or the Grand Z. It must not be used, nor should any imitation of it be used on any circulars, correspondence or Christmas Cards of Grand Superintendents. This Ruling dates back to 1888.

By-Laws Approved and Amended.

Numerous By-laws and Amendments have been approved during the past year, but greater care should be made in making changes; By-laws are intended to govern the economy of a Chapter, and should be, along with the Constitution, a real guide to the newly initiate and officer, the study of which would repay the time of any member. Be careful therefore that your exalted candidate receives the latest issue, and above all, see that his copies are well bound.
By-laws for the following Chapters have been approved during the year:

Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.
Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.
Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg.
Mt. Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.
Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.
Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt.
Palestine Chapter, No. 249, Bowmanville.
Nilestown Chapter, No. 247, Nilestown.
The Thomas Peters Chapter, No. 250, Windsor.

And Amendments from the following:

Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.
Carlton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa.
Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie.
Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas.
Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara Falls.
Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville.
Mt. Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.
Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.
Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.
St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smiths Falls.
Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances.
The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto.
Kickikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland.
Beaver Chapter, No. 225, Toronto.
Quinte Chapter, No. 227, Belleville.
Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Amherstburg.

**Masonic Emblem and Autos:** It is not in keeping with Masonic dignity, to use Masonic insignias on automobiles, outward publicity of this kind should be discouraged by all branches of Masonry. Let us communicate the lessons to our members, that the community in which they live may be better, and the only outward publicity is: better citizens and better citizenship.
Affiliation Certificate.

Requests have been made by affiliated Companions for a certificate of membership, and I recommend that same be secured and that a small fee be charged, to cover cost.

Uniform Receipt for Dues.

I recommended to Grand Chapter that they approve the adoption of an uniform receipt for dues, supplying each Subordinate Chapter with their requirement at cost. This has become necessary owing to the form used by Chapters, in many cases not being legible or modern. A Committee could be appointed to thoroughly go into the cost of same, and arrange for the issue, starting in the year 1931, this may be a great saving to many Chapters.

Ritual.

Our beautiful and impressive ceremony, known to us as our Ritual, is now being used throughout this vast Dominion of Canada, by our Sister Jurisdictions, and great credit is due to the Committee who had charge of re-arranging the work.

It forms a great symbolic story of a man's search for God, groping in the darkness and finally arriving upon the other side in the glorious Presence of the Most High. Thus shall we progress under His guidance and loving care, to that Place from whence no traveller ever returns, having confidence in His love and protection and with new life to serve Him, whom we adore.

Officers.

I express my appreciation to the officers of the Subordinate Chapters for the manner in which they have taken hold of the Ritual. Many of you, in advance age, yet giving the work accurately and with expression. It is encouraging, and I desire to report to Grand Chapter my observation, and I trust that the officers who may carry on, will follow your example.
Night of Meetings.

We still have fifteen Chapters, who desire to call their Convocations before or after the full of the moon, and I strongly recommend that they set a specific time, to hold their regular Convocations. In these days of electric lights and automobiles, Chapters should have their Convocations according to the calendar.

Fraternal Visits.

Numerous invitations to attend Convocations and social functions have been received by me, and I have endeavoured to accept as many as possible, but more especially where the Chapter and Companions would benefit by my attendance. Visits to Sister Jurisdictions were also accepted when time and business permitted. I have noticed that the Convocations, as a whole, have been well attended.

On Friday, March 15th, 1929, I visited Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener, Ontario, where I was received by Ex. Comp. E. D. Cunningham, the Excellent First Principal, the work of the evening being the Holy Royal Arch Degree, which was done in an excellent manner.

On Saturday evening, March 16th, the St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, celebrated its Silver Jubilee and the Natal Anniversary of their Patron, there being over five hundred craftsmen present to participate in the evening's proceedings. There were many distinguished Companions in attendance: Our Immediate Past Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, Toronto; our late Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and the following guests from out of town: R. Ex. Comp. Chauncey Hammond, Deputy Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of New York States; Ex. Comp. J. W. Baird and Ex. Comp. Percy Spragge of Keystone Chapter, Buffalo; M. Ex. Comp. General Gough, Past Grand Z. of New Zealand. The banquet was presided over by Ex. Comp. A. W. Neal, the Excel-
lent First Principal; and the speaker of the evening, a native-born Irishman, and a Canadian by adoption, M. Ex. Comp. A. B. J. Moore, the Immediate Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

On Tuesday, March 19th, I officially visited London Chapter, No. 150, London, and there had the pleasure of presenting to the Grand Senior Sojourner, V. Ex. Comp. Thomas W. Copp, a suit of regalia appertaining to his office, the gift being from his Mother Chapter. Ex. Comp. J. W. Plewes, the Ex. First Principal of London Chapter, welcomed me upon this occasion.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, being held on Wednesday, March 27, 1929, I, accompanied by the late Grand Scribe E., officially conveyed to this Grand Body our most cordial and fraternal greetings. Capitular Masonry seems to flourish in the Province of Quebec, even under the most trying obstructions.

Thomas Peters' Chapter, No. 250, Windsor, was Constituted and Dedicated, and the officers installed on Wednesday, April 10th, and I was assisted by the late Grand Scribe E. and R. Ex. Comp. George Mickle, Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District; R. Ex. Comp. H. G. Meir, Past Grand Registrar, and R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Haydon; R. Ex. Comp. P. J. McConnell; R. Ex. Comp. John C. Reid; all Past Grand Superintendents. This Chapter promises to be one of the most flourishing in our Jurisdiction.

Friday, April 26th, a Master Mason's Night was held in Ingersoll by Harris Chapter, No. 41, with R. Ex. Comp. Robert D. Montgomery, of Woodstock, acting as host and also Chairman at the banquet. Master Masons as well as Royal Arch Masons were in attendance from Simcoe, Mount Elgin, Thamesford, Nilestown, Lambeth, Norwich, Paris, Ingersoll, Woodstock and London. The banqueting room was filled to capacity. I had the opportunity of explaining the relationship of Craft and Royal Craft
Among those who accompanied me were the following: Our late Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Toronto, who seemed to be full of vim and vigour, and who gave one of his masterful addresses; also R. Ex. Comp. Marshall H. Hardy, Lambeth, Grand Superintendent of London District; R. Ex. Comp. John W. Wild; R. Ex. Comp. H. E. Livermore; R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Sutherland; Brother the Honourable John S. Sutherland; Wor. Bro. Gordon Young; Ex. Comp. S. L. King, of Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe; and Ex. Comp. E. T. Essery of London. Meetings of this kind should be encouraged and I strongly recommend to my successor that as much time as possible should be given in assisting the weaker Chapters.

Carnarvon Chapter, No. 5, under the Grand Jurisdiction of Quebec, was host to the St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, on Friday, May 10th, when they exemplified the three Degrees of Capitular Masonry according to our new Ritual. The visitors were received by Ex. Comp. Brodie Brockville, the First Principal of Carnarvon Chapter, and great credit is due to Ex. Comp. W. A. Neal, the First Principal of St. Patrick Chapter, for the wonderful exemplification of the Degrees. Our Grand Second Principal, R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Walter G. Price, of Port Credit accompanied me on this visit. Many distinguished guests were in attendance, including M. Ex. Comp. W. M. Williamson, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; M. Ex. Comp. W. M. Cowper, Past Grand Z.; R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Knowlton, Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; M. Ex. Comp. A. E. Evans, one of the oldest of Past Grand Principals of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; M. Ex. Comp. W. J. Edwards, Grand First Principal, and M. Ex. Comp. A. B. J. Moore, Past Grand First Principal, both of Quebec; M. Ex. Comp. S. S. Sawaya, Past Grand High Priest of New Brunswick; M. Ex. Comp. George McDougall, Past Grand High Priest of Nova Scotia; M. Ex.
Comp. Canon Shatford, Past Grand First Principal of Quebec; and many others. All spoke of the beauty and the wonderful interpretation by the Excellent First Principal and officers, in the rendition of the work.

On Tuesday, May 14th, accompanied by our late Grand Scribe E. and my Chairman of Audit and Finance, R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, I paid my respects to the Grand Chapter of Michigan at their Eighty-first Convocation held at Lansing, and we were received by their Grand High Priest, Most Ex. Comp. Elgin Mifflin, and renewed old friendships.

A Chapter of Instruction for Wellington District, No. 4, was held at Orangeville, on Friday, May 24th, and accompanied by our Director of Ceremonies, Very Ex. Comp. Ed. Calder, and our late Grand Scribe E., we were officially received to well filled Chapter rooms. The three Degrees were exemplified by visiting Chapters under the supervision of the Grand Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. T. S. Parkinson. The work was exceptionally good.

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, our young veteran, was officially presented with his Veteran Jewel, for fifty-six years a Past First Principal, on Saturday, May 25th, 1929. This was the last time in which our late Grand Scribe E. accompanied me in an official capacity.

One of the finest Chapter rooms in the Province of Ontario was dedicated at Oshawa, New Masonic Temple, on Thursday, June 6th, and I was assisted by our Grand Second Principal, R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price; R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Miller, Past Grand Superintendent Toronto District, No. 8; R. Ex. Comp. F. McLean, Grand Superintendent, Toronto District, No. 8; R. Ex. Comp. Isadore Finberg, Grand Superintendent, Toronto District, No. 8a; R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Blanchard, Cannington, Grand Superintendent, Ontario District, No. 10; R. Ex. Comp. W. F. McMahon, P.G. Superintendent, Ontario District, No. 10, Port Hope; R. Ex. Comp. C. L. Davidson, P.G. Superintendent, Ontario Dis-
district, No. 10, Port Hope; R. Ex. Comp. W. Sherman Cooper, P.G. Superintendent, Ontario District, No. 10, Oshawa; R. Ex. Comp. C. S. Hanley, P.G. Superintendent, Ontario District, No. 10; R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Berkinshaw, Grand Registrar, Toronto; V. Ex. Comp. E. S. Calder, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Toronto; V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Baker, P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Toronto; V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Lutterel, P.G.P., Toronto; Ex. Comp. Max Cooper, District Secretary, Toronto, No. 8, Toronto. Credit is due to Ex. Comp. Stenhouse, who drew the plans and superintended the construction of the building.

I visited Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, at Galt on Monday, June 10th, and presented many Veteran Jewels, one being for fifty years to Ex. Comp. Alfred Taylor, over fifty-three years a Past First Principal.

Thursday, June 21st, accompanied by many Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, I visited Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown, and was received by Ex. Comp. W. V. Grant. This Chapter is full of enthusiasm and has a set of real live officers, which is a great asset; they do good work.

Prince Edward District, No. 11, held a joint meeting for instruction at Madoc on Tuesday, June 25th, under the supervision of R. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Nugent. No work was presented, but the secrets of each Degree were duly explained and for two hours a most pleasant and instructive discussion took place.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 3, of London, one of the original Chapters in the formation of our present Grand Chapter, requested me to present their Veterans’ Jewels on Wednesday, June 26th, and I had the honour of placing the same on the breast of six R. Ex. Companions, namely: R. Ex. Comp. Arthur Carrothers, Alex. Currie, Oliver Ellwood, John Graham, Donald Fraser, and Col. J. H. Wilson—a real record.

Thursday, September 19, I visited St. Clair Chapter, Milton, and had the pleasure of presenting Veteran Jewels; one for fifty years, to R. Ex. Comp. William Panton, their ever-faithful Scribe E.
To celebrate their Jubilee, Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough, enjoyed the company of the Grand Second Principal, Dr. W. G. Price and the Grand Third Principal, Dr. C. W. Haentschael, and many visiting Grand Chapter officers, and again I presented the veterans of many years with their jewels. Occasions of this kind bring out many who have been absent for years and Corinthian Chapter room could not accommodate the number in attendance.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto, since it was instituted has the record of entertaining every Grand First Principal, and I accepted an invitation to be present on Tuesday, October 1st. I was received royally by Ex. Comp. Max Cooper, who proved to be a real host. Many Present and Past Grand Chapter officers accompanied me, including R. Ex. Comp. Isadore Finberg, R. Ex. Comp. McLean, Grand Superintendents of Toronto Districts, and R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Miller, George Gardiner, Edward Berkinshaw, V. Ex. Comp. Alex. Calder, Edward Luttrell, and others.

Finding it impossible to visit the Grand Chapter of Ohio, October 1st and 2nd, after a very pressing invitation from their Grand High Priest to attend their Annual Convocation, I requested R. Ex. Comp. J. H. C. Woodward, who was present at the 100th Assembly of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, to remain over at Canton and convey my fraternal greetings. He reported that he had received a royal welcome.

Beaver Chapter, No. 225, held a Grand Chapter Night on Wednesday, October 9th, 1929, and assisted by M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, I.P.G.Z., as J., and R. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price as H., and many other Present and Past Grand Chapter officers, I conferred the Holy Royal Degree. R. Ex. Comp. B. Cairns, who was General Chairman of the evening and who deserves great credit for the success thereof, assisted, and also the following: R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Miller, R. Ex. Comp. D. S. L. MacDougall, V. Ex. Comp. T. H. Graham; V. Ex. Comp.

Ottawa District, No. 13, held a Chapter of Instruction at Smiths Falls on Monday, October 14th, 1929, and R. Ex. Comp. A. L. McGregor, the Grand Superintendent, proved himself qualified for the position he holds. At two o’clock P.M., Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place, conferred the M.M.M. Degree. At 4 o’clock, Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa, conferred the M.E.M. Degree; and at 8 o’clock, Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree. A very large attendance and a good discussion followed each Degree and was enjoyed by all present; among those who accompanied me was my Grand Scribe N., R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner of Ottawa and many others.

Tuesday evening, October 15th, 1929, I visited White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville, and had the pleasure of presenting Veteran Jewels to four of their Past First Principals as well as enjoying a pleasant evening with Companions from the adjoining cities and towns.

Wednesday evening, October 16, 1929, I accompanied Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto, to Waterloo Chapter, Galt, and witnessed Ex. Comp. D. Markham, assisted by his officers, confer the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a faultless manner.

Thursday evening, October 17th, 1929, Nilestown Chapter, No. 247, Nilestown, held a Grand Chapter Night, and although I did not arrive in time to assist as I was motoring from Hamilton, yet with R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart in the chair a treat was in store for all. I was received after the Degree and then spoke to the Companions both in the Chapter room and at their banquet.

Although a week of visits I took the opportunity of remaining over in Toronto on Saturday, October 19th, 1929, to be present at the St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, when they received their guests from Belle-
ville, Moira Chapter, No. 7, who conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree; Ex. Comp. V. H. Graves as First Principal. They had an excellent attendance, many visitors in attendance, including our young veteran, Most Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton of Belleville and R. Ex. Comp. John Baird of Buffalo.

On Monday, October 21st, 1929, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Wild, P.G.P.S., I visited Preston Chapter, No. 245, Preston, and had the opportunity of meeting many of their members and prospective candidates. Although a very wet night, there was a fair attendance.

R. Ex. Comp. Frank McLean, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District, No. 8, held a District Chapter of Instruction at Riverdale Temple, Toronto, on Wednesday, October 30th, and I had the pleasure of renewing a few of my old acquaintances. The attendance being very small owing to its being Provincial Election day.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener, held another Convocation on Wednesday, November 6th, that will go down in history, showing their zeal for Capitular Masonry, a crowded Chapter room and a meeting presided over by Ex. Comp. Walter G. Duench, and the East completely taken up with Past Principals and visiting Past Principals and many on the side benches. An inspiration to be present, excellent work and all enthusiastic.

Friday, November 8th, I had the honour of being received at Occident Royal Arch Chapter, No. 77, Freemasons’ Hall, College Street, Toronto, and presented Veteran Jewels to their eligible Past Principal; also witnessed the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree by Past Principals with that young veteran, R. Ex. Comp. Joe. W. Hickson, in King Solomon Chair, and he was assisted by V. Ex. Comp. W. Riddle, R. Ex. Comp. Herbert Luke and Ex. Comp. R. L. (Dick) Shriner, all active as in the bloom of youth. To Ex. Comp. D. W. Markham, I say: You should be proud of your predecessors, it is an honour to have their association.
I visited Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls, on Friday evening, November 15th, and once more had the pleasure of pinning on the breast of their veterans the jewel for service, although many other attractions, the Chapter room was crowded, and I was introduced and received by Ex. Comp. Dr. G. E. French. This Chapter is doing good work, and on account of its location receives many visitors from across the border. Their Grand Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. E. H. Brennan, was in attendance and looked after my welfare. He has proved a great help to this district, and an active worker.

Carlton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, celebrated their 70th Anniversary on Friday, November 22nd, 1929, and the occasion was unique for they had been instituted seventy years before, by the Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. Thomas Wilson (our second Grand Ruler), who was also a Past First Principal of my Mother Chapter, St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, Ontario, and this was mentioned by the Ex. First Principal of Carlton Chapter, Ex. Comp. P. L. Young, in receiving me. Another item of interest was my presenting to Carlton Chapter the original copies of their authorized Work or Ritual, seventy years old, which I had received along with the collection of documents and Rituals, the property of my late brother. Many Companions joined in the celebration, and an evening well spent in the Capitol City.

Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, held their Annual Ladies’ Night on Wednesday, November 27th, and I was received and welcomed by Ex. Comp. Victor H. Graves, over three hundred being in attendance, including Most Ex. Comp. Colonel and Mrs. Ponton; R. Ex. Comp. and Mrs. Nugent, Grand Superintendent, Prince Edward District, No. 11, and R. Ex. Comp. D. Fink, Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

Wednesday, December 4th, I visited Wilson Chapter, No. 64, Welland, and was extended a royal welcome by Ex. Comp. Curry M. Carmichael, the
Ex. First Principal. This meeting was one of considerable interest and I had the pleasure of answering and explaining many of the secrets of our Ritual.

Owing to my extensive activities, I found it impossible to visit the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania on Thursday, December 5th, at Philadelphia, and I requested Most Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan to go and convey my most cordial and fraternal greetings, and I am pleased to report that he received an ever-ready welcome, and once more cemented our association.

Wednesday, December 11th, 1929, saw the largest Chapter of Instruction ever held outside of Grand Chapter at the Masonic Temple, London, my home city, under the supervision of the Grand Superintendent of London District, No. 2, R. Ex. Comp. G. Hardy of Lambeth. Only two Degrees were conferred, the Most Excellent Master's Degree by Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, in the afternoon, and the Holy Royal Arch Degree by Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia, in the evening. Each Degree was complete according to the Ritual, and to the many who were in attendance, all spoke of the excellent interpretations and expression in the presentations. I am delighted with London District, which is fast becoming a great Masonic centre, for all branches of Masonry, enthusiastic and growing numerically as well as financially.

Friday, December 13th, sounds rather sceptical, but not to Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, of St. Catharines, for their Chapter room and banqueting hall could not accommodate the attendance. Once more I had the pleasure of answering questions regarding the work. The Companions certainly came prepared, as they had been requested by their Ex. First Principal W. J. Rose and their Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. A. N. Lindsay, to do so, and the evening, after the installing of officers, was given over to me.

Niagara District is spread over quite an area, thus it was necessary to make many trips to cover
all the visits, but I trust that my work will bring forth renewed success.

On Thursday, December 19th, I visited Nilestown Chapter, Nilestown, and spoke along with R. Ex. Comp. U. A. Buchner of London on general conditions of Capitular Masonry to a well attended meeting.

Monday, December 30th, I assisted in the installation of officers at London, where a joint installation of officers of the four city Chapters and two suburban Chapters took place. I have had to refuse many other invitations to attend installation ceremonies, as time would not permit.

Although the temperature was below zero and a very strong southwestern wind blowing off Lake Erie, it did not keep the Companions from attending the Convocation of King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, of Port Colborne, on Thursday, January 23, 1930, and Ex. Comp. Dr. G. N. Black and officers conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a faultless manner and with exceptionally good expression. During the evening I presented R. Ex. Comp. C. D. Winn with his Veteran’s Jewel.

Thursday evening, January 30, 1930, the Principals’ Association of Hamilton District, No. 5, held a reception in the Masonic Hall, James Street North, and after partaking of a well prepared dinner, the Companions adjourned to the Chapter room, where there was also a good attendance. I was accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis. A very pleasant evening followed, and many questions were asked, pertaining to the Work.

Leaving on Sunday, February 1st, 1930, and accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. Colonel W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Ontario, I attended the One Hundred and Thirty-third Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York, at Albany, New York. The reception on Monday evening to the guests was well attended, but the dinner on Tuesday evening taxed the Rose Ball room to capacity, several hundred being present. Our Grand Representative, R. Ex. Comp.
Ed. Rolle of New York City, having met with an accident just a few days before was unable to be present, but our welfare had been looked after by Most Excellent Companion William Condit, who received us with his natural and most pleasing personality.

My last visit, Companions, took place on Wednesday, February 12th, when I paid a visit to our baby Chapter, Thomas Peters, No. 250, Windsor. I had the pleasure of issuing their warrant, and now I see the infant growing into a flourishing and prosperous Royal Arch Chapter, starting with 33 members and now 82. The officers enthusiastic and doing excellent work.

Finances.

It is a pleasure to report that an investment of Four Thousand Dollars in registered bonds has been made this year, this is practically the interest on our former investments. If this amount can be invested each year, it will not be long before our reserve funds will reach a substantial amount.

Our Guests.

To-day, we have the honour of welcoming many of you who have been exalted to the highest gift within your jurisdictions, and we bid you a most hearty welcome. We know that you are busy men, and for this reason we appreciate your attendance, hoping that your visit will be most pleasant, and that you will again return and enjoy our hospitality.

Companions, in concluding, I desire to express to my Past Grand Z.'s my appreciation of their cooperation, especially M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, our faithful Grand Treasurer; M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, our Reviewer (who picks the nuggets from the proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions); and M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, who has associated himself with the Grand Council. These men, like the other officers, were always ready to assist; and, finally, my Companions, my desire to serve you,
my ambition and determination to devote my time to the duties of the office, and to make personal and business sacrifices have now come to a glorious end; I am grateful for the opportunity afforded to serve humanity, and if my training and knowledge of Masonry is of any further assistance, I am prepared to give to you of my best. My hope is—May peace, harmony and good-will continue to prevail.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Edwin Smith

Grand Z.

London, Ont.

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

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

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS’ REPORTS

The Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.
ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 1.

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

I have the honour to submit for your approval, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District No. 1, for the year 1929.

Blenheim Chapter, No. 239.—On May the 1st, I paid my official visit to Blenheim Chapter, and was received with a hearty welcome. Ex. Comp. J. Lee Gosnell, with his able staff of officers, including Rt. Ex. Comp. J. L. Rutherford, acting as Scribe E., exemplified the Mark Master Mason Degree in a very proficient manner.

This Chapter is in a prosperous condition. On this visit I was pleased to find that the spirit of fraternal visiting was being carried out. From across the District were Ex. Comp. Harris, Ex. Comp. Dickinson, and Companion Johnson, Scribe E., from Sombra Chapter, Wallaceburg, also two Companions from Chatham, two from Ridgetown, and three Ex. Companions from my home Chapter. At the conclusion of the degree, an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall where lunch was served, and an enjoyable time spent.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.—On May the 6th, I paid my official visit, and was accompanied by ten Companions from my home Chapter. I witnessed the Holy Royal Arch Degree conferred by Ex. Comp. C. M. Boggart and his staff of officers. The work was absolutely beyond criticism. The books are well kept by Companion Alvm Bunn. The surroundings of the Chapter room will compare favourably with any Chapter in the District.

Preceding the degree work, we were entertained at a banquet given by our generous host, which was attended by Ex. Companion J. B. Henderson and eleven Companions from the Thomas Peters Chapter, Windsor, also Ex. Comp Tweney, and four Companions from Ark Chapter, Windsor; Scribe E., D. F.
Johnson, and three Past Z.’s from Sombra Chapter, Wallaceburg; O. F. Lehman, High Priest King Cyrus Chapter, No. 113, Detroit; with the Rev. James Halmhuber, Chaplain King Cyrus Chapter, Detroit. The Rev. Companion Halmhuber being the principle speaker of the evening. I was pleased on this occasion that invitations had been extended to all members of the Craft Lodge to attend the banquet, and also that a goodly number were present.

Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Wallaceburg.—On April the 9th I visited Sombra Chapter of Wallaceburg, and had the pleasure of witnessing the Mark Master Mason Degree, conferred on five candidates by Ex. Comp. Harris, First Principal, and his efficient staff of officers, in a manner that would do credit to any Chapter in the District. I also had the pleasure of having with me Ex. Comp. H. H. Courtney and Ex. Comp. P. G. French, and six other Companions of Prince of Wales Chapter. Much interest was added to this Convocation by the presence of Rt. Ex. Comp. Hardy, Grand Superintendent of London District, No. 2, and Rt. Ex. Comp. William Stewart, Past Superintendent of London District, No. 2. After the degree work, the two last mentioned Grand Chapter officers delivered inspiring addresses, followed by a sumptuous banquet. This Chapter is in a prosperous condition, and the Chapter room is a credit to the District.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.—I visited this Chapter April 18th, and was accompanied by several Companions from my home Chapter. On this occasion I had the pleasure of witnessing the Holy Royal Arch Degree, conferred by Ex. Comp. W. H. Arundell and his regular staff of officers, in a manner that would give no opportunity whatever for any criticism from a Grand Superintendent.

This Chapter is the second largest in the District. The future prospects are very bright. The books are well kept by V. Ex. Comp. J. G. Martin, the veteran Scribe E. of St. Clair District.
I was pleased to find present at this Convocation Ex. Comp. Jeheil Smith, one of Wellington Chapter's old reliables, and to find that he is still to be found in the harness when a vacant chair occurs.

At the conclusion of the degree we were sumptuously entertained with an excellent banquet, after which R. Ex. Comp. A. S. H. Cree was the principle speaker. His address will long be remembered by the Companions present. The subject of his address was Holy Royal Arch Masonry.

**LORNE CHAPTER, NO. 164, WEST LORNE.**—On November 27th I visited this Chapter and had the pleasure of witnessing the Most Excellent Master Degree. This was the second time I had been privileged to see this degree conferred, and the First Principal, James McKillop, and his officers, are to be congratulated on the manner in which the work was done, considering the handicap they were under, due to the Chapter room being so small. It is to be hoped that larger rooms will be procured in the near future. The prospects of this Chapter are bright. On this visit I was accompanied by three Companions from my home Chapter.

**ERIE CHAPTER, NO. 73, RIDGETOWN.**—On May the 27th I visited Erie Chapter, and witnessed the Mark Master Degree conferred by Ex. Comp. H. Childs, in the absence of First Principal Dr. R. C. McCutcheon, he was assisted by Very Ex. Comp. E. V. Bingham, and Ex. Comp. John Freel. The degree was conferred in a faultless manner. On this occasion I had no reason for criticism. This Chapter is in a prosperous condition. The books are well kept by Comp. T. E. Armstrong. Among the visitors were R.W. Bro. Wilson, D.D.G.M., of Windsor District A.F. & A.M. A social hour followed during which a bountiful lunch was served.

**PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, NO. 71, AMHERSTBURG.**—On November 15th I paid my official visit to this, my home Chapter, and was received with a very hearty welcome. Ex. Comp. Wilson and his capable
staff of officers conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a very satisfactory manner. This Chapter is in a very flourishing condition, and its future prospects look bright. The books are kept in a businesslike manner, and the financial condition of this Chapter compares favourably with any Chapter in the District. Three Ex. Companions, Ex. Comp. Dickinson, Ex. Comp. Irving, Ex. Comp. Campbell, and Comp. Johnson, motored from Sombra Chapter, Wallaceburg, to be present on this occasion. At the conclusion of the degree, lunch was served by the Third Principal.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.—I visited this Chapter November 18th, and had the pleasure of witnessing the Most Excellent Degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Charles Tweney and his regular officers. Needless to say, this degree was conferred in a faultless manner. It was a great pleasure to witness this degree, as it was the first M.E.M. Degree I had the pleasure of witnessing on any of my official visits, also that the new ritual was strictly adhered to. In spite of the inclemency of the weather, I was very pleased to find Ex. Comp. Dickinson and Ex. Comp. Shaw from Sombra Chapter, Wallaceburg, they having motored all the way across the District to be present.

Ark Chapter is the largest in St. Clair District, and has an efficient staff of officers. The books are well kept by Rt. Ex. Comp. P. J. McConnell. This Chapter is in a prosperous condition. I was also pleased to find such stalwarts as Very Ex. Comp. McCubbin and Ex. Comp. Manley Squires present, and active in the work. After the degree we were entertained in the banquet room.

The Thomas Peters Chapter, No. 250, Windsor.—I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this new Chapter on June the 12th, and of witnessing the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Needless to say that Ex. Comp. James Henderson, and his most able staff of officers, conferred this degree faultlessly, and there was no
chance for any criticism of any kind. I was again pleased to find Ex. Comp. Dickinson and Ex. Comp. Harris from across the District present. I was also accompanied by Ex. Comp. F. E. Wilson, D.D.G.M., and Ex. Comp. McGee and R. Wigle from my own town. At the close of the degree work we were entertained with lunch at the banquet hall. The name Thomas Peters was selected for this Chapter, and approved by Grand Chapter of Canada, in commemoration of the valiant services rendered by the late R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Peters, Past Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District, No. 1, and who was, during half a century of his life, one of the hardest and most earnest workers in the Royal Craft, and who, when on his death bed, almost entreated to be taken thirty miles to Leamington, in order that he might once more fill the roll for which he was so noted, viz.,—that of Principal Sojourner. The progress of this Chapter is shown in the following figures:

1928 Charter members .................... 33
1929 Exalted .................................. 41
Affiliated .................................. 9
Lost by death ................................ 1
Membership December 1st, 1929 ........ 82

MCNABB CHAPTER, NO. 88, DRESDEN.—I visited this Chapter on April 25th where I had the pleasure of witnessing the Mark Master Mason Degree, exemplified by Ex. Comp. J. G. Convay and his staff of officers who are to be congratulated. As this Chapter had no regular candidate for the evening, a substitute was used. Ex. Comp. Convay is fortunate in having such an able staff of officers, also in having our good old friend and Companion R. Ex. Comp. Frank Laird, whom I noticed was still in the work and acting as Senior Sojourner. On this visit I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. H. H. Courtney, District Scribe E.; Ex. Comp. C. H. Harris, First Principal, Sombra Chapter, Wallaceburg, and six other Companions from Sombra
Chapter, which again shows that the spirit of fraternal visiting is being carried out.

After the degree work we were entertained with refreshments, and a social hour was spent. This Chapter is in a prosperous condition, and the books are well kept by Comp. M. S. Blackburn. I must say that this Chapter room is very beautiful, and reflects credit to the officers.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality extended to me by the officers and members of every Chapter, not only on my official visits, but on all other occasions.

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

Fraternally Submitted,

George Lester Mickle,
Grand Superintendent St. Clair District, No. 1.
Amherstburg, Ont.
LONDON DISTRICT No. 2.

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

It is my privilege to submit herewith a report of my stewardship and the condition of Capitular Masonry in London District, No. 2, for the year 1929.

Before doing so, however, I wish to express in a most sincere manner my appreciation and thanks to all the Chapters in this district for unanimously electing me to this high office, and I just as sincerely hope that my efforts have met with their approbation. To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. I acknowledge a debt of gratitude for the confirming of my appointment, and also for his continued assistance, advice and encouragement throughout the year. And to every Companion in the district I extend my heartfelt thanks for the very kindly manner in which they have done everything possible to lighten my burden, have overlooked my weaknesses and advertised my virtues, and any small measure of success which I have achieved has been due to the kindly assistance I have received from everyone.

My first official act was to appoint that splendid Royal Arch Mason, Ex. Comp. J. C. Crinklaw, as my secretary, and my choice proved to be a very happy one, as he has been my constant friend and helper in everything that I have undertaken throughout my term of office.

Space will not permit me to include a report of all the fraternal visits which I have made to the Chapters in this and other districts, so I must content myself with mentioning just a few of them, and the Grand Chapter Night at Nilestown when my predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, filled the office of Z., and with other Grand Chapter officers conferred the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, is an evening to be remembered by all the Companions who filled the room to capacity and received the friendly welcome for which this Chapter is noted.
Another splendid meeting was that held in Aylmer Chapter on the occasion of the fraternal visit of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, of London, when Ex. Comp. R. Fowler and his officers conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree. These exchange visits have been emphasized by me, and this one proved the wonderful results in good fellowship which can be attained in this manner.

The United Church at Lambeth was filled to capacity when the Companions from every Chapter in the District met on Sunday evening, October 27th, to worship together at a District Divine Service. The resident minister, the late Companion Rev. Isaac Couch, was to have preached, but owing to his having been confined to his sick bed, we invited Rev. Brother Watts, of Strathroy, to fill the pulpit, and on very short notice he preached a very fine and appropriate sermon. Companion Geo. Garrow sang two beautiful solos, R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart read the lesson, and R. Ex. Companions O. Ellwood, J. Graham, J. S. Barnard, J. H. C. Woodward, H. E. Livermore, and V. Ex. Comp. T. Copp, acted as ushers. The service was an inspiration to all.

On Wednesday, the 11th of December, a District Chapter of Instruction was held at London, and through the courtesy of the officers and members of The St. Andrew Chapter, No. 238, the Chapter room was made available to the District on this their regular meeting night. Chapter was opened at 3.30 o'clock by Ex. Comp. H. I. Orr, and the other officers of The St. Andrew Chapter, and after receiving the distinguished visitors the sceptre was passed to Ex. Comp. Rutherford of Waterloo Chapter of Galt, who, with the aid of his officers, conferred in a perfect manner the M.E.M. Degree upon 10 candidates belonging to Chapters of this District. After the degree a full and interesting discussion took place, and with the advice and assistance of the Grand First Principal I endeavoured to explain parts of the degree which the Companions desired to be enlightened upon. At six o'clock a banquet was served and a real social time enjoyed. Chapter was resumed at
7.30 o'clock and the chairs were filled by the officers of Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, with Ex. Comp. R. E. Strain as Z., and the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon 14 candidates. This Chapter is well known in London District for the care which is exercised in the degree work, and they excelled themselves on this occasion. After this degree a discussion was held as in the afternoon session, and a great deal of discussion took place which was very helpful. This is one of the largest meetings of Royal Arch Masons which has been held in London District for a number of years, and it can well be considered as a fair indication of the increasing interest throughout the District. The credit for the success of this meeting can fairly be given to the Grand Chapter officers of London who gave so freely of their time, to all the ruling Z.'s, and especially to the Principals of the four London Chapters who made such satisfactory arrangements to accommodate and entertain such a very large number of visitors.

It was most gratifying to me to note the manner in which the officers of the London Chapters insisted on standing aside so as to allow the other Chapters to confer the degrees, and contented themselves with making the arrangements and acting as hosts to the guests.

Wilson District was represented by a number of Companions, including R. Ex. Comp. Morrison, and R. Ex. Comp. Reid, of Woodstock, and they all were made very welcome.

We missed the quiet, dignified, pleasing presence of our dear friend, the late Companion Boss, who passed away this year.

On December 30th a joint installation was held in London when the four London Chapters and Lambeth and Nilestown met together to install their officers in a joint ceremony. Almost perfect arrangements were made for this affair by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood as convenor of the committee, and the actual installing was done by R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart as Z., Ex. Comp. Elgie as H., and Very Ex. Comp. H. E.
Abell as J., with Past Principals acting as assistants, and R. Ex. Comp. Gilbert as Director of Ceremonies. The manner in which the proceedings were carried on was an example of what can be accomplished when sufficient preparation is undertaken beforehand.

Official Visits in the Order They Were Made.

Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas—May 9.—This being my first official visit, I was naturally somewhat nervous about appearing as the official representative of the Grand First Principal, so was very pleased to be accompanied by R. Ex. Companions H. E. Livermore and W. L. Stewart. However, on being received into the Chapter by Ex. Comp. G. Whitworth, whose kindly manner I soon learned to love, my fears were quickly dispelled, and after witnessing the M.M.M. Degree, which was conferred upon seven candidates, I felt quite at ease and was able to express my appreciation of the warm welcome which I had received, and of the splendid work which was being done. This being a railroad city there are sure to be many withdrawals on account of the Companions being moved to other places, so it is very gratifying to find such a goodly number of exaltations being made in this Chapter. The books are kept in a very satisfactory manner and there is a splendid attendance at every meeting.

Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia—May 10.—My visit to Wawanosh was a very happy one, the Companions seem to radiate good fellowship and friendliness, and this no doubt accounts in some measure for the goodly number that attend each meeting. I have already remarked on the good degree work done by this Chapter, and Ex. Comp. Strain can look back upon a year in which his Chapter has made good progress in every way. Scribe E., W. W. Simpson, keeps beautiful records, is an active member in every sense of the word, and is decidedly the right man for the position. R. Ex. Comp. Clark, who wears a long service jewel, gave the charge in the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a manner which was an inspiration to all.
NILESTOWN, No. 247, NILESTOWN—MAY 16.—I made my official visit on this date and was introduced into the Chapter by Ex. Comp. H. Martin, who made some very kind remarks which were added to by Ex. Comp. J. G. Green, First Principal, whose welcome was very warm.

There being candidates for the M.M.M. Degree, it was conferred by the Third Principal, in the same excellent manner in which the work of this Chapter is always carried on. Nilestown well merits the name it enjoys of being very progressive, and the interest which is being shown and the number of candidates which are presenting themselves, well proves that there was an opening here for the Royal Craft. Ex. Comp. G. H. Martin, Scribe E., puts the same great amount of energy into his work as he does on any committee to which he is appointed, and he is a distinct asset to the Chapter. The prospects for the future are bright and the Chapter is in good hands.

BEAVER, No. 14, STRATHROY—JUNE 3.—My visit to this Chapter brought back pleasant memories of the many Companions who assisted my mother Chapter during the first few years of its existence, by attending its meetings and assisting and advising the officers, and these same Companions are faithfully carrying on at Beaver.

After having received me into the Chapter, the First Principal, Ex. Comp. MacWaddell, and his officers, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a manner which left little to be desired. They are fortunate indeed in having a number of Past Principals who continue from year to year to accept offices and help in degree work, amongst whom is the Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. E. R. McNeil, who keeps the books in good condition and is an ever-present help. Considering the good degree work which is being done, the interest which is taken by the officers and the excellent reputation which the Chapter enjoys, it is difficult to understand why the attendance at the meetings is so small, and it is hoped that a greater interest can, and will be shown by the Companions in the future.
AYLMER, No. 81, AYLMER—JUNE 7.—The usual warm welcome which is accorded all who visit this Chapter was given to me on my official visit, and after being introduced by that steadfast Companion, R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Fear, I was received by the First Principal, Dr. J. B. Clark.

The First Principal then conferred the M.E.M. degree in a manner which well merited the approbation of myself and the Ex. Companions present, and we then repaired to the banquet room where an hour of real friendship and good fellowship was enjoyed. The books of the Scribe E., Comp. W. Stevenson, are a perfect record of the doings of the Chapter, and he is a valuable officer. The Chapter continues to prosper in every way, and with the keen sense of responsibility shown by the officers, the general good feeling amongst the Companions and the excellent degree work which is being done, there is every reason to expect a continuance of prosperity.

LONDON, No. 150, LONDON—JUNE 18.—After having been very kindly received by the Z., Ex. Comp. J. W. Plewes, and having received the customary Grand Honours, he and his regular officers conferred both the M.M.M. and M.E.M. Degrees upon four candidates, and the work was quite up to the high standard of excellence which is usual to this Chapter. They are particularly fortunate in having a great number of past Z.’s who continue to take an active interest in the work, and among the many Grand Chapter officers, R. Ex. Comp. J. H. C. Woodward, who is the Scribe E., is an outstanding Companion who is of great assistance throughout the District, and this was recognized by his having been presented by the Grand First Principal with his warrant from the Grand Chapter of Tennessee as their representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

This Chapter continues to make satisfactory progress, the interest of the officers and Companions remains at a high level, and prospects for the future appear bright.
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ST. JOHN'S, NO. 3, LONDON—JUNE 26.—I was proud to be introduced into the Chapter by two Past Grand Superintendents, in the persons of R. Ex. Comps. John Graham and Oliver Ellwood, and having been made very welcome by Ex. Comp. R. G. Fowler, "Z.", he then proceeded with the ceremony of conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree upon eight candidates, and the dignity and ceremonial with which the work was carried out was very impressive. An unusually pleasant part of the evening was the presentation of long service jewels to the following Past Z.'s who served their Chapters in this capacity in the years mentioned: R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Currie, 1894; R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, 1901; R. Ex. Comp. John Graham, 1902; R. Ex. Comp. D. Fraser, 1903; and R. Ex. Comp. Col. J. H. Wilson, 1904; R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood also received an illuminated certificate of honorary life membership as a token of appreciation for his having served as Scribe "E." continuously for the past 28 years. This was a largely attended meeting and reflected the enthusiasm of the officers and members of this Chapter.

R. Ex. Comp. Fraser and V. Ex. Comp. Currie, of Detroit, were among the many visitors.

VIMY, NO. 214, INWOOD—OCTOBER 7.—On this my first visit to Vimy Chapter I was very graciously received by Ex. Comp. J. S. Maddock, First Principal, who later in the evening conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a very satisfactory manner. The officers are interested in the work, the equipment of the Chapter appears to be adequate and they are having a successful year from every standpoint.

During the course of the evening I had the very pleasant duty of presenting a Past Principal's Jewel to the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Foster W. Smith, who for a number of years has acted in this capacity both faithfully and zealously without remuneration. There was a good attendance of Companions of the Chapter, and also many visitors from Lambeth, Nilestown and Petrolia.

The prospects for the future of Vimy are full of promise.
ST. ANDREW’S, NO. 238, LONDON—OCTOBER 9.—I was escorted into the Chapter by R. Ex. Comps. O. Ellwood and John Graham, both of whom have been very loyal to me during my term of office, and was received by Ex. Comp. H. I. Orr, First Principal, in his usual cordial manner.

As candidates were in waiting to receive the M.M.M. Degree, the chair was taken by the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. E. S. Houghton, who was deserving of the praise which was bestowed upon him by myself and some of the visitors. This Chapter continues to show a great deal of enthusiasm, a reasonable number of candidates are presenting themselves, the officers are keenly interested in the work, and a steady growth can well be expected. The books of the Scribe E. are a pattern of neatness, and St. Andrews is fortunate in having Companion J. C. Ball to fill this office.

BRUCE, NO. 53, PETROLIA—OCTOBER 16.—I was practically looking forward to my visit to this Chapter, as so many of the Companions are personal friends, and being at the far end of the jurisdiction from my home I was anxious to have an opportunity of meeting them again. Very Ex. Comp. J. E. Wismer introduced me to the First Principal, Ex. Comp. D. W. Duncan, who made me very welcome in my official capacity.

The officers conferred the M.M.M. Degree in a particularly finished manner, and as all the officers from the least important to the highest knew their work thoroughly, it appears that rehearsals must be frequent.

I was indeed delighted to be given the honour of presenting a long service jewel to Ex. Comp. Parks, who was First Principal in 1903. Bruce Chapter should show an increase in membership this year and can well be considered one of the outstanding Chapters in the District.

MINNEWAWA, NO. 78, PARKHILL—OCTOBER 23.—I was escorted into the Chapter by Ex. Comp. A. B. Gilbert, who introduced me in a very delightfully
worded tribute, and was welcomed by Ex. Comp. Bruce Bossenberry, Z., in his customary gay manner. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred by the regular officers, and the First Principal was assisted by Ex. Comp. J. C. Dawson, whose diction, manner and method must be seen and heard to be properly appreciated. Ex. Comp. J. H. Young, Scribe E., keeps neat and complete records, and his minute book is an example of brevity and concise records without the omission of anything of importance.

The Chapter has very suitable quarters, the paraphernalia is complete, interest in the Chapter is running high and the prospects are good.

ST. GEORGE'S, NO. 5, LONDON—OCTOBER 25.—My reception by Ex. Comp. R. W. Knapman was very nicely arranged and I immediately assisted him in receiving the Companions of St. Andrew and St. John, of Toronto, who were making a fraternal visit. There was a very large turnout of both members and visitors, all of whom were well repaid for coming, in being able to witness the Holy Royal Arch Degree being conferred in a manner which well deserved the praise given by the Grand First Principal, who was present on this occasion. Following the degree a real pretentious banquet was served, and I was glad of the opportunity of making my remarks very brief so that we all could enjoy the interesting and instructive speeches which were made by the Toronto Companions. St. Georges Chapter is living up to its reputation of being one of the most active in the District, and one which draws a great number of visiting Companions on ordinary meeting nights, and although they will probably be obliged to suspend a number of Companions who are in arrears of dues, nevertheless their future prospects are very bright, a grand spirit of fraternity exists and all the officers take an active and intensive interest.

V. Ex. Comp. H. E. Abell is an outstanding light, both as Scribe E. and as a leader or assistant in any duty which is to be done anywhere in the District.

St. Paul's, No. 242, Lambeth—December 3.—My last official visit was made to this my Mother Chapter, and it was naturally one to which I had looked forward with especial pleasure. Ex. Comp. Wm. Heron, who has proved to be such a splendid presiding officer, received me, and made some very appropriate and kind remarks regarding the other Chapters in the District who had made it possible for St. Pauls to have one of their members as Grand Superintendent. As this was "Ladies' Night," the business was despatched quickly and all repaired to the lower hall, which was decorated for the occasion, and a truly wonderful repast was spread. The Lambeth Male Quartette gave unsparingly of their talents and the music was interspersed with speeches and toasts.

My Chapter presented me with a solid gold Past Principal's Jewel, and Mrs. Hardy with a beautiful set of Irish Linen serviettes and dinner cloth.

The Chapter has again had a very satisfactory year, the enthusiasm of both the officers and members continues at a high pitch, and the future is one of great promise. Ex. Companion J. C. Crinklaw acts from year to year as ScribeE., and receives as payment the satisfaction of work well done. V. Ex. Comp. A. E. Somerville, whom we consider the daddy of our Chapter, made his first appearance after a long seige of sickness, and he received a very great ovation from the Companions.

It has not been possible to mention all the Companions who have so loyally stood by me and assisted in making my duties lighter, but I have every reason to feel proud of the whole-hearted support which I have received from every Companion in the District, and I only ask, Most Excellent Sir, that whoever is my successor, will receive the friendship, advice and assistance from you that I have received, and that
the Companions will give him the support that they have given me and will show the same loyalty to the Royal Craft that we love so well.

All of which is submitted in a true fraternal spirit.

G. H. HARDY,

Lambeth, Ont.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

WILSON DISTRICT No. 3.

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

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report upon the conditions of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District, No. 3.

But first, permit me to express my appreciation and sincere thanks for the high honour conferred upon me, by the Companions of the District, in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, although I was unable to attend the meeting on account of illness.

I was installed in office by R. Ex. Companions M. E. Sherwood, R. H. Reid and R. Y. Morrison, at the request of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and immediately entered into the active discharge of my duties. My first act being the appointment of Ex. Comp. J. W. Stiling as my District Secretary, which position he filled in the most efficient manner and worked as hard for the District as your Grand Superintendent.

My first official visit was made to Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris, where the M.M.M. Degree was conferred on three candidates. The work on the whole was good. During the evening Past Principal Jewels were presented to R. Ex. Companions Logie and Inksater, R. Ex. Comp. Sherwood making the presentation. I found the books well kept and affairs of the Chapter, generally, in first class condition.

On April 26th, accompanied by a large number of Woodstock Companions, I visited Ingersoll, meeting there Most Excellent Comp. Edwin Smith, R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, R. Ex. Comp. Hardy, Grand Superintendent of the London District, and Companions from Simcoe, Norwich, Mount Elgin, Embro, Thamesford, Paris and London. This meeting was for the purpose of instruction for the Companions, and also to meet Master Masons in a social evening. R. Ex. Comp., the Grand Scribe E., first delivered an instructive address to the Companions.
in the Chapter room; after which we met the Master Masons in the banquet room, and enjoyed an excellent repast. The Grand Scribe E. then delivered a most inspiring address on Masonry from the First Degree up to the Royal Arch; followed by the Grand Z. with an equally inspiring speech. This was the best meeting it has been my good fortune to attend during the year.

On May 10th I visited Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll. The work was the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Owing to the poor turnout of members and the fact that most of the officers were absent, I decided to visit this Chapter later in the season. I again visited there in October, but found the same thing prevailing. Then meeting the Past Principals in an open discussion, as to the best way to improve conditions, it was decided to wait until the election of officers and try to elect officers to fill the chairs, who would do their duty and try to build the Chapter up. This was done and I firmly believe Harris Chapter will surmount their difficulties.

On May 16th I visited Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe. The work was the M.E.M. Degree. The work was good. The officers, without exception, being well posted in the beautiful work of the new Ritual. There was a fine turnout of Companions. This Chapter evidently believes in keeping up to date. I found the books and records well kept, showing the interest of the Scribe E. in his office. After the Chapter closed we were entertained in a splendid way in the banquet hall, and heard some fine addresses by Companions of Ezra Chapter and visitors.

On June 21st, I visited Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock. This being my Mother Chapter, my Companions made my visit the occasion of a most enthusiastic welcome, after which the Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a faultless manner by Ex. Comp. McKenzie and his staff of officers. After the Chapter was closed, we spent a most enjoyable hour in the banquet hall.
On November 1st I visited Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, where I received a hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. McFadden and the Companions of Brantford. It being a very stormy night there was not a good turnout of members, but the warmth of their reception made up for lack of numbers. The work was in the M.E.M. Degree and was very impressive. Ex. Comp. McFadden and his officers proved in no uncertain manner that they have mastered the new Ritual. The books and records are well kept by R. Ex. Comp. Blain, Scribe E. After the work in the Chapter room adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where a splendid lunch was done ample justice to, and a social hour well spent by the Companions.

In conclusion, I desire again to express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me being elected to this high office, and I also wish to thank the Companions who accompanied me to the different meetings throughout the District.

Fraternally Submitted,

R. D. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 3.

Woodstock, Ont., January 11th, 1930.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit herewith for your consideration my report on Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4, for the past year. First, may I take this opportunity to express to the Companions of Wellington District and the Grand First Principal my deepest appreciation and thanks for the honour conferred on me. My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. W. W. Marshall of Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville, as District Secretary, and I wish to express to him my thanks for his assistance not only in examining the books and records of the various Chapters during my official visits but also for his efficiency and unfailing loyalty during the year. During my term of office I have visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction and have witnessed degree work in all. My reception was most cordial in every Chapter. I found the degrees were being impressively and correctly conferred according to the new Ritual and harmony and good-fellowship everywhere exemplifying the true spirit of Masonry. I appreciate and will ever remember the courtesies extended to me and the very happy associations which this office has meant to me. Throughout the District the Royal Craft appears to be in a prosperous and progressive condition.

Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.—On Monday, May 13th, I officially visited this Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Rutherford and his officers assisted by the Past Principals. The presentation of the degree was in keeping with the best traditions and reputation of Waterloo Chapter. I was particularly pleased to hear R. Ex. Comp. Alfred Taylor deliver the Lecture on the Pedestal. R. Ex. Comp. Taylor has been a member of Grand Chapter for 52 years, and is eligible to receive the Gold Jewel given by Grand
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District Secretary Marshall reported the books in good condition in the capable hands of R. Ex. Comp. Ritchie and an improvement in the Book of Marks. The financial standing of this Chapter is particularly good. Waterloo Chapter of Galt is very active in fraternal visitations and are a tower of strength to Capitular Masonry.

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 83, ORANGEVILLE.—This being my own Chapter, I had not intended making an official visit, but at the request of the Ex. Z., Ex. Comp. Fairbairn, I made the official visit on May 14th. The Holy Royal Arch was conferred by the Ex. Z. and his officers assisted by Past Principals R. Ex. Comp. Col. Preston, Ex. Comp. Dr. Price and V. Ex. Comp. Annis. The degree was conferred in a manner flattering to the skill of the degree team. The books of Ionic Chapter are in charge of Comp. Hayes and are in first class order.

The Book of Marks is worthy of special mention. Considerable improvement has been made in the renovating of the banqueting hall.

Prospects for the future of Ionic Chapter are encouraging.

PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 245, PRESTON.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on May 20th. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a creditable manner by Ex. Comp. Steel and his officers aided by Past Principals Thompson and King. I was glad to note that Preston Chapter is steadily improving in their presentation of the work of the Ritual, showing that a great deal of time and study is being given to degree practice. This is the baby Chapter of Wellington District and is making encouraging progress. The District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Marshall, reported the books in splendid condition and that the Scribe E., Comp. Clare, has the most complete Book of Marks in the Jurisdiction, being perfect. The officers and members are taking a keen interest in the work and are making frequent visitations to neighbouring Chapters and are deserving of the support of the older Chapters. At the banquet
most wonderful fellowship prevailed, one of the special attractions being the Scotch stories of R. Ex. Comp. Marr of Guelph Chapter.

DURHAM CHAPTER, No. 221, DURHAM.—My next visit, on June 17th, was to Durham Chapter, being accompanied by District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Marshall, and a number of Companions from Ionic Chapter. We were warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. McFadden and his officers and Companions. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a gratifying manner, although the degree team were handicapped by the absence and illness of V. Ex. Comp. McClocklin, whose activities and skill are a great factor in the success of Durham Chapter. The books are well kept by Ex. Comp. Hunter. A little more attention should be given to the Book of Marks. The Chapter have splendid quarters and have optimistic prospects for the future. I have recommended more visiting of Sister Chapters for the purpose of stimulating the study of the Ritual and to deepen the fraternal relations between chapters.

HALTON CHAPTER, No. 234, GEORGETOWN.—This Chapter received me on June 21st in a manner that was worthy of the best traditions of Halton Chapter. I was accompanied by District Secretary Marshall, R. Ex. Comp. Col. Preston, V. Ex. Comp. Annis, Ex. Ex. Comp. Price, Ex. Comp. Fairbarn, and many other Companions from Orangeville. Many visiting Companions were present from Galt, Kitchener, Preston, Guelph and London. The meeting was honoured by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal, supported by Grand Chapter officers in the person of R. Ex. Comps. Ritchie, Marr, Downing, Cowan and V. Ex. Comp. Stewart. At the Chapter of Instruction on May 24th, Halton Chapter had exemplified the Mark Master Mason Degree. Permission was on that account given Ex. Comp. Fairbairn of Ionic Chapter, Orangeville, to take charge of this meeting with his officers and confer the Holy Royal Arch Degree. The presentation of this degree met with the warm
approval of the Grand Z. The District Secretary reported the books in first class shape in the care of Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Long, and the Chapter making marked progress both financially and in increase of numbers. Ex. Comp. Grant and his officers had made elaborate preparations for the Fourth Degree. Entertaining musical selections, instructive and thoughtful addresses by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith and many others brought one of the most successful meetings in Halton Chapter to a close.

**Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.**—The first fall visit was made to Kitchener Chapter on October 4th and I received the customary royal welcome from Ex. Comp. Duench and his officers and Companions. Kitchener Chapter has decided to exemplify the Most Excellent Master Degree. This beautiful degree was splendidly conferred with the use of the musical Ritual, adding dignity and solemnity to the ceremony. The District Secretary reported favourably regarding the books and finances. Kitchener Chapter are enjoying one of the best years in its history, and will this year lead the District in its increase of new members. This Chapter devotes a great deal of attention to the supper hour, being known all over the District for their lavish hospitality. At the banquet a most enjoyable time was experienced by all. Inspiring addresses were delivered by R. Ex. Comp. Downing of Kitchener, R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton of Galt, and others. A splendid musical programme was also rendered.

**Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Palmerston.**—On October 8th I officially visited Enterprise Chapter of Palmerston and met with the usual cordial welcome that is always given guests of this Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a manner worthy of the beauty of the degree. Owing to the unavoidable absence of some of the Past Principals, the work was handed principally by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Smith and his officers. The
members of the Enterprise Chapter are largely composed of Companions in the employ of the railway company, and great difficulty is experienced in securing opportunities for study of the Ritual. Before the opening of the Chapter I visited that enthusiastic and faithful Mason, Ex. Comp. Corbitt, who is seriously ill and unable to attend Chapter meetings.

The Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Wilson, is to be commended in the capable manner in which the books of the Chapter are kept. While very little degree work has been conferred this year, I am in hopes that a special effort will be made by all and greater progress in store for the future.

Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph.—My next official visit was to Guelph Chapter on October 25th. This Chapter is the largest in the District, and it is always pleasing and instructive to meet the Companions of Guelph Chapter. I was accompanied by District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Marshall, Very Ex. Comp. Annis, Ex. Comp. Fairbairn, and many other Companions of Ionic Chapter. Many enthusiastic visiting Companions were present, including R. Ex. Comp. Barton of Palmerston, R. Ex. Comp. Ritchie of Galt, and R. Ex. Comp. Avery of Perth Chapter. Ex. Comp. Power and his officers conferred the Mark Master Mason Degree. The degree was conferred in a splendid manner and it would be difficult to improve on it. I had expected good work and I was not disappointed. Guelph Chapters with its beautifully furnished rooms, its equipment, its efficient officers, the unfailing support which the First Principal receives from a numerous and faithful galaxy of Past Principals is one of the sources from which we in Wellington District draw inspiration and vision. I had the honour of presenting Grand Chapter Jewels to R. Ex. Comp. H. Mahoney, R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Mahoney, Very Ex. Comp. R. Mahoney and Ex. Comp A. MacBean.

District Secretary Marshall reported the books of the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Finlay, in excellent shape being neatly and correctly kept.
The Book of Marks requires a little attention. The banquet was a pronounced success. I have very pleasant recollections of this evening.

Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelburne. —My final official visit was to Prince Edward Chapter, Shelburne, on November 29th. I was accompanied by the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Marshall, Ex. Comp. Fairbairn, and other members of Ionic Chapter. One of the most pleasant features of my visits during the year has been the unfailing support and assistance I have received from my fellow members of Ionic Chapter. The weather was extremely cold and stormy, but a representative gathering was present to greet us. One of the pleasant events of the evening was the presentation of Grand Chapter Jewels to Ex. Comp. Brown and Mason, two Companions of long service in the Chapter.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on two candidates and while this was the first Holy Arch Degree conferred in two years, it was exemplified with dignity and credit to the Chapter. The staff of officers did good work. Ex. Comp. McKelvie, the First Principal, had his part in fine shape and was ably assisted by Past Principals Zinn and Patterson. The books of the Scribe E., Comp. Fleming, are a credit to himself and to his Chapter. The Book of Marks are perfect. I am pleased to report a real progress and marked improvement in the Ritual work and morale of this Chapter.

Chapter of Instruction at Orangeville, May 24th.—This was one of the outstanding events of the year. Halton Chapter exemplified the Mark Master Degree. Waterloo Chapter of Galt the Most Excellent Degree, and Kitchener Chapter of Kitchener the Royal Arch Degree.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal, our late Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and many other Past and Present Grand Chapter officers.
Companions were present from every Chapter in the Jurisdiction. The Grand Z. expressed his approval of the work. The late Grand Scribe E. gave the Companions kindly advice and counsel. The presence of the Grand Chapter officers kindled new enthusiasm and hope throughout the Jurisdiction. This was probably the last fraternal visit to a Royal Arch gathering of our late Grand Scribe E. May I be permitted to here express my personal grief and sorrow at the loss Capitular Masonry and the world in general has experienced in the death of R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, whose illustrious and lovable qualities endeared him personally to every member of the Order.

In conclusion, I wish to state I have kept the matter of suspension before the different Chapters and believe this year will see a healthy increase in the membership of our Jurisdiction. Permit me to again express my appreciation of the opportunity of service in this capacity.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

TELFORD S. PARKINSON,
Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.

Orangeville, 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 conditions in the Hamilton District, No. 5, for the year ending 1929.

I found conditions normal in every Chapter, work done, of a uniform character, and the various officers thoroughly indoctrinated in the teaching of, and love for Capitular Masonry.

I appointed Ex. Comp. Wm. Woods, of Hiram Chapter, No. 2, as my Secretary, and I tender my sincere thanks to him for his very attentive service.


On November 22nd I paid my official visit to Hiram Chapter, No. 2, and I am pleased to report that the ritualistic work was well done; finances are in good condition, and harmony among the members. The election of officers was of a very unanimous character.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 6.—On November 13th I paid my official visit to this Chapter and conducted the election of officers, which resulted in the unanimous selection of a staff of officers whom I think will give a very creditable account of their stewardship; work is well done, finances are in good shape, and prospects are good.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, NO. 75, MILTON.—I visited this Chapter on November 21st and conducted the
election of officers, the result was of a very satisfactory character, the members are thoroughly alive, work is good, finances excellent. I was present at a meeting of this Chapter on September 19th when the M. Ex. Edwin Smith, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, presented 25-year P.Z. Jewels to R. Ex. Comp. Geo. E. Sitzer, and Ex. Comp. Fred. A. Brown, also a 50-year P.Z.’s Jewel to R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Panton, the veteran Scribe E. of this Chapter.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, No. 104, OAKVILLE.—My official visit to this Chapter on November 19th, gave me much pleasure, as I noted a great improvement in the attendance and a prevailing atmosphere of progress and success. The election was really a unanimous selection of capable officers to handle the affairs of the Chapter for year 1930. There has been some very stimulating visits from neighbouring Chapters which has helped White Oak Chapter very much. This good work should be continued and extended, especially among the rural Chapters.

ANCASTER CHAPTER, No. 155, ANCASTER.—This Chapter was visited by me twice during the year, they are doing their work well, finances are good and prospects fair. The election of officers was conducted by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Britton very acceptably to the Companions of the Chapter.

THE HAMILTON CHAPTER, No. 175, HAMILTON.—December 17th was the occasion of the installation of the officers-elect of this Chapter, and my official visit. The installation ceremony was in charge of M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore who conducted it in his usual splendid manner. The finances of this Chapter are very good, work and prospects also are excellent.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 224, HAMILTON.—My official visit to this Chapter was on the 4th of November, at which time I conducted the election of officers, the utmost unanimity prevailed, and a splendid set of officers were elected for the year 1930. This Chapter does excellent work, finances are in
good condition, progress very fair, and prospects good.

CALEDONIA CHAPTER, No. 236, CALEDONIA.—I visited Caledonia Chapter officially on the 28th of November and spent a most enjoyable evening, the election of officers passed off very harmoniously. They have a splendid staff of officers, work is good and prospects bright.

MCKAY CHAPTER, No. 243, STONEY CREEK.—My official visit to McKay Chapter was on November 6th and I conducted the election of officers. The members of this Chapter are very enthusiastic, and although their field of work is not an extensive one, they are very optimistic as to their future progress. The work is done very well; financial standing fair, and as their field is a limited one their numerical growth will be slow.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Chapters in this District for the very Masonic manner of my receptions, and to complement the Scribe E. and Treasurers of the various Chapters in the District for the careful and correct manner in which the books of their respective Chapters are kept. Much greater progress of the Chapters in this District is assured, but could be greatly accelerated by more fraternal team work between them.

Money spent judiciously to increase the growth of fraternalism and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood between fraternal bodies, is money well spent.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS TOWERS,
Grand Supt. District No. 5.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford.—I visited Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, on the evening of October 25th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Croft, Ex. Comps. McKay and Parsons, and Comp. Sander-son. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Stevenson, and Very Ex. Comp. Herald, and was received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Wilson, on behalf of the Chapter, in a most hospitable manner. The Companions accompanying me were also extended a very hearty and cordial welcome.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree; and this was done in an almost perfect manner, showing that the present officers are maintaining the high standard of efficiency set by their predecessors.

The Chapter has a large staff of P.Z.'s, who take a great interest in the work.

The books of the Scribe E. are all in excellent shape; and this Chapter, I think, has a very promising future.

After the close of the meeting all sat down to an excellent banquet, after which a pleasant time was spent in songs, quartettes, together with the toast list. Ex. Comp. Wilson conducts everything in a wonderful easy and pleasing manner.

St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Marys.—I visited St. James Chapter on October 14th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Croft, and Companions J. J. Robertson, McDermid, and McMillan.

They had no candidate, but the Companions opened and closed very well. This Chapter has been in somewhat poor condition; but the last few years has improved its financial standing considerably. As to-day they have a nice credit balance, where a few years ago the balance was on the wrong side. I feel that the tide has changed; and that this Chapter will
now, for a time at least, enjoy greater prosperity. The Past First Principal was on this occasion, presented with a Past Principals Regalia.

After the close of the Chapter we retired to the banquet room where a luncheon was served; after which the Companions enjoyed themselves in songs, speeches and quartettes.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, No. 63, KINCARDINE.—I visited this Chapter on June 21st, and was accompanied by Companions C. A. Robertson, McDonald, Roupe and Randall. I was extended a hearty reception by Ex. Comp. McKay and the Companions.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch. This degree was conferred in a very creditable and impressive manner by Ex. Comp. McKay and his staff of officers, with some assistance from Ex. Comp. McKenzie. I was much impressed with the manner of speech, every officer seemed to try to convey to the candidate that there was something more in the degree than just a mere utterance of words. It also showed that this Chapter was endeavouring to maintain its past high standard. Ex. Comp. Hall, Scribe E., has his books in magnificent shape.

After the conferring of the degree, a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet room, where speeches were made by several of the Companions, which brought to a close a meeting of a Chapter sure to prosper, and long to be remembered.


The work was the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree; this was done in a most pleasing and impressive manner. This Chapter has a very promising staff of junior officers, which will undoubtedly keep things flourishing. The meeting was well attended and all the Companions appeared very en-
thusiastic. The books are well kept, and everything has a promising outlook.

After the Chapter closed all assembled in the banquet hall, where a very sumptuous repast was served, and a pleasant hour spent.


I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Ross, and received a very hearty reception from the officers and Companions of the Chapter.

The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Gibson and his staff of officers, with the assistance of some of the Past Principals, in a very creditable manner.

A number of the officers of this Chapter live about 12 miles away, and certainly deserve considerable credit for the interest they take in attending the meetings; and the manner with which they grace their offices. The books of R. Ex. Comp. Ross, Scribe E., are well kept, and I found all other books in good shape. I feel that this Chapter is on a good going basis.

After the degree work, we attended a banquet and spent a very pleasant hour. A number of the Companions paying high tribute to Capitular Masonry. Altogether it was an evening well spent.

_Elliott Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell._—On the occasion of my official visit to Elliott Chapter on September 3rd, I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Croft, Ex. Comp. McKay, and Companions J. J. Robertson, McDonald, and Roupe.

We were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Poterfield and received a very hearty welcome from the First Principal and Companions.

This being the first meeting after the holiday interval, the evening being very hot, and no degrees to confer, the attendance was not large, but interest
in Capitular Masonry was not lacking. The officers opened and closed in a perfect manner and I feel that R. Ex. Comp. Poterfield was right when he said, "the degrees were conferred just perfectly."

After the close of the Chapter all retired to the banquet hall where a pleasant time was spent in songs and instructive addresses. Comp. J. J. Robertson making an impressive speech on "The Care of the Rising Generation."

CHANTRY CHAPTER, NO. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—On the evening of June 18th I visited Chantry Chapter, accompanied by Comp. Nelson Hill. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. P. J. Scott, and received a very hearty and fitting welcome.

The weather on this evening was extremely hot, and as they had no degree to confer we did not stay in the Chapter room much longer than was necessary.

The Companions expressed themselves as having some good prospects for fall work. The attendance was not large, but those present appeared very enthusiastic; and I feel that under the guidance of R. Ex. Companions Scott and Hillmer, this Chapter will soon see an increase in membership. They have a fine Temple owned by the Blue Lodge, and an excellent room in which to hold their Chapter meetings.

A very pleasant and sociable hour was spent in the banquet room; several Companions contributing in song and speech. It was a real pleasure to meet the Companions of Chantry Chapter.

BERNARD CHAPTER, NO. 146, LISTOWEL.—On June 28th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Tichborne and Comp. T. Wilson, I visited Bernard Chapter; and was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Thomas Blackmore and W. S. Donaldson, and received by the First Principal and Companions, in a very cordial and pleasing manner.

The work was the conferring of the Mark Master Degree. This Chapter follows the procedure of the First Principal, giving the obligation in all degrees
and the conferring of the Royal Arch. The Most Excellent being conferred by the Second Principal, and the Mark by the Third Principal. This degree was very well conferred by the Ex. Third Principal. It was something new to me, and I considered it a good idea. All of the officers performed their part in a manner that would please the most critical.

The books of this Chapter are very nicely kept by Ex. Comp. Noah Blackmore. This Chapter is in good condition, and I predict a great future. One of the pleasant features of this Convocation was the presenting of a Past Principal’s Jewel to R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Blackmore, a Companion of 82 years of age; who, I am told, never misses a Masonic meeting. The presentation was made by R. Ex. Comp. Donaldson on behalf of the Chapter, in a very pleasing and appropriate way. R. Ex. Comp. T. Blackmore made a very fitting reply.

May he long be spared to wear the jewel.

At the close of the Chapter a light luncheon was served, after which a very enjoyable and sociable hour was spent.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, NO. 147, LUCKNOW.—On the evening of October 22nd I visited Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Croft and Comp. N. Hill. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Armstrong, and received a very cordial reception from Ex. Comp. Hughes and the Companions of the Chapter. A very hearty welcome was extended to the Companions who accompanied me.

This Chapter had intended to confer a Mark Degree but the candidate was called away and could not get back. The officers opened and closed in a very admirable manner.

This Chapter is just getting nicely in shape again after a fire. The Companions of Lucknow are very enthusiastic, and should be congratulated in keeping their Chapter alive in such a small place, and labouring under several handicaps. I expect to hear of greater progress made by this Chapter in the near future, than in the past couple of years; and under
the guidance of R. Ex. Comp. Armstrong, I feel that this Chapter will be well supervised. Ex. Comp. McKim keeps the books of the Chapter in good shape.

After the Chapter closed, we retired to the banquet room where a pleasant and sociable hour was spent in songs.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.—This being my Mother Chapter, I left off my official visit until the 19th of November. At the request of the Companions, I was received in the regular way; being introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Dunlop and Croft, and received a very cordial welcome as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

After the regular business was transacted the Ex. First Principal asked R. Ex. Comp. Croft to take the First Principal’s Chair, and he then filled all the offices with Past First Principals, who then conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree. This was performed in a most pleasant, graceful and impressive manner; this work compared very favourably with the manner in which the regular officers performed the task, whom I have seen at work on several previous occasions. It was a real treat to see those of years gone by in harness, and to witness the accuracy of their work. A number of Companions from Tecumseh Chapter were present and extended their congratulations to the Past Principals on their work, and also to the Chapter on having such a staff of enthusiastic past officers.

After the close of the Chapter all retired to the banquet room where a well-prepared luncheon was served; after which all enjoyed a programme of songs, speeches, and recitations. I am very pleased to say that the future prospects of this Chapter are very bright.

On Sunday, September 8th, this Chapter attended Divine Service at Knox Presbyterian Church. This being the first service held under the auspices of Huron Chapter, I was greatly pleased to see so many of the Companions present. There was also a good representation from the surrounding Chapters. A
very excellent and appropriate service was given by Comp. Rev. R. C. McDermid.

During my visits I have encouraged Divine Services, and particularly encouraged exchange of fraternal visits, as I feel by these a great good can be accomplished.

Concluding I wish to thank the Companions who accompanied me on my visits throughout the District; to express my appreciation for my election as Grand Superintendent; gratitude for the courteous treatment received; and the spirit of good comrade ship that has been in evidence throughout the District; and the personal kindness extended during the many hours I have been privileged to spend with the Companions. The year has been full of pleasure and profit, and in my humble way, I have endeavoured to fulfill my duties faithfully, and my sincere hope is that I have been of some assistance to the Companions in making them better men, and better Masons. With feelings mingled with pleasure and regret, I now hand my sceptre to my successor, but the broad mantle of Masonic Companionship that has been extended to me during my term of office will ever remain a happy memory.

All of which I respectfully and fraternally submit.

HUGH HILL,
NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 7.

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

In submitting my report on the Condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this District, I wish to express my appreciation to the Companions of the Niagara Peninsula for their having honoured me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent. Also for the untiring support they have given me during my term of office.

I also wish to thank the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for having visited four Chapters in my District during the year. These visits were made to Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls; Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland; Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, and King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne. All of these Convocations were well attended and many visitors were present. Great enthusiasm was shown at these as well as at all the other Chapter meetings I have attended during the past year.

There are nine Chapters in this District, and with the exception of one, I have visited each several times, and I find that in almost all of them prospects for the future are exceptionally good. The dues are pretty well paid up in the different Chapters with one exception. There were seven less suspensions this year than last and one less withdrawals. The District suffered a serious loss during the year by death, 27 members having passed on; this is fifteen more deaths than during the previous year.

The Chapters in the three cities, Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, are all away to a good start for the coming year, and there will no doubt be a considerable increase in membership in 1930. The Chapters in Bridgeburg, Smithville, Port Colborne, Grimsby, Dunnville and Niagara-on-the-Lake have only one Blue Lodge from which to draw membership and the increase in these Chapters will, of course, be small.
During the month of December I visited and installed the officers in King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, at Port Colborne; Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, at Bridgeburg; and Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake. On these visits I was accompanied and assisted by V. Ex. Comp. Wood, Ex. Comp. Corus, R. Ex. Comp. McClelland, Ex. Comp. Lutz and Ex. Comp. Hicks.

On the evening of April 25th, accompanied by members of Mount Nebo Chapter, Mount Moriah Chapter and Niagara Chapter, I visited Niagara Chapter, No. 200, Niagara Falls, N.Y. We were given a very hearty welcome by our American Companions and during the evening we received the American Past Master’s Degree.

**King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.**

—My first official visit was made to this Chapter on May 2nd, which was one of the wettest nights Welland County has ever seen. My party was forced to travel through a foot of water in many places before we reached the famous canal town.

I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. McCracken and received a very hearty welcome from the First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. E. Steed and his officers and members.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the Mark Master Degree, which was done in a very efficient manner.

Ex. Comp. Allen, the Scribe E., has his books in good condition and the dues of the Chapter are fairly well paid up.

When the work of the evening was completed we were taken to the banquet hall where refreshments were served and the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

The evening was a very enjoyable one and although a terrible rainstorm lasted the whole night, the meeting was well attended, nine members of my own Chapter accompanying me besides a number from Willson Chapter, Welland, being present.
Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Bridgeburg.—On the evening of Tuesday, June 11th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. I was accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Wood and several other members of Niagara Chapter. There were also visitors present from Buffalo, N.Y., and other places.

On being introduced I was given a very hearty welcome by Ex. Comp. T. R. Jackson.

During the evening the Mark Master Degree was conferred in a manner that was a credit to any Chapter, and particularly creditable to a Chapter as small as this one where lack of new members holds the work down to a minimum.

The Scribe E., Comp. J. A. North, has his books in good shape and financially the Chapter is in an excellent condition.

Most of the members of Hugh Murray Chapter are either Customs or Immigration officers or are connected with the railroads, and as many of them have to work at night it is rather hard to have a large attendance.

During the evening we were entertained to refreshments and a social hour was very much enjoyed by all. The members of this Chapter are wonderful entertainers and have a way of making visitors feel that they are welcome.

McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on the night of Thursday, June 20th, and on this occasion I was accompanied by my secretary, V. Ex. Comp. A. J. Wood, and several members of Niagara Chapter, No. 55. Visitors were also present from Welland and other places, about thirty being present from St. John’s Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.

I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Parks and received a very warm welcome from Ex. Comp. Fralick and his officers and members.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the Companions of St. John’s Chapter in a very efficient manner.
R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Yocom has his books in good condition.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a social hour spent. The evening was a very enjoyable one to all present.

Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Tuesday evening, September 10th. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Kelly and received and welcomed by R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Patterson, who acted as First Principal in the absence of Ex. Comp. A. A. Hutchison who was away on his vacation.

After receiving Grand Honours the work of the evening, the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree, was proceeded with. The degree was put on in a most able manner and was certainly a credit to the officers of the Chapter.

Owing to the very unfavourable weather the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been, but with the visitors who were present from Welland and Niagara-on-the-Lake the showing was very good.

At the close of the convocation refreshments were served and the usual toasts were proposed.

Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.—My official visit to this Chapter was on the evening of Wednesday, September 25th, and this visit was looked forward to with much pleasure as the first twenty years of my life was spent in Welland, and I am personally acquainted with practically every member of Willson Chapter.

I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Holstock and received by Ex. Comp. C. M. Carmichael. The reception that was extended to me was one that will never be forgotten, Ex. Comp. Carmichael in his address of welcome using words that left no doubt in my mind that I was indeed welcome and that his remarks were not merely a matter of form.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in the same good form that one may see at any convo-
cation of this Chapter, every officer showing that he had not been elected in vain.

During the evening a presentation was made to Ex. Comp. C. J. Fralick, a Past Z. of the Chapter, who was being moved to the New York office of his firm.

The attendance was large and visitors were present from Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and other places. On this visit I was accompanied by seven Excellent Companions and several Companions of my own Chapter.

The books of Comp. Wells, the Scribe E., are in nice shape and the Chapter is in a prosperous condition.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, No. 69, GRIMSBY.—On Monday evening, October 7th, I visited this Chapter officially. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Phipps and was received and welcomed by Ex. Comp. M. Frampton, the First Principal of the Chapter.

The M.M.M. Degree was conferred, and although several of the officers were not present, the other officers and the Past Principals did not seem to be handicapped in any way and the work was done in a very able manner. The attendance was good and visitors were present from the surrounding Chapters. On completion of the work the visitors and members sat down to a hot dinner which was very tasty and was much appreciated by the guests.

A social hour was spent during which many of the visitors gave short addresses.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, No. 76, NIAGARA FALLS.

My official visit to this Chapter was on the evening of Friday, October 18th. I was accompanied by a large number of Past Principals and members of Niagara Chapter.

I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. H. Stringer and welcomed by Ex. Comp. Dr. French, the First Principal. The welcome was a very warm one, as I am well known by the members of this Chapter.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the Mark Master Degree on four candidates. This
was done in a very efficient manner, as good as I have ever seen it done in any Chapter—the Overseers and the Inner Guard being particularly good.

Lunch was served in the banquet hall and addresses were delivered by visitors from Welland, Hamilton, Niagara and other places.

Ex. Comp. Weare has the Chapter books in good shape and the Chapter is in a good financial condition with prospects of a good future.

NIAGARA CHAPTER, No. 55, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE.—One of the largest and most enthusiastic Convocations ever held by Niagara Chapter, No. 55, was that of the evening of Friday, October 25th, when I paid my official visit to my home Chapter.

I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Dr. J. F. Rigg, the Director of Ceremonies, and given a most hearty welcome by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. John Lutz.

The attendance of members was quite large and there were also about fifty visitors present, representing nine different Chapters, and coming from Welland, St. Catharines, Grimsby, Niagara Falls, Cayuga, Uxbridge and Sudbury, Ont., and from Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Practically every officer was in his own chair and the degree was put on without a hitch, every officer doing his part exceptionally well.

The books of the Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. Wood, are in good shape, the dues fairly well paid up and the Chapter is showing progress.

A dinner was served in the banquet hall during the evening and in replying to the toast to Grand Chapter I took advantage of the occasion and gave a history of the Chapter from the date of its inception, 56 years ago.

Other speakers who were called upon by the Toast Master, Ex. Comp. Corus, were R. Ex. Comp. Lindsay and Ex. Comp. Rose, of St. Catharines; R. Ex. Comp. Holstock, Ex. Comp. Gothard and Ex.
Comp. Carmichael, of Welland; V. Ex. Comp. Sheppard and Comp. Hatson, of Niagara Falls; V. Ex. Comp. Culp and Ex. Comp. Carpenter, of Grimsby; Comp. Sullivan, of Buffalo, and others.

Some very complimentary remarks were heard from the speakers of different parts of the District regarding my term as Grand Superintendent, and I will long remember the warm reception I was given by the members of my own Chapter, the large number of visitors who drove many miles to be with me, and the kind things that were said of me by every Companion who spoke.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines.—My last official visit was made to this, the largest Chapter in my District, on Friday evening, November 7th.

I was introduced by Ex. Comp. A. E. Coombs and Ex. Comp. Geo. H. Ruddell, and was received and given a most hearty welcome by Ex. Comp. W. J. Rose, the First Principal.

Mount Moriah Chapter was disappointed on this occasion by the candidate not being able to be present, there was therefore no degree work. However, as I have frequently visited this Chapter and have seen all the degrees worked, I know that the officers are all very capable.

The officers for the coming year were elected at this Convocation and this business was carried out in a very efficient manner.

R. Ex. Comp. Lindsay has his books in nice shape and the dues are fairly well paid up. This Chapter will show much progress in 1930 from present indications.

A hot dinner was served after Chapter closed, and the usual social hour was spent during which short addresses were given by many Companions.

The attendance was good and visitors were present from the surrounding Chapters of the District. All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. W. Brennan,
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 8.

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

I desire to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district for the term 1929.

May I, first of all, convey in this way my sincere appreciation for the honour of representing you as conferred upon me by the Companions of the District. An honour which I highly appreciate.

As I entered upon the active duties my feelings of responsibility were made the lighter when Ex. Comp. J. P. Spragge accepted the office of District Secretary, and who throughout the term has been faithful in his duties in so far as his health would permit. In his absence, however, I have been ably supported by V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Ledger, Ex. Comps. R. H. Dee and Harold W. Thompson, acting in that capacity. It is my wish also to express my great appreciation for the valuable support received on many fraternal visits by enthusiastic and loyal Royal Arch Masons, Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, also Principals and Companions of constituent Chapters.

There was no jar nor discordant note during my year to mar my term of office. No requests have been unheeded, no suggestions resented; courtesy, hospitality and the spirit of companionship have marked my association throughout the District. Now that we have come to the end of the 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.

Throughout the year I have endeavoured to impress upon the officers of all Chapters the importance of the deeper knowledge of Masonry not merely the accurate rendering of the Ritual which is, after all, but the introduction to the study and investigation of the sublime ceremonies and mysteries, which are secreted in the symbols; also, that in the acceptance
of candidates that greater consideration should be
given to mental and moral qualifications rather than
to physical qualifications.

In the discharge of my duties in Toronto East
District it was also my good fortune to visit many
Chapters in the West District with R. Ex. Comp.
Isidor Finberg on occasion of Inspection of Chapters
and Installation of Officers.

The G.G.O.T.U. has been pleased during the year
to call many faithful workers to their reward and
this year we mourn the loss of forty-two who have
answered the last call. May I mention particularly
R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, our dearly beloved
and untiring worker in the office of Grand Scribe E.,
who had almost within his grasp the realization of a
great ambition, “the establishing of a uniform Ritual
through the various Grand Chapters in Canada,”
and which has now been consummated and adopted
since he was called to rest on May 29th last.

The following is the detailed report of visits:

The Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and
St. John No. 4, Toronto.—Inspection April 19th,
1929. I was warmly greeted by Ex. Comp. Lester
G. Jackson, First Principal of this Mother Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons in Toronto, who during his
remarks left no doubt in my mind regarding their
faithful allegiance and continued loyalty to Grand
Chapter.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by
the First Principal and his able staff of officers, and
it was a delight to me to find so many Past Z.’s take
an active part in the work which was carried to com-
pletion with the dignity and precision of masters of
the art.

The meeting was well attended, which indicated
to me that the meetings are made interesting as well
as instructive, not only in the Chapter room, but at
the banquet table also.

The Acting District Secretary, V. Ex. Comp.
Ledger, reported the records neatly and well kept.
The Mark Book up to date, but considerable dues in
arrears.
This venerable Chapter is very active in promoting fraternal visits with Chapters within and without the District, and thereby continues to be a pillar of strength to Capitular Masonry.

**KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, NO. 8, TORONTO.**—On April 25th, I visited this Chapter for official inspection and was again accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Ledger, Acting District Secretary, and was most warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Thos. Crabtree, First Principal.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred for my inspection, and while not all that might be expected, contained the ring of sincerity in its exemplification which is so essential to good work.


The minute book, register and Mark Book are neatly kept and up to date, and very little in past dues outstanding.

At the completion of the work a very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table, the Blue Bell Quartette rendered very efficient programme of appropriate music, not only in the Chapter room but also at refreshments.

During the year I availed myself of the opportunity of visiting this ancient and honourable Chapter on several occasions among which was the outstanding the “Past Principals’ Night” when V. Ex. Comp. L. E. Bowerman occupied the chair of Z. On this occasion R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Walter G. Price presented on behalf of Grand Chapter, service medals to six Past Principals who have stood the test of time for 25 years and more.

The Installation Ceremony of the officers for 1930 with R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker, Installing Z., took place at the regular Convocation, December 26th, when Ex. Comp. Burnside Robinson, who is
well qualified to carry out the duties required of a First Principal, was installed and I have strong grounds to believe that this Chapter will continue to be a gem in the jewel of Grand Chapter.

Again, on January 23rd, a "Grand Chapter Night" was held in which many Present and Past Grand Chapter officers took part. The Council consisted of R. Ex. Comp. Walter E. Hopkins, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker, H., and myself as J.

**Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket.**—On May 1st I visited this Chapter for the purpose of inspection, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Ledger, Acting District Secretary. Three auto loads from Toronto were in attendance and included R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, John Marr, George Slack, Arthur Winn, V. Ex. Comps. E. J. Luttrell, E. J. Calder, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and V. Ex. Comp. A. B. Gardiner, also Ex. Comps. E. E. Reid and John L. House, together with representatives from Succoth Chapter, Uxbridge; Aurora Chapter, Aurora; Victoria Chapter, Thornhill; and a number of city of Toronto Chapters.

After the very cordial reception by Ex. Comp. Roy Rhinehart, First Principal, we were accorded the usual Grand Honours.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred, the rendering of which was a credit to any Chapter. The attendance of their own Companions was somewhat disappointing, but the enthusiasm and loyalty which was much in evidence fully compensated. With the sincerity and devotion of the active, zealous workers, it seems that their future success is assured.

The Acting District Secretary reported very little dues outstanding, the records well kept and the Mark Book carefully preserved.

**York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto.**—It was unfortunate that conflicting dates precluded me from visiting this historic Chapter during my term of office. On the evening arranged for official inspection my Mother Chapter visited Montreal at the
request of Grand Chapter, to exemplify the three degrees in Royal Arch Masonry before the Grand Bodies of the Eastern Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, and in which ceremonies I was active. R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Berkinshaw, the Grand Registrar, kindly consented to substitute for me. His written report follows:

"Dear R. Ex. Sir:—

Owing to your absence from the City and by your request, I inspected 'York Chapter' on May 10th. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified, with Ex. Comp. S. H. Thomas presiding, and I found the officers well skilled in their work and doing it with dignity and correctness. There seems to be splendid harmony in the Chapter, and I was impressed with the general proceedings both in the Chapter room and at the banquet table. Ex. Comp. A. M. Bond reported that the Scribe E. kept his books well and said the Marks were well registered. I am certain you would have been well satisfied.

Yours fraternally,

E. C. Berkinshaw,
Grand Registrar."

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, NO. 65, TORONTO.—I have enjoyed many visits to the Chapters in this District, but none more so than when on October 9th I inspected the work of the Holy Royal Arch Degree of this Chapter. First, I was introduced together with Ex. Comp. J. P. Spragge, District Secretary, by R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Saunders, a very highly esteemed friend of long Masonic standing. Then welcomed by Ex. Comp. A. E. Knox, First Principal, in a most pleasant manner which still lingers with me.

The degree work in which a number of Past Principals participated was highly satisfactory and all officers indicated a keen desire to so interpret the work that not only the candidates would be impressed but the listening Companions as well.

The records of the Chapter, as well as its finances are in a highly commendable condition, and
it is quite evident that the future holds as bright a prospect as its interesting past. No doubt her future contributions to Grand Chapter will be as illustrious as those in recent years.

**Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.**—On March 14th, I visited this old and honourable Chapter upon the occasion of their holding a "First Principals' Night" and was received with great evidence of enthusiasm by Ex. Comp. Thos. McDonald, First Principal, and the Companions assembled. The various offices of the Chapter were occupied by Ruling First Principals of which there were eighteen present, and who conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree. It afforded me a very pleasurable opportunity of meeting these enthusiastic rulers in the Royal Craft, who are undoubtedly a tower of strength to Grand Chapter.

On the Chapter membership is enrolled many honourable names, and may I mention particularly R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, who was present in his vigour of youth, although having served Grand Chapter for fifty-six years, and who was District Superintendent in 1879.

A real pleasure was accorded me on the 11th of April when the Holy Royal Arch Degree was presented for inspection in a genuinely impressive manner by the First Principal, assisted by his officers and Past Principals. The character of the work was such as to show that these beautiful ceremonies were thoroughly understood and valued. The reception to myself, conducted under the prescribed form was very cordial and real. The Acting District Secretary, V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Ledger, reported the records of the Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. D. S. L. MacDougall, in the best of shape, and that the Chapter has a nice credit balance in the bank.

A Chapter of Instruction was held under the auspices of this Chapter on Wednesday evening, October 30th, in the Riverdale Masonic Temple, when many points which are not generally observed in the opening, closing and interpretation of the
work, were emphasized. At the conclusion of the degree the meeting was thrown open for discussion, in which I feel deeply indebted to M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, the Grand First Principal, for the interest he displayed in the proceedings and from which the Companions would derive a generous amount of benefit. The following Chapters were represented: The Beaches, Beaver, King Cyrus, King Solomon’s, Succoth, St. Alban’s, The St. Patrick, University, Orient and York. Many Present and Past Grand Chapter officers were also in attendance, and many compliments were paid to the officers of Orient Chapter, who were responsible for the very instructive and profitable evening.

Again on January 9th, 1930, I had the extreme pleasure of being present on their “Master Masons’ Night,” when R. Ex. Comp. Prof. C. H. C. Wright, Past Grand Superintendent, delivered an intensely interesting address, suitable to the occasion. Ex. Comp. Geo. Nelson, First Principal, presided.

**Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge, Ont.**—Official inspection was made on June 13th, at which the Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified. Ex. Comp. Chas. S. Feasby, First Principal, presiding. I was presented by R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, who was Grand Superintendent in the District in 1920, and is still a pillar of strength. The degree was conferred in a most impressive and highly efficient manner. All of the officers apparently are imbued with the responsibilities of their offices and their duty to the candidates. Ex. Comp. H. H. Mulligan acted as Principal Sojourner in the absence of Comp. Wm. G. Cassie, and performed the duties of that office in a most commendable manner.

There were present a number of Past Principals who took part in the work, and may I mention particularly R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, Ex. Comp. Harold J. Cave, Ex. Comp. Reinhart. In the banquet room, R. Ex. Comp. Hare presided over the usual toasts. Uxbridge band supplied the music, which was most enjoyable. Ex. Comp. R. H. Dee kindly
acted as District Secretary, and reported most favourably upon the work of the Scribe E. as regards efficiency, neatness, accessibility and also the work of the Chapter in Benevolence, number of candidates, which is quite up to the average, as well as the collection of dues. In fact, in every department, the requirements are faithfully observed and the traditions carefully guarded. On this visit I was again accompanied by a large and enthusiastic number of Present and Past Grand Chapter officers, Ruling and Past Principals and Companions from a number of Chapters in the two Toronto Districts, who enjoyed with me, a motor bus trip which carried us through the winding and picturesque paths which lead to this country town, nestled among the prosperous fields of rural Ontario and the glistening waters of Beaver Creek. The Chapters represented from Toronto were:—St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4; King Solomon, No. 8; Orient, No. 79; Antiquity, No. 91; The St. Patrick, No. 145; St. Alban's, No. 217; Mount Sinai, No. 212; Beaver, No. 225; King Cyrus, No. 232.

This Chapter enjoys a good measure of prosperity because of its active and faithful workers, and I would predict for it, because of this enthusiasm, continued success.

THE ST. PATRICK CHAPTER, NO. 145, TORONTO.—It was my privilege and pleasure to have M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Past Grand First Principal, with me on March 16th at the annual “Name Day” celebration of this Chapter. A reception was tendered to the distinguished guests from the Grand Chapter of Canada, the Grand Chapters of Quebec and New York, in the Chapter room by Ex. Comp. A. W. Neal, First Principal, after which all adjourned to the banquet served in the auditorium. The principal toast, “The Day We Celebrate,” was ably proposed by M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, and responded to in a delightful manner by M. Ex. Comp. A. J. Moore, Past Grand First Principal of
the Grand Chapter of Quebec and professor in McGill University, Montreal.

In response to the toast to the Visitors, we heard from R. Ex. Comp. Chauncy Hammond, Deputy Grand High Priest for the State of New York; R. R. Ex. Comp. John Baird, officers and Companions from Keystone Chapter, Buffalo, N.Y., and others from various parts of Ontario.

On April 5th, a very successful Charity Ball was held, resulting in net receipts of over $1,200.00, to be set aside as nucleus towards the endowing of a cot in the Hospital for Sick Children.

On May 10th, by the invitation of Carnarvon Chapter, No. 5, R.A.M., G.R.Q., Montreal, the officers and Companions visited the Chapters of Montreal and at their request exemplified the degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A., working under the Ontario Ritual and for the purpose of demonstrating to the Grand Chapters of Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia the beauties of the Ontario work. The Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and the Grand Second Principal, R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Walter G. Price, accompanied the delegation. These degrees were exemplified in the Windsor Hotel before a gathering of about 500, and which undoubtedly had some share in the achievement of having our Ritual accepted, universally throughout the various Provinces of the Dominion.

On May 18th, I made an official visit for the purpose of inspection. This is my Mother Chapter, over which I had the honour of presiding in 1926. Work—Holy Royal Arch Degree, Ex. Comp. A. W. Neal, First Principal, presiding. All offices were filled by the regular officers, with the exception of Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Ledger, who was on a well earned trip to California. As they recently exemplified the M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A. Degrees before the Grand Chapters of Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia they were, as would be expected, very proficient in the degree work. The conferring of the degree could not but impress and in-
spire those who witnessed it as well as the candidates. The work was accompanied by the music, rendered by The St. Patrick Chapter Quartette, and from the pen of the musically talented, Comp. E. R. Bowles.

It was indeed very encouraging to me to be accompanied again by my secretary, Ex. Comp. J. P. Spragge, who through illness, has missed much of the enjoyment of my mingling with the Companions of the various Chapters throughout the District. It is but fair that it should be known that this Chapter, through its system for relief and benevolence, contributes more than all the other Chapters in my Jurisdiction and this is exclusive of any special functions held under the auspices of the Chapter for the purpose of charitable assistance.

The benevolent work of this Chapter is not confined to charity alone. For some few years it has visited the Old Folks' Home at Newmarket, and on December 18th (a very stormy night) about fifty Companions and their friends again left behind them the spirit of good fellowship and the remembrance in the minds of the inmates and Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart, of an evening of music and wholesome enjoyment.

The Installation Ceremonies were conducted on December 21st, at which I had the honour of presiding, and was well supported by Past Principals of the Chapter, and also many Present and Past Grand Chapter officers from Toronto Districts, East and West.

BEACHES CHAPTER, NO. 163, TORONTO.—Seldom, if ever, have I enjoyed greater pleasure than when on April 1st I visited this Chapter to assist in the investiture of my good friend, R. Ex. Comp. Eddie C. Berkinshaw, with the regalia of Grand Registrar. Our late lamented Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith, in his familiar and easy fashion, took charge of the ceremony. R. Ex. Comps. Geo. L. Gardiner, H. H. Lang and myself were honoured in the presentation
On May 6th I inspected the work in the Holy Royal Arch Degree, which was presided over by Ex. Comp. E. J. Ironsides, the First Principal. The work of the officers throughout was marked by accuracy and delivered with evident sincerity. On this occasion the Chapter celebrated and marked its twenty-first anniversary by the cutting of a “Birthday Cake” which was beautifully decorated with Masonic emblems of the various degrees, and of course the twenty-one candles. The Acting Secretary, V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Ledger, reported the records of the Chapter in a most satisfactory condition. The entertainment in the banquet room was of a very high order and was indicative of the character and personnel of the Companions in general, of this largely community Chapter.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 205, THORNHILL.—For the purpose of official inspection of this Chapter I visited it on April 10th, and was introduced in a most friendly way by R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang, “the daddy of the Chapter.” The warmth of the welcome I received at the hands of Ex. Comp. T. P. Drake, First Principal, was reassuring of their faithful allegiance and loyalty to Grand Chapter. The Mark Mason Degree was exemplified with the First Principal presiding.

I am convinced that the work of the officers was performed with a sincere desire, to faithfully portray the beautiful lessons contained in this degree. Perfection, however, is not attained this side of the grave and if perseverance counts for anything, I would bespeak for Victoria Chapter great success for the future in their realization of the great truth, that the success of to-morrow grows out of the honest toil of to-day.

V. Ex. Comp. Ledger again acted as District Secretary, and reported the records of the Chapter in the able hands of Ex. Comp. J. E. Francis, including
the Mark Book, well kept and that the outstanding dues are very small.

In the banquet room, R. Ex. Comp. Walter E. Hopkins, in proposing the toast to the Grand First Principal, outlined very beautifully "What is Freemasonry." V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell, proposed in a very able and fitting manner the toast to Victoria Chapter.

To round out this very profitable and enjoyable visit, many Ex. Companions from Chapters in the city spoke to the "Toast of the Visitors."

**St. Alban's Chapter, No. 217, Toronto.**—At the regular Convocation, May 27th, I visited and officially inspected the work in the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Ex. Comp. Geo. W. McRae, First Principal, presiding. By the efficient manner in which the degree work was given to a very highly appreciative class of five candidates, and also having the assurance of the First Principal that the preceding degrees are rendered and conferred in a similar impressive manner, I am convinced that the officers are thoroughly alive to their great responsibility and that the traditions of the Royal Craft are faithfully and zealously maintained. Ex. Comp. J. P. Spragge, District Secretary, although not yet fully restored to good health, accompanied me and reported most favourably upon the records of the Chapter. The matter of dues in areas was referred to and which at the present time are in a greatly improved condition. During the evening I was the happy recipient of a "Penny" of St. Alban's Chapter, also a St. Patrick Chapter "Penny" stamped out of native cobalt silver, which was once the property of the late R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Milne, a Past Principal of The St. Patrick Chapter; one of the founder of St. Alban's Chapter and Past District Superintendent. In the banquet room the usual toasts were presented and a most enjoyable and profitable time spent. That tower of strength to the Royal Craft, R. Ex. Comp. Wm. J. Tow, accompanied me as did also V. Ex.
Comp. Jas. Herriot, who is deeply interested and very active in the Principals' Association.

The Installation and Investiture of the officers of this Chapter was conducted on Monday, December 23rd, at which I had the honour to preside owing to the unavoidable absence of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Walter G. Price, our highly esteemed Grand Second Principal. Associated with me in this ceremony were R. Ex. Comps. Walter E. Hopkins, H. A. Miller, V. Ex. Comps. Jas. Herriot, Ed. J. Luttrell, and Past Principals of the Chapter, all faithful and diligent workers and true lovers of the Royal Craft.

Beaver Chapter, No. 225, Toronto.—On Wednesday, March 13th, I made my first official visit when a regular Convocation of the Chapter was being held. In addition to my Secretary, Ex. Comp. J. P. Spragge, those who accompanied me were: R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.; V. Ex. Comp. Harry P. Reid, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; Ex. Comp. A. W. Neal, First Principal of The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, and a number of Excellent Companions, and Companions of my Mother Chapter.

As this Chapter is a prized daughter of The St. Patrick Chapter they enjoy very close and interlocking fraternal affiliations among whom I am pleased to mention R. Ex. Comp. Barney Cairns, V. Ex. Comp. T. H. Graham, V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell, who took part in the conferring, in an impressive manner, the Holy Royal Arch Degree. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Sam. Spencer, with his officers, exemplified the degree in a manner which would make a deep impression upon the two Most Excellent Masters exalted.

I am pleased to report that harmony reigns and that the future success of the Chapter seems assured. During the evening, V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Calder was presented and invested with the regalia of Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The records of the genial Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Baker, are well kept and the finances well in
hand. This Chapter is steadily gaining in influence and good works notwithstanding that during the year the First Principal was called upon to suspend a large number for N.P.D. which in reality, in nearly every case, is for lack of zeal and interest. Great numbers are not everything. A few well posted, earnest and active Royal Arch Masons are worth more than an army of button wearers.

AURORA CHAPTER, No. 235, AURORA.—Upon my official visit on the evening of September 20th, I was delighted to see so many present, both Companions of the Chapter and visitors from many sister Chapters. Ex. Comp. F. S. Babcock, with his efficient staff of officers and Past Principals conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a manner which could not fail to impress the candidates. Each officer, I am sure, was thoroughly alive to the fact that the Ritual work is but the clothing of this Supreme Degree, and that the "spirit must work with the letter" to produce a full understanding of Masonry.

The records of the Chapter are neatly and accurately kept in the capable hands of Ex. Comp. F. R. Underhill. Very satisfactory progress has been made during the year and I believe this young but active Chapter will continue to gain in strength and influence.

UNIVERSITY CHAPTER, No. 241, TORONTO.—I officially inspected this Chapter on April 2nd, in the work of the Holy Royal Arch Degree with Ex. Comp. Chas. Heebner, First Principal, presiding. Much could be said regarding the splendid manner in which the work of the degree was done. Suffice it to say that it had the ring of sincerity which is essentially necessary in the proper interpretation of the beautiful lessons therein contained and which was evidenced by the keen attention, not only of the candidates but of the attending Companions as well.

There were visitors from St. Paul’s and King Solomon’s Chapters. District Secretary, Ex. Comp. J. P. Spragge, being ill in Detroit, Ex. Comp. Harold
W. Thompson acted, and reported the records of V. Ex. Comp. P. W. Rogers to be neatly and well kept, and strict attention given to the Mark Book.

The heart of Ex. Comp. Heebner, as well as that of his officers and Companions, is wrapped up in the work of Capitular Masonry and which cannot but bring forth the sweet fruit of earnest labour in the harvest that is sure to follow. This is evidenced by the large increase in membership, and I am very optimistic for their continued success.

Finally I desire to record my grateful appreciation to those who have made my task the lighter by their genial companionship, helpful counsel and loyal support on my many happy fraternal visits. May I mention V. Ex. Comps. E. J. Luttrell, W. R. Ledger, E. S. Calder, H. P. Reid, R. Ex. Comps. John Marr, E. C. Berkinshaw, Geo. W. Slack, Wm. J. Tow, Ex. Comps. A. W. Neal, Harold W. Thompson, E. E. Reid, John L. House, Alex. M. Bond, and many others. In particular, I wish to thank my Companions for their tokens of respect: Beaver Chapter for a very useful desk set; St. Andrew and St. John for flowers sent to Mrs. McLean, and also fountain pen set; The St. Patrick Chapter, beautiful candlesticks, and flowers from The Beaches and Orient Chapters.

I have amassed a large fortune in golden friendships, that have impressed me deeply, and which are prized and cherished by me above material wealth.

Sincerely and fraternally,

F. G. McLean,
Grand Supt. Toronto East District, No. 8.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 8A.

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

In presenting my report dealing with the progress and activities of the various Chapters in Toronto West District, No. 8a, during the year 1929, I must, in the first place, express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ruling and Past Principals who so kindly elected me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for his ratification of the choice of the delegates of the District. To serve in a worthy cause, no matter how difficult the work, is always a privilege, but to serve and be assured that one's humblest efforts are appreciated, makes the task (if such it be) easy to perform. The memory of the enthusiastic receptions I received wherever and whenever I visited, and the many new and close friendships performed, will be a constant reminder of a most pleasant year spent in office.

The untimely and sudden death of R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith was a tremendous shock to all Royal Arch Masons throughout the whole Jurisdiction, and particularly in the City of Toronto, where he was frequently in attendance at every Chapter. His right hand of true companionship was ever extended, and his sound advice eagerly sought and willingly given. I gratefully acknowledge that whatever success I have attained during my term in office, has been in no small measure due to this advice, thankfully received, and I believe, faithfully applied.

My thanks are due to Ex. Comp. Max Cooper who was pleased to accept the office of District Secretary while occupying the office of First Principal of Mount Sinai Chapter. His willing and untiring efforts were of much value and assistance, and his reception by the various Chapters, shows that his services were appreciated throughout the whole District.

Only harmony and good-will exists between the two Districts in the City of Toronto. Unfortunately,
due to the conflicting dates of meetings in the two Districts, I was not able to avail myself of all the kind invitations of R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District, No. 8, but nevertheless we were together on many occasions. It has been a distinct privilege and pleasure to have been associated with one who takes such a deep interest in Royal Arch Masonry and who has earned the respect and affection of all those with whom he has come in contact.

I regret that I am unable to report the large increase in the membership of the District that I had hoped, at the commencement of the year, to be able to record, but what is lacking in numbers is made up by enthusiasm. I am pleased to report that every Chapter is officered by Companions who have at heart the welfare of the Royal Carft, who take their work seriously, and who are more than satisfying those who have entrusted them with the responsibility of office. The Past Principals, by their active participation in the work of their Chapters, are showing their appreciation of the confidence previously placed in them.

The Ritual Work of the District as a whole, is of very high order. While in some Chapters we find officers endowed with great Ritual ability, whose work quite naturally stands foremost in my mind, nevertheless, I cannot point to any Chapter where a sincere and honest effort was not made to confer a degree with dignity and in the required uniform manner. Any slight mistakes were mere lapses of memory (to which all of us are more or less subject), and were fully compensated for by earnestness and sincerity.

While the financial statements of the various Chapters show that most of them are in healthy financial circumstances, we seem to have ever with us the question of dealing with outstanding dues. In some cases members are reported being in arrears for three and four years. These may be divided into two classes. Firstly, those who are financially embarrassed and are unable to pay; and secondly, those
who are careless and negligent, and forget their duty to their Chapters. There is no doubt that every consideration should be shown to those who are unable to pay, and we should practise the charity which we teach, but I am firmly of the opinion that strict action should be taken against those who are careless and negligent in their financial duties, and no member who is able to pay should be indefinitely carried on the books of the Chapter. In many cases the Companions to whom the most leniency has been shown, take the least interest in the affairs of the Chapter. While no fault whatever is to be found with the work of any Scribe E. of any Chapter in the District (and they are all to be commended for the time and efforts they spend), it would appear that if many of them who leave their real efforts for collection of dues until the latter part of the financial year, were to make the same earnest efforts at the commencement of the year, the Chapters would greatly benefit. Action of this kind might help to solve this vexatious problem.

I report on each Chapter in the District as follows:—

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto.—My official visit to this Chapter, one of the largest in the British Empire, took place on May 10th. A number of present and past Grand Chapter officers, as well as a number of Ruling Principals of City Chapters, were in attendance. Ex. Comp. D. W. Markham is an able presiding officer, and his eloquent words of welcome were very much appreciated. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a manner marked with eloquence and sincerity. In my opinion, it would have been next to impossible for the most scrutinizing examiner to have found grounds for adverse criticism, and there is no doubt that the good work will continue. With V. Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick in charge of the books as Scribe E., I was not surprised when the District Secretary reported the same well kept and thoroughly up-to-date.
In writing of this Chapter, mention must be made of their annual “Indian Night” which has now become an established event to which the members anxiously look forward and which attracts Royal Arch Masons from Chapters even beyond the limits of the City of Toronto. I must also refer to the visit of Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, of Galt, to this Chapter, when the Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred by the visiting officers with special musical ritual. This visit attracted many visitors, and the result could not be other than beneficial to Royal Arch Masonry throughout the whole District.

ANTIQIUTY CHAPTER, No. 91, TORONTO.—I had the pleasure of officially visiting Antiquity Chapter on the 22nd of May. Knowing something of the reputation of this Chapter I expected a most interesting visit, and I was not disappointed. Considering the time of the year and the many counter-attractions, the attendance was good, and I was more than pleased with the reception tendered me. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree, and only the word “Excellent” can describe the manner in which the work was done. The deep interest shown by the officers in their respective parts would of necessity leave a most pleasant lasting impression on the candidates, as well as the visitors and members. This Chapter has in Ex. Comp. F. C. Dann a painstaking presiding officer, and all his officers appear to be following his example. The Chapter is in good financial circumstances, and should be especially commended for its grants to benevolence, and its annual Christmas tree which helps so much to brighten the festive season for children who might otherwise be neglected.

The books are all in perfect shape and up-to-date. The fact that V. Ex. Comp. Jas. Heriott is Scribe E. would not lead one to believe otherwise.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, No. 138, TORONTO.—This Chapter was officially inspected on May 14th. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not large, but nevertheless I was very heartily received
by the presiding officer, Ex. Comp. Fred Dalton, on behalf of the members and visitors. The work of the evening consisted of the Holy Royal Arch Degree, and was impressively presented. The books show considerable increase in finances, and the Chapter is in a healthy financial condition. However, a considerable amount of dues appears to be outstanding, and I particularly urged that every effort should be made to clear up the said indebtedness. Although this Chapter has a fairly large membership, it has not been very active for some time, but with officers now in line who appear quite capable, we are justified in expecting a renewal of interest in this Chapter.

Toronto Chapter, No. 185, Toronto.—I visited Toronto Chapter for inspection on May 20th. The attendance was good, and I was delighted with the warm welcome extended by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Robert Somerville, on behalf of his officers and members. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on two candidates in a very impressive manner, with dignity and earnestness. All officers demonstrated that they were quite familiar with their respective parts and duties. The fact that a number of Past Principals took part in the work shows that the First Principal has the support of those who presided before him. The District Secretary reported that the books of the Chapter were neatly kept, but the finances show no material change during the past year. This Chapter has a large number of life members, but no provision appears to have been made for their maintenance. The necessity for this will become more obvious as time goes on, and should receive the earnest consideration of the members at once.

Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton.—Official inspection of this Chapter took place on Tuesday, November 5th. A large number of present and past Grand Chapter officers were in attendance, among them being R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District, No. 8, whom I was particularly glad to welcome. There was
a large attendance of members, and I was very kindly received by Ex. Comp. John Davidson, the ruling First Principal. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a highly creditable manner. I was pleased to find twelve well skilled Companions acting as standard bearers. Their efforts added to the beauty of the work. The District Secretary reported that all books were kept in an excellent manner.

This Chapter has not added many members to its ranks of late, but nevertheless, the Companions have not lost interest, and as a matter of fact, are very enthusiastic. With willing and popular officers following the present capable officers, and with improvement in general conditions, this Chapter is bound to make good progress.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto.—It was fitting that my first official visit of inspection should be made to my Mother Chapter on April 2nd. The attendance was the largest in the history of the Chapter, and every Chapter in the District was represented. No less than six Past Grand Superintendents accompanied me, in addition to many other present and past Grand Chapter officers. Ex. Comp. Max Cooper, the First Principal, extended a most cordial welcome on behalf of those present. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on two candidates, and in order that such criticism as the work might warrant would not be biased, I called on R. Ex. Comp. Gordon B. Jackson, my predecessor, to comment on the same. The Right Excellent Companion expressed himself as highly pleased with the manner in which the work was done, and referred to the careful and impressive rendition of the Ritual by the junior as well as the senior officers. V. Ex. Comp. Dave Cowling acted as District Secretary on this occasion. He reported that the books were well kept and up-to-date, and congratulated the Scribe E., Comp. Geo. F. Hills, for his efficiency. This Chapter, although not a large one, possesses capable and enthusiastic officers, and will continue to be an important Chapter in the District.
I was also in attendance at the October meeting when the Chapter received a visit from M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal. The hand of true companionship was extended to him, and there can be no doubt of the loyalty of the members of this Chapter to the governing body.

Mimico Chapter, No. 215, Mimico.—The official visit of inspection to Mimico Chapter was made on October 2nd, and I was cordially received by Ex. Comp. R. B. Bray and a fair attendance of members and visitors. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a manner which could not help but properly impress the candidates, and with the dignity required when conferring a degree with such elevating lessons. The officers appeared willing and took a deep interest in the work. This Chapter with the limited territory at its disposal, is making steady progress, and is in good financial circumstances. The books are all well kept by a very capable Scribe E.

I was also present at the installation of officers for 1930, and was much impressed with the apparent ability of the newly installed officers.

Ulster Chapter, No. 219, Toronto.—Wednesday April 17th, was the date selected for my official visit of inspection to this Chapter. The welcome extended to me by Ex. Comp. J. C. Thompson, the First Principal, was, indeed, a true “Irish” one, and I was delighted with the hospitality shown. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred on one candidate. The work was of high order and would be a credit to a Chapter of much larger membership. Every officer showed marked ability. This Chapter is one of the very few which, every year, has a different Scribe E. working his way up through the various offices; nevertheless the District Secretary reported the books well kept, but a considerable amount of dues was outstanding. Although this Chapter had many difficulties to overcome in its earlier days, its financial position is now quite sound, and appears to be continually improving. There need be no fear for the future of this Chapter.
LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 230, LAMBTON MILLS.—I carried out my official inspection of this Chapter on October 16th and was more than pleased with the reception tendered me by Ex. Comp. W. A. Beecroft, his officers and members. The homelike atmosphere is at once apparent. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred in a manner which was uniformly pleasing and impressive, and which reflected credit, not only on the present officers, but on those who have taken a keen interest in this Chapter since its formation. The work of the junior officers holds out much hope for the future. The District Secretary reported that the books were well kept and complete in every detail.

PORT CREDIT CHAPTER, No. 230, PORT CREDIT.—I visited Port Credit Chapter officially on April 5th. The weather was so bad and travelling so difficult that the attendance could not help but be adversely affected. But what was lacking in numbers was made up by enthusiasm and the warmth of the reception accorded me by the presiding officer, Ex. Comp. R. H. Jamieson. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred on two candidates in a capable manner, and with such dignity and impressiveness as one would expect in a Chapter which has always had the advice and personal attention of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price. I was also particularly pleased to see a number of Past Principals taking part in the work. The books of the Chapter are all well kept and its finances are in good shape. This Chapter, although not a large one, is quite active and holds excellent prospects for the future.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 231, TORONTO.—I was pleased to visit this Chapter for inspection on April 11th for I had heard of the great increase in its membership during the past year. In this respect they hold the record in the District. Ex. Comp. A. Johnson, the Ruling Principal, extended a warm welcome on behalf of his officers and members, and with their assistance conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree. The large number of degrees conferred during the
past year has had its effect, and the work was ably done. Every officer was quite familiar with his particular part, and there can be no doubt that the proper impression was made on the candidates. All books are in excellent condition and the financial condition is sound. There is every indication that the evident enthusiasm will continue.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, Toronto.—I was more than pleased when I officially visited this Chapter on May 13th to find many Ruling Principals of City Chapters, and a goodly number of present and past Grand Chapter officers in attendance. Ex. Comp. T. M. Hoose, the capable First Principal, received me very kindly and extended a royal welcome. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred in an exemplary manner, and the candidates could not help but be impressed with the lessons contained in the degree. Particular mention must be made of the junior officers who took much interest in their respective parts. A number of Past Principals of the Chapter also took part in the work. The District Secretary reported that the books and finances of the Chapter are in excellent condition, and there is practically nothing outstanding. This Chapter has only been in existence about seven years, but has a good membership of active Royal Arch Masons.

Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, Toronto.—Although the weather was bad when I officially inspected this Chapter on May 2nd, the attendance, considering the membership, was good. Ex. Comp. A. G. Ackland, the presiding officer, made an admirable host, and I felt certain that my presence was welcome. This Chapter has had the benefit and assistance of V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell, and the result is quite evident in the affairs and work of the Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a creditable manner by the First Principal and his officers, who had the assistance of some of the Past Principals of the Chapter. The books are complete in every detail, and show a healthy financial balance as well as numbers being continually added to the
Membership roll. I must refer to the unique circular of this Chapter which every month contains the names of all of the Companions of the Chapter, and which I believe, leads to better acquaintance and intimacy.

**Humber Chapter, No. 246, Weston.—** I made my official visit to this Chapter on April 19th. The attendance of members and visitors was good, and I had the pleasure of having many present and past officers of Grand Chapter accompany me. Ex. Comp. A. R. Smith very cordially received me, and although I had never before visited this Chapter, I could not help but feel at home. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred with dignity and solemnity by capable officers. With the able assistance rendered this Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, its first presiding officer, one would not expect otherwise. On this occasion the late R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., presented V. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel with a set of regalia befitting his newly appointed office. The Very Excellent Companion suitably replied. The late Grand Scribe E. was also presented with an Honorary Life Membership in this Chapter which, sad to recollect, he was only permitted to enjoy, a very short time. Ex. Comp. Chas. Long is a very efficient Scribe E., whose books are all kept in perfect condition and up-to-date. The financial statement shows good progress being made. Although the membership of this Chapter is not large, it may be counted as one of the most enthusiastic Chapters in the District.

I have refrained from making any specific reference to the banquets held following the degree work in the Chapter rooms, as it would be unfair to single out any particular Chapter for the excellency of its entertainment. They have all provided entertainment of a very high order, and I am pleased to record that what is usually called "Slap-stick" vaudeville is practically unknown in our midst.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness and courtesies
extended to me on my visits of inspection and on many other occasions, and to record my hope as well as my belief that Royal Arch Masonary will continue to prosper in the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Isidor Finberg,
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:

In presenting my report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District, I wish, first of all, to express my sincere thanks to the Chapters of the District for their unanimous recommendation of my appointment and my appreciation of the action of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. in confirming it. I trust that I have given them no cause to regret their action.

As to the condition of Capitular Masonry in the District I think I am safe in saying that the District in general is in good condition and prospects on the whole good. At every Chapter which I visited I tried to make it clear that it was not only the privilege, but the duty also, of every Companion to persuade and assist Master Masons in the search for "that which was lost."

During the year I visited all the Chapters with the exception of Grand River, No. 70, with which, though I tried more than once, I was unable to make arrangements. In five of the seven degree work was done, all according to the Ritual, and all in a manner which showed that the officers had done their best to master, not only the words, but the inner meaning of their lectures. The books of Scribes E. were well kept and the dues fairly well collected. Georgian Chapter shows rather a large amount outstanding; but an earnest effort is being made to cut down arrears to the vanishing point and the "dead wood" is being loped off—all of which will be for the good of the Chapter.

At none of the meetings was the attendance as large as it might have been; and this matter of attendance has come up for discussion several times. Blame for some of the apparent lack of interest has been put on the number of other organizations in existence; but I have noticed that a large percentage
of the regular attendants at Chapter meetings are members of service clubs, church or other competing (?) organizations, so that the trouble does not seem to lie there. I have been able to suggest only the good old remedy of following the service clubs' lead in trying to make the meetings more interesting to the rank and file and emphasizing the social side more strongly.

Throughout the District harmony and enthusiasm seem to prevail, so that with a little more aggressiveness on the part of one or two Chapters there should be nothing to fear from the future of the Royal Craft.

VISITATIONS.

MANITOU CHAPTER, NO. 27, COLLINGWOOD.—In company with four Companions of Georgian Chapter I visited this Chapter on October 25th. There was a good attendance, in spite of the fact that some political "big guns" were thundering at a meeting in the town; and we were most cordially received by Ex. Comp. Jarman, Z. The officers were all present and conferred the Mark Master Mason's Degree in capable and most impressive style. It was evident that they had been well schooled and understood what they were trying to convey to the candidate. The opening and closing ceremonies, both in the H.R.A. and M.M.M., were well handled by Ex. Comp. Jarman, who also conducted the business with commendable promptness.

SIGNET CHAPTER, NO. 34, BARRIE.—On November 1st, with three Companions of Georgian Chapter, I visited this Chapter; and we were welcomed as I expected to be in this centre of Masonic activity. It was an Emergent Convocation, and the work was in the Holy Royal Arch. It is needless to say that Ex. Comp. McMulkkin and his officers did the work well; and the Musical Ritual—music seems to play a large part in Signet Chapter's work—added materially to the impressiveness. A trace of nervousness was evident at first in one or two of the officers, but this very soon disappeared. Where all did so well, it
may seem invidious to make comparisons; but I want to compliment R. Ex. Comp. Shrubsole on his delivery of the Lecture at the Pedestal, also V. Ex. Comp. Williams, who delivered the Traditional Lecture and the Summary.

**Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound.**—My official visit to my Mother Chapter was at the Regular Convocation, May 21st. The work on this occasion was the M.E.M. Degree, and Ex. Comp. Vanstone and his staff gave a good account of themselves. The work was divided, some of the Lectures being given by the Wardens; and the Musical Ritual was used. The candidate told me later how strongly and favourably impressed he had been. This Chapter was for a time in not very good shape; but, thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of the Ex. Principals, it is on the mend, and I look for a good year in 1930.

**Macpherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford.**—I visited this Chapter May 17th, with several Owen Sound Companions—Meaford is almost “next door” to Owen Sound—and saw the Royal Arch Degree conferred in a manner that would compare very favourably with the work in any chapter. Ex. Comp. Taylor was a most capable presiding officer, and his officers all seemed to be imbued with the true Masonic spirit.

On another occasion I had the pleasure of visiting the Chapter informally at a “Ladies’ Night,” at which—though rain, thunder and lightning combined to make it one of the worst nights of the year—there was a good crowd and a good time. I had the privilege of giving a short address—which may help to make some of the Meaford wives more lenient with their husbands who like to attend Chapter.

**Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton.**—This is a small Chapter and handicapped by having many of its members employed on the lakes, so that during the navigation season it is hard to raise a quorum. I was not surprised, therefore, when visiting the
Chapter, November 7th, to find the attendance small. We were, however, heartily welcomed; and, though there was no work—no candidate being on the way—we had a pleasant and, I hope, profitable time in an informal way, the Companions asking many questions which I endeavoured to answer. Ex. Comp. Dobson seems to be capable and enthusiastic; and R. Ex. Comps. Cameron and Foster are always at his back. The Blue Lodge in Wiarton is strong; and I tried to impress on the Companions the advisability of more aggressive action in seeking to interest the Master Masons.

Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland.—At this Chapter, which I visited June 28th, there was no work. The Ex. Z. had planned to confer the M.M.M. Degree; but the candidate was, unfortunately, called out of town at the last moment. However, I saw enough of the working of the Ex. Z. and his officers to know that Kichikewana has no reason to feel ashamed of their capability. There was a very good attendance, and the best of feeling seems to prevail among the Companions. Ex. Comp. Grigg handled the business well; and from what I saw of the other officers, I feel that Kichikewana is in good hands.

Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia.—At this Chapter, which I visited May 10th, we were introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Patmore and Tudhope, and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Baird. The Chapter was opened sharp at 8 o'clock—an example in punctuality which might well be followed by other Chapters, in which it was not conspicuous by its presence—and the opening ceremony and business session were capably conducted by Ex. Comp. Baird. The officers all filled their chairs well; and there was a good line-up on the side benches. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by a staff of Past Principals. It was practically perfect, both in accuracy to Ritual and impressive delivery—a splendid example for the officers of the Chapter and one from which they could not fail to profit. In the closing ceremony the
Chapter officers occupied the chairs and lived up to the expectations raised by their work in the opening.

GENERAL REMARKS.

There was, of course, at every meeting the refreshments, which, needless to say, was not the least enjoyable part of the proceedings. Here we had a chance to come into contact with the rank and file; and I found a very fine lot of fellows who seem, almost without exception, to have the right idea in regard to Masonry.

One particularly pleasing feature was the uniformly good attendance of Past Principals. At Georgian Chapter, for instance, only one was absent and unaccounted for. This goes to show that Capitular Masonry has something that "age does not wither nor custom stale."

The year to me has been most pleasant. Nothing of a contentious nature has come up, so that my duties have been light. I can only say, in conclusion, that if the Chapters and Companions of the District have derived as much profit from my regime as I have, I shall feel that my labours have not been in vain.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

DAVID R. DOBIE,
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 present for your consideration of Capitular Masonry in this District for the past year.

First, I wish to thank the representatives of the various Chapters of this District for electing me, unanimously, at Kingston, as their Grand Superintendent, and the hearty support they gave me throughout my term of office, also the Most Excellent Grand Z. for confirming the same.

Owing to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to remain at Kingston for installation, and Keystone Chapter, Whitby, graciously offered their magnificent quarters for this event, and offered to be hosts on that occasion. I was regularly installed at Whitby on March 15th by R. Ex. Comp: G. W. P. Every.

There were present on that occasion R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.; R. Ex. Comp. I. H. Humphries; R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Miller; V. Ex. Comp. Calder; R. Ex. Comp. Every, and one hundred and fifty Companions. This was also the sixtieth anniversary of Keystone Chapter. At this meeting Palestine Chapter of Bowmanville conferred the M.E.M. Degree in an excellent manner, and received very favourable comment from R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and especially Ex. Comp. Hoar, who was in the chair for this event.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. W. C. Livingstone, of King Darius Chapter, No. 134, my District Secretary, who, I am pleased to state, has carried out his duties in a very efficient manner, and I thank him for the same.

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 168, CAMPBELLFORD.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on March 12th, this night being their annual St. Patrick’s Night,
which they are accustomed to celebrate as their anniversary each year.

I was accompanied by ten of my own Chapter members. The roads were very bad, and the distance each way eighty-eight miles.

I witnessed at this meeting the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree, which was done by Ex. Comp. L. B. Glover and his officers, in excellent fashion. Each officer was in his place. I could not single out any officer as more efficient than the other as all were equally good. Ex. Comp. Glover was assisted in his work by Ex. Comp. Kingstone, Ex. Comp. Allan, and Ex. Comp. E. G. Tinney.

The books were reported by the District Secretary as in first-class condition, and up to the standard in every way. They have a Book of Marks, and the rules in this respect are being observed.

R. Ex. Comp. E. J. Free was present and added his grace to the occasion. A banquet followed with a lengthy toast-list. In addition to the Grand Superintendent's address, Comp. Rev. F. E. Mallot, of Belle-ville, spoke on St. Patrick.

The banquet ended at 1.30 a.m.

St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter, Toronto, invited the various Chapters of Ontario District, No. 10, to pay a fraternal visit on May 17th. Close to two hundred Companions from my District responded to the invitation.

I was received most heartily along with the other Companions of the District. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Davidson, Lind-say; R. Ex. Comp. F. W. McMahon, Port Hope; and R. Ex. Comp. Isadore Finberg, Grand Superintendent of Toronto West District, No. 8a, along with the Ruling First Principals of St. John's, No. 48, Cobourg; Midland, No. 94, Lindsay; Pentalpha, No. 28, Oshawa; Keystone, No. 35, Whitby; King Darius, No. 134, Cannington; Excelsior, No. 45, Colborne; Victoria, No. 37, Port Hope; and Palestine, No. 249, Bowmanville.
The Companions of St. John's, Cobourg, occupied the chairs and were assisted by members of the various Chapters. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, after which a most pleasant time was spent at supper.

I think these fraternal visits are very useful, and should be encouraged in every way.

**CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 36, PETERBORO**.—I officially inspected this Chapter on May 22nd. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Davidson, of Midland Chapter, Lindsay, and other Companions.

I was received most cordially and with much enthusiasm

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified on this occasion. The work was done by Ex. Comp. Mann and his officers, assisted by Past Z.'s Cotton, Campbell and Dobbins. It was done both impressively and with exactness, and they were to be highly complimented on their work. There was a fairly good attendance, and all were keenly interested.

The books and all work pertaining to the Scribe E. was reported by the District Secretary as in the best of shape. The Scribe E. reported that they had closed their book for the year, with no outstanding dues which was saying a great deal in a Chapter as large as the Corinthian.

**DEDICATION OF PENTALPHA CHAPTER, NO. 28, OSHAWA**.—Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, was duly dedicated, according to ancient usages and customs on Thursday evening, June 6th, by Most Excellent Companion Edwin Smith, Grand Z., assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, Grand Second Principal; R. Ex. Comp. E. Berkinshaw, Grand Registrar; V. Ex. Comp. E. Lutterall; V. Ex. Comp. E. Calder, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Millar, Past Grand Superintendent; R. Ex. Comp. F. McLean; R. Ex. Comp. I. Finberg, and many others.

The Grand Chapter officers were duly received and performed the Ceremony of Dedication in a very
impressive manner, after which the Chapter room was exemplified to all present. Pentalpha Chapter, and indeed all Masons of Oshawa, have a most magnificent temple, and furnished up to the minute. The system of lighting is perfect. I have never seen anything to equal it, and such was expressed by all present.

The Temple as it is to-day is an inspiration for the members of Oshawa to do good and effective work. They are justly proud of it, and Masonry in Oshawa will undoubtedly prosper.

Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on the evening of June 14th. It was a fine evening, and our trip of seventy-two miles was most pleasant. I was accompanied by several Companions of my own Chapter, and welcomed by the Companions of Port Hope.

I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. McMahon and cordially welcomed and received.

The work of the Holy Royal Arch was ably exemplified by Ex. Comp. S. N. Haskell and his officers. The work was done exceedingly well, especially mentioning the Principals and Principal Sojourner, and not forgetting the Past Z.'s who assisted.

The records of the Chapter were in first-class shape, as reported by the District Secretary.

Victoria Chapter is an old Chapter, and they have their Chapter room well equipped.

Later in the evening a pleasant time was spent at the banquet table when after the inner man was satisfied there was some speechmaking, including the visitors, of which there were a number present from Cobourg.

Our return trip was uneventful, but pleasant, and we arrived home at 3 a.m.

St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg.—I officially visited St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg, on the evening of June 25th. It was a beautiful evening, and cool for that time of year. I was officially introduced and welcomed in a most cordial manner by
Excellent Companion Gilchrist and the Companions. There was a fairly good attendance.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a dignified and capable manner, as is the custom in St. John’s Chapter.

This Chapter is having a splendid year as to the number and calibre of the candidates, three being raised on this occasion.

The books of the Secretary, Ex. Comp. C. R. Gammow, were reported by the District Secretary as in the best of shape, as what was expected.

After the Chapter closed we were treated to a banquet which included strawberries and cream, followed by some speechmaking, after which all returned home, having thoroughly enjoyed a pleasant evening.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, NO. 94, LINDSAY.—I had intended visiting this Chapter in June, but the weather was so hot that we all thought it proper to postpone the visit to a later date.

A special meeting was called on the evening of Thursday, September 27th. I was cordially received by Ex. Comp. Stanley P. Beal and his officers. I witnessed the exemplification of the Mark Master Degree, which was done very creditably. The officers were somewhat handicapped by some of their regular officers being sick, which could not be helped. These are a fine lot of boys, and they enter wholeheartedly into the fraternal spirit of Masonry. R. Ex. Comp. Chas. L. Davidson occupied his seat at the Secretary’s desk and took part in the work in his usual dignified manner.

I was accompanied on this visit besides my Secretary, Ex. Comp. W. C. Livingstone, and a number of Cannington Companions; Right Ex. Comp. Ormiston and Hare of Uxbridge; also Ex. Comps. Feasby, Heard and O’Hara, of Succoth Chapter, Uxbridge.

A fine stamp of candidate was given his M.M. Degree, and after a few remarks of advise and praise we adjourned to the banquet hall, where we satisfied
the inner man, and after a short toast-list was dispersed with, a very pleasant evening came to a close.

Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of Tuesday, October 1st. I was received most cordially by Ex. Comp. C. J. Pirie, officers and members, in their magnificent new Chapter room. I witnessed the Holy Royal Arch Degree exemplified in a creditable manner, all the officers did their work well.

Ex. Comp. C. Stenhouse gave the Mystical Lecture in a faultless manner.

This Chapter has just moved into their new Temple, which is the finest I have ever seen, and the Companions of Oshawa are justly proud of it.

After the remarks of the Grand Superintendent we adjourned to the banquet hall, where we all enjoyed a very pleasant meal.

We returned home feeling that we had spent a very profitable evening.

Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of October 7th, and was well received by Ex. Comp. Hale and his officers.

The work of the Holy Royal Arch Degree was demonstrated in a very satisfactory manner. The officers did their work well, and deserve commendation for the same.

The Excellent First Principal was ably assisted by Ex. Comps. Armstrong, Buchanan and Allen. The District Secretary reported the books of the Secretary being in good shape.

The Companions of Warkworth have a fine building, of which they are justly proud.

After a pleasant time in the banqueting hall we returned home, a distance of ninety miles, having spent an enjoyable evening.

Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.—On Friday evening, October 18th, I visited Keystone Chapter at Whitby, when I was accompanied by a number
of Companions from my own Chapter. I was loyally introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Every, of Whitby, and well received by Ex. Comp. Taylor and his Companions.

I witnessed the work of the Most Excellent Master Degree which was done most creditably by the officers of Keystone Chapter. Ex. Comp. Taylor, who necessarily did the major part of the work, did his work well, and all the officers were good. I must not forget the fine work done by Ex. Comp. Jeryman, a Past Z., and the Scribe E. of this Chapter.

At the supper the speech of the evening was given by Comp. Moor, who has just affiliated with Keystone Chapter. We all spent a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, NO. 249, BOWMANVILLE.— I officially visited this Chapter on the evening of October 21st, I personally saw the Companions of Palestine Chapter work the Most Excellent Master Degree at Whitby in March, on the evening that I was officially installed, and this work done was of a very high order. On that occasion several Grand Chapter officers were present.

At my official visit the Companions had no work, and as I had seen it before, was quite satisfied. I confined myself to opening and closing, and the Secretary’s books, which were quite up to the standard. This is the youngest Chapter in the District, and is made up of enthusiastic Companions.

I had the pleasure of presenting to Ex. Comp. F. Hoar, on behalf of the Palestine Chapter, a Past Z.’s Jewel, which was richly deserved for services rendered.

ST. ANDREW’S CHAPTER, NO. 139, HAVERLOCK.— I officially visited this Chapter on the evening of October 28th. I was well received by Ex. Comp. Wm. Aunger and his officers and Companions. There was a good turn-out, visitors being present from Madoc and Warkworth. I witnessed the work of the Mark Master Mason Degree, which was done with credit
to all concerned. Past Principals assisted the First Principals, and did their work with perfect satisfaction.

The books and records were found in good shape.

After some remarks we adjourned to the banquet hall where we were all well looked after. After the usual toast-list a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

**King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.—**
I officially visited this, my Mother Chapter, on the evening of November 20th. I was enthusiastically received by the Companions, almost every available member being present. I witnessed the work of the Mark Master Degree, which was done in an excellent manner, every officer did his work almost faultlessly.

I had the pleasing duty of presenting Ex. Comp. J. A. Kift with his Twenty-five-year Jewel. After the work of the evening an excellent supper was served.

This was the most enthusiastic and enjoyable event that I attended during my term of office.

**Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.—** I had asked for several dates early in the year at which I might visit Excelsior Chapter, but for some reason the dates were not suitable, and finally I was asked to visit it on December 2nd. I found it impossible to do this as the roads were so bad, and also I was informed that there was no work for inspection. I was therefore deprived of the pleasure of visiting this Chapter. I might say that I have been in this Chapter room in past years, and can assure anyone that it is a beautiful one. I hope at some future date to pay an informal visit to this Chapter.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the loyal support the officers and members of the different Chapters gave me during my term of office, and the year just closing shall be one of which I shall ever have fond recollections.
I cannot let the opportunity pass without thanking the Companions of my own Chapter for the cooperation, especially Ex. Comp. W. C. Livingstone, my Secretary, who accompanied me on all visits, and was a great inspiration and help at all times.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

DR. EDWARD BLANCHARD,
Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.

Cannington, 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:

It is my pleasure to submit my official report as Grand Superintendent Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year 1929.

First, may I express my appreciation to the Companions of Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the honour conferred in electing me as their Grand Superintendent for 1929, and to the M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Z., for ratifying the District's choice.

Being denied the opportunity of attending the general installation at Grand Chapter, M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, K.C., Belleville, was deputized by the Grand Z. to perform this service. Due to road conditions it was not possible for the installing officers to attend the regular meeting of my Mother Chapter, therefore it was arranged that this ceremony should take place at the regular February meeting of Quinte Friendship Chapter, Belleville. On the evening of February 11th, the ceremony of my installation was performed by M. Ex. Comp. Ponton, who nothing lacked in genial and fraternal courtesy which ever characterizes his conduct of ceremonies. M. Ex. Comp. Ponton was ably assisted by R. Ex. Comp. H. J. Clarke, R. Ex. Comp. F. Chesher, and R. Ex. Comp. T. W. Solmes.

My first official acts were to appoint Ex. Comp. W. I. Cole of Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville, District Secretary, and Ex. Comp. J. F. Houston, Madoc Chapter, No. 161, District Chaplain, and wish to express my sincere appreciation for the willing support and the able assistance received from these worthy Companions.

PRESQU'ISLE CHAPTER, No. 144, BRIGHTON.—Brighton being situated between the larger populated towns of Trenton and Colborne, Presqu'Isle Chapter, No. 144, has a very limited area from
which to secure members, therefore taking this circumstance into consideration this Chapter merits special mention for its secure position in the District. Accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. W. I. Cole, Ex. Comps. M. W. Barlow, J. W. Kinnear, Quinte Friendship; Ex. Comps. V. Greaves, S. License, Comps. McGlashon and Colby, Moria Chapter, and Ex. Comp. J. F. Houston, Madoc Chapter, I made my official visit on May 21st.

The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified in a most capable manner by Ex. Comp. Dr. H. Clarke, and his efficient staff of officers. The Chapter room, though small, was in good condition with fair equipment. The books are kept in a most creditable manner and the general affairs of the Chapter reflect the exercise of care and thoroughness. At the close of the Chapter an excellent lunch was served. The toast to the Grand Chapter was proposed by Ex. Comp. Morrow, Presqu’Isle Chapter, to which as the District Superintendent, I responded with a short talk on Masonic Symbolism. The toast to the Visitors, proposed by Ex. Comp. Dr. Rundle, was responded to by the various visiting Companions.

The prospects of this Chapter appear favourable although the membership will never be large for reasons already recited, but the enthusiasm and high standing of the personnel of the Chapter affords confidence for a goodly measure of prosperity.


The membership attendance was exceptionally large at this Convocation. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified in a most capable and impressive manner by the officers of the Chapter. The Chapter room is splendidly adapted to the work and well equipped. The records and matters connected with the duties of Scribe E. reflect his accuracy and efficiency. Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, is the third oldest
Chapter in the District, and the many portraits and souvenirs which are displayed on the walls bear witness to important incidents of historical interest in Royal Arch Masonry.

An excellent banquet was interspersed with the usual toasts to Grand Chapter and our Visitors, and responded to in happy form and brought to a close an evening of pleasant intercourse and genial companionship.

A Chapter located in the prosperous town of Picton, and surrounded by a wealthy and progressive farming community has a bright outlook for the future, despite the fact that the returns show a decrease of four in the membership for the present year.

**Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee.**—On May 29th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. F. Houston, Madoc Chapter; Ex. Comp. M. W. Barlow, Quinte Friendship, I made my official visit and the pleasant incident of this occasion was my introduction by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. McGregor, a personal friend and former member of my Mother Chapter. Despite the oppressive hot weather the attendance of the members was splendid.

First Principal P. U. Laidley and his officers exemplified the M.E.M. Degree in such excellent manner that corrections were few and reflect great credit on the ability and interest of the officers responsible for the work.

The spacious Chapter room is well adapted for the exemplification of the impressive ceremonies of degree work, and is well equipped.

Books and records of the Chapter under the custody of R. Ex. Comp. E. J. Walters, Scribe E., lack nothing in neatness and accuracy. Because of the ideal location of Mount Sinai Chapter its continuance of prosperity should be assured.

In keeping with Mount Sinai's reputation we enjoyed the feast excellently prepared in their banquet hall, which is spacious and admirably adapted for "Get-to-gether functions."
R. Ex. Comp. A. McGregor proposed the toast to Grand Chapter in his own brilliant manner, to which it was my pleasant duty to respond, and the usual programme of toasts and interchange of wit and wisdom brought to a close an evening of pleasure and profit.

ST. MARK’S CHAPTER, NO. 26, TRENTON.—Owing to the laying of a cornerstone at Deseronto during the U.E.L. celebration, and the excessive heat, there were fewer visitors from a distance when I made my official visit to this Chapter on June 18th. The prominent Companions who acted as my escort were V. Ex. Comp. Cole, Ex. Comp. M. W. Barlow, Quinte Friendship; Ex. Comps. V. H. Greaves and H. Dillnutt, Moria Chapter; Ex. Comp. W. T. Nugent, Madoc Chapter, and an unusually good membership attendance.

Two candidates were exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree and the work exemplified by First Principal McClung and officers was exceptionally well presented.

Trenton has a beautiful Masonic Temple and the Blue room also used as a Chapter room which, with the exception of Belleville, is the usual custom in No. 11 District, is one of the best in arrangement to be found anywhere in a town of Trenton’s population.

The equipment and other requisites are modern and complete. The books show correctness and attention to detail by the competent Scribe E., Comp. M. W. Andison. Trenton is a flourishing town with every indication of increased expansion and activity. This advantage of location together with the promising material in line for accession to the chair justifies a bright forecast for St. Mark’s Chapter.

MORIA CHAPTER, NO. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I paid a fraternal visit to this Chapter on May 6th and on June 4 made my official visit, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H. J. Clarke, V. Ex. Comp. W. I. Cole, Ex. Comp. M. W. Barlow, Quinte Friendship; R. Ex. Comp. Thos. Solmes, Ex. Comps. Dr. Carleton, and
A. E. Dobbie, Keystone Chapter, Stirling. The courtesy of introduction was graciously performed by Ex. Comp. H. C. McIlrath.

Membership attendance on this occasion was all that could be desired, and many visiting Companions from sister Chapters of the District.

On both occasions the Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified. This being the oldest Chapter in the District and having the largest membership they are ambitious to retain a high standard of correctness in the exemplification of the various degrees and the degree work exemplified on both my visits maintained the perfection established and achieved through their zeal and ability.

The many years experience of V. Ex. Comp. C. B. Scantlebury in the duties of Scribe E., coupled with his active interest in Royal Arch Masonry, is a decided advantage and benefit to this Chapter, and they are to be complimented on the excellent manner in which the records are kept.

The Chapter room is fair and equipment good, financial position secure and increase in membership encouraging despite the regrettable fact that there were six losses through death during the year. General condition of Chapter thriving and outlook good.

The meeting was followed by a banquet at which the lady relatives and friends of the members were guests. Ex. Comp. V. H. Greaves presided as toastmaster, and the toasts to the Grand Chapter, the Ladies, and Our Visitors were proposed and responded to in usual form and brought to a close a meeting of harmony and hospitality which Moria Chapter includes in its enviable history.

**Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.**—My program arranged for official visits was unhappily interrupted by temporary illness and in order to complete the duties within the scheduled time I deputized as my representative R. Ex. Comp. H. J. Clarke to officially visit Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling, on October 14th, which request R. Ex. Comp. Clarke
accepted with his usual fraternal willingness and herewith present a report as received.

Wm. H. Nugent, Esq.,
Dear Sir and R. Ex. Comp.:

It gives me pleasure to report to you that we had a pleasant and profitable meeting last night at Keystone Chapter, No. 72. I will give you sufficient details that you may be able to complete your report for the Grand Z.

Ex. Comp. Carleton and his officers conferred in a most efficient and impressive manner the Supreme Degree. It is seldom done better in my opinion, and believe I am competent to judge Ritualistic work. The attendance was large, the room being well filled and at the banquet which followed even more than were in the Chapter room.


After the banquet, Ex. Comp. Herity gave an address on Canada and the Empire, and, of course, I responded to the toast to Grand Chapter. There were many expressions of regret at your inability to be present, and an equal number of wishes for your speedy and complete recovery. The Scribe E.'s books are a model of neatness and he reports that the dues are well in hand and the Mark Book complete.

In conclusion, let me thank you for the honour you did me in allowing me to act on your behalf. While more or less out of touch with the immediate duties of the office, yet think I still have a fairly good knowledge with the work, and the Companions appeared to be satisfied with my efforts.

Yours for speedy recovery,

H. J. Clarke.
QUINTE FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, NO. 227, BELLEVILLE.—I had enjoyed frequent fraternal visits to Quinte Friendship Chapter previous to my official visit on the evening of November 12th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hill, Ex. Comp. Buskard, V. Ex. Comp. Geo. Wright, Ex. Comp. T. Rupert, Madoc Chapter; Ex. Comps. V. H. Greaves, H. Dillnutt, S. License, Moria Chapter; Ex. Comp. Dr. Carleton, R. Ex. Comp. T. W. Solmes, J. McC. Potts, Keystone Chapter, I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. H. J. Clarke, and received a cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. M. W. Barlow, his officers and Companions. Through an interchange of visits arranged by Quinte Friendship Chapter, a degree team from Madoc Chapter, No. 161, exemplified the M.M.M. Degree in splendid manner. On former occasions having witnessed the degree work done by Quinte Friendship Chapter I was thoroughly conversant with their efficiency in conduct of degrees.

While this is the youngest Chapter in the District, yet it already enjoys a high standard of Ritualistic work and this desirable record has been maintained throughout the year of 1929 under the able supervision of Ex. Comp. M. W. Barlow, and in no Chapter is greater fraternal courtesy observed or a kinder spirit of real fellowship displayed.

There is every indication of a progressive future for this Chapter as the personnel of membership is of high average.

The meetings are held in the Chapter room of Belleville Masonic Temple already referred to in comments on Moria Chapter. Quinte Friendship has their separate equipment of excellent quality.

Evening concluded with another enjoyable banquet, First Principal M. W. Barlow acting as toastmaster, kept things moving in a happy strain. Following the usual toast a special toast to Madoc Chapter was responded to by Madoc Companions. All visitors unanimous in declaring Quinte Friendship Chapter an ideal host.
Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc.—It was an incident of regret when making my official visit to my Mother Chapter on November 19th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. W. I. Cole, J. F. Houston, and J. Pouritt, that a prevailing storm prevented many Companions from a distance attending. But this disappointment was offset in a great measure by the exceedingly large local attendance and to find Companions present from Tweed, Deloro, Marmora and Coe Hill. I was introduced by my good friend, R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hill, and cordially welcomed by First Principal Ex. Comp. C. H. Buskard.

The M.M.M. Degree was conferred with dignity and in a most creditable manner by First Principal C. H. Buskard and officers. The proficiency of the staff made my duties of inspection very light and it was my pleasure and true satisfaction to compliment the officers of my Mother Chapter.

The position of this Chapter is unique, drawing members from a large area most of which is sparsely settled, thereby making it difficult to administer affairs of the Chapter, though no earnest effort is lacking on the part of Ex. Comp. G. M. Wright, Scribe E., who is, I believe, giving his best attention to this difficult problem. Books and records are in excellent order and neatly kept, and the Mark Book written up to date.

Chapter room is in good condition, equipment complete.

In total membership Madoc Chapter ranks second largest in the District. Finances secure and plenty of good material available to warrant the steady growth and reasonable increase of membership.

The present First Principal is a young energetic man with a good line of officers, which gives an optimistic outlook.

After the work was completed, Companions repaired to the banquet room, where a sumptuous spread was prepared. Toast to Grand Chapter was ably proposed by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hill, and in my response gave a short address on “Appreciation of Masonry,” and the many kind references of the
Companions made one feel their recognition of my humble efforts. The Visitors was proposed by V. Ex. Comp. Geo. Wright, and responded to by Ex. Comp. Cole and Ex. Comp. Rutherford of Windsor District. Fraternal good will was the setting to a rare night in Capitular Masonry at Madoc Chapter, No. 161.

IMPORTANT EVENTS.

On June 16th attended church parade held under the auspices of Moria Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Comp. the Rev. J. A. Seymour delivered an inspiring and instructive address on "History, Teachings and Objects of Masonry." The attendance exceeded one hundred and fifty which included visitors from Sister Chapters and many Companions prominent in Capitular Masonry.

June 25.—During the year it was my privilege to accompany the M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Z., on the occasion of the District Chapter of Instruction held at Madoc on the afternoon and evening of June 25th. Notable among those present were:


Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton.—Ex. Comp. Clifford Cooper, Ex. Comp. Dr. J. H. Walmsley, and J. L. Graydon.


GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA


M. Ex. Comp. Smith, Grand Z., dealt in an explanatory and masterly manner with the Ritualistic work and its correct interpretation as applied to exemplification of degrees, and other ceremonies connected with Capitular Masonry. An event of interest during the afternoon session was the presentation made by M. Ex. Grand Z. of long service medals to R. Ex. Comps. M. Bellamy and Ex. Comp. B. C. H. Vecker, Presqu’Isle Chapter, No. 144, Brighton.

At the banquet which followed the Grand Z. again addressed the Companions in a more general way relative to R. A. Masonry. Ex. Ex. Comp. Geo. M. Wright, on behalf of the District, presented M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith with a beautiful cut glass lamp as an expression of esteem and fraternal regard. The gift was feelingly acknowledged by the recipient.

An invitation from the St. Patrick’s Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, was accepted by Moria Chapter, No. 7, to make a return visit on October 19th, and exemplify the Holy Royal Arch Degree in their Chapter rooms. Moria Chapter attended seventy-five strong. M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, being a member of both Chapters, answered the address of welcome and made the presentation of sceptres carved from black butternut cut from the banks of Moria River close to Belleville Masonic Temple, carved, finished and polished by a Past First Principal of Moria Chapter, and a true reproduction of sceptres presented to Moria Chapter, No. 7, by ancient Frontenac Chapter, No. 1, May, 1856, at Moria’s institution.

Unique in this District was a “Grand Chapter

All assisting were proficient in their selected chairs and filled their stations with dignity. At the conclusion of the degree work, Ex. Comp. M. W. Barlow, who proved a real Principal Sojourner, complimented the Grand officers on the work, and expressed his appreciation of their attendance.

Immediately followed the installation of officers for the ensuing year. As installing officer I was ably assisted by R. Ex. Comps. H. J. Clarke, W. J. Hill, F. R. Chesher and Ex. Comp. D. Findlay. A very pleasant incident of the occasion was the presentation by Ex. Comp. M. W. Barlow, Retiring Principal, of a handsome Maderia luncheon set with the good wishes of the Companions of Quinte Friendship Chapter to Mrs. Nugent. Needless to say this gift and its fraternal remembrance will ever have a sentiment far exceeding intrinsic worth. Another demonstration of Quinte Friendship Chapter’s hospitality was a sumptuous banquet with the usual toast, proposed and responses made, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne converted a “good night” into a happy memory.

On the evening of December 6th, Moria Chapter was host to the wives and lady friends of Companions. M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Z., was the guest of honour, giving an interesting and appropriate address, and on each occasion his genial manner increased his ever growing popularity.

In addition to the noted important events there were exchanged visits between sons of the Chapters
when the degree work was exemplified by the visiting Chapters. There fraternal courtesies I have strongly encouraged and endeavoured to impress on the members the benefit resulting from this intercourse.

In my remarks to the various Chapters it was my desire to present the advantages we derived by regular attendance at the meetings, of applying Masonic teachings to our daily life, and not to regard our noble Order as an avenue for social or personal gain or advancement.

I am pleased to report a small increase in membership in the District during the year, and while this increase is not entirely satisfactory to me, it marks a turn in the tide as returns for last year showed a decrease.

In checking the statistical returns it is obvious that the Chapters most active have made satisfactory progress, which suggests that prosperous environment, while an advantage, will not in itself bring results if there is lethargy of energy and interest of those in charge.

On all official visits I was received with the utmost cordiality and courtesy, and feel justified in reporting a keen interest in Capitular Masonry throughout the District.

During my regime of office I was signally honoured by two official visits from the M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Z. This I record as the “unusual privileges” of my year. His alert interest in Capitular Masonry sustains confidence in his supervision of affairs. His affable demeanour illuminates fraternal Companionship and leaves the impress of that “friend with whom I may be sincere.”

In closing, I would thank the Companions whose fraternal goodwill and assistance made my year as Grand Superintendent one of unusual pleasure and my reward is the hope of some degree of success to the Order.

Fraternally Submitted,

WM. H. NUGENT,
Grand Supt. District, No. 11, R.A.M.
ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 12.

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

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the St. Lawrence District for the year 1929, and in so doing desire to express my thanks to the Companions for the honour they conferred upon me by electing me to the important office of Grand Superintendent, also I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Companions who so kindly and ably assisted me in the performance of the duties of the office.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. E. A. McInnis as District Secretary. He accompanied me on all my official visits and gave his time to make my year a success. I also wish to express my thanks to all the Companions from my home and other Chapters of the District who accompanied me on many of my visits.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT.—On Tuesday, April 9th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Davy and Marsh, and Comps. Knox and Winnett, of St. John's Chapter, Morrisburg, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Elliott and R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Fleming, and welcomed by the Chapter with Grand Honours, and right here may I say it was a great pleasure to me to make my first official visit to the Chapter in which I took my first step in Royal Arch Masonry nearly fifty-seven years ago.

On this occasion the Chapter conferred the degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a very efficient manner, several of the Past First Principals taking a part, showing the interest they take in the work.

At the close of the meeting a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room. Interesting addresses were given by R. Ex. Comps. Elliott and Fleming, and Ex. Comp. E. A. Cook. The dues of this Chapter
are fairly well paid up, and the Book of Marks is kept up-to-date.

St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg.—On April 19th I made my official visit to this Chapter and was very cordially received by Ex. Comp. McInnis. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred on one candidate in a very creditable manner. This being my home Chapter, I have attended all the meetings and have witnessed all of the degrees conferred by the officers of the Chapter very efficiently. My Secretary reports the books of the Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. W. C. Davy, right up-to-date. I am anticipating a very successful year for this Chapter.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on May 6th, and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Marsh, of St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg, and Ex. Comps. E. A. Cook, and E. Williams, of Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, and other visitors. On this occasion the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on two candidates, assisted by some of the visitors, the officers of this Chapter not having their work up as well as I would like to have seen it. They have very comfortable quarters and free from any financial obligations, the books of the Scribe E. are well kept, and he informs me the outstanding dues are small.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on the 21st of June, and was very cordially received by Ex. Comp. Gimblett, First Principal, and Companions of the Chapter. On this occasion the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on five candidates in a most impressive manner. Every officer participating knew his work thoroughly. I had previously witnessed the Most Excellent Master Degree conferred in this Chapter, which, under the supervision of R. Ex. Comps. W. Y. Mills and H. Milne, was done in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The District Secretary reports the books, finances,
Book of Marks, etc., in good shape and very neatly kept by Comp. R. S. Graham, the Scribe E.

Sussex Chapter, No. 59, and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville.—I visited these two Chapters jointly on the evening of October 9th and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. McLean, and was very cordially received by the officers and members of both Chapters. On this occasion the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on two candidates in a very impressive manner. I was looking forward to this visit with pleasure, and I was not disappointed. At the close of the meeting a pleasant time was spent in the banquet room, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, which was an added pleasure.

Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.—I visited this Chapter officially on October 9th, accompanied by several Companions from Morrisburg. After being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton, I witnessed the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree on two candidates by the officers of this Chapter in a very efficient manner. The District Secretary reports the books of the Scribe E., Comp. Jas. F. Miller, to be in good order and beautifully kept, every part being right up-to-date. At the close of the meeting a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room where the Companions had provided a bountiful repast for which they are famous.

Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on 5th December and was introduced to the officers and Companions by R. Ex. Comp. H. F. Ward, who is the efficient Scribe E. of the Chapter. On this occasion the Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred on two candidates in a most perfect manner. The work of the whole staff of officers being given almost perfect according to the new Ritual. The books and records are in a very good shape. This Chapter has a bright outlook for the future. At the close of the meeting we adjourned to the banquet room where a very enjoyable
social hour was spent and some very instructive addresses given by several Excellent Companions.

On the 24th of October I convened what I considered a very successful Chapter of Instruction at Morrisburg in which the following Chapters took part: Sussex Chapter, No. 59, of Brockville; Grenville Chapter, No. 22, of Prescott; and Covenant Chapter, No. 113, of Cornwall.

The Chapter was opened by the officers of St. John's Chapter, Morrisburg, at 3 p.m., and was immediately called off when the officers of Sussex Chapter conferred the Mark Master Mason Degree in a very efficient manner. The officers of this Chapter know their work well, and the members present, of whom there were about eighty, complimented them for their work. The Chapter of Mark Master Masons was closed at 4.45 p.m., when the officers of Covenant Chapter, No. 113, conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree in their usual capable manner, and were complimented on their good work.

I did not have to answer many questions on the work of two degrees, for which I was thankful.

The Most Excellent Master Degree was closed at 6.15 p.m., and the Companions adjourned to the St. Lawrence Hall for supper, where a very sumptuous repast was served by the host.

At 8 p.m. the Chapter was called on, when the officers of Grenville Chapter, No. 22, of Prescott, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree in their usual perfect manner. At the close of the work several questions were asked and answered, after the Chapter was closed the Companions adjourned to the banquet room where a lunch was served by the Companions of St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg, at which the Companions seemed to enjoy to the full and they departed to their several homes seemingly well satisfied.

In conclusion I wish to thank the officers and Companions of the District for their kindness to me on all my visits.
I have had a most agreeable term, one that I will always remember, and I bespeak for my successor in office the same kind treatment.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

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

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

FOREWORD.

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my report on Capitular Masonry in Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1929.

The Ottawa District joins with all the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction in a deep sense of loss in the passing of R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. He had on numerous occasions visited and inspired us with his earnestness and wealth of Masonic knowledge. To very many of us he was a beloved personal friend and true Companion.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Companions of this District for the honour they conferred upon me in electing me as their Grand Superintendent. I accepted the trust they imposed upon me with a full sense of its responsibility, and when I hand to my successor the septre of office, it is with the earnest hope that my labours have in some small measure advanced the interests of the Royal Craft which are dear to my heart.

I am pleased to be in a position to report that the new Ritual is now in use by all Chapters in this District, and I have endeavoured to assist the several Chapters to the end that they might exemplify the work in a uniform manner and at the same time give dignified expression to its spirit and beauty.

In the course of a busy year, three events stand out as particularly worthy of special note for the reason that they afforded the Companions from all parts of this District an opportunity to meet together and renew old friendship as well as to make many new ones, at the same time furthering and extending the work of the Royal Craft in Eastern Ontario.
1. The Church Parade, in full regalia, held at Smiths Falls on Sunday, June 16th, when over two hundred Companions assembled for the purpose of attending Divine Service at the United Church. Nature was in her loveliest attire and a perfect day added the final touch to a memorable occasion.

The pastor Comp., the Rev. Dr. J. Semple, a member of St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, preached an eloquent sermon from the text:

"And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building."

The United Church choir rendered appropriate music.

2. On Monday, October 14th, a Chapter of Instruction was held in Smiths Falls when over one hundred and seventy-five Companions from all parts of this District were assembled together to witness the exemplification of the three degrees. Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place, presented the Mark Master Mason Degree. Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa, put on the Most Excellent Master Degree. Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, the Mother Chapter of this District, exemplified the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem. Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth, presented a candidate for examination in each degree.

We were honoured on this occasion by the presence of the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Companion Edwin Smith and a number of Present and Past Grand Chapter officers.

May I express to the Principals, officers and Companions of the above-mentioned Chapters, my deep appreciation of their assistance and co-operation which made this such a memorable and inspiring occasion and to Most Excellent Companion Smith, the pleasure of all the Companions that he was able to honour us with his presence. The banquet brought forth many gems of thought, and I am deeply indebted to the Companions of St. Francis
Chapter, No. 133, who so ably performed their duties as hosts and to the ladies of the Eastern Star who served a most delicious and tempting repast.

3. Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, celebrated its Seventieth Anniversary on Friday, November 22, 1929. It was a memorable occasion, honoured by the presence of Most Excellent Companion, Edwin Smith, Grand Z. He was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, Grand Scribe N., and a distinguished delegation of Past Grand Chapter officers who were received with Grand Honours.

Excellent Comp. P. Lorne Young, Ruling Z., presided. Most Excellent Companion Smith presented to Carleton Chapter a Ritual in manuscript which was used in the Chapter in the early days.

Of particular interest was the reception by the Grand Z. and the Ex. First Principal of eleven members who had been exalted twenty-five or more years ago. There are at present thirty-four such members on the roll.

Those present were presented by V. Ex. Comp. H. A. McCallum, P. Z., and were addressed by R. Ex. Comp. John C. Scott and received a royal welcome from the Chapter.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred, followed by a banquet.

**Visitations.**

**Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth.**—April 15th, 1929—Received by Ex. Comp. the Rev. Dr. H. H. Bedford-Jones, First Principal, and accorded Grand Honours. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. C. M. Forbes, P.Z., and Ex. Comp. A. H. McLaren, I.P.Z. Chapter was called off for the purpose of conferring the M.M.M. Degree, which was exemplified in a very creditable manner.

Prince of Wales, until recently the baby Chapter of the Ottawa District, has been greatly handicapped by the removal from Perth of several of its Past Z.'s and the Ruling Z., the Rev. Dr. Bedford-Jones, now rector of St. George's Church, Ottawa. Ex. Comp.
Dr. Bedford-Jones attends every regular Convocation of the Chapter at considerable personal sacrifice, and is one of the most earnest and enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons in the Ottawa District.

Visiting Companions are assured of a most cordial Masonic welcome whenever they have an opportunity to visit Prince of Wales Chapter.

GLEN GARRY Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.—On April 26th I officially visited this Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. J. Howard Munro is occupying the office of First Principal, and he extended a right royal welcome to me and also to the Companions of St. Francis Chapter who had accompanied me on this occasion. The business of the evening was carried out in a business like manner.

They did not have any degree work, and I suggested that they exemplify the M.M.M. degree, which was done, and I was delighted with the enthusiasm shown by the officers and members of this Chapter. I explained some of the changes that had been made and the new Ritual was discussed, and before the Chapter closed R. Ex. Comp. Munro was assured that the officers and Companions would attend practice in order that they would become thoroughly proficient in the new work. There is a great deal of credit due to R. Ex. Comp. Munro in again assuming the office of First Principal of the Chapter. I feel satisfied this Chapter will make good progress in the future under his skillful guidance.

DOCHERT Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior.—May 6, 1929—I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. MacKay, of Bonnechere Chapter, Renfrew; R. Ex. Comp. Hooper, of Maple Chapter, Carleton Place, and V. Ex. Comp. Washburn, of Granite Chapter, Almonte, and a number of Principals and Past Principals of the above Chapters, and a delegation from St. Francis Chapter, Smiths Falls. I was received by Ex. Comp. A. McNab, Z., in a most cordial manner, who presented the M.M.M. Degree for my inspection. This is the baby Chapter of the Ottawa District, and
the work was most creditable. The Chapter is well equipped with paraphernalia, the books are in splendid condition, and prospects for the future are exceedingly bright. The chapter room was crowded, and it was a very instructive and delightful evening.


I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. E. J. McCleary, I.P.G.S., and received a very kindly welcome from Ex. Comp. P. Lorne Young, Z.

The Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was presented for my inspection. Six candidates were exalted, and the work of the Principals and officers was nearly faultless. The Mystical Lecture was given by V. Ex. Comp. A. T. Cooper in a very impressive manner.

This is the oldest Chapter in the Ottawa District, and is fortunate in having a number of Past Grand Chapter officers and Past Z.’s who take an active interest in its welfare.

BONNECHERE CHAPTER, No. 114, RENFREW.—May 20, 1929—On my official visit to Bonnechere I was accompanied by Companions from Arnprior, Pembroke and Smiths Falls. Every available seat in the Chapter room was occupied. R. Ex. Comp. MacKay received me, and the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem exemplified for my inspection by the officers of the Chapter. The work was of a high order, and reflected great credit upon those who took the several chairs. The affairs of the Chapter are in good condition, and the future of
this Chapter should be one of progress and steady advancement.

Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.—June 5, 1929—I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, G.S.N.; Ex. Comp. Fred G. Smith, I.P.Z. of Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, and a number of Companions from St. Francis Chapter, Smiths Falls. The work of the evening was the conferring of M.M.M. Degree, which was splendidly put on by the officers of the Chapter. This Chapter is fortunate in having a number of Past Z.'s who are regular in attendance and take an active interest in all its affairs, among whom are R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Hooper, P.G.S., and H. E. Menzies. The degree work is rendered in a manner that is very impressive to the candidate. At the banquet which followed, R. Ex. Comp. Hooper requested all to stand and remain silent as a mark of loving respect to our late and esteemed R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E.

St. John Chapter, No. 148, Vanleeck Hill.—June 7, 1929—I visited this Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, G.S.N., and we were cordially received by Ex. Comp. W. R. Hall, Z.; Ex. Comp. E. H. Elvidge, P.Z., and Comp. A. D. McRae, S.E. Unfortunately, for want of a quorum, it was not possible to hold a meeting. This Chapter is located in a part of the District which presents to its officers many difficulties. Its membership is scattered, and there is a dearth of material. An earnest conference was held with the officers and several of the Companions, and an effort is being made to revive interest in the Royal Craft in this territory.

Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.—June 13, 1929—I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. John J. Gardiner, G.S.N., and W. H. Hooper, P.G.S., Maple Chapter; Ex. Comp. J. Taylor MacKay, Ruling Z., St. Francis Chapter, and Ex. Comps. T. S. McDonald, A. McNab, Fred G. Smith, P. Z.'s. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. N. Washburn and cordially received. The Chapter room was crowded. The
work was the M.M.M. Degree, which was exemplified in a manner that did credit to the Chapter and its officers. This Chapter is fortunate in having among its members V. Ex. Comp. Washburn, who takes a deep interest in its work and encourages the younger officers. It was a great pleasure to me when I was invited by Ex. Comp. Dr. W. N. Johnson, Z., to present three long service medals to three of their members, V. Ex. Comp. N. Washburn, Ex. Comp. David William and V. Ex. Comp. W. C. Pollock.

Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.—June 20, 1929—I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, G.S.N. We were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. A. J. Sparling and received by Ex. Comp. the Rev. E. C. McCullagh, Z. The work of the evening was the M.M.M. Degree, which was conferred in a most creditable manner. After the Chapter was resumed, I had the honour of presenting a P. Z.’s Jewel to Ex. Comp. C. W. Fraser, I.P.Z., and R. Ex. Comp. Gardiner presented two Grand Chapter Certificates to two recently exalted Companions after they had taken the prescribed examination in the Holy Royal Arch Degree. This I consider is a practice which should be encouraged as it tends to create greater interest and refreshes the knowledge not only of the newly-exalted members but of all the Companions. The Past Z.’s are taking an active interest in the work and the Chapter is greatly indebted to them.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell.—September 6th, 1929—I was most cordially received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. A. E. Sparks, and accorded a hearty welcome by the officers and Companions of the Chapter. I attributed the rather small attendance to the excessive heat. As they did not have any degree work for my inspection the Chapter was opened and closed severally in the three degrees in excellent form. Various questions were asked and answered in each degree, and the secret work exemplified, and I feel that a profitable evening.
was spent. It is expected that the Chapter will receive new material for the Temple in the near future.

**OTTAWA CHAPTER, No. 222, OTTAWA.**—September 16, 1929—On the occasion of my official visit I had the great pleasure of being accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Haddon, G.S., Montreal District, No. 2, St. Lambert, Quebec. I was also accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. John J. Gardiner, G.S.N.; John Gray, P.G.S., and E. J. McCleary, I.P.G.S.; R. J. McMillan, Ruling Z., Grenville Chapter; P. Lorne Young, Ruling A., Carleton Chapter, and Fred G. Smith, I.P.Z., Carleton Chapter. We were cordially received and royally entertained by Ex. Comp. J. T. Jackson, Z., and his officers and members. The degree of M.M.M. was exemplified for inspection and the work was worthy of the highest commendation, every officer acquitting himself with credit. Under the guiding hand of the genial First Principal and with the hearty co-operation of the officers and members, this Chapter has made wonderful progress numerically, and with the splendid spirit of Companionship which exists among the members, I look forward with confidence to continued prosperity.

**ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, No. 133, SMITHS FALLS.**—September 27, 1929—This is my Mother Chapter, and I am a regular attendant at its Convocations. On the occasion of my official visit I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, G.S.N., and a number of Ruling and Past Z.’s from Ottawa, Prescott and Perth. The work exemplified for my inspection was the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem. Every officer deserves credit for the manner in which he did his particular part. Owing to illness, the Principal Sojourner was unable to be present, and the Junior Sojourner, Comp. C. McCann, with only a few hours’ notice, filled this important office in a manner which called forth the congratulations of all those present. R. Ex. Comp. Gardiner assisted the First Principal, and gave the
Mystical Lecture in a very impressive manner. Under the direction of Ex. Comp. J. Taylor MacKay, the Ruling Z., this Chapter has made exceptional progress. When he assumed the Septre he asked for the hearty co-operation of all the Companions, that this might be a banner year in the history of the Chapter and the result has exceeded all expectations.

INSTALLATIONS.


On both occasions I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, Grand Scribe N., and a distinguished delegation.


CONCLUSION.

In presenting this brief review of the Ottawa District it will be noted that I have not referred to the delightful Companionship and hospitality extended to me and those accompanying me at the banquet hour. Happy indeed were these moments, abounding in good fellowship and enhanced by song and story and many a word of wisdom and wise counsel. The books and records of the several Chapters have been examined and are generally well kept, and much credit is due to the faithful work of the Scribe E.’s, who do not always receive the appreciation which their painstaking efforts deserve.

It has been my privilege to visit a number of the Chapters unofficially, and I have done so whenever the opportunity presented itself.
To those loyal and faithful Companions who have accompanied me on my official visits and assisted me in my work, I offer the assurance of deep appreciation and grateful thanks.

I have endeavoured to avoid criticism and to impart instruction, to achieve uniformity in the conferring of degrees and to impress upon the Chapters the importance of opening promptly at the appointed hour and conducting their business with despatch and so arranging the work that they will be ready to receive candidates at the time they have been requested to present themselves, thus forming a favourable first impression.

I recommend to all Ruling Z.'s to carefully examine all candidates in each degree in open Chapter. This would, I believe, benefit all the Companions present and impress upon them the serious obligation which they have voluntarily assumed.

A number of Chapters in this District have increased their numerical strength and many new workmen have been admitted to the quarries. This is well, provided always we remember that there should be one test only—Quality.

In the friendships made and renewed during this eventful year and the fraternal contacts with the Companions of the Ottawa District, I have accumulated a rich store of precious memories which will always remain with me.

"Another year is gone,
Take a strong new grip and grasp of your load
And then—go on! Go on!"

Fraternally Submitted,

A. L. McGregor,

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

Having completed my duties as Grand Superintendent of Algoma District, No. 14, I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the conditions of Capitular Masonry in this District.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the honour conferred upon me by the representatives of the Chapters of this District in electing me to the high and important office of Grand Superintendent and to express my thanks also to the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, for confirming the same. The appointment to this high office has brought to me, not only many privileges, but also a realization of responsibility, as well as an opportunity to study more thoroughly the lessons of our beautiful degrees.

Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River.—I visited this Chapter on June 10th. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. L. L. Budreau and was very cordially welcomed by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. A. A. Cameron. The Holy Royal Arch Mason Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, Ex. Comps. L. L. Budreau and L. N. Lapointe assisting in the work. The attendance was not very large, the Chapter finding it very difficult to get members out at this time of the year. I was well received though and after the meeting a profitable hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on June 11th. It was a pleasure to meet again and be presented by Ex. Comp. J. W. Walker and my predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. W. W. Wees, and I received a real welcome from the First Principal, Ex. Comp. N. S. Marsh, and the Companions. This is the youngest Chapter in the District, but by no means the least. It was
a real treat to see the Officers confer the Royal Arch Degree, and I may just add that it was the most impressive work I have witnessed any place. Comp. J. R. Angus, Scribe E., has the books in fine shape, and the small amount of outstanding dues is a credit to him. This Chapter has been making steady progress the last few years, and their prospects are the very best. At the close of the meeting a pleasant time was had by all in the banquet room.

SHUNIAH CHAPTER, NO. 82, PORT ARTHUR.—My visit to this Chapter was made on June 12th. I was presented by the oldest living First Principal of the Chapter, R.E. Comp. Col. S. W. Ray, accompanied by R. E. Comps. A. P. Freed and E. Cocker. Chapter was then “called off” for the purpose of conferring the Mark Master Mason Degree, which was conferred in a very excellent manner by Ex. Comp. Geo. Blanchard and his officers. Every member participating in the degree knew his work thoroughly; their floor work being particularly praiseworthy. This is the oldest and the largest Chapter in the District, and the Chapter room was well filled on this occasion. Afterwards harmony and good fellowship prevailed at the banquet table.

FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER, NO. 140, FORT WILLIAM.—On June 14th, I visited Fort William Chapter and was presented by R. Ex. Comps. G. A. Grant, A. D. Cameron and A. M. Frank. I was received in the Chapter room by Ex. Comp. S. R. Bakewell, the First Principal, who presented for inspection the Royal Arch Degree. The officers are to be congratulated on their presentation of this Supreme Degree. In looking over the records I find this Chapter has decreased in membership although nine candidates were initiated. However, prospects are good for the coming year. After the meeting a very pleasant hour was spent at the “Fourth Degree.”

GOLDEN CHAPTER, NO. 90, KENORA.—I paid my official visit to my Mother Chapter on November 15th, it being the occasion of the election of officers.
I was presented by R. Ex. Comps. J. Brenchley, F. A. Campbell and W. Whitaker, and was very warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. J. G. Brown. There being no work, I addressed the Companions on some of the legends connected with the Royal Arch Mason Degree. R. Ex. Comp. F. A. Campbell was made an honourary member of the Chapter on this occasion, and I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of Grand Chapter, a Presentation Jewel to Ex. Comp. A. Carmichael.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the entertainment that was given me through the District.

We gained in members this year by 21, which speaks well for the five Chapters in the District. Membership to Masonry in all its branches and particularly the Chapter should be prompted, in the first instance, by a favourable conception of the Order from its position and work in the community. The individual member could much better devote his time and energy to the building up of the Chapter itself and that, when earnestly and well done, will prompt membership. I am sure the spirit of enthusiasm which now prevails for the Royal Arch throughout the District will make success in the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HUBERT S. GALLOWAY,

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 the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in New Ontario District, No. 15, for the present year.

In the first place permit me to express my deep appreciation to the Companions of the District, not only for the honour conferred, but for placing me in a position to be of some service to Capitular Masonry in this part of the Jurisdiction.

It was with sincere regret that we learned of the death of our talented Grand Scribe E. on May 29th. His life was one of devoted service not only to Capitular Masonry, but to all branches of the Order, and his loss will be keenly felt for many years to come. The sympathy of this District is extended to his family and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., in this their great loss.

On my official visits the Companions in each Chapter received me with loyalty and cordiality, and it is safe to say that the period of depression which seems to have been hovering over the Chapters recently in this section, is giving way to a more settled condition, and I confidently look forward to greater prosperity in the near future.

The Companions throughout the District seem to be imbued with the proper spirit. The officers are impressed with the importance of their offices and, taken as a whole, are fully competent to render their respective parts according to the new Ritual, not only with accuracy, but in a most impressive and intelligent manner.

It is a pleasure to compliment all the Chapters on the unselfish interest of their Scribes E. They are without exception not only prompt with their correspondence, but devoted to their work. Their books are models of neatness and accuracy.
It is to be regretted that the Chapters show a small depreciation in membership, but I am convinced that this condition does not in any way indicate the true condition of Capitular Masonry in this District. Everywhere I have found the Companions most enthusiastic and full of optimism for the future.

I trust that my criticisms of the work as I saw it exemplified in the various Chapters, will be the means of accomplishing some little good. I have endeavoured to make them as constructive as possible, and I hope that they will be taken in the kindly spirit in which they were given.

TUSCAN CHAPTER, NO. 95, SUDBURY.—On June 11th I visited this Chapter accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Rev. F. W. Colloton. My first act was to visit R. Ex. Comp. Jas. A. Orr, the Immediate Past Grand Superintendent of this District, who was seriously ill in the hospital. R. Ex. Comp. Orr is much loved over the entire District for his genial personality as well as his enthusiasm for the Order. Although he is still confined to his bed, it is our sincere wish that he may long be spared that the Companions may benefit by his unselfish devotion to the cause of Capitular Masonry.

My reception on this the occasion of my official visit to the Chapter was most cordial. I witnessed the Holy Royal Arch Degree conferred in an almost faultless manner. The officers and Companions are very enthusiastic and seemed to welcome any suggestions for the improvement of their work. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of Past Z.’s who were present. During the banquet which followed, V. Ex. Comp. Colloton presented five of their members with long service medals, donated by Grand Chapter.

ST. JOHN’S CHAPTER, NO. 103, NORTH BAY.—On October 3rd, I visited this Chapter on their regular meeting night. I received a kindly and most courteous reception and witnessed a Holy Royal
Arch Degree that it would be difficult to duplicate. I could find very little to suggest by way of improvement in their rendition of the Ritual. During the evening it was my pleasure to present Grand Chapter Medals to a number of their Past Z.'s. The Companions are very happy in their new home, of which they have every reason to be proud. It is to be hoped that their new surroundings will add a stimulous to Capitular Masonry in this progressive city.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.—I visited the Companions of this Chapter on October 4th. During the early part of the evening we were entertained at a splendid luncheon, which was held in the United Church parlors. There not being a sufficient number present to open the Chapter, I spent the entire evening holding a round table conference with the officers in the Chapter room. I am convinced that a more profitable evening could not have been spent. We discussed their difficulties from every angle and many suggestions were made for improvement. I confidently believe from the interest shown on this occasion and from correspondence since, that the good Companions of this Chapter will yet overcome their many difficulties and give a good account of themselves.

Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.—This being my home Chapter, needless to say I have spent many enjoyable evenings with the Companions. This Chapter, together with the other Masonic bodies of the city, directed the major part of their energies during the year to the erection of a Masonic Temple. This is now an accomplished fact, and the Companions are enjoying the fruits of their labours. As a result I confidently expect much activity not only in the Chapter but in all branches of the Order. On December 20th I had the honour of installing their officers for the ensuing year.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions throughout the District for their hearty co-operation and their many expressions of good will which
helped so much in making my term of office not only pleasant but, I trust, profitable to the District as a whole.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

H. F. Goodfellow, D.D.S.,
Grand Supt. New Ontario District, No. 15.

Sault Ste. Marie, 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 as Grand Superintendent of Temiskaming District, No. 16, for the year 1929.

I wish, first of all, to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the representatives of the various Chapters of this District in electing me to the office of Grand Supt., and by the Grand Z., for ratifying their choice.

While this District is small in numbers of Chapters, yet it covers an immense area, and most of the Chapters are situated a considerable distance from each other. In spite of this, there is much visiting between Chapters by the Companions, showing the true fraternal spirit existing in the District.

We have shown a gratifying increase in membership in the District, generally, and although two Chapters show slight decreases, it is not due to any lack of zeal on the part of the officers nor disinterest in Capitular Masonry, but due entirely to business depression which has been felt in their communities.

This district comprises a relatively new country. It is supported by the basic industries of forest, field and mine. It has made wonderful progress and any setbacks will only be temporary as the foundation is solid and the future very bright.

**Official Visits.**

**Cochrane Chapter, No. 244, Cochrane.—** I visited Cochrane Chapter on October 1st. There was no degree work, and after the regular business had been attended to, the time was devoted to a discussion of the Ritual and also the problems confronting this, the baby Chapter of the District.

Owing to the fact that the membership of Cochrane Chapter is spread over a considerable district,
and that the majority of the members live outside of the town of Cochrane, it is difficult to get a large attendance at the meetings. However, the First Principal, Ex. Comp. J. W. Smith, is to be highly commended on the success he has attained and for the exceedingly good fraternal spirit existing among the Companions. He is ably assisted in the work by R. Ex. Comp. D. W. Cameron.

At this meeting, the Ex. Z., asked me to perform the very pleasant duty of presenting Past Z. Jewels to the four Past Z.’s of the Chapter, viz., R. Ex. Comp. D. W. Cameron, Ex. Comp. D. E. Reid, V. Ex. Comp. E. M. Hobson and Ex. Comp. H. E. McGill. After the meeting a pleasant social hour was spent at the home of the First Principal.

Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt.—This is my Mother Chapter and, of course, I was present at most of the meetings during the year. I visited the Chapter officially, however, at the regular meeting on October 15th, and was cordially received by Ex. Comp. W. H. Smith and his officers. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner on two candidates.

I am very glad to report that this Chapter is showing considerable progress, and has an efficient and enthusiastic staff of officers. Kindly assistance and advice is always forthcoming from the Past Principals.

The finances of the Chapter are sound and the books are well kept.

After the meeting a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at their regular meeting of October 16th, and was accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, Grand Third Principal.

This was a Past Z.’s night for this Chapter, and it developed into practically a District Meeting of Instruction. There were several Past Principals
present from both Abitibi and Cochrane Chapters, as well as the First Principals of those Chapters with a goodly number of their Companions.

I was warmly welcomed and received, as was also the Grand Third Principal, by the First Principal of Northern Lights Chapter, Ex. Comp. Arch. Gillies.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree, the chair being occupied by R. Ex. Comp. G. C. Murphy, assisted by Past and Present Principals from Northern Lights, Abitibi and Cochrane Chapters.

This was the most enthusiastic meeting held in the District for some time, and the officers of Northern Lights Chapter are to be congratulated.

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel and I had the opportunity of commenting on the work and giving a few remarks regarding Capitular Masonry in general.

A very pleasant musical programme had been arranged in the banquet room, which was enjoyed by visitors and members alike.

The records of this Chapter are in first class shape. The officers are optimistic and should continue to show good progress.

ABITIBI CHAPTER, No. 223, IROQUOIS FALLS.—This Chapter was visited on October 25th. They have a great reputation for hospitality and lived up to this in their reception of your representative. Nothing was overlooked that would make my visit unpleasurable.

The work of the evening was conducted by the First Principal Ex. Comp. F. E. Bell, the Holy Royal Arch Degree being conferred in a most exemplary manner. I was glad to be able to congratulate the Principal Sojourner on the ease and natural manner in which he conducted his difficult work.

The officers of this Chapter all seemed efficient and enthusiastic in their work. The books and records are in excellent shape, being in the capable hands of Ex. Comp. Jas. Spence, as Scribe E.
This Chapter is also fortunate in having the active co-operation of R. Ex. Comp. Frank K. Ebbitt and other Past Principals.

A pleasant social hour was spent in the banquet room, where good-fellowship reigned supreme, a unique feature being the use of a song sheet.

TEMISKAMING CHAPTER, No. 169, NEW LISKEARD.—Unfortunately, I was unable to visit this Chapter till the night of their Installation of Officers, on December 4th. However, it being a neighbour of my own Chapter, I was in touch with the First Principal and other officers throughout the year.

I was accompanied on my official visit by Ex. Comp. N. J. McAulay, District Secretary, and received a very cordial reception by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Judge G. H. Hayward.

The Installation Ceremony was in charge of the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. McAulay, assisted by Past Principals.

The newly installed First Principal, Ex. Comp. H. W. Cruickshank, asked me to present a Past Z.'s Jewel to Ex. Comp. Hayward, which I had very great pleasure in doing.

This Chapter has had a most prosperous year, making an excellent showing both numerically and financially. Their future looks exceedingly bright.

On November 1st I had the pleasure of attending an "At Home" of Temiskaming Chapter. Following a bounteous supper, an interesting programme of musical numbers was rendered interspersed with talks, after which the evening was given up to dancing. It was a very enjoyable event, and I wish that every Chapter in the District could hold more of such functions. They not only create enthusiasm among the Companions, but give their ladies an opportunity of seeing and meeting the good fellows with whom they associate and whose ideals are as their own.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to R. Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, Grand Third Principal, for his advice and assistance rendered to me
throughout the year. His kindly advice is sought by every Chapter in the District.

I also wish to express the deep regret that was felt throughout the District in the great loss which Grand Chapter suffered by the untimely death of our beloved late Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith. He was known and admired by most of our Companions, and his memory will linger long with us.

The office of Grand Supt. has brought me much pleasure during the past year, particularly on account of the opportunity it has afforded me of meeting and fraternizing with so many of the Companions, and I wish to express my thanks to the officers and Companions of these Chapters for all the kindesses and courtesies extended to me during my term of office.

Fraternally Submitted,

ALFRED BRIAN,
Grand Supt. Temiskaming District, No. 16.

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

I have the honour to submit herewith for your consideration my report on Klondike Chapter, No. 154. This is the only Chapter outside of the Province of Ontario which has the honour of being enrolled in the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In the first place I wish to express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me in appointing me to the office of Acting Grand Superintendent. The duties of the office are not onerous, and as I am a life member of Klondike Chapter and a regular attendant at its convocations, I had plenty of opportunities of observing the manner in which the work and business of the Chapter is conducted. The officers are well skilled in the duties of their different stations and are not only letter perfect in the new Ritualistic work but they are fully impressed with the beautiful lessons taught in the different lectures, and for that reason are able to convey to the candidates the true ideas of Capitular Masonry, which, it is hoped, will have a lasting effect not only in moulding their Masonic life but also in ruling and governing them in their dealings with their fellow-men.

Klondike Chapter is in good condition considering the handicap under which it works; the members are widely scattered throughout the District and many of them come distances of from 7 to 10 miles to attend the meetings; other have removed to the outside, but still retain their membership. The gain in membership for the year is 3.

I visited the Chapter officially on November 21st when the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon two candidates and the work was up to the usual high standard.

The books and records are in excellent order and reflect credit on the Scrize E., who is entrusted with this work.
In concluding this brief report I desire to express my thanks to the Companions of the District for the many kindnesses shown to me both personally and as a representative of the Grand Chapter, all of which has helped to make my year of office full of pleasant and lasting memories.

Fraternally Submitted,

G. I. MacLean,
Acting Grand Supt. Yukon District, No. 17.
The acting Grand Scribe E. stated he had received a number of letters and telegrams conveying greetings and regretting the inability of their presence at the Annual Convocation.

The Earl of Cassillis, Newhailes, Musselburgh, Midlothian, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, acknowledged Christmas Greetings, and also expressed condolence in the loss of our late Grand Scribe E. with a wish that the present Grand Z. would continue the splendid work of his most excellent and worthy brother.

R. Ex. Comp. Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, writes saying, that he regrets his inability of taking advantage of the invitation and extends the sincere wish that our meeting will be, not only very enjoyable, but also pleasant and profitable.

R. Ex. Comp. George Syme, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, expresses regret that the Grand First Principal and himself are unable to attend, and send their most cordial greetings.

R. Ex. Comp. J. T. Hartt, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick, regrets that the Grand High Priest and himself are unable to attend the coming Convocation of Grand Chapter of Canada, as his official office requires his daily presence in St. Johns, N.B.

R. Ex. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, regrets that owing to their own Convocation being held at the same time prevents the Grand First Principal and himself from attending, but extend best wishes for a most successful and pleasant Convocation.

R. Ex. Comp. C. R. Wentzel, Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, regrets that M. Ex. Comp. Jas. R. Flan, Grand First Principal and himself are unable to accept the invitation.
R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, extends his thanks for the invitation, and sincerely regrets his inability to accept, but wishes for a successful Convocation.

M. Ex. Comp. David S. Davidson, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, regrets his inability to be present at the coming Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Canada, but expresses the wish for a very successful and pleasant Convocation.

R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Jeffers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, expresses his thanks for the kind invitation extended to him and regrets that owing to it being a busy season with him will be unable to attend.

M. Ex. Comp. W. R. VanHousen, Grand High Priest, and M. Ex. Comp. John Fischel, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, regret that they are unable to accept the invitation to attend this Convocation, but hope that at some future time to be able to, and extend the wish that the Convocation will be a successful one.

R. Ex. Comp. A. C. Larter, Past Grand Superintendent of Toronto West District, regrets his inability to attend Grand Chapter this year, but expresses the wish that the Convocation will be a pleasant one.

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Noble, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, says, "While I cannot be with you in person, I will be with you in the spirit," and trust you will have a very successful Convocation.

M. Ex. Comp. Charles Clark Davidson, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of United States of America, gratefully appreciating the kind invitation, but owing to the pressure of visits, sorry he cannot attend, but extends his kindest regards and best wishes.

M. Ex. Comp. Harry H. Watson, Honorary Past Grand Z. of Grand Chapter of Canada, now of Vancouver, B.C., regrets very much that he will be un-
able to attend and trusts that we may enjoy all the happiness and prosperity possible.

M. Ex. Comp. Jas. A. Richam, of Rockland, Maine, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, extends his most cordial greetings from the Grand Chapter of Maine, and wishing us a most harmonious and profitable session.

M. Ex. Comp. Mont. C. Hambright, expressing the regrets of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio, M. Ex. Comp. William H. Tateman, of his inability to be present but trusting that we may have a pleasant and profitable session.

R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Rogers, Toronto, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of California, who owing to pressure of business finds it impossible to attend, and wishing the Grand Chapter of Canada every success in their Convocation.

R. Ex. Comp. D. R. Cheney, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, regrets very much his inability to attend and sends hearty fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful Convocation.

M. Ex. Comp. Edward Rolle, P.H.P. of the Grand Chapter of New York, owing to ill-health regrets very much being unable to attend, but sends best wishes to the Canadian Companions for a pleasant and successful Convocation.

M. Ex. Comp. August P. Kunzig, G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, wires, he regrets very much it will be impossible for him to attend the Annual Convocation but sends best wishes for a successful meeting.

R. Ex. Comp. W. H. A. Eckhardt, Grand Chancellor of The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, regrets very much his inability to be present but sends best wishes for a successful gathering.

Telegram received from R. Ex. Comp. John W. Baird, of Keystone Chapter, Buffalo, New York, regrets his inability to be present, but sends his heartiest wishes for a successful Convocation.
M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Tateman, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, sends fraternal greetings to the Canadian Companions and regrets very much not being able to attend, but hopes at some future date to have that pleasure.

M. Ex. Comp. J. R. Yorke, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, wires, “Best wishes for a happy and successful Convocation and assurance of continued love, loyalty and esteem, from the Western Companions.”

**Scrutineers of Ballot**

The Grand Z. appointed the following Scrutineers of the Ballot, who were duly sworn in by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore; R. Ex. Comps. H. A. Miller, Chairman; B. Cairns, Geo. Mickle, E. J. Repath, W. J. Armstrong, Alex Wilson, D. W. Markham, A. L. McGregor, Sherman Cooper, A. W. Neal, R. H. Der, T. A. Maes, J. H. Woodward.

Nominations were then called for by the Grand Z. for the elective officers of Grand Chapter, and the next place of meeting.

**Election of Grand Superintendents and Luncheon**

Grand Chapter was called at 12.35 o’clock noon from labour for luncheon, as well as to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

After the election of the Grand Superintendents the Companions assembled in the banquetting hall where a dinner was served, and the speaker being the Hon. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, who was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan.

The remarks of the Premier, who spoke for thirty minutes, were received with great interest. He spoke of his Government’s co-operation in the education of the children of the northern part of the Province and the making of better Canadian citizens which was of vital importance to the country.
At 2.45 p.m. the Grand Chapter resumed labour, when the nominations for Grand Superintendents were submitted to the M. Ex. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the following selections were confirmed:

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Edgar U. Dickenson....St. Clair District, No. 1 Box 92, Wallaceburg, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. John W. Plewes .........London P.O. Box 631, London, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Ernest E. Franklin .........Wilson 56 Grand St., Brantford, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles C. C. Fortune..Hamilton Caledonia, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Chas. W. F. Carpenter..Niagara Grimsby, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Julius W. Rynard.....Toronto E. Box 44, Zephyr, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. A. Arthur Gray........Toronto W. 1546 King St. W., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. William F. Turner.....Georgian Collingwood, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles C. Stenhouse....Ontario 58 Aberdeen St., Oshawa, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. John Sugden .........St. Lawrence 227 York St., Cornwall, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Cecil A. Bailey..........Ottawa 159 Pembroke St., Pembroke, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas M. Sale....New Ontario Maher St., North Bay, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. James R. Spence.Temiskaming P.O. Box 247, Iroquois Falls, Ont.
Ex. Comp. Geo. Ian MacLean...............Yukon Territory Dawson City, Y.T.

The newly-elected Grand Superintendents were subsequently given the necessary instructions as to duties pertaining to their office, by the Grand Lecturer, R. Ex. Comp. J. Austin Evans.
GRAND TREASURER’S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

February 1st, 1929, to January 31st, 1930.

Received by Grand Scribe E. from Chapters on account of Dues, Fees, etc. .......... $14,461.50
Interest on Investments and Bank Balances .......... 4,323.00

Accounts Paid—Cheques and Cash .................. $13,529.23
Benevolent Grants.. 2,780.00

Excess Receipts over Payments .. 2,475.27
See below (A)

$18,784.50

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments—Feb. 1st, 1929, at cost, as per last accounts .......... $78,464.70
Bought—$4,000.00 city of Hamilton Debentures .......... 4,001.20

$82,465.90

Investments — Jan. 31st, 1930, at cost as per Schedule .......... $82,465.90

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

January 31st, 1930, Capital:
At Canadian Bank of Commerce .......... $ 7,818.66
Incidentals Account in hand .............. 1.58

$ 7,820.24

Investments .......... 82,465.90 $90,286.14

February 1st, 1929, Capital:
At Canadian Bank of Commerce .......... $ 9,341.70
Incidentals Account in hand .............. 4.47

$ 9,346.17

Investments .......... 78,464.70 $87,810.87
Increase (see above) (A) .............. $ 2,475.27
### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, JANUARY 31st, 1930

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**Total** | **$82,465.90** | **$81,000.00**

(Signed) **GEORGE MOORE,**

Grand Treasurer.

B. F. GRIGGS, C.A.,

Auditor.
REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

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

In preparing this report, I desire to present a review of the work of the office, which has been looked after under the supervision of the Grand Council with the addition of M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, I.P.Z.

The proceedings of the last Annual Convocation were issued promptly by our late Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and when he was called to that peaceful abode above on May 29th, 1929, nothing had been left undone, showing his close attention to detail and accuracy of method.

BOND

I, after consulting with the Grand Treasurer, M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, placed a Bond of Surety, in favour of Grand Chapter of Canada, upon myself for $2,500.00, and upon my office assistant for $1,000.00. This complied with the Constitution.

RITUAL

The new Ritual is creating a fine spirit among many Chapters who were lagging, but who now, although not in a competitive way, are trying to do the work, just a little better than their Sister Chapters. During the past year we have sold, the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, 48 Rituals; Grand Chapter of Manitoba, 20; Edmundston, N.B., 24; Sussex, N.B., 24; St. Stephens, N.B., 4; Moncton, N.B., 4; and Grand Chapter of Quebec, 205; making a total of 329 Rituals.

This shows that the New Ritual has met with the general approbation of our Sister Jurisdictions, it also means uniformity of work throughout the Dominion of Canada.
Annual Returns

The Annual Returns have been received from 156 Chapters, as well as reports of officers, and they show the past year has been a progressive one. They show a net increase in membership in this Jurisdiction, on November 30th, 1929, as 6, and it appears from the Summonses that many Chapters are making a good start for 1930.

Dual Membership

Dual membership produces a false numerical standing, and this has been brought to our attention more forcibly this year than ever before. In the death of our late Grand Scribe E., and that of Most Ex. Comp. Sir John Gibson, thirty-six Chapters reported them as deceased members. There should be a special classification of Honorary Members.

Exaltation and Losses

For the year 1929, there were 977 Exaltations, being 53 less than the previous year when there were 1,030. There were 105 Joinings, being 7 more; Restorations 58, being 8 more; Withdrawals 275, 15 less than previous year; Deaths 387, being 47 more; Suspensions 472, which is 14 less than 1928.

Receipts from Chapters

From the Annual Statement, accompanying this Report, it will be seen that the amount received from the Constituent Chapters for the past year, in fees and dues, amounted to $14,461.00, and with the interest on investments of $4,323.50, make a total in receipts of $18,784.50, which is fully set forth with the disbursements in the Report of the Grand Treasurer and the Audit and Finance Committee.

While the past year shows a good year, yet if the Companions would only remember their duty to the institution and its character, they surely would not permit themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

Edwin Smith,
Grand Scribe E.
ACTIVE CHAPTERS

The Chapters reporting during the past year 20 or more Exaltations are as follows:
Shuniah, No. 82, Port Arthur, 21; St. Francis, No. 133, Smiths Falls, 37; The St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto, 26; Ottawa, No. 222, Ottawa, 46; University, No. 241, Toronto, 25; and The Thomas Peters, No. 250, Windsor, 41.

PRESENT STANDING OF MEMBERSHIP

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

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Making a Total Membership, December 31st, 1929: 26,141

Net Additions: 495
Net Removals: 492
Yukon Territory: 3

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1930

Fort William 180.60 221 Durham 41.50
Glengarry 25.50 222 Ottawa 209.95
Presque Isle 35.50 223 Abitibi 42.50
The St. Patrick 399.50 224 Keystone 113.00
Bernard 73.00 225 Beaver 128.50
Lucknow 20.50 226 Prince of Wales 36.10
St. John’s 17.00 227 Quinte Friendship 70.60
Atwood 56.80 230 Port Credit 70.30
London 184.30 231 St. Clair 149.00
Laurentian 35.50 232 King Cyrus 10.50
Alberton 110.50 233 Oakwood 91.50
Sombra 90.50 234 Halton 83.30
Klondike 46.50 235 Aurora 29.00
Ancaster 5.00 236 Caledonia 79.05
The Beaches 95.70 239 Blenheim 53.40
Lorne 50.50 240 Smithville 38.25
Temiskaming 137.50 241 University 149.10
The Hamilton 68.50 242 St. Paul’s 45.90
Hugh Murray 49.50 243 McKay 19.00
Toronto 156.10 244 Cochrane 107.10
Peel 73.00 245 Preston 31.80
Couchiching 95.60 246 Humber 45.00
Cobalt 108.50 247 Milestone 61.10
Victoria 35.50 248 Dochert 37.50
Kitchener 27.60 249 Palestine 37.20
Mount Sinai 16.50 250 Thomas Peters 210.00
Northern Lights 72.00
 Vimy 43.00

$13,959.55
Interest 4,322.50
Sundries 501.95
Fraternally submitted,
EDWIN SMITH,
Grand Z.

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

Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1929 be received and referred to the Executive Committee for report thereon at the present Convocation.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

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

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

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$3,050.00
Your Committee would recommend that the grants to the Toronto beneficiaries be payable through the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief, Toronto.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. B. Nixon,

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

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

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

Your Committee on Audit and Finance have the honour to submit the Financial Statement for the year ended January 31st, 1930.

The gross receipts for the year including interest on our investments amounted to the sum of $18,784.50, and operating expenses, including benevolence payments, amounted to $16,259.37.

City of Hamilton debentures to the amount of $4,000.00 were purchased this year. These debentures fall due on May 1st, 1949, and bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. payable half-yearly.

We regret to note that 17 Chapters failed to make their annual returns before the closing of the books.

The Auditor’s certificate and statement of the financial standing of Grand Chapter follows:

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDING
JANUARY 31st, 1930.

RECEIPTS.

Balances, February 1st, 1929, in Can.
adian Bank of Commerce $9,341.70
Incidentals Account in hands of Grand Scribe E. 4.47

$9,346.17

Receipts from Chapters:
Certificates $901.00
Dues 11,268.25
Fees 901.00
Dispensations and Warrants 143.00
Constitutions 279.35
Sundries 968.90

$14,461.50

Interest Received on Investments and Bank Balances $4,323.00

$28,130.67
## PAYMENTS.

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I have audited the books and vouchers of Grand Chapter for the year ended January 31st, 1930, 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 of same being $82,465.90 and the par value $81,000.00.

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

ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING OF CHAPTERS ON ANNUAL RETURNS, JANUARY 31st, 1930.

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Your Committee recommends the following appropriations for the current year:

- Benevolence Grants | $3,050.00
- " Inspection | 50.00
- Salaries | 5,050.00
- Foreign Correspondence | 300.00
- Office Rent, Telephone, etc. | 1,000.00
- Bond Premium and Insurance | 15.00
- Grand Chapter Expense | 600.00
- Expenses Executive Committee | 800.00
- Printing Proceedings | 1,500.00
Annual Convocation, Toronto, 1930

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O. Ellwood, Chairman,  
S. S. Forbes,  
Geo. L. Mickle  
H. F. Goodfellow  
Thomas Towers  
Hugh Hill

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

The Committee on Constitutions, Laws and Jurisprudence beg leave to report as follows:

1. R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang has given Notice of Motion that Sec. 39 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

39 (a) Subject to the provisions of sub. sec. B. the Officers of Grand Chapter shall be elected or appointed at the Annual Convocation and shall hold office for one year or until their Successors have been duly elected and installed or invested in their stead.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions hereinafter contained, the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer shall continue in office from year to year without re-election until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in their stead respectively.

There is no legal objection to this Motion going before Grand Chapter, but if the purport of the Notice of Motion commends itself to Grand Chapter and in order to make it effective, the Committee would suggest that the Motion to be presented to Grand Chapter should read as follows:

"That Section 39 of the Constitution be and the same is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof that the following be substituted.

"39. Subject to the provisions of sub. sec. (a) hereof, the Officers of Grand Chapter shall be respectively elected and appointed at the Annual Convocation and shall hold office for one year or until their successors shall have been respectively duly elected, installed and appointed in their stead.

"(a) Notwithstanding the above provisions the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer shall when
elected and installed continue in office from year to year without re-election until a Successor shall have been respectively duly elected and installed in their stead."

"2. R. Ex. Companion H. H. Lang has also given Notice of a further amendment to the Constitution which reads as follows: "Should any elected Officer of Grand Chapter other than the First Grand Principal, the Second Grand Principal or the Third Grand Principal resign, die or remove from the jurisdiction or become incapable for any reason of performing the duties of his office, then the Grand Council may appoint a qualified Companion to fill the office until the next Annual Convocation." 

"(b) Should the Officer be an appointed one, then the Grand Z. may fill the vacancy for the balance of the term."

There is no legal objection to the Motion going before Grand Chapter, but if the purport of the Notice of Motion commends itself to Grand Chapter and in order to make it effective, the Committee would suggest that the Motion to be presented to Grand Chapter should read as follows:

"That Section 85 of the Constitution be and same is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof that the following be substituted:

"85. Any Grand Officer of this Grand Chapter may resign his office either before or after his Installation or Investiture.

"Should any elected Officer of Grand Chapter, other than the Grand Z., Grand H., or Grand J., resign, die or remove from the Jurisdiction, or become incapable of performing the duties of his office, then the Executive Committee may appoint a qualified Companion to fill the office until the next Annual Convocation."

"(a) Should the Office to be filled be an appointed one, then the Grand Z. may appoint a qualified Companion to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.

"The Committee think it would be unwise to omit that portion of Section 85 which states that any
Grand Officer may resign his office from and after his Installation. Also it is worthy of note that the designation in the Constitution of the three Principal Officers are: Grand Z., Grand H., and Grand J., and not Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal, and Grand Third Principal. Also that there is no allusion in the Constitution to a Grand Council, but there is an Executive Committee."

Fraternally Submitted,

E. T. Malone,
Chairman.
NOTICES OF MOTION

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Logan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Thos. Towers, and—

Resolved.—That the order of business be suspended in order to consider R. Ex. Comp. Lang's resolutions.

Amendment, to Section 39 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Slack, that Section 39 be amended to read as follows:—

39 (a) Subject to the provision of Sub-Section (b) the officers of Grand Chapter shall be elected or appointed at the Annual Convocation and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed in their stead.

(b) Notwithstanding the provision hereinbefore contained the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, shall continue in office from year to year without re-election, "Provided, however, that the Grand Executive Committee may at any time for good cause declare the office vacant, in which case the Grand Executive Committee shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy, until the then next ensuing Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter."

After several further amendments had been suggested, and placed before the Convocation, and the votes taken, all were declared lost, including the above resolution.

Amendment to Section 85 of the Constitution.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Slack, and—

Resolved,—That Section 85 of the Constitution be and the same is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof that the following be substituted:—

"85. Any Grand Officer of this Grand Chapter may resign his office either before or after his Installation or Investiture.

"Should any elected officer of Grand Chapter, other than the Grand Z., Grand H., or Grand J., resign, die or remove from the Jurisdiction, or become incapable of performing the
duties of his office, then the Executive Committee may appoint a qualified Companion to fill the office until the next Annual Convocation.

“(a) Should the office to be filled be an appointed one, then the Grand Z. may appoint a qualified Companion to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.”

GREETINGS TO

MOST EX. COMPS. MICHAEL WALSH AND FREDERICK W. HARCOURT

Upon motion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and carried,—

“That this Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, in regular Convocation assembled, send affectionate fraternally greetings to M. Ex. Comp. Michael Walsh, and M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Harcourt.”

Telegram were immediately forwarded.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, presented his report on Fraternal Correspondence, and in doing so said: He would like to see the printed report, that would be placed in the hands of the delegates in attendance, not only read by them, but by the Companions generally throughout the Jurisdiction.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and—

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

GRAND CHAPTER “CALLED OFF”

At 4.30 p.m. Grand Chapter was “Called Off.”

THURSDAY MORNING

At 9.30 o’clock a.m. Grand Chapter resumed labour, the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, presiding.
CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

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

Once more we turn a page of time's unending record—mark the passing of another milestone on Life's Broad Highway and present for your consideration the report on the condition of the Royal Craft within the boundaries of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Our skies are bright, the past year has been one of almost perfect peace, distinguished by a quiet steady growth, increased usefulness and greater social and philanthropic effort.

Royal Arch Masonry is yearly increasing its sphere of influence. Now, perhaps more than at any period of its history the Royal Craft enjoys the confidence and respect of those who have not as yet travelled that road which leads to the genuine and lasting Truth. By its standards of morality and right-living, it speaks a various language, bringing to "All within its radius" messages of Peace and Happiness—a development of higher thoughts, and vision of nobler deeds, and purer actions. Our mission is becoming more and more defined, bringing to the adherents of the Capitular Body a realization that the future of our beloved Order largely depends upon our ability to hold firm to the ancient landmarks, that the genuine tenets and principles of this great fraternity may be preserved, pure and unsullied for generations to come.

As usual, the reports of the Grand Superintendents provide an interesting study—they are well written and contain splendidly compiled facts and figures upon which to base an estimate as to the progress of the Capitular Craft.

Harmony—good-will—enthusiasm and a desire to serve characterize these reports and may be accepted as the keynote of the year's activity.
December months ago these faithful stewards accepted the responsibility of their respective Districts—a year pregnant with rich promise lay before them as they set forth with a determination to hold high the banner of Royal Arch Masonry—and by an assiduous attention to duty give tangible evidence of their appreciation of the confidence that had been reposed in them. The year is ended—their task is done—they have made great discoveries in the quarries of Masonry, and now in the words of the wise King Solomon we say to each “Robboni—Thou art indeed a Most Excellent Master.”

To properly reach a conclusion as to the condition prevailing throughout the sixteen districts comprising this Grand Jurisdiction we must first give thought to our strength in terms of membership. It is with considerable pride that we report 156 constituent Chapters with a total of 26,141 Royal Arch Masons in good standing. Registration, joinings and restorations add 1,140 members to our roll, while deaths, suspensions and withdrawals reduce our membership by 1,134, leaving six as the net increase of membership for the year. Undoubtedly, at first glance this may seem but a very small addition to our ranks as the result of twelve months’ strenuous labour. Your committee, however, are of the opinion that the future of this institution depends not so much on the quantity, as upon the quality of that increase. An annual increase in membership is a definite part of our year’s programme necessary for the perpetuation of Masonic existence, yet we feel that as the Builders of to-day we should build securely no matter how slowly the work proceeds. Speed should have no place in our book of merit. By exercise of due care in the selection of our material alone may we preserve the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry for those who to-morrow may follow in our footsteps.

The key that opens the door of admission into this great Fraternity is in the keeping of every constituent Chapter. Failure to recognize this responsi-
bility will in time weaken our foundation and endanger the whole structure. That our Chapters seriously realize their obligation in this regard is manifested by a careful scrutiny of all applications, by a rigid inquiry into the petitioner’s character, followed by such a close investigation as shall lay bare his skill as a Craftsman. So long, and just so long as this continues may we face the future with a firm conviction that Royal Arch Masonry has at last come into its own. The Capitular Craft is now firmly established, not merely as a stepping stone to something else but as a tangible, active and living organization with a definite entity in that Great Brotherhood, whose professed principles are Virtue, Honour and Mercy.

We look back with pardonable pride to the achievements of other days. A glorious and honourable past is behind us, but what of the future? Nothing retards the wheels of progress quite so effectively as contentment. If we are no better, no wiser, no greater than the past then have we failed in our mission. We may faithfully discharge the high and important duties that devolve upon us—yet must we beware of contentment. Any society that is not improving is deteriorating. To be successful and justify our existence we must be progressive and in a constant state of transformation—developing new and loftier ideals, reaching out for greater things and marching abreast of the advancing age.

The antiquity of the Royal Craft provides a charming and picturesque background for our work, but antiquity in itself does not prove usefulness. The crying need in this day and generation is for a nobler conception of human relationship, a finer vision of human brotherhood, and a more generous application of the Golden Rule. Ritualistic forms and ceremonies, esoteric work and speculative teachings are but a medium by which we ascend to a higher level of useful effort and unselfish service. Let us put aside the non-essentials, look beyond the realm of banalities and magnify the wide, far-reaching prin-
ciples, which alone are responsible for Masonic greatness, and which alone will continue to attract and hold the interest of the thoughtful and sincere, ever mindful that Royal Arch Masonry stands for ideals, for thinking, for character—not in the abstract and general, but in the concrete and in the individual. That ours is a goodly heritage none can deny. Centuries of glorious tradition to encourage and inspire, a solid foundation upon which to build. What more can we ask or expect. Our pride in the past and our satisfaction in the strength of our present position gives abundant grounds for our faith that the beckoning future holds a wealth of promise for Royal Arch Masonry in the days to come.

The following table indicates the numerical strength of Grand Chapter, January 31st, 1930:

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**Benevolence**

“To pity distress is but human,
To relieve it is Divine.”

Growth and achievement in Masonry are not measured in terms of material things alone—increased membership and a satisfactory financial status cannot be accepted as a barometer of complete success. What of our duty to our fellowmen—have we progressed in the practice and development of those fundamental principles which are woven into the very fabric of our institution. Have we as men, and as Royal Arch Masons, risen to higher levels of
fraternal love. Have we proffered succor to the weary pilgrim at our gate. Have we scaled the lofty heights of human greatness by attuning the soul, heart and mind in a sincere endeavour to share the sorrow and ease the burden of the distressed and afflicted. An affirmative answer to these very appealing questions is essential if we are to show progress along the path that leads to that true service—which is sublimely expressed in the words—“He best serves God who serves his fellow-man.”

From personal observation, confirmed by the District records now before us we are constrained to say that Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction gives tangible proof that the trend in the constituent Chapters is for action rather than theory. Deeds always overbalance words and actual practice speaks more plainly than the fairest profession. Concrete expressions of Human Love and Affection abound, and as evidence of this the Chapters of this Jurisdiction during the year placed on the Altar of Masonic Service the splendid sum of $6,350.00.

While we find no reference to an organized effort it would appear that each Chapter assumed responsibility for those unfortunates who made just claim upon their generosity, thus proving that true charity is spontaneous and finds its own occasion.

It is with pleasure that we report that the Benevolence of our Chapters was not solely for the benefit of the household of the faithful. Colour, creed or nationality offered no bar to a participation in the distribution of our charitable grants. This is particularly gratifying as no greater objection to our recognition as a world-wide agency for good can be found than the belief so generally held by those beyond the pale of Masonry, that the practice of Masonry’s cardinal virtue is confined to those within the fold.

Your Committee desire to commend those Chapters which yearly show a definite amount expended for benevolent purposes, and to offer encouragement to those who have been delinquent in this regard.
While Royal Arch Masonry is in no sense a benefit society, it nevertheless awakens the latent sense of Kindness, Charity and Brotherly Love, by developing all the best qualities of heart and head. It recognizes that all human improvement must come from within and unfold before the eye a vision of usefulness that appeals to the higher nature and stimulates a desire to serve.

Not the least of the objectives of the Royal Craft is the building of Human Character. Wider and wider grows our circle of influence while with the advancing years our practice of those grand principles upon which the institution is founded becomes more and more evident. The self-denials, the self-sacrifices and the kindly acts of Love and Duty which characterize the practice of present-day Masonry is but the beginning of a new era of usefulness, the dawn of that great day that shall firmly establish in the hearts of all men the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Men.

"If any little love of mine may make a life the sweeter,  
If any little care of mine may make a life completer,  
If any lift of mine may ease the burden of another,  
God give me love and care and strength to help my  
Toiling brother."

FINANCES

In dealing with the subject of finances may we at the outset say that we deem it our duty to refer only to the financial condition of our constituent Chapters as we find them. The financial standing of Grand Chapter proper will be reviewed by those charged with this responsibility. We are quite sure that with such an able administration that the finances of this Grand Body will be found to be in a sound and secure condition. We are equally confident of the solvency of the constituent units of this Grand Chapter and while we dislike to reiterate previous statements we are inclined to say that our comments of previous years on the subject of finance apply with equal or greater force to-day. We desire to enlist the cooperation of both the Scribes and Grand Superin-
tendents for 1930 in an effort to arrive at figures that may be more accurate and which should form the basis of a report that will not only be interesting an illuminative, but which will give a true description of the constituent Chapter’s financial standing.

The statistical tables now before us are incomplete in many ways. This is undoubtedly due either to failure to provide the Grand Superintendents with proper information on the part of the Chapters—or a misunderstanding on the part of the Grand Superintendents in assembling the figures. The combined assets of the subordinate Chapters is growing rapidly and has now reached the enormous total of $255,-327.00—while the liabilities are but $14,845.00. Truly, this is a most encouraging statement and if accepted at its face value should set at rest any misgivings we may have as to the finances of our Chapters. Despite these facts we hear on all sides of difficulties which Chapters are experiencing in financing. You ask, quite naturally, why not turn some of the assets into cash and relieve the strain. There is but one answer—while our liabilities are fairly accurate—the assets are highly inflated and in many cases of such a character as would preclude any possibility of converting them into cash.

We believe that provision should be made in the statistical form for information as to the cash on hand—securities held, real estate owned, and a column showing value of regalia and equipment. This latter item, in our opinion, is responsible for the huge amount reported as assets. We see no provision for depreciation and as many Chapters are still carrying their paraphernalia at replacement value it must be obvious that we should put but little credence in the accuracy of the figures reported. We strongly urge the officers of the constituent Chapters to carefully audit their figures—make suitable depreciation on the regalia and equipment and check carefully present-day values of securities held.

Your Committee are concerned with respect to the large amount outstanding in dues. The figures
as compiled by Districts when totalled tell us of 2,775 members in arrears amounting to $34,982.00 in unpaid dues. The silver lining in the cloud is found in the hope that these figures may also prove unreliable. We are quite sure that a great number of Companions have liquidated their indebtedness since these records were compiled. In seeking an explanation of this condition it is necessary to draw aside the veil and step within the portals of the individual Chapter. Is there not something more than a coincidence in the fact that an investigation of the Chapter records invariably show that where the average attendance is low—the amount of outstanding dues is high. Is it possible that in our zeal to provide employment for the workers in the quarries that we fail to assimilate the new material.

Have we lowered the barriers of qualification in an effort to solve a financial condition. Are we guilty of interesting a Brother in the Royal Arch—of taking his money and offering him nothing but a place in the conferring of the three degrees. If we are not making use of our new material—if we stifle an ambitious heart by inaction is it not fair to assume that this will shortly develop a spirit of inertia that gradually falls to the level of indifference and when a Companion reaches that stage he does not attend the Chapter—and consequently, allows his dues to lapse.

To lower our test of quality is a dangerous practice no matter how great the need may be. Should we go out into the highways and byways in an effort to find more material for the Temple. Invariably, such members prove a disappointment and are soon found among those who do not attend our meetings or pay their assessment. In interesting a Brother in the Capitular work are we giving full value in simply conferring the degrees and then turning our attention elsewhere—while the new Companion stands faltering upon the threshold. Should he fail to make friends it is fair to assume he will not be regular in attendance. Irregularity breeds lack of interest—lost interest means a lost member. With these three thoughts we leave the subject in your care confident
that you will give due consideration to the question of membership under the headings of Quality, Action and Value. Care in this regard will, we believe, increase attendance and with increased attendance the evil of unpaid dues will quickly dissolve into thin air.

**INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION**

It is very gratifying to be able to report that generally speaking there is throughout the Jurisdiction a growing appreciation on the part of the Royal Craft of the dignity of the institution of which they are members. Thoughtless Companions are coming to realize more and more that the conferring of any degree in Masonry is a solemn occasion. Greater interest is evinced in the true meaning of our ritualistic work, and on all sides we find the individual reaching forth to grasp and master the symbolism, philosophy, history and mission of this branch of our Ancient and Honourable Society.

That the introduction of a revised Ritual is responsible for a rejuvenation of interest on the part of many who have been passive and indifferent, is demonstrated by a wholesome enthusiasm and a renewal of activity. This has been conducive to a very encouraging increase in attendance.

There are still a few who surrender reluctantly the old work, but gradually they too are being attracted by the advantages of the revised Ritual. The beauty of the lectures, the clarity of presentation and the consistancy of the work generally will undoubtedly touch a responsive chord in the hearts of these Companions and enable us shortly to record a united interest and appreciation of the present Ritual.

The Grand Superintendents' report many Chapters of Instructions, these have been well attended by the officers and members of the various Districts. All have shown a commendable interest in all things pertaining to the work of the Royal Arch. All of which proves that we are not only progressing in the knowledge of the Arts and Sciences of Royal Arch
Masonry, but that we are acquiring a deeper and finer insight into those principles which are fundamental and which provide the solid rock upon which the whole structure of Masonry rests.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

From the four corners of our Jurisdiction comes messages of loyalty, inspiration and optimism as recorded in the very interesting and practical report of the Representatives of the Grand Z.

Of these we give precedence to that lone, isolated District in the frozen North. From Dawson City in the Yukon once again we acknowledge a report of interest, enthusiasm and progress. Despite handicaps that would cause many to falter, Royal Arch Masonry is reported to be in a healthy state of activity. With loyalty as their watchword this splendid group of Royal Craftsmen are spreading the gospel of Royal Arch Masonry in a boundless territory, and enrolling under their banners only such “seekers of the Truth” as may properly assimilate with their small and active membership. This speaks well for the future of Dawson City Chapter. In unity is strength and with tested material alone may we raise a structure of sufficient strength to withstand the ravages of time.

Here, there and everywhere in the Province of Ontario we read of splendid gatherings—healthy growth and loyalty to constituted authority as represented by the Grand Superintendents. That these faithful and zealous officials have given generously of their time, energy and substance, cannot be denied. In many of the Districts the Chapters are scattered and difficult to reach. This, however, has proved no deterrent to the active Superintendents who travel hundreds of miles in the performance of their duties. In the more closely populated Districts the Grand Superintendents, while perhaps not facing the hardships of their colleagues of the outlying Districts must nevertheless be martyrs to the cause. The Official Inspections—the Gala Nights—the
special entertainments—the Chapters of Instruction all combine to deprive the hard-working representative of the Grand Z. of his spare time. The demands are heavy, but in the fulfillment of his duties the Grand Superintendent finds his highest reward. That all have served with conspicuous zeal and ability the the opinion of your Committee, and in tendering thanks for the gallant effort of each and all may we remind them that Love, Faith and Loyalty constitute the essence of Royal Arch Masonry. The service such as they have rendered and the sacrifices they have made are but an exemplification of these virtues.

A report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry would indeed be incomplete without a reference to the splendid leadership of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and his associates of the Grand Council—that their efforts have been crowned with success is beyond doubt. They have been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to all who have been fortunate enough to contact with them personally. They have amply proven that to them duty is a supreme delight and as the reward of one duty is the power to fulfil another their past achievements undoubtedly will prove but rounds on the ladder to still greater usefulness.

Your Committee desire to pay well-deserved and fitting tribute to the passing of a valiant spirit in the death of R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, our late Grand Scribe E., whose devotion to duty for so many years endeared him to the Capitular Craft of all ranks. His generosity to all who sought his assistance will ever remain a fragrant memory. Henry T. Smith will not soon be forgotten, although no longer with us yet will he live in all things that surround us—the soft memory of his virtues will linger like twilight hours when the sun is set.

In conclusion may we say that in the opinion of your Committee—Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction is active, virile and vigorous—renewed enthusiasm is manifest everywhere while the true
spirit of Fraternalism is the dominant note. The Royal Craft continues its stately march—onward and upward, a mighty army in the Cause of Right. Broad as the universe itself are its doctrines and principles—and while we may never attain that state of true perfection to which we aspire—yet shall we press on toward the heights—secure in the Divine promise that ultimately "all who serve" shall reach that Ethereal Mansion—that house not made with hands—Eternal in the Heavens.

"The secret consciousness of duty well performed—
The public voice of praise that honours virtue and rewards it—
All these are yours."

Fraternally Submitted,
GEO. L. GARDINER,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.
Death is the past where all may refuge find.
The end of labor, entry into rest.

Our Departed Companions

IN MEMORIAM
THE LATE R. EX. COMP. HENRY T. SMITH,
In Memoriam

R. EX. COMP. HENRY T. SMITH.

"O Father! Grant Thy love divine
To make these mystic temples Thine!
When wasting age and wearying strife
Have sapped the leaning walls of life,
When darkness gathers over all
And the last tottering pillars fall,
Take the poor dust Thy mercy warms
And mould it into Heavenly forms."

The pages of history teem with the records of the achievements of mankind—the scholar, the statesman, the soldier, the artist—those who have by the splendor of their abilities placed their names high on the roll of fame. There are millions of lives, however, of which no public record is ever kept—clean, healthy, honest lives, spent in the firm endeavour to do right and help in the development and advancement of mankind. Who can say that such lives are not of as much importance to the race at large as those of the bolder and more aggressive whose names have been handed down to posterity?

We read with feelings of admiration and pleasurable excitement, the tales of the heroes of old, forgetting that there is an open book before us wherein we can read the daily lives of men who are as much heroes in the true sense of the word as those who conquered by force of arms. For in this world of trials and temptations it is something for a man in a public, semi-public or business career to have lived an honest life, and dying, leave behind him the imperishable record, "Well done."

We, therefore, pause for a time in the midst of the busy affairs that beset us, to place on record a tribute to the memory of one of Masonry's most capable and cherished exponents, our friend and brother R. Ex. Comp. Henry Thomas Smith, late Scribe E. of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. To those who knew him more intimately, piercing the outer shell and peering within, the fraternal motives could be discerned that prompted his many kindly acts, that urged him to delve deeply into the sublime mysteries of our ancient Craft, turn his ears to the troubles and difficulties of others, and extend to the distressed whatever relief, justice and charity might suggest. He was helpful to his brethren. He was tolerant, yet not slow to correct kindly the less informed. Masonry was to him Life, and Life was Masonry. Companion Smith possessed a rare fund of Masonic knowledge from which any brother seeking information was freely informed, and the Craft in Canada, and more or less throughout the world, suffers a distinct loss in his demise.
The late Companion Smith began his Masonic career in St. Andrew’s Lodge in 1891, and had at the time of his passing attained to high rank with a very wide connection in the Masonic world, but his most valuable and helpful work was for the Royal Craft, to which he devoted all his energies during his late years, the full fruits of which time alone will reveal. He was a Master Craftsman, and much time and labour was devoted to the attainment of this distinction. He was very thorough in all his undertakings and was always willing to impart the results of his researches to any who sought information. Notwithstanding the numerous calls upon his time in the interests of Masonry, he was decidedly a home man, a home lover—an exemplary husband and a loving and most considerate father.

“The curfew tolls the knell of parting day.”

The poet’s words suggest the meditative and the retrospective, and those who knew him intimately the enduring friendliness of the deceased, the parting of the way was sad indeed. The late Companion Smith passed on “in the saddle.” He was confined to his home but a few days, on the fatal day he was up and around his home, and deciding to remain until the morrow, he requested the correspondence be brought from the office, which he systematically scanned, dictated some replies and gave some instructions regarding his official duties. Then wrapping his cloak around him he lay down to rest and before “the curfew tolled the knell of parting day,” he had “crossed the bar”—to “meet his Pilot face to face.” This was the manner of his going—there was no “sadness of farewell” when he embarked on the “Unknown Sea.”

Tokens of respect and regret, as well as sympathy for those near and dear to the deceased reached the family residence until all that was mortal of our departed Companion appeared as though peacefully sleeping in a huge bank of flowers, every leaf and every flower bearing silent testimony to the sympathy of the donors.

The Church and Masonic services were severally rendered at the graveside. It was a beautiful afternoon, the sun shining brilliantly on the budding trees and flowers, the large gathering of friends surrounding the mourners, with banks of floral tokens on either side of the grave, suggesting to the minds of those present, the entrance to Paradise.

“Out of the unknown we come, To the unknown we must all return; Earth to earth, and the spirit unto God who gave it.”

Henry Thomas Smith was born at London, England, July 11th, A.D. 1859. Came to Canada with his parents when a child, and was educated at London, Ontario, Canada, in the Public and Commercial Schools of that city. Removed to Toronto about the year 1887.
Taught shorthand privately and in colleges. Had been a Private Secretary, a Newspaper Reporter, Chartered Stenographic Reporter in the Courts of the Province of Ontario, Editor of the Masonic Sun, Toronto, for many years, Secretary in the Assessment Department of the City of Toronto, and at the time of his death Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Was married at London, Ontario, Canada, November 29th, 1880, to Harriet Stone, the marriage resulting in three daughters, Maude, Lillian and Bertha. Lillian died in Toronto when a baby.

In Freemasonry he received Entered Apprentice Degree March 10th, 1891; Fellowcraft, April 14th, 1891; Master Mason, May 18th, 1891, in St. Andrew’s Lodge, No. 16, at Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Offices held in Lodge—Was Junior and Senior Stewards, Junior and Senior Deacons, Secretary, Junior and Senior Wardens, and Worshipful Master in 1899. Was elected an Honorary Member September 10th, 1901. Was Historian of the Lodge.

Offices held in Grand Lodge—Grand Junior Deacon in 1905 and Grand Registrar in 1910. Was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, U.S.A.

Royal Arch Masonry—Mark Master, May 18th, 1894; Past Master—not conferred in Canada, but received degree honorary—in Buffalo, N.Y.; Most Excellent Master, September 28th, 1894; Royal Arch, September 28th, 1894, in the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, G.R.C., at Toronto, Ontario.

Offices held in Chapter—Junior and Senior Sojourners, Scribe E., Third and Second Principals, and First Principal in 1901. Was elected an Honorary Member, January 17th, 1908.

Offices held in Grand Chapter of Canada—Grand Senior Sojourner in 1903, Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District in 1904, and was elected Grand Scribe E. in February, 1916, to which position he has been yearly re-elected to the present time of his death.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite—A member of the Toronto Lodge of Perfection, Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, and Moore Consistory, Hamilton, having the 32nd degree.

Cryptic Rite Masonry—An Honorary Member of Adoniram Council of Royal and Select Masters of Toronto, also Past Inspector-General of Toronto District, and Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan.

Other Masonic Degrees and Orders—An Honorary Member of two Operative Lodges in England, of six Symbolic Lodges, and forty or more Royal Arch Chapters in Canada. Also Honorary Member of Masonic Veterans’ Association of Illinois, was Local Secretary for several years of
Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, England, in the Province of Ontario. Secretary for many years of the Past Masters' Association of Toronto Districts, and an Honorary Past President, as well as an Honorary President of the Principals' Association of Toronto. Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, near the Grand Chapter of Canada, and an Honorary Member of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, also a member of Rameses Temple of Mystic Shrine, Toronto. Was a member of the Scottish Rite Club of Hamilton, and made an Honorary Member of the Toronto Society for Masonic Research, June 20th, 1925.

Eastern Star—Received degrees March 2nd, 1917, in Fidelity Chapter, No. 33, at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and subsequently became Worthy Patron. Had previously received the degrees honorary in New York State.

When practising as a Court Reporter he reported many famous Canadian trials as well as lectures and speeches of many of the world's most distinguished men of the period.

He was an Honorary Member of the New York State Stenographers' Association, also an Honorary Member of the Order of the Woodmen of the World, and has held high rank in the Knights of Pythias, and other bodies. Received diplomas from Literary Societies in Europe. He was also a member of the Canadian Club, the Navy League, as well as a Life Member of St. George's Society, Toronto. Also a member of the York Pioneer and Historical Society of Toronto, and the London Old Boys' Association of Toronto.

He was an Historian and compiled the history of several Masonic Bodies, and had lectured and written on general Masonic subjects.

The late Companion Smith at the time of his death was Treasurer of St. Alban's Lodge.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead humbly presents its report for 1929.

Another year has slipped away into history and we who are gathered for another Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter have come with memories of pleasure and sadness.

We have enjoyed in the past the associations at Grand Chapter with our Companions throughout this large jurisdiction (large in area and not small in numbers) as well as those from other Jurisdictions.

We gather with memories of sadness as we recall the names of those Companions who have served the great end of their creation and have departed from our midst at the Call of the Great Architect of the Universe. We cannot understand the great mystery which they have solved for we are human and selfishly mourn their loss. We cannot rejoice as we should over their successful lives and triumphs over the last great enemy—death.

Your Committee feels that the Companions assembled to-day would all wish us to mention especially the name of one who was distinguished in his private life as well as prominent in his public career as a citizen. He was always a deeply interested worker in many branches of Masonry—a Companion who received the highest honour our Grand Chapter can bestow—The Most Excellent Companion Sir John Morrison Gibson, of Hamilton, Honourary Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1922, who died June 3rd, 1929.

Among all the losses that this Grand Chapter has sustained, and they are not few nor light, the heaviest is undoubtedly that of Right Excellent Companion Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., from 1916 to 1929, and died on May 29th, 1929.
Whenever we recall past meetings of the Grand Chapter we are reminded of our Right Excellent Companion Henry T. Smith as the Companion who kept the complicated machinery of this Grand Body in perfect working condition. His work whether here or during the year at his office was always well organized. He was always ready for his duty whether the call was from the Grand Z., or the most outlying Chapter of the Jurisdiction. He was always ready and willing at whatever sacrifice to himself to assist any Scribe E. or any First Principal.

Without any reflections on the Grand Councils may we not say that he was the personification of Grand Chapter.

R. Ex. Comp. George Sutherland, of Ottawa, Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District, No. 11, in 1921, died December, 1929.


R. Ex. Comp. Finlay Smith, of Galt, Grand Superintendent of Wellington District, No. 4, in 1922, died June 20th, 1929.


V. Ex. Comp. A. E. Ahrens, of Stratford, Grand Organist in 1892, died June 10th, 1929.

V. Ex. Comp. S. B. Gearing, of Picton, Grand Steward, in 1918, died September 26th, 1929.

V. Ex. Comp. David Spence, of Peterborough, Grand Pursuivant in 1896-7, died November 10th, 1929.

V. Ex. Comp. W. E. Idsardi, of St. Thomas, Grand Senior Sojourner in 1887, died July 28th, 1929.

This Grand Chapter extends its sympathy to the constituent Chapters whose losses are recorded as follows:—

DEATHS.

Chapter
No. 1. Edmund H. Birkett, Apr. 24th, 1929.
No. 4. Henry T. Smith, May 29th, 1929; John Deavitt, Nov. 6th, 1929; Chas. P. Edwards, Nos. 30th, 1929.
Chapter


No. 15. John S. Walters, July 17th, 1929; L. Harvey Cook, Sept. 23rd, 1929; Ernest Reeves, Oct. 16th, 1929; Dr. J. McNeil, Dec. 10th, 1929.


No. 19. Stanley Hodgins Switzer, Jan. 5th, 1929; Alfred L. Jackson, Apr. 2nd, 1929; Eugene C. Kidder, Apr. 24th, 1929; Fraser F. Summers, May 6th, 1929; James Walker, Aug. 18th, 1929; Edward J. Boyle, Dec. 9th, 1929.


No. 22. John S. Lee, Oct. 4th, 1929; John D. Reid, Aug. 26th, 1929; E. J. McLatchie, June 10th, 1929; Wilmot F. Macpherson, 14th May, 1929.


No. 28. Donald R. Cameron, Jan. 11th, 1929; James Stainton, Mar. 15th, 1929; Ambrose E. Henry, May 26th, 1929; William P. Knight, Sept. 14th, 1929.

No. 29. Benjamin Bunn, Jan. 6th, 1929; George E. McGuire, May 5th, 1929.


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Chapter No. 32. Deber W. Hall, Mar. 3rd, 1929; Finlay Smith, June 20th, 1929; David Collins, Sept. 26th, 1929; Alexander F. Hancock, Jan. 12th, 1927.


No. 35. James E. Murdock, Jan. 1st, 1929; Fred Hatch, July 10th, 1929; R. S. Saxby, Aug. 10th, 1929.

No. 36. Harry T. Adamson, Feb. 18th, 1929; Robert Logan, Sept. 7th, 1929; David Spence, Nov. 10th, 1929.


No. 41. H. H. Bishop, Jan. 11th, 1929; William A. Woolison, June 7th, 1929; P. D. Cockwell, Aug. 8th, 1939; Roger Miller, Oct. 19th, 1929.

No. 44. George W. Gibbard, Jan. 12th, 1929; Alexander Smith, May 12th, 1929; John H. Wonnacote, Apr. 26th, 1929; David A. Valleeau, Sept. 25th, 1929; George Grieve, Oct. 7th, 1929; Franklin B. Allison, Nov. 9th, 1929.

No. 45. Harry LeRoy Chapin, June 26th, 1929.

No. 46. Stewart Campbell, Mar., 1929.

No. 47. Alexander A. Casemore, Feb. 12th, 1929; Felix D. Witkovski, Apr. 27th, 1929; Frank Trotter, Apr. 29th, 1929; Thomas Groves, June 28th, 1929; Thomas Sisman, July 17th, 1929; Edward W. Jarvis, Oct. 21st, 1929; Thomas J. Walters, Oct. 22nd, 1929; Arthur E. Green, Mar. 10th, 1929.

No. 48. Thomas Green, Mar. 7th, 1929.


No. 55. Edward E. Bryans, July 3rd, 1929; Charles S. Pettitt, Jan. 11th, 1929; Thomas A. Stewart, Oct. 3rd, 1929.
Chapter
No. 58. John D. MacDonald, Jan. 6th, 1929; Maniel Rothchild, May 25th, 1929; John H. Bell, Dec. 9th, 1929; Robert R. Dickson, Aug. 5th, 1929; Edward Taylor, Dec. 20th, 1929.
No. 60. John F. Taylor, 1928; Stafford W. Otton, 1929.
No. 64. Percy R. Whally, Apr., 1929; Gordon B. Ross, Oct., 1929.
No. 66. Franklin C. Jackson, Feb. 27th, 1929; H. B. Chant, June, 1929.
No. 69. John M. Gibson, 1929; C. E. Vandyke, 1929; Ernest W. Burgoyne, 1929; George Henry Hart, 1929.
No. 71. Dennis Barron, May 5th, 1929.
No. 72. William J. Spry, Nov. 20th, 1929; George H. Ferguson, Feb. 14th, 1929.
No. 73. Samuel Stewart, Oct. 26th, 1929.
No. 74. Samuel S. Donaldson, Nov. 2nd, 1929.
No. 76. Robert G. Murray, Mar. 21st, 1929; Alex. S. Murray, Mar. 30th, 1929; John W. Glennie, 1927.
No. 78. Hugh Russell, May 30th, 1929.
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No. 82. Herman W. Haeft, Jan. 10th, 1929; Henry T. Smith, May 29th, 1929; Munroe B. Chase, Dec. 23rd, 1929.

No. 88. Seva B. Stewart, April 23rd, 1929.


No. 94. Albert Blair, Nov. 29th, 1929.

No. 95. Samuel Jessop, July 16th, 1929; J. A. Ross, June 23rd, 1929.


No. 103. William John Parsons, Sept. 11th, 1929.


No. 113. William E. Shaver, July, 1929; George A. Farlinger, July 30th, 1929; William D. Knight, Dec. 6th, 1929.

No. 114. Thomas Thacker, Jan. 13th, 1929; Roy L. Taggart, Mar. 14th, 1929; Murdock M. McKinnon, Dec. 16th, 1929.

No. 115. James Smiley, Sept. 6th, 1929; William W. Patterson, Oct., 1929; Herbert Lester, Nov. 8th, 1929.

No. 116. John G. Atkinson, Mar. 7th, 1929; Richard F. Preston, Feb. 11th, 1929; Robert Hughes, Apr. 7th, 1929.

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No. 118. W. A. Grubb, Feb. 5th, 1929.
No. 130. George A. Macauley, Oct. 5th, 1929.
No. 131. Harry Robertson, Jan. 22nd, 1929.
No. 132. J. P. Byers, Jan. 11th, 1929; William Hazel, 1929.
No. 135. William Henry Shaw, July 10th, 1929.
No. 136. Harry Robertson, Jan. 22nd, 1929.
No. 137. J. P. Byers, Jan. 11th, 1929; William Hazel, 1929.
No. 139. Alex. Plunkett, May 25th, 1929.
No. 140. Robert Strachan, Jan. 30th, 1929; James F. Moore, Sept. 17th, 1929; Robert L. Stamp, Nov. 12th, 1929; John Bell, Nov. 26th, 1929; D. P. Williams, Oct. 8th, 1929.
No. 142. Best Sprung, Mar. 11th, 1929; Fred A. M. Roblin, Apr. 23rd, 1929.
No. 146. George Webster, Aug. 16th, 1929.
No. 147. Thomas Harrison, Jan. 31st, 1929.
No. 151. William H. Bole, May 26th, 1929; John B. Ferguson, May 16th, 1929; Murray D. Campbell, Oct. 10th, 1929.
No. 152. J. S. Farleigh, Mar. 20th, 1929; T. S. Corbett, Mar. 25th, 1929; J. A. Cameron, Dec. 28th, 1929; Robert Steel, Mar. 12th, 1929.
No. 154. George N. Smith, Jan. 6th, 1929.
Chapter


No. 198. Samuel Hill, Mar. 5th, 1929; P. S. Rambough, Oct. 5th, 1929.


No. 205. George W. Bailey, Apr. 15th, 1929.


No. 218. C. E. Rayburn, Apr. 3rd, 1929.


No. 223. Joseph Henry Penny, June 16th, 1929; William Hugh Potter, Nov. 25th, 1929.


No. 226. Peter Hope, Sept. 23rd, 1929.


No. 236. Howard Findlay, 1929.


No. 244. Thomas Dickenson, Feb., 1928.


JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Grand Chapter of Canada extends the hand of sympathy to our sister Grand Chapters across that thin unfortified imagery line as they mourn the loss of many distinguished Companions.

FRATERNAL DEAD

Alamaba—Jacob Bley, P.G.H.P.
California—George Washington Perkins, P.G.S.
Colorado—William Armstead Campbell, P.G.H.P.
Connecticut—Edward W. Avery, P.G.H.P.
Georgia—J. Luther Cable, P.G.H.P.
Illinois—William Freeman Lockwood, P.G.M.

2nd Veil.

Iowa—Arthur Dayton Meeker, P.G.H.P.
Kansas—John Powers, P.G.H.P.
Maine—Howard D. Smith, P.G.H.P.
Michigan—George W. Leedle, P.G.H.P.
Mississippi—Austin Dhu Bailey, P.G.H.P.
Missouri—Joseph Edward Davidson, P.G.K.
Montana—Squire Chase Kenyon, P.G.H.P.;
George Thomas Slack, P.G.H.P.

New Jersey—James Sparks Ware, P.G.H.P.;
Joseph Mason, P.G.H.P.; William Hires Crosscup, P.G.H.P.

New York—J. William Prouse, P.G.H.P.; Rollin M. Morgan, P.G.H.P.; Jay Butler Kline, P.G.H.P.
Ohio—Levi Crafton Goodale, P.G.H.P.
Oklahoma—Rev. Joseph Samuel Murrow, P.G.

H.P.

South Dakota—Robert T. Sedam, P.G.H.P.
Tennessee—Charles Henry Byrn, P.G.H.P.
Virginia—James Gustavus Hankins, P.G.S.
Wisconsin—Thomas R. Mundy, P.G.H.P.; Samuel Wright, P.G.H.P.;
William Watson Perry, P.G.S.
West Virginia—Samuel Nathaniel Myers, P.G.
H.P.
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JURISDICTIONS OF THE EMPIRE

Our hearts are open at all times but especially on such occasions as these, to our Companions to whom we are not only connected by the bonds of Masonry but are also bound by that Golden Cord which links the British Empire.

C. H. C. Wright,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

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

Grand Chapter has again been severely bereaved during the year by the death of many of our Companions. The passing of M.E. Companion Sir John M. Gibson leaves a vacancy in the hearts of all Masons which time alone can efface.

By the death of R.E. Companion Henry T. Smith the Grand Chapter and Capitular Masonry in general has lost an official whose faithful and efficient service will long be remembered by those with whom he was associated. He left a deep impress upon Capitular Masonry.

We are pleased to note the success which has attended the carrying out of the expressed desire of The Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter in the presentation of Veterans' Jewels to so many distinguished Companions.

We congratulate the R.E. Companions who have been appointed as Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter.

The Rulings submitted by the Grand First Principal appear to have been carefully considered.

We heartily commend the remarks of the Grand First Principal on the improper use of Masonic insignias.

In the matter of affiliation Certificates referred to by the Grand First Principal, we feel that most Companions are satisfied with the receipt which they
receive from the Chapter with which they affiliate, but if it is found that there is a considerable demand for such Certificate, the Grand Scribe E. may be instructed to procure and supply such form at a reasonable cost.

We are pleased to note that so many Sister Jurisdictions have shown their appreciation of the work of our Ritual Committee, by their adoption and use of our Ritual.

We approve the suggestion of the Grand First Principal that it would be advisable if all the Chapters held their Convocations according to the Calendar. Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on increasing its investments by $4,000.00.

We note the many visits made throughout the Jurisdiction by the Grand First Principal and we trust that the value of these visitations will be shown by a considerable increase in our membership in the near future, and a more intensive interest in the Royal Craft.

We believe that the visitations to Sister Jurisdictions has renewed and cemented the friendship which has so long existed and we join with pleasure the Grand First Principal in welcoming the distinguished visitors who are our guests to-day.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE, Chairman,
W. N. PONTON,
K. J. DUNSTAN,
W. H. DAVIS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s Address be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price's term as a member of the Committee on Benevolence having expired, on Motion of M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore, seconded by M.
Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, it was resolved that R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, Ottawa, be elected for a term of three years.

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

- M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, retires in 1931.
- R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Gardiner, retires in 1933.

**Historian Elected**

On motion of M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Ponton was re-elected Grand Historian.

**Thanks Tendered to Credential Committee**

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. G. L. Gardiner, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That this Grand Body tender to the Credential Committee its thanks for the capable manner in which the several members of the Committee discharged the duties allotted to them.

**Resolution of Thanks to Toronto Companions**

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Canada be tendered to the Companions of the City of Toronto for the splendid manner in which the arrangements have been carried out by them for the reception and entertainment of the delegates in attendance. Especially are we pleased with the courtesies extended to our guests, as well as to the ladies, who accompanied the delegates. This Annual Convocation, we feel sure, will be long remembered by those who had the pleasure of being present and participating.

**Testimonial to the Retiring Grand Z.**

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore, and submitted to the Convocation by the Grand Second Principal:—That a Committee be appointed to procure and
present a suitable testimonial to M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith in recognition of his services to the Royal Craft during his term of office as Grand Z.

The Committee subsequently appointed were:—

SCRUTINEERS RECEIVE THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Gardiner, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Miller and the other Ex. Companions who acted as Scrutineers for services rendered in the election of the officers of Grand Chapter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Walter G. Price,
Port Credit ..........................Grand Z.

R. " " Dr. C. W. Haentschel, Haileybury...Grand H. Council

R. " " Alex. Cowan,
Barrie ..........................Grand J.

M. " George Moore,
Hamilton ..........................Grand Treasurer

M. " Edwin Smith, London ..........................Grand Scribe E.

R. " Robert Buchanan,
Hamilton ..........................Grand Scribe N.

R. " John L. House, Toronto ..........................Grand Principal Sojourner

R. " Harold W. Thompson, Toronto ..........................Grand Registrar

M. " W. N. Ponton, Belleville ..........................Grand Historian

" S. J. Vanderburg,
Niagara Falls ..........................Grand Janitor

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—ELECTED

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood ..................................London
R. " M. E. Sherwood ..................................Woodstock
R. " S. S. Forbes ..................................Hamilton
R. " John F. Marr ..................................Guelph
R. " John J. Gardiner ..................................Ottawa
Next Place of Meeting

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation will be held at Niagara Falls, Ont., on Wednesday and Thursday, February 25th and 26th, 1931, commencing on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Officers Installed

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, assisted by M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, installed and invested 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 Receive Thanks

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Berkinshaw, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, who had charge of the Installation Ceremony, and those who assisted him, for the able manner in which the Ceremony had been performed.

Appointments to Office

The following appointments by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:—

Executive Committee

R. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner ..............................................Toronto
R. “ “ W. Y. Mills ............................................................Kingston
R. “ “ William Donaldson ....................................................Atwood
R. “ “ A. D. McIntyre ............................................................Toronto
R. “ “ Frank Ebbitt ...........................................................Iroquois Falls

Assistant Officers—Appointed

Assistant Officers—Appointed

R. Ex. Comp. Dr. J. Austin Evans.........................Grand Lecturer
V. Ex. Comp. James P. Spragge.........................Grand Sr. Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. Harry Martyn..............................Grand Sword Bearer
V. Ex. Comp. Herbert H. Courtney...........Grand Master 1st Veil
V. Ex. Comp. James C. Crinklaw............Grand Master 2nd Veil
V. Ex. Comp. John W. Stiling...............Grand Master 3rd Veil
The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 2.30 p.m., Toronto, Thursday, February 27th, 1930.

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.
On Wednesday evening, February 26th, the Grand Z. and other Grand Chapter officers were tendered a reception and a presentation was made to Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith by the Toronto Companions, at which fully 150 ladies were present.

A banquet on Wednesday evening at 6.15 o'clock in the King Edward Hotel, was tendered to the guests of Grand Chapter and the newly-elected Grand Superintendents. Each of the guests conveyed the greetings of his respective Grand Body. Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith presided.

SUB-COMMITTEES

GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS


BENEVOLENCE


AUDIT AND FINANCE


GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS


WARRANTS


CONDITIONS OF CAPITULAR MASONRY


CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

FRATERNAL DEAD

PRINTING COMMITTEE
M. Ex. Edwin Smith (Chairman), A. A. Gray, C. A. Bailey.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FRATERNAL COMMITTEE
M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton (Chairman).

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM
R. Ex. Comps. A. D. McIntyre (Chairman), V. Ex. Comp. J. F. Molley.

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- **Number of Members to December 31st, 1928:** 26,135
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- **Number of Joinings to December 31st, 1929:** 105
- **Number of Restorations to December 31st, 1929:** 55
- **Number of Withdrawals to December 31st, 1929:** 275
- **Number of Suspensions to December 31st, 1929:** 472
- **Number of Deaths to December 31st, 1929:** 387

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**Total Membership to December 31st, 1929:** 26,141
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No. 57. R. Ex. Comp. Charles Dominion Wynn.


No. 64. Ex. Comps. David Ross, William George Somerville, John N. Crow, William Manley German.


No. 68. R. Ex. Comp. George Byron Magee.


No. 75. R. Ex. Comp. George Edwin Sitzer; Ex. Comp. Frederick Albert Brown.


No. 79. Ex. Comp. George Barrett Foster.

No. 83. R. Ex. Comp. Charles Robert McKeown.


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*T. D. Harington..............1863-4-5-6
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*S. B. Harman................1872
*C. D. Macdonell..............1873
*Jas. Seymour................1874
*L. H. Henderson..............1875-6
*F. J. Menet...................1877-8
*Daniel Spry..................1879-80
*Donald Ross..................1881-2
*H. Macpherson..............1883-4
*Thos. Sargant.............1885-6
*Robt. Hendry, Jr...........1887
*R. B. Hungerford............1888-9
*J. J. Mason...................1890-1
*J. E. Harding................1892-3

*J. Ross Robertson...........1894-5
  M. Walsh....................1896-7-8
*Wm. G. Reid................1899-1900
*Wm. Gibson...................1901-2
*A. Shaw......................1903-4
*William Roaf...............1905-6
*John Leslie...............1907-8
  George Moore.............1909-10
  Fred. W. Harcourt.........1911-2
*Daniel F. Macwatt..........1913-4
*Wm. S. R. Murch............1915-6
  A. S. Gorrell, M.D.........1917-8
  Wm. N. Panton.............1919-20
*H. S. Griffin, M.D.........1921
*Richard H. Spencer.........1922-3
  Walter H. Davis............1924-5
  Kenneth J. Dunstan.........1926-7
  Edwin Smith.................1928-9
  Walter G. Price.............1930

Honorary Past Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Canada

Elected
*Henry Robertson.............1888
*Kivas Tully................1891
*Hugh Murray................1903
Harry H. Watson.............1909
Elected
E. T. Malone................1919
*A. T. Freed...............1920
*Sir John M. Gibson.........1922

Grand Scribes E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada

*Thomas B. Harris...........1857-73
*James Seymour.............1874-5
*Daniel Spry..............1876-7
*David McLellan............1878-91
*Thomas Sargent............1892-8
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Co-operative Work and Peace.

As we meet and greet one another again, as we once more raise together the Arch formed by the joined hands of comrades, we happily discover one another in association; we act and react upon one another, we are welded but we also work and are worked upon! Each Grand Jurisdiction, where ideas and groups of ideas find organized expression, helps to build up and strengthen other Jurisdictions. We have the sense of a common and increasing purpose. We are not a lethargic but a radiant and responsive Craft, gentle and unifying, but also vital and vivifying. May we all be loyal and loving the one to the other. As we read in this Book of the multitude of Counsellors, may we be great in act as they in thought. The Craft needs thinkers and workers who will keep the anvils ringing, and the altar fires burning. Our Masonic Bodies "are our Gardens whereof our wills are the Gardeners". "Awake O North wind; and come thou South: blow upon our gardens that the spices thereof may flow out". Selectivity and dependability are essential factors in our creative and conciliatory Craftsmanship. Private honour is the foundation of public trust and mutual confidence. Fides et fiducia. Let us kindle that spirit. Let us all as envoy's of international good will make 1930 a year of grace indeed by cultivating the universal mind, by laying well and truly the firm foundations of the longed-for Temple of abiding Peace—and thus as loyal and royal Masons contribute something worth while to the "comfort of the Commonwealth". Building friendships is better than building battleships. Let us endeavour to turn romantic hope into assured reality, noble dreams into noble fulfilment, so that it may be deservedly said of us of good report, "you have done good work; you and your apron men". Thus encouraged and encouraging, let us pitch our tents in the plains of peace—and honour—together.

—William Nisbet Ponton, P.G.Z.
APPENDIX

ALABAMA.

Leonidas W. Kolb, M.E. Grand High Priest.
George A. Beauchamp, R.E. Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation was held in Montgomery, December 3, 1928. No less than fourteen Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the Grand East.
Canada was, as usual, represented by the ever-faithful veteran, Lew Lazarus. Among those present was Oliver Day Street, the great Masonic scholar.
In the biography of Comp. Kolb we find this glowing tribute of worth:—
"He is living now, as he has always lived, an honest, upright life, and is esteemed and respected by all who know him for his sterling worth of character and his open and ardent championship of the right."
The Grand Masters of Florida and Alabama were honoured guests.
From the Grand High Priest's introductory address we take these paragraphs:—
"It is good during such times and conditions as we have experienced the past year to be able during the clouds and strife which surrounds us to turn our eyes towards our Altars and behold the steady light of love and truth that beams therefrom. It is here that we are taught that all the trials and vicissitudes of life are but the rough places in the road that leads to that knowledge of the Truth which shall make us Free."
The Royal Arch take a vital interest in the Masonic Home, of which the Grand High Priest says:—
"Our Masonic Home is always nearest to our hearts and uppermost in our minds. The Royal Arch Masons of Alabama have reason to be proud of their part in the work."
The Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship appears to fill a larger part in the Alabama Masonic life and we reproduce part of their report:—
"On November 11, 1928, America celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Armistice of the World War. During these ten years, whether consciously or unconsciously, the people of the United States have been taking stock of themselves and their relations with mankind throughout the world.
“The Masonic Fraternity has ever been an advocate of peaceful measures, and therefore we should add our voice at this time in favour of all actions by our Government tending to secure peaceful relations of our Country throughout the world. At the same time we should also emphasize the necessity of Americanizing those from foreign countries who have come to our shores to reside within our midst.

“We must first become true Americans in practice as well as in theory, ourselves; that we must observe the laws of our country in order that the finger of scorn and reproach may not be pointed at us for our failure to practice our own precepts.”

O. Frank Hart, the ubiquitous, was a welcome guest.

From the eloquent report of the Committee on Necrology we take these lines:—

“A while forget your griefs and fears,
And look beyond this vale of tears
To yon celestial hill.

“To patient faith the prize is sure,
And those that to the end endure
The Cross, shall wear the Crown.”

The Grand Secretary reports regretfully that owing to the illness of Comp. Stillwell he was unable to prepare a Correspondence Report.

The In Memoriam pages sacred to the memory of the distinguished dead of sister Grand Jurisdictions contain this verse:—

“Passing out of the shadow
Into the purer light,
Stepping behind the curtain,
Getting a clearer sight.”

R. Ex. Comp. John W. Lawrence, of Toronto, represents Alabama.

The Anointed High Priests’ Council, long established, flourishes like a green bay tree.

Membership, 13881. Net loss, 748. These losses now almost universally reported, are indeed startling and require and receive earnest consideration.

ARIZONA.

Hedrick Douglas Aitken, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Harry Arizona Drachman, Grand Secretary.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation was held in Prescott, February 12, 1929. A fine array of Past Grand High Priests, ten in number, were greeted in the Grand East.

James H. Barrett, of Douglas, represents Canada.

Mattison Boyd Jones, General Grand Scribe, was welcomed and happily replied.

From the Grand High Priest's address we take the following happy extract:—

"I take an additional pride in speaking for, and on behalf of the Companions and Citizens generally of Prescott, my home town, and to extend to you a most cordial greeting, and to hope most sincerely that your brief sojourn in our beautiful little City, "A Mile High and Among the Pines," may be both enjoyable and worth while, and that you take back with you to your home Companions and dear ones, our best wishes for health and happiness, and should you meet perchance, those who may need a climatic tonic, bring, or send them to us up here, as we feel certain that our atmosphere will cure them of the ills that flesh is heir to!"

Authority was given after consulting Michigan and the General Grand Chapter, to a Chapter to confer the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees in Masonic Halls other than their usual meeting place, but the Royal Arch must be conferred at their own Masonic Home and centre. The reasons are thus given by the Grand High Priest:—

"My argument is this, that there are about three times as many Blue Lodges as Chapters, that much good could be derived for the benefit of Capitular Masonry, by taking a degree team to other towns within its Jurisdiction, and thus promote a condition of fellowship and establish a contact with our Masonic Brethren."

On the general conditions of the Craft our readers will find the following of interest:

"During all my career I have always found it reliable to resort to a system of averages, and by such means establish a situation, and the next move of course, would be to correct that deficiency, if found.

"Just think of it, Companions, that during this period we have lost 351 members suspended for non-payment of dues, (and our total exaltations were but 866,) or approxi-
mately 40%. Or in other words, is Capitular Masonry keeping pace with the increased membership in the Blue Lodges? Can it be that this ritual is not sufficiently interesting to the Companions on the side lines? Or is it just a wave of general apathy?"

He proposes a Committee on Suspensions to co-operate with the Secretaries. This is being done in many Jurisdictions.

Joseph A. E. Ivey was elected Grand High Priest.

The Memorial to the veteran Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, George James Roskrug, is eloquent and touching. His virtues are summed up as follows:—

"The benevolent and upright principles for which the Masonic Orders stand, he made the guiding rule of his life, and was an honourable, upright, progressive and loyal citizen."

C. W. Haentschel, of Haileybury—the true North—represents Arizona.

Membership, 1,269. Net gain, 4. A small increase but on the right side of the ledger in contrast to even the large Jurisdictions this year.

**ARKANSAS.**

W. W. Moore, M.E. Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Eightieth Annual Convocation was held in Helena, March 5, 1929. Only six Past Grand High Priests were present but all of them men of mark.

In a great many Capitular Jurisdictions the Annual Convocation is held in the home city of the Grand High Priest where possible.

The new Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Russell, is a lawyer by profession, is Internal Revenue Collector and Chairman of the Republican State Committee.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond at the roll call.

From the eloquent opening paragraphs of the Grand High Priest's address we make the following
excerpts as full of interest in the present transition stage of the Royal Craft:—

“It was quite a sacrifice to me, politically speaking, to forego the opportunity to witness the inauguration of Herbert Hoover, President of the United States, in deference to the meeting of this Grand Chapter at this time, and I awfully fear that if Arkansas had cast her vote for him, I might not have been here to-day.

“But, in the language of the late Vice-President Thomas Marshall, I was a Mason before I was a politician; a two-fold cord is strong, but a three-fold cord is stronger. The cardinal virtues of universal friendship and benevolence so pyramids my obligations and so multiples my responsibility that only a sacred stewardship can satisfy.

“While many of our Chapters are in the slough of despondency, I think the vaccine used in this shot to make them lifeless and restful is so successful it will take a double shot of some stimulant to awaken them. Yet we have some bubbling, sparkling, moving, working—from which radiates to-morrow’s welfare and to-morrow’s happiness. Who will present work that will stand the test of the Master Overseer?”

“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.”

Here is a germinating recommendation:—

“Seeing the opportunity for a great service, I would like to recommend to the Grand Chapter a programme. The Grand Lodge fosters the orphans’ home. Knight Templars have an educational foundation. The Shrine, building and supporting hospitals for crippled children. I am convinced that some definite plan towards a home for aged Masons, wives and widows, would be a philanthropic step.”

His conclusion is quite equal to his commencement and he calls a spade a spade:—

“We stand on the watchtower looking over a condition of chaos and lawlessness that challenges every red-blooded American and Mason to the task of meeting this avalanche of immorality and crime.

“Our young people are drunk on pleasure. This is indeed the Padlock Age. If you have an auto, day or night you had better lock it. Some of our most atrocious crimes are committed by the youth of our land. The natural bloom and rosy cheeks of our maidens are fading; modern dance, jazz, mid reveling, cigarette smoking, autoing, is rapidly carrying
them to moral decay, shattering the foundation of our American homes. We must resurrect our altars where insense burns day and night. The smoldering embers must be rekindled. For who should come to the Kingdom at a time like this but who come up from a wicked Babylon to assist in the noble and glorious work of clearing the rubbish to build a spiritual temple to adorn the new Jerusalem.”

A large delegation from Tennessee were welcomed and honoured.

When we point out that the Memorial Committee's report was the joint work of Mark P. Olney and the poet laureate of the south and west, Fay Hempstead, our readers will know that this difficult duty was well done.

The Jurisprudence Committee held that an Actual Past Master's Degree does not confer that privilege in a Royal Arch Chapter and that the applicant must be healed.

Canada’s Grand Representative is Jeff L. Davis, and Arkansas is represented by Frederick M. Elliott of Prescott.

The Correspondence Report is in the able and experienced hands of Mark P. Olney, who says in his introduction:—

“This great deflection is attributed to the inefficiency of local secretaries, the want of social atmosphere at Grand Chapter, the lack of local entertainment and want of fraternal feeling at convocations and numerous other reasons, but sufficient is to say that the high point reached just after the close of the World War, when we reached the high tide of membership and these losses started, has this year suffered its greatest setback and of the 50 Grand Chapters reviewed 20 have shown gains, while 30 have suffered losses. The gains in those that did gain amount to 2,462, while the losses in those which sustained losses amounted to 6,601.

“All the world's a stage and each in his turn plays many parts. We hold the front stage for a time perchance, but soon others take our place and lines and soon we are forgotten save by a few to whom we were specially dear.”

He notes that Alberta took up the new Ritual of the Grand Chapter of Canada and “junked” the one in use there and ends his brief Review with this comment:—

“We commented on their ruling against the names of officers of Chapters being published in a paper. Says, 'Why should the general public know who the new officers are?'
Here with us we deem it a nice way of advertising Masonry and is the only way we have of letting the facts leak out.”

Under British Columbia we read:

“Grand Secretary thinks by having a committee to visit delinquents they might be retained, as he says practically all suspensions are permanent, and do not come back by rein-statement.”

He says that at our Convocation in London there was a long list of distinguished folks and many from the States.

He says he has been reading our Review for some years; that he enjoyed Canada this summer while visiting relatives in and about Beamsville, Hamilton and Toronto. He also enjoyed the fine roads of the Province, and he saw three American tagged cars to every one of Canada met or passed while there.

He reviewed Kansas and Canada the same night and again this year by a coincidence.

Under Mississippi he speaks of their filling vacancies by election instead of advancement from the line, and adds:

“What bothers me is what becomes of the present Deputy and also see where another bobs up as Deputy from seemingly no place in particular.”

We close with a word of his philosophic wisdom:

“Thus we meet, we part with hopes of greeting our friends again, but little do we know what awaits us just around the corner, or on the morrow.”

Membership, 7,921. Total loss, 365. One for each day of the year, too many and too common.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Donald Adams, Grand Z.

J. W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E.

In the interesting biography of M. Ex. Comp. Adams, which, with his photograph, opens the Proceedings, we learn that he was born in Perth, Scotland, and has been in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway as locomotive engineer for 27 years.
His motto through life might be—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." We remember with pleasure his visit to us at the last meeting of Grand Chapter.

The Eleventh Annual Convocation was opened in Victoria, 19th June, 1929. There were present nine Past Grand Z.'s, a very creditable showing indeed of this young and flourishing Chapter.

Canada was as usual, faithfully represented by M. Ex. Comp. H. H. Watson.

G.H.P. Sullivan, of the State of Washington, was present and honoured.

We make the following excerpts from the opening of the Grand Z.'s address, which was both idealistic and practical. It was probably conceived as he passed through the Rockies day by day:

"We find the first actual records under the warrant from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in the year 1867, sixty-two years ago. No place could provide a more charming setting for our gathering, and the hospitality of our Victoria Companions cannot be excelled.

"It is most gratifying to witness the Annual assembling of the members attending Grand Chapter, to hear the hearty greetings, to note the fine spirit of Companionship displayed by those whom the mellowing tides have rendered less inclined to form new friendships, and to meet the members here for the first time, quick to assimilate the spirit of good fellowship. It has kept pace with the rise and progress of our beloved Province.

"Freemasonry is a social order, in which temperance presides, and polite courtesy, pleasing address and social intercourse are cultivated.

"If we are active in demonstrating the lessons which have been taught to us and illustrated by emblems or symbols most expressive, then, as in the case of the possession of the beautiful and exquisite works of art and precious stones we allow our treasures to be seen, their worth becomes known, humanity is benefitted.

"'In the still air music lies unheard,
   In the rough marble beauty hides unseen,
   To make the music and the beauty needs
   The Master's touch, the Sculptor's chisel keen.'"

He reports many visitations. Under one at Anyox he records:

"The working tools of this Chapter are worthy of note, being made by the Companions from metal out of the mine.
The plate is a mixture of gold and copper, and is a work of art in itself."

He thus graciously refers to his visit to us:—

"I was able to accept the invitation extended to me by the Grand Chapter of Canada, to attend their 71st Annual Convocation, held at Kingston, 1929. I wish to pay tribute to this grand old Chapter for the reception tendered to me. No greater honour could be given to anyone than was accorded to your Grand First Principal. This Grand Chapter is doing a very great work for the general welfare of Capitular Masonry. I wish to thank the Companions of Ontario, as nothing but kindness and courtesy was shown to me."

Among his recommendations we read:—

"We must not rest here. There are latent possibilities in our institution if called into action. It is not by its members speaking in a doubtful or half-hearted way about its progress that it can be made great and become the power for good it ought to be."

In British Columbia they take a cordial interest in the meeting of the General Grand Chapter to be held at Tacoma this year, referring to which he says:—

"I recommend that this Grand Chapter do all in its power to make this meeting in the Northwest a success by assisting our neighbours in the State of Washington, as this will be an opportunity for the Officers of British Columbia to become acquainted with the leaders of the United States of America."

The Grand Z. travelled over 13,000 miles by motor, steamship and railway in the interests of the Royal Craft.

Membership, 2,817. Net increase, 61.

British Columbia has a real worker in the person of the Grand Registrar and Historian, R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Dr. Fea, who year by year extracts from each of the daughter Chapters some information as to their history, which he spreads upon the Proceedings, concluding his report with these words:—

"Your Registrar wishes to place on record his best thanks to those Scribes who have so willingly contributed information about the history of their respective Chapters, in some cases entailing considerable research and hunting up of old documents; still, they will have the satisfaction of having done their part towards writing into the records the history of Royal Arch Masonry."

The lamented death of Henry T. Smith is referred
to and the correspondence connected therewith is printed at length. In one of his letters Grand Scribe E. Prescott thus refers to him—

"I was directed by resolution of this Grand Chapter to express to you sincere sympathy at the loss sustained by your Grand Chapter of such a distinguished and valuable officer.

"Personally, I always found that it was a great pleasure to receive his correspondence, and his advice was always an inspiration."

And on behalf of the Grand Representatives, our own Comp. Watson made touching reference to the passing of our late Grand Scribe E., expressing the appreciation of British Columbia for the aid received from him during formation.

Many letters and telegrams are printed, especially two from M. Ex. Comp. Cassillis, of Scotland, which add much to the interest of the volume.

The resolution to double per capita dues was laid over.

The proper opening and closing of the Chapter was emphasized by the Committee.

E. T. Phillips was elected Grand Z.

This from the In Memoriam pages:—

"Death takes us by surprise
And stays our hurrying feet,
The great design unfinished lies,
Our lives are incomplete.

"More homelike seems the vast unknown
Since they have entered there,
To follow them were not so hard,
Wherever they may fare.

"They cannot be where God is not,
On any sea or shore,
Whate'er betides, Thy love abides,
Our God for evermore."

A fine picture of the late Lord Muskerry, of Ireland, faces this part of the Proceedings.

Robert Louis Stevenson's verses on "The Departed Friend" quoted by this Reviewer under another Jurisdiction in this volume, are also re-printed in full in the B.C. Proceedings.
E. M. Carleton, of Toronto, represents British Columbia.

A fine report on Correspondence is from the master hand of J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E. It is preceded by a reproduction of a painting of Thomas S. Webb, born in Boston, 1771, called by the Reviewer the Father of the "American" System of the Royal Arch Degree.

In his introduction Comp. Prescott says:—

"The examination of the books of proceedings discloses the lamentable information that a large number of eminent Freemasons, companions who have borne the burden of heavy work, secretaries and correspondents, have now laid down their working tools forever. While others have retired from active participation in the duties of their offices by reason of advancing years.

"To those Jurisdictions who have now lost the services of companions made valuable by experience and ability an expression of sympathy is extended."

From the report under Alabama we excerpt the following:—

"The address of the G.H.P. was short, but very much to the point, nearly 80 years of age and after a busy year in the office, he met the assembled Companions 'with a heart full of joy and gratitude and thanks to the Great I Am for many blessings,' and urged upon those present the duty to spread Light and Truth among the uninformed brethren, and to give to every worthy brother of the lodge the opportunity to complete his Master's Degree."

Alberta gives us something to think of:—

"We think of France as being something better than the individual Frenchman; of England as being something better than the average Englishman; of Canada as being something better than the average Canadian. In great and heroic individual actions, do we not often feel that it is the country, of which the man is but the instrument, that gives expression to its quality in doing the deed? It was Alfred the Great who rallied the forces of a separated England; it was Lincoln who bore the sorrows of a nation.

"The citizen or Mason on great occasions knows and obeys the voice of his calling, whether it appeals to a base or noble passion. The clarion call: 'Sons of France, awake to glory' aroused their dormant passion. And one October morning, in Trafalgar Bay, there was another appealing cry: 'England
expects every man will do his duty—a call re-echoed and intensified to-day. Sons of the Grand Chapter, 'awake to glory'—action! 'Royal Arch Masons expect every Companion will do his duty.' As Browning says:—

"'It takes a soul to move a body;
It takes a high-souled man to move the masses,
even to a clearer sky.'"

Canada, 1929, is fraternally appreciated. After giving statistics and distinguished visitors, he describes the welcome from the Companions of Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, whose history dates back 132 years. Queen's College and the Royal Military College are referred to. He quotes Edwin Smith's ruling:—

"He ruled that as a written notice of suspension for non-payment of dues had not been sent to a Companion the suspension was of non-effect. The regulations must be carefully complied with in depriving a Companion of his privileges."

He speaks of the broad stand taken by Canada in reference to physical disability. He links up the two brother Smiths together and very courteously says that this Reviewer "fulfills the several duties of his office to the satisfaction of his many readers." We regret indeed that British Columbia was not included in our Reviews of last year, an over-sight for which we apologize to our good friend and Companion.

Connecticut and British Columbia are interested in dual membership:—

"Dual membership is not permitted in the Jurisdiction, and caused some little trouble for a Past High Priest who joined a new Chapter at its organization. Being a life member of his original Chapter, he refused to relinquish this standing and it was ruled that he was not and never had been a member of the new Chapter."

Light and liberty will come with the years.

England receives a splendid review, full and satisfying. A reproduction of a picture in full Regalia of the late King Edward graces one page, and is worthy of framing.

Minnesota reproduces the whole of Whittier's "Red River Voyager," and the Reviewer is caught by the lilt of the verses, as this Reviewer has been. We quote:—
"The voyager smiles as he listens
To the sound that grows apace;
Well he knows the vesper ringing
Of the bells of St. Boniface.

"Happy is he who heareth
The signal of his release
In the bells of the Holy City
The chimes of eternal peace."

Under North Carolina we get this home truth and home thrust—always to be remembered:—

"His review gives the opportunity 'To see ourselves as others see us.'"

A new reason is given why Saskatchewan adopted our Ritual, but we think it does not go quite far enough:—

"Owing to inability to procure copies of the Ritual formerly in use in Canada, it was decided to adopt the new work of the Grand Chapter of Canada."

These constructive verses are quoted by our confrère and are attributed to George H. Free, of Iowa:—

"Builders of walls are we, and labour to fashion a temple,
Each has some part assigned, one stone to his hands is entrusted;
Simple the work may seem, unworthy the skill of an artist,
Yet in the Builder's plan the humblest of tasks is momentous.

"Lacking the keystone wedge the arch must collapse in ruin,
Take from the arch one block the key can no longer secure it.
This is the changeless law, that each lend his support to his fellows,
And in return shall each, upheld by his comrades, stand dauntless.

"Slender, and staunch, and tall, uprises the spire o'er the city—
Symbol of God's own hand inscribing His name on the heavens—
Still it could never stand reflecting the noonday effulgence
But for the stones unseen deep hid in the temple's foundation.

"Stones in a wall are we, and each to its fellows essential,
Each has his niche assigned, none other can fill his place for him;
Say not there is no worth in this simple part I am given,
For in the Builder's sight the humblest of tasks is of import."
CALIFORNIA.

David John Reese, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Thomas A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

The biography of the Grand High Priest shows that he is of direct Welsh descent, his father and mother hailing from Swansea, Wales, and he both looks his ancestry and expresses it in his photograph and his address. He was a school teacher and then a journalist, is President of Rotary and of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation assembled in San Francisco, April 16, 1929.

The Grand High Priest created an atmosphere of good will immediately as he informally welcomed the Companions:—

"Before calling the roll, I desire to express to you a most grateful and hearty 'Good Morning' and affectionate greeting and sincere welcome to this Convocation of our Grand Chapter.

"You are to be given a respectful hearing on the floor of the Grand Chapter, and whatever you have to say, if proper and in order, will be given the same consideration as the words of any other Companion who may have been longer in attendance.

"I want you to leave with a smile of satisfaction on your lips."

Eleven Past Grand High Priests fulfilled their obligation in the Grand East. Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call.

Six survivors of the earthquake and fire of 1906 were separately greeted. One would think that they would like to forget it, but they are not permitted to do so.

"My Country 'Tis of Thee" was lustily sung as the flag was placed in the East.

On behalf of the Grand Representatives, Comp. Shaw breezily said:—

"There stands in the beautiful city of Genoa a magnificent statue erected to Christopher Columbus. At the bottom is this inscription:

"'There was one world;
Let there be two,
And there were two.'"
"The late Chauncey Depew, speaking before the New York Chamber of Commerce, in paying tribute to Cyrus W. Field, the man who laid the Atlantic cable, relates that Mr. Field said:

"'There are two worlds;
Let there be one,
And there was one.'

"Masonry in like spirit represents a truth, a principle, a movement, whose aim it is to link all the peoples of the earth in a better understanding and idealism for the mutual good of all.

"We extend to you fraternal friendship."

The address of the Grand High Priest does not easily lend itself to quotation. The following however will give a good idea of the man and his mission:

"Never before has our organization been more robust, more highly respected, nor more influential in its appeals than now. For three-quarters of a century Capitular Masonry in California has shown a constant, consistent, conservative growth. Chapter Masonry cannot be bolstered up by members.

"It is my desire to give you a companionate share in the pleasures, the happiness, the enjoyments and the honours bestowed upon me in this Capitular year.

"Carry forward the great purpose which Masonry claims as reasons for its existence; they are to be found in the results which have been accomplished by the different organizations of Masonry, working in harmonious and self-sacrificing brotherhood.

"He is not a Mason who is one outwardly. Royal Arch Masonry does not justify its high repute unless it shows a record of good deeds accomplished; unless the community in which we live is better and richer because of the truths we teach. Let us broaden our horizon and enlarge our experiences with the vision circumspective 'beyond the hills of home.'"

Of the dead he thus feelingly speaks:

"One by one, we miss the faces
Of the forms we once caressed;
One by one, their names are written:
'Ceased to labour,' 'Home,' 'At Rest.'

"These have died and we are living. Memorials are of little value if only memories. We do meagre honour to the dead if we simply remember them. Let us who are living pay tribute to them by making new vows and reconsecrating ourselves to do our full duty as Royal Arch Masons and citizens.
Under The Increasing Duties of Grand High Priest he says:—

"The time is now here, when it is physically impossible for the Grand High Priest to attend to the administrative and executive affairs. The plan now established in several Jurisdictions where the State is divided into as many districts as there are officers in the Grand Council. Each Grand Officer in his successive years visits the successive districts. By the time the Grand Scribe reaches the end of his year as Grand High Priest, he will have visited and become acquainted with all the Chapters and Chapter Officers of the Jurisdiction."

The above suggestion, if carried out, might partially perhaps justify the "Line" succession.

The condition of the Craft gives grave concern:—

"Outside of a few of the largest Chapters, which report 30 to 50, the average attendance is about 18. Twelve of these are the officers of the Chapter. Is it because these Chapters are simply vegetating; because they have no purpose, no objective?

"Either there is a lack of effective leadership or a failure on the part of the responsible officers of the Chapters to enthuse their members to a degree that causes them to become earnest exponents of the advantages of Royal Arch membership.

"The responsibility for the situation is an individual responsibility. We preach, but we do not perform; we pave the way but we do not walk therein.

"The Chapters cannot function at their best unless their representatives are present to receive and take back home the knowledge and information, the inspiration and enthusiastic zeal of a Grand Chapter session.

He urges co-operation with the Craft Lodges:—

"Meetings were encouraged whereby Chapters would hold 'Blue Lodge nights,' that is, invite Master Masons as their guests and interest these Masons in the Capitular Degrees. Too much effort cannot be expended along these lines.

Of Grand Representatives he has his own opinion:—

"With a few notable exceptions, the Grand Representatives of foreign Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of California have never corresponded with, have never heard from, and know nothing of the Grand Jurisdiction they represent. So far as our Grand Representatives near some other Jurisdictions are concerned, I have heard from only one of them in a whole year. As a matter of fact if it were not for our
efficient Committee on Correspondence and our Grand Secretary we would hear but little of our sister Jurisdictions."

Grand Chapter will continue to confer Degrees notwithstanding the Grand High Priest’s message:—

"At the risk of making myself unpopular, even at the risk of a mild form of treason, I respectfully submit to Grand Chapter, that this organization is becoming too big, its business is too important, and too great, to countenance the conferring of Degrees during the two days’ session. I know how difficult it is to overthrow traditions."

He maintains, as men of British birth do, his own prerogative:—

"Probably never, before this year, in all the history of Grand Chapter, has the question arisen as to the consent of the Grand Council being necessary before the Grand High Priest may make his appointments. Probably, it may never arise again.

"If he is worthy of his selection as Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter should and must have enough confidence in him to permit him to make his own selections without the consent of anybody. This provision is contrary to the general principle of Masonry and tends to deprive the executive head of our organization of his rights. Grand Lodge does not so hamper its Grand Master."

Of the Committee on Correspondence he makes these commendatory remarks:—

"I desire particularly to commend to the Grand Chapter the splendid work of our Committee on Correspondence. I have read the proceedings of many Grand Chapters this year. Not one of the Correspondence Committee reports therein surpass and very few, if any, equal the succinct, well written, review of our committee."

Of De Molay we read with interest:—

"I favour the sponsoring and support of the Chaptess by the Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry. But I do not favour a gesture in this regard. Sponsoring means more than giving this boys’ organization a shove and a start, and then leaving it to work out its own salvation. It does mean a continuing support, encouragement and watchful care."

Then under the title "What Are We Doing?" he makes an appeal:—

"I now present to you the dream of my years as an officer of this Grand Chapter, that which I have studied and planned and worked upon. Personally, I have believed for some
time that one thing lacking in our organization is a practical, philanthropic work or goal; that we are not doing anything to justify our existence; that we are not Masonically constructive, and that so far as the real uplift of humanity is concerned we are a minus quantity. The Grand Lodge of California has its wonderful Homes at Covina and Decoto, the Grand Commandery of California has an educational loan fund that claims the pride and boast of every Sir Knight. The Shrine has its wonderful hospitals where maimed and broken children regardless of race or class or caste or creed are made whole. The Sciots, the Eastern Star, the Scottish Rite have their benevolences and their charitable work. We have nothing.

"It would seem as if all needs are cared for. But there is a need and an urgent crying demand in California for a sanitarium or preventorium to take care of the little children of the State who are afflicted with tuberculosis. This is the burden of my thought day in and out during the year. There is such a wonderful opportunity for our Grand Chapter to be of service in this duty. I realize the enormity of the undertaking if carried out on wide lines.

"It is my recommendation that a committee be named by this Grand Chapter to make a study of this subject in the year that intervenes before the next Grand Chapter Convocation; that this committee make a thorough survey of the situation, calling into consultation the men and women in this State who are qualified to give advice, and that the committee be requested and instructed to present a comprehensive report at the next annual Convocation."

Thus he worthily concludes:—

"I have become richer by amassing a fortune of golden friendships. The experiences of this year have been to me a benediction, and as I surrender my authority, I step down once again to the ranks from which I sprung but above which I have never risen.

"'If all my pain,
And all my tears,
And all that I have learnt
Through all the year,
Could make one single, perfect song,
To right some wrong;
To lift some fallen head,
To light some darkened mind,
I should feel that not in vain
I served mankind.'"

Membership, 26,466. Net gain, 479, for which as a gain in contrast to some other Western Jurisdictions all should be devoutly thankful.
Referring to the Grand High Priest’s remarks to Grand Representatives the Jurisprudence Committee brought in this report, which they adopted and which will no doubt have the effect of increasing the feeling of responsibility in these cosmopolitan officers.

“Resolved, That each Grand Representative from other recognized Capitular Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of California, transmit to the Grand Secretary for the Grand High Priest, during the month of January of each year, a written report showing the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction represented by him.”

Angus L. Cavanagh was elected Grand High Priest.

We take this from the mourning pages of the Grand Chapter, a treasure-trove of Robert Louis Stevenson, which is so different from much of the maudlin sentimentality that often finds its way into Obituary Reports. There is a characteristic lilt and good cheer about it and we share it with our readers:—

“The Departed Friend.

“Though he that ever kind and true
Keep stoutly step by step with you,
Your whole, long gusty lifetime through,
   Be gone a while before—
Be now a moment gone before,
Yet doubt not; anon the seasons shall restore
Your friend to you.

“He has but turned a corner—still
He pushes on with right good will
Through mire and marsh, by heugh and hill,
   That self-same, arduous way.
That self-same upland, hopeful way
That you and he through many a doubtful day
   Attempted still.

“He is not dead, this friend—not dead,
But in the path we mortals tread
Got some few-trifling steps ahead
   And nearer to the end.
So that you, too, once past the bend,
Sall meet again, as face to face, this friend
You fancy dead.
"Push gaily on, strong hearts; the while
You travel forward, mile by mile,
He loiters with a backward smile
Till you can overtake,
And strains his eyes to search his wake,
Or, whistling, as he sees you through the brake,
Waits on a stile."

Joseph Whyte Rogers, of Toronto, represents California. At the date of publication of their Proceedings we had no Representative in California.

A long list of clandestine Chapters in the various States is given by the General Grand Secretary, and it is added that these Bodies have issued "pennies," copies of which are now on file.

Arthur A. Willoughby again publishes one of his excellent Reviews of sister Jurisdictions and we quote the following from his introduction:—

"After a review of the various proceedings that have come to hand during the past year, it is our earnest conviction that our particular task as members of the Royal Arch is to dedicate Capitular Masonry to new ideals and new fields of endeavour that are distinctive from the work of co-ordinate bodies of our Order. The past year has seen an unfortunate slump in membership in many of the Grand Jurisdictions, there were 7,000 less exaltations than the previous year and the suspensions climbed another thousand.

"If we show an anxious concern for the welfare particularly of the weaker, struggling Chapters, Royal Arch Masonry would be making good progress to-day instead of floundering in a morass of suspensions which are thinning our ranks only too perceptibly.

"The writer cannot believe that the great army of suspended ones are merely riffraff and rubbish."

This we take from the report on Alberta:—

"Alberta carries its own regalia and supplies to sell to the Chapters and urges a wider use of the 'Judean Staff' in the R.A. Degree.

Canada receives favourable and fraternal notice. He refers to the Grand Z.'s reference to outside organizations as applying to De Molay. Other matters touched on by him are:—

"The Grand Z.'s address while quite extended contains a great deal of interest and shows the personality of one who took his job seriously and not an honour to be lightly worn.
He visited every District except one and found genuine enthusiasm everywhere. Considering that Canada is forging ahead in its membership steadily some of our Grand Jurisdictions might well take example.

"The report of the Grand Scribe E shows a net increase of membership of 262 and a total membership of 26,077. Suspensions were on the decrease which fact is recommended to some of our Jurisdictions who are still blaming things on the war.

One excellent committee is that of the Condition of Capitular Masonry. It issues a report brimming with information and deductions of the things that confront Masonry to-day.

"Comp. Ponton gives a nice introduction to his correspondence report. He uses quotations freely throughout but they are aptly chosen."

Under British Columbia we read:—

"A very handsome gavel made of rosewood and taken from the chair brought from Scotland by the first Governor of the Province in 1843, was presented to Columbia Chapter."

He says that Grand Chapters are still looking for excuses to explain the mounting list of suspensions on their side of the border.

Under Queensland (Miles Jurisdiction) our colleague says as to divisions there:—

"One statement is that our General Grand requires that a High Priest shall be an actual Past Master. The statement was made that 90 per cent. of Royal Arch Masonry is under this condition. This is a wrong assumption entirely as the 100,000 Royal Arch Masons under jurisdiction of Grand Chapters in this country are not under such a ruling and never have been, to the best of our knowledge. With Pennsylvania throwing out the P.M. Degree it would not be surprising to see General Grand take some action in the course of time in abolishing the Degree which has always been an anomaly."

He suspends judgment with regard to the shortening of the R.A. Degree in Texas and other Jurisdictions, saying that time alone will tell. Doubtless the old land mark school feel the Work should not be changed one jot or tittle. Let us however face facts.

Our confrère made notes by the way and closes his Review with some observations:—
“Canada allows Companions to inspect ballot box after voting.
“Kansas correspondence report shakes up some dead bones.
“Florida places monuments at the graves of its Past Grand High Priests.
“Massachusetts does not number its Chapters.
“Alabama springs a new wrinkle in presenting as a D.V. the Grand Patron of the Eastern Star.
“Nebraska brings in as D.V.’s the president of the Masonic Home and ditto of the Eastern Star Home.
“An Oklahoma Chapter accepted notes instead of cash with petitions. Fifteen of them bad.
“Ohio boasts of 75 Chapters with no suspensions.
“A Wisconsin High Priest wanted to wear all his robes and regalia while installing De Molay officers. Didn’t get away with it.”

CONNECTICUT.

Colin S. Buel, M.E., Grand High Priest.
George A. Kies, Grand Secretary.

After several Special Convocations for constituting new Chapters, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual was held in Hartford, May 14, 1929.

No less than 20 of the 23 living Past Grand High Priests adorned and strengthened the Grand East. All honour to such loyal fidelity. A royal record!

This Reviewer’s old friend, Edgar B. Ellis, is Chairman of the Committee on Ritual and was thanked for his services.

Distinguished visitors were welcomed from Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest speaks of the four factors in his office which all have experienced:

“On laying aside the duties, responsibilities, emoluments and pleasures of the high office to which you elected me a year ago, I have the honour to render an account of my stewardship for your consideration, and, permit me to hope, your favourable judgment.”

He urges that regular provision be made in the budget for the share of the Grand Chapter for the care of needy Companions in the Masonic Home.
As a result of his official visits he is able to say:—

"All of them feel the impulse toward the best that can be done. All are ambitious, not to meet the demand of the dreaded Inspector, but to get at the heart of the matter, and to carry over the ideas to the candidates."

He has given dispensations bordering on the line of jeopardy, and he realizes this himself, at the same time endeavouring to justify it in the following:—

"To change place of conferring certain degrees, for convenience, to permit older members to see the work, and for propaganda in the best sense.

"This last series of Dispensations, while not without precedent, is deserving of attention. Competition for the attention and time of our members is keener to-day than ever before. The radio, especially, makes an appeal to men who are in need of relaxation, entertainment and companionship after the day’s work. These men are not going many miles to see work with which they are more or less familiar unless there can be injected into that work something that will hold them. While we rejoice in the benefits that come from these modern inventions, we believe that the benefit to be derived from our Order are so great that the competition must be met. I submit to my successor, and to this Grand Body, the suggestion that, by carrying our wares to the most convenient place and making them as attractive as possible, the inherent values of these wares will best reach the minds and hearts of our members."

He holds that a member transferring to a new Chapter should continue the use of his old Mark and adds—

"Double membership is not yet permitted in this Jurisdiction, and one’s mark, as a means of identification, should be filed in the Chapter from which he hails."

He dispensed with a Dispensation on the ground that there were no Chapter regulations, and the regulations of Grand Lodge are therefore the Court of Appeal.

He thus gracefully and thoughtfully concludes:—

"If my period of service has brought further light to any Companion, any deeper insight to any Chapter, any degree of satisfaction to this Grand Chapter, great, indeed, is my reward."

Lewis C. Hull was elected Grand High Priest.
The Committee on Jurisprudence hold that a dispensation must be issued on all occasions were a meeting place of a Chapter is to be permanently changed.

As usual, the roll call of Chapters was called at the end of the Convocation. Some had been excused, but there were four delinquents who are so reported.

Harvey J. Milne, of Kingston, represents Connecticut, and this year, as for many years, our old friend, George N. Delap, faithfully represented Canada.

George A. Kies, P.G.H.P., submitted his twenty-first annual Review, full of characteristic touches, for which we all look eagerly. We quote from his Foreword:

"As we now claim to be of age, imagine the delightful vista for the future, which fancy opens before us.

"In one Jurisdiction, a Chapter granted demits, tacitly understood to be provisional, to Companions forming a Chapter, U. D. As the latter was not granted a charter, these Companions desired to return their demits and resume their former membership. Several were refused that boon, but on appeal, the G.H.P. ruled that the Chapter must reaffiliate them.

"This shows anew the futility and baselessness of laws requiring such loss of membership, for a Masonic body U. D. can neither make nor demit members, for they have no members. Even their novitiates are, at least temporarily, non-affiliates. A Lodge or Chapter U. D. is simply a temporary and inchoate body created by the G.M. or G.H.P., and no one except himself has official knowledge of even its existence. It cannot elect nor demit members, and in fact has no privilege except to make Masons. In view of these facts, which are well demonstrated by standard expositions of Masonic law, how absurd and unjust is a law requiring a joiner in a body U. D. to lose his Masonic membership for no other reason than helping to form a body U. D.

"Happily, our Grand Chapter law involves no such complication."

Alberta suggests to him the following comment:

"He believes action should be taken to discontinue use of the Chapter solely as a stepping stone to other degrees. A number of Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges have tried this
out and found it of very little use. He also devotes much space in exhortation to live up to civic duties."

Under British Columbia we read this suggestive comparison:—

"The Finance Committee is evidently anticipating a call for a donation to assist the Grand Chapter of Washington in entertaining the General Grand Chapter in 1930. Very fraternal and neighbourly, but why should they do it? "Like many other good British and colonial brethren, he dislikes the word 'foreign' as attached to correspondence reports, feeling that 'the word lacks fraternal spirit.' As its etymological meaning is simply 'outside,' we see no reason for serious objection, although you will note that we seldom use it. Anyway, we will wager dollars to doughnuts that, when Prescott comes into the U.S., he is never, even by implication, reminded of it."

Many men, many minds, as we find under California:—

"He deprecates quotations in a review. We dissent. A cynical old snake of a diplomat is reputed to have said: 'Language is given us to conceal thought.' When reporting any outstanding thought, we believe it best to give the author's words. We thus avoid being a particeps criminis in possible false interpretation."

Canada's review is appreciative and appreciated. He says of Grand Z. Dunstan's address:—

"The G.Z. preaches an excellent sermon on the importance of Character, our responsibilities as Masons both to the Fraternity and to humanity.

"He deprecates Chapters sponsoring any society or movement, whatever its object. Apparently he would agree with your reporter that this should be confined to the individual Mason."

He reports on the work presented at Grand Chapter and kindly says our review is newsy and instructive.

This from Colorado:—

"Of your reporter, he says: 'We are glad to see that he read at least enough of our report to make several liberal quotations from it.' We actually do read the whole of his reports and have to combat continual temptation to strain our space in quoting him."

Under England he selects one startling incident, fortunately of rare occurrence:—
“In discussing the ‘erasure’ of a Lodge in India, a unique example of wrong-doing was disclosed. In order to improve a badly unsound financial condition, the Lodge put up the office of Master at auction to the highest bidder. For stupidity and Masonic felony, this surpasses anything within our knowledge.”

He is interested, as we all are, in Lord Cornwallis’ mission to India, of which he says:—

“He finds no lack of zeal there, but believes the Chapters need and desire direction. He notes the difficulties incident to the great distances in parts of India. Some problem, and illustrates anew the disadvantages of centralized long-distance government.”

Under Georgia we read this touch of humour:—

“He avows himself ‘a true Masonic Democrat and a Methodist.’ With the limitation of ‘Masonic,’ we heartily OK the first and have not the least objection to the latter.”

Idaho and Alberta are linked up together thus:—

“Under Albera, he manifests disapproval of the fulsome reception in Grand Chapter of heads of collateral Masonic bodies, and thinks the time not distant when they will be lined up and received as are Grand Representatives.

“He has ‘never learned the value of honorary membership in a Grand Chapter.’ Neither have we.”

Another suggestion regarding Kentucky and other Homes:—

“Committee on ‘Our Homes’ made report of their inspection. They found things mostly OK, but regretted that the able-bodied old men could not be given light tasks, which would make them more contented. Truly, there is nothing so pitiful as the sight of a healthy old man who is condemned to complete idleness.”

We find this suggestion in several Grand Jurisdictions as under New Jersey.

“He comments on shortening the R.A.: ‘In the Royal Arch there is plenty of room for abridgement.’”

He gets a new cognomen of Montana under New York as the “Stub Toe State.”

He calls Degree Teams—“that excrescence.”

Wisconsin receives a double notice, from which we quote:—
“All sorts of purposes, some worthy and others questionable, try to work the Fraternity as an organization. Better leave all such matters to the discretion of the individual Companion and let Grand bodies confine themselves to their legitimate business, which in itself is a sufficiently large contract.”

Membership, 16,800. Net gain, 38.

DELAWARE.

Frank L. Long, M.E. Grand High Priest.
John W. Macklem, R.E. Grand Secretary.
The Sixty-first Annual Convocation was held in Wilmington, 16th January, 1929. No less than 15 Past Grand High Priests testified their loyalty by their presence.
The Grand Master of Delaware and Representatives of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut were fraternally welcomed.
The Grand High Priest in his address reported that peace and harmony prevailed and that he had not been called upon to make any decisions.
The Grand High Priest appreciated the “social side attached to their Convocations which makes one’s visits well worth while.”
The compensation of the Reviewer was increased.
Canada was represented by George S. Scott.
A speaking portrait of Grand High Priest Long was presented to Grand Chapter. There are 37 portraits in all in the Temple.
The Grand High Priest, Obadiah Clark, and other Officers were duly installed.
Alfred C. Larter, of Toronto, represents Delaware.
Among the standing resolutions published we read:—

“Membership Co-existent.—Membership in a Chapter is co-existent with membership in a Blue Lodge, i.e., that a Companion who is dimitted from a Blue Lodge for more than one year, forfeits his membership in his Chapter.”
Foreign Correspondence covering 59 Jurisdictions is again presented by our confrère, Thomas J. Day, who reports the general tone of the Proceedings as very good.

Under Alabama we read “the highway of to-day was a mere byway then.”

The absence of the Grand Representative of Delaware at Grand Chapter of Canada was noted.

The address of Grand Z. Dunstan impressed the Reviewer and he quoted:—

“Tolerance, mutual support and—within reasonable limits—the bearing of each other's burdens are all necessary in a young country still suffering its growing pains.

“There is also inspiration in the thought that it is only about three hundred years since the first white settlers set foot upon our soil. ‘Buccaneers, traders, rovers of the main, gentlemen some, adventurers all, men o'war, merchant men, bearers of the cross.’ To-day Canada has an acknowledged place among the nations of the world.”

He kindly calls our review excellent and reprints our Foreword.

Under District of Columbia we read this summary of our duties:—

“There is no better way than the old way, a review by Grand Jurisdictions, long or short, as conditions demand and space permits, special attention being given to such things as may be interesting to the reviewer's own Grand Chapter, for the purpose of comparison as well as general information.”

Under Kansas he quotes the condemnation of the Secretaries for conditions existing.

Manitoba’s poetry attracts our colleague:—

“These things shall be! A loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls,
And light of knowledge in their eyes.

“Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity.”

As does that of Nevada, striking another note:—
“There is a destiny that makes us brothers;  
None goes his way alone;  
All that we send into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own.”

Incidentally under Scotland Canada comes in for some high praise.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Raymond B. Dickey, M.E. Grand High Priest.  
J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

The biography of the Grand High Priest is interesting showing that he is a successful lawyer and associated with the Education Department.

This paragraph summarizes his virile virtues:—

“He stands to-day at the top of his profession with an enviable reputation, the inevitable result of ability and integrity. He is a friend to those in trouble or distress and is a boon companion to thousands who acclaim him as friend and brother.”

The death was announced of the late Grand Secretary Emeritus Arvine W. Johnston. Grand Chapter met to attend his funeral.

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation was held in Washington, February 13, 1929, with eight Past Grand High Priests present in the Grand East. Canada was, as usual, faithfully represented by Lucien G. Yung.

A hearty welcome was extended to the Grand Master and Representatives of Grand Lodge.

In his opening the Grand High Priest urges thoughtful consideration of the present condition of Capitular Masonry and the adoption of measures to bring about a return of that prosperity which now appears to be lacking.

These are ringing words:—

“Following our well established custom, I bring to you to-night a summary of the events of the Capitular year which has just drawn to a close. I do this, not with any pride of achievement and not alone for the reason that it has been customary to do so, but because I believe that by means
of a careful survey of conditions, and a frank understanding of their tendency we shall be materially benefitted and those who are to follow us enabled to meet the demands of the times intelligently and efficiently."

He pays this tribute to the dead:—

"Fortunate shall we be if, from the examples they have set before us, we shall acquire a lasting incentive to emulate their deeds and imitate their characters."

A dispensation was granted for conferring the Degrees according to the Maryland Ritual and also to a Brother who had not resided in their Jurisdiction for the statutory period, who was well and favourably known.

He puts his finger upon some of the difficulties experienced by some of the Grand Jurisdictions:—

"Without ascribing to any of the High Priests of the past year a lack of the qualities of leadership, we must all agree that a loyal, active and devoted membership is essential to our progress. The highest qualities of leadership are those which will inspire the rank and file and secure from them enthusiastic and continuing support. It is not the man who does everything himself, even though he do it super-excellently, who is the greatest leader. I am confident that within the body of our Fraternity there is that degree of wisdom which will enable it to counteract the influences which have brought about existing conditions. There are periods of depression in all lines of business and effort and the firm or individual who fails to win a way through them is the one who sees only the gloom of the immediate present and loses sight of the brighter promise of the future."

The High Priests' Association receives his warmest commendation.

Of intervisitations he well says:—

"These events are always enjoyable and offer an ever-present possibility of acquiring new points of view with regard to matters of interest to our Fraternity."

Under Schools of Instruction he wisely comments:—

"Human nature is such that many of us regard lightly those things which we may obtain at little or no sacrifice."

Grand Secretary Keiper is worthily described as
capable and versatile, with a knowledge of Masonry, its history, its Jurisprudence and its precedents.

Then he touches the living and serving High Priests in the following paragraphs:—

“It is my firm belief that if the High Priests of the several Chapters will themselves make the welfare of their respective bodies a matter for daily thought and will gather around them Companions of undoubted loyalty and interest, with frequent meetings of this unofficial cabinet, much good will result.”

“What to our credit shall we find enscrolled? And what shall be the jewels of our crown? I fancy we shall hear to our surprise Some little deeds of kindness, long forgot, Telling our glory, and the brave and wise Deeds which we boasted often, mentioned not. God gave us life not just to buy and sell, And all that matters is to live it well.”

Canada’s Representative, Comp. Yung, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, made an able report from which we take the following:—

“Raise their thoughts to higher and nobler altitudes, enabling them to plant for the great harvest when ‘peace on earth and good will toward men’ will fill the granary of time, when love will triumph over hate. The real purpose of Royal Arch Masonry is not necessarily in the number who assist as sowers, but rather in the soil, the candidates who receive the seed and silently mature it, and finally pour it forth many fold outside the Chapter room.”

The Committee refer to the “dynamic quality,” essential in leadership.

In the memorandum to the late Grand Secretary Johnston we, by contact with the thoughts, derive benefit:—

“The man, the time and the job were well met when he took up service with the governing bodies of the Craft in this Jurisdiction in 1896. When we work with others, help us to regard them, not as servants to our will, but as brothers equal to us in human dignity, and equally worthy of their full regard. May there be nothing in this day’s work of which we shall be ashamed when the sun has set, nor in the eventide of our life when our task is done. Amen.”

An invitation will be extended to hold the Triennial in Washington in 1933.
Robert W. Clewlo represents District of Columbia.

The Committee on Correspondence is of course he of the potential pen, W. W. Jermane, P.G.H.P., to the perusal of whose Reviews we always look forward. His foreword is full of worth-while matter:—

"the plan that has been adopted by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the appointment, in each constituent Commandery, of a committee to give help to the Recorder in the collection of dues.

"Meanwhile, it is the only constructive plan thus far devised for stemming the outgoing tide of members in the various American Masonic bodies; and not in them only, but in all bodies that are parts of other fraternal societies in this country.

"He pointed out that we were fixing all our attention on petitions for the degrees, and entirely neglecting the equally important task of keeping members after we get them. We give careful attention to the front door, but none to the back door. As the collection of dues is now carried on, it lacks the personal touch, which means so much in all human relationships. It should not be expected that he assume entire responsibility for it. Under normal conditions, he could function satisfactorily, but not under abnormal conditions. Grover Cleveland once said, in outlining a serious national problem, that it was a condition, not a theory, that confronted the American people. It is a condition, not a theory, that now confronts American Capitularism.

"What are we going to do about it? For nearly twenty years, following the end of the Civil War, there was a somewhat similar condition. Not until near the middle eighties did we begin to get our feet back on solid ground. I see no reason why it will not take us practically as long to recover from the effects of the World War, whose destructive power was far greater and more widespread than anything of the kind mankind had previously experienced.

"The problem now is more difficult than it was from 1865 to nearly 1885, due to the enticing forms of modern amusement and entertainment. These, as they point out, are typified by the moving picture, the radio, the phonograph, the automobile, golf, and a multitude of social, service and fraternal clubs, all of them making large demands upon human time and energy. Our side is to win, and win decisively; but not until we set ourselves to work, painstakingly, determinedly, wholeheartedly, sympathetically. Victory will not come as long as we sit with folded hands, or speak out of an abundance of ignorance, critically, about what should and should not be done, unless we want to prolong the depression agony."
Canada is briefly and fraternally reviewed. He speaks well of Comp. Dunstan’s address in London and his history of Canada, and points out that although territorially diminishing we continue to grow in numbers and influence. He is kind enough to say that we continue to write a good Correspondence Report—to quote his good words, “one of the best that comes to my notice.”

The Grand High Priest of Delaware does not see any opportunity for worth-while service in the office of Grand Representatives.

England is favourably reviewed.

Under Georgia we read these superlatives of praise:

“Thus concluding a practical business administration with approved results, he has added the graces and charm of peace and good will among men, and upon the glowing pages of earnest endeavour for the honour of God and the uplift of men, the name of W. Frank Wells shall stand a shining ornament when the stars are covered with moss, and the sun, lingering behind the clouds, shall forget the coming dawn.”

He praises Manitoba for living within a modest income in excellent condition.

He, too, is down on line promotion and says under Massachusetts:

“I approve the Massachusetts plan. Progression in the line gives the Royal Craft practically all of the incompetents—and they are many—who are called to the Grand East of the several grand jurisdictions. I wish it were practicable to bring about the general adoption of the Massachusetts idea; but fear it isn’t. Royal Arch Masonry has been advancing and doing a great work despite the handicaps it wilfully imposes upon itself.”

Here are some words of admonition from an experienced journalist:

“The Massachusetts Grand Chapter, I take it, has not fallen into the hands of a group of narrow, selfish and unenlightened Masonic politicians. Its recent action seems to be proof of this statement. But all the other Grand Chapters have not been so fortunate. Where autocracy is at its best, there is no form of government that is as good; where it is not at its best, there is no form of it that is as bad.”
His conclusion forms our conclusion:—

"Some of the reviewers have become great experts; a very large majority of them are doing work of a high order; the number that falls short of such an accomplishment is negligible. The quality of the output has increased materially in these nine years, and the time is already at hand when this steady flow of interpretation and comment is having an influence on Grand Chapter procedure."

Membership, 6,138, being a loss of 172 from the preceding year.

**ENGLAND.**

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, First Grand Principal.

Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro First Grand Principal.

Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, Second Grand Principal.

Sir Colville Smith, Grand Scribe E.

Sir Alfred Robbins, P.G.S.N.

Herbert F. Manisty, K.C., LL.B., President Committee General Purposes.

Quarterly Convocation was held in Freemasons' Hall, November 7, 1928, with a large attendance, whose well known names cover many pages, among them an old friend, Lt. Colonel H. Hamilton-Wedderburn, O.B.E., who visited Canada.

All balances are deposited in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee had the melancholy duty to report the death of many present and past Grand Officers, all of whom had been conspicuous by their devotion to Royal Arch Masonry.

Among the seven new Chapters for which petitions were granted we note the Radium Chapter to be attached to Radium Lodge, No. 4031. One petition from New Zealand is deferred.

Permission for the removal of many Chapters was, as usual, given.
W. John Songhurst was acting President of the Committee.

The form of the address in Chapter appears to be that which we must confess we thought was one confined to our United States Companions, in brief, "Most Excellent."

Lord Cornwallis reported at length and we make the following extracts from his interesting remarks on India:—

"In some Chapters the work was up to the very highest standard, but the impression left upon my mind was that the Chapters desired direction and guidance. In the Craft working, while there were those small differences that you would expect to find, generally speaking, Emulation working prevailed, and harmony of working existed. I should say that there was more similarity of working than you would find over here in England. The reverse was the case in Chapter working; hardly any two workings coincided, and in one case the ceremony bore no resemblance to any ceremony we had ever seen worked before. There is no lack of zeal or willingness to take trouble—quite the contrary—but there was a general desire that Grand Chapter should give some direction in the matter of Ritual. There, of course, we at once approached dangerous ground. The harmonizing of the work can only be secured by gradual infiltration.

"I think I am right in saying that the length of one District is as far as from here to Moscow, and that produces the further difficulty that it is often very difficult to get a First Z., or H. and J. to start a new Chapter, where it is recognized that a Chapter would be beneficial and self-supporting. There were present the three Consecrating Officers, Comps. Sir John Ferguson, Sir Kynaston Studd, and myself, Col. Pleydell-Bouverie as Director of Ceremonies, Comps. Eric Studd and Col. Davson, who was in charge of us. They elected seventeen Companions as joining members, and said that qualified Companions would come from Mandalay and Colombo—a mere twenty-four hours' journey—to see them through their early stages, and we saw no reason to differ from their view; but I think I have said enough to show that it is not surprising if Ritual takes rather diverse forms.

"There is also the problem of removals. We know here how in our service Lodges there is very little sequence in the Master's Chair. Out there, where a large proportion of the Companions are either soldiers or in Government service, I feel that our visit reassured them of the goodwill and interest of Grand Chapter, which has always been theirs, and that it gave us a picture of their special difficulties which it is helpful to Grand Chapter to have."
Quarterly Convocation was held February 6, 1929.

Charles E. Keyser, Grand Superintendent for Hertfordshire, was present with many other Grand Chapter Officers.

The trouble in Western Australia was thus referred to:

"The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia has incorporated into its constitution certain qualifications which do not form part of Masonry under the English system, but the fullest assurance has been given that the possession of these qualifications shall not be required of members of the English Constitution when visiting Chapters under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia, and the usual undertaking conserving the rights of Masons in Western Australia under the English Constitution having also been given, the Committee is now enabled to recommend to Supreme Grand Chapter the acceptance of the resolution conditionally recognizing Western Australia."

Grand Chapter will hereafter pay one-fifth instead of one-quarter of the total expenses of the fund for General Purposes.

The Committee recommended that no more than three candidates should be exalted in private Chapters at the same ceremony. This, however, is a recommendation, not an absolute enactment.

The opinion of the Committee was that when a large number of candidates are exalted at the same ceremony the ceremony loses that dignity and impressiveness which is so essential.

Charters were given to five new Chapters who petitioned.

Chamba Chapter attached to Lodge "Light of the North," Dalhousie, was detached from that Lodge and attached to Lodge Northern Star, Punjab. Other Lodges accorded their consent.

The Grand Third Principal, Very Reverend Dean Brownrigg, then at the request of Lord Ampthill, gave the usual brief address, this time on that most interesting subject so much discussed in Canada, "The Relation of Our Craft to Religion." We venture to think our readers will be interested in all of
it in condensed form, so here it is. Englishmen certainly have the art of concentration:—

"The Relation of Our Craft to Religion.

"M.E. Third Grand Principal (Very Rev. Dean J. S. Brownrigg, M.A.), Most Excellent and Companions, I fully appreciate the difficulties of the question I am raising, but I think that there are fundamental principles upon which we may agree which should lead us to the avoidance of dangers which have led (not in England, but elsewhere) to prejudice our Craft in the eyes of some.

"First, I will premise for your general information that our Craft is not a Religion—but it requires that every Candidate for admission should definitely accept a belief in God as the Creator and Preserver of all things and thus (by His Divine guidance) should be in all things a Religious man.

"On this Fundamental Principle we raise in a Royal Arch Chapter a very definite superstructure. As we stand at the Entrance to the Chapter solemnly we pronounce the attributes of the God in whom we believe.

Omnipotent—There is no limit to His Power and by that Power He is ever exerting His Love for us.

Omniscient—He knows individually every one of His creatures, their needs and their desires, and knows that He may wisely grant.

Omnipresent—He ever will be with us for Help to all Good, and for Defence against all Evil, if only we will take the trouble to ask Him.

"Such principles are the foundation of the belief which our Craft requires. But further every Ceremony of our Order enforces the great truth, that belief without resultant works is barren and unstable. Work is the lot of man, and whatever that work is, whatever our profession is, work should be done under God's direction. The Great Architect of the Universe would have no unemployed servants and we should copy the example set us by the Craftsmen of old, who on work unseen and unnoticed by the outside world, such as the delicate tracery of the roof or tower, bestowed the same care and attention as to that which was closest to the human eye. And lastly, all work must be done not only for self and the earned wage, but for the good of the whole community, for time future as well as time present.

"Let us see how this is enforced by the closing words which in a few moments we shall repeat. First we recall the one Great Principle we commenced with 'Glory to God in the Highest.' Whatever we have done, now do, or shall do hereafter, must be dedicated to Him. 'On Earth Peace.' Not a Peace at any price, not a Peace which involves the sacrifice of any duty or obligation, but a Peace with God and Self, by
our having done our best in the World, by a good influence which even here wins in the long run the support of those whose opinion is worth anything. ‘Goodwill towards men.’ For so is the Will of God that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men, as free, but not using your liberty as a cloak for maliciousness, but as the servants of god. Honour all men; Love the Brotherhood; Fear God; Honour the King.”

Quarterly Convocation was held August 7, 1929, Lord Ampthill in the Chair at all these meetings. He announced the formation of a new District Grand Chapter in Japan on the petition of the four Chapters in that Country.

Present at the last Convocation, Charles E. Keyser of Hertfordshire, is reported as having passed the Eternal Veils.

Seven petitions for new Chapters were granted. Two charters of confirmation were ordered to be given, the originals being lost.

Many Chapters were removed, among them the Connaught Chapter from the Officers’ Club to the Prince Consort’s Library, Aldershot, Hampshire.

On the invitation of Lord Ampthill, Ex. Comp. F. J. W. Crowe, a well known name in literary Craft lore, gave a seven minute address on the Royal Arch Degree and some legends connected therewith. This naturally does not admit of publication.

We in Canada would be so proud of our English Companions if they would but publish their transactions in annual and worthy format as other Grand Jurisdictions do throughout the world.

GEORGIA.

John Swain, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Augustus G. Miller, Grand Secretary.
All Masonic work is printed by the boys and girls of the Home in Georgia.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation was held April 17, 1929, at Macon.
Proceedings began by singing “Blest Be the Tie that Binds.”
O. Frank Hart briefly acknowledged his welcome. General Grand High Priest Davis was thus welcomed:—

“There stands beside me a man whom I have known and loved for more than a quarter of a century; when I first met him I was somewhat skeptical as to whether or not he would measure up to the high duties of the office to which he had been called, but after being with him for some time and talking with him, I found that he was our kind of folks, and I just took a-liking to him, and my love has increased.”

In his reply he incidentally said:—

“I never make a set speech—I take Frank Hart along to make my speeches, and he makes a good one, as you heard yesterday. I remember down in Texas he told them, in beginning one of his speeches, that he was an Episcopalian and a Democrat, and I heard the State went Republican the next day.

“Our Chapters in Canada are getting along very nicely; the Mexican situation is clearing up, and progress is now reported in the Canal Zone and the Philippines. Altogether, there is nothing to be alarmed about over the loss in numbers.

“Look ahead: Brighter days are awaiting you.”

We like the emphasis on “our” Chapters. We are all members one of another.

Grand Master Raymund Daniel, known throughout the whole South, was fittingly introduced as:—

“A man loved by all who know him. He is always doing something for us, at the Home, and in the Print Shop, and by his sunny disposition has made the Home a most happy place. Really I do not see where he finds time to do all the good things he accomplishes.”

He made one of his characteristic speeches in reply, calling Frant Hart—“Old White Heart.”

No less than fourteen Grand High Priests added aid and honour to the Grand East.

Canada was duly represented by Charles R. McCord.

From the introduction to the address of the Grand High Priest we take the following:—

“I bring to you a commentary on our labours; the work accomplished; my personal observation; and for your prayerful consideration, recommendations are submitted.
‘Princes have fallen in the fight,  
Valorous champions of the truth and right;  
Determined, honest, level-headed, just,  
Who broke no promise nor betrayed a trust.  
Their generous faces with courtly kindness beamed,  
By friends beloved, by all the world esteemed.’  

Then follows a worthy eulogy of the late Edgar Allen McHan, with whom this Reviewer had some delightful correspondence. We endorse everything that is said in the tribute paid his memory by the Grand Master, Grand High Priest and the Grand Council together:—

“In his death we have lost a true and devoted friend, a splendid citizen, a faithful and zealous Craftsman; Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in particular, has suffered an irreparable loss.  

“His teachings gave lustre to virtue and dignity to truth. His words of wisdom were perfect and much to be desired; chance pearls, which diligence loves to gather; white-winged seeds of happiness, which thought carefully tends in the kindly garden of the heart.  

“Brethren and Companions would constantly press before him, becoming electrified and moved by the exhortations of this Apostle of Freemasonry. His voice would melt to tears; it was music singing Divine philosophy; it was harmony clothing the richest moral wisdom with the most glowing style. He was, perhaps, the most remarkable man in the history of Georgia Freemasonry. In him, all things seemed to be united: voice, language, figure, passion, learning, taste, art, piety, occasion, motive, prestige, and material to work upon.  

“Faithful to duty, he walked with God, and having served his day and generation by the will of God, he has fallen on sleep.  

“No more waiting—only resting; for life’s harvest time is past;  
All its golden grain is garnered, all its full sheaves safe at last.  
Hands that toiled for other’s helping now are folded evermore,  
And the treasure ship is anchored close beside the Golden Shore.’  

Another fine obituary notice was that of Past Grand High Priest Gable, of whom it is said:—  

“To him service sounded a sweeter note than acquisition; relief of suffering and restoration to health were higher prized than the accumulation of wealth.”
A. G. Miller was appointed Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, with a salary of $3,300 and $1,000, and use of automobile for personal expenses.

The Grand High Priest, who is a clergyman, thus acknowledges co-operation:—

"I am debtor to all, and gladly do I acclaim it. If success in any measure has crowned my administration, your urge and inspiration is responsible for it, and to the Great God of the Universe do I render thanks."

He heartily approves the presentation of Bibles:—

"Since the Holy Bible is of all light most pure and to the Mason the most indispensable, I heartily recommend the continuance of the practice of presenting each candidate for the Order of High Priesthood with a copy of this sacred Book, and earnestly desire that this custom will be perpetual."

Six Chapters were surrendered during the year. Delinquent Chapters he firmly admonishes:—

"Unfortunately we have too many Chapters thus designated, and to my mind the cause is too often due to the following: Ninety per cent. account of 'inefficient Secretary' and ten per cent. to the inactivity of the High Priest.

"I have stated it frequently, and do so again, 'As goes the Secretary and the High Priest, so goes the Chapter'; I am aware that there are exceptions in all cases."

He is an enthusiast in regard to the education of the children of the Homes:—

"Since education under wholesome influence and instruction is enlightenment, whose brilliant rays reveal the way to peace, progress and prosperity, the wonderful work being accomplished by our children under the oversight of Companion C. L. Bass, should receive universal support."

He urges all Masonic Bodies to send their Secretaries to the meetings of the Associations.

Grand Chapter has added another working place for the children of the Home, amplifying the Royal Arch Craft Shop and denominated "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter Industrial Building."

The State of the Order is not altogether encouraging, but is met bravely in Georgia:—

"The depression of activity brought through financial
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stringency has surrounded us with many unemployed as well as partially employed Companions. The mental anguish caused by the continued inability to make the ordinary provision for the needs of the family, has eaten into the heart of our fraternal life; the consequence is, that many refrain from that social intercourse and strengthening of the bonds of brotherly love that our meeting together in Lodge and Chapter affords.

"History repeats itself: 2600 years ago Hosea the Prophet cried, giving utterance as God directed him, 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee.'

"Labour is rest, from the sorrows that greet us;
Rest from all petty vexations that meet us;
Rest from sin-promptings that ever entreat us,
Work, and pure slumbers shall lie on thy pillow;
Work, thou shalt ride over Care's coming billows;
Lie not down wearied, 'neath Woe's weeping willows—
But work with a stout heart and resolute will.'"

Nothing but praise for the Home Print Shop:—

"Somehow, a visit to the 'BEE HIVE' reminds one of the likeness to its illustrious founder, the now sainted E. A. McHan. The desire of this 'BEE HIVE' to send forth the LIGHT as it publishes its message (Messenger) to the Craft, and through the perfectness of its 'Jobbing Work,' reveals its message of 'TRUTH, LIGHT AND RIGHT and regard for others' welfare, emulates the characteristics of its noble and departed friend. Let us honour McHan and others by expressing to these young Craftsmen in our shop, our faith in their ability to produce good and honest work, by continuously sending them our orders for the testing of their abilities."

The Masonic "Messenger," published also at the Home, is called a wonderful "epitome of Masonic light and activity."

The Grand Secretary-Lecturer's report is very frank and thorough:—

"I have found Capitular Masonry at a low ebb. Many Chapters are dormant and there is evidence of a lack of interest and indifference seldom known. Economic conditions existing in our State have had much to do with this.

"Changing conditions in our social life are causing a great deal of loss of interest and indifference. Masonry is not alone in this respect. Our religious and social societies are suffering."
Membership, 16,130. Net loss, 873. As Grand Representative of Georgia this Reviewer expresses deep regret, but notes that Georgia adopts the Kipling verse:—

"Though all we love depart
The great commandment stands
In courage keep your heart,
In strength lift up your hands."

William B. Graham was elected Grand High Priest.

In the memorial on Lee Wages the Committee says:—

"Companion Lee Wages has received the password from more Masons than any other man who ever lived among us. He will hear it no more in this world and another ear is inclined to catch our word as we enter the Grand Lodge. For twenty-seven years he stood as Grand Tyler at the door of the Grand Lodge and passed us in."

The memorial pages to the Fraternal Dead are preceded by this verse:—

"Behold the Spirit of the just
Whose faith is changed to sight."

Foreign (Fraternal) Correspondence is submitted by him of the happy name, Pleasant T. McCutchen. He apologizes for his Review, recounting the loss of his newspaper plant and library by fire during the year. Still he furnishes a report of much interest and information.

We read under Akansas:—

"Charter of one Chapter was arrested, and two other Chapters whose sleeping members had aroused to the snoring stage, had their Charters restored."

We get this information under California:—

"Pennsylvania shows the outstanding gain of the year with a jump from 147 to 1,645 and far outstrips any other Jurisdiction. Ohio is in second place with 1,345 gain, Illinois third with 1,004."

We appreciate his review of Canada, in which he says of and quotes from Grand Z. Dunstan:—
“The Grand Z. had a year crowded with many duties, and he said many good things in telling the story of the year’s activities. We offer no apology for some excerpts, and sorry can’t have space for more of his address.

“As Masons we have a peculiar responsibility. We must bind ourselves apprentices to the trade of doing good.

“Still the horizon lures and the morrow calls.

“The body cannot be healthy if one part is in the hospital.

“Tolerance, mutual support and—within reasonable limits—the bearing of each other’s burdens are all necessary in a young country still suffering its growing pains.”

Comp. Gardiner gets a well merited bouquet on his report:

“Among the outstanding features of the Proceedings is the lengthy report of the Committee on ‘Condition of Capitular Masonry.’ Every phase of Craft condition and purpose is covered. The true conception of the meaning of Masonry is declared.”

He praises our benevolence. We thank him kindly for his appreciation of our Review:

“The entertaining and instructive Report on Correspondence is again the able production of Companion Ponton, covering many Grand Jurisdictions. He declares himself to be proud to be Georgia’s Grand Representative, and Georgia is equally proud of her distinguished ambassador in Canada.”

This we read under Massachusetts:

“The Quarterlies are for constituting new Chapters, reading reports, and attending to minor matters that the Annual Convocation may not be handicapped by too much stereotyped routine, thus clearing the boards for ad libitum and profitable programmes when the Companions assemble for the final session of the year.”

Washington receives the longest of all Reviews and from it we note:

“The faithful workman that planted the seed from which we are to-day reaping an abundant harvest; as the fruits of their labours, the example of their achievements, and the inspiration of their lives, may well stimulate us to greater efforts in searching for the keystone, that will bind humanity’s arch of peace and good will to man.

“‘We are building great nations of free men,
    We are building a race to endure—
    We are blazing a trail for the children of men
    A trail where the footing is sure.’”
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Homer G. Brown, M.E., Grand High Priest.  
Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.  
The Twenty-first Convocation convened at Lewiston, May 14, 1929.  

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were honoured at the Altar.  
The Eastern Star presented a basket of flowers.  
The Grand High Priest made a brief but full address, thus introducing his report:—

"We have for a few days laid aside our burdens and the duties we have to perform, and convened in the character of Royal Arch Masons and in our exalted positions as American citizens, to transact such business as pertains to our Royal Craft. In so doing, let us be guided deliberately and with a full understanding of the important duties we are about to perform."

By dint of much co-operative effort the gain this year was six members as against a loss of forty reported last year.

Among his decisions we read:

"A Companion cannot retain membership in the Chapter, by paying his dues, after he has been suspended in the Blue Lodge."

One hundred dollars was sent to Florida and Porto Rico.

Advocating a more familiar knowledge of Constitution and By-Laws, he says:—

"In our Royal Arch Degree we are sworn to obey them and in order to obey we must have a knowledge of what they contain, which I doubt very few members have."

Canada's Grand Representative, Charles Hartung, was duly present.

The Grand Lecturer in his report well says:—

"It is very difficult for them to get a quorum together at times. But they have the true spirit of the Royal Craft and are keeping the home fires burning with the hope that a new Silver City will spring into life again—they are the salt of the earth. All honour to them. They are faithful to the end.
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"FRIENDSHIP.

"The safest ship upon life's sea,
The one for you, the one for me,
Is anchored deep in faith and love
And guided by a hand above."

Alonzo Cone was elected Grand High Priest.

A watch, not a jewel, or rather a jewelled watch, is presented to the retiring Grand High Priests in Idaho.

This verse precedes the In Memoriam pages:

"We know when moons shall wane,
When summer birds shall cross the sea,
When autumn's hue shall tinge the golden grain;
But who shall teach us when to look for thee,
O Death?"

W. H. G. Garrioch, of Ottawa, represents Idaho.

Fraternal Correspondence, is in the skilled hand of George E. Knepper, but, unfortunately, Canada has not been the subject of his potential pen.

Alberta attracts his attention:

"The Grand Z. even goes so far as to suggest that some legislation should be devised to curb or discontinue the using of Capitular Masonry as a stepping stone to something else. But since the original organizer made it such why complain? A good man's ambition may be to win a fine uniform with a big feather. He must go by way of the Chapter and as long as he pays his dues let's not condemn him.

"The returns were received 'in a straggling manner,' but you must expect nothing else from the average scribe," says our colleague.

California says of our modest Grand Secretaries:

"We happen to know something about Grand Secretaries. They are an average lot of good fellows, but by no means the only salt of the earth as we are so often led to believe.

"He says that California did not get a lookin in our report. 'Whyfor?' Further, he says: 'According to him, West Virginia boasts some "Coptic Degrees." Possibly he meant Criptic.'

"My esteemed Companion, let me take you into my confidence. We are writing this report in Southern California and in this glorious climate we don't care a rap whether we meant Criptic or Coptic."
This from Georgia's review:—

"Other things of a like nature follow. The time was, he thinks, that even a Masonic charm was, in a measure, an endorsement of good character.

"'To-day there is a lack of confidence upon the part of the world at large, as well as among Masons themselves, in the integrity of entirely too many members of the fraternity.'

"Them's our sentiments, too," adds our confrère.

Indiana suggests both etymology and orthography:—

"Visitors from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania must be 'healed' or 'heled.' Two spellings are used in this word. We prefer to use the word 'heeled' as we have no business to meddle with the material of another Grand Jurisdiction. The intended visitor is either qualified or he is not, and that ends it."

A little touch on Jurisprudence Committees under Maine may invite criticism:—

"The Jurisprudence Committee had nothing to do. This is a relief as committees by that name are sometimes quite tedious."

Two paragraphs from Michigan:—

"The distinguished guests were called to bat but were only welcomed and honoured. They seem to have acquitted themselves with credit."

"It took all forenoon to clear the decks for action."

Montana is always fertile in ideas:—

"The heads of the Masonic Grand Bodies were present, four in number. They were presented before the Altar and officially welcomed. This is a custom of long standing and might be profitably emulated by all Grand Chapters."

"O. Frank Hart again came to bat. It was brought out that he would umpire a ball game during the noon recess. He assumed that his umpiring might lead to difference of opinions and said: 'I am thinking of the time that one said he hoped the meeting would be harmonious but not unanimous—I am satisfied that this afternoon we might have some harmony but unanimity I am sure we will not have.'"

Our friends in the Cryptic Rite may not agree with this, but it will make them think, under Oregon:—
During the past year we have been considering the position of the 'Cryptic Rite,' as at present constituted it is the weakest of all Masonic bodies, and is not in any way engaged in any constructive work beyond the mere conferring of degrees.

"It has seemed to us that the consolidation of the Capitular and Cryptic Rites would be of great benefit.

"The above would be a long step in the right direction."

Of Robert S. Hart of South Dakota and Helm of Texas we read this interesting paragraph, which makes us chuckle:

"Companion Hart has worked the bellows for the past three years. He probably hasn't absorbed the fact Grand High Priests are the only humble people in Royal Arch Masonry. When it comes to Reviewers—that different. Not one of them but considers himself the salt of the earth. He will have hard work to cause any of them to believe that Sam Helm excels in anything except the size of his State."

Again Helm of Texas looms up this time with a pedigree:

"Last year Sam abused Idaho shamefully but somehow we all enjoyed being kicked by a thoroughbred."

As he touched the Cryptic Rite with a sharp but delicate pen, so under Wyoming he touches the Order of High Priesthood:

"The volume before us devotes 12 pages to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Why? It is a separate organization having its own officers and its own bank account. Why burden the pages of Chapter Proceedings with that in which the rank and file have no interest and never can have? Again, why mar the correspondence report by injecting a paragraph or more at the close of each review? This is done in the volume before us.

"If we must have so many Masonic organizations let each one stand on its own feet, if it has any," says our Idaho Reviewer.


ILLINOIS.

Charles S. Andrus, M.E., Grand High Priest.
James E. Jeffers, R.E., Grand Secretary.
The Oxford Quartette presented a delightful
programme of music at the opening of Grand Chapter, which convened in the grand ballroom of the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, October 25, 1928. This from the opening invocation: —

"We give Thee thanks for this deliberative body,—for the international brotherhood of which we are a part,—for every tie that binds us to our fellow-men and for every feeling of reverence for our Creator which we have in our hearts."

Twelve Past Grand High Priests reported for duty.

Canada was represented by Comp. Fred. W. Soady.

Distinguished visitors from Missouri, Indiana and Michigan, the latter with this fraternal coincidence:—

"Companion Roy Andrus, Past G.H.P. of Michigan, was presented by Companion Eichler and conducted to the east. It is worthy of note that Companion Andrus is a younger brother of our own Companion Charles S. Andrus, who was presiding as Grand High Priest and who took peculiar pleasure in introducing him to the Grand Chapter of Illinois. An unusual and unique situation was thus presented, enjoyed by all present, but most of all by the two brothers."

General Grand High Priest Davis cordially responded.

The Grand High Priest during his visitations had been the guest of Wisconsin, Missouri and Michigan. He visited the Home and was well satisfied, saying:—

"The administration of the home seems to be in excellent hands and this Grand Chapter should feel extremely proud of its part in developing this magnificent institution."

In conclusion, he gave the Companions this message:—

"If I have not initiated any reforms it is because I thought our present system needed no reforming. I believe that with our system of Schools and District Inspection we have the system best adapted to our needs. I believe that each Chapter should be given much liberty to work out its individual problems and that the least government is usually the best government."
The Inspectors of 27 Districts made concise reports.

The total assets of Grand Chapter amounted to $107,368.

Edward E. Core was elected Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest of Wisconsin was welcomed on the second day as well as the Grand Master of Illinois, who had been Grand High Priest 14 years before.

The Obituary Committee presented an altogether unusual report, from which we take some striking sentences:

“In his deep grave we’ll lay him down, with naught of pomp or circumstance; and then we’ll hustle back to town, to hear the latest news from France.” It is a busy age and even when our friends pass from the stage of action we pause but briefly.

“There is comfort, in these homely lines portraying that when we fold the draperies of our couch about us and lie down for that long rest, some few at least will remember. We attribute to the deceased qualities and virtues never possessed in life, so in the brief time allotted for this portion of our ceremonies, I desire that we point out only the good which our departed distinguished Companions really possessed without any extravagant claims as to their great virtues—that we emulate that in their lives worthy of emulation and blot out and forget that which was evil; for in the best of all of us there is much that is evil. Perfection is not attained here. He who serves himself and no one else is a failure, though death release his grasp of an empire.”

“Ye that scatter the seed of words, scorn not the sowing, Nor the Master that sent ye out in the barren fields.”

“The did his best in every field of labour, He was a steadfast, faithful friend, He was a kind and sympathetic neighbour, Whate’er he had he’d gladly give or lend, His life touched mine and I am made the better.”

Grand Chaplain Thomas made an eloquent oration. Space only permits the following quotation:

“I verily believe, however, that being a Mason should give one a high appreciation of every life’s relation—the Church, the home and the family; of the responsibilities of the business world and the duty of citizenship.
“The gaunt figure of Abraham Lincoln stooped by responsibilities and obscured by too close view, began to stand erect and to walk with firmer tread toward a definite goal. His value to human society, long obscured by prejudice and dimmed by age—old habits of thought,—began shifting and changing and appreciating. Men were simply seeing where they had not seen. They 'saw but saw not.'

“What value the beauty of the architect's drawing, or the symmetry of the cut stones, if no buildings arise. The ultimate value in anything, is that we put into it of our own lives. We must see it, cultivate it, discern it.”

Joseph J. Shelley of Toronto represents Illinois.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations Report was prepared by Everett R. Turnbull, P.G.H.P.

He gives a striking Foreword from which we quote:

“Of the Canadian proceedings reviewed only one has shown a loss and that very small. They have stood the last few years much better than our Jurisdictions.

“Nearly every Grand High Priest and Reviewer has offered some explanation or apology for conditions in his state, but the fact remains that indifference is largely responsible because very few members are unable to pay the small amount charged for dues if they care to retain their membership.

“A Masonic Lodge should resemble a bee-hive, in which all the members work together with ardour for the common good.

“When life becomes too easy the people get careless.

“A proper understanding of the principles of Masonry requires study and thought but the average person demands excitement.

“The thinkers, the planners, the doers are still with us. Therefore let us carry on.”

Under Alabama we read these comments:

“The Chapters had a grand house-cleaning this year. I am not able to explain just what 'stricken from the roll'
means. We only have four methods of getting out of a Chapter, suspension, expulsion, dimit and death.

"The guttural, pectoral, manual and pedal attributes of the Craft were lived and practiced because they were factors in every day life.

"The highway of to-day was a mere byway then. No such facilities of travel existed as we enjoy now.

"What the harvest will be remains for us to determine.

"It is my firm opinion that we are not doing more than a mere trifle of what we should. We boast of our Homes, and they are good, but what of the large field that is untouched?"

Colorado utters a truth which appeals to our colleague:—

"He is not a believer in giving degrees to anybody:

"'There is no man big enough to confer a favour on any Masonic Body by becoming a member of it. The obligation is all the other way.'"

Will this make the members of the High Priesthood pause and think? We read under Idaho review:—

"The Order of High Priesthood is unknown in this Jurisdiction. Evidently the sentiment of the Reviewer is that of the Companions in general—'We will not deny that we have no use for the High Priesthood—a secret order within a secret order.'"

Referring to the eloquent address of the Grand High Priest of Maryland, he makes this refreshing comment:—

"It was quite a change to read an address that was what its title indicated and not a catalogue of acts."

Incidentally Canada comes in under New Jersey:—

"A few words under 'Canada' cover a multitude of sins:

"'If we could only get rid of all the trash that some rattle-brains have brought into Masonry the candidates would receive a finer opinion of it in all its branches.'"

Here is a problem for our Scottish Rite Brethren to solve. We read under New York:—

"When receiving the Deputy of the Supreme Council 33rd° the Grand High Priest said, 'I, myself, am not a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,' yet later on he reported the receipt of an invitation to attend the Council of
Deliberation, 'which I accepted.' By what authority was he admitted if he is not a member of that Rite?"

Texas, large in area and large in bulk of Proceedings, furnishes also large opportunities for review. We read:—

"This Home appears to have the finest equipment possible. There are electric refrigerators, complete electric machinery for the dairy and anything that would add to the comfort or health of these old people has been supplied.

"The real reason why Texas refuses to recognize Scotland may be that some of those Texans cannot appreciate any music more classical than the bawling of a long horn or the swish of a rope. As soon as the pipes started everybody came in and listened in awe-struck silence to the wonderful sounds."

The Order of High Priesthood in Wyoming has its values and embellishments:—

"This Council charges twenty dollars for the degree, but a 'beautifully bound Bible with gold embossed High Priesthood emblem thereon, a parchment diploma, and an enameled solid gold lapel button is presented to each new member.'"

We read under British Columbia:—

"It is easy to find Companions who can talk, but the average speaker cannot present the spiritual side of the ritual and develop a plan for a practical use that will interest and enthuse the average member so that he will think and live its teachings."

He gives a long account of and extracts from Grand Z. Dunstan's address in London and touches also upon other of our Proceedings including the copying of the measurements and weight of the Keystone in which many Jurisdictions appear to be interested. He also touches upon the Revised Ritual, adding:—

"The object of the revision was to reach the deeper depths of the candidates by appealing to their natures.

Of our own review he kindly and generously says:—

"The Capitular Review is again from the strong and able mind of Companion Ponton."

Of Lord Ampthill's address on Zerrubbabel be-
fore the Grand Chapter of England he writes commendingly:

"Then followed the principal events in the life of that prince. The address covered nearly two pages and was voted by the Companions 'intensely interesting and instructive.' I mention this because the plan has great possibilities. Our Chapters could stimulate interest by an occasional talk along these lines. There are numerous subjects touched on in the degrees that are not generally understood, an explanation of which would be worth while."

Again Canadian Chapters are recognized on their merits by our colleague, under Saskatchewan:

"If every jurisdiction would make a similar investigation before granting a dispensation the list of defunct Chapters would not be so large. Perhaps this has something to do with the fact that the Canadian Grand Chapters do not show the loss that is so prevalent in those in the U.S."

Comp. Turnbull's review is not merely instructive but searching.

Membership, 90,961. Decrease, 612. This is startling in a great Jurisdiction like Illinois.

INDIANA.

Mark Leslie Dickover, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Robert Archer Woods, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation assembled in Gary, 17th October, 1928. Sixteen Past Grand High Priests drawing together the past and the present in active work. Canada was duly represented by William H. Bauch. The proceedings are preceded by a handsome collection of handsome Grand Officers, the veteran Treasurer dating from 1908 continuously. Long may they live!

In happy terms under Proemial this acknowledgment of the gaiety at Gary is given:

"The remembrance of our sojourn in the beautiful Magic City on the southern shores of Lake Michigan, at the gateway of the Dunes, will long remain as a pleasing and happy incident."
Search having been made for distinguished guests we are told that:—

“The following were discovered, brought to light before the Altar, received and welcomed with the Grand Honours due their rank.”

Michigan, Illinois and General Grand Chapter were fully represented.

Comp. Stockwell’s greetings from North Dakota were acclaimed. He says incidentally in his letter:—

“We have gone through, in the last ten years, a good deal of a slump because we are in entirely an agricultural state. All the degrees of the various bodies are conferred in full form and each night we have a dinner with an inspirational speaker. Splendid results have been obtained.”

From the commencement of the address of the Grand High Priest we take the following:—

“True, our ranks have suffered a slump, in common with twenty other Grand Jurisdictions within the borders of our own country, for the former feverishness of war activities and its legacy of frenzied finance have left many spiritless and apathetic. Phonographs, radio, automobiles, picture shows, and the scant crops of the last two years, have absorbed the attention and funds that should have gone to pay fees and dues. Perhaps, too, the Secretaries have not hustled for back dues, as they should.”

He announced the death of no less than 449 Companions of Indiana during the year.

A Chapter having become moribund he presented this liberal choice:—

“I gave them the choice of bringing the work up to standard, or consolidating with Kentland Chapter or of surrendering the charter. The meeting was held and I was informed that they had voted to consolidate.”

Pennsylvania’s explanation is not accepted, the ruling still being:—

“The Chapters of Indiana cannot accept a Pennsylvania Companion for visitation or affiliation even though he may have the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Past Master Degree.”

Grand Secretary Swintz commends the Masonic Home:—
“I am sure all will agree that the Masonic Home is a splendid monument to Freemasonry in Indiana.”

The Grand Lecturer urges exchange of visitations between Chapters:—

“It not only stimulates a desire to become more proficient in the work, and an incentive to excel, but more closely cements the bond of companionship.

Frederick Russell Clark was elected Grand High Priest.

In the Memorial to the distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions we read:—

“Once more the mighty wheel of time has made its annual revolution and has left in its path, many changes, both good and evil, but the good predominates.

“When is a man a Mason?

“When he can look out over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things and yet have faith, hope and courage, which is the root of every virtue.

“When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things and sees majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be.

“In his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of song, Glad to live, but not afraid to die!

“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,
Some kind deed done each passing day,
A few good-byes, a setting sun—
And life is done.”

“The great king of agnostics, standing at the grave of his brother, said: ‘Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities.’ How cheerless is such a prospect as this!”

Grand Chaplain Wharton of Valparaiso made a striking address on Masonry and Brotherhood, with several points developed in a new way:—

“To keep the book on the Altar is excellent practice—to carry it out from the Lodge into life is practice super-excellent.
“Now what is Brotherhood and what does the term imply? First, it is instinctive and native to man, not something added for ornament. In truth we are born with an instinct for fraternity. By birth we are social beings. The human babe finds itself in the midst of a family, bound by ties indissoluble to father, mother, brother and sister. The growing child finds neighbours all about it. Maturity brings marriage and family ties. Man's very body testifies that he is inherently a brother to his fellows. He has a faculty of speech which implies that there are others about him who have something to communicate to him and to whom he has something to communicate.”

“Brotherliness may be most magnificently present where the inequality is wide. Some years ago a prominent southern churchman was called back to his boyhood home to the bedside of a dying coloured man, once his father's slave. They had played together in childhood. Entering the humble home the Bishop came quickly to old Tom’s bedside. The greeting was with marked affection. ‘Massa George, I couldn't try the crossin’ without yuh.' ‘Ah, Tom, I am so glad you asked for me; I'd go half around the world to be with you again.' Old days were soon recalled. Joyous light shone.

“To make brotherhood vital we must add diligent and daily practice to instruction. The Boy Scouts say: ‘We learn by doing.’ Action becomes graceful when habitual.”

John Stevenson of Stratford represents Indiana. Memorial pages to the memory of distinguished Companions follow with these lines:—

“The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
The book of life the shining records tell.”

Grand Secretary Woods contributes a condensed history of Grand Chapter.

The Council of Anointed High Priests duly met and their history also by Grand Recorder Woods is appended.

The annual Capitular Review is presented by Robert Archer Woods for the eighteenth time and throughout his report the touch of an experienced and sympathetic hand is apparent.

In his prologue he gracefully says:—

“I present the Annual Capitular Review to the Companions of Indiana, for their edification and growth in grace in all things capitular. I have served you as faithfully as I
know how, and always will, and my reward is in the hosts of friends and companions who now surround me, and who cheer me to better things."

He summarizes gains and losses in certain States, estimating the total gains at 5,120 and the total losses at 5,300.

Under Arkansas he distinguishes between Indiana’s practices:—

"Most of them were to receive petitions and ballot same evening and to receive petitions and ballot at called convocation. Grand High Priest says all these were for ‘the general good of Royal Craft Masonry.’ It would not be in Indiana, and many other jurisdictions, where such ‘railroading’ is considered beneath the dignity of the institution."

Canada is happily reviewed and he is especially attracted by the address of Grand Z. Dunstan, of which he says:—

"The address of Grand Zed is a most succinct and satisfactory resume of his busy stewardship. He states that originally their jurisdiction embraced the whole of the Dominion of Canada, whereas to-day it covers only the Province of Ontario and the Yukon, and that its future was never brighter than now. Our lives should adorn the ethics and principles we teach.” He visited several Grand Jurisdictions in the States and did much to cement the feeling of amity that should and does exist between us.

“One hundred and one special dispensations were granted, three of which happily assert the ascendancy of mind over matter by permitting candidates who had lost either their right or left arm to apply for the degrees.”

As usual, Comp. Gardiner’s Report on Capitular Masonry comes in for a sincere tribute. There is nothing just quite like it in our sister Grand Jurisdictions. Our Confrère says:—

"The Condition of Capitular Masonry is magnificently handled by a committee, reporting a year of conscientious service, of sincere endeavour to meet and solve the problems of the present and to lay plans for the development of the future. It affirms to have continued the quest for the true and lasting Light, that the gospel of the Royal Arch Masonry and the cardinal principles of the Order may be spread in every direction and firmly implanted in every community, in order that it might exercise a benign influence upon manhood and citizenship.”

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Of our own review he generously speaks:—

"244 pp., judicious, fraternal, wise in comment, happy in quotations, altogether par excellence."

"It would seem that he has a kindly feeling towards the Humble Hoosier scribe. In fact he says he agrees almost entirely with me except where commenting on England I said that 'a Mason isn't much of a Mason over there unless he is the possessor of a title.' Really we are agreed upon this matter, too, for the sentence is a sort of double entente, and does not read as my thought intended it should, which was, that Masons and titles rather go together, the ability and nobility in one field naturally finding the same recognition in the other."

The landmark question is still to the fore as we find under Colorado:—

"As the mind of man changes, as everything in nature changes. Only the essentials, the fundamentals, can exist as Ancient Landmarks, so called.

"The circular issued by the General Grand Chapter is nothing if not a solicitation. But, note, the great influx after the War was not so much because of 'high pressure salesmanship' as it was of having plenty of money and of observing the 'follow your leader' habit. Of course, we have no criticism of Colorado's statute forbidding solicitation."

Illinois gives another point of view on suspensions:—

"He says that 'the problem of the uninterested member is not being solved,' Masonry is not alone. His conclusion is, that 'the lack of interest can more probably be charged to the numerous outside things that have been devised to attract attention.'"

He says that Massachusetts is on record as the oldest Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood.

As to suspension in Lodge suspending in Chapter, it is not always automatic, as we read under Maine:—

"All we want is that the Companion suspended or expelled in Lodge have notice that at the next stated convocation in Chapter said body will take action, so the Secretary may make proper mention in his own minutes, and not strike his name from the ledger on his own motion."

New York receives a little touch-up apropos of
the visit of Knights Templar in uniform to Chapters and we reprint the whole paragraph as of interest and instruction:—

"The same matter came up in their Grand Commandery, where the ruling was modified by the Jurisprudence Committee, and sustained by Grand Commandery, that Knights Templar may visit a Chapter (being Companions in good standing) in uniform, but shall wear the Apron over the coat but under the Baldric. Get the significance of this? The Templar uniform is to be supreme, in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. But why appear in a Chapter in Templar uniform, anyhow? Is not the Apron proper and sufficient clothing? Why not meet on the level? Does it promote cordial and friendly relations, as the New York Commander asserted, for Templars in uniform to push themselves into another body of Masons, some of whom hold a constitutional grudge against what they are pleased to dub the 'fancy' Orders? Wouldn't it be better if we all kept in our own proper spheres?"

The conclusion of the Review is worthy of the Reviewer:—

"The summer is past, the journey is ended; the complaints, the aspirations, the reflections of the workers in the vineyards of Capitular Masonry throughout the world have been heard and considered, and the finding is, that the Royal Masonic child is still being nurtured and its path safeguarded; that notwithstanding its feet have slipped here and there it continues onward safely and with profit.

"We have lost the careless, indifferent and unprofitable; we still possess the gold, the energy, the enthusiasm of devoted Companions. The trial has come; to-morrow bringeth the victory. Our eyes are lifted to the hills of service in educational and charitable fields; we are moving now with purpose, where before we huddled without any objective in mind; and ours shall be the triumph that cometh of devotion to the cause of humanity as we have lately discovered it.


IOWA.

Percy Edgar Brown, M.E., Grand High Priest. The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Ottumwa, October 18, 1928. Eleven Past High Priests graced the Grand East. The Grand Master of Iowa, the Grand High Priest of Missouri, General
Grand High Priest Charles Clark Davis and many other distinguished Companions were welcomed.

Comp. W. E. F. Holler, a welcome new appointment, represented Canada.

The Grand High Priest began his address by paying tribute to the pioneers who organized Grand Chapter:

"They builded better than they knew,  
The Temple that they started;  
They gloried, as its wonders grew,  
They never were downhearted;  
They saw its domes and spires rise,  
Ere they from Life departed;  
They prayed that Glory from the skies  
Be to this House imparted."

He pointed out in view of the severe losses, that they were at a crucial moment, perhaps at a turning point in this Grand Chapter, 667 being the net loss for the year. Many remedies had been proposed and of them generally he says that there is no cure-all for the ills of various Chapters, but he suggests more conscientious officers, a working Secretary, more social meetings and meetings for lectures and study, adding:

"The unimpressed, uninterested candidates very largely supply the suspensions for non-payment of dues. Let the High Priests, Kings and Scribes work with the Secretaries; let them outline a programme of activities for the year, 'get busy' themselves and put some committees to work.

"I am thoroughly sold on the idea of educating, enlightening and interesting the Royal Arch Mason and thereby holding him. The Committee should, I believe, consist of five members appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest.

"If your officers are completely sold on the Chapter work, if you will give time and thought to devising plans for the betterment of conditions in your Chapter."

Note the phrase not common in Canada, "sold on," twice repeated.

All Grand Representatives who had failed to attend three consecutive meetings were replaced.

Grand Chapter co-operates in the great Masonic Library of Iowa.
Many inter-state Masonic courtesies were exchanged.

Among his decisions we find:—

"I advised them that a dispensation could only be issued for a definite date, time and place and due notice of the meeting must be sent to all members. I held that the Grand High Priest had no authority to grant a dispensation to confer degrees in another town than that named in the charter, even if within the jurisdiction of the Chapter."

This last decision however produces a recommendation which Grand Chapter will no doubt carry out:—

"The change in conditions has been such that the time has arrived when provision should be made so that a Chapter may, under dispensation from the Grand High Priest, confer the degrees in any lodge room within its jurisdiction. It would permit many Chapters to extend their activities, to arouse interest in the work, to do more work, to secure more candidates and to promote the interests of the Capitular Rite not only by increasing the membership but by holding the interest and enthusiasm of the Companions."

During his visits he emphasized this worthy thought:—

"Can anyone doubt the value, the inestimable significance, the 'worth whiteness' of a structure erected upon the solid foundation of 'Service'?"

He condemns the half replies and the wrong replies received by the Grand Secretary and enjoins upon the Companions courtesy and efficiency.

Of some moribund Chapters he says that the dead wood must be pruned from the tree if it is to survive!

He concludes by expressing his reaction to certain conditions, and with the following verses:—

"What does the Future have in store?  
Who knows? Not you nor me!  
But wait, a Light I glimpse, nay more,  
A Vision clear I see!"

"The World appears a glorious place  
For all Humanity.  
No greed, no graft, of hate no trace,  
Naught but sincerity."
The Committee on the Address say that there may be too much competition in Masonry and not enough York Rite interest in real Masonic Work.

Five hundred dollars was granted to the Florida sufferers, and $200 to compile a pamphlet containing articles on Royal Arch Masonry.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that all work presented for inspection was good, true and square and therefore they had no work to do.


The Grand High Priest is Professor of Soils in Iowa State College and Chief in Bacteriology.

The Grand High Priests' Association meeting was made especially interesting by the address of Comp. Field, who spoke on Abraham and Melchizedek, pointing out that it is the story of a man's contact with the Divine. He speaks most interestingly of Terah, Abraham's father, and of the patriarchal times. In his opinion Abraham was not a nomad for he lived in Ur of the Chaldees for at least 70 years. Recent records have confirmed Scripture in this. It was at the moment of victory that he met Melchizedek. These verses were quoted:—

"Ah! then, in the spirit's evening
There's a time, not day nor night,
As the word of the prophet promised,
'At eventide there is light.'

"Where deepest roots of being
With delicate care are wrought
Far into the heart of the Infinite
When the soul is alone with God."

Fraternal Correspondence is again in charge of Edward M. Willard, P.G.H.P., who reviews 55 Chapters and in his prologue says:—

"The receptive mind of a candidate should be able to grasp the thought that stands out in the lessons or principles of the degree, such as are wanted to create a fundamental truth, that leads to God, better citizenship and a desire to serve others.
“What makes life, as taught in Masonry?

‘Not length of days or span of years;
Not vain regret or hopeless tears;
Not faint heart when a storm appears;
These make not life.

‘To strive when adverse currents hold;
To make our dreams their truths unfold;
To smile at fate with courage bold;
These make life.’”

He speaks of our meeting in Canada, of our origin in 1857, of Grand Z. Dunstan’s many visits, and has a word of praise for our new Grand Representative Holler in Iowa. He calls Comp. Gardiner’s report on the Condition of Masonry splendid, and says that in our review there is much to encourage and inspire and not a little to admonish and to warn.

Like many other Reviewers, he comments on the good work of the Home in Georgia:—

“The printshop at the Masonic Home does all of the printing for the Grand Chapter, and time has proven that the appropriation of funds for the use of the print shop has not been an idle dream, but real investment. The Masonic Messenger, printed by the children of the Home, compares favourably with any similar publication.”

He rejoices in the way that Kentucky refused to “let down the bars,” one Chapter having asked to permit the introduction of extraneous matter or “Shrine Stunts” in the work. The Grand Secretary answered without regard to diplomacy.

This verse is cited under Ohio and appropriately it closes a careful and thoughtful review.

“When ranting round in pleasure’s ring,
Religion may be blinded,
Or if she give a random sting
It’s seldom little minded.
But when on life we’re tempest driven,
A conscience but a canker,
A correspondence fixed with heaven,
Is sure a noble anchor.”

Elmer F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation convened in Wichita, February 18, 1929. The Grand High Priest of Nebraska was cordially welcomed. Twelve Past Grand High Priests added dignity to the Grand East.

Canada was represented by Roy H. Clossen.

The Grand High Priest well said in his address:—

"One never feels his weakness and unworthiness until he is confronted with the task of standing between the great principles of life and the living and try in some way to connect the two.

"Royal Arch Masons can always be pleased with the high degree of its members, men of professions, presidents, professors, doctors, lawyers, ministers, cabinet members and others too numerous to name, all of whom stand in the highest ranks of life and living. It holds no aristocracy except brains and heart and service.

"We believe there is a Lodge Supreme where the faithful Mason shall receive a reward for work well done, on the square and on the level. Call Masonry philosophy, or science or religion, call it what you please, it meets the crying need of human hearts. We are proud of our origin.

"We stop to set up a sacred stone to the memory of just men made perfect, who through the travels of the year have gone to the Great Lodge beyond. We drop an everlasting sprig of immortal acacia to our Brothers invisible."

We wish that all Capitular bodies would follow the advice of the Grand High Priest of Kansas. Only thus can we keep in contact. We have means of education at hand which we do not use and seek them far afield:—

"I suggested that at convocations during the year when no work was waiting, to read portions of the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. In this way we may all get acquainted with what is going on in the other jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal correspondence. A report was received from about one-third of the Chapters advising me that my suggestions had been followed, and a number expressed themselves by saying, 'This reading of the reports should be made an annual event in the Chapters.'"
Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, gracefully retires from the office but not from his activities. His successor, Comp. Strain, is also Grand Recorder of the Commandery and of the Grand Council and Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge.

With this poetical and feeling sentiment the Grand High Priest concludes:—

“In the halls of memory I shall always treasure the evergreen wreaths of friendship, not dead but living, which shall bind me closer to the many Chapters scattered over the dearest state of the Union—the Sunflower State.

From the Necrology Committee’s report of the various Jurisdictions we get a varied outlook on life and death:—

“Man alone takes thought for the morrow, because it is only man, of all living creatures, who sees beyond the curtain of death; who builds not only for the comforts of to-day; who knows an eternity lies beyond—a reward for those who have toiled while here.

“And is not faith in this ability of man the vitalizing spark of this great Fraternity? Is it not our common interest in many things that binds us together?”

Frederick T. Nye was elected Grand High Priest.

From the biographical sketch of G.H.P. Montgomery we get many interesting details, among them:—

“Coming of a line of men and women who still adhere strictly to the old Covenanter ideas, it is only natural that he would take a decided stand for that which only is best.”

The In Memoriam page is gracefully expressed:—

“Fraternally and affectionately dedicated to the memory of those Companions who, during the past year, have passed through the Fourth Veil into the presence of the Eternal Grand Council.”

The whole code of laws is printed in full, covering 81 pages. In the introduction, Companions Wilson and Cole say:—

“In the preparation of this work advantage was taken of the laws of the Grand Lodge, applying wherever possible and expedient any particular regulations of the Ancient
Craft which were not inconsistent with the traditions and customs of Royal Arch Masonry."

The experienced touch of Albert K. Wilson is apparent all through his report on Correspondence, in the introduction of which he says:—

"The statistical tables show a net loss in twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions as against seventeen one year ago.

"In most cases brethren who subscribe to the Rite do not seek advancement in the Chapter. We have a sufficient membership from which both Rites could secure all the material necessary to keep up the interest in their Bodies, and this condition would exist if each were to conform to the requirements of Symbolic Masonry—that one must come of his own free will and accord. Solicitation for any of the degrees based on the Ancient Craft is reprehensible and it will be for the betterment of all concerned when this practice ceases.

"We submit that Pennsylvania, prior to September 2, 1926, recognized the Degree of Past Master as conferred under authority of the Grand Lodge, and by common consent all Grand Chapters accepted it in the same manner as if it had been under the immediate jurisdiction of their Grand Chapter, but as Pennsylvania has now totally eliminated this degree from their system we cannot understand how any Grand Chapter can confer or communicate this degree in order to qualify a Royal Arch Mason hailing from Pennsylvania to visit a Chapter which requires as a part of the Royal Arch system that of the Degree of Past Master.

"One of the outstanding features in some jurisdictions is their pride in using a portion of the Grand Chapter funds in sponsoring outside and self constituted organizations predicated their membership, either directly or indirectly, on Freemasonry. In a number of cases this has resulted in creating considerable feeling and dissatisfaction."

Under Alabama we read this significant comment:—

"In the midst of the list of these distinguished Companions we find the name of one whose title is that of Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, which would rather indicate that this organization is considered one of the official Masonic family of the Grand Chapter of Alabama."

Many Jurisdictions will echo the following:—

"Our Grand Representative was not present, which is an annual occurrence and in justice to our own Grand Jurisdiction we feel that the Grand High Priest of California should nominate some one for this office who is sufficiently interested
in the same to either attend the Convocations of their Grand Chapter or request that some one be selected to fill his place."

Under Canada the absence of the Grand Representative is noted. Our colleague quotes several pages from the address of Grand Z. Dunstan with pleasure and approval. He also makes a substantial citation from Comp. Gardiner's Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, and he quotes the Foreword to our Review in full.

This little verse under Delaware:—

"Leaf by leaf the roses fall,
   Drop by drop the spring runs dry,
   One by one beyond recall
   Loved Companions pass us by."

Our colleague has a discriminating eye for poetry, quoting under Idaho:—

"But ever near us, though unseen
   Their bright immortal spirits tread
   For all the universe is life,
   There are no dead."

And under Illinois:—

"The Moving finger writes, and having writ,
   Moves on, nor all your Piety and Wit
   Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
   Nor all your tears wash out a Word of it."

If for nothing else the Proceedings of Massachusetts would be valuable through the address of Comp. Hurd on King Solomon and the Temple and Kansas, gives the Companions of that State the full opportunity of perusing it, reprinting it in full.

Michigan gives him another poetic nugget:—

"Strange is it not? that of the myriads who
   Before us passed the door of darkness thru,
   Not one returns to tell us of the Road,
   Which to discover, we must travel too."

The following graphic words under Nevada are worth reproducing:—

"We are embarked on something more than a business enterprise, we are on the high seas of a great moral and
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spiritual adventure. How important then it is that our
great institution be permeated with affection felt and mani-
ifested towards one another.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
   None goes his way alone;
   All that we send into the lives of others
   Comes back into our own.'

"Masonic friendship and benevolence when truly felt and
exemplified helps us to make the principles and philosophy
vocal—helps us to interpret the Master's word."

As are these under Nova Scotia:—

"Lord God
   Thou Master of the winds, the skies, the seas, who trod
   The valleys of Man's lowest miseries,
   Lend me thy love that I may love all men;
   That I may show all men the way of love
   That I may prove
   How Brotherhood is Freedom's other name."

Wisconsin gives our confrère and us some good
matter regarding De Molay and evolution gen-
erally:—

"The writer finds no fault with the organization itself,
but he cannot become reconciled to the conduct in other
Grand Jurisdictions where they are carried off their feet in
support of an organization composed of young men who are
thoroughly competent and able to take care of their own
business and not become mendicants.

"Life is a vast school. Every human being is in process
of being formed. No one is yet complete. Society is made
up of these unfinished and incomplete personalities."


KENTUCKY.

Guy T. Johnson, M.E., Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convo-
cation was held in Louisville, October 16, 1928. A
full list of all surviving Grand High Priests is given,
but the Proceedings do not say how many of them
attended.

The Grand High Priest thus began his address:—
“Last year, when you elected me I promised with your help to give you a continuation of that peaceful, steady progress, harmonious forward marching and earnest work for the good of Capitular Masonry, on the same lines which those distinguished predecessors of mine have so ably developed, marked out and left as a legacy to us who follow.”

Grand Scribe John W. Bishop having died during the year the Grand High Priest paid this tribute:

“A stalwart oak in the forest of Masonry has fallen; the lips that only speak the spirit of kindness are silent forever; a bright light has been extinguished.”

The Grand Chaplain also passed away.

A stirring circular was sent out to the High Priests of the Chapters, from which we take two sentences:

“Wouldn’t you like to see your Chapter one of those that will show a gain in membership this year? It’s up to you to do this. No one will take an interest in your Chapter unless you lead the way. There are many Master Masons in your community waiting to be asked to join your Chapter.”

In a Chapter certain monies were not turned over to the Treasurer for nearly a year. Action was taken thus:

“I gave the presiding officer of the Chapter ten days to set his house in order. At the expiration of that time it was found that the Secretary, on his way to the Chapter meeting, had dropped dead. After auditing the Secretary’s book there was found a shortage of several hundred dollars. The other case was when the Secretary told the Inspector that the Treasurer was ‘too busy’ to take the Chapter funds, and that he placed same in bank in his own name.”

The Grand High Priest calls attention to the advisability of each Chapter having Marked Pennies of a distinctive character.

The elbows of the Secretaries are jogged thus—

“It is important that Secretaries answer letters from members of Chapters, or any one else, in regard to the business of the Chapter, and the Secretary who neglects this is failing in the performance of an obligation of duty.”

A charter was arrested under the following negative circumstances:
"The Chapter was rather appropriately named 'Slaughterville.' Companion Orton in his report says that they did not have a cash book, register, minute book, ritual or money. Their Charter together with the seal was returned to the Grand Secretary."

This set of circumstances requires consideration:—

"The experience of past years in Capitular circles shows that occasionally in a community the Royal Arch Masons become overwhelmed with lethargy that we are not able to explain. That it requires the good work of some able, enthusiastic, local man who will go in person, and get the members to attend the meetings, pay their dues and give strength and encouragement to the good of the cause."

Apparently the Grand High Priest does not wholly approve of public installations, which would be impossible in Canada:—

"I am personally of the opinion that under proper circumstance, where Master Masons only are invited to be present, that it would be a pleasant thing to have a public installation."

He thus determines as to when a member is actually exalted:—

"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 labour. 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."

Of the two splendid Masonic Homes of Kentucky the Grand High Priest says:—

"Chapter Masons do have an interest in it; that interest one Mason should have for the betterment of the children of our Commonwealth and the safe keeping of the widows of our deceased brothers in the comforts of life while they remain with us.

"The Grand Chapter of Kentucky has contributed $88,000.00 to the support of the Old Masons' Home. Each year we make an appropriation of twenty-five cents per member (about $5,000.00) for its maintenance.

"Since the Home was opened in 1871—2,905 children and widows have been received and their needs provided. The
Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville is a place of beauty and comfort."

Many letters were received from Grand Representatives, a courtesy that is always appreciated.

The Grand High Priest recommends that the Secretaries be sent to the meetings of Grand Chapter.

Canada's Grand Representative, A. Gordon Sulser, duly responded to Roll Call, and replied to the welcome on behalf of all Grand Representatives.

Of the Necrology Report this verse forms the keynote:

"The circle is broken, one seat is forsaken,
One bud from the tree of our friendship is shaken,
One heart from among us no longer shall thrill
With the joy in our gladness or grief in our ill."

The Educational Trustees report good results:

"Your committee has not only educated quite a number of boys and girls but in addition to educating them has secured for them positions in various places of business where they are now not only making a living for themselves but are also establishing themselves as permanent and reliable citizens of the State of Kentucky."

The Jurisprudence Committee favour public installation.

W. O. Rigney was elected Grand High Priest.

John Graham, of London, represents Kentucky.

The doings of other Grand Chapters are recorded by a master hand, P.G.M. William W. Clarke, whose picture adorns the frontispiece of the Review.

We cull this from California's Review:

"Attendance and interest in Chapter meetings have been found to be troublesome in a number of Jurisdictions. Some have blamed the trouble on the General Grand Chapter Ritual which was reported too 'tame' but in several cases the trouble was diagnosed as due to the Grand Officers not taking enough interest in the work of the subordinate Chapters.

Canada's Review is appreciative and appreciated. Referring to the limited numbers in Quebec and their sometime difficulties, our confrère says:"
"We strongly suspect the source of the 'uninformed criticism' to which he refers. "Under the caption, 'Outside Organizations,' the Grand Z. spoke with much force."

He speaks of the reports of the Grand Superintendents as gratifying, and makes a long quotation from the Report of the late Grand Scribe E. Of our Review he kindly says that it is characteristically of value. He quotes our introduction and says his readers will feel better after reading it.

This under District of Columbia:—

"The responsibility for a declining membership is an individual responsibility. We preach, but we do not practice; we point the way, but we do not walk therein. The men we need see little in our professions of advanced knowledge in Masonry."

Illinois gives ample matter for review:—

"Nothing becomes easier in the history of man than to substitute the forms of religion for religion itself. All our experiences are made up of two elements: first, the outward circumstances; and second, the inward interpretation.

"To such a God, no whit less good and no whit less real I point you to-day. Not indeed imported to give sanctity to any occasion but resident within the very structure of Masonic life, whose presence fills the temple and who is discoverable by the humblest artisan as he kneels at the Altar or labours at his Craft."

The interpretation put upon Religion is that it is rather an atmosphere in which the highest life of service and brotherhood can be lived.

This under Nevada:—

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound; But we build the ladder by which we rise From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies, And we mount to its summit round by round."

The Grand Correspondent of Tennessee, C. H. Smart, had his picture also precede the Review, and of both together it is said:—

"We took a look at that picture. 'A pair to draw to.'" Both have a striking personality.

Membership, 17,843. Net loss, 596.
LOUISIANA

Wynne G. Rogers, Grand High Priest.
John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation convened in New Orleans, February 5, 1929. Ten Past Grand High Priests testified their fidelity by their attendance. The Grand Representative of Canada, Comp. John W. Armstrong, was duly present.

The Grand High Priest paid a poetical and pathetic tribute to those who had passed during the year:

"Giving sorrow words, we record, with our souls in tears, the loss of two of our Past Grand High Priests—Harry Field Grimm and Solomon Levy. Many other Companions have also gone before us to solve the mystery of all mysteries."

"We are born, we laugh, we weep,
We love, we droop, we die;
Ah, wherefore do we laugh or weep?
Why do we live or die?
Who knows that secret deep?
Alas! Not I."

Under State of the Order he says:

"We continued to experience the depression that has existed for several years in all lines of economic endeavour, with its unfavourable reaction upon all Masonic activities. An indifferent member is a liability and not an asset. Due to the general depression in business, this Chapter has been somewhat inactive during the past year, but the officers are capable."

A rather impossible situation is created by one of his rulings which we give as follows, pointing out, however, that the Jurisprudence Committee suggest a more liberal course:

"His application for a dimit cannot be granted for the reason that a Mark Master cannot dimit from a Chapter. Brother Edwards is at liberty to apply at any time to a Chapter of his domicile for the remaining degrees. Your Chapter, if it sees fit, as a courtesy to him, may issue a letter certifying that it no longer claims jurisdiction over Brother Edwards."

Under a decision as to domicile he says:

"The question always resolves itself into one of residence and intention. Both of these elements must concur in order that the domicile may be deemed fixed."
His conclusion is from the heart to the heart:—

"I cheerfully return to the quarries to work "without hope of fee or reward," except the reward of being permitted to further labour in the cause that it so dear to the hearts of all of us."

Membership, 8,932. Net loss, 203.

One of the Chapters having again failed to report or reply even to telegrams, the Grand Secretary well comments:—

"We are inclined to quote in this case the Biblical passage, 'Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone,' except that the Charter should be revoked."

The Relief Committee reports duty done:—

"As a matter of fact, the work involves countless interviews, besides considerable work in the matter of investigation and hospital visits. During the past twelve months, at the request of the interested Lodges we have attended the funerals of twelve sojourning brethren and accorded their remains the Masonic Burial Service.

"We have extended relief to four hundred and fifty cases, hailing from various Grand Jurisdictions, totaling $4,802."

Guy W. Hopkins was elected Grand High Priest. An endeavour will be made by Grand Chapter to secure the services of the Grand Lodge Lecturers as Grand Chapter cannot afford to employ and pay its own.

Colonel William Y. Mills, of Kingston, represents Louisiana.

This verse is taken from a memorial page dedicated to Sol. Levy, P.G.H.P., under a broken arch:—

"Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and man—
Beautiful calm when the course is run;
Beautiful twilight at set of sun;
Beautiful death, with a life well done."

The Correspondence Report is by the veteran and experienced John A. Davilla, who presents it for the ninth time, saying in his introduction:—

"We have followed our usual practice of passing upon these without comment, feeling that each Jurisdiction was within its own right.
“However, in general retrospection at this time, we cannot refrain from directing the attention of the Craft to the fact that the great majority of the Grand Chapters report net losses during the past year. In our opinion, this is due largely to general business depression.”

Alberta receives much attention and we read:—

“The following is of such value, that we are afforded pleasure in presenting it:

‘First of all, be prompt, open punctually, and then make every effort to conserve time in the conduct of business. In conferring degrees, work with a never-failing enthusiasm. Love of Masonry implies enthusiasm. Lose this and you lose your Masonic soul.”

Canada is reviewed in friendly fashion. He quotes largely from Grand Z. Dunstan’s excellent address, especially the following:—

“The candidate’s mind must be receptive to the exalted moral lessons of the degree. There is so much potential good in every man that we should aim at reaching the deeper depths by appealing to his better nature.”

Comp. Gardiner’s Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry is also cited and praised. He reprints our own Foreword and kindly calls it a splendid report.

England is reviewed and special reference made to Lord Ampthill and Sir Colville Smith.

This from Illinois is worth reproducing:—

“When man’s love for his fellow man is measured by the number of digits which separate the dollar sign from the decimal point on his bank account, rather than inspired by motives of genuine friendship and mutual understanding.

“When the firesides of the homes are no longer the shrines of American life, as in the days of George Washington and Paul Revere who laid the foundation stone of Masonry in America. Then cometh the end.”

We read under Nova Scotia, a Jurisdiction which impresses all others:—

“One great fact impresses itself upon me in connection with our work, viz., the fact that we are not, as an Order, doing anything in the community to justify our existence. Our sole concern seems to be to confer degrees.”
MAINE.

Convers E. Leach, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation was held at Portland, May 7, 1929. Thirteen out of fourteen living Past Grand High Priests were faithful in attendance. Distinguished guests represented Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Canada was represented by James A. Richan.

Under Conditions of the Craft, the G.H.P. reported that all the 67 Chapters have been officially visited and then speaks of the average non-attendance and its cause and cure:—

The average attendance at the time of inspection was forty-three, which is six less than the previous year, while the attendance on convocations for a year average slightly more than twenty-one. The apparent lack of interest on the part of the membership as manifested in the non-attendance should give us some concern. We hear all kinds of reasons, but many of them are only 'excuses.' Possibly more diligence on the part of the Secretary in some of our Chapters might help to bring about a better condition of things. It is up to him. A member retained is a member gained. If a member is not able to attend we ought to be able to convince him of the worth-whileness of being a member of a world-wide organization which stands for good citizenship, and that is doing so great work along fraternal, relief and benevolent lines."

He refused to approve some By-laws under the following circumstances:—

"In one or two cases Companions were to be deprived of their vote on certain questions if they were in arrears in payment of dues. If a Companion is a member in good standing he has a right to vote, and he is in good standing until charges have been preferred against him and he has had an opportunity to answer to said charges."

Florida received $1,056, and Alabama $200. Well done, Maine!

Of the value of mutual contact the Grand High Priest speaks:—
"I am a firm believer in the interchange of visits of representatives. The personal contact, the exchange of ideas, the securing of first-hand information regarding conditions and methods in the different Jurisdictions, I believe are of inestimable value. More than that, the bonds of fellowship and companionship are greatly strengthened."

His conclusion is worthy:—

"Second only to the Church of the Living God is the great world-wide fraternity of Freemasonry, the bulwark of civic righteousness, the champion of liberty, and the handmaid of the Church in all that that is uplifting and ennobling."

The Grand Secretary speaks thus of potential new Chapters:—

"I have received several letters asking about the establishment of new Chapters. To all I have written explaining the course to be followed, the approximate expense to get a new Chapter under way, the cost of the necessary paraphernalia, etc. These estimates must have been frightening because I have in no instance received a second letter."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals having reported that they saw no reason why a matter referred to them should have been brought to this Grand Chapter at all, Grand Chapter recommitted the matter to the Committee with instructions to prepare and present a written report.

Comp. Perley C. Dresser was elected Grand High Priest.

Among the distinguished guests who addressed the Council of the Order of High Priesthood was Arthur D. Prince, of whom the Recorder says:—

"A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to M. E. Arthur D. Prince, who following the dinner preceding the meeting gave a half-hour address in which he gave his hearers some most valuable historical information concerning the origin of the Royal Arch Degrees and the Order of High Priesthood."

The memorial page to the late M. Ex. Howard D. Smith is adorned with this verse:—

"How well he fell asleep,  
Like some proud river widening toward the sea  
Calm and grandly, silently and deep  
Life joined eternity."
Marshall E. Sherwood, of Woodstock, represents Maine.

The Masonic Secretaries' Association sets the pace for other Jurisdictions. This comment is made:

"Their discussion served to show the value of the Association as a means to consider matters of interest to the Secretaries, to the subordinate bodies, to the Grand Bodies, and to the Craft in general in Maine."

Thomas H. Bodge again presents an admirable Correspondence Report. We read under Alberta:

"He then made eloquent appeal to the members to support the officers chosen to preside, stressing the fact little can be accomplished by the officers unless they have enthusiasm of the rank and file behind them.

"There were many dispensations to elect and install officers out of time, but I am pleased to observe he was not willing to make exceptions in favour of candidates against the good of Chapters. Just to make it convenient for a few candidates at the expense of the officers of the Chapter. They do it in lots of Grand Jurisdictions and tried it in Maine until such was forbidden."

Here is a common sense view on DeMolay:

"There are several allusions to the DeMolay and as he has 'had considerable experience in the work, both as an advisor and member of the council,' he can speak with intelligent authority. I quote:

"'Wherever it is sponsored it seems to be a regular donation party instead of encouraging the boys to raise the money themselves, thus encouraging in them the idea of thrift as well as the other tenets expressed in their ritual.'"

Canada receives four fine pages of review. He quotes Comp. Dunstan's "Bit of History," of black balls and balloting. He makes this comment:

"From the above I infer, and I think I am right, that Canada requires two black balls to reject. Just how the law reads to care for a case of that kind is not clear, but if a member honestly believes a petitioner should not become a member it would seem some remedy should be found to preserve harmony."
He quotes with approval:

"The candidate's mind must be receptive to the exalted moral lessons of the degree. There is so much potential good in every man that we should aim at reaching the deeper depths by appealing to his better nature."

Of Comp. Gardiner's Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry he speaks in terms of praise and excerpts two commendable passages.

Of our Review he kindly says (quoting our Foreword):

"Ponton, who visited us during his year as Grand Z., prepared a wonderful Review. If any of you want some interesting reading borrow the report and read it all."

Our colleague disbelieves in life membership as a general principle.

Under Connecticut we get this conservative comment:

"He is strong for adhering to the old customs and with many others thinks efforts to sustain barnacle orders might with greater profit be expended on advancing capitular matters, and the advice he gives may be safely followed."

Under Delaware we read:

"One dispensation which is not liked in Maine was to open the Chapter earlier than the regular time 'so to take care of an unusual amount of business.' We would have advised the Companions better stay a little later than usual rather than violate the by-laws of the Chapter."

This under England, which is very briefly reviewed in all Jurisdictions with two exceptions:

"One Chapter was given permission to detach itself from one lodge and become attached to another lodge. He found in craft working 'more similarity than you would find in England' while 'The reverse was the case in Chapter work; hardly any two workings coincided, and in one case the ceremony bore no resemblance to any ceremony we have ever worked before.'"

A call to action comes under Illinois:

"It is my firm opinion that we are not doing more than a mere trifle of what we should. We boast of our Homes, and they are good, but what of the large field that is untouched?"
Our colleague is a believer in the Royal Arch for the Royal Arch, saying under Kansas:

“He must have been interested to read the custom has spread to the National Capital and when the Grand High Priest made an official visit to two Chapters he was honoured by Templars in full uniform attending. If he live long enough, and we all hope he has many years of usefulness remaining, it will not be surprising if he reads of other stunts pulled off to give some bunch of “good fellows” an opportunity to get into the limelight in some other manner than by taking hold of capitular problems and working them out for the good of the Chapters.”

Of correspondence generally he speaks thus under Massachusetts:

“There are those correspondents who assert it is none of their business what may be done in another Grand Jurisdiction, which may be true, but if report is made and no comment follows the readers in their own Jurisdiction may assume it all right for them to go and do likewise when their law is different.”

As he believes in Masonry universal, so he believes in the Bible universal, and says under New Jersey:

“Commenting on the statement of the Grand High Priest of Washington that the Bible should be opened at the Twelfth Chapter of Ecclesiastes he says in New Jersey, as in Maine, there seems no good reason why it should not be opened anywhere.”

Membership, 17,626. Loss, 182.

MANITOBA.

Frank E. Simmons, M.E., Grand Z.
George Syme, Grand Scribe E.

The Sixth Annual Convocation was held in Winnipeg, February 6, 1929. Five Past Grand Z.’s, all well known names, were present.

Distinguished visitors from North Dakota, Saskatchewan and Minnesota were welcomed and felicitously replied.

Under the Necrology part of the Grand Z.’s address he says:
“On the 23rd day of December, Jim, as he was more familiarly known to most of us, pushed aside that thin veil, that hangs between the finite and infinite, and entered that unseen Temple, from whose bourne no traveller returns.”

He was assiduous in his visitations and recounts them in interesting detail.

Comp. Thomas S. Cook was appointed his personal representative during his stay in England, Ireland and Scotland and was received most hospitably. Referring to an interview with the Earl of Cassillis he says:—

“I had also a general talk with his Lordship and one or two other officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter as to our sending across, in a few years, a team to show the working of the degrees as done in Manitoba. There is quite a difference and the idea was welcomed very much.”

The Grand Z.’s conclusion is most apposite:—

“To sum it all up, I am reminded of the event of the sun at eventide dropping out of sight behind the mountain tops, the day finished and to all appearances a thing of the past and gone for ever, yet while contemplating the day’s experiences and joys, one is surprised to see gathering the glorious brilliant after glow that brightens and lights up the whole heavens—a continuation of God’s mercy and blessings—so it is with my year’s service now ended.”

The Committee on Fraternal Dead quote several of the equivalents to the term Death. Among them:—

“In Genesis: Death is called among other equivalents—‘Going to the Father’—‘Gathered to His People.’

“In Job: ‘Tent cord pulled up’—‘Not to be found.’

“In Ecclesiastes: ‘The spirit returning to God’—‘The spirit going upward’—‘Going to his everlasting home.’

“In the Gospels: Usually called ‘Asleep’—or ‘Falling asleep.’

“In Paul’s writings: ‘Clothed with the house not made with hands’—‘Swallowed up of Life’—‘Absent from the Body’—‘journey.’

“In Peter: ‘Put off this my earthly Tabernacle.’

“Death, according to Masonic philosophy, is the Symbol of Initiation, Completed, Perfected, Consummated. Then we leave this house for our Father’s House. My House—I quote from a writer who gives only his initials:

‘This body is my house; it is not I.’
"'They keep our places for us, some day gladly
Shall fall on us God's fresh immortal dew;
In heaven we never more can murmur sadly,
We are so few.'"

M. Ex. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell of North Dakota made an excellent address on "Freemasonry and International Relations," which we will gladly take to heart. We make the following citations. It is a pity that we have to cut it at all:

"That the man, be he statesman or private citizen, who continually emphasizes our differences and suggests even the remote possibility of war, is no friend of Anglo-American comity and good will.

"International peace and amity is dependent upon understanding and good will. There can be no question at any time of the ever-increasing opportunities for understanding but how about Good Will? This depends upon right attitudes and the deliberate purpose of individuals, groups, peoples and nations to see and find the better way and never give up until such way is found.

"May we now be permitted to lay down as a postulate in all matters that affect International relations, this—that the Peace of the World is in the hands of the English-speaking nations; upon the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America rests the destiny of the future.

"But the English-speaking Freemason is one of a chosen group. He is a man of better than average intelligence.

"We have no lamp to our feet except the lamp of experience.

"What is the background? One hundred and fourteen years of Peace. A kinship that has withstood the shock.

"If not a great man, of dazzling mind and magnetically dominating personality, King George is a truly great king—one of the greatest kings England has known since Alfred—by virtue of qualities more valuable, if less spectacular. A genuinely gentle-hearted man, as simple as a king is allowed to be, democratic in his sympathies by tact, skill, wisdom, love—and, most of all, by suffering—he has such a place in the hearts of his people, as well as in the respect of the world, as few may hope to have in his great tradition.

"We have found the better way. If it is so with the individual, it will be increasingly so with nations.

"Then let us, Friends and Companions, look the future squarely in the face. Let us be loyal to our respective flags. Let us remember that we are living a constantly decreasing World which has become practically a whispering gallery. We must live close together."
Canada was, as usual, represented by Comp. F. W. Brownell.

J. C. Walker Reid was elected Grand Z.

Fraternal Correspondence is again by our valued friend, John Parton, who in his Review of Alberta says:

"We find that dual membership in Alberta is strictly prohibited. It is not within our prerogative to ask why, but we wonder.

"It seems to this ignorant and ill informed scribe that honourary membership in a Masonic body without voting privileges is a singularly empty honour and we have never heard yet (although there may have been) of such a back-handed compliment in our own Province.

"The present practice of electing Grand Superintendents by 'Rotation' should be abolished, and that the most capable man be elected without regard to the Chapter to which he belongs.

"We think of France as being something better than the individual Frenchman; of England as being something better than the average Englishman; of Canada as being something better than the average Canadian."

This from British Columbia:

"Regarding our side-stepping of finance, possibly it is subconscious—we get tired of financial matters; besides, we feel that Masonry should be thought of as something apart from dollars and cents."

Canada is reviewed in friendly terms. He comments generously on the address of Grand Z. Dunstan, saying with reference to our history:

"But we are sure we can say without any fear of contradiction that indirectly its customs, traditions and history, as well as its present outlook, permeate the conduct and the work of, at any rate, its daughter Grand Chapters, and probably many others.

"The Grand Chapter continues to select Grand Z's who are able to show their zeal for the Royal Craft, and to express themselves in dignified and beautiful terms."

Of the late Grand Scribe E.'s report he says that it is short in length and that he has wasted no words but it is very complete. This was characteristic of Henry T. Smith's official work.
Comp. Gardiner's Report on the Condition of Masonry is praised.

Of our own Review he kindly says that it is up to the usual high standard, and that we cover the ground very fully, making delightful reading.

This we take from his Colorado Review:—

"Nor do they or the Committee of Memorials use that overworked tag, 'the grim reaper.' For all of which, with all reverence, we exclaim 'Te Deum Laudamus.'

"The Committee of Grievances and Appeals should try and exercise their imagination a little, instead of slavishly giving a verbatim copy of the previous committee's report. Here it is—'Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals continues to remain idle, as it has for many years. So may it ever be.' We think they might try and vary the verbiage a little. Do they think that by so doing they may break the spell?"

England is briefly reviewed:—

"It is of interest to note that the King's son-in-law, Viscount Lascelles, is Grand Scribe N.

"In the lists of Companions present, Companions are given their full rank, titles, honours, decorations, degrees and diplomas. This has from time to time brought forth comment from our American Companions.

"The only comment we make is on an individual instance, where we find that one "Companion is at once 'Reverend,' 'Colonel,' 'C.B.E.,' 'T.D.,' and a Bachelor of Music!"

Michigan and Canada are closely connected:—

"The only point of direct interest to us is the refusal to grant dispensation to three Detroit Chapters to visit Ark Chapter of Windsor and confer the P.M. Degree on a number of Canadian Companions. As the P.M. Degree is not a part of our Canadian system, we do not understand why our Canadian Chapter ever considered it."

Nova Scotia always gives scope for comment:—

"This Scribe regrets that the Order of High Priesthood has been adopted in Ontario, believing it to be quite out of place with our Canadian Ritual, although quite proper with the American work.

"We are rather amazed at a dispensation granted to wear Regalia at a Masonic Funeral. Surely Masonic Funerals are the monopoly of the Craft Lodges?"

Under Quebec we get a cosmopolitan touch:—
“The Englishman who writes these comments is ‘quite intrigued’ with this:—

“You will note my beloved American Companions I do not use the term "Foreign Jurisdictions," this to my mind is a misnomer, for after all, are we not all of one and the same breed in Masonry whether we be Celt, Scot, or Sassenach?”

There is a delightful irony in the following by our colleague under Queensland, the two Grand Chapters there still splitting hairs:—

“Oh! it’s so terribly important. We are no poet, and cannot rhyme; but we may write a mixture of doggerel and free verse, or try, and here it is:—

“The children are weeping and they want bread,
The brethren are wondering how they’ll be fed,
The mothers are sitting with downcast head,
But—it is exceedingly important that
An Excellent Z be a Blue W.M.

“When we are working ritual, we do our utmost to carry it out thoroughly and with every letter and point of our mysteries given its appropriate weight. But—
we do not see that fussing over trivialities is going to conduce to the good of Masonry, while our much vaunted brotherly love suffers.”

Scotland gives him this opportunity:—

“At Winnipeg, all the seven First Principals of No. 1 District there were Scotsmen.

“What was it the Australian said about rabbits?

“Special reference was made to one visitor from Canada, Ex. Companion Nichol, of Canora, Sask., who had the floor for a short speech in which he told them that it was 35 below zero at Saskatchewan last Convocation! So indiscreet, unless he is trying to keep his fellow-countrymen away from Canada?”

Membership 1,791. Net gain, 40.

MARK MASTER MASONS ENGLAND AND WALES GRAND LODGE.


V.W. Major Thomas Gabriel Lumley Lumley-Smith, D.S.O., Grand Secretary.
This Reviewer has only received two small pamphlets. When will Englishmen be sufficiently proud of their Grand Jurisdiction to follow all other Jurisdictions in sending out worthy annual Proceedings?

A Quarterly Communication was held in Mark Masons’ Hall, December 4, 1928. The Jurisdiction, as shown in the full detail title, covers not merely England and Wales but also the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown.

Sir Alfred Robbins and Viscount Lascelles, both P.G. Wardens, were present with many other well known Officers and Brethren.

The Pro Grand Master said in his opening remarks:

"We trust that at our next Quarterly Communication we shall be able to say that His Majesty is restored to good health, and able to resume that very great and active part in the administration of the affairs of this great Empire that he is wont to take. Brethren, I have made this reference because I know it is the wish of all of us, Masons being a specially loyal body of men."

The Duke of Connaught was, of course, re-nominated as M.W.G.M., and W. Bro. Dodsworth who holds many distinguished Craft offices and is Manager Director of one of Britain’s largest industries, was nominated Grand Treasurer and subsequently elected.

Warrants were granted to three new Lodges, including one in Ceylon.

Five hundred and sixty-four Mark Certificates were issued and 102 Royal Ark Mariner Certificates. We are asked so many questions about the latter Order that we would be obliged if the Grand Secretary would include a brief descriptive epitome in his next publication of Proceedings.

This may be of some interest to some in Canada:

"To report the gift from Messrs. George Kenning & Son, of the Apron and Collarette of the late Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Canada."
The Education Committee reported five scholarships.

From the address of the Grand Registrar we take the following:—

"Brethren, in an effort to improve that condition, had resorted to the most improper and flagrantly unmasonic expedient of putting the Chair of the Lodge up to auction, and they had in fact elected one Bro. Cohen as Worshipful Master in consideration of a payment of money made by him to the Lodge. The Lodge was summoned by registered letter to show cause to-night in Grand Lodge why the Lodge should not be erased, but no notice has been taken of those summonses either." The lodge was erased.

Quarterly Communication was held in Mark Masons' Hall, London, March 5, 1929, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Aldenham in the chair.

Colonel Charles Warren Napier-Clavering acted as Deputy Grand Master. We note also the presence of Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Pollock, P.C., K.C., Senior Past Grand Warden, and of Lt. Colonel Crofton Edward Pym Sankey, D.S.O., a name well known to this Reviewer, representing Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was duly elected and proclaimed Grand Master.

Seventy hundred and forty-two Mark Certificates were issued and 259 Royal Ark Mariner Certificates.

Warrants were granted to seven new Lodges, one in Queensland, the rest in England.

Varying sums were granted by the Benevolent Branch to beneficiaries from £26 to £100 each.

Grand Lodge was closed in due form, the Brethren singing the National Anthem.

MARYLAND

James M. Rawlings, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Gustav A. Eitel, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Convocation was held in Baltimore, December 11, 1928. Eleven
Past Grand High Priests identified with both the traditions and the present of Maryland, graced the East.

As usual, Frank K. Ebbitt, of Iroquois Falls, the Grand Representative of Maryland, did his full duty in sending cordial greetings.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call.

The address of the Grand High Priest, who has not enjoyed good health during his year of rule, was brief but comprehensive. He says:

"I regret very much to have to report to you that some of our subordinate Chapters have not been as prosperous as we would have liked.

"It was with a great deal of sadness that I was compelled by Comp. Henry Branch to accept his resignation as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence. He said he desired to spend the evening of his life quietly. Comp Branch's marked ability as a Masonic student and writer, and his scholarly attainments are so well known, that it is superfluous for me to attempt to eulogize him. His life and work speak for themselves."

He thus describes the funeral of P.G.H.P. Warehime, noting the composite attendance:

"Masonic funeral services were by Columbia Lodge, with an escort from Jacques de Molay Commandery, representatives of the Grand Chapter and of the several Masonic Bodies of which he was a member, and a delegation from Frederick Chapter, Order of De Molay."

Membership, 9,923. Net loss, 57.

$1,000 was donated to the Home for Orphan Children.

Roy Danzer was elected and installed Grand High Priest. He must have a real personality as we read under his biography:

"Is well known as a public speaker, and for recitations of a humorous character, and, because of his popularity, the nickname of his boyhood days, "Tubby," still sticks to him.

"Is an active member in the Presbyterian Church. Masons and profane alike, mark him O.K."
George I. Daneker is the Grand Representative of Canada.

He of the cheery name, Charles P. Morningstar, is Secretary of the Order of High Priesthood.

Howard M. Emmons presented his first Report as Grand Correspondent. Welcome to the Table Round! We take the following from his Foreword:

"In the following pages we might be criticized for dwelling rather largely upon the subject of visitations by the Grand Officers to subordinate Chapters. The importance of these visits, however, cannot be exaggerated. To all the presence of the Grand Officers should be, and almost invariably is, an inspiration for better work and increased interest.

"We have quoted from addresses where food for thought seemed to be found, or where valuable suggestions were made or expositions of Masonic duties well expressed."

As to installment payments for degrees he has pronounced opinions which many will share:

"An amendment to the Constitution was passed providing a minimum fee of thirty dollars for the Chapter degrees, but permitting the Chapters to pass By-laws dividing the payment in three parts: $10.00 before the candidate is advanced, $10.00 before the candidate has presided and $10.00 before the candidate is received and accepted.

"Although this is in general line with commercial practice in purchasing merchandise, we believe it is most unwise in the collection of Masonic fees, and that they will later regret the action."

He praises the essay on Loyalty by the Grand Z. of Alberta and calls it a masterly compilation, which it is.

California's grants of $600 for educational assist- and and $750 for a scholarship for a most deserving student at the Masonic Home receives this commendation—"this is the kind of work we should all strive to do."

Lengthy quotations from Comp. Dunstan's fine address at London are given to Maryland readers and our confrère introduces his review with the following complimentary words to Canada:

"It is with feelings of apprehension we attack the problem of reporting the "doings" of this splendid jurisdiction within
the compass of the small space permissible, there is so much meat in the coconut we are fearful of omitting some essential portions or failing to give credit to many of the good things said and done."

He notes the appointment of Comp. Ebbitt to represent Maryland and welcomes him. With regard to Grand Lodge's decision as to Clubs attached to Chapters he adds briefly this fine comment—"Oh wise and upright judge!"

He is greatly struck with our reports of Grand Superintendents and with Comp. Gardiner's Review of them, saying:—

"They are the most complete and valuable reports of any we have thus far encountered. The report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry through its Chairman, George L. Gardiner, also teems with excellent thoughts, not the least of which are the closing words."

With our own review he is kindly pleased:—

"It would be an injustice to close this digest without a word of commendation anent the indefatigable labours of Companion Ponton."

Again under Colorado he emphasizes that the Royal Arch is an intrinsic factor in Masonry, not an outside Degree:—

"It is declared and pronounced that Pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more: viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellowcraft, and the Master Mason (including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch). Note the word "including," which means that the Royal Arch is not an additional degree, but an integral part and the consummation of the Master's degree. It is the promise of that degree fulfilled, the one cannot be rightly understood without the other."

Of the good influence of the Royal Arch he speaks under a heart to heart talk of the Grand High Priest of Georgia to the Companions:—

"A short time ago, a man in Atlanta said that he had not been to church in a number of years, and when he received the Royal Arch Degree which was conferred in the proper manner, he said, 'This has brought me back to my mother's teaching and I am going to church,' and he went, too."
We get these interesting points under his review of New York:—

“All Chapters had been visited by special deputies, as he wisely states: ‘From experience I have found that official visitations were a stimulus to the largest as well as the smallest Chapters.’

“Digesting this report, we are constrained to remark, here is one Grand High Priest who conceived the duties of his exalted office to consist of ‘work and service.’”

And he as this writer did, emphasizes the value of the address by Grand Chaplain Broughton on “Builders of Dreams and the Heroism of Holding On.”

A fine tribute to a noble man under New Zealand:—

“Upon installation, His Excellency, General Sir Charles Ferguson, delivered an address, not the formal acknowledgment of the high honour and other stereotyped phrases, but a most beautiful, learned and eloquent oration on Freemasonry, as unusual as it is enlightening, the product of a scholar and man of deep thought.”

Texas sums up for all of us:—

“When you have read it through, if your Masonic storehouse is just a wee bit fuller, and your Masonic appreciation slightly keener, then it will be worth more than the time and money which have been expended in placing it before you. With the hope that it may add a little to our common stock of Masonic knowledge and understanding, it is fraternally submitted.”

That the psalms are not old-fashioned literature is apparent in this from Wisconsin:—

“The Grand Lecturer in commenting upon the falling from grace of one of the Chapters, due to factions having arisen, advises them to read the One hundred and thirty-third Psalm. We believe the Grand Lecturer could have given no better advice to Companions who permitted differences of opinion to cause such a condition to exist. It might be well for others to take notice.

He wields a lance for the suspended Companion and we sympathize:—

“I resent the statements which I often hear, and declare the same un-Masonic, that our suspended and demitted Companions represent the riff-raff and undesirable members in Masonry.

“Judge your brother not too harshly.”
MASSACHUSETTS.

Winthrop J. Cushing, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary.
Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.

A Quarterly Convocation was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, March 13. Only five Past Grand High Priests were present, but they were all names with which to charm—Comee, Prince, Van Valkenburgh, Chipman and Pollard.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to Roll Call at any of the meetings during the year.

Owing to the lamented death of M. Ex. Samuel F. Hubbard, M. Ex. Curtis Chipman was elected Trustee.

M.W. Brother Melvin M. Johnson gave a very interesting address on the Origin and Development of Secret Societies and their Rituals. No one is more competent.


Grand Secretary Comee signed the Proceedings for the last time. He died in the interval before the next Quarterly Convocation, which was held June 12, 1928.

At the opening of Grand Chapter two stanzas of "The Morning Light is Breaking" were sung.

This Reviewer remembers well the genial courtesy and strong personality of Samuel F. Hubbard, and he endorses every word of the wonderful memorial prepared by Prince, Pollard and Comee, his colleagues, from which we make the following ideal extracts:

"Sam Hubbard has left us! It does not seem possible. Only a few days ago we sat with him at the fraternal board, and, as always, parted from him the better for seeing him.

"Then came the sudden shock that he had gone beyond our ken, and we grieve that we shall see no more that genial face"
and smile, the piercing eyes, the ruddy countenance, and the halo of white hair and beard.

"So we have known him these many years, always cheerful, optimistic, kindly, yet withal of strong personal convictions which he never hesitated to express. A willing and interested traveler, his eyes always lighted with pleasure when the path turned homeward.

"But when all is said, it was his humanity, his winning personality, his genius for sociability that made us love him. Not often are we privileged to have so unique and lovable a character within our circle, and we are going to miss him the more because there are none to fill his place.

"We shall bask in the memory and example of this man who came as near the perfect Masonic Companion as is possible for a mere human being to be.

"'Whole souled and friend to truth, of soul sincere, In action faithful, in honour clear, Who broke no promise, served no private end, Who earned his title, but lost no friend. Ennobled by himself, by all approved, And praise unenvied by the friends he loved.'"

M. Ex. Curtis Chipman read his memorial on the late Frederick T. Comee, who died March 31, 1928, at the age of 81, full of years and honours. We share the following with our readers from the memorial:—

"In the midst of our labours we pause for a space to pay tribute to the memory of one more Companion who has preceded us within the veil of the Sanctuary.

"His connection with our Grand Chapter and the good he accomplished there will be a monument more enduring than bronze, and the gentle sweetness of his life will linger long in the memory of those who knew and loved him.

"Poem found in Companion Comee's desk after his death, addressed

"'To the fellow who'll take my place when I am gone'"

"'Here is a toast that I want to drink to a fellow I'll never know, To the fellow who's going to take my place when it's time for me to go. I've wondered what kind of a chap he'll be, and I've wished I could take his hand Just to whisper, "I wish you well," in a way that he'd understand."
I'd like to give him the cheering word that I've longed at times to hear;
I'd like to give him the warm handclasp when never a friend seems near.
I've learned my knowledge by sheer hard work, and I wish I could pass it on
To the fellow who'll come to take my place some day when I am gone.'"

Comp. Sewall was unanimously elected Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Convocation was held September 13, 1928, in Boston, when memorials to Deceased Companions were read and Committees reported.

A motion proposing the addition to Grand Chapter of all living Past High Priests was reported against by a special Committee, and no action was therefore taken by Grand Chapter as the proposal if carried would have added nearly 1,600 to the membership of Grand Chapter. There were also other stated reasons.

A Gavel made from the tusk of an elephant shot by Comp. Morse in British East Africa was presented to Grand Chapter.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Convocation was held in Boston, December 11, 1928, when all the Degrees were exemplified at the morning and afternoon sessions. A noted galaxy of distinguished guests were present from Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, New Jersey, Quebec, Ohio, General Grand, and the Grand Master.

Grand High Priest Cushing opens with a tribute to those who have passed away, quoting this verse:—

"And when the Angel of the Darker Drink
Shall meet thee by the river's brink
And proffering his cup, invite thy soul
Forth from thy lips to quaff it,
Thou shalt not shrink."

He records the membership as 41,537, a net loss of 294. Ninety-seven Chartered Chapters.
He thus comments upon those who have been suspended, as:—

"Failing to realize the importance of their obligations to the Order in particular and to Society in general, should find themselves entirely out of sympathy with our doctrines, subsequently losing their identity among their Companions and eventually finding themselves beyond the limits of our protection."

Of the visit to Quebec this record is made:—

"At the banquet given at the close of the evening session, M.E. Chipman, R.E. North and R.E. Sewall were most cordially invited to address the assembled Companions, which they did most admirably and becomingly. The happy memories of our stay with our Canadian friends will long remain with us."

He urges caution in asking for Dispensations:—

"I have not hesitated to issue Dispensations where, after due consideration and investigation, it seemed to be for the best interests of the Fraternity, but I respectfully represent that this privilege should not be requested except under extraordinary circumstances."

An Advisory Committee was appointed to co-operate with other Masonic Grand Bodies in Massachusetts with the following objects:—

"With a fervent desire of co-ordinating the efforts of the members of the Fraternity in the demonstration of a better understanding of the principles of Masonic Service, Education and Relief in keeping with the policies adopted by the Grand Lodge, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and Royal Arch."

The acquisition of Juniper Hall by Grand Lodge was noted and $1,000 recommended from the Permanent Fund to assist in maintenance, in addition to the sums to be given by the Chapters.

Grand Master Simpson, being called upon, presented Grand High Priest Cushing with the Henry Price Medal, the highest honour in the gift of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. This Reviewer is proud to wear one.

Comp. Cushing was re-elected Grand High Priest. The presentation of the Jewel was made as only Arthur D. Prince could make it, and we cite the following refreshing historical touch:—
“In the old days of the operative craft, it was the custom for the young Mason to serve an apprenticeship of seven years. At the end of this period, he appeared before the Master and presented what was called his Master’s part, or in other words, his masterpiece. Upon this piece of work he had spent his best thought and energy, burning much midnight oil and sacrificing many hours of sleep and refreshment. Into its perfection he had put his very soul, and now he presents it for examination and approval of the Masters. If accepted, his reward was to be admitted among the Masters.

“In modern Masonry, we have an analogy in the presentation of honourary jewels. Men serve through a long apprenticeship before reaching the topmost peak of office. During that period of time, they have spent many hours of hard thinking with considerable physical effort, and when they finally come to the principal office of trust and responsibility, they present the result of their ‘prentice’ labour to their fellows for judgment.

“Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest has presented to you to-night his ‘Master’s Part,’ the result of his years of labour in the quarries of the various branches of the Fraternity.”

Four hundred and seventy-eight Companions were present.

The transactions at the Annual are, of course, much shortened by reason of the Quarterly meetings previously held.

D. H. McIntosh, of Carleton Place, represents Massachusetts and Canada is represented by Lorenzo L. Green.

The Convention of High Priests was an interesting gathering, and it is pathetic to note that the late Comp. Hubbard signed the memorial to the late Comp. Blake.

The Capitular Review is by the new Grand Secretary, and he enters upon his duty with a fine grasp of composite conditions.

He quotes the refusal of Alberta to grant Dispensations on the ground as stated:—

“Candidates who will become good Royal Arch Masons will be willing to forego some pleasure or suffer some hardship in attending the meeting of the Chapter. If the Capitular Degrees mean so little to them, we are slighting and thus dishonouring Royal Arch Masonry.”
We take the following from his opening of his appreciative review of Canada:—

"From the address of the Grand Z. we garner the following, which we consider worthy of consideration:

"The Royal Arch Degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry and is just as truly a part of the system as are the symbolic degrees. That fact should be realized by every Companion of the Holy Royal Arch, and by him made known to our less informed brethren.'

"True greatness is measured in terms of character.

"As Masons, we have a peculiar responsibility. We must bind ourselves apprentices to the trade of doing good.

"Still the horizon lures and the morrow calls."

He adds a word of commendation for other Committees, and of Comp. Gardiner and this Reviewer he kindly says and quotes:—

"Eleven pages of the Proceedings are devoted to the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, and are well worth reading.

"Capitular Correspondence and Reviews of sister Jurisdictions by Companion Ponton, is so ably presented that it commands attention throughout.

"We stand on the threshold of a new year; may it be a treasure chamber of opportunity, of understanding, of cooperation, of the perfect peace of plenty, our most worthy crown. We Canadians send cordial, friendly and fraternal greetings, to all our Companions of the Household of the Faithful, far and near."

This we read under Connecticut with interest:—

"His reference, that 'A High Priest in Massachusetts cannot be installed until examined and certified by the Committee on Work and received the Order of High Priesthood,' is in error. That requirement exists in the Grand Chapter of New York but not in Massachusetts."

He records an interesting incident from Georgia:—

"He refers to a blind Companion as giving great assistance on all occasions, that it is a marvel to the Companions to see how perfectly he knows the ritual in all the degrees of the Capitular Rite, and that at a District Convention several Companions came just to see the blind man confer the degrees."

He says that Illinois has solved the Queensland duplicate problem in the manner stated:—
“That Companions from either of the two Grand Chapters in Queensland 'be entitled to visit in all Chapters constituted to this Grand Chapter.'

“That is an excellent adjustment of a disagreeable condition and should be satisfactory to both of those Grand Chapters.”

He calls attention to the accessibility of Comp. Conover's History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree kept in his office available for the use of Companions.

He quotes Quebec with approval:—

“And so! Fellow Craftsmen all! 'we have met upon the level and we shall part upon the square,' the level of equity and equality and the tried square of sincere love and brotherly affection.”

He reviews the old question as to whether Tyler or Janitor is the higher title, saying:—

“This Grand Chapter designates its Grand Tyler as Grand Janitor. The Province of Alberta does likewise.”

**MICHIGAN**

Elgin Mifflin, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation was opened in Lansing, May 15, 1929, when this rather unusual note is recorded:—

“After purging Grand Chapter and before completing the opening ceremonies, the distinguished guests were received that they might be able to witness the full ceremonial of opening Grand Chapter.”

We may say at the outset that Michigan and Canada, judging from the photographs that precede the Proceedings, furnish the most handsome array of Grand Officers that we note in any Jurisdictions. Others may not agree but we challenge anyone to produce finer features than those of Comp. Mifflin and Comp. Dunstan.

There were introduced to Grand Chapter visitors from Canada (Smith, Smith and Ellwood), Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, Quebec, New York, In-
diana and General Grand Chapter. It gives us great pleasure to read the following:—

“These Companions were received with the private Grand Honours of Royal Arch Masonry and at intervals during the convocation were called upon to address the members of the Grand Chapter.

“In honour of our distinguished guests from Canada, the Union Jack was displayed in the Chapter room along with the Stars and Stripes, as a token of the peaceful relations of those two countries with over three thousand miles of border line, unencumbered by warships, guns or forts.”

No less than eighteen Past Grand High Priests also adorned and fortified the Grand East.

Canada’s Grand Representative, Charles A. Conover, was, as always, faithful in his presence.

Two hundred and ninety were recorded as in attendance. A note tells us that about 125 ladies accompanied the members of Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest made a fitting address, full of vitality and interest. We extract the following at random:—

“During this year, I have made fifty-nine official visits besides visiting four other Grand Jurisdictions, traveling nearly eleven thousand miles. The making of these visits and meeting the hundreds of Companions on their own ground and in their own Chapters is one of the happiest duties that falls to the lot of a Grand High Priest.

“I have endeavoured in every way, to inculcate a spirit of co-operation between the subordinate Chapter and the Grand Chapter officers. This seems to have struck a responsive chord.

“But, my friends, the war has been over for ten years and still the lack of interest prevails and the increase in suspensions and expulsions becomes greater. It would seem to me that we must look elsewhere for the cause and what better place could we start than within our own organization.”

He thinks the lack of interest is entirely within our own control and that the success or failure of any Chapter is a question of (1) effective leadership. The very atmosphere of the Chapter reflects the attitude of the presiding officer. (2) Ignorance begets indifference. (3) Too much time is consumed
in the conferring of our Degrees, as to which he adds with the strength of conviction and as supported by other Grand Jurisdictions:—

"A number of close students of Capitular affairs in Michigan, will agree with me that some of our degrees, particularly the Royal Arch, are too long and that they should be shortened by eliminating much of the repetition which now appears in the Ritual."

This verse under the Necrology portion of his address:—

"I tell you they have not died.  
There hands clasp yours and mine;  
They are now but glorified,  
They have become divine.  
They live, they know, they see,  
And shout with every breath,  
All is Eternal Life,  
There is no death."

He thus genially records his visit to us at Kingston:—

"Companion McSween and myself were received with all honours and accorded every attention. I was very happy to be able to continue the interchange of visits which have been in vogue for the past number of years and it is to be hoped that nothing will ever occur that will in any way disrupt the happy relations now existent between the two great Grand Jurisdictions on the North American continent."

He gave many Dispensations and was generous enough to waive the fee in most of the cases. This last Dispensation will strike other Grand Jurisdictions as perhaps going too far:—

"A special Dispensation was granted to St. Clair Chapter to receive and ballot on petitions at their regular convocation. This Dispensation was granted on the grounds that many of the officers and members of this Chapter are sailors on the Great Lakes and are at home only a few months in the year."

One decision is recorded as follows:—

"In case a member of the Chapter has been expelled from his lodge and has appealed to the Grand Lodge, his status from the time of taking the appeal to its determination shall be that of a Mason under charges and that he not be allowed to sit in any Chapter until the final determination of the appeal."
He urges the consolidation of small neighbouring Chapters and suggests amendments in the Constitution to facilitate this.

Camp Rademaker does not appear to be quite as popular with the boys as expected. Much money and much planning had been expended upon it. The Grand High Priest says:—

“During the season just closed the camp was opened to the sons of Master Masons, regardless of their De Molay affiliations, and it was hoped that this step would assist us in filling our camp. But, here again, the question of the effective dissemination of the information was the stumbling block and judging from results for the past season very few Master Masons realize that their sons would be welcomed at Camp Rademaker.”

The Committee on Obituaries pay graceful and touching tribute to the memory of Richard H. Spencer:—

“Among the list we note the passing of Companion Richard H. Spencer, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada and an Honourary Member of our Grand Chapter; his many visits to our meetings endeared him to us and we will miss him and we extend our sympathy to his family and dear Companions across the border.

“Know thou oh stranger to the fame
   Of this much loved, muchhonoured name,
   For none who knew him need be told
   A warmer heart, death ne’er made cold.”

A repeal of the regulation requiring a candidate to be examined and to commit the entire lecture of the Mark Master Mason Degree was finally approved by the Jurisprudence Committee not on the merits but on account of the reasons stated:—

“Nevertheless, there is one reason that has a great influence with your committee’s report, and that is the fact that they have been advised that this Edict as it stands is rarely enforced; that a large number of our Chapters pay no attention to it whatever, and that a law poorly enforced is worse than no law at all, and so believing, we recommend that said Edict, being Section 218 of the Red Book, be repealed.”

Albert Trebilcock was elected Grand High Priest.

The next Convocation will be held at Kalamazoo.
Comp. Condit of New York, having arrived late, he justified with a good excuse, thus received:—

“Inasmuch as it was found this was the third Grand Chapter he had visited during the week, he was fully and freely pardoned and received with open arms.”

At the banquet of the Grand High Priests’ Association no less than 19 out of 22 Past Grand High Priests were seated at the table, and the enjoyment was widespread.

Six hundred and seventy-three Companions died in Michigan during the year.

Michigan was, as we all know, represented during his lifetime by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, universally regretted.

The numerical rank of Grand Chapters will be of interest to our readers:—

“It will be seen by the above table that MICHIGAN ranks FIFTH in membership in the United States. Illinois, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan rank in the order named.”

Harry I. Izor, P.G.H.P., is again in charge of the Annual Capitular Review, and in his introduction he gracefully says:—

“It has been a delight to visualize through the medium of such proceedings the methods and policies, deliberations and general transactions of sister Grand Jurisdictions.

“That our readers may share with us the feeling of contentment in having come into a little closer contact with the Capitular world.”

He furnishes a suggestive contribution to the universal discussion of “To Have and to Hold”:—

“It is now vividly apparent that ‘to have and to hold’ Masonic membership is a recognized fact that is receiving serious consideration. In substance the suggestion is that instead of relying upon Secretaries to take care of the matter of collecting dues a committee become an integral part of every Chapter, the duties of such committee being to make a careful investigation in the matter of each and every arrears for dues. Let’s take this responsibility from the shoulders of the Secretary, where it admittedly has rested for lo these many long years, and as a starting point, in order that the whole of every Chapter may have a share therein, see to it that a committee on dues becomes a reality.”
This from Alberta:—

"The address of the Grand Z. is remarkable, showing the mind of a man of high intellect. Comp. McNab believed that some legislation was necessary to curb or discontinue the using of Capitular Masonry as a stepping stone to something else and as that alone.

"Alberta is an exception in the Canadian Grand Chapters, it frowning upon dual membership."

Banquet Night is reprinted in full under British Columbia with this introduction:—

"In the proceedings before us we have read Bro. Kipling's 'Banquet Night,' a gem of the rarest type. It is given space here, and we believe it will be appreciated by all."

With regard to amending and shortening the Ritual, California and Michigan feel the same way:—

"There is mutual interest for Michigan Companions in the changes made, such changes being for the purpose of shortening the time required to exemplify the degree."

Canada's Review is both friendly and comprehensive. Of Grand Z. Dunstan's address he well says:—

"More than ordinary interest centres in the address by Kenneth J. Dunstan, because of the intimate connection existing between him and the Michigan Companions in his having paid this Grand Jurisdiction visits at both the 1927 and 1928 Annuals."

With regard to our Review he generously writes:—

Comp. Ponton again writes the Capitular Correspondence, and 'tis truly a masterpiece. He was kindly in compliments to the Reviewer, to the Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary, topping the whole with a tribute to Comp. Lou B. Winsor.

Comp. Richard Spencer was not present at this Annual, due to illness. It is with profound sorrow that his death, which occurred during the winter, is announced."

With reference to a law more honoured in the breach than in the observance, he says under Colorado:—

"We remarked that Michigan has such a law as pertains to the Mark Master Degree, but that it falls short of being
enforced. Comp. Woodward says: 'Perhaps it was Amendment No. 18.'"

England is briefly reviewed:—

“The list of those in attendance attracts attention, the names being given in full and including civic, military and collegiate titles and degrees.

“Four thousand eighty-two Chapters appear to comprise the number of constituent bodies. Eight petitions for new Chapters were received. In each instance the form reads the same, giving the names of three Companions who are credited as "J," and others, for a Chapter to be attached to a lodge that is named in connection therewith.

“We were attracted by the proceedings of a previous convocation of this Grand Chapter in which the First Grand Principal dwelled at length on the unique character Freemasonry occupies in India, as also in Burma and Ceylon.”

A gentle brush between Illinois and Michigan as to meetings in hotels is thus referred to:—

“Comp. Turnbull deals with the writer in two matters contained in our Review last year. We had expressed a desire to know why Illinois Grand Chapter meets in a hotel instead of a Masonic Temple. The answer:

“'The hotel room is as convenient as a regular lodge room and then we do not have to leave the building while the nearest suitable lodge room is some distance away. Also the offices of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary are in the hotel and all papers and reports are easily accessible.'"

If Grand High Priests overstep the mark they rely upon the Jurisprudence Committee to set them right. We read under Indiana:—

“Michigan Grand High Priests are sincere in their efforts to keep within the bounds of the Grand Chapter laws, and if perchance a slip is made there is every assurance that the Jurisprudence Committee will correct the error to conform with the written law.”

Referring to the address of M. Ex. Comp. Miles on the background for the setting of the story of the Jewish Nation, we are referred to three leading works:—

“Three books that should be read by all Masons, and particularly those who have received the Royal Arch. They are Croly's 'Tarry Thou Till I Come;' Pickard's 'In the Palace of Amuhia;' Davis' 'Belshazzar.'"
This we read under Pennsylvania wielding a lance for the Secretaries:—

“What is the matter with the High Priest? Has he no other duties and responsibilities to the Chapter than presiding over its meetings and conferring degrees?”

Then follow the concluding chapters of Charles A. Conover’s History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degrees and Dependent Grades. It is prefaced by an excellent portrait of Thomas L. Webb, the father of the General Grand Chapter, and the “American” System. In his “Valedictory,” Comp. Conover modestly says:—

“This installment will be the last and I am now at work, as time will permit, on re-editing the matter which appeared in these proceedings beginning in 1920, and it is to be published in book form.

“If it has sufficient merit to warrant the interest of my Companions as readers and a deeper interest of Chapters in our Chapter Degrees then the effort has been worth while.

“A bibliography will be given to assist those who desire to pursue the study of authorities further.

“I sincerely hope it may find a place among the Companions as a ‘working tool’ of the Royal Craft.”

We look forward with lively anticipation to the publication of this work—the name of the author is sufficient to recommend it. He and M. Ex. Comp. Lou Barney Winsor stand for all that is high and good in Masonry.

Membership, 46,887. Net loss, 245.

MINNESOTA

Charles V. McCoy, M.E., Grand High Priest.
John Fishel, M.E., Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication was held in St. Paul, October 9, 1928. The distinguished visitors were thus introduced:—

“The Grand High Priest requested all the Past Grand High Priests to retire and escort all distinguished visitors into the Grand Chapter. In a few moments they returned escorting Clarence Hill, Grand High Priest of Wisconsin, and Frank E. Simmons, Grand Z. of Manitoba.”
Comp. Simmons presented a Canadian Flag and reciprocally the Stars and Stripes were presented to the Grand Z. of Manitoba, the Grand High Priest saying:—

"In the course of our lives events occur that are fraught with possibilities and potentialities that are far beyond our human power to fully comprehend at the time they are enacted.

"We express our acts as an indication that we are not only neighbours but companions and brothers as well.

"We commit into his personal keeping that which is loved and revered by every patriot of your great Commonwealth; the noble flag of your glorious Country."

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests received Grand Honours.

Canada was represented by J. Arthur Jensen.

The Grand High Priest paid a feeling tribute to those who had departed:—

"Two hundred and eighteen good Companions during the year have laid down the working tools of their well spent lives and entered into the sunshine of their eternal rewards."

He advocated joint Convocations, saying:—

Joint Convocations such as this, legitimately bring Capitular Masonry into prominence in the Masonic community and are creative of great enthusiasm."

The following three decisions will be of interest:—

"The dues of a member of a Chapter accrue from the date of his exaltation or affiliation.

"It is therefore neither advisable nor expedient to amend the said Section in a manner which will bring the amendment into conflict with such uniform code.

"The Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota has held (State vs. Pluth, 157 Minn. 145) that the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in construing the Articles of the Federal Constitution are not binding upon the states in construing similar Articles of State Constitutions, and we believe that our decision is in harmony with the general weight of authority upon this point.

"Any member of a Chapter who ceases to be a member in good standing of a regular Master Mason's Lodge, whether by suspension, expulsion or striking from the rolls, thereby
loses all rights as a Capitular Mason until such membership is regained by reinstatement or restoration in such Lodge."

His conception of the office of Grand Lecturer is thus expressed:—

"It is not so much that of a critic as it is that of an aide. Criticism is easy. If more of the critics would silently get to work to remedy the conditions they criticize, it would redound greatly to the benefit of the Order."

He had a wonderful time in Canada, enjoying it thoroughly:—

"The entire party was taken in automobiles through the various parks of Winnipeg and along its beautiful boulevards, to the zoo and the conservatories."

Anent his visit he quotes Whittier’s "Red River Voyager," to little known:—

"The voyager smiles as he listens
To the sound that grows apace;
Well he knows the vesper ringing
Of the bells of St. Boniface.

"And when the Angel of Shadow
Rests his feet on wave and shore
And our eyes grow dim with watching
And our hearts faint at the oar.

"Happy is he who heareth
The signal of his release
In the bells of the Holy City
The chimes of eternal peace."

"The thanks of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota are extended to the Grand Chapter of Canada and to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba for this splendid reception and entertainment. Our flag was prominently displayed with the Canadian colours, and nothing was left undone to give your Grand Officers and the Companions from the United States a royal welcome. The flag presented to your Grand High Priest is displayed with our national emblem in the East as a token of our appreciation and the genuine fraternal esteem and affection rightly existent between these Grand Jurisdictions."

He thus appreciatively describes the conferring of our Royal Arch Degree:—

"With the regular officers of Alberton Chapter presiding, the Canadian Companions exemplified the Royal Arch Degree in a solemn, dignified, beautiful and impressive manner."
And of the work of our late Grand Scribe E., and the general result of the visit he says:—

"Companion Henry T. Smith is indeed well versed in that and in all other Masonic lore, and his lecture was most entertaining and edifying.

"I am sure that these visits left your Grand officers with a new appreciation of our Canadian Companions, and hope that they formed an equally good impression of us."

Under State of the Rite we get some earnest words:—

"This Chapter is giving something in return for its dues over and beyond the degree work. First, it is giving a true companionship among its members; secondly, it is active in the social life of its community; and thirdly, its Companions are watchful of every opportunity of benefiting their Chapter or their individual Companions. This is what I call Chapter spirit, and without it, no Chapter can exist except in a sickly condition.

"No Companion should accept the office of High Priest of his Chapter and the honour that goes with it unless he forms a firm and steadfast resolution to in some way better his Chapter during the year in which he is at its head."

He concludes his able address with these verses:—

"When I compare
What I have lost with what I have gained,
What I have missed with what attained,
Little room do I find for pride.

"But who shall dare
To measure loss and gain in this wise,
Defeat may be victory in disguise,
The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide."

The conclusion of the Report of the Committee on Chapters reads:—

"Those who are willing to work, are overloaded in doing their own share, as well as that of the slackers of Masonry. The faithful ones will continue to be faithful, and let us hope that the unfaithful may be imbued with the Chapter Spirit."

The Order of High Priesthood met and Frank E. Simmons of Manitoba spoke for the class, asking the pertinent question, "What is a friend?" and answering it thus:—
“You can say what you think, so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that lead others to misjudge you; with him you breathe freely. You can avow your little vanities, hates and vicious sparks, your meanness and absurdities, and in opening them up to him they are lost, dissolved on the white ocean of his loyalty. He is like wine, that warms you to the bone. He understands, you can weep with him, laugh with him, sin with him, pray with him. Through and underneath it all he sees, knows and loves you. A friend, I repeat is one with whom you dare to be yourself.

“The true theory of friendship is this; once a friend always a friend.

“We have been builders, and as Ruskin has said, ‘Let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. And men will say as they look upon the labour and wrought substance of them, ‘See, this our Fathers did for us.’”

R.E. Comp. Oliver Elwood, of London, Chairman of our Finance and Audit Committee, represents Minnesota.

The Correspondence Report is in the experienced hands of Charles S. Schurman, who wields a potential pen, saying in his introduction:—

“The Grand Encampment has endeavoured to head off this loss by requiring the appointment of a standing committee in each of the Commanderies which shall aid the Recorder in the work of collecting the dues, the thought being brought out that no member shall be stricken from the roll till an investigation has been made along similar lines to that of the committee of investigation of his petition when it comes before the body as a candidate for degrees. We believe that some of the Grand Chapters have taken action along the same line. There is a very good opportunity for such a committee to do good work, but it must be the right sort of a committee.”

Under General Grand Chapter we read:—

“The Committee on Foreign Relations reported recommending the status quo as to the Supreme Grand Chapters of Queensland and New Zealand.

“The contingent fund of the General Grand Master was fixed at $3,600 to cover office supplies, etc., ‘and travel within the borders of the United States and Canada.’ Evidently the committee did not approve of those junkets into foreign countries. The General Grand High Priest spent for visits and expenses in the last triennial period $5,337.05.”
Under Alabama he quotes this verse and comment:

"Into lasting bonds of true fraternal love.
The clasp of hand, the twinkling eye, the happy smile—all
tell
The story of our love. And in each true Companion's heart
There is a chord which vibrates into sweetest melody
When touched by loving kindness of his fellow men."

"The skilled surgeon is supposed to serve the rich and poor alike; and the Church and State are also democratic; but the democracy of Masonry should exceed all else, and should teach all to seek honour instead of honours."

Canada is well reviewed and he was especially struck with the thoughtful and helpful address of Grand Z. Dunstani, saying:

"It is not often that one picks up a pamphlet of the proceedings of a Masonic body which opens with as strong an address as that of the Grand Z. of Canada.

"The close association of the birth of the Grand Chapter and the birth of the Confederacy seems to have caused the Grand High Priest to reflect as to the duty of Masons in the national life."

In another place he calls his opinion safe and sane:

"The Grand Z. says that he is firmly convinced 'that no Chapter in its organized capacity should sponsor any movement whatever its aim or object,' but that as individuals they 'should actively support and encourage every good and useful work,' and somehow we feel that this is safe and sane ground."

He quotes from Comp. Reid of District No. 2. He praises our benevolence and adds these kind words regarding our Review and Canada's Proceedings generally:

"The Capitular Correspondence Report is, we think, the most complete which comes to our table. It is a scholarly contribution to the literature of Royal Arch Masonry. Every Jurisdiction is thoroughly reviewed in the most kindly and helpful spirit. Masonry is serious business to Comp. Ponton as is evidenced by an excerpt from his "Foreword.

"We have spent several hours—and they have been well spent—with this report. If our Canadian Companions do not read it theirs is the loss. No Companion in that Juris-
diction has an excuse for being ignorant as to things of Capitular Masonry."

He speaks of Delaware and other Jurisdictions' endeavour to shorten the Degrees.

This under Georgia:—

"Most Eminent is the exclusive title of Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment as we understand it in Minnesota.

"No Chapter has time for frolic or horse-play.

"We had an experience this year that, had it occurred before we were made a Mason would have denied us membership in the institution, but it would be hard to convince us that we are not as good a Mason, and just as much benefit to the Craft, with one leg as we used to be with two. But it is a part of our fundamental law which we stick to as closely as the proverbial 'sick kitten to the hot-brick.' A fellow who is unfortunate enough to have his leg cut off is not in it, not matter what may be in his head. It is a kind of anomalous situation which is quite ridiculous when one considers what Masonry stands for in these days."

This from Iowa:—

"Turn thou aside at other's need;
   Help thou their feet to smoother ways;
Unchain thyself from deadening greed,
   That with the husks of living pays.
Serene upon thy life road go."

We like his Review of Michigan, though it is somewhat stern:—

"If we could see where these specials had really helped any other Jurisdiction including Michigan, we would be tempted to go before Grand Chapter and advocate an amendment of the Constitution permitting them. In our recollection, however, we do not believe there has been a case where it has served any other purpose than to cover up the laziness or inefficiency of Chapter officers, and we cannot get rid of the idea that it cheapens Masonry."

He comments approvingly upon the increase of the allowance to the Grand Correspondent of New Jersey from $200 to $400, which is as it should be.

He sums up well:—

"The trouble seems to be as to how to retain the interest of the members, and the consensus of opinion, I think, seems to be that it requires gray matter in the top of the head of
the leading officers. Nothing that is worth while ever fails which is properly manned. But Chapters do not just happen to be successful any more than business happens to be successful. It requires careful planning, and ability in constructive leadership. Where you have that you have success, and where you do not have it more or less failure is imminent. It behooves Masonic bodies to elect officers with the idea of their standing and ability rather than their 'good fellow' qualities, and because they are in the 'line.'"

Membership, 17,078. Net gain, 34. Thankful for small mercies!

MISSISSIPPI

Louis A. Benoist, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Edward L. Faucette, R.E., Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-first Annual Convocation convened in Grenada, March 14, 1929.
Thirteen Past Grand High Priests, all loyal and active, reported for duty.

Canada was, as usual, well represented by Leon S. Lippincott.

The Grand High Priest said in his address:—

"I feel that I am perhaps to blame, and yet I appreciate that conditions over the State have probably been somewhat the cause also. I have done the best I could and trust I may merit your approval."

Under the heading of Grand Representative of Illinois, said to be the largest Grand Jurisdiction in the world, he recited the official reception of Grand High Priest Charles S. Andrus by the Grand High Priest of Michigan, Roy Andrus, his brother.

Preparations are being already made for the 1930 General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Lecturer in his Review says:—

"I have continued the plan of holding reunions in different parts of the State. In each of these reunions I have endeavoured to train new working teams to confer the four degrees; giving each degree to a Chapter which had no working team for that degree."

Then followed a fine address by Grand High
Priest Hudson of Tennessee, from which we may be excused for making some important quotations:—

"Why not have that personal contact which will draw the membership into closer touch one with the other—that contact which we have found by experience to be so very essential—meet each other with a smile, a friendly grasp of the hand, a greeting of encouragement—on the street, in the market, the Lodge, church or home. If you make individuals glad upon meeting them, they will want to see you again. The same applies to the membership of a Chapter.

"There is no neutral ground and it behooves us to 'watch our step.' Some one is looking to us for guidance; may it be our pleasure to lead them onward and upward to the higher and nobler things of life.

"Are we not drifting in the direction of a dangerous harbour? View, if you please, the columns of our daily newspapers.

"Can we continue to go on as we are now going with these agencies of destruction under the guidance of 'His Satanic Majesty,' making such inroads into the very foundation of our great government and hope to be a nation where happiness will be wont to linger?"

"I wonder, Companions, if we realize just how fast the once happy and hospitable homes that we enjoyed so much in the yesterdays are slipping away, giving place to the modern flats that provide a mere parking place when compared with the former."

The Capitular Law Committee report:—

"The expulsion or suspension of a Royal Arch Mason by a Symbolic Lodge, including suspension for non-payment of dues, works a deprivation and suspension of all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

That the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, R.A.M., adhere to and reiterates its policy of having the Past Master's Degree as a part of our capitular work."

A special Committee as to the date of Grand Chapter meeting synchronizing with that of Grand Lodge report as follows:—

"We recognize our great debt to the Grand Lodge, our allegiance and love for the Master Lodge, and that we sprang from it and are based and bottomed on it. But as the family increases and leaves the parent home, frequently a complete reunion is hardly possible and a series of smaller reunions, thus bringing all of them together at different times and on different occasions is necessary."
A telegram was received from the Masonic Home at Meridian.

Mississippi is represented by R. Ex. Comp. John J. Farley of Belleville.

The Correspondence Review is by our well known colleague, Henry C. Yawn, who is full of hope, thus introducing his Reviews:—

"On the whole, a spirit of optimism seems prevalent, and good times are just ahead."

Under Alberta we read:—

"The mere repetition of Ritual, though couched in words of beauty and grace and delivered with all the force of oratorical skill, cannot convey its intended message if the message means nothing to those conferring the Work.

" 'There is a stream that we all must cross, The River of Human Years.'"

From Arizona we take this extract:—

"If Pennsylvania were a member of the General Grand Chapter, this question could be adjudicated in that body. This action on the part of Pennsylvania, right or wrong, will continue to be a source of annoyance."

He says that the Earl of Cassillis was most felicitous in his remarks.

Canada has friendly and fraternal treatment. He quotes largely from Grand Z. Dunstan's address and approves:—

"As Masons we have a peculiar responsibility. We must bind ourselves apprentices to the trade of doing good. Our lives should adorn the ethics and principles we teach."

Of the Grand Superintendents and the Committee on the Condition of Chapter Masonry by Comp. Gardiner he says:—

"The Grand Superintendents all make lengthy detailed reports of their work which indicate that Capitular Masonry is not only in a very satisfactory condition in this Grand Jurisdiction, but that its progress is due largely to the faithful and efficient work of these Superintendents."

Of our Review he quotes what he calls our slogans and says kindly:—
“His Report shows a familiarity with the various Proceedings that must have entailed much time and study.”

This from Illinois:—

“When life becomes too easy people get careless. The thinkers, the planners, the doers are still with us. Therefore let us carry on.”

We cannot resist reproducing one verse of Iowa’s poems:—

“They builded better than they knew,  
The Temple that they started;  
They gloried, as its wonders grew,  
They never were downhearted;  
They saw its domes and spires rise,  
Ere they from Life departed;  
They prayed that Glory from the skies  
Be to this House imparted.

“Not easy drifting with the tide;  
Not halting when the visions ride;  
Not mourning for the gifts denied;  
These make not life.”

He quotes the whole address to the Duke and Duchess of York as recorded under New South Wales:—

“No assurance will be needed by your Royal Highnesses that the loyalty and affection of all Royal Arch Masons to the Royal Family, which was evinced when the late King Edward VII. was the honoured head of the Order in England, is still existent and remains undiminished in New South Wales.”

Here is something worth while from New York:—

“Honest toil is holy service, faithful work is praise and prayer.

“In his foreword he expresses a dislike for sky-scraping verbosity, beautifully rounded periods, charming rhetorical cadences, rhythmic metaphors, highfalutin words, or pleasing phraseology.

“Well every one to his own taste; some natures are prosaic, and some have a sentimental side to which sober facts, clothed in beautiful language, especially appeal.

“He states further that he courts no bouquets or flattering comments at the hands of other Reporters. Again we differ; the first thing this Scribe does, on opening a new volume, is
to turn to Mississippi and see what the Reviewer says about him."

Wyoming gives him this opportunity of comment:—

"He is in favour of annual changes in places of Grand Chapter Convocations. We share with him in the opinion that the greater number that attends these annual meetings, the greater will be the interest in Capillary Masonry. A change of place of meeting annually, gives an opportunity for so many more new companies to attend."

Membership, 7,349. Decrease, 63.

MISSOURI

Bion Leland Waldron, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.

The following tribute is paid to the Grand High Priest in the interesting biography prefacing the Proceedings:—

"The long and illustrious list of those who have presided over the destinies of this Grand Chapter contains the name of none more genuinely imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry than Bion Leland Waldron. Scrupulously honest in his dealings, kind and gentle by nature, but stern and firm when occasion requires; retiring and modest, almost to a fault,—he is an exemplification of the ideal in Freemasonry and citizenship."

The Eighty-third Convocation convened in the City of Hannibal, April 23, 1929.

The Grand Master of Missouri, Bryne E. Bigger, delivered an address of welcome which was felicitously responded to.

Distinguished visitors from Illinois, Nebraska and the General Grand High Priest were welcomed and honoured.

The Grand High Priest in his address says that he understands that ours is not the only Grand Body that is suffering from excessive suspensions, yet this is a condition that demands our earnest and thoughtful consideration. Indeed, it may well do so in Missouri, which this year records the greatest net loss
of any, 1,215 members. An effort of checking up delinquents is being made and will be made, the Grand High Priest saying:—

“A letter was sent to all Chapters asking that the Secretary be given assistance in investigating the physical and financial condition of each delinquent and that the dues be remitted or further time given to those whose condition seemed to call for such action on the part of the Chapter. The Chapters that followed this suggestion consistently seemed to have had remarkable success, for two from which reports have been received, show about 96 per cent. of the delinquent list had been collected by the end of the year.”

He comments upon an important factor in our, as well as their Jurisdiction, namely, the temporalities. Masonry has a body as well as a soul:—

“Poor business management in several Chapters has caused the Grand Officers much annoyance.

“We have found some Chapters keeping the Chapter funds in the Treasurer’s or Secretary’s personal bank account.”

An independent audit of the books of each Chapter will be insisted upon in the future.

The expense of holding the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter in different and smaller cities is thus referred to from a practical standpoint:—

The rapidly growing tendency for each entertaining Chapter to try to outdo the others in the matter of entertainment is producing results that are not intended or desired. A Chapter should be benefited by having as its guests the officers and members of these Grand Bodies for three days, but my observation is that some Chapters that have entertained so enjoyably, have now joined the inactive list.

The prosperity of this Grand Chapter depends entirely upon the prosperity of its constituent members.

“A resolution was passed by what seemed to be a unanimous vote, that the entertaining Chapter or Chapters would not be expected to provide a banquet.”

Dispensation was refused to ballot on candidates before the lawful time, the Grand High Priest ruling that these requests cannot be granted by any Grand High Priest.

We are glad to see the Mark Master Degree come in for unstinted praise:—
"It has been claimed that this is the most complete Degree in Freemasonry. The lesson of the first section is important and certainly makes a more lasting impression on the candidate than anything in our Ritual.

With this verse Comp. Waldron concludes:—

"It's been 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."

A booklet on the life, career and work of the late M. Ex. Comp. Dr. William F. Kuhn has been carefully prepared and is being distributed with a view to the completion of his memorial and for instructional purposes.

A fine group of active officers and of two revered veterans, Corona H. Briggs, 80 years, and John T. Ruffin, 90 years, adorns a sepia page in the Proceedings.

The Grand High Priest of Nebraska in his happy address said that in the old days there were just two places for them to go—to Church and to Lodge. To-day we have our luncheon clubs and a dozen other clubs. General business conditions have also to be considered.

The Grand High Priest of Michigan told a new story in the course of his address, new at least to this Reviewer, but we never know the vintage of these Scottish tales:—

"I heard a yarn the other day about a Jew who was driving down the country road and he saw a fellow plodding along and stopped to pick him up, and the plodder happened to be a Scotchman. The Jew sized him up and finally said, 'Well, Scotty, you appear to be a pretty good sort of fellow and we have a long way to go; let's pass the time away by asking each other questions. If you ask me a question that I can't answer I will give you a hundred dollars, and if I ask you a question that you can't answer you give me $10.' The odds appealed to the Scotchman, so he took up the proposition and said, 'All right; go ahead.' 'Well,' the Jew said, 'Ask your question first.' The Scotchman thought a while, then he said, 'What kind of an animal is it that goes up a tree on four legs and comes down on three?' The Jew scratched his head, and thought and thought, and finally said,
'I don't know, Scotty. Here's your hundred dollars.' And handed him the money. They rode a ways, and finally the Jew said, 'Well, Scotty, what is the answer to that question?' The Scotchman said, 'I don't know; here's your ten dollars.'"  
(Laughter, continuing.)

He attributes the loss in membership to lack of effective leadership and added these words of good advice:—

"I sometimes wonder whether those to whom is entrusted the administration of Capitular affairs really realize the latent forces for good we have at our command. We have the custody of some of the most beautiful lessons in the Masonic system.

"The Chapter Degrees are covered up in such a way that it is hard to communicate them; a man has to be a close student of Capitular Masonry in order to properly grasp all of them, and therefore a large number of your candidates leave the Chapter room without knowing what it is all about."

The Grand Secretary of Illinois said:—

"We have been royally entertained in this splendid city which contains the shrine at which all intelligent Americans delight to do honour: that great philosopher, writer and Mark Twain." (Applause.)

Grand Lecturer Marquis evidently grips one phase of the situation:—

"We cannot have these joint affairs without the dinner. That is absolutely necessary. We have to eat."

General Grand High Priest Davis well stated in a speech longer than usual, (he is the soul of brevity):—

"I had a letter from Sam Helm and he wanted to know if I couldn't bring him another speaker down there. He said, 'You know you brought Frank Hart down last year and when he got up to speak to us he made this statement, "I am an Episcopalian and a Democrat,'" he said when Texas heard that, the State went Republican."

Canada was duly represented by Orson H. Swearingen.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were present.

This from the Grand Master's address:—

"All who are being suspended are not unworthy material. "If you have a live Lodge, I hope you will see that the
Chapter thrives, and try to have none of this attempting to exalt one above the other in enthusiasm and in interest because, after all, we are all brothers, and when we have come to the final end of the story all distinctions but that of goodness cease."

He incidentally pointed out that Grand Lodge loss last year was 85.

Edward F. Von Gunden was elected Grand High Priest, and in his speech accepting the office said:—

"I think that an officer of the Chapter should be a pusher. If you don't get out and show your Chapter that you can do something, they are not going to be very active."

William J. Tow, of Toronto, represents Missouri.

Fraternal Correspondence is in the able and experienced hands of Corona H. Briggs, who in his introduction pointed out that there were at the time of his Review 923,505 Royal Arch Masons in the United States, that they reported gains of 3,163 members and losses of 9,170, a net loss of 6,007. This must give us pause. He concludes his introduction thus:—

"Where English-speaking Masonry is planted, Royal Arch Masonry is doing its work, and if a few thousands lost interest in our work and allowed themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues, the more than thirty thousand Exaltations in a single year clearly show we are still at work."

An international note is struck under British Columbia:—

"With evident approval, he quotes what this Scribe wrote in his Review of England in criticizing some American demagogues who have tried to stir up bad feeling between us and our British cousins."

An extraordinary ruling in California is thus referred to:—

"Eighty-four Companions received the Order of High Priesthood and each received a copy of the 'Book of the Law'—a book which the California Supreme Court has pronounced 'Sectarian.' The Koran is not a sectarian book. Various 'sects' of Mohammedans appeal to it as authority. Nor is our Bible in any sense sectarian. There are many sects that appeal to it as authority."
Under Canada, Comp. Briggs refers to the number of Grand Chapter visitors presented, the fact that Missouri's Grand Representative was faithful in attendance, the address of Grand Z. Dunstan at London, and the amount of space taken up by the returns of District Superintendents.

England is dismissed with a brief review, in which he says, calling for more light:

"We find no statistics of membership, but more than forty pages are given to a 'Statement of Accounts' showing that the ample revenues of this great Grand Chapter come from many lands beyond the seas as well as from all parts of England.

"But here also statistics are lacking. We wish our British cousins were not so careful to hide their light under a bushel. We would really like to know how strong Royal Arch Masonry is."

Something striking under Illinois:

"So worth and discernment, worth and the appreciation of worth, ability to minister to life and wisdom to perceive the fact, made values. There must be worth in the article, but there must also be appreciation in man.

"Holland says: 'Millions walk nightly under the silent stars and never dream that they are beautiful.'

"The same thought is expressed in a scene displayed in the Royal Arch Degree.

"'Earth is crammed with Heaven
And every common bush afire with God. And those who have eyes can see. The rest
Stand around and pick blackberries.'"

Many Jurisdictions quote Manitoba's verses of which the following is one:

"They shall be gentle, brave, and strong,
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man's lordship firm
On earth, and fire, and sea, and air."

Here is an appealing reminiscence of personal devotion:

"Do any of the Minnesota Companions remember the singing of a stanza of 'Rock of Ages' while we were being entertained in St. Paul that Friday afternoon, July 24, 1891? Stereopticon views were being shown. One was a dissolving view; a lowering sky and angry sea; then 'The Old Rugged
Cross rising from the waters; then a maiden clinging to the Cross. A lady standing near said to a friend, 'We ought to sing "Rock of Ages."' The writer started the hymn and instantly five hundred voices joined him."

This verse, with many others, from Oregon:—

"Ah, yes, there is surely an after life
Beyond this vale of tears,
Where weakening pain or death ne'er comes,
And sorrow ne'er appears.
A life that is part of the life below,
But something grander far,
For it takes us up to the realm of Light,
With its beautiful gates ajar."

Referring to the debatable ground between New Zealand and Scotland, Comp. Briggs appears to side with the Boy:—

"We have no disposition to enter into any argument with His Lordship, regarding the comparative merits of the two plans and do not expect Scotland to recede from its position, but we prefer our American usage."

This sly dig under South Dakota:—

"Our Dakota Companions will never need to pray the Scotchman's prayer—'Lord, give us a good conceit of ourselves.'"

Receiving from Victoria a mutilated copy of the Proceedings with twenty pages out, Comp. Briggs says:—

"'Two wise men of Gotham went to sea in a bowl,
If the bowl has been stronger
My tale had been longer.'"

"If those twenty pages had not been cut out of the Proceedings sent us, this report might have been longer."

Membership, 33,441. Number of Chapters, 110.

MONTANA.

Ray M. Armour, M.E. G.H.P.
Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

From his biography we learn that M. Ex. Comp. Armour appeals to his Brethren as really 'high
class," with a gentlemanly demeanor and the slogan of "service to the utmost," an instructive tongue and a Master Overseer of the Capitular quarries and vineyards. Of course, he is a lawyer.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation was opened at Helena, July 23, 1929. M.W. Bro. Hagstrom, Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master Bell, Comp. Whitworth, Grand Commander K. T.,, Lewis Terwilliger, representing the Scottish Rite, (his name surely has a Belleville flavour), were given Grand Honours.

The ubiquitous O. Frank Hart was welcomed in the following words:—

"Masonry welcomes you to Montana and extends to you that welcome which a Westerner always gives to one whom he loves and admires."

In his reply, he incidentally said:—

"I don't want to be treated as a stranger. I would rather be taken in and umpire a ball game and be captain of one of the teams."

A portrait of Charles Clark Davis, General Grand High Priest, the first we have seen, adorns the Proceedings. He was welcomed in the following words:—

"We realize the demands of all the Jurisdictions upon your time, and when we few Royal Arch Masons in the State of Montana receive you it is with all the feeling that a Royal Arch Mason can possess, though we receive you in our informal typical western style without undue lengthy remarks, and to meet you more on the level. I hesitate to call you the General Grand High Priest and I would like to welcome you here to these companions as Uncle Charlie."

He in his reply said:—

"You have reached my heart, Companion Armour, and that is just exactly what I want. In these official receptions in honour of the office in which you have placed me I want you to forget about the office and to you I will just simply be Companion Charlie Davis. I bring you the brotherly love of over nine hundred thousand Royal Arch Masons in this country and in foreign countries."

The following we take from the introductory part of the G.H.P.'s address:—

"The command, 'let him enter' has been heard by many who have been assisting in this noble and glorious undertaking."
"Among those presenting their Signet of Truth we find the names of many distinguished Companions.

M. Ex. Comp. H. T. Cumming will represent Canada.

After considering fully the Pennsylvania situation and correspondence the G.H.P. came to the conclusion:—

"That 'with the information contained in those letters I think any little differences, if any really existed have been cleared away.'"

Under State of Capitular Masonry we read the common expression of opinion but in a different setting:—

"We have had a small shrinkage in numbers, but there has been no shrinkage in the spirit or the firmness of the foundation of the Royal Arch. I believe there is a greater cause; ritualistic work naturally becomes somewhat routine. They should be told in commonplace language that they now possess that for which they so long sought; that they have recovered that which was long lost; that they have the last and completed volume of the story and lessons contained in Ancient Craft Masonry; they should know the historic connections of the Royal Arch to the Blue Lodge; they should know as the Grand Lodge of England long ago resolved, that 'Pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more; viz, those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.'

"Our percentage of Royal Arch Masons as compared to the number of Master Masons in Montana is, I believe, very high."

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests filled the Grand East as pillars, columns and ornaments.

Aprons and sashes worn in Scottish and English Chapters and Lodges were displayed by Companion Whitworth and examined with interest by the Companions.

R. Ex. Comp. Summers, Grand Captain of the Host of the State of Washington, addressed Grand Chapter and we quote the following:—

"It is our duty to remember day by day that the all-seeing eye of God looks down upon the individual heart to guide and influence the daily conduct of every man in his daily life. So we should prepare the boys and girls for the
coming generation, because the mind, thought and actions of that generation are a reflection of those of this generation, and what the next generation is will be that which we build for them to-day.

"In this great country of ours prepare these boys and girls to be mentally, morally, physically and spiritually fitted and prepared that when they arrive at the age of manhood and womanhood they are fit to join these great organizations of the Blue Lodge and the Eastern Star without any special investigation as to their character, because they have belonged to the other organizations—to the DeMolay and the Order of the Rainbow, which is something that no organization has ever done before."

As usual Comp. O. Frank Hart made a striking address:—

"I think Masonry is on trial for its life in all of its branches. There are so many things to divide the attention of men in this day and generation that it behooves us to begin to revivify this whole Masonic system from the Blue Lodge, both branches, through the Shrine.

"I am satisfied that the principles of Masonry are so fully ingrained in such a number of men that it will carry on, but it is rather discouraging sometimes to see great opportunities lost just because men won’t think. If our great fraternity could get its members to use that railroad sign as paraphrased in the lower part of Texas where they say: 'Stop, look and think,' rather than: 'Stop, look and listen'—if Masons could take that sign as their slogan.

"Masonry might be a handmaiden to religion, but Masonry, as far as I know and as far as my thoughts lead, does not justify the statement that it is a sufficient religion.

"A man can’t be rooted and grounded in the principles out of that Great Light and then set up any organization as a substitute.

"Masonry is bringing the South and the West and the North and the East closer together. The average man in the South is very much surprised when I tell him that out West we are civilized."

The General Grand High Priest, who is usually not an eloquent speaker, at this time distinguished himself, saying:—

"The Secretary’s report shows a small loss. That is common to all of the Jurisdictions. I have been to quite a number. I don’t find any of the officers of these Grand Chapters discouraged.

"Our Grand Chaplain of Illinois, is an Irishman, a pastor of a Presbyterian Church, a very enthusiastic Mason. A story
is told of him. He had been down to Woodlawn to a Masonic meeting. Coming home on the surface car, some fellow, whether he recognized him as a minister or not, lurched up to him, the Chaplain sitting and reading a paper, and says to him, 'I say, I don't believe there is any such place as Heaven.' The Chaplain looked up at him and went back to his reading, and the fellow still persistent touched him on the shoulder and says, 'I say, you didn't understand me. I don't believe there is any such place as Heaven.' The Chaplain says, 'All right, my friend; go to hell then, but don't make so much fuss about it.' (Laughter.) I would like the High Priests present if their secretaries are not here to carry this back to them. The plan is now to get out an eight-page booklet; the matter in it is agreed to by the Educational Bureau of the Educational Committee of our body and the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment. The proposition is to send these packages of booklets to the Secretaries of the Chapters—not to the Grand Chapter or the Grand Secretary—and secure their co-operation in getting these pamphlets distributed among interested brethren and the Companions if they will show interest themselves will be of great aid.

"We may make mistakes. I would rather make a mistake than to be idle and do nothing. I don't want to be like an epitaph I read some time ago that ran something like this: Here lie the bones of Tillie Jones; for her life held no terrors; she was born a maid, she died a maid; no hits, no runs, no errors. We will make some errors: we want to make some runs."

No better comment could be made on this, if we may call it his "maiden" speech, than the reply of the G.H.P., who said:—

"The Grand Secretary will please note that the General Grand High Priest made no errors, made one good run and a wonderful hit."

A nugget and sapphire watch charm taken from the rich mines of Montana was presented to the General Grand.

Frank W. Haskins was elected G.H.P.

R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Logan, of Hamilton, Grand Secretary of our Grand Lodge, is proud to represent Montana.

After the full roll call of all members of the daughter Chapters we come to the Capitular Report of M. Ex. Comp. H. S. Hepner, who has a character
and personality all his own. To quote Shakespeare, “Ever beloved and loving may his rule be.”

Under Alabama he is struck by the following:—

“Instill into the minds of those who come to our shores from foreign countries ‘the true knowledge and spirit of our national institutions’ and urged that those who refuse to become a part of our national life be deported.”

From Alberta we take this literary allusion:—

“In commenting on our efforts to devise plans to reduce expenses to a minimum he said: ‘Like Micawber of old?’”

British Columbia associates Montana with Canada:—

“He tells of their pleasure at receptions given to their representative, Past High Priest Harry H. Watson, at the Denver Triennial. The Scribe was there and heard the Companion make his talk and it was the best of the gathering.”

Canada receives favoured nation treatment, his review commencing with words that must make G.H.P. Edwin Smith blush or glow—men blush, women glow:—

“The picture of Grand First Principal Z. Smith shows a large handsome looking man; he looks well fed and groomed; no wonder at that as we find that for 21 years he was engaged in the grocery business and has graduated therefrom and has been in the General Insurance Brokerage business for the past seven years, and we learn also from the sketch, that these have not been lean years. We also find that he is a brother of their Grand Scribe E., so the year was a brotherly affair.”

He refers to our $90,000 in cash and in investments as an outstanding fact. He quotes largely from Comp. Gardiner’s Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, closing with:—

“With such leadership may we not hope that a constructive effort be made to widen the scope of Masonic influence?”

He pays this Reviewer the great and appreciated compliment of quoting the whole of our introduction and of our conclusion to our Report of 1929. We only quote the following because his compliments to this Canadian Reviewer are compliments to our Companions in Canada:—

“A great, big, generous heart seems to beat wholesome impulses in all that he writes; as the years go by we become
more and more attached to him; it is men like this Com-
panion who make Masonry truly worthwhile; they impart to
the Order a rainbow of promise to be fulfilled in all its won-
drous moral and intellectual teachings."

Kies of Connecticut at once arrests attention:—
“As usual each of his reviews is written in trenchant
style of his own. His comments are rapid-firing gun shots
and hit the spot aimed at.”

Under England we read:—
“These legends, or they may be only fables, do throw light
on the mentality and line of thought of our predecessors, and
there is no doubt that, without legend and fable, history
would be little more than dry bones.”

A little old-fashioned banter and repartee under
Georgia makes pleasant reading:—
“Special greetings were extended to Companion Early H.
Johnson of their own Jurisdiction who captured a plum at
the Triennial at Denver, in being selected to one of the offices.
We tried to have one of our Montana’s Past Grand High
Priests get near the pie-counter but we couldn’t get a crumb;
we didn’t have the magic combination numbers necessary to
‘break the bank of Monte Carlo;’ we couldn’t get anyone to
play with us the game of ‘I will tickle you, and you tickle
me.’ No offense meant, nor sour grapes, please! We believe
that the honour was well-bestowed on Georgia’s son; we were
merely soliloquizing as to the way matters are handled at the
General Grand Chapter; we were there in person and watched
the game as played.”

Manitoba strikes the fire of chivalry thus:—
“Regarding the proposition to employ none but male help
in the Grand Secretary’s office, he commented: ‘Seems pretty
hard on the ladies! It may be that the widow of a Mason
may need a job—we suppose she will be allowed to scrub the
floor or dust the furniture, maybe, but must not do the work
requiring the muscular skill of strong men such as writing
letters on a typewriter.’”

Michigan and Conover stimulate comment:—
“The continuation of the monumental and resplendent
labours of Companion Conover of his History of the Origin
and Development of the Royal Arch Degree and Dependent
Grades covers 158 pages and it is needless to say that we
treasure them in our renewed gatherings of Masonic Litera-
ture; the fire of 1928 at Helena caused us a loss of many
years’ harvests of books and pamphlets on Masonry, but
nothing daunted we started anew and Companion Conover’s
pages are invaluable.”
Of course North Carolina and Allen its embodiment, or rather personification, attract irresistible notice:

“Combinations are apparently made between favoured sons of Jurisdictions having large delegations, and the ordinary Jurisdiction has no chance; there is too much of a political game played in these General Grand Bodies' meetings to suit the writer's notion; he was at Denver and saw the game played; when it came to the election of officers it was more like a political convention than a gathering of a fraternal body; wire-pulling and vote getting were strenuously used, and when the writer approached one of the Eastern Jurisdiction 'managers' in behalf of our candidate, he was asked 'how many votes Montana controlled.'

“Companion Allen's reviews are entirely different from all the others; he grabs a few salient features of an Annual Communication and proceeds to dissect it and sew it up again. His headings are treats: 'All the face cards present,' 'North Carolina is not perfect,' 'You can never tell,' 'Are they a snare and a delusion?' 'How they affiliate the Scotcherman,' 'What is it to die,' 'Will a half-shekel do?' 'Fraternal leeches,' etc., etc.

“This is Companion Allen's twenty-second Correspondence Report and, like wine, he gets better as he gets older.”

The poetic and creative touch in friend Hepner is illustrated by his conclusion:—

“Again we are at the end of our annual journey through the Capitular quarries.

“No pessimistic thoughts dim our vision of the right setting of the keystone in the midst of the arch, because of so many Jurisdictions showing small losses in membership.

“Unripe fruit has fallen from the tree because of lack of vitality to keep attached to the bough. Undigested food has stunted the body of those who came to the vineyard without intent to do their share of the day's labours, and they have fallen by the wayside, because they were drones in the busy hive of Royal Arch Masonry.”

“Attracted by the honey of fraternal love, they thought only of taking it and give nothing in return; they wanted to draw wages without earning it. These comprised the bulk of suspensions making up the 'net losses'; in the long run, their defection will prove our gain, as it tends to stimulate those loyal to the Order to a companionship closer than ever before.

“Capitular Masonry is doing a great share of the humanitarian work of Masonry. Masonic Homes, Educational Programmes, Student Loan Funds and many other noble efforts of the Blue Lodges, Commanderies and the Shrine, find active help on part of the Chapters.
"The craftsmen all over the world are zealously labouring to rebuild the symbolic Temple of Truth."

Membership, 4,694. Net loss, 94.

**NEBRASKA.**

Harford N. Rosebush, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Lewis E. Smith, M.E., Grand Secretary.
The Sixty-second Convocation was held in Omaha, December 5, 1928.
The invocation by Grand Chaplain Kuhns closed with this verse:—

"Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead us all our journey through;
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still our strength and Shield!"

No less than thirteen Past Grand High Priests proved both the longevity and the loyalty of the line of Capitular Rulers and they were publicly thanked for their timely advice and assistance throughout the year.

General Grand High Priest Charles Clark Davis was welcomed among the distinguished guests. He said that it was his first visit West. He attributed the losses to the reaction of the War and thought there was a better day coming. Soon may it come! He was present at the constitution of a Chapter in Monterrey, Mexico, which was issued at Denver.

Query—Is this a violation of the sovereign rights which are so much spoken of throughout the United States?

The Grand High Priests of Colorado and Iowa were greeted cordially in an address of welcome.

A Memorial was passed with Companions at attention, to Past Grand High Priests deceased, in the following words:—

"Lest we forget: Let us pause for a moment that we may cherish the memory, and not forget the brave deeds and zealous work of these noble Companions, who piloted the destinies of this Grand Chapter for so many years.

"Yet, it has pleased the Great I Am, to take them to that undiscovered country from whose Bourne no traveller returns.

"Servants of God, well done.

"'To live in the hearts we leave behind,
Is not to die.'"
"Eminent not only in the councils of Masonry, they also, as men of affairs, filled a large place in the civic history of our State.

"'Be strong!
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift,
Shun not the struggle: face it. 'Tis God's gift.

"'Be strong!
It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong.
How hard the battle goes, the day, how long.
Faint not, fight on! To-morrow comes the song'.

"So may we and all our loved Comrades, as pilgrims of eternity resolving all enigmas of immortality, safely rest in Thy everlasting arms."

The Grand High Priest recorded that he had issued a commission to William J. Potts of Trenton to represent Nebraska.

The question having arisen as to jurisdiction from the time of the expiration of the Dispensation to meeting of Grand Chapter, is thus dealt with by the Grand High Priest in the absence of a provision in the Constitution:

"The Granting of a Dispensation of this kind is more than granting the right to work; for it allocates certain territory being taken from more than one Chapter.

"It makes the purchase of paraphernalia, the leasing of property, etc., necessary.

"It allows the reception and expenditure of fees for conferring of degrees. All of this creates an expectancy of the granting of a charter if a reasonable degree of success attends the labour under dispensation.

"There is no guarantee that a Charter will be granted, but no grounds for doubt of that event are raised under reasonable success.

"At the time of expiration by time limit of the dispensation, the property and all assets pass into the custody of the Grand Chapter through its Secretary and not to any of the other Chapters near the Chapter U. D."

Grand Chapter has $35,400 invested in the Home and of it he well says:

"I am sure that when you visit this Home of rest and comfort, you will find that the management of the Home could not be better."
Under Condition of the Rite he recommends *individually* work.

Nebraska is among the few that show a gain in membership, this year of 28, modest but on the right side. Membership, 8,385.

A Resolution was presented showing that several Chapters desired to secure a uniform and suitable procedure in addition to the present Ritual.

The Committee on the Home reported that the children attended the Fremont Public Schools and all are doing well.

The following amendment was introduced and passed and became part of the Constitution:—

"Each Royal Arch Mason shall within sixty days after being exalted to the sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, be fully instructed in all the signs, grips, and passwords in the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Degrees; said instructions to include an explanation of the key to the mysterious characters."

Clemens A. Spellman, of Beatrice, represents Canada.

The Report on Correspondence is presented in concentrated form by George N. R. Browne, P.G.H.P.

Reviewing Alabama, he gives as the fundamental necessities for success—Comment; Commendation, and Criticism.

Under Arkansas he says there is no substitute for the Grand High Priest when it comes to official visits.

We are interested to read under British Columbia:—

"In answer to inquiry as to whether or not Companions exalted miles away from any Chapter room were really Royal Arch Masons, he says that the Grand Z. was there in person and that 'The King can do no wrong.' Has he forgotten that we of the United States do not recognize a King? Or should we remember that Canadians do recognize a King? Canadian system, except in Nova Scotia, places the Grand King at the head of the Grand Chapter while the American system places the Grand High Priest, God's personal representative, first in its organization."
Under Canada he misses the name of Nebraska’s late Representative, Richard H. Spencer, who was succeeded by another Trenton Companion. He says that despite the new Grand Chapters that sprang from our loins, Canada still has a healthy membership and shows a good growth each year. Under Dispensations, he says:

"Among the Dispensations granted we find three to allow Brother Masons having lost an arm to receive the Degrees. Those dispensations made us feel like—and we do say it—'God bless him for his good common sense.' May more jurisdictions 'receive the light' as this Most Excellent Companion has."

He quotes with approval the stressing of our Grand Z. on solemnity, and also on the dignity which befits the notices sent out.

With regard to Queensland he suggests that we should recognize both Jurisdictions.

Of our Review he kindly says that our selections are of the best.

Here is a nugget of truth he finds under District of Columbia:

"Paraphrasing Carrie Jacobs Bond, the Grand High Priest closes with this: 'Any day has been perfect when at its end we find 'the soul of a friend we've made'—"

Idaho gives him this flowery paragraph:

"Flowers were presented by the local Chapter, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Shrine. Now, isn't that fine? They don't wait until you die in Idaho to remember you with a floral tribute. Maybe they live too long out there."

We read under Illinois:

"His concluding remark, 'I would like to see Masonry get together in the old style of Masonry, where we didn't have so many distractions and attractions to take our attention,' calls for a hearty 'Amen' from every Jurisdiction on the globe."

We are all brotherly Companions, not foreigners to our colleague:

"We do not agree with his opinion that anything outside of Jurisdiction is 'foreign,' for are not we almost all of the United States united in a General Grand Chapter thus removing the very thought of being 'foreign'?"
Of the Texas Home, one of the great leaders in philanthropic work, our confrère says:—

"Their activities are not confined to the Chapter Mason, the Grand Lodge making use of the institution by having thirty-nine of their wards in the Home. We commend Texas for their good work and visualize their undertaking when they started this work, an apparently impossible task."

NEVADA.

L. William Semenza, M.E., G.H.P.
Frank D. King, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Reno, June 11, 1929.

No less than fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present, a splendid record for a relatively small Jurisdiction.

A. A. Willoughby, of California, brought a cheery message of good fellowship and encouragement.

The reception of the Flag is thus described:—

"The Grand High Priest ordered the Grand Captain of the Host to retire, make the usual alarm, and escort Old Glory to the Altar. The national flag salute was given by the Companions, after which the first verse of America was sung. The Flag was then placed in the Grand East.

Charles L. Fulstone was the Grand Representative of Canada.

That even the tonic and restorative air of Nevada does not meet all requirements is shown by the illness of the Deputy Grand High Priest, requiring him to reside in the lower altitudes of Southern California to regain his health.

The Grand Secretary prepared a draft code manuscript which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for examination.

G.H.P. Semenza, whose father was born in Italy, thus began his address:—

"I have looked forward to the opportunity of renewing the companionship which every handshake and word accompanying it demonstrates."
It is noted that he was present at a public installation at which Master Masons and their ladies were in attendance.

He generously donated his travelling expenses for the purpose of purchasing for Grand Chapter jewels and aprons.

He thus explains the falling off in attendance:—

“One reason for poor attendance is on account of the Officers not learning their work. Companions come to the Chapter and witness the Officers stumble over their work and get discouraged.”

Human nature is the same in Nevada as in Ontario. The invitation of Reno Chapter to luncheon was received with applause and accepted by all.

Then came a striking feature of the Proceedings in the address of Grand Orator, Ducken, which is both instructive and scholarly. We make the following quotations for our readers:—

“Gibbon, the historian, in his Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, said: ‘The man who presumes to reign should aspire to the perfection of divine nature. He should purify his soul from its moral and terrestrial parts. He should extinguish his appetite, enlighten his understanding, regulate his passions and subdue the wild beast, which seldom fails to ascend the throne of a despot.’ Of course, that is the expression of an ideal, and ideals are always unattainable, but towards which we ought always to shape our endeavours.

“Masonry, with all its power, cannot, of course, perform miracles. It cannot transform an incorrigible and predestined rogue into a saint. But I do say that if a man is capable of being made a better man, Masonry will do it. Masonry is constantly making inherently good men better men and inspiring them to act by precept and example for the encouragement and support of all the brethren with whom they come in contact. In this way it throws around a brother whose character may not be so strong, an environment of good men from whose support he cannot perversely fall away, unless he is determined utterly to fall away from all that is possibly calculated to appeal to ‘the better angels of his nature.’

“Goethe said: ‘Talent may develop in solitude but character is created in society. It is the fruit of fellowship. Genius may shine alone and aloof like a star, but goodness is social, and it takes two men and God to make a brother.”
"The work we do for others makes us better than ourselves. 'Until the heart is engaged in service it moves with a heavy tread.' Dante said: 'Give light and the people will find their own way.'

"And it is the pride of our institution of Masonry that it has played a great part in the history of humanity's search for light; that it has brought the attributes of human goodness into action."

Two thousand four hundred and sixty-three dollars has been received in all for the Grand Chapter Student Loan Fund, a fine record and example. This will be on a voluntary basis hereafter.

A motion to make the minimum $30.00 for Chapter Degrees was defeated. We regret to observe this.

Horace J. Brown was elected G.H.P.

Nevada has the poetic spirit well developed. Preceding the Memorial pages is this verse:

"Be brave, O heart, be brave;
It is not strange that man survives the grave;
'Twould be stranger thing were he destroyed
Than that he ever vaulted from the void."

Also this page:

"In Remembrance of the Companions beloved who in the year past have heard the call to pass within the vail. Elsewhere are writ their names on the records of this Convocation, but more deeply on the tablet of the living hearts of those who remember."

A very touching tribute is paid to his father by G.H.P. Semenza.

The final Memorial pages are headed, "Into The Ever Morning Land," with these and other verses:

"The dead, to our dead, bid welcome, and we—farewell.
"Along the way
Into the night
And the stars,
Beyond the clouds,
And then—
The Day!"

John F. Marr is the Grand Representative of Nevada.

There is no Correspondence Report.
NEW JERSEY.

Victor H. Pugh, M.E., G.H.P.
Charles D. McCracken, Grand Secretary.


No less than 17 Past Grand High Priests supported and were honoured in the Grand East.

The ever faithful Godfrey Pittis was present as the Grand Representative of Canada.

Distinguished visitors shared the abundant life of New Jersey, including New York, Delaware, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, the Grand Master of New Jersey and the General Grand High Priest all of them making brief and cordial replies to their respective welcomes.

At the close of the reading of the Necrological portion of the address of the G.H.P., prayer was offered, “raise up workmen to continue their work. Give us strength and courage to go forward,” said the Grand Chaplain.

From the address we take the following sentences at random:—

“We are reminded that we pass this way but once and our lease as tenants is short; that whatever good we would do must not be put off, for we are travelling over a road which has no return.

“William H. Grosscup left us February 20, 1929. His seat is vacant, but his light is not extinguished, for he will ever live in our hearts. He has been transferred. He was a Masonic gentleman, kindly in his disposition and helpful to his fellow men.”

Among his decisions was the refusal of permission to a Chapter to invite a Chapter from New York to visit them and exemplify the M.E.M. Degree. This we can scarcely understand in Canada where an interchange is frequently made.

In his closing we read Canada’s adopted sentiments:—
"As Masons we have a peculiar responsibility. We must bind ourselves apprentices to the trade of doing good. By practicing virtue we will add new strength to that which is strong, in moulding the character of others we should mould and enrich our own and our lives should adorn the ethics and principles we teach."

Receipts for the year $29,314.

The Grand Secretary reports, "our old enemy, Suspensions, N.P.D., is still with us."

The Grand Master made an eloquent acknowledgment of his reception:

"You may confer with others and taking the best that is in you and adding it to the best that is in the others, you will find it possible to accomplish more in each day, and be saved from many errors and mistakes; continuing to exemplify one of our principles to seek 'who best can work and best agree.'

"When a man comes up to this Bureau for work, and is placed, he immediately becomes useful. Through this Bureau eleven hundred have been given positions.

"A Master Mason is taken, and there remains the widow needing care; and then this Home opens its doors."

Without discrimination, the address of August P. Kunzig of Pennsylvania, well known to us in Canada, gives the most glowing greeting:

"This city, which is rich in Masonic tradition as well as historical is the capital of your State—a city of craftsmen, skilled especially in the making of pottery, one of the most ancient of handicrafts.

"Some one has very aptly said, 'Every man has a train of thought on which he rides when he is alone; and the worth of his life to himself and others, as well as its happiness, depend upon the direction in which that train is going, the baggage it carries and the country through which it travels."

"Hang your hat where folks are doing worth-while things. Achievement, like character, is caught, so whenever possible let your train form contacts.

"The great law of association says, 'You become like the thing with which you intimately associate.' One of our great captains of industry says that a little handful of men, who know how to think, control America.

"After a certain fight the surgeon told the chaplain that this fellow was quite beyond hope. The chaplain leaned over him. 'Well, my good fellow, you are very badly wounded, and if you have anything to say or any word that you want to send to your family, tell me now.'"
"The poor fellow understood. 'My inside coat pocket,' he breathed painfully.

"The chaplain felt a pocketbook there and took it out. 'Is that what you want?'

"'Yes,' was the faint reply. 'Open it.'

"'Here is a ten dollar bill, is that what you want?'

"'Yes.'

"'What shall I do with it?'

"Then said the soldier, in a whisper, 'Bet you that, that I don't die.'

"And he did not.

"Frequently we see men headed for nowhere and succeeding admirably in getting there. They are like

"'Ships without rudders
And boats without sails.'

"Make of that place of yours a country of optimism, where they turn their sour grapes into preserves; where the pessimist says, 'Is there any milk in the pitcher?' But the optimist says, 'Pass me the cream.' The master key that never fails to unlock doors in the whole great building of life is the master key of a sunny, hopeful disposition."

The G.H.P. of Massachusetts well said:—

"Let us meet each other often, coming into contact with each other, with the boys on the benches, and fraternise with them, and put over this work."

Our Grand Representative Pittis presented the Report on the Committee on Necrology.

A telegram was acknowledged from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Matthew Armstrong was elected G.H.P.

A jewel and apron were presented to retiring G.H.P. Pugh accompanied by the following sentiment:—

"It is best described by Holmes when he says:

"'Through the deep caves of thought I hear a voice that sings:

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!'"

M. Ex. Kenneth J. Dunstan, of Toronto, represents New Jersey.
Comp. Pugh found a ready and responsive chord in the hearts of all who heard him address the High Priests.

"In these days of large projects and great undertakings we are apt to lose sight of the small things that influence and mould our lives.

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift. There is work to do and loads to lift; shun not the struggle, 'tis God's gift, be strong.

"HULLO!"

"'W'en you see a man in woe, Walk right up and say 'hullo!' Say 'hullo' an' 'how d'ye do?'' 'How's the world a usin' you?' Slap the fellow on his back, Bring your hands down with a whack; Waltz right up, an' don't go slow, Grin and shake an' say 'hullo!'"

"'Say 'hullo!' an' 'how d'ye do!' Other folks are good as you, W'en you leave your house of clay, Wandering in the Far-Away Country t'other side the range, Then the souls you've cheered will know Who you be, and say 'hullo!'"

When we miss the signature of the Rev. A. Boylan Fitzgerald to the Foreign Correspondence Report we trust we will be all much older men or will have passed before him. He makes a thoughtful introduction:—

"Behold how rapidly the sands run through the hour glass. One more year's accomplishment belongs to the ages, to afford to the present and the future whatever there may be of encouragement and warning.

"They were well worth the journey for the fifth time, as many of the natural wonders of the world and the beautiful scenery of some parts of the world are even more appreciated on the second, third or fourth observance than on the first.

"Quite a few of these outstanding Sentinels of the Royal Craft have been no longer able to weather the storms and to stand the strain.

"The more we think in terms of the World Mind the more we know that the other fellow has a claim upon our sympathy, love, affection, and that his interest is our interest in the final analysis."
“Portray to the membership of our own State the number of ways in which a very delightful service can be rendered to humanity. Bring before the membership of our Chapters the various ways the same things are accomplished, and thus enable them to have more ways from which to choose how they would like to function.”

We regret that Canada’s Proceedings apparently had not reached him.

From Alberta we take this:—

It was recommended that Grand Superintendents give more attention to the Book of Marks; that the most capable men be named for Grand Superintendents rather than to rotate them.”

British Columbia has a generous review:—

“British Columbia, in a very generous manner, expressed her desire of helping to make things pleasant for those attending the General Grand Chapter when it meets at Tacoma, Washington, in 1930. Sure are we that all Companions passing through British Columbia will be most royally treated.

“We think that there should be no membership in a Chapter without membership in the Lodge except for only a really limited short time.

Then under Florida:—

“Each yearly journey brings to light new problems and indicates how those to whom the government of Capitular Masonry has been entrusted, attempt their solutions. In most cases the acts are approved, but occasionally the ‘higher-ups’ take a different view and clarify the situation.” This is well put and it is well that it is true, for no matter how clever the guiding hand may be, it is difficult for one man to see from all angles, and the wisdom of all those who have gone through the chairs before, comes to the assistance.”

We read under Quebec:—

“The reference to the Grand Lecturer as ‘Evergreen’ is rather refreshing and to have the Grand Z. continue and say the Grand Lecturer always ‘Judges with candour and admonishes with friendship,’ is to hear a wonderful compliment.”

The high idealism of Washington is thus illustrated:—

“Masonry is the medium of spiritual life. While the symbolism of Masonry is beautiful, yet the symbolism is useless unless it is translated into meaning and action.”

Membership, 20,511. Net increase, 40.
NEW MEXICO.

Wilbur L. Elser, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

The Thirty-first Annual Convocation was held at Gallup, February 21, 1929. This is a relatively small Jurisdiction, but there are no less than twenty living Past Grand High Priests, of whom however only four were present.

The Grand High Priest's address turns out, after he disposes of items of current business, to be a very striking one and dealing with subject matters that may well receive attention beyond his own Jurisdiction. He refused a Dispensation to permit a Chapter to vote on petitions without the lapse of 28 days, and held that the only way in which a demitted Royal Arch Mason could be reinstated was to present a petition for affiliation accompanied by his demit.

Then under Chartered Chapters comes his print-ed appeal to meet the extraordinary conditions existing in so many Grand Jurisdictions, from which we make longer than usual extracts as they are thought-producing whether we agree with all or not:—

"I feel very keenly that the Companions should be alive to the membership situation and should meet the situation face to face. Our Ancient Brethren wrought in both operative and speculative Masonry. To this I am inclined to add that present day Capitular Masons work largely in retrospective Masonry. In other words, we are living on the deeds and reputation of those who have gone this way before. When we attempt to interest a Blue Lodge Mason in Capitular Masonry, he wants to know what the organization is doing.

"The Grand High Priest of Alberta states that 'If Masonry is to be of real value, if it is to mean anything in the thoughts and morals of the individual, it must be a searching after Truth.

"The Grand High Priest of Alabama brings out the thought that what the Chapters need most is education and inspiration.

"I feel that if Masonry had been awake to the opportuni-ties, many of the things now being handled by the service clubs—with the consequent loss of interest in Masonic organizations and a decrease in attendance—could have been
handled just as well by the Masonic organizations and especially those branches above Symbolic Masonry which are not overloaded with other interests.

"Why should a Hiram Club be organized for the purpose of undertaking some activity which could just as well be carried on by the Chapter as an organization, or by the Blue Lodge? So far it appears that any living question, no matter how non-partisan, is dubbed 'politics' and that makes it taboo, and we are not to bring into the Chapter room such secular affairs.

"If Capitular Masonry is nothing more than a space filler between Symbolic Masonry and Knights Templarism or the Shrine, then we had better take the applicant's initiation fee, hand him a book and say—'Here are your Degrees.' Frankly, competition for official recognition in the Blue Lodges is keen, although it is neither open nor expressed as competition. Why not utilize these younger Masons in our Chapters, giving them responsible positions and helping them to develop into good executives so that when they are called or honoured by official positions in their Lodge, they will make even better officers?

"Every effort should be made to conserve time in the conduct of business. In the conferring of Degrees, the work should be done with a never failing enthusiasm. Love of Masonry implies enthusiasm; lose this, and you have lost your Masonic soul.

"Neither do I think we can be too optimistic in feeling that we have gone through a series of especially depressing years and that times will soon be better. Times have improved during the past twelve or fifteen months, but at present there are rumblings of industrial and financial depressions late in 1929 or early in 1930.

"It is time for us to go back and review the lesson of the Beehive taught in Symbolic Masonry, where we were admonished 'Never to sit down content while our fellow creatures around us are in want.' We should also remember that 'He who will so demean himself as not to be endeavouring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding may be deemed a drone in the hive of industry and a useless member of society * * * * * ،

"No organization can be active and effective if it is overburdened with unnecessary and useless officials and committees."

He also recommends that the Committee on Accounts leave sufficient Grand Chapter funds intact to provide for Foreign Correspondence.

The Sojourners' Club attached to the United States Veterans' Hospital, Fort Bayard, give an encouraging report:
"In behalf of our afflicted Brothers, the Sojourners' Club expresses its sincerest thanks and appreciation to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, for the splendid support you have so willingly rendered our organization at all times."

John W. Turner was elected Grand High Priest. The Committee on Necrology set up the ideal of an impossible perfection to which however we suppose we should aim to attain:—

"May the way before me be perfect,
May the way behind me be perfect,
May all that is above me be perfect,
May all that is below me be perfect,
May all that surround me be perfect,
May the words of my mouth be perfect."

There is as yet no Correspondence Report.

Membership, 2,004. Net loss, 61. 18 Chapters.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Neville W. Montagu, Grand Z.
D. R. Hutchison, Grand Scribe E.

A regular meeting was held at Castlereagh Street, Sydney, February 8, 1928. We do not note the presence of the Grand Representative of Canada at any of the meetings during the year.

The address of the Grand First Principal was composed almost entirely of an account of his many visitations and of the record of deaths of distinguished Companions.

The report of the Grand Inspector of Workings took up the work done by the 17 Districts under the supervision of himself and other Grand Chapter Officers.

Incidentally he thus describes some of the qualifications of a Principal Sojourner:—

"Again this Chapter's choice of a Principal Sojourner appears to have been most happy, that young officer performing the duties of his office with attention to detail, unflattering accuracy, and an evident but properly restrained appreciation of the dramatic possibilities of the situation."
Ex. Comp. Stowe delivered a continuation of his previous lecture on King Solomon's Temple, with a unique collection of pictures illustrating the subject. The next Regular Convocation was held May 9, 1928.

The Grand Z. had visited Victoria at the invitation of Most Eminent Comp. Kirkwood and he gives a graphic description of the ceremony:

"Not only in the Grand Chapter, but in their private Chapters as well, ceremony, correctness and dignity are observed with equal punctiliousness; consequently, one may conceive with little difficulty how impressive were the whole of the evening's proceedings.

"The final reception was that of Companion His Excellency Most Worshipful Bro. Lord Somers, Governor of Victoria, and Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. I mention this to show the interest the United Grand Lodge of Victoria takes in Royal Arch Masonry, as exemplified in the personnel of its Supreme Grand Chapter."

Owing to the death of Rt. Eminent Comp. Kennedy, Grand Scribe E., deplored by all, the musical programme in the South was abandoned. Another use of the South occurs in the name of a Chapter called the Sunny South Chapter.

The Grand Committee and the Grand Inspector of Workings reported fully.

A Regular Convocation was held August 8, 1928, when Grand Z. Montagu summed up the quarter's activities.

The Proceedings of Canada and correspondence with Canada are acknowledged.

On the 14th November, 1928, a Regular Convocation was held with the same faithful Grand Officers present.

Owing to continued illness Comp. Hutchison, Grand Scribe E., submitted his resignation, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Davies was appointed to fill the vacancy pro tem.

Comp. Hutchison was voted an honorarium of £112.

M. Ex. Comp. Montagu was re-elected and Rt. Ex. Comp. F. R. Sinden was elected Grand Scribe E.
A Special Convocation for the installation of officers was held 8th December, 1928.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence appears to be composed largely of Past Grand Z.'s, seven in all.

J. McCreadie is the Grand Representative of Canada but is not included in the various roll calls. W. H. Tudhope, of Orillia, represents New South Wales.

The Reviews are brief but interesting, some few being of satisfying length. We regret that Canada does not appear among the Jurisdictions reported on, and yet Canada is referred to several times in the introduction and our own Review is quoted from.

The Foreword has several points of interest and contact, which we quote:

"Non-payment of dues. This is not the only cause. Many reports announce the patent fact that inefficiency in many of the Chapter Officers is another vital cause of falling off in membership, and reminds us that 'merely being a good fellow does not fit a Companion for high office.'

"In Scotland there is no Mark Degree, and the Royal Arch is bound up with the Mark Degree.

"The Mark Degree in Scotland is regarded as the concluding portion of the Degree of Fellow Craft, although it is only conferred on Master Masons, and is a necessary qualification for the Royal Arch. Yet there is no connection.

"In Ireland the Mark Degree is completely under the control of the Grand Chapters, and independent of the Grand Lodge.

"In Canada, the Scottish system has had a predominant influence, and the Royal Arch is closely connected with the Mark.

"In the perusal of these records of the different Jurisdictions, Canada's Grand Correspondent found 'so many nuggets of ore, so much variety and diversity, so many rich thoughts.'

"No true permanent economic advancement can be made except one resting on the solid foundation of an educated citizenship. We build not for to-day, but for the future, and it behooves every Mason to add his voice to the pleadings for enlarged school facilities.

"We send our Review for 1928 abroad, knowing it will be welcomed in a truly Masonic spirit, and we welcome honest criticism—for such criticism is constructive."
The Reviewer of Alabama presents an ideal in his comments on sister Jurisdictions:

"They are particularly worth while. They are bright and breezy, friendly and helpful, and full of interest and information."

Arizona presents a new point, the second time that it has been made during the year:

"It is a new ethic that submits a Grand High Priest's address for comment and approval by a committee, instead of submission to the Convocation without criticism, as the inherent right of the head of any organization."

We read this interesting and perhaps ironic summary under Arkansas:

"Foreign Correspondence is reviewed, 18 lines being devoted to New South Wales. What a shock to our self-complacency. Is our importance fully realized? Are we the Southern Cross, or only a twinkle? Don't we matter, or are we cousins? He generously admits that Arkansas got two pages review. We get 12 lines plus 6, minus information tabloids, divided into this: 'Grand Officers go round and install the officers for local Chapters ... much space is taken up with the report of the Grand Inspector ... they are still having trouble with Scotland over Jurisdiction."

"Well, a prophet has no honour in his own country, and sometimes less in others. But we are definitely on the map. To the wonder State of Arkansas we offer fraternal greetings sincerely expressed, from 3,628 Companions in 80 Chapters in New South Wales, the chief City of the Federated States of the Commonwealth of Australia in the Southern Hemisphere."

Much material from England is, of course, quoted:

"Freemasonry, it is hoped, will help to bring about the seemingly impossible meeting of East and West. In India the Altar bears not only the V.S.L. as with us, but also the sacred writings of the peoples, the Vedas and the Koran. An English candidate may be and often is initiated by a Hindu Master, passed by a Mahommedan, and finally raised by a Parsee."

Another Review that finds favour in New South Wales is Minnesota:

"Here we have a Reviewer who puts his finger on the aching pulse, and with reasoned logic is convinced of the justice of our claim. New South Wales deeply appreciates the
attitude, when it remembers that some of those in our own Jurisdiction would sacrifice a principle, fundamentally based, for the sake of expediency, and that sometimes visionary thing called harmony.”

This verse from Ohio:—

“We saw not the lift of the curtain
Nor heard the invisible door,
As they passed where life’s problems uncertain
Will follow and vex them no more.”

NEW YORK.

Samuel S. Forster, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Charles C. Hunt, M.E., Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Thirty-second Convocation convened in Albany (as of yore) February 5, 1929. Twelve Past Grand High Priests, all with names well known beyond their own Jurisdiction, reported for duty.
Canada was faithfully represented by our old friend, Edward F. Rolle.
From the invocation of the Grand Chaplain we take one sentence:—

“Grant to us now in all our deliberations the spirit to think and do such things as are right.”

A telegram from Willard T. Chevalier from New Orleans, was read with a graceful tribute to the late Comp. Prouse.
The total attendance at Grand Chapter was 625.
The Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Representatives as follows:—

“Those who are fortunate enough to represent a Jurisdiction bordering on or near our own, know that the office means a great deal to the Grand High Priest in the discharge of his duties.”

Many welcome visitors, some of them long-time friends, were greeted. Among them the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Commandery, the Supreme Council and the Grand Chapters of Quebec, Delaware, New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania
and the General Grand Chapter represented by Wilbur A. Scott, who in his address said:—

“We are not getting the attendance in our degree work that we did some time ago. I am not pessimistic. I believe we are getting quality now. We used to rush them through the Masonic mill and turn them out and they did not get the points of Masonry, and are now drifting out. Now we are sifting the least desirables in our membership.

In everybody in Masonry the attendance is much smaller than it used to be years ago. The reason may be due to the radio, the automobile and demands of business, social and home life, which are different now than a few years ago.

“As I view it, it comes right down to the High Priest of the Chapter. He can get a better attendance of the members if he tries.”

The hospitality of New York is not merely proverbial but has a flavour all its own.

Grand High Priest Forster in his address expressed the grief of the Companions in the passing of many during the year and especially of Comp. Prouse. He said:—

“Let us direct our thoughts to those who have left this earthly Tabernacle since we last met and answered the call of the Supreme Grand High Priest.

For many years Companion Prouse had been a familiar figure at our Annual Convocations.

“Companion Prouse was born in Delhi, Canada, in 1862. "Companion Prouse had an engaging personality and was a forceful and effective speaker. We shall miss him in the years to come.”

Twelve thousand dollars was appropriated for charity.

Under Foreign Relations he speaks of his visit to Canada:—

“I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, at London. We were cordially received by M.E. Edwin Smith. The occasion to me was a memorable one, as it gave me the opportunity of visiting the province of my birth and being officially received at the Grand Chapter of my mother Chapter, Hiram, No. 2, of Hamilton, Ontario, in which I was exalted thirty-eight years ago. I was accompanied by R. E. Companions Condit, Davis, O’Brien, Rolle and Baird.”

He also visited the annual meetings of the York Rites and the Scottish Rites.
Describing the work for Tuberculosis Relief, the special charge of Grand Chapter, he regretted to say that 100 out of 229 Chapters had failed to participate. He made two visits to Saranac Lake and reports fine progress and grateful recipients of relief. Eight cases are now being treated. The annual amount expended has risen from $464 in 1924 to $7,586 in 1928.

These words regarding the Grand Secretary will be approved by all who have met him:—

"I found in him that promptness which so effectively makes an efficient officer. His tact and kindly suggestions have helped."

A touching letter was read from Harold R. Prouse.

Membership, 72,002. Net decrease, 421, the first lapse for New York, of which the Grand Secretary says:—

"After forty-three years of steady growth, fluctuating in volume but never failing, we have now to record a net loss in membership. It is evident from the Returns that this result is due to a decline in the amount of work done, rather than to an increase of suspensions, dimissions and deaths."

The assets of Grand Chapter are $330,067.

The annual dues are increased from 40s to 50c.

An amendment was made in the Constitution enabling New York to receive visitors from Pennsylvania whether or not their action has been effective.

A splendid gift of $2,301 from the Triangle Club through Comp. James Gordon Bennet was gratefully acknowledged.

William R. Condit of White Plains was elected Grand High Priest.

After hearing the Grand Chaplain's address, reported later on in this Review, Comp. Henry DeWitt Hamilton said interestingly:—

"When reference was made in the admirable address to the injunction of the immortal Lincoln, that all the laws should be obeyed in all parts, all the time, it called back to memory the fact that when Lincoln spoke those burning words, his friends, neighbours, his allies and his sponsors, were violating the fugitive slave law every time they got a chance. My father, mother and grandmother assisted in
maintaining the underground railroad which, in violation of law, sent slaves by night on their way from the South to Canada.”

The Memorial Report by the Grand Chaplain has many gems. We have only space for one:—

“We here pay tribute to the lives of seventy-five Past High Priests who have died during the year. The State and communities in which they lived and acted their part are better and richer because of these lives, and

“‘Though the Warrior’s sun is set,
   Its light shall linger ’round us yet,
   Bright, radiant, blest.’

“‘Now upon the farther shore
   Lands the voyager at last.
   Father, in Thy gracious keeping
   Leave we now Thy servants sleeping.”

On the memorial page devoted to J. William Prouse, a personal friend of this Reviewer who is indebted to him for many courtesies during many years, we find this verse:—

“Death takes us by surprise
   And stays our hurrying feet,
The great design unfinished lies,
   Our lives are incomplete.
But in the bright unknown
   Perfect their circles seem,
   Even as a bridge’s arch of stone
   Is rounded in the stream.”

The Foreign Correspondence Report is by George E. Briggs, whom Canadians know well. He has a facile touch as a journalist of experience and points his sentences with quotations from at least three languages illustrating the universality of the Masonic tongue. His introduction is comprehensive and we quote the following—

“By a perusal of these Proceedings, some exceedingly voluminous, others extraordinarily terse, we found that the various Jurisdictions were going along the even tenor of their ways with nothing untoward to mar the serenity of the Capitular sphere.

“The only fly in the ointment seemed to be the membership net loss, varying in different Grand Chapters from one to nearly a thousand. The tide of suspensions, N.P.D., unfortunately was still running strong.
In many States the Grand High Priest continued to waste valuable time and energy in approving by-laws. Some Jurisdictions are coming to New York's system, a standing committee to whom all new by-laws and amendments are submitted, thus relieving a chief executive of this detail.

"We found that New York had been generously treated in space and kindly mentioned by nearly all the Reviewers. Now and then we discovered a slight criticism, usually constructive and not offensive, rather the offer of a different point of view. As Stillwell, of Alabama, said of 'Criticism':

"'The latter, of course, is at the Reviewer's peril, but nonetheless to be risked for the sake of readableness and a reasonable hope of stimulating better effort. But we pray that,

"'If I am right, Thy grace impart.
Still in the right to stay;
If I am wrong, oh, teach my heart
To find a better way.'"

We read under British Columbia:—

"In the Canadian Grand Bodies Grand Superintendents play an essential part."

A trend of the times under California is thus reported:—

"Under head of Official Visitations he commended the 'Keystone Associations,' 'The Officers' Association,' 'The Triple Tau Association,' organized in different parts of the State."

He analyzes carefully M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan's address at London and says with regard to our Grand Officers:—

"Of the Grand Officers fifteen were marked present; seventeen absent, exactly the same as one year previous."

He says our Grand Z. gave some mighty good advice and that he makes good points. Our definition of the Keystone metes and bounds is set out. We glow with pleasure at the encouragement in his kind words regarding our Review:—

"Ponton writes another one of his marvelous Reviews; marvelous in length, marvelous in its poetry collected from various Proceedings, marvelous in the choice of words and phrases and marvelous in amount of information culled from the various domains of Royal Arch Masonry which he visited and inspected via the printed page. The Empire State drew eight pages, a panoramic picture of our two days' session."
The General Grand Chapter is reviewed satisfactorily. He says that Grand High Priest Hamilton's address was short and snappy, and our readers will find his other comments interesting:—

"Grand Secretary Conover made his usual elaborate, detailed and lengthy report of the three years, with tables and charts of statistics galore. In fact so galore, we found it impossible in the brief space allotted us to do justice to the maze and labyrinth of figures which he presented. However, we take it that forty-five of our States and the District of Columbia acknowledged allegiance to the General Grand Chapter. If the Capitular Masons of the District of Columbia have no voice in the choice of their President they have in the selection of their General Grand Chapter Officers. Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia are outside the magic circle.

"During the three years the General Grand Body had lost four Past General Grand High Priests: Taylor, Blake, Corson, and Rix.

Tacoma, Washington, by means of extensive headquarters, receptions, souvenirs, circulars, personal solicitation, general publicity and a formal invitation, written and verbal, at the session, obtained the forty-first session for 1930, already approaching.

"Thus multum in parvo we have touched only the high sports of the ne plus ultra Capitular event of the world."

We chuckle with him under Idaho:—

"The Eastern Stars came into the picture with a presentation of flowers. Then they faded out of it, and in due course of time the flowers followed suit.

Grand High Priest Buhn's message was truly an 'historiette' which, transferred into cold type, filled two pages. It warmed the cockles of our heart to read the opening paragraph, which accounted for his brevity.

"I leave verbal pyrotechnics to those who come by them naturally to use them in the course of providing a livelihood. As for myself, I work for a living."

New Jersey is close kith and kin with New York:—

"From time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, the fraternal relations between the Grand Chapters of New York and New Jersey have been intensely intimate and correspondingly cordial. New York is always generously treated in New Jersey's Review. A beau feu beau retour. Ergo, we offer no apology for the unusual space allotted to our Capitular neighbours across the Hudson."

For the sake of the family nomenclature of the States we quote the following under Ohio:—
“Prior to signing off on Ohio, may we not testify how good and how pleasant it has been to delve into the year’s story of the Buckeye Capitular Masonry.

“We became intimately acquainted with Ohion Masonic dignitaries plus a sprinkling from the Granite State, the Nutmeg State, and the Hoosier State. The French have a proverb, Un bienfait n’est jamais perdu, a kindness is never lost.”

Saskatchewan receives this gentle touch:—

“Grand Z. Clarke’s annual message occupied eighteen pages. He must have been seized with a ‘furor poeticus,’ for his poetry sprinkled here and there totalled forty lines.”

Scotland proves as attractive to him as to us:—

“The printed proceedings of Scotland’s Capitular Rite, in uncovered pamphlet form marked ‘Private and Confidential,’ like those of England, Victoria, New Zealand, Queensland and other British Grand Chapters, are somewhat enigmatical to one accustomed to the modus operandi of the American Grand Chapters. In the former Jurisdictions the Supreme Grand Committee seems to formulate the policies, prepare the recommendations and resolutions, handle the finances, by-laws, charters, petitions, et al. Then the Grand Chapter, at Quarterly Convocations O.K.’s the work of the Committee. Consequently if our comments on these various aforementioned Jurisdictions seem to them somewhat rambling and disjointed we offer our humble apology, a word they so frequently employ. ‘Like the poor benighted Hindoo, we do the best we kindoo.’

“So closes a hurried ‘once over’ of the several little pamphlets from Bonny Scotland, which we submit cum bona venia.”

He could not have a better ending of his review than the closing words of Wyoming:—

“All’s well that ends well.”

The address of Grand Chaplain Broughton was on American Manhood or rather on Intense Americans, and just to show what a Grand Chaplain can do and do it well, we make the following excerpts, visualizing the speaker’s energy as we read:—

“If there is any ‘ringing call’ in life to-day, it is the summons that presents itself to American Manhood. The call is sounding clear and strong. For a nation is the making place.

“We have invited these peoples to work out with us Americanism, and of the most undiluted type. Let us not forget that the oath of naturalization is the oath of purgation whereby all foreign allegiance is forever renounced. The
man who takes this oath in its spirit is born to a new civil life.

"Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty.

"As true Americans, loyal citizens of the country honoured by such Intense Americans as Lincoln and Washington, ours be the happy task to take up the torch handed to us by those who have borne the burden of the day, and in turn pass it on."

"Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death."

M. Ex. Comp. Frederick W. Harcourt, K.C., of Toronto, is proud to represent New York, and New York is reciprocally proud of him.

NEW ZEALAND.

General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart, M.E., Grand Z.

C. W. Nielsen, Grand Secretary.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation was held in Palmerston North, February 21, 1929. Nine Past First Grand Principals graced and supported the East.

After the opening of Grand Chapter in ample form the 1st Grand Principal was saluted with appropriate honours.

His Excellency in his valedictory address quoted what he terms a special injunction—"let thy speech be brief, comprehending much in few words." While his official duties had kept him busy, he carried out visits lying in the path of those official duties.

Speaking of one disagreement between two Chapters he well says:

"I can only say that anything so unmasonic as a complete rupture between the Companions of two adjacent Chapters is not only deplorable in itself, but it does untold harm to Freemasonry in general. We cannot expect any progress if we quarrel among ourselves."

The Grand Chapter of England proposing to charter a new Chapter in New Zealand, he says with a broad outlook:
"We have received nothing but courtesy, and I do sincerely trust that nothing in this connection will be allowed to interfere with the friendly relations which exist between ourselves and our English brethren."

As to the Grand Chapter of Scotland he deplores the tragic differences:—

"The fact that we are on the most friendly terms with our Scottish brethren, and that Masonically we are at heart one, makes the breach which exists officially in New Zealand a real tragedy. Thought and effort should be directed to reaching a solution founded upon the points of brotherly love and unity, which are at once the foundation and support of our whole Masonic structure."

As is customary in New Zealand he, as retiring 1st Grand Principal, nominated his successor, Rt. Ex. Comp. George Stannard Gordon, who was unanimously elected.

Of the late Rt. Ex. Comp. Alexander Veitch, the Supreme Committee write:—

"He was in the best sense of the term an exponent of the Masonic virtue of charity in all his dealings and references."

The appointment of Dr. J. Austin Evans to succeed the late John A. Cowan as Grand Representative of New Zealand is noted and in this connection the Committee add:—

"The system of exchange of representatives has much to recommend it if it promotes an interchange of views between members of the family of sister Constitutions."

This graceful tribute to the good work of the retiring Grand Z. is paid:—

"When it is remembered that at the same time the duties of Grand Master of the Craft, quite apart from public duties, had to be considered, it will be conceded that His Excellency might have been readily pardoned for having done less, but he could not possibly have done more."

In the report of the Grand Superintendent of Auckland District we read:—

"We have to-day Companions in our ranks who have the courage of their convictions, and energy to carry out our exalted ideals.

"As the building progresses by each stone which is laid thereon, symbolical of each new member joining our ranks,
so some day it will shine forth a beautiful structure, a work of art, finished and fashioned."

New Zealand grants diplomas and on death of the recipient they are to be cancelled in the following manner:—

"Every such cancellation shall be effected in such a manner as to clearly indicate that it is effected solely on account of the death of the Companion to whom the diploma was issued."

A long debate took place on the qualification of Principals of Chapters, it having been moved that the requirement that a First Principal should hold Craft rank of Worshipful Master or Past Master be deleted. The argument that there should be Masonic equality in the Chapter as in the Craft Lodge and that the Officers should all be elected from the floor of the Chapter is reported over many pages, and we make the following extracts from the many speeches of the Companions:—

"I think it would be unwise for a Royal Arch Chapter to elect a Companion from the floor of the Chapter before he has taken any interest whatever in the Blue Lodge.

"It damps the enthusiasm of these Companions to block their progress by the restrictions of Craft rank.

"We are finding it most difficult to get Past Masters to join the Royal Arch. We are faced with the problem of getting men. They expect the Royal Arch Degrees to give them the same privilege. I think a good many come in under a misunderstanding."

Forty-six for the motion and fifty-six against it.

In the remarks of the 1st Grand Principal regarding Scotland we read the following sensible words and trust that New Zealand will not be too proud to hear and heed:—

"We must remember that though we feel strongly that our side of the case is absolutely just and correct, we must give the other side credit for having equally strong feelings on their side. It is no use expecting that because we see the question from one point of view that other people must see it from the same. The other side are Scotsmen, and Scotsmen are very tenacious—more especially in respect to Freemasonry—tenacious of what they think to be right, and you must give them credit for that. I think personally she was justified in saying that she may develop her Chapters everywhere. I was informed on very good authority that Scotland..."
would be willing. Scotland recognizes the sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand. New Zealand could also recognize the sovereignty of Scotland over her own Chapters.

"I think another attempt might be made to come to a settlement. But if Companions are going to stand on their dignity—if our pride is going to be placed first—it will be very difficult to make any headway."

The new Grand Z. made an excellent extemporaneous speech from which we select the following pregnant sentences and poetry:

"It has been well said that Life should be a route, and not a routine, and this applies forcibly to the manner in which we ought to endeavour to carry on the work of our Order. We all will agree that to-day there is an imperative call to what is known as service in every walk of life, and this is even so in R.A. Masonry. There is, however, I believe, in addition a very great need for close and true companionship, the one with the other, so that we may understand each other better, and thus minimize, if not prevent, the many misunderstandings which so often arise.

"The demon of unrest has unfortunately been aroused as never before. Old barriers have been broken down, and an entirely new state of affairs has arisen.

"Men of honest, determined, and right-minded purpose, are needed in community as well as in State, and where should we find them if not in our Fraternity.

"We each are given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules,
And each must make ere life is flown
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

"Knowing ourselves, our world, our task so great,
Our time so brief, 'tis clear if we refuse
The means so limited, the tools so rude
To execute our purpose, life will fleet,
And we shall fade and leave our task undone."

Canada is represented by M. Ex. Comp. J. W. Harkness.

Notice of motion was given for the next Annual Convocation that Grand Chapter accept the basis of settlement outlined by Sir Charles Fergusson.

Membership, 4,031. Increase, 246—a good record.
NORTH CAROLINA.

W. C. Wicker, M.E., Grand High Priest.
John B. Griggs, Grand Secretary.
J. Edward Allen, Foreign Correspondent.
The Eighty-first Annual Convocation convened in New Bern, May 14, 1929. Eleven Past Grand High Priests were received with honours. Among them Alexander B. Andrews who, with J. Edward Allen, is the most active man on the continent.
The Grand High Priest is also Educational Field Secretary of Symbolic Masonry. He assigned to each Grand Officer a group of Chapters for personal supervision and addressed many letters of instruction, advice and encouragement from time to time, helping them to plan their work, his enterprise being thus summarized:—

"The desire has been to increase the interest of the membership that already exists, believing that this is the greatest need. On account of economic conditions and the inactivity of a number of Chapters which failed to report on time, our reports will show a loss of membership during this year. Special attention should be given in the beginning of the new year to these delinquent Chapters and unless they can be induced to become active and work the Jurisdiction assigned them, they should be merged with other Chapters which are active.

"Be careful in selecting your candidates and endeavour to get men who are capable leaders into our membership."

He raised over $1,000 to purchase an automobile for use in connection with the Oxford Orphanage, to which the two Shrines of North Carolina contributed a splendid swimming pool.

He thus urges to action:—

"While we Chapter Masons are proud of the work of the York Rite Educational Loan Fund and the York Rite Library Fund at Oxford, in which we are assisting with the Grand Commandery, K.T., and Grand Council, R. & S. M., yet this gives us an opportunity to do an individual work, which opportunity will not again be presented to us."

Ritchie Smith, of Scotch descent, complained bitterly that he had not received his commission. A facetious explanation is given:—

"I cannot understand why this commission was not issued
to him unless you were afraid that he would refuse to accept it as it might entail the cost of a carrying roll, but as he hails from Scotland and possesses the characteristics of the Canny Scotch, I am sure that he will gladly receive it as it costs nothing."

A. B. Andrews is in charge of the Educational Loan Fund, of which it is said:—

"This Fund has done a wonderful amount of good and represents the greatest undertaking of the Grand Chapter and should be encouraged by every possible means."

The annual appropriation of $3,000 was continued for this laudable purpose.

Hear the conclusion of the whole matter:—

"The measure of my service to this Grand Chapter during the past year has been the measure of the strength and time I could devote to the office. My endeavour was to stimulate every other officer to do his best for our fraternity."

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to roll call.

The Superintendent of the Orphanage reports:—

"Our children are a reading children and one can never know just what is set in motion in many a life by the supply of books and magazines which your organization has made possible."

Very appreciative letters were received, setting forth the great good the Masonic Loan Fund is doing.

The Jurisprudence Committee, commenting on the absence of returns and the general apathy in the ranks, admonished thus:—

"We lay this condition on the hearts of the incoming Grand Chapter Officers and call them to the task."

W. J. Roach was elected Grand High Priest.

The Orphans' Friend is published at the Oxford Home and received commendation.

At the Memorial Service this text from "Wisdom," furnished the keynote:—

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they have seemed to die; and their departure is taken for misery; But they are in peace; their hope is full of immortality.—Wisdom 3:1-4."
In the memorial to Dr. Braswell, P.G.H.P., we find these verses and the sentiment enshrined therein:—

"'And the stately ships go on
To the haven under the hill,
But O for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still.'

"Masons will miss him until their life's journey shall have found its end; Masonry will miss him until
"'The Stars are old, and the Sun grows cold,
And the leaves of the Judgment Book unfold.'"

Robert W. Brennan represents North Carolina and Canada is represented by Riley M. Pickens.

The Proceedings of the Grand Convention of High Priests is preceded and adorned by a steel engraving of J. Edward Allen, the noted correspondent, which all readers will be glad to have. The High Priests number 334.

We now come to the significant part of North Carolina's Proceedings, though all are interesting, namely, the Review by the master of all Reviewers, J. Edward Allen. His preliminary comment might with advantage be reprinted in full as educational and thought-producing, but space will not permit. The following, however, will give a good idea of its trend and the thoroughness of this excellent Craftsman:—

"To attempt anything in the way of introduction to the Capitular Reviews is to guarantee the probability of setting before the reader bromides, platitudes and hackneyed statements. These we seek to avoid.

"The influence of the radio, picture houses, and the like; the changed social conditions which demand all of the average man's evenings, the most of noons and some of his breakfasts; service clubs; high dues in some of the correlated Masonic bodies; competition with other Bodies which do more canvassing for petitioners; the decrease in general interest in religious and fraternal meetings throughout the country; the carelessness of secretaries; the elimination of the unassimilated material from other causes than those already referred to—all of these are given as the causes of the present conditions.

"Of course it is true that a knowledge that our numbers are declining tends to weaken morals, and this fact is inescapable. To this extent the present losses are disintegrating, and deplorable.
"The great trouble with those who have commented upon the significance of the present losses is, that the writers have failed to take a sufficiently long view.

"If, therefore, Royal Arch Masonry should continue to suffer the same rate of net loss as at present for five years to come, we should still show a greater percentage of net gains over a quarter of a century than we showed for the preceding quarter of a century.

"Let us therefore look at the figures in a broader way, and at the same time make deeper the Royal Arch conscience and zeal in all of our Companions. A few martyrs brought greater usefulness to the early Christian church; riches and affluence made it weak, indolent and of questionable influence.

"The world to-day as we see it in the United States of America is living too fast to believe it has time for the contemplation of abstract truth, however beautiful; it demands pragmatism, and action a plenty therewith. If one goes to a meeting these days, one expects to be fed; and woe be to him who expects large attendance upon such meetings other than for amusement, unless he provides food. The visitor who left the home of a good friend of ours, a farmer's wife, expressed the highest of admiration for her of which he was capable, when he exclaimed with fervour, 'She shore do feed well!'"

He gives another point of view under the heading, "By Way of Summary," with matter as original as it is broad-horizoned:—

"The institution of Royal Arch Masonry is less used as a 'road' now than it was ten years ago. It is less used as a vehicle of horseplay than it was then. Its great and eternal truths stand out in more vivid profile than they did a decade earlier; and it is no longer used as an outlet for the purely social instincts. The bare fact remains that Royal Arch Masonry is standing the acid-test well and emerging free of its dross, weighing slightly less in the gross and measuring a little less by volume, but of greater fineness and more fit to serve as a jewel in the diadem of society.

"Within the American system of Masonry, for example, it is none too uncommon for the "York Rite" bodies to criticize other bodies because of differences of practices. We suggest the wisdom of a different fraternal technique of administration; rather, it were better to study these and learn of them. They do many things more effectively than does Royal Arch Masonry.

"Protestant Christian churches are too prone to point out what they do not like in the non-Protestant organization, and go their way profiting nothing.

"Suspensions are symptoms of a deeper disease; the disease of maladjustment between the individual and the Royal Craft as he knows it."
“We have learned that half of the success is the use in effective manner of desirable activities, rather than scorning or repressing them. We venture to suggest that if every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons offered to its devotees congenial, purposeful and worthy activities in addition to a ritual which no man can sneer at and principles based on the eternal, the demands of inescapable psychology will have been satisfied and the willingness of individuals to be suspended would approach the irreducible minimum.

“Our technique in the preparation of these Reviews, we beg to be allowed to say, is not here changed: we go not as the farm boy picking cotton, down one row and up the next, omitting nothing, but rather as the honey-bee gathering winter food, penetrating to the centre of a promising blossom here, and there, and in the distance.”

He evidently likes Alberta and reviewed that daughter Grand Jurisdiction of ours at length. We quote:—

“There is an excess of good material available in this volume. It is queer that there is usually a dearth or an excess; few volumes come between these extremes.

This book, while it does not rail at anything, still strikes deep into the prevailing weakness of the day. We of the present are lacking in respect for the institutions which have made us safe—church, societies, state. And not the least of this disrespect is for the state which protects us.”

Under British Columbia he gratifies our Canadian pride:—

“The Earl was of course happily received; one gets the impression from a visit to Victoria that nothing could ever be done otherwise in that beautiful place.”

Thus he criticizes the penny-wise, pound-foolish policy, under California:—

“We seem to remember the great ‘holler’ that was put up at New Bern about money matters and the way in which the Chapters are being ground in the dust by high fees and per capita tax. We want the Grand Chapters to do something constructive; but when this programme is begun, we want somebody else to pay the bills.”

He reviews Canada for 1929 thoroughly and referring to the reference of the Grand Z. to too low dues we read:—

“Many Chapters charge their members less than these members cost them per year, and in so doing they are paying
but for current expense what should be the corpus of their invested funds."

He quotes all his rulings, saying they sound "somewhat different" to him. Comp. Gardiner's Report is quoted from at length.

We glow with pleasure as we read his encouraging praise of our Review:—

"To our minds, the cream of the literature of the book is the 'Capitular Correspondence and Reviews of Sister Jurisdictions,' which is again by a master; and if he missed anything in any book, we have failed to discover this fact."

Of the lamented death of Past Grand High Priest C. H. Smart, the picturesque character of Tennessee, and of the type of Royal Arch Ruler exemplified by him, we read:—

"We are told that Companion Smart was a Union soldier—what in those days was universally called in the South a Damyankee. Nobody admitted until twenty years afterward that 'Damyankee' was not two words. In spite of this handicap, he grew, and lived a useful Mason. It is really almost strange to observe how many Masons there are who come to prominence in adopted homes rather than in those of their nativity. A very large percentage of the Past Grands are borrowed products. Observe the list of Thirty-thirds deceased as printed in the Scottish Rite literature, and you will find the same condition—a large percentage spent their useful and constructive Masonic lives at a distance from the places of their nativity. There is a very good reason for this. Nature rebels against inbreeding, and calls for the introduction of a new admixture, whether in procreation or in government and in fraternity. The man who brings new ideas and vitality to a Masonic centre from a different environment is a public benefactor, and is often so rewarded, being reckoned a sort of 'go-getter.' It is well."

No less than 28 statistical tables, the result of his skill and industry, are appended to the Review. Just one item to illustrate how interesting is the whole:—

"In the Eastern States, 17 per cent. of Master Masons are Shriners; in the Central States, 15 per cent.; in the Southern States, 18 per cent., and in the Western States, 22 per cent."

NORTH DAKOTA.


Grand High Priest Hennings, we learn from his biography, is the youngest ever, just 40 years old, and has been for 20 years one of the trusted officers of the First National Bank.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation was held in Fargo, January 22, 1929, with eleven Past Grand High Priests greeted for what they had been and what they still are.

Representatives from Minnesota, South Dakota, Alberta and Saskatchewan were cordially welcomed and in their replies we are glad to read:—

"The Canadian Companions acknowledged particularly the expression of sympathy manifested during the serious illness of King George V. They indicated clearly that it was their hope that the friendly relations which had existed for more than a hundred years would continue indefinitely."

The Grand High Priest says that we are facing serious problems, the last three years showing an increasing decrease.

Under Necrology we read this appropriate verse:—

"Gone into the land upon whose peaceful shore
There rests no shadow, falls no stain,
Where those who meet shall part no more
And those long parted meet again."

The absence of decisions is thus pleasantly expressed:—

"No request for a decision was received by me during my term of office. I notice that no request for decision has been made for several years, and this has induced a Fraternal Correspondent from down South to remark that we folks up North must be a jolly good bunch, and live in peace and harmony."

The Student Loan Fund flourishes:—

"After the meeting adjourned the Grand Master and the Grand High Priest examined the loans, and found them well placed, records well kept and everything appertaining to the loans in excellent shape."
As to consolidation of Chapters, the Grand High Priest says:—

"We believe that it is better to have fewer good strong active Chapters making good progress than to have, as at present, some just struggling along hardly able to make ends meet."

Representatives of the Eastern Star were received. They came bearing gifts of flowers and this comment is added:—

"This very happy practice has been in vogue for several years, and while we recognize that some of the more conservative Jurisdictions might shy at it, we feel that the Order of the Eastern Star is a very strong and valuable adjunct to Freemasonry."

Grand Secretary Stockwell, known throughout America, presented his 20th Report.

There are but few Grand Secretaries now serving who were active when he was called to this important office. He ends on a note of optimism:—

"It is not a time for pessimism. It's a time for hard thinking and determined action. Before this Grand Chapter Convocation closes we must grapple and solve some real problems."

"We have no greater problems than are found in any other line of human activity. The only difficulty is that we don't tackle them in an effective way."

The Grand Commandery, Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter all combine in the joint Educational Foundation Fund, which now totals $19,798.

The Committee on Necrology well say:—

"Death is not an enemy. It is but the shackle-breaker, it releases the immortal from the mortal and admits into that Eternal Temple, that house not made with hands."

The Committee on Survey presented an exhaustive and thorough report from which we make the following quotations:—

"There is reformation of our thinking and we are discarding many time honoured customs and theories. New influences have come into our lives, the automobile, the radio and many other things have come and come to stay. They make demands upon our time as well as our income. The whole trend of our present life is different."

"In the face of a changed order of things in the social, business, industrial and economic life of the present day,
Masonry in every branch must apply the same principles and efficiency that are necessary everywhere else.

“We believe that in every Chapter there should be a standing committee on membership whose duty it would be, 1st, to bring to the attention of Master Masons the desirability of further light particularly found in the degrees conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter. 2nd, To assist the Secretary in the collection of dues particularly those of delinquent members. It is not advisable to use up available material in one year. It is far better to exalt one or two teams each year than to have a feast one year and a famine for the next two or three years.

“We are against solicitation of Master Masters until they are Master Masons in fact as well as in name and we hope that some agreement may be entered into with the Scottish Rite fixing a time limit.

“Your Committee believes that sufficient attention is not given to the matter of affiliations.”

Blanding Fisher was elected Grand High Priest. Representatives of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan were made honourary members.

M. Ex. Comp. Selwood made an excellent reply, from which we quote: —

“Canadians were building a strong, virile and progressive commonwealth. They owed much to the pioneers from North and South Dakota who had showed them the way in agriculture. Theirs was a newer country. Three classes had done much. 1st. The early pioneer. He had highest qualities of physical and moral courage, no honour too great for them. 2nd. There were the railway pioneers. Many of these were outstanding men and Masons, and the 3rd group was the Northwest Mounted Police. This group had brought law and order.

“Royal Arch Masonry is interested in building character, and he believes that it is only as character is built that we get the real Royal Arch message over. The greatest Teacher of all Life, taught very little in the way of spoken words. His work was through personal contact.”

In one of the replies we read anent the responsibilities of the High Priest: —

“He is the shepherd of the flock. He cannot shift the responsibility. It is on his shoulders. There must be designs on the Trestle Board and he must see them executed.”

The Committee on the good of the Order face the problems bravely: —

“How is the Chapter to accommodate itself to this change? How is the future to be faced? As we to muddle through or
will we be successful and efficient, saving energy, heart burns and disaster?

"We suggest careful consideration be given to a revision which will incorporate much of the old ritual which has been laid aside, and see if the old time enthusiasm and interest cannot be revived."

Comp. Lawrence of Manitoba in his excellent address at the close of Grand Chapter said:—

"There are present here to-day the representatives of three Grand Chapters which comprise one-third of the territorial jurisdiction of Canada and the best citizenship of that part of the Dominion; where representatives can meet with such a sincere exchange of fellowship, it is of the highest significance. These are sign posts along the roads of history which point the way.

"Our old Gray Mother England sent forth both the Cavalier and the Puritan. The gallantry of the one was fused with the integrity of the other and so through all the years the background of a common inheritance in blood ties, language, laws and customs has stood the test.

"It is not in treaties and parchments but in compacts of honourable dealings. Fraternity is our protection. Not as Americans or as Canadians but as Freemasons."

Comp. Yorke also spoke briefly, saying:—

"Freemasonry furnishes the true foundation of a state. It is the silent partner of the home, the school and the State. There is wisdom, strength and beauty. The founders of American and Canadian Freemasonry were men of faith in themselves, they lived and died in the faith."

At the Grand Chapter Dinner Comp. Christianson, Justice of the Supreme Court, gave a thoughtful and inspiring address. To sum it all up:—

"Everyone must realize that nothing is accomplished without effort and there is nothing gained by shutting one's eyes to facts."

Canada's Grand Representative, George H. Kies, was duly present.

Our own R. Ex. George L. Gardiner, of Toronto, represents North Dakota and does it well, as he does everything.

A most interesting Association is that headed by E. George Guthrie, as Regent, and Frank C. Falkenstein (well known to us) as acting Scrivener, namely, the Past Grand Officers' Association or
Circle of Elders, at which we are told that Regent Guthrie dispensed his annual cocktail. Just a sip of it for our readers:—

“As I roam here and there ere my journeys end,
   May I always find friends just as true;
There’s something to hearten and gladden and blend
   With a bunch of good fellows like you.

“The Circle of Elders is now an established fact. With the Ritual and its dignified presentation, there is no doubt that it is a light that will radiate beyond the borders of our own State, and even venture into the Dominion nearby.”

E. George Guthrie of Fargo writes the Fraternal Correspondence with full and flowing pen.

Under Alabama we read:—

“They established a minimum fee for degrees, then exempted Ministers of the Gospel and Rabbis from paying. They may have good reasons for doing so, but our knowledge of preachers would convince us they would prefer to pay their way, rather than be recipients of Charity.”

This from his review of Alberta:—

“All through his theme of loyalty is as the fire on the Altar.”

This from British Columbia:—

“Their sixtieth anniversary of the founding of Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia was celebrated in Victoria (fifty years before the Grand Chapter,) and pennies commemorative of this anniversary were distributed.

“The Correspondence Report prepared by Judge Prescott measures up to his former standard, it could not be better, it reached perfection some years ago.”

He kindly reviews Canada, saying:—

“After the opening which was done with all due pomp and ceremony came the reception of a number of distinguished visitors.

“From the introduction of the Grand Zed we excerpt one paragraph, which indicates the broad scope of his observations, as delineated in his most eloquent address.

“He suggested that Chapters should hold themselves aloof from sponsoring any society outside its own bounds.

“The report on Condition of Capitular Masonry, as presented by our Grand Representative, Geo. L. Gardiner, is equal to his former productions, so we shall presume to cull one of his paragraphs.
"The Capitular Correspondence, edited carefully and prepared by the versatile Ponton, with whom to visit is a delight and inspiration.

"We appreciate his review of North Dakota, from Grand High Priest to the correspondent, and with him, as his echo, we say, 'we are ladders and channels in the science of service, in the transmission of good will, in the communication of thoughts and ideas.' That epitomizes the work of the Correspondent."

He speaks under Connecticut of George A. Kies as "that incomparable Grand Secretary." We have just lost ours.

Florida gives him something to quote and approve:—

"Reviewing is like an endless chain—without beginning and without end. There is an elusive something in this work that is just beyond the grasp and one never reaches the standard he has set. Were it otherwise one might become satisfied, a condition not wholly to be desired."

Saskatchewan has an interesting review in which Joe (as he is familiarly known in the West) Yorke largely figures.

We cannot resist quoting friend Guthrie's conclusion:—

"To conclude without a word might be discourteous, so I will state that I have enjoyed my ramble throughout the past year, having thoroughly satisfied myself that there is more good in the word than the reverse, and to meet and greet the Companions wherever dispersed, gives an inspiration that is attainable only by such contact.

"The falling off in membership still continues as a general thing, though there are some Jurisdictions that have seemed to solve the problem of growth. It would appear that when the process of weeding out the undesirable material acquired a few years ago has been completed, the result will be apparent for good, and the 'quality growth' will be established and sustained."

Membership, 3,948. Net loss, 72.

OHIO.

Mont. C. Hambright, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Frank M. Krapp, R.E., Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Grand Convocation was held in Columbus, October 3, 1928.
No less than 19 Past Grand High Priests were present, Ohio leading in this record of loyal attachment. 202 Chapters were represented.

Hon. James J. Thomas, Mayor of Columbus, gave an excellent address of welcome, from which we get some interesting details and thoughts:—

“Columbus is a wholesome, stable, conservative city, a little bit more than a capital city. It is an educational centre, an industrial centre, and a commercial centre.

“A candidate, not being able to receive the appointment, I became interested and I looked up his paper, and one of the questions asked him was, ‘What is a vacuum?’ And his answer was that a vacuum was a large empty space where the Pope lived.

“They told me one thing that I did not know. They came here to investigate our water supply. You know since Prohibition the people of this community have authorized the expenditure of four and one-half millions for more water. And I found this, that with 2,200,000 people in Moscow, they only use one-half.

“I said to the Mayor of Moscow, ‘How is the Soviet Government getting along?’ ‘Well,’ he said, ‘I expected you to talk about that. I have very little to say, but I want to recall your attention to the fact that your country had a Revolution, and your people were not thought any more of at that time than our people are thought of to-day.”

The Royal Arch Masons also gave a welcome, from which we take this one emergent note:—

“In these days of rampant lawlessness you are the leaven of good citizenship which can and, please God, will save our Country from the perils which face it.”

The General Grand Chapter, Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan, were among the distinguished guests.

The Grand High Priest, in commencement of his address, gives this encouraging opening:—

“Many activities detract from attendance at meetings, and interest in fraternal organizations, but if our Companions will see that our Degrees are conferred in an impressive manner, so that the lessons taught are appreciated; and that character and ability are secured in new members, we shall have no difficulty in continuing to be the force for good we have been in the past.”

In announcing the death of Comp. Hagenbuch,
late Grand Secretary, the Grand High Priest, said:—

"His death is a major casualty, and one from which we cannot soon recover. However, we must remember,

"There are no dead. The stars go down
To rise again upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown,
They'll shine forevermore.'"

He divided the State into 19 Districts.

The Grand Chapter is keenly interested in the Ohio Masonic Home and, indeed, the last one-fifth of the volume of Proceedings is entirely devoted to this splendid edifice and work. The Grand High Priest says:—

"It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit this great Masonic enterprise several times during the past year. This is a wonderfully complete institution, capably managed, and the Masons of Ohio generally have every reason to feel proud of it."

To this the Committee of Trustees add:—

"A work for love for the success of which prayers continually ascend from pulpit and fireside in almost every city and hamlet in the country."

Three Dispensations were refused under circumstances which to us seem strange that permission was necessary or that permission was declined. They were to permit Past Grand High Priests to open and preside at stated Convocations in the absence of the elected Officers who desired to attend Grand Chapter.

The present jewel of the Past Grand High Priest, being very large and hardly ever worn, a new one like that of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was secured.

Kilwinning Chapter of Cincinnati has 2,353 members. We venture to suggest that this is altogether too large and that this Chapter might well give birth to at least five others to allow Companions to take part in executive work and to get better acquainted.

Frank G. Mitchell, D.D., Grand Chaplain, is the
Necrologist and we wish that the Report were always written by that officer, if we could secure them of the same calibre and experience as Comp. Mitchell:—

"A Necrology Report is supposedly depressing. But should it be so? Every one here believes the Bible. No mad man or atheist can become a Mason. Our Greatest Light reveals the character and the will of God. Is it thinkable that the God of the Bible would or could deal unkindly with any one who sincerely tried to do His will? 'Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?'

'This world is rapidly becoming lonely. Familiar faces are far too rare. To be at rest does not imply idleness, nor even leisure. It may imply activity, but activity in congenial tasks. 'They serve Him day and night in His temple.' We do not tire quickly if we love our work. As people grow older they may change their ideas of the future. Most of us dread darkness. We invest darkness with danger. Nor is that strange. The first Napoleon said—'We are all cowards in the dark.' It is comforting to read of heaven, 'There shall be no night there.' We misquote Scripture when we refer to 'the dark valley of the shadow of death.' Even a shadow implies the presence of light, and we are glad to hear of a place where 'They need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light.'

"'Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees!'

Canada was represented by Wilden E. Joseph.

M. Ex. Comp. Swetland of Pennsylvania gave a characteristically humorous and appealing address. He knows how to point a moral and adorn a tale:—

"They are calling us old fellows, the old men. I refuse to be called old, and I have assurance that at least not all of them are growing old.

"Over in a well regulated family in the State of Pennsylvania, little Willie was playing in the kitchen one day, when he suddenly saw something, and he rushed through the dining-room and into the presence of his mother in the living-room and yelled at the top of his voice, 'Mom, Mom, come into the kitchen. The old man is kissing the cook.' The mother straightened up and said, 'Well, William, don't you ever again let me hear you refer to your father as the old man.'

"I once saw a little clipping or had a little clipping somewhere from the homely pen of the cowboy poet, Crawford, which strikes me as applicable to Royal Arch Masonry, when he says:
"'Should you chance to meet a fellowman,
With trouble's flag unfurled,
Looking as though he hadn't a friend in all the world.
Go up and slap him on the back,
And holler, "How do you do?"
And grasp him by the hand so warm,
He will know he has a friend in you.'"

Charles Hammel of New York also spoke felicitously, saying:—

"Their message is not to give a correct rendition of the Ritual, but to practice that Ritual which we have been preaching for years.
"No longer shall our Royal Arch Masonry be called the Senate of Masonry, where annually we meet and discuss. We shall discuss the matters of business, and our gravest matter of business is the saving of life, the life of a Companion. We have that at heart."

As we read the address of the genial Joseph E. Quinby we can visualize the enjoyment of the Companions.

A memorial list of all Deceased Past Grand High Priests is kept and printed in Ohio. They are many and honoured.

In 1928 the late Hugh A. MacKay, of Hamilton, represented Ohio.

O. P.Sperra, P.G.H.P., presents his 18th Annual Review in fine style *currente calamo*, giving to the Companions all the important or salient features found in his trip round the Capitular world.

Canada is well reviewed. He says Comp. Dunstan's address was not alone interesting but eloquent as well, and refers specially to the 60th Anniversary of the great Dominion, adding with citations:—

"He said much more than was inspiring and educational, but in a brief review we must draw the line."

He conceives a favourable opinion of Canada, thus gracefully expressed:—

"This is a very interesting Grand Jurisdiction, and while we try to give it the prominence it deserves a brief review as is demanded of us, will hardly do it justice.

Comp. Ponton furnishes an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence. The work is ably done and he contributes a masterly report of Ohio for 1926."
He emphasizes the Masonic Home of Kentucky in relation to its Grand Chapter, and says:—

"The Grand Treasurer reported liberal appropriations made by Grand Chapter to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home."

Of the visitors to Michigan including "Canada," he happily says:—

"During the Convocation they were at various intervals called upon for remarks to which they generously responded, and with pleasing effect."

A note of warning about the Ark of the Covenant is giving under Montana:—

"I am of the opinion that some Masonic supply houses have not been careful in seeing that the correct characters were placed on the sides and top of the Ark. It might be advisable for our Ohio Companions to give this feature close investigation and attention."

Under West Virginia he has discovered a very human bit of poetry, one verse of which we reproduce:—

"Oh the world's a curious compound,
   With its honey and its gall
   With its cares and bitter crosses,
   But a good world after all.
   And a good God must have made it
   At least that is what I say—
   When a hand is on my shoulder
   In a friendly sort o' way."

Membership, 80,917. Net gain, 359.

OKLAHOMA.

Thomas B. Frensley, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Ira B. Kirkland, Grand Secretary.
The Fortieth Annual Convocation was held at Sapulpa, April 17, 1929.

From the biography of the Grand High Priest we learn that he has a multiplicity of talents and employments, being a hardware man, a lumber man, and owns and operates large areas of farm and ranch lands. This tribute is paid to him:—

"Companion Frensley's administration was a success, due almost entirely to the magnetic personality of the man."
Canada was represented by the faithful William Noble.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn something of the stout-hearted optimistic Royal Arch Masons who 40 years ago organized Grand Chapter:

"The happy vision which they took of the future, the energy and wisdom which characterized their effort; the persistency and perseverance which directed their activities are to-day evidenced in this Convocation of one of the most active Grand Chapters.

"Forty years of useful activity have brought this Grand Body beyond the stage of experiment. We are now an actual entity. We have an opportunity to be an instrument for good."

He makes some useful recommendations and comments:

"I am hopeful that the Grand Chapter will seriously consider the benefits of keeping a field representative moving among Chapters which need assistance.

"There is comfort and encouragement in the fact that during the year, 179 Companions, who had been suspended, caused themselves to be reinstated—a greater number of reinstatements than was shown last year. This, to my mind, indicates that Companions are determined 'to hold fast to that which is good.'"

He attended Grand Lodge as usual and received this impression:

"The interest and harmony which prevailed in this gathering of so many of our best citizens served to renew one's respect for the institution of Masonry and confidence in the splendid citizenship of our Great State."

He rules that a certificate of good standing in order to affiliate was not sufficient. There must be a demit. He arrested one Charter which had not been functioning.

A letter from M. Ex. Comp. Swetland of Pennsylvania, as to the Past Master's Degree was read and apparently acquiesced in.

During his term of office he had sent out an appeal in the following words:

"My own conscience tells me that Capitular Masonry exists as an instrument to better mankind by some means and
in some manner NOT being done by SOME OTHER AGENCY. Our moral and philosophical lessons are taught that way.

“But why TEACH IF we don’t PRACTICE?
“The Royal Craft is doing a wonderful work with its Educational Fund.
“Explain the Educational Loan plan to the Companions so they can see what is BEING DONE and then explain what we are trying to do now.
“DON’T ASK FOR ANY MONEY!!!
“Just make the fellows feel that Royal Arch Masonry is worth while. See if some poor fellow who was suspended for non-payment of dues isn’t worthy after all—he may have done his Masonic DUTY by buying groceries or school books or medicine with limited funds rather than paying Lodge dues. His FIRST DUTY, you know, was to his FAMILY.”

The venerable Father Murrow sent a letter of greeting. He had come to that country 72 years ago and is still going strong. He compares then and now as follows:

“The Then and Now may be compared to the old time little red school house and the great university, or by the twilight just before dawn to the full glorious meridian sunshine.”

There is to be a Murrow Memorial Library established.
The Committee on Relief Survey make an interesting report and disclose many trying needs:

“From the incomplete reports on this phase of the subject, we find about 40 needing assistance other than can be furnished by the Grand Lodge, Local Lodge and individual members. Some are receiving no help of any kind and some partial.
“We find several places where the wife has been left with three or four children, a couple of them under the age for entrance into the Home and she unable to get out to make a living on account of the younger children.”

The total Loan Fund is $51,611. A fine showing!
The Committee on Necrology present a philosophic and touching report from which we make the following excerpts:

“If I were an artist and words were paints, I would create a beautiful canvass showing man casting off the shackles of life and rising to a new freedom to build with God and His Angels in the everlasting workshops of Time.
“Within us all stirs the feeling that death is not the end
of man. Symbolically we have taken the three steps of Youth, Manhood and Age in preparation for the resurrection that we find in the Master's Degree. We have professed our belief in the strength of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and we have given our sworn allegiance to the rules of conduct he prescribed for us. Through the succeeding Degrees we have studied how to become workmen like the Master, and the sublimity of the Royal Arch is found when we have been guided by the strong Masonic arm to face the source of all strength and power, Jehovah, the Triune God who respects no person but rewards all with his just and true wages."

The Secretaries' Association of the State flourishes.

Ed. Worth, of Chatham, represents Oklahoma.

Membership, 13,580. Net loss, 753, which we regret to note.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is Eugene Hamilton, P.G.H.P., who writes in his Foreword:

"For the third time I present to you the result of my exploration in the quarries of our sister Grand Jurisdictions.

"Talkies, autos, Rotary and kindred associations, social events, all come in for scrutiny. In talking with a friend the other day who had been suspended N.P.D. in the Shine, he told me that it was difficult to keep up with the various demands on his purse and time. As he holds a semi-political office, he feels that he must go along with the others.

"We should take up some humanitarian work, leaving Education to the Commanderies, Masonic Homes to the Grand Lodges, etc., is the way they set forth their views."

Even in the immense distances of the United States the journeyings of our Grand Masters and Grand Z.'s strike the Reviewers who comment upon British Columbia's Grand Z. having travelled 6,000 miles in making 22 visits, and in order to constitute one Chapter travelled 1,200 miles.

He does not approve of universal Dispensations, and this is cited from California:

"The Grand High Priest reported a number of Dispensations to ballot on candidates out of time. In fact, every one of the Dispensations had something to do with 'out of time.' Bad system."

Under Canada he says that the address of the Grand Z. gives most interesting information and quotes part of the historical matter. He cites appa-
rently with approval, that a Chapter should not be associated with any outside Club or Organization. He approves of our Review as "exhaustive and replete with appropriate quotations."

We read under Connecticut:

"He weaves his criticisms, which as a rule are well deserved, along with the quotations so that it would take up too much space to properly cover his humour."

Here is the "retort courteous" under Idaho:

"He says: 'The address of Father Murrow was the gem of the proceedings. . . . He certainly got under the hides of some of the rough-necks present.' Tut, tut."

Manitoba, having referred to Father Murrow, this explanation and comment is given:

"Father Murrow is an old Baptist Missionary. Probably he knows as little about High Church Episcopalianism as he does about Shintoism.

"This is the Grand Chapter which took the initiatory step in providing a fund for the education of deserving young men and women. It is doing a splendid work."

Again Father Murrow and Oklahoma his home, come in for commendation under Pennsylvania:

"His message to Grand Chapter was a gem, both in thought and in diction. His influence must be spread like a sweet benediction over the entire Jurisdiction."

Oklahoma's practice is generous and worthy:

"In the Chapter to which I belong, no Companion is suspended if unable to pay. Old age and poverty is frequently the lot of Masons. When they can pay and will not, they are suspended; if unable to pay, we place them in the Life Member List and carry them on the roll."

OREGON.

Thomas Sims. M.E. Grand High Priest.
D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation was held in La Grande, April 8, 1929. Seven Past Grand High Priests added dignity to the Grand East.

Thomas Sims, the Grand High Priest, was born in Ontario in 1868 and is another Canadian who has made good. This tribute is paid in his biography:
“To the Grand Chapter Thomas Sims brought one of the greatest gifts, sincerity of person and of purpose. Quiet and unassuming, he accomplished much.”

Canada’s Grand Representative did not answer roll call.

Visitors from Washington were welcomed, and speaking of and to them at the beginning of his address, the Grand High Priest said:—

“It is a fact that a great river forms a boundary between our States, but I can assure you Masonically there never has been, and I trust never will be, any division point. Unless one was fully informed he would know of no boundary line between our great States, for the grass is just as green, the nature of the soil quite the same, the trees grow as tall and the welcome is quite as sincere as in our own Jurisdiction.”

He divides Masons into three types, one:—

“This type of Mason I should call the ‘Pin’ or ‘Lapel Mason.’ I might even say the ‘Pinheaded’ Mason.”

Two:—

“The next type is the one who is a Mason at heart and an earnest student. He can commit easily; he knows the ritual verbatim; and can recite it perfectly, not understanding. I will designate him as the ‘Ritualistic Mason.’”

And the third he speaks of as the real Mason with a genial smile and warm handclasp embodied thus in verse:—

“When we can help our fellowman,  
We’re living by Masonic plan.  
“A smile, a handshake, greeting true  
Make you feel good, and a friend too,  
And with the golden rule our guide,  
We’ll win the whole world to our side.  
With love—foundation of our life—  
There’ll be no fear, or war or strife.  
And he who strives to live this plan  
Can wear his charm—a Mason—Man.”

He urges our present pressing duties thus poetically expressed:—

“For Yesterday is but a Dream;  
And To-morrow is only a vision;  
But To-day well lived makes  
Every Yesterday a Dream of  
Happiness, and Every To-morrow  
A Vision of Hope.  
Look Well, therefore,  
To this Day!”
He was assiduous in visitations and generous in Dispensations.

He records a commission issued to John J. Gardiner of Ottawa, as Grand Representative of Oregon in Canada.

Speaking of what so many Grand High Priests emphasize, namely, the need "of a definite objective for Royal Arch Masonry," he would even go so far as to advocate life insurance, saying:—

"I believe it is possible for this Grand Chapter to inaugurate a system of life insurance similar to that of the Shrine, whereby our members can secure protection at actual cost. "I recommend that this Grand Chapter take such action as is necessary to establish a Widows' and Orphans' Fund for our members."

He urges an interest also in the boys in the State Training School Service, saying:—

"Assist some of the boys at least to become respected and useful citizens. And surely if we can be the means of salvaging one boy a year and making a good citizen of him, our efforts will not be in vain."

Of the late Senator Chamberlain the memorial speaks:—

"First he was an American, overlooking no opportunity to further the interests of his country. During the time he was Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs of the United States Senate many important matters pertaining to the war, the late war, came before his committee."

And a eulogy of Wallace Baldwin, P.G.H.P., spoke of these very virile and genial virtues:—

"He added to the sum of human joy, and were everyone for whom he did some loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep beneath a wilderness of flowers. "Wallace Baldwin's bounty had no winter—an autumn that grew more by reaping. What an inspiration his life to others. Death to him was not the last sleep. It was the final awakening."

Grand Orator Youngson delivered an eloquent address on the "Temple of Character," from which we take the following striking passages:—
"Back of the beating hammer
By which the steel is wrought,
Back of the workshop's clamour
The seeker may find the thought,
The thought that is ever master
Of iron and steam and steel,
That rises above disaster
And tramples it under heel.

"Without the sound of hammer or of axe each one of us is building a Temple—not a temple made of the cedars of Lebanon, of brass from Succoth and Zarethan, of gold and silver from Ophir and Parvaim—but a Temple of Character—which shall defy the ravages of time, endure when mausoleums crumble and outlive the Pyramids of Egypt—a character which shall live as long as God. Every thought, every act, every moment of every day of every month of every year we are carving stones and fitting them into this Temple.

"Temptation is another teacher. Protection gives innocence, but practice gives virtue.

"Responsibility is another teacher. God educates men by casting them upon their own resources.

"God also sends Ideals to stimulate men to new achievements."

Herbert L. Toney was elected Grand High Priest.
Hugh B. Braden represents Canada.
The able Capitular Review is by Walter O. Haines, who for the eighth time satisfies us with his report on all Grand Jurisdictions. He gives us all an excellent greeting with a page of poetic thought that has merits all his own:

"The love that here is born, and grows and ripens
With each passing year; for these by nature's wise decree
Are inborn in the human heart as precious things,
And only need life's nourishment to make them grow.
But here the love of man for fellow man prevails,
A love perhaps not so intense, but not less pure.
Here friendship's ties are welded by the glow of truth
Into lasting bonds of true fraternal love.
The clasp of hand, the twinkling eye, the happy smile—
all tell
The story of our love. And in each true Companion's heart
There is a chord which vibrates into sweetest melody
When touched by loving kindness of his fellow men."

From the introduction we take these thoughtful words:

"Comment by a number of Reviewers is very favourable to the elimination of the P.M. Degree entirely and the general
opinion is that the Degree has no historical value and is no part of Ancient Craft Masonry and is, moreover, a misrepresentation as it can not make a Past Master and is, therefore, worthless.

"The causes of loss ascribed are many and run from unfit material to the condition of the times. Automobiles, radios, movies, noon-day clubs, civic clubs, and last but not least the many bodies basing their membership upon Masonic membership. All of these things take money and it is felt that much of the loss in membership is due to the cost of these diversions. If our Masonic Bodies do not offer that which will be more interesting to our members than other organizations, can we expect them to stay when other places give what they desire?

The remedy can be summed up in very few words. Better choice of men for officers and more study on the part of the officers to make Chapter convocations interesting and the putting to work of all the Companions possible."

Under Alberta we read:—

"If Grand High Priests in many of the Jurisdictions on this side of the line would be as careful in the use of Dispensations there would be less rushing of candidates and probably fewer suspensions N.P.D.

"As is the general practice in Canadian Grand Chapters, the Grand Z. made a large number of visits.

As in so many other Grand Jurisdictions the shortening of the Degrees is referred to and appears to meet with general approval:—

"The Grand Lecturer in his report mentions a suggested change by which the time required to confer the Royal Arch Degree would be shortened."

We appreciate his review of Canada. He says the Grand Z. gave an address replete with inspirational thoughts, and quotes from it a large part of the introduction and his reference also to outside organizations, with which he says he is in hearty accord.

Comp. Gardiner’s Report on the “Condition of Capitular Masonry” is described as full and well worthy of consideration. Of our own Review he is kind enough to say:—

"We wish every Companion in Oregon could read his Report in full, for he gathers the best thoughts from all the Proceedings and enriches them with pertinent comment and friendly criticism. In his ‘Afterword’ we read a beautiful sentiment."
This from Colorado:—

"Personally we do not object to a process by which advancement could be retarded; but we are still of the opinion that the place to begin is in the Blue Lodge.

"As far as we have been able to judge all the fuss about rapid advancement has been made by Grand Lodges; yet not one of them has been able to see that a greater time elapsing between the first three Degrees would have the effect desired and would tend to have the same effect in the Chapter Degrees.

"It seems to us very much like being anxious to remove the mote from the other fellow's eye but clinging most tenaciously to the beam in their own."

He records how in the District of Columbia the Grand High Priest made sixteen visits and received splendid cheques for the Building Fund of the Masonic Home.

The Review of England thus opens and closes:—

"Owing to the manner in which our English Companions prepare their Proceedings it is difficult to find anything to present.

"However in the Proceedings from February 1, 1928, we find a most admirable address on the subject of Zerubbabel by M.E. The Pro First Grand Principal:

"'It is interesting to Freemasons that such championship of Truth, one of the three grand principles on which our Order is founded, should be attributed to one of our great Originals.

"'What food for thought there is as we look back, across the vista of twenty-four centuries, on this picture of a new starting point for an ancient people on that eternal quest for Truth on which Mankind has ever been engaged.'

"We feel that The Pro First Grand Principal is doing a most commendable work in bringing to his Companions such messages as this and for the reasons stated. It is impossible to estimate the results that would come from the adoption of the idea outlined."

Indiana is full of suggestiveness:—

"It has always seemed to us that a member suspended N.P.D. should be reinstated by paying the delinquent dues, but the requirement that his reinstatement must be voted upon if he does not pay within one year, has much to recommend it; as it gives a measure of protection to the Chapter."

Manitoba's verse of idealism is quoted:—

"They shall be gentle, brave, and strong
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man's lordship firm
On earth, and fire, and sea, and air."
These thoughts from Mississippi:—

“Our own opinion is, that making it easy for the candidate to get in is also creating a feeling that the Degrees are of little value and membership not a thing to be prized.

“Let the bars down and the fence is then in the way so that must go too.”

The crux of the situation is given under Nebraska:—

“We hope, when the burial takes places, that a goodly number of the bodies now hanging on to Masonry, will be among the corpses. It seems to us that the Masonic institution is being swamped with the number of bodies which are basing their membership upon Masonic affiliation.

“Here is the crux of the whole situation, ‘the right man.’ It makes little difference what form of superintendence of Chapters is used; the results depend upon the man or men who are selected.”

He quotes under Nova Scotia:—

“I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled a needed post
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk or boast.
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.”

All perhaps may not agree with him in his remarks under Washington:—

“We agree with him except as to the Shrine, which is not Masonic and does not claim to be, and which, in our opinion, could sever its connection with Masonry with much benefit to Masonic interests.”


PENNSYLVANIA.

Walton K. Swetland, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Secretary.

The Transactions are preceded by a steel engraving of the genial and expressive features of Grand High Priest Swetland, beaming like a benediction.

A Quarterly Communication was held March 8, 1928. Six Past Grand High Priests present, all well known names.
Samuel Shaw faithfully represented Canada, as heretofore, at three of the meetings during the year.

Membership, 61,569. Net gain, 1,644. Number of Chapters, 153. This will help balance the net losses in so many other Jurisdictions.

Quarterly Communication June 7, 1928, with routine business and announcements of deaths of distinguished Companions.

Quarterly Communication September 6, 1928, with the usual business and announcements.

The best known of all the Quarterly Communications was held in Philadelphia, December 6, 1928, when a galaxy of distinguished Companions enjoyed the good cheer of Pennsylvania, including the Grand Master, the General Grand King and Representatives of Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Nebraska and Canada; literally Grand Chapter opened in Ample form. What a symposium!

The Trustees reported now on hand $172,000 and receipts for the year $47,910. One thousand dollars was granted by Grand Chapter to the Homes at Elizabethtown and $1,000 to the other Home of Pennsylvania.

The visitors spoke and Grand Chapter closed in peace.

At the Annual Grand Communication held December 27, 1928, St. John's Day, there were five Past Grand High Priests present and Past Grand Master William M. Hamilton.

Grand High Priest Swetland covered all points in his comprehensive address. His days were not ill spent. He says:—

"In carrying on the activities of Grand Chapter I have, in my weak way, devoted to the exclusive service of Grand Chapter one hundred sixty-six days of time away from my office and outside of the necessary office duties. I have travelled by automobile in attending District Meetings over four thousand miles, and in furthering the interests of Grand Chapter my railroad mileage has been more than nineteen thousand miles.

"He did the Best he Could."
He and his official family attended a meeting of Norristown Chapter to celebrate an occasion without parallel in Pennsylvania's Masonic history. The Grand Chapter Officers were received with great dignity by three venerable Companions who had occupied their respective stations of High Priest, King and Scribe fifty years ago. That is the unity of continuity.

Among his decisions we read:—

"Any Jurisdiction with which the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is in fraternal relations, not having in its Capitular System the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason, may, with the approval of the officers and members, be permitted to visit any Chapter in this Jurisdiction. If the Companion desires to visit a Chapter during the conferring of the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason he may do so and the obligation of that Degree shall be administered to him without fee."

Several proceedings of Chapters were set aside for irregularity.

He thus graphically describes his visit with Companions Kunzig and McConnell to our meeting in London:—

"I attended the Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada. After a rather tedious winter ride we arrived at London, and were met at the station by representatives of Grand Chapter and conducted to the Hotel London, where we found elegant quarters reserved for our comfort. We had the pleasure of attending a reception tendered to M. E. Grand First Principal Dunstan, and witnessed the presentation of a fitting tribute of the love and esteem of his Companions. We were presented to the Grand Chapter by R. E. Companion George L. Gardner and received by M. E. Grand Z., both of whom spoke in the warmest terms of welcome and respect for the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. The business of Grand Chapter was conducted with celerity and the usual marked dignity so typical of this Grand Jurisdiction. Our entertainment was royal, and the spirit of general good fellowship and brotherly love extended to us will long be remembered."

The litigation with the clandestine Lodge which called itself the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania is ended. In this action Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and the Scottish Rite
Bodies were permitted to intervene and defend. The satisfactory result is thus recorded:—

"After a trial of practically two weeks at Harrisburg, the jury returned a verdict in favour of the defendants. It is sincerely hoped that this litigation will for all time determine the right of these Grand Bodies to the exclusive use of their jewels, emblems, etc., and forever relieve us of the pestiferous interferences of the co-called Cerneau Rites."

Under Friendly Relations he well says:—

"One of the outstanding features of Grand Chapter which my worthy predecessors have so firmly established is the interchange of visitations with our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, thereby more firmly cementing the bonds of Fraternal love and affection so necessary in carrying on the great work in which we are all engaged."

He gives the Grand Secretary well merited praise.

Comp. August P. Kunzig was duly installed Grand High Priest and made an excellent and feeling address. All through the Proceedings the Grand High Priest and other Officers recognize the courtesy of other Grand Jurisdictions in regard to the Degree known by the name of "Past Master's."

Dr. R. J. Reade, of Toronto, represents Pennsylvania.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is again divided between four Companions, Canada falling to the lot of our old friend, John M. Core, P.G.H.P., who is either the auricle or ventricle of the heart of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania. He wields a lance for the Secretaries and points out the alternative obligation in his introduction:—

"In reviewing fourteen of the Jurisdictions assigned to us, and we take it that it is a fair sample of the others, we have noted a distinct note of pessimism running through addresses of Grand High Priests, and Correspondents in their reviews of the different Jurisdictions.

"We have had some experience with the Secretaries, and at times wondered how it could be possible for some of them to be so dumb. But a further study of his duties and problems has made us more charitable.

"If we remember correctly, he is to receive all monies paid to him on account of the Chapter and pay the same over to the Treasurer forthwith taking his receipt therefor. Please note—he is to receive monies. Nowhere have we ever heard
that he is to **collect.** Now if a Secretary, in addition to his other duties, is to be a collector of bad debts, in small amounts, then in some Chapters this would take most of his time.

“What is the matter with the High Priest?

“The High Priest, as a rule, serves one year, while the Secretary usually serves for many years. (Sometimes too many.)

“If we have oversold Capitular Masonry, better have the Officers and Companions investigate.

“It will not do for the Companions to sit in the Chapter, like a lot of sheep, vote suspensions, and then blame the Secretary.

“Companions, let us make at least as much effort to retain a Companion as we do to get his petition.

“If the Companion for any reason, or none at all, wishes to drop out, let him like a man, discharge his obligations and then exercise his rights.”

**Our friend doesn’t believe in molly-coddles or artificial stimuli. He thus expresses himself under Arkansas:**

“The Grand Lecturer, M.E. Companion Bone, seems to have done all the work. He visited a number of ‘sick’ Chapters and ministered to them as well as he could. He poured in the stimulus of holding elections, receiving and balloting on petitions and conferring degrees, all at the same meeting. Now, just how much those thus honoured (?) and enlightened (?) will think of an institution that holds itself so cheaply the future will reveal. All this nursing, coddling and coaxing does not produce permanent results. One of the causes for losses shown in many Jurisdictions is that in the past there has been too much zeal in granting warrants for new Chapters. It is not every community which can or will support a Royal Arch Chapter.”

We appreciate his full review of Canada. He speaks of our visitors, of the absence of Pennsylvania’s Representative and of Comp. Dunstan’s address, which he says was excellent. This on Dispensations:—

“He reports that one hundred and one Dispensations were issued during the year. At this distance that looks like a lot of dispensations. It would seem that either the dispensing power was being over-done or that the laws should be amended to obviate the necessity for such a large number.”

Referring to our Grand Z.’s emphasis put upon the fact that “we are a body of builders, building
character and to this great work we should restrict our energies,” Companion Core says:—

“Very sound. We have never believed that a majority within an organization should commit the whole membership to any project outside its legitimate work. When I joined the Chapter, many years ago, I did not join also a motor club or a lot of outside uplift organizations.”

He also commends the admonition to endeavour to rekindle the interest of the Companion who has become indifferent and calls it very excellent.

The Grand Treasurer’s report is not often noted by our colleagues, the Reviewers, but M. Ex. Comp. George Moore is made a happy exception and his report is said to be “like all his work, a model.”

A quotation is also made from Henry T. Smith’s last Report.

We wish we deserved his praise of our Review:—

“The report on Correspondence is by a master hand, and, as always, is a wonderful review of Capitular Masonry for the year. We often wonder how this M.E. Companion finds time to write such reviews. To do so requires weeks of reading, to say nothing of the labour of compiling, condensing and clarifying the whole. Fortunate indeed is the Grand Chapter of Canada.”

He caught us napping, at least as to proof-reading, in confusing Philadelphia with the whole State of Pennsylvania, to which it gives impetus and honour.

On the much discussed point as to solicitation by Companions of Master Masons, he makes a worthy contribution:—

“It strikes many Masons that there is quite a difference between soliciting one who is not a member of the Fraternity to join, and suggestion to a Brother Master Mason that his Masonic education is not complete until he receives the Royal Arch. We know of no landmark or usage which forbids this. In fact, if we correctly remember the Most Excellent Degree, it rather broadly, by implication, commands it.”

Pennsylvania, having been accused of narrowness, he thus satisfactorily meets the charge:—

“What Pennsylvania does, and we believe every other Grand Jurisdiction does, is to refuse to recognize as Royal Arch Masons residents of Pennsylvania, who under some pretext or other, slipped out of the State and received the De-
degrees. A member of any Pennsylvania Lodge who becomes a bona fide resident of another Jurisdiction for a sufficient length of time, according to the laws of that Jurisdiction, to petition for and receive the Degrees, has always been recognized by Pennsylvania, provided he did not stand rejected by a Chapter in Pennsylvania."

Speaking of Lodges or Chapters acting as patrons of this or that organization or what he calls "that other abomination, requiring that a petitioner be a Mason before receiving his application," the Reviewer well says under Connecticut:—

"It may be numbers are increased thereby, but Masons are not. Neither does he subscribe to the doctrine promulgated by some correspondents, that Grand Chapter cannot do the things which it authorized subordinate Chapters to do, e.g., confer the Capitular Degrees. Of course the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has always done this on proper occasion, of which the M.E. Grand High Priest is the sole judge. He does not favour conferring the Capitular Degrees on very large classes. All of which is fundamentally sound."

As he says that it is of great interest to all Freemasons, he reprints pages of Lord Ampthill's now celebrated address on India and is tempted, he says, to add thereto his seven minute talk on "Zerubbabel."

He is greatly interested in the Australian and New Zealand Jurisdictions, saying under New South Wales:—

"We also read in the report from time to time that 'an excellent South' had been prepared, or 'the ladies prepared an excellent South.' We assume that some form of entertainment or perhaps a dinner is provided for the occasion, but why it is called 'an excellent South' is beyond our powers of deduction."

The Junior Warden sits in the South.

Referring to the visit of the Duke of York:—

"The incident is an evidence of the mysterious power and influence of the Masonic tie in bringing to a better understanding and a closer relationship of the best manhood of the Province and their Sovereign.

"If Masonry does no more than this in New South Wales or in any other Grand Jurisdiction it alone is sufficient to justify its existence and insure continuance among men everywhere."

This sound dictum just inserted as a mere aside under North Dakota is worth while:—
“Masonry, like every other accomplishment must be cultivated, practiced, lived, in every relationship of life, if we hope to receive the benefits we are taught to expect from it.

“In the final analysis, therefore, it is the personal equation, the reaction of the individual himself to Masonic truth, that is the determining factor in making Masonry what it is anywhere in any man.”

Saskatchewan gives him this:—

“* * * * Symbolism gives us the poetry of life, instead of plain prose. It changes catgut and wire into heavenly music. * * * *”

The introduction and conclusion of his Review of Scotland read:—

“It is an almost impossible task to write a comprehensive review of a Grand Chapter that has erected subordinate Chapters under its Jurisdiction in almost every country of the habitable globe. The only exceptions are ice-bound Greenland in the extreme north and frigid Graham’s Land in the extreme south.

“We are interested to know the meaning of Royal Ark Mariner Lodge and Red Cross Council and what vital connections they have with Royal Arch Masonry.”

We have asked Scotland to explain.

A little friendly touch and justification under Virginia:—

“‘It really appears as though Pennsylvania is becoming almost human.’

“Whatever may be our limitations, may it be said of us that in teaching the same great lessons common to all Capitular Masons everywhere, we may be found as Companions rich in all the qualities of heart and life. We in Pennsylvania grant to others who may differ from us in the detail of teaching, the quality that makes true Companions in heart and mind.”

QUEENSLAND (SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER).

M. Ex. Comp. John Alexander Fraser, Deputy First Grand Principal Z.

V. Ex. Comp. J. St. Clair Bernard, Grand Scribe E.

The regular Convocation was held in Masonic Hall, Brisbane, April 3, 1929.

The Chairman (the Grand Z. being in the north
inspecting Chapters) reported petitions being signed for four additional Chapters. He refers to the Reviews of all other Grand Chapters in their Correspondence Reports and says the information makes very interesting and highly instructive reading. He gives the following particulars which we are glad to read:—

"I may state that our Roll contains the names of Seventy-six Chapters. Our membership at 30th June, 1928, was 2,332, the gain during the twelve months being 26.

"At present the proportion of Royal Arch Masons to Master Masons is only about one in ten.

"Our Grand Chapter was formed by the fusion of twelve Chapters which were previously under the English Constitution, and sixteen which were previously under the Scottish Constitution, with the full approval and subsequent recognition of our Parent Grand Chapters."

The report of the Grand Committee announced the lamented death of R. Ex. Comp. the Hon. Mr. Justice Stumm, and an expression of regret and condolence was recorded. This tribute was also paid:—

"His personage was a very striking one, and by his kindly disposition, he was revered and highly respected by all."

The Diamond Jubilee of the North Australian Chapter, No. 2, was duly celebrated.

Then followed one of the most interesting lectures we have read this year by Comp. F. G. Marriott, Grand Lecturer, on "What is Royal Arch Freemasonry?" It is difficult to make coherent quotations in our space limits, but the following will give a good idea of the excellent subject matter:—

"Even in its earliest days, the importance of the Ceremony was realized, and its beauty appreciated. More than 150 years ago, we find Hutchinson saying: 'As Moses was commanded to pull his shoes from off his feet on Mount Horeb, because the ground whereon he trod was sanctified by the presence of the Divinity, so the Mason who would prepare himself for this exalted stage of Masonry, should advance in the naked paths of truth, be divested of every degree of arrogance, and approach with steps of innocence, humility and virtue, to challenge the ensigns of an Order whose institutions arise on the most solemn and sacred principles of religion.'"
“Laurence Dermott, the energetic and zealous Secretary of the ‘Ancients’ or the ‘Grand Lodge of England, according to the Old Institutions,’ was an enthusiast of the Royal Arch, and in his famous Ahiman Rezon in 1756, says: ‘The Royal Arch, I firmly believe to be the root, heart, and marrow of Masonry.

“The earliest known reference to the Royal Arch in connection with Masonry appears in a contemporary account of a Lodge meeting at Youghal, in Ireland, in 1743, when it is stated that the members walked in procession, and the Master was preceded by ‘the Royal Arch, carried by two Excellent Masons.’

“The first satisfactory reference to the Royal Arch as a Degree is of great interest, as it links up York, Dublin, and London with a Royal Arch ceremony of some sort in 1744.

“London and Scotland did not adopt the Josiah working, which became so popular in Ireland, where it now remains as the sole official working.

“Much more might be said of the history of our Order, but the foregoing sketch is sufficient to show the mystery of the origin of our ceremony. In its earliest history, it shares with the Hiramic Legend the doubt and uncertainty of its original introduction into the Craft System. Who introduced them? When, and Why? are questions we are as yet unable to satisfactorily answer.

“Bro. Webb has said: ‘This Degree is indescribably more august, sublime and important than all which precede it, and it is the summit and perfection of ancient Masonry. It impresses on our minds a belief of the being and existence of a Supreme Deity, without beginning of days or ending of years, and reminds us of the reverence due to His Holy Name.’ In 1783, we find the Royal Arch Minutes of the ‘Ancients’ record the resolution ‘That it is the clear opinion of this Grand Chapter that Royal Arch Masonry is (in itself) so stupendouslyly Excellent that it IS, truly, what the Roman Masons of old said, ‘Ut nihil possit cogitare.’ (Nothing could be imagined more.)

“The solemn revelation of the Royal Arch Degree is much more than a mere conferring of a secret.

“Our Order should help us, each and every one, to be better men, better Masons, better citizens, worthy to live in our great Empire, fit sons of fair Queensland.

“Every output of the Craft in the far distant North and West shall have its Royal Arch Chapter as its centre of Masonic Light. To that day we all look forward, but we must each do our share in spreading the message of the beauty and sacredness of the Royal Arch Degree, and its necessity to every Master Mason.”

On this Comp. Frankel thus comments:—

“I cannot conceive that Royal Arch Freemasonry is of such recent date as has been set out in the course of the lec-
ture, and that records can only be found up to some 200 years ago. As a matter of fact the three Principals of a Chapter represent the great Jewish Sanhedrim which used to sit in the old days in the City of Jerusalem as the great Arbiter of Judgment. They composed the Great Tribunal in those days. Strange to say, that Sanhedrim still sits in all parts of the world. Wherever Judaism is, and its faith is extant, that great Arbiter on all matters of jurisprudence, and questions of law as set out in the Books of Moses is still in force.

Then there are these four banners, which are the acknowledged banners of the four great divisions of the Israelitish Army which fought the Romans."

QUEENSLAND (MILES’ JURISDICTION).

John Andrew Miles, M.E., Grand First Principal.
T. C. Moxley, Grand Scribe E.
The regular Convocation was held in Masonic Hall South Brisbane, April 30, 1928.

Fraternal recognition has been extended by Kentucky and Ohio and Representatives appointed.

A long letter from our late Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith, as to our Canadian attitude with regard to the two Jurisdictions pending settlement of their difficulties was read. There was also a letter from E. R. Turnbull of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, who apparently had been asked his opinion upon the impasse, and who writes:

"Your law on the qualification of the First Principal is peculiar to England alone. All our Chapters are entirely independent and do not base their practice on Lodge rank. You offer to allow an installation by dispensation of one not so qualified. The other Grand Chapter allows a local Chapter to enact a by-law to provide your qualification. We are unable to see any difference in the two propositions."

The Grand Committee made a full report, acknowledging greetings from many Grand Chapters, including Canada.

Apparently the disunion is still a sore subject, as we gather from the remarks of one of the speakers in connection with the Hall Stone Chapters:—

"Ex. Comp. Kimber: M. Ex. Grand Principal, I am surprised to see the motion in the report of Grand Committee. The new Masonic Temple is supposed to represent Unity in
Freemasonry, and to me it is unthinkable that there should be the names of two Grand Chapters of Queensland as 'Hall Stone Jewel Chapters.'

The Grand Inspector of Workings makes an able half-yearly report, saying:

"No doubt the general depression that Queensland is passing through at the present time, is contributing a good deal towards that feeling in regard to joining members, but on the other hand, the non-attendance of existing members is having a very depressing feeling on the Executive Officers of the Chapters."

A notice of motion letting the bars down somewhat by way of dispensation to install a Companion as a Member of a subordinate Chapter who is not an Installed Master produced a very vigorous debate, Ex. Comp. Israel said:

"Many of us are in favour of the Constitution as it at present stands, but are we doing the right thing in taking a brother from a Blue Lodge and then putting obstacles in the way of his going forward in the Chapter?"

The motion was carried and immediately Grand First Principal Miles declared that he would retire from the Chair as First Principal as from to-night. He has always advocated strongly the limiting requirement.

Convocation was held in South Brisbane, September 15, 1928, Deputy Grand First Principal A. B. Neilson in the Chair. Much work was done and he was duly elected Grand Z.

At the installation meeting October 29, 1928, he was installed by M. Ex. Comp. Corrie, a veteran Royal Arch Mason, in due and ancient form. Comp. Corrie in his address stated that he would attain his 50th year in Masonry this year, and expressed the opinion that this gathering predicates an important Masonic advance on the broad road to fraternal progress and good will in this great expanding Masonic territory. He adds:

"I feel it will be a splendid cope-stone to the Queensland Royal Arch Order if those associated with this gathering
should, including myself, become identified as I hope we may be—in crystalising the whole of our Royal Arch Fraternity into one; not only united, but above all, an harmonious whole, when past misunderstandings, I trust, will be obliter-ated and a bright future burst into view:"

M. Ex. Comp. Neilson followed with an im-promptu address, from which we take these extracts:—

"Not only have you discharged the duties of Installing Principal, but you have created a bond of friendship by coming here this evening. By your coming along you have brought other distinguished visitors with you.

"Every link of it is a link of love.

"I should dearly like to pay a tribute to our Grand Scribe E. As far as work is concerned I really do not think he knows its meaning. Nothing is too much trouble for him.

"I hope and trust that the coming year is going to be one of prosperity, harmony and unity. It will be my ambition to foster that kind feeling."

A festive time followed.

QUEBEC.

W. J. Edwards, M.E., Grand Z.
W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation was held in Montreal, March 27, 1929. Five Past Grand Z.’s graced the Grand East.

Canada’s Grand Representative was not present but sent his regrets. We trust that Comp. Cameron will soon be wholly restored to health and strength.

The Grand Z. at the opening of his address said:—

"As part of the British Empire we have been deeply moved by the expressions of sympathy from the other na-tions, and the world-wide concern in His Majesty’s condition during his gallant fight for life."

He issued seven Dispensations to install as Z.’s Companions who had not previous served as W.M.

This truth we have all realized:—

"It is possible to do so little in one short year, but we should remember that one’s effort, joined to the long chain of endeavour of those who have gone before, ever adds to the Masonic structure."
"This writer adds, Masons may be divided into two classes: those who take Masonry as a matter of course, and those who are eager and earnest to inquire for themselves into its depths.

"Souls are built as temples are,  
Based on Truth's eternal law,  
Sure and steadfast, without flaw,  
Through the sunshine, through the snows,  
Up and on the building goes;  
Every fair thing finds its place,  
Every hard thing lends a grace,  
Every hand may make or mar.'"  

He describes a wonderful journey of nearly 500 miles to consecrate Kipawa Chapter, No. 25, in the Temiskaming District.

At Sherbrooke there was a large delegation from Burlington, Vermont, and a fine international evening was spent.

At Carnarvon Chapter no less than twenty Past First Principals participated in the conferring of the sublime Degree.

He reports happily on his visit to our Grand Chapter at Kingston, and he says that it will "linger long in our memories." He refers to many features of the meeting, including the fact that both British Columbia and New Brunswick were represented—from sea to sea.

He quotes a verse of Whittier as an apt conclusion to his address:—

"And as the path of duty is made plain  
May grace be given that I may walk therein;  
Walking as one to pleasant service led,  
Doing God's will as if it were my own  
Yet trusting not in mine, but in His strength alone."

The District Reports are full of information and a record of good work well done.

Grand Scribe E. reports membership 3,804, being a net increase of 82. Well done, Quebec!

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont and Ontario were welcomed, honoured and filled with hospitality.

In the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order we read:—
"We notice a tendency on the part of Past Principals of Chapters holding office such as Scribe E. or Treasurer, to accept executive offices in Grand Chapter, and still continue their work in the subordinate body, a practice we cannot fully recommend."

Comp. Edwards was re-elected Grand Z.

Edward B. Brown, K.C., of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, is the veteran and beloved Grand Representative of Quebec.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence is, of course, again from the hand and heart of E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.Z., who touches nothing that he does not adorn.

Under Alberta we read:

"Any unnecessary embarrassment of the candidate, any turning of the Capitular Degrees into a joke, is irreverence toward the Great Light upon our Altar and robs the candidate of the great and inspiring lesson of the Degrees."

He speaks of the portrait of Edwin Smith as depicting a splendid specimen of Canadian manhood. He quotes largely from the address of Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, who he says invited the members of Grand Chapter to seek inspiration from the history of our country.

"Still the horizon lures and the morrow calls."

He was pleased with Comp. Dunstan's characterization of M. Ex. Comp. A. B. J. Moore, the genial and congenial Irishman.

This Reviewer esteems more than he can adequately express the tribute paid to his work by the dean of all Reviewers:

"We are again indebted for a real literary and Masonic treat in his review of the Capital Correspondence and Reviews of sister Jurisdictions.

"From his 'Foreword' we select the following sonorous lines.

"Words entirely fail us in trying to adequately express our thanks to this brilliant Reviewer for his generous notice of the Quebec Volume of Proceedings and of its Correspondence Report and our gratitude for his prayers for our restoration to health and strength. Little, perhaps, do we sometimes realize how much we are and have been aided in various ways by the petitions wafted on our behalf by others to the Throne on High."
He is optimistic under Connecticut, stating that the condition leads us to believe that Capitular Masonry is far from waning permanently.

This under Delaware is worth reproducing:—

"We over-extended ourselves and became topheavy. Let us take time to interpret Masonry to our Companions so that it will become a vital thing in their lives. Let us take time to sense the real meaning of Companionship."

Georgia's Review is thus summed up with deft hand:—

"In a very earnest manner, which should have carried conviction to his hearers, whether it did or not, he urged them to get the Masonic spirit in their hearts, without which, he rightly said, 'they would not get anywhere.'"

We cannot resist reproducing what his searching eye has found in Indiana:—

"One learns the tongue of brotherhood by using it. Otherwise one never gets the accent. An old Scot asked a young American from what country he came. The Yankee replied: 'From the greatest land on earth.' To which the Scot answered: 'Puir bairn, ye've lost your accent.' Some Masons boast of their Order, but haven't its accent. They may have lost it through disuse. Some have used the tongue of fraternity so little that they have never even acquired an accent."

He says Comp. Conover's History and Development of the Royal Arch Degree is:—

"The most valuable contribution to the literature of the subject that we have seen for a long time past."

He speaks with commendation of the splendid Masonic work being done for the orphans and the poor of the Royal Craft in Nebraska.

New Jersey and Quebec are drawn very close together as will appear from the following:—

"Of our late lamented friend and M.E. Companion, Geo. O. Stanton, he well said that 'Men of this type are missed beyond the power of expression'; and referring to the presence of about 500 Royal Arch Masons at Divine Service in the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, he remarked that 'this is a fine custom and we are glad that it proved to be so successful an event.'"

Comp. Chambers has a great gift in selection and these three striking verses are taken from Oregon, a fertile Jurisdiction:—
"A certain Pasha, dead these thousand years,
Once from his harem fled in sudden tears,
And had this sentence on the city's gate
Deeply engraven, 'Only God is great.'

"So those four words above the city's noise
Hung like the accents of an angel's voice,
And evermore, from the high barbacan,
Saluted each returning caravan.

"Lost is that city's glory. Every gust
Lifts, with crisp leaves, the unknown Pasha's dust.
And all is ruin—save one wrinkled gate
Whereon is written, 'Only God is great.'"

May all Grand Jurisdictions before many years
follow the good example of Texas, as quoted by our
colleague:

"Homes for the aged, schools for the dependent children
of Master Masons—great institutions of learning where vocational and literary knowledge is unstintingly afforded—
exemplifying to the highest degree what the Supreme Architect said to the world through the great prophet Isaiah: 'To
the widow will be an husband, and to the fatherless a father'—are being constructed, improved and maintained
throughout the land."

He thus explains to Wyoming and other Grand Jurisdictions who comment upon our omission of
reference to the High Priesthood:

"This Order is unknown in this Jurisdiction, indeed it has
no appropriate place in our structure as the Ritual used in
this Jurisdiction is that of the Grand Chapter of England,
and we have no such a dignitary as a High Priest."

Long may our esteemed and honoured Companion
Chambers continue to link up past, present and future with the golden chain of good will.

**SCOTLAND.**

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cassillis, M.E., First Grand Principal.
Sir Alexander Gibb, Depute First Grand Principal.
G. A. Howell, Grand Scribe E.
A very fine picture of Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal, precedes the Proceed-
ings and all the Companions who met His Lordship during his frequent visits to Canada and the United States will be glad to have this speaking likeness.

There are two life members of Grand Chapter, namely, C. C. Nisbet, W.S., and Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray, LL.B., W.S.

As we revise the proof of this review, we learn with great regret that Comp. Murray has passed away. It will be remembered that he was officially identified with Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for many years.


The Hunters are awake in the hills, no less than three Hunters being Grand Superintendents of Perthshire, Stirling and Clackmannan, and Natal.

It may be interesting to old Scottish Masons to remember that the oldest Chapters numerically are (1) Edinburgh, (2) Stirling Rock, (3) Enoch, Montrose, (4) Operative, Banff, (5) Linlithgow, (6) Union, Dundee.

The names of Grand Chapters with their Principals are given, and on one page we find several from New South Wales, one from Delhi, two from Gold Coast, West Africa, one from Auckland, New Zealand, and one from Bulawayo. What a far flung brother-line Scotland occupies! The last numbered Chapter is 647, St. Andrew, Transvaal. In the British West Indies there are four groups of Scottish Chapters, Barbados, Bermuda, Jamaica and Trinidad.

It is noted that at each meeting both of the Supreme Committee and of Grand Chapter apologies from absent Officers and Past Officers are always decorously sent.

The Annual Convocation was held March 21, 1929, with a large attendance, Supreme Grand Chapter being opened in full form by Most Excellent Comp. C. C. Nisbet. The 133rd Psalm was sung
and a deputation of Grand Superintendents escorted the Earl of Cassillis into Grand Chapter for Installation. He gave his assent, was proclaimed and saluted.

Malta was among the Officers honoured. The close of Grand Chapter is thus described:—

"There being no other business, the Hymn of National Prayer, 'Lord, while for all mankind we pray,' was sung to the tune of 'St. Paul,' and Supreme Grand Chapter was closed in ample form."

Thereafter the Office-bearers and Companions unrobed and proceeded to the banqueting hall for the celebration of the Festival of the Vernal Equinox. Masonic jewels were worn but no regalia.

The First Grand Principal said in proposing the toast:—

"We appreciate the duties that fall to the Duke of Rothesay, and the added burden that has been thrown upon him. I call upon you to drink to the toast of 'The Queen, the Duke of Rothesay, and the Royal Family.'"

The time honoured toast to the Imperial Forces was then given and was responded to by Colonel M.E. Comp. Buchanan-Dunlop, D.S.O., who said in the course of his stirring address, recounting some of his war experiences:—

"But when we got to any station, there we always found a band of men and women with soda water, iced drinks, and fruit, the only thing that made our journey bearable. This impressed me very much at the time, and when we reached Bloemfontein, where Lord Roberts was concentrating, on his march north, I mentioned this to a friend of mine, and he said, 'Oh, yes, those are Masons.' I said, 'Oh, Masons! What is Masonry?' He said, 'Well, Masonry means that if your enemy hunger, feed him. If he thirst, give him drink.' I said, 'That seems a very good sort of sect. Can I join?' He replied, 'Oh, yes, you can join.' And, Companions, I joined a Boer Lodge. Every member but one was an enemy. Every member of it was my Brother. The Master was a German, and most of the Brethren had been under arms against us, and had either been captured and sent home on parole or had laid down their arms. Not only did they receive me with open arms, but under the circumstances they obtained a special dispensation to initiate, pass and raise me in a week, in order that they might give me all they could before I had to go away. As it happened, I managed to get that over, and I
remained there for nearly a year, and had the benefit of their companionship. I had also the opportunity of doing what I could to repay their kindness, because as an enemy Lodge they were looked upon with great suspicion by our Colonel, who was always looking around to see if any mischief was being hatched, and as I was senior in rank, I could always show him over when he came. I just want to tell you that to show you how Masonry affects the army."

Professor D'Arcy Thompson gave one of his characteristically eloquent speeches "off the bat":—

"I remember two or three years ago when I had the honour of standing here and talking to you. I fell to talking about the Festival which we celebrate to-day, the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, and I was telling you, what you all know more or less, of how this ancient and beautiful Festival celebrated the vernal spring time, the closing of the cold moistures and the opening of the summer heats, the end of the dark days and the beginning of the light. It was a Festival of rejoicing among all the peoples of civilized antiquity, and so it remains even unto this day. There is no monotony in the return of spring. We rejoice in it as much as ever. We give thanksgiving for it, and the old, like me, very humbly give our thanks and pray that spring and summer may come and come again. And in somewhat the same fashion there is no monotony in the thanks that we owe to our Supreme Grand Chapter, and the gratitude that we are paying every year now, for many a year, to Lord Cassillis for presiding over it. His services are continuously rendered.

"It is not every man who could go round the world and be told that he has laid a girdle of friendly and kindly feeling all the way. There is no doubt about it that that journey of Lord Cassillis' had an extraordinarily marked effect. There is no doubt about it that no man in our generation or the last, has done so much to weld together Scottish Royal Arch Masonry, or perhaps Masonry generally, in the Colonies as our First Grand Principal."

The First Grand Principal said in his address:—

"I must say that we are down in Exaltations as compared with what we were in former years, but a great many of our Chapters in mining districts are passing through very bad times. The number of Exaltations for the year is 2,980, as compared with 3,523 the previous year, which decrease, no doubt, is due to the depression in trade.

"As you know, our District Grand Chapter in New South Wales is a very important institution, vastly exceeding in numbers not only the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, but having more adherents than any Grand Chapter in Australasia, New Zealand included."
“Chapters in South Africa, including the Transvaal, Central South Africa, and Natal, are all flourishing.

"On occasion it is urged, by those who wish to displace, in favour of their own system, valid rights established prior to their own, using the argument that not to do so is to counteract dual sovereignty. This is a phrase, like many another dubious expression, in such circumstances devoid of substance, the fallacy underlying it arising out of the failure to discern the difference between a position where established rights are already in existence and where none such exist. The point is that all Grand Chapters are Sovereign over their own members. Union and Leagues are terms much used at present, whether of Churches or nations.

“The only hope of avoiding future wars is by bringing about a permanent union and good understanding between all nations. If we as Masons can submit our own passions and prejudices to the demands of reason and justice, we can play a great part in this noble aim.”

In proposing the toast of daughter Chapters, M.E. Companion Bowers said:—

“To the Daughter Chapters, both here in the Metropoli
tan District and also in the far-flung parts of our Empire where we have Masonic jurisdiction, we extend a hearty greeting.”

And in Comp. MacAuslan’s reply we read:—

“Now, it is very fine to think that you are part of this great organization whose ramifications go to all parts of the world, and I thought that even here in Scotland you might liken it to a golden chain, the larger links of which were your Provincial Chapters, and the smaller links the Daugh
ter Chapters under your care.”

Comp. Bundock of Peace Universal Chapter, Callao, Peru, was associated with the toast and re
sponded felicitously:—

“The smallest Chapter in New Zealand or the largest Chapter in Scotland know that in Supreme Grand Chapter all their peculiar requirements are legislated for, and all their special difficulties taken in hand, by a body of Companions willingly giving their time and talent for the good of Royal Arch Masonry. And what could be more eloquent than this gathering to-night, when Companions of all sta
tions in life, of all ages, and from all parts, have thought it more than worth while to come here and once again renew ‘auld acquaintance.’ The thing speaks for itself. ‘In unity is strength.’ ”

In other responses to the toast we read:—

“I thank you for upholding the climate of Inverness. We have certainly had one of the most marvellous winters.
“I am very grateful to you, Most Excellent, for your kind invitation, and you, Companions, for the way in which you have received one from 'down under,' one who can claim some Scottish blood, something which I am proud to claim.

“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,' and the Festival was brought to a close in time-honoured fashion, with the singing of the National Anthem.

Supreme Committee held their Quarterly meeting June 7, 1929. New Charters were granted, one to Madras, India.

The reports of Grand Superintendents followed.

A Quarterly Convocation was held on June 21, the Companions being upstanding, the First Grand Principal made sympathetic reference to the death of Lord Muskerry, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and also to the death of M.E. Companion Murray.

The earthquake in New Zealand and Tasmania was apparently more destructive than we had before learned. The Grand First Principal said in expressing sympathy:—

“It is always the case that those who go out as pioneers of the Empire undergo perils which are not realized by us at home.”

The thanks of Grand Chapter were voted for the Proceedings of Canada.

Quarterly Convocation was held 21st September. The tribute to M.E. Comp. W. Munro Denholm was paid as follows, giving high qualities:—

“Freemasonry loses one of its most zealous enthusiasts. Of a pleasing disposition, affable and courteous, sound in his judgments, we find him occupying an enviable position of respect and admiration.”

Visitors from Bangkok, Siam, were welcomed.

This may interest our readers:—

“A request from Chapter Journeyman Masons, Edinburgh, for reconsideration of certain alterations made in the By-Laws of the Chapter when under revision at the last meeting was submitted. After full discussion it was decided that the previous decisions of the Committee should be upheld.
"The question having been raised as to incorporating Club Laws with the By-Laws of a Chapter, the Committee were unanimously of opinion that these should not appear with the By-Laws of a Chapter, and recommended accordingly."

From New South Wales we obtain the following information:

"Letters together with detailed particulars relative to the New Settlers' League of Australia, and the Big Brother Movement, were received from the District Grand Chapter. These were perused, and Grand Scribe E. was authorized to compile a suitable circular to be sent to all Chapters in Scotland drawing attention to the benefits obtainable under the two Movements mentioned."

The anxiety and rejoicing over the illness and change for the better of His Majesty The King are thus expressed:

"I think it would meet your wishes if you stood for a few minutes in silent prayer for His Majesty's recovery, and at the same time join in thanksgiving for his better progress."

One whole pamphlet is devoted to the evidently prosperous finances of the Chapters of Scotland. The Benevolent fund for the year totalled £19,237 sterling, an increase of £710.

The recent death of Lord Blythewood is a great loss to Masonry in Scotland.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

John D. Lee, M.E., G.H.P.
George T. Harmon, R.E., Grand Chaplain.
O. Frank Hart, M.E., Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation was held in Sumter, April 24, 1929. Nine Past Grand High Priests out of eleven living, were honoured at the altar.

Canada was, as usual, represented by our faithful William W. Wannamaker.

From the invocation at the opening we take this paragraph:

"Preserve in our hearts the high ideals. May they serve to inspire the purposes that actuate us, the words that we
use, and the objects that we may seek to realize. Preserve in our hearts the consciousness of the responsibility that devolves upon us as the leaders of our Companions."

Distinguished visitors from Ohio, Florida and North Carolina were welcomed. The G.H.P. in his address in welcoming the visitors said:—

“They have been with us before and have a secure place in our affections.”

He pays a worthy and earnest tribute to our old friend, M. Ex. Comp. James Leslie Michie, who passed away during the year—a very lovable character. We quote later on the memorial tribute.

Under the Condition of the Rite we read the following admonitory but courageous remarks:—

“A decrease in membership necessarily means a falling off in revenue, and, unless we soon regain the losses in members, we shall have to curtail our annual budget. It may simply be the recession which follows all hysteria such as we went through from 1914 to 1920.

“Let us hope that the end is here or near.

“Adversity often serves to steel the heart and fire the soul. Capitular Masonry will survive. It may be advisable for some of our weaker Chapters to consolidate with neighbouring Chapters which are stronger, and such consolidated Chapter could then hold convocations at both points. Also, some Chapters were formed at points where there was only one Lodge to draw from. Each Chapter should have at least three Lodges from which to obtain material.”

Great preparations are being made for the Triennial to be held at Tacoma, August 27, 1930. A special train will be operated for the convenience of the Companions of the South Atlantic States under the direction of O. Frank Hart, a most experienced traveller and guide.

Among the decisions we read what we should read in Canada:—

“My ruling was that a Mason suspended by a Symbolic Lodge shall stand in the relation of a suspended Royal Arch Mason without further trial or proceedings.”

He accepts Pennsylvania’s new method unreservedly, saying:—

“Hence, all Master Masons in Pennsylvania now come to the Holy Royal Arch Chapter fully qualified as Past Masters.”
These verses conclude his address:—

“There are a thousand nameless ties,
Which only such as feel them know;
Of kindred thoughts, deep sympathies,
And untold fancy spells, which throw

“O’er ardent minds and faithful hearts
A chain whose charmed links so blend,
That the light circlet but imparts
Its force in these fond words—my friend.”

Membership, 5,414, showing a startling net decrease of 585.

The Committee on Necrology mourn for many who have passed on to join the innumerable caravan that constitutes the celestial hosts. Of them they say, “our interests were common, and our dependence was mutual.” “We are ennobled in this exercise of spiritual fellowship in memory.”

The late J. L. Michie for 18 years Grand Correspondent, was born in Lossiemouth, Scotland, in 1860. He was a lawyer of high standing and held many positions of trust. The memorial speaks with deep conviction of his merits:—

“He was neither a joiner nor a slacker. To him Masonry was a wonderful system of divine truth whose vistas ever widened and lengthened before him as he followed them through the years. He ever sought to inculcate divine truth. He was faithful to every trust reposed in him. He stood always for the highest and best, and was uncompromising in his attitude of disapproval to anything that might tend to militate against the honour and dignity of the Craft.

“He was a discriminating reader, an inspiring conversationalist, and a writer of sane and convincing scholarship. These qualities were soon recognized by his Brethren and Companions.”

James B. Little, of Trenton, represents South Carolina.

The new Fraternal Correspondent is Grand Chaplain Harmon, and he proves a worthy successor to the late Comp. Michie.

From Alabama’s review we take this portion:—

“We should ever remember that the government of Masonry is a law unto itself, and that whenever we attempt to change the old methods to conform to the passing moods of our civil law; thus attempting to mould Masonry according
to modern ideas, and to bring it in accord with the spirit of the times, rather than to abide by the old laws and ancient usages of the Craft, we are apt to endanger the prosperity and perpetuity of the institution. While Masonry is said to be a progressive science, let us be very sure that it is true progress rather than immaturely considered innovations."

Alberta interests him much:—

"The address of the Grand First Principal contains sentiments, the embracing and carrying out of which might solve some of the grave problems confronting Capitular Masonry to-day.

"A number of dispensations were granted to hold elections at other than the regular time, the only reason assigned being that a quorum was not present at the regular time. This means continued carelessness on the part of the Chapter.

Under British Columbia we read:—

"Three dispensations requested were refused. One of these was for taking in a class of fifteen or more at a reduced fee. Evidently this Grand High Priest does not believe in maintaining a wholesale department in Capitular Masonry. We heartily commend him for his disapproval."

Speaking of the presentation of flowers to O. Frank Hart in California, (he chivalrously passing them on to an invalid lady) our colleague bantering-ly said—for we all remember the handsome face and the good heart of the Grand Secretary:—

"We are not at all surprised that Frank should pass them along to one who might lend a proper atmosphere for their beauty and fragrance, because all of us know that a beautiful bouquet of flowers would never comport with his homely face. His heart, however, is all right as is evidenced by the disposition that he made of the flowers."

On self-expression, Comp. Harmon well says:—

"There seems to be a universal feeling among Grand Officers that the rank and file of the membership in the Grand Bodies is reticent in the matter of self-expression. We are glad this note is being sounded. The floor is more often monopolized by officers and past Grand officers, and those who visit the annual meeting for the first time feel like they are in an atmosphere where they do not belong. This impression needs to be dissipated. Wholesome progress can never be obtained if those who alone furnish the sinews are ignored."

He speaks well of Canada and of the birdseye
view of the history of Capitular Masonry given by Comp. Dunstan. We further read of his address:

"His remarks upon the celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the birth of the Dominion of Canada as a nation and the part that Masonry has played in its history constitute one of the finest utterances that this scribe has read in the annals of Capitular Masonry. We cull the following rich paragraphs:

"Looking down a long vista of time may we not see international peace, good will and happiness. It is a glorious dream. Let us work to bring it to pass.

"If a grain of indigo can colour a ton of water or a grain of musk can scent a room who can measure or set bounds to the influence of one hundred and fifteen thousand earnest craftsmen in this Province alone upon that type of national character which will distinguish Canadians in the judgment of the world and be attributed to us in the mirror of history?"

He kindly speaks of our Review:

"His Reviews show careful reading and painstaking analysis. It is an interesting trip that one takes with him through the Capitular world. Concerning Companion Michie, he says: 'When we miss J. L. Michie as Fraternal Correspondent of South Carolina, there will indeed be a void at the Round Table.' We regret to inform you, Companion Ponton, that our dear Michie is no more. He passed from us early in the year."

Delaware gives him good material:

"The Grand High Priest begins his address with Omar's lines:

'\textqt{The moving finger writes; and having writ,} 
\textqt{Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit} 
\textqt{Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,} 
\textqt{Nor all your tears wash out a line of it.'}"

"The prophet Isiah, at one time, realizing the need of his people, gave utterance to this striking admonition: 'Lengthen your ropes and strengthen your stakes.' This figure, familiar to those who lived in tents, might well be applied to Masonry. We lengthened the ropes; we extended our membership, but failed to take the precaution of strengthening the stakes."

England is full of fruitful matter:

"It seems as if the number seven played a part in the matter of new Chapters chartered. Seven new Chapters received Charters during the first, and seven during the last quarter."
“We note that the regulation with reference to eligibility of Companions to the position of Principal is the same as that noticed in the Grand Chapter of Quebec. No Companion is qualified except one who has been an actual Master of a Craft Lodge.”

We cannot resist reprinting from the able review of Illinois the following pregnant paragraph:—

“I dare say in all earnestness, that unless there are new calls to definite service and new work assigned in Masonry, as in everything else, there can be only confusion among the workmen.” This statement crystallizes in words a conviction that is forming in the minds of Masonic leadership generally, and this conviction is working itself out in the form of concrete advance movement along many lines. The temple of Masonry is a living temple, and it must continuously develop and grow or it must cease to exist. The constructive movements throughout the Masonic world are prophetic of renewed Masonic consciousness and responsibility. This accounts for the new departures in programmes of constructive service and the outlay of vast sums of money for the care of the helpless, the relief of sickness and suffering, and the education of boys and girls. Indeed, new designs are being laid down upon the Masonic trestle board and they are being worked out in terms of progress and development. Let the leadership of Masonry take notice and govern itself accordingly.”

Referring to the few requests being made during the year for decisions our colleague sagely suggests:—

“We trust that it is indicative of growing intelligence rather than of stagnation.”

Michigan and Canada are linked up in a spirit of reciprocal fellowship and good will:—

“It seems to obtain more largely in the New England and Great Lakes than elsewhere. We are glad to note that it extends into Canada. We find fraternal visitation very common between some of the Jurisdictions of Canada and those of the States bordering upon that country.”

Henry DeWitt Hamilton’s speech in New York receives most favourable notice as it deserves:—

“He pointed out the fact that a meeting of that kind contributed far more than was dreamed toward a sympathetic understanding of the social and governmental problems facing our country. He also recalled how Masonry contributed to the uniting of the Colonies in the beginning, even incidentally resulting in the name given to Pennsylvania, i.e.,
the Keystone State, because it was the keystone of the arch formed by the line of States from Georgia to New Hampshire. His entire address was statesmanlike and timely.”

Space only permits one quotation from the Nova Scotia review:—

“Our candidates do not raise that question. It is not a matter of accommodating the Chapter to the candidate at all. It is rather the matter of stimulating the interest of the Companions in the various sections of the Chapter territory. And why not? A Lodge or Chapter is not lumber, or brick, a place where, or a time when. It is a Body of Masons functioning in terms of Masonic life. Surely that living Body may function as well in one part of its prescribed territory as in another. So far as a Body of Masons accommodating itself in a patronizing way to the whims of a candidate is concerned, we feel that such an attitude is utterly reprehensible and deserves the condemnation of all self-respecting Masons. Let the Body become a living thing, and the matter of increased membership will take care of itself.”

We close with this gem from Saskatchewan:—

“My struggling soul may never gain the prize it covets so,
It may not reach the gates of paradise at sunset’s glow:
But I have faith that in the shadows blue, at set of sun,
I shall be judged by what I’ve tried to do, not what I’ve done.”

SOUTH DAKOTA.

E. F. Terwilliger, M.E., G.H.P.
George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.
The Fortieth Annual Convocation was held at Mitchell, June 13, 1929. Distinguished visitors from Minnesota and New York were welcomed.
Canada was represented by L. M. Simons.
Ten Past Grand High Priests were present and their reception is thus recorded:—

“The Grand High Priest requested the roll to be called of the Past Grand High Priests and those present were escorted to the altar by the Principal Sojourner and were given a hearty welcome, followed by the Grand Honours.”

The annual address of the G.H.P. gives food for thought:—

“To the older members, I am sure it brings an added thrill and makes the heart beat just a little faster to renew those fine, splendid friendships that have endured throughout the years and which will go on and on so long as life shall last.
Too many are Royal Arch Masons in name only, too many joiners and not enough workers, many have little or no conception of the great fundamental principles on which our Order is founded. Apparently all seem to very much desire the back ground, or support, that Masonry gives, but seem un-mindful of the admonition, that it is 'better to give than to receive.' Too many Chapters consider their full duty done when the last Degree is conferred. One of our principal difficulties lies in the fact that we are not sufficiently choice in our selection of candidates, the proper investigation is not made to determine fitness. For instance, when it develops in the course of the investigation of a candidate for the Degrees of Masonry, that his objective is the Shrine and the shortest route, the time has arrived to give some real brotherly advice and there should be no hesitation about giving it. Symbolic Masonry consists of the first three Degrees and the Royal Arch, no more, no less. The other degrees are, but honourary, and while of course are very much to be desired, they simply add to, and elaborate, on the fundamentals found in Symbolic Masonry.

"There is nothing that will so effectually increase the prestige of Masonry in the eyes of the world, as that living witness, to be found in the upright Mason."

Four charters were surrendered or called in during the year.

The G.H.P. reports that he found some Chapters carrying Companions who were in arrears for dues for twelve years.

The G.H.P. speaks out definitely as to the Past Master's Degree in disapproval. We wish more G.H.P.'s had the same backbone:

"I would like to make so bold as to request this Grand Chapter to memorialize the General Grand Chapter to eliminate the Past Master's Degree from Capitular Masonry, as it is a useless appendage, possessing no value, in this day, either to the candidate or to the Chapter and generally looked upon by candidates as being assessed a fee for nothing."

His experience is the experience of all Grand Rulers of the Craft:

"It has been a happy and toilsome experience, on which I will always reflect."

The Committee on Necrology in recording the death of 81 of their Companions close with this verse:
"On cloudy wings let glad words fly
Through the soft blue of echoing sky,
Ring out O trumpets, sweet and clear,
'Through Death, immortal life is here.'"

Marion E. Crockett was elected G.H.P.
Many memorial pages are filled with tributes to those who have passed away and from them we take these verses:—

"Why weep we then for him, who, having won
The bound of man's appointed years, at last,
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labour done,
Serenely to his final rest has passed.

"Closed are the eyes,
The silver hair a halo,
The quiet hands folded.
Thus will we leave him,
His problem of life solved.

"'What is life?' not one of us could say.
Life is a mystery as deep as ever breath can be,
Yet, oh, how sweet it is to us, this life we love and see.

"So those who enter death go as little children sent;
Nothing is known, but we believe that God is overhead;
And as life is to the living, so death is to the dead."

Albert E. Cooper, a real Mason, of London, represents South Dakota.

George O. Goodman presents his first annual report and we welcome him to the Table Square.

This from Alabama:—

"Emphasis is laid upon the necessity and desirability of continuing the support of the Masonic Home."

This from Arizona:—

"This is one of our smaller Jurisdictions, but it is an active one, yet it is not active enough to suit the Grand High Priest for he recommends: 'Team work no matter who the officers may be. It is not the increase of members that is so much desired as life.'"

We read under British Columbia:—

"In the Canadian Grand Bodies, Grand Superintendents play an important part."

Canada, 1928, is pleasantly reviewed. The presence of Comp. Cooper is noted. The Grand Z,
our confrère says, delivered a splendid address, and we endorse his judgment. He makes quotations from it as being especially worthy of consideration and he calls his decisions "very sound." As to his remarks on suspensions he agrees, saying:—

"This has been our opinion for some time. We have many times urged both Lodges and Chapters not to suspend a member until a committee has ascertained why the member has lost interest in Masonry."

Of Comp. Gardiner's Report he has nothing but praise:—

"We wish every member might read the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry."

He is kind enough to say of our Review:—

"The report on Correspondence possesses such unusual merit that it commands attention throughout."

Delaware joins the Jurisdictions craving a shortening of the Degrees and South Dakota endorses it:—

"It is his opinion that it takes too long to confer the Royal Arch Degree and recommends that it be shortened."

He reprints in full the address of Lord Ampthill on India under England and says that he finds the address most instructive.

This from Maryland:—

"The success or failure of a Masonic body, and especially our Chapters, has been, in a large measure, dependent upon the personality of the presiding officer. Legislation, suggestions, help—fall upon the rocks, unless perchance, they should fall upon the fertile soil of one who is willing to devote his time and talents to the work in hand."

With apparent approval he quotes from New Jersey:—

"I am inclined to believe that many potentially desirable members have been suspended when a reasonable amount of timely and tactful, personal attention to them would have saved them to the Craft."

New York's decision is cited in nearly every Grand Jurisdiction:—

"A Companion who has been expelled by his Lodge and afterwards restored by his Lodge to membership, restored him to Royal Arch Masonry, but not to Chapter membership."
Queensland attracts attention:—

“The Grand Registrar, as in all other British Jurisdictions, performs the judicial duties of legal adviser and carefully scrutinizes all By-laws. Much of the business of the Grand Chapter is done by the Supreme Committee and then ratified at the Grand Chapter session.

And of course Scotland is always magnetic:—

“The address of the First Grand Principal was most interesting and informative. He has the following to say about his visit to the United States and Canada:

‘As concerning Denver, it was most inspiring to meet at the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the functions therewith, delegates from practically every State of the Union, and to witness the solidity of the underlying purpose—the desire for the advancement of Freemasonry, and the progress of mankind through the manifestation of brotherly love.’”

Washington’s call for loyal endeavour is echoed in South Dakota:—

“We cannot increase the number of nights in the calendar month—let us make our Masonry more intensive rather than extensive and concentrate our efforts on a system that has stood the test of ages.”


TENNESSEE.

James I. Walker, M.E., G.H.P.
Stith M. Cain, R.E., Grand Secretary.
The One Hundredth Annual Convocation was held in Nashville, January 28, 1929, with a splendid array of 14 Past Grand High Priests welcomed in the East.

Canada’s Grand Representative did not respond to roll call.

O. Frank Hart, the ubiquitous, was a welcome visitor at Grand Chapter.

The G.H.P. delivered a poetical and idealist address and from the introduction we take these paragraphs which ring true:—

“The fraternal atmosphere of this Grand Chapter, where we meet in Peace and Love, the sweetest of God’s attributes and the greatest of the graces, where we are moved and quickened by reciprocal impulses and sentiments.
Masonry is not only a theory, but practice, not only history, but life, not only organization, but helpfulness, not only resolution, but practical sympathy. Thus our brotherhood has a distinct function in the life of our nation. Our glory is not numerical strength, but quality of life and service.

"While the Masonic drone may be seen along the beautiful highways of Masonry, there are many more to-day than ever before, who are toiling in mind and heart in the treasure strewn mines of Masonry's realm.

"There are the faithful in every Chapter in Tennessee, who are willing to quarry the rough ashlar, who are willing to be burden bearers, who are willing to work in the trenches and lay foundation stones, away from the sight and applause of man.

"If there is one great truth that Royal Arch Masonry teaches above all others, it is that labour is honourable, be it ever so humble, that he who would wear the crown must earn it."

Among all these high thoughts there is a contrast and on the next page we find a reproduced menu, a gastronomic memento of one of his visitations:

"Companions, listen to this menu:
Chaldaic Boiled Ham, Babylonian Olives,
Potato Vaults with Treasures, Triple Tau Tomatoes,
Arched Head Lettuce, Arabian Fruit Salad,
Persian Pickles, Assorted Manna,
Frozen Stones from the Quarry, Keystone Coffee,
Egyptian Tea, Oriental Cigars.

"It was a wonderful feast and we all enjoyed it."

Literally, Tennyson's verses are appropriate:

"The violet of a legend grows
Among the chops and steaks."

In his conclusion he well says:

"To the faithful of our Craft, who in Charity are removing the rubbish of disappointed hopes, that they may discover the keystone of the secret vault to nobler aspirations.

"Who in good will cheer the sorrowing, encourage the halting and reclaim the wanderer.

"We commend you for your efforts."

The following wonderful tribute to a wonderful man, the late Charles Henry Smart, Grand Correspondent, was read by Comp. Comstock, an old friend:

"Here, on October 29, 1845, when autumnal frosts were tinting the foliage with richest hues, a boy was born. Just a
boy, but remember, like all other boys, this was an immortal spirit incarnated in the flesh; an infinitesimal portion of Infinitude, clothed in human guise. He came from the Great All-Father, whose children we are; and now after a period of three and eighty years, the spirit of our Brother has returned whence it came."

He had been a soldier in the Civil War, he was a printer, a publisher, an editor, an author. He was made a Mason in 1868, and had a long record of faithful service. These further worthy words conclude the memorial:

"Thus have we endeavoured briefly to portray the Masonic experiences of one who was a devout and skillful Builder upon the structure of our Symbolic Temple for more than three score years. Diligently he laboured.

"About the brow of our departed Companion we wreath a halo of forget-me-nots, typical of our enduring love and affection. In the secret places of our inner consciousness, let us keep his memory green."

The By-laws of Grand Chapter, as amended, are reprinted in full in the Proceedings.

J. Leonard Wood, of Memphis, represents Canada, and our own W. G. Price, of Port Credit, represents Tennessee.

Comp. Smart had just completed his Correspondence Review when he was called away. His introduction is almost presciently prophetic of his near approaching end after 83 years of honourable career:

We had been forbidden by our physician to read, write or attend to business of any nature, and to take a course of complete laziness for two or three weeks, lounging around the house until we got tired, then lying down until we got rested, then going through the same programme ad initio, ad libitum, ad infinitum and aequo animo, until we no longer had cacoethes scribendi. We rebelled and 'kicked over the traces' after three days of trial of this prescription, and told the old sawbones that we had but a few years longer to live at the best, and we could not see as it made very much difference whether we took our flight to the celestial realms in a Ford car or by the classy Cadillac—go slow or swift—get there quick or stop often for repairs—so we preferred to attend to our business and use the Cadillac on our journey."

He opens his review with an account of his correspondence with this Reviewer as to the
origin of the Royal Arch Degree in Canada and reprints in full as a very lucid explanation the memorandum obtained by the writer from the late R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, who has now been called to the Grand Chapter above.

He discusses in full the Past Master’s Degree and does not see any necessity for it and gives a characteristic suggestion and comment:—

“We do not agree with our Companion in all he suggests. For years we have believed that the best thing for Masonry would be for some capable ritualist to take the entire American system of Freemasonry and place the different parts in their proper sequence, and when finished there would be a continued story, which he then could divide into as many Degrees as might be deemed necessary. Then, the last Degree would be the climax—the reward of the earnest searcher after Truth.

“Then we would do away with Grand Chapters and Grand Councils, have a General Grand Lodge, to which all Grand Lodges would be subordinate, in every particular, this General Grand Lodge to promulgate the Ritual, with such safeguards thrown around it as would prevent tinkering.”

He has a word of wisdom under Alberta:—

“We have always contended that the harder you make it for a candidate to get the Degrees, the more he will appreciate them.

“Your organization is for virile men—fill it with the best. Strive that future generations shall be in no way inferior to the present. Time is on your side. Maintain your values—your standard and your ancient landmarks.”

This from British Columbia review is of interest:—

As we write this, we lack but two days of arriving at the eighty-third lap on our pilgrimage through life. If we are spared and have our health, we intend to meet the gang at Tacoma in 1930.

“In Tennessee, all decisions and rulings go to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which is composed of Past Grand High Priests.

He objected strongly to tinkering with the Ritual and says under California:—

“The trouble with the General Grand Ritual is that Dr. Kuhn rewrote it, or in other words, so changed it as to compel all Royal Arch Masons who had committed any portion of the old Ritual to memory to learn it all over again. This they were unwilling to do.”
Canada receives a fine notice and part of Comp. Dunstan's excellent address is reproduced.

Of that bulwark of all Grand Z.'s, the Grand Scribe E., he has good words to say:—

"If these club members would use one-half the energies they expend in propagating these clubs in their Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, things Masonically would be different. The four bodies named would afford them all the 'club' activities they need.

"The same committee sound a note of warning which those people who are prone to spend other people's money in a lavish manner should heed.

"Companion Ponton, when it comes to reviewing the proceedings of a Grand Jurisdiction, just pulls off his coat, rolls up his sleeves, spits on his hands and wades in, and, when he is through with that Jurisdiction, if there is anything he fails to mention, it is of no interest to the Companions of Canada or any other section."

He does not agree with the general explanation or excuse for suspensions, saying under Connecticut:—

"We shall soon recover from our post-war fever and gradually come back to normalcy.

"That 'weeding out dead timber' is laughable. What did you take 'em in for?"

He quotes under Idaho:—

"When the sky shall be upward rolled
And Time's last solemn dirge be tolled."

Under Manitoba we read:—

"After due consideration, they unanimously recommended that Manitoba adopt the present Ritual of Canada for the following reasons: Convenience, Economy, Uniformity and Improvement."

His review of Nova Scotia is so characteristic of this outspoken Brother, who had also the gift of humour, that we must reproduce it:—

"In answer to our statement that 'any three Past High Priests possessed of the Degree can confer it upon an elected High Priest for nothing, and no power on earth can say them nay,' he asks:

"'If that is so, Companion Smart, can you explain why the Order in Ontario had to be started by a special delegation bringing a charter from Michigan?'

"That reminds us of a little story. In a convivial party, one night, it was agreed that each in turn such ask a ques-
tion. If it was answered, or if the propounder could not answer it himself, he was to ‘set ‘em up,’ whatever that meant. When it came the turn of a young Irishman, he asked: ‘How does a ground squirrel dig his hole without showing any dirt around the mouth of it?’ All gave it up, when Pat answered by saying, ‘He begins at the other end of it.’ ‘But how does he get there?’ Pat was asked. ‘That’s your question, my friend,’ Pat replied, ‘and you may answer it yourself.’ ‘Companion Porter, that is your question, and you will have to answer it. We know you cannot, so we are going to help you out. The Order in Ontario didn’t have to do any such thing. Michigan has no vested rights in the Order of High Priesthood—only a pre-empted, squatter sovereignty claim, as it were.’

He loves a little personal banter, and says under Pennsylvania:—

“Now, say, Companion Edmondson, you had better read what we said, again. Here it is:

‘Even now our caubeen is getting a trifle small for our head, or our head is getting a trifle large for our caubeen.’

“We wrote it caubeen and it appeared in our review as caubeen. If you will refer to the old song of ‘Wearing of the Green,’ you will find these words, as we quote them from memory:

‘When the law forbids the blades of grass from growing as they grow,
And the leaves in summer time their verdure dare not show,
Then I’ll change the colour I wear in my Caubeen,
But till that day, please God, I’ll stick
To wearing of the green.’

If you saw the word printed as canbeen in any other part of our review, it was a diabolical act of the printer for which he ought to serve 400 years in Tophet, alias Simbo, alias Sheol, alias any other old place.

“We wish someone would tell us what ‘quite a few’ means? Does it mean a whole lot, just a few, or oodles of them?’

After praising Comp. Chambers in his Quebec review, he adds generally:—

“Forty-one years has this faithful old servant served Quebec as the writer of her correspondence report. Those Canucks seem to know a first-class man, and keep him in harness.”

Then the end came, the Grand Secretary saying:—

“Companion Smart’s introduction was prophetic. He finished this Review on time as he did everything he was called
upon to do. He was taken sick on Saturday, and died early Wednesday morning."


TEXAS.

George W. Emery, M. Ex. G.H.P.
T. M. Bartley, R. Ex. Grand Secretary.
The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation convened in Waco, December 3, 1928. Canada was duly represented by Comp. B. K. Hawkins.

From the annual address of the G.H.P. we take this introductory paragraph:

"This coming together of the representatives in Grand Convocation is significant of two important thoughts: First, the interest and esteem shown for this branch of Masonry—secondly, the desire of "honest-to-goodness" fellowships and associations which are so much in evidence on this happy occasion."

Much courtesy work was done by the Chapters, and many legal documents were executed by the G.H.P. for properties through this vast State.

A Dispensation was refused under the following circumstances:

"Refused request for Dispensation for a Chapter to visit a Lodge and confer Chapter Degrees. I could find no precedent or authority for such action, and in this particular instance, doubted if any material benefit would result."

Fourteen dormant Chapters are reported, as is also the revocation of eleven Charters during the year.

Among the decisions the following will be found of interest:

"Brother J. R. J. lives at A, and he goes into business at B, and has resided at B for two years, but his family remain at A for school purposes, Lodge membership at A. Is he eligible to Chapter Degrees at B?"

"Answer: His legal residence is still at A, and Chapter at B must get waiver of jurisdiction from A."

"Would it be legal for Chapter to sell fixtures that the Lodge had paid for?"

"Answer: Illegal for Chapter to sell anything that does not belong to them."

"Statement: Companion AB indefinitely suspended by Grand Chapter."
"Can his original Chapter legally restore, or vote to restore, membership as long as he remains under suspension by the Grand Chapter?

"Answer: Chapter must vote to restore AB to membership, in that Chapter, as provided by Grand Chapter Law, and if so voted, then to become effective upon approval of Grand Chapter. In other words, both the Subordinate and Grand Chapter must be satisfied, the petition for restoration coming from and through the Subordinate Chapter."

The G.H.P. recommends that the whole roster of membership be omitted from the Proceedings except as to Past Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests, but that every five years the list be published in full. This seems like a commonsense suggestion.

One thousand dollars was contributed to the Florida fund.

The G.H.P. impressed upon the minds and consciences of the Companions their opportunity and responsibility as individual units.

The whole Proceedings are splendidly printed by the students in the Masonic Home and School, Fort Worth, which is thus referred to:

"If we will consider that we have appropriated $3,122.00 for vocational training of our boys at the Masonic Home and School at Fort Worth, we are forced to conclude that it has been well spent.

"Then in token of their appreciation they printed our Proceedings, paid the distribution charges, did a first-class job and sent them out within thirty days after the receipt of the copy; printed all of our blanks and made us a present of it all. We are forced to conclude that financially speaking, it was a bargain.

"They asked for another year in school on the same terms.

"We accepted."

Membership, 43,226, net loss 10, and by demised Chapters, 479.

The daily average cost per member in the Home, including Hospital expenses, was 78c. Grand Chapter have invested in their Home one million dollars. A very full audit report in detail of the Home is published.

Grand Orator Lightfoot delivered what is termed "a masterly oration on Symbolism and In-
terpretation of the Esoteric Ritual," which naturally is not reported in full.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests filled the Grand East.

The Committee on Grand Officers’ Reports again emphasizes personal responsibility as follows:—

“If, indeed, he could impress upon each Companion’s mind and conscience his personal responsibility, there would be none to recommend as Grand Visitor one who would so far forget his Masonic duties as to accept an office and make no pretention to fill it, nor would there be a Companion who would accept an office unless he expected to give it the best service he could render.”

The Jurisprudence Committee strike a note of warning:—

“We deem it a dangerous precedent or practice to increase the number of those who receive compensation for Masonic service, and believe that in the few emergency cases which may arise the Grand High Priest can have such work contemplated by the foregoing resolution properly performed by suitable Companions who will be willing to render same for the honour and benefit of Capitular Masonry.”

Among the changes in the law we find the following:—

“A Chapter is demised when its charter has been revoked by final action of Grand Chapter. The status of the members at the date of such demise is that of non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons. When the charter of a Chapter has been arrested, or its labours suspended for any cause, the status of the members shall remain unchanged until final action or non-action by the Grand Chapter at its next succeeding Convocation after such suspension.”


The names of all members are printed in full again this year.

Comp. E. H. Gouldy is the able Chairman of Committee on Correspondence and in his Foreword he has many interesting things to say:—

“It has been written, I hope, in such a manner that the Companions, not only in Texas, but wherever dispersed, and under whose observation it may come, may at least obtain a general knowledge of the best thought and efforts as reflected by the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, looking to
the advancement of Capitular Masonry, without undue expenditure of time.

"The hardest part of the year's work, for me, has been not to decide what to publish in this report, but rather what could consistently be omitted with justice to the particular Grand Chapter under consideration. So many good things have been said and done, that it would be quite impossible to mention, even in a brief way, all of them.

"It was the general understanding that 'Sam J.,' as he is affectionately known to multiplied thousands of the Companions, not only in Texas but elsewhere, desired to devote more of his time to the all important work of educating the Companions in the meanings of the symbolisms, and arousing greater interest in the importance of knowing what Freemasonry is in order that its teachings may be practiced with a fuller and more complete knowledge than heretofore. In this work he is ably assisted by Thomas M. Bartley, and the success 'Sam and Tom' have scored in this line of work is perhaps without parallel in the Capitular world to-day."

Referring to Comp. O. Frank Hart, who represented the General Grand High Priest, our colleague says under California:

"Although I have read all of his addresses, I am inclined to think that his talks at our Convocation excelled what he had to say to the California Companions. Undoubtedly this can be accounted for by reason of superior climatic conditions existing in Texas as compared with California. One is left to wonder how this excellent Companion covered so many Jurisdictions and delivered so many addresses during the past year and at the same time handled his own job as Grand Secretary of the GC of South Carolina."

Here is some good advice:

"It is true that the average member knows little or nothing as to what the GC is for, nor what duties it performs for the Craft. Information concerning the Grand Convocation can not be too thoroughly disseminated. It is a well known fact that the average member never sees, much less reads, the copy of the printed proceedings of the GC and any efforts put forth to bring this important information back home to the members and get it before them in an intelligent way is deserving of the utmost success."

Canada, 1928, receives courteous and encouraging comment and he reproduces in full the historic part of the address of M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan. He also emphasizes the following:

"The Grand Z. apparently fears that outside organiza-
tions are in a measure interfering with Capitular Masonry and has the following to say on the subject:

"'We are a body of builders, building character, thereby making better men and better citizens, and to this great work we should restrict our energies.'"

He kindly expresses his appreciation of our fraternal review, stating that he is impressed by it and that to him at least it is interesting throughout and covers all the more important Proceedings. He notes the absence of comment on our Order of High Priesthood. We have none in connection with the Chapter, but the Order has recently been established in Ontario as an independent body.

England receives cordial review and they are specially interested in the Commission to India.

We read under Minnesota the following:—

"Refusal to permit the use by outside organizations of Chapter robes for putting on tableaus, etc., was made and this would be in accordance with what would happen in Texas."

Saskatchewan always gives meat for the Reviewer. We read:—

"One noticeable thing about the Convocations of Grand Chapters in the friendly neighbour of the U.S.A. to the north is the large number of visitors attending them. This indicates to me a pronounced interest and a warm, cordial and friendly relationship existing among the various Jurisdictions of Canada.

"After a little warming up, the Grand Z. sailed into a detailed report of the year's work which is both interesting and instructive. He does not hide anything.

"Capitular Masonry certainly was not wanting for a learned leader in Saskatchewan this year, in this young, though vigorous, Companion.

"I am glad to have had the pleasure of reviewing the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. It has shown me, among other things, that Capitular thought and ambition is practically the same the wide world over; that the same difficulties are being met and overcome, the same zeal is displayed, in the smaller Jurisdictions as in the larger, and that we are all pressing forward to one common end—'Holiness to the Lord.'"

We are glad to see our daughter thus fruitful in word and work.
Our colleague closes with a summary of his impressions which he thus expresses:—

"Everywhere and on every hand, we find the Craftsmen engaged in great and laudable undertakings. Homes for the aged, schools for the dependent children of Master Masons—great institutions of learning where vocational and literary knowledge is unstintingly afforded—exemplifying to the highest degree what the Supreme Architect said to the world through the great prophet Isaiah: 'To the widow will I be an husband, and to the fatherless a father'—are being constructed, improved and maintained throughout the land.

"Student loan funds are existent, in whole or in part, through contributions of Royal Arch Masons in almost every Grand Jurisdiction, available to the worthy and ambitious young men and women on terms which can easily be met. This is, indeed, among the greatest of the undertakings of the Royal Craft—the education of the oncoming generation for the advancement of the race and civilization itself.

"We see no cause for alarm. Many Grand Chapters have devised ways and means of imparting more Light and Knowledge and sent workers into the field to disseminate among the Companions the real meaning of our philosophy, our symbols, and in no case has the functioning of such undertakings been unsuccessful."

**UTAH**

J. Warren Beless, M.E. G.H.P.  
George B. Roberts, Grand Secretary.  
J. M. Dunlap, Grand Secretary-elect.

The Eighteenth Annual Convocation was held in Ogden, May 13, 1929. Five Past Grand High Priests were present.

A fine photograph of the fine features of G.H.P. Beless adorns the brief Proceedings.

Past Grand Master Eberhardt and the Grand Commander were distinguished visitors. This paragraph is unusual in Grand Chapters:—

"The application of E. Companion Colonel Lewis was read. This applicatio was received and the ballot ordered spread; the result of which was favourable and E. Companion Lewis was declared to be elected to membership in the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah. The Grand Captain of the Host then retired and on his return was accompanied by E. Companion Lewis whom he introduced."
J. C. Brown, of Ogden, is the Grand Representative of Canada.

The address of the G.H.P. was brief but comprehensive. He emphasized his welcome to new members thus:—

"We are indeed grateful, and to the new members we extend our welcome and trust that they too will enter into our deliberations with the same spirit, and also give freely of their time and judgment, as our predecessors have done."

Under decisions he reported none, adding that a few questions were received that were answered by reference to the Grand Chapter code. He made many visitations. He sent out a questionnaire as to the working conditions of each Chapter and received replies from which he gathered that the average attendance at Convocations was 15. This seems to be a universal trouble, also a call to action.

With regard to shortening the conferring of the Degree he well says:—

"The ritualistic work where reviewed does not really call for criticism, but the many delays incident to passing from section to section in the work are most apparent. These delays cause considerable uneasiness to the Companions on the side lines and are not particularly impressive to the candidate. The delays are caused by not having the proper working tools and paraphernalia properly placed and ready before starting the work. I recommend that the incoming Grand Lecturer be especially alert on this point and offer the proper suggestions and instructions to overcome these delays."

The Grand Lecturer also gives a word of admonition in this respect:—

"One should be designated where Degree work is performed, to see that everything is in readiness, and that more enthusiasm be shown on each one's part, bearing in mind that more Companions present on the sidelines will create a desire on the part of the officers and those participating to produce better results."

The Grand Correspondent, whose Annual Review is not this time printed with the Proceedings (a poor economy) says that the number of suspensions throughout the Jurisdictions of the world is nothing short of alarming. He adds:—

"Secretaries have not sufficient time to properly meet the issue thus raised, and in any event the efforts of a Commit-
tee would be less formal and more efficient than notices from the Secretary. At all events one gets the lesson of the wisdom of keeping a closer watch over the 'back door.' We of this Jurisdiction have happily been peculiarly favoured thus far, in that our suspensions are comparatively few."

Sanford Ballinger was elected G.H.P. for the ensuing year.

This beautiful In Memoriam tribute was paid to the memory of the Dead:—

"Fraternally and affectionately dedicated to the Memory of those Companions who during the past year have passed through the Fourth Veil into the presence of the Eternal Grand Council."

Dr. A. S. Gorrell, of Regina, represents Utah in Canada.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood appears to be in a flourishing condition.

Membership, 1,300. Net gain, 6.

VERMONT.

Arthur D. Young, M.E. G.H.P.

Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation convened in Burlington, June 11, 1929.

Canada's Grand Representative is not marked present.

Distinguished visitors were welcomed from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and. a large delegation from Quebec.

The cup of hospitality ran over.

Nine Past Grand High Priests were present and honoured.

The G.H.P. began his address with a sad note thus expressed:—

"It is appropriate that we should pause and reverently bow in solemn silence, in tribute to the memory of those of our Companions who have passed on to the Golden Circle of Heavenly Companionship."

They have an annual meeting of District Deputies during the year to obtain instruction from
Grand Lecturer Kelley on ritualistic and floor work. The G.H.P. attended all District meetings.

He reports one Chapter as having been suffering for some years from a severe case of suspended animation. He, however, installed new Officers and gave them a new lease of life.

He ruled that notices sent by mail regarding trials shall give the name of the accused with the offence charged and be signed and sealed by the Secretary and properly addressed.

He describes his visits to Maine and Connecticut, speaking of the happy faculty of entertaining so as to make one feel at home.


The Committee on the doings of Grand Officers report:

“We congratulate the Grand High Priest and this Grand Chapter upon the record-breaking attendance of distinguished visitors from surrounding Grand Jurisdictions and extend to them our cordial appreciation of the brotherly fellowship and courtesy which prompted them to journey to our Green Mountain State.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence present their findings, some of which are thus recorded:

“That an unaffiliated Chapter Mason should conform to his residence at the time of filing his petition for affiliation when Grand jurisdictional lines are concerned unless waiver is procured as above mentioned.

“A Master Mason in good standing, holding a regular dimit, may apply for membership to any lodge in this State, no matter whether he resides within or without the State.

“It is well recognized that Grand Lodge law furnishes an excellent precedent in all matters arising in other Grand Masonic Bodies, when such matters have not been specifically treated in the regulations of such other Grand Bodies.”

All the District Deputies give brief reports.

Charles W. Whitecomb is the Grand Representative of Canada, and Vermont is represented with us by that veteran worker and Mason, James B. Nixon.

When we look for Vermont’s Correspondence of course we identify it with Grand Secretary Archie S. Harriman, who in his introduction says:

“The most that can be said for Royal Arch Masonry during the past year is that she has not lost materially. This
is not good enough. We are not pessimistic as to the future of our Royal Craft, but the facts must be courageously faced.

"Closely connected with this problem of losses is the steady rise in cost of running the Grand Chapters and the consequent shrinking of reserves generally experienced.

"We believe that these increases are not the vital factor in this matter. Rather we charge the increased cost of living and especially of present-day luxuries with the burden of the blame."

Alberta is given favourable review:—

"He cast an eye on the past history of England and pleaded for loyalty not only to Empire but also to Masonry. Particularly did he emphasize the need of regular attendance by all.

"It is only within recent years that we have developed the unsound philosophy that science can take the place of prayer—that, in place of a palpitating human heart, all human troubles can be solved by the aid of a mathematical problem.

"Tiring indeed is it for an intelligent Mason to live in the present-day atmosphere, where nothing seems to be right; when so much is proclaimed wrong."

This from Arkansas:—

"He notes that the cost of the Convention of Anointed High Priests was $1.97 and says:

"'They must be Scotch in thus caring for the matter of expense, though we have heard that even in Vermont they often look after matters of finance.'

"Well, our Treasurer happens to be Scotch. That lets the rest of us out."

California receives interesting comment:—

"All Grand Chapters probably suffer from the same cause. The Finance Committee is but human and in the hurry and bustle of the short hours of an annual convocation they cannot find time for careful consideration. Of course, the establishment of a Board of General Purposes with powers such as our Companions in the English Jurisdictions have is one solution. But we have often thought that such a Board is too autocratic to suit our democratic organization."

Canada is appreciatively reviewed. He gives a list of our many distinguished visitors and extracts from the Grand Z.'s address, to which he adds:—

"The Grand Z. granted dispensations to confer Degrees on two brothers who had lost their left arms and one who had an artificial right arm. Why not? They can as well exemplify the true Masonic character as if they were whole."

Comp. Gardiner's Report on the Condition of
Capitular Masonry is largely quoted. He is kind enough to call our review superior, and quotes our friendly interchange.

Delaware gives us something to think about in the following:

“The Grand High Priest seems to us to have the wrong slant on the source of authority of Grand Representatives to his Grand Chapter. How can the Grand High Priest of Delaware or any other Grand Chapter void the official act of another Grand High Priest by his own declaration? Of course, he can have the commission recalled by the other Grand High Priest on the ground that the representative is \textit{persona non grata}, but the standing resolution which he proposes seems to us an infringement on the right of the foreign Grand Chapter.

“The Jurisprudence Committee approved the former recommendation and disapproved the latter, as was meet. But Grand Chapter supported the Grand High Priest on the latter against the views of the Jurisprudence Committee and hereafter Delaware will do the firing of Grand Representatives for all the Grand Chapters!”

As does District of Columbia:

“We cannot all of us be Companion Allens. Some of us do not have in as large a way as he the peculiar ability which makes his work what it is; others of us do not have the time to do the digging that must precede what he writes; in still other cases, there are limitations as to the amount of space which the reviewers may occupy.

“But we can all of us put the best that we have into the work, and strive to improve its quality year after year. If we do that, and there is a minimum of displacements, the Round Table will become more and more a necessary feature of every volume of Grand Chapter proceedings.

“No. The rank and file who sit at that Round Table must be satisfied to plod on as our gifts warrant, and while we may sincerely admire such work as Allen’s, we must do our best to serve our own Companions with such talent as God has given us.”

This from an unusually favourable and long review of England:

Referring to his wish that in every Private Chapter a lecture, explanation or story to edify the listeners might be given, the Pro Grand First Principal illustrated his idea by talking for seven minutes about Zerubbabel. These legends, or they may be only fables, do throw light on the mentality and line of thought of our Predecessors, and there is no doubt that, without legend and fable, history would be little more than dry bones.”
As to reviewers generally we read with interest under Idaho:—

"Why enjoy preparing a review? There probably is no one at the Round Table but would say the same thing. Why? It is hard, exacting work. You must walk a straight line or you will have a horde of reviewers on your back.

"Well, the preparation of the review, so far as the mechanics of it go, is not very pleasurable, but the reading of such reviews as Companion Knepper's is truly enjoyable and it more than offsets the drudgery. As for the horde of reviewers, a man who is himself walking a tight rope can't spend too much time sniping at other performers. We never allow thoughts of it to hamper our typewriter."

He advises that we should get all the Companions at work as far as possible and we need then not worry about their interest. This is truth.

He winds up the Minnesota Review as follows:—

"'Thinks will right themselves when the Chapters get the right officers as the committee suggested.' There's a lot in that, and yet—the members must be 'right' too. Those that are not would better go."

With regard to dedication of new Masonic Temples as recorded under Ohio after dedication by Grand Lodge, he says:—

"We do not see what is to be gained by such double dedication. Of course, if a Chapter should built its own Temple apart from any Lodge it might be appropriate enough for it to be dedicated by Grand Chapter."

In the review of West Virginia we read these remarks on a much discussed subject:—

"The Grand High Priest recommended the elimination of the roster of Chapters from the published Proceedings, except in each fifth year. As the rosters appear as usual, we judge the recommendation met with the usual fate of such reasonable propositions. That the published rosters are occasionally useful, we cannot deny. But that they give any adequate return for their cost we deny with emphasis. Yet the members, some of them, like so well to see their names in the rolls that the proposition usually meets with disfavour."

VIRGINIA.

Claude W. Fletcher, M.E. G.H.P.
J. Gus Hankins, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Con-
vocation convened in Richmond, October 23, 1928. Eleven Past Grand High Priests adorned and supported the Grand East.

Canada was, as usual, represented by faithful A. L. Mattern.

The Grand Master and the Grand Commander of Virginia were welcomed as were Representatives of North Carolina.

The G.H.P. presented an able and thoughtful report as will be gathered by our readers from these extracts from his introduction:

“That great winnower, Time, sifts men and institutions separating the good from the bad, the transient from the permanent, and that which is bad and transient fails and passes away, the good and permanent remains as a blessing to mankind.

“The teachings of the Capitular Degrees are founded on Eternal Truths, they have been termed the 'Religion of Masonry.' The Grand Chapter has participated with the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery in the care of our children at the Home, the raising and management of funds for the Old Folks' Home and Tubercular Pavilion and the education of the young through the Hubard Memorial Fund, but these mass activities do not release the individual from the exercise and enjoyment of those privileges which are the heritage of every mason.”

Of the interrelationship of Virginia with the rest of the Capitular World he says:

“Virginia is at peace with the world. We have gladly complied with every request to confer courtesy degrees for other Grand Jurisdictions and have met with equal kindly consideration when we have requested a similar favour.”

The Masonic Home is here as elsewhere commended:

“The earnestness with which those brethren attend to the complex needs of this great institution is deserving of the gratitude of every Mason and our hearty co-operation.

“Committees appointed by other Masonic Bodies will report at the next Grand Annual Convocation a permanent plan for the higher education of our children at the Home.”

His conclusion is the same as that of many Rulers of the Royal Craft:

“The weight of responsibility was lightened by the pleasures incident to the office.”
The Masonic Relief Foundation reports on the new Home for the aged which is required and upon the George W. Wright Memorial Pavilion, 81 applications having been approved by the Board during the year:

“It is at least probable that had the brethren in Virginia not built the George W. Wright Memorial Pavilion many of these would never have been restored to health and happiness. That is what makes it all worthwhile.”

Dr. W. J. McCollum, of Toronto, represents Virginia.

The roster of Virginia's Royal Arch Masons is printed in full, each Chapter in detail.


We quote from his introduction:

“There are many others whose efforts in that direction are practically nil, and that condition usually occurs in those Jurisdictions whose constituent Chapters are weak in their display of interest. No one thing is so heartening to a Chapter as a visit by the Grand High Priest, and especial attention should be given the weaker Chapters.

“One noticeable development is the large and increasing number of Grand Chapters seeking to promote and hold the interest of members by a campaign of education in the origin, history and esoteric work. It is a laudable undertaking.”

Alabama is reviewed at greatest length, and we make these excerpts:

“The Past Master's Degree has not been under the control of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania since 1795, but has been under the absolute control of the Grand Lodge, and it would therefore be impossible for a Pennsylvania Companion to have received the Past Master's Degree 'in his parent Chapter.' Lack of information often is the cause of errors that easily might be avoided.

“By an amendment, minimum fees were fixed at $30.00 and ministers and rabbis may receive the Degrees gratuitously. The latter provision does not appeal to us since it is class legislation, and therefore should have no place in our fraternity.”

We read under Alberta:

“The Grand Z. thinks there is need for greater secrecy in connection with business transacted in Chapter: that it is entirely wrong to have the newspapers print lists of officers
elected and installed. The latter has a strange sound to one accustomed to the ways of most United States Jurisdictions.

And under Arizona:

"Why should not peace and harmony prevail under such conditions? A little less peace and greater aggressiveness might be helpful in staving off a final demise. The cause of the prevailing conditions was ascribed to the lethargy of Chapter officers who have shown no interest in the work."

Under California he speaks with no uncertain sound:

"It is our personal belief, based on an experience of fourteen years as Chapter Secretary, and a less number as Lodge Secretary, the onus of such a condition rests squarely on the shoulders of the Secretary. The laws governing dues are undoubtedly as plain in California as they are in Virginia, and if the Secretary is not familiar with them, or will not proceed in accordance therewith, the sooner he is replaced the better for all concerned."

Canada at Ottawa is well reviewed, but we have had two meetings since that date. Our colleague notes 20 distinguished visitors and the absence of a list of Past Grand Z.'s in the Proceedings. For this Reviewers always look. Virginia is in the Masonry-of-the-spirit army and Canada's attitude is approved:

"We are pleased to find Canada on the right side of the physical perfection argument."

Our fraternal review finds acceptance in his sight and he speaks of it as genial and fine and refers to our acknowledgment of the never-to-be-forgotten hospitality of Virginia at Richmond.

As to Grand Z. Dunstan's decision that with the carrying of an amendment the original motion need not be put, our colleague says:

"We concur in his decision, but think it best in any event to put the original motion to make sure there can be no question as to the legality of the transaction."

Again with regard to physical perfection, we have this fine outspoken expression of opinion under Colorado:

Come over to our side, Companion Woodward, and help strike off those chains which have so long prevented many brethren, with master minds, from participating in the up-
building of Capitular Masonry, by reason of some physical defect. We have emerged from the Dark Ages; let us prove it by our actions."

This selection under Manitoba we pass on to our readers:—

"Discipline and self-repression are but the stepping stones to the higher virtues because life has become attuned to duty and high performance, and not because of regulations or restrictions of position."

He closes his review of Mississippi with the following:—

"Companion Yawn retaliates with the statement that Virginia’s Grand High Priest used only nine pages, of which more than two covered ‘Necrology.’ Honours are about even, with Virginia a shade in the lead, as of course is naturally to be expected from the ‘Mother of States.’"

Queensland’s review finds this special conclusion:—

"No agreement has been reached and seemingly never will be. One would think time would mellow the opinions of the interested parties, but no common meeting ground having been found the matter drags into another year. Too much Scotch."

To Lord Cassillis’ visit to the United States we find this happy reference:—

"He was elected an Honourary Member of the General Grand, and the hope was expressed that his visit ‘in an atmosphere of Masonic Light and Enlightenment’ will prove a powerfully strengthening influence to those bonds by which the General Grand Chapter and that of Scotland are attached in the spirit of Honour, Respect and Fraternity."

Wisconsin’s Bureau of Employment is universally praised:—

"Wisconsin has a Masonic Service Bureau which is a clearing house between employer and employee, a source of every kind of information, a harbour of refuge for the sojourning Mason and his family who are in distress and need aid, and the one place where the sojourner can find temporary financial assistance."

Membership, 17,991. Net loss, 68.
WASHINGTON (1928).

James McCormack, M.E. G.H.P.
Henry L. Kennan, R.E. Grand Secretary.
The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Tacoma, May 7, 1928.

At the opening ceremonies Representatives of Oregon, California and the Grand Master of Washington were officially welcomed.

To an address of welcome by the Mayor of Tacoma, D.G.H.P. Johnson, thus replied:—

“One could not witness the grandeur and beauty of your majestic snow capped mountain, with its varying tints and hues, towering over your beautiful city; your extensive waterways with rapidly expanding commerce; your most magnificent world-renowned stadium; your beautiful homes, ornamented with gorgeous flowers and shrubbery, the playgrounds of happy children; without feeling the beckoning hand of welcome and hospitality of a most happy and prosperous citizenry.”

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were received with all the honours at the altar.

Robert L. McCroskey duly represented Canada and all the Grand Representatives were welcomed as follows:—

“I am sure I express the hope of every Companion of this great Pacific Northwest that the Triennial of 1930 may be the means of placing the keystone of fellowship and friendship in a Royal Arch as beautiful as the rainbow hues and as gigantic as the rising and setting of the meridian sun.”

The M.E. G.H.P. made a comprehensive address from which we take the following extracts:—

“Wherever the Masonic banner is unfurled, peace has returned among the nations of the earth, for the power of truth, the persuasions of reason, and the might of gentleness is seeking to destroy hatred, passion and prejudice, and substitute government without tyranny, religion without superstition, and the divine plan of harmony based on the fellowship of love.”

Six hundred and twenty-three dollars were subscribed for the Mississippi Flood.

The G.H.P. made reference to the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter to be held at Tacoma. There was keen competition for the honour.
Of the Templar Degrees he says:—

"It should be borne in mind that a Master Mason is not eligible to the Temple Orders until he has had the Chapter Degrees. This inter-dependence is inherent in the system. We cannot promote the interest of one without the other."

He recommends that the charge to the candidate be read, not memorized, also that the High Priest be covered when presiding.

He looks both backwards and forward and well says:—

"Let it therefore be our effort, not only to exemplify perfect ritualistic work, but also give a better understanding of the great truths and their application to modern every day life, thereby showing, that they better fit one to face his duty in the world as a Companion, a Mason, and a citizen! and also help to become a better and a stronger part of our civic life.

"Our paramount duty is to help, protect, and preserve the homes. Masonry is not a religion, but it is religion, which is universal in character.

"'We are building great nations of free men
We are building a race to endure—
We are blazing a trail for the children of men,
A Trail where the footing is sure.'"

Under Chapter membership and attendance he utters wise words:—

"But in this age of pleasure seeking; with all the opportunities that modern invention offers; including the automobile and the flying machine, the picture show, the jazz band, and other places of respectable amusement; the radio and card clubs in the home—how is one going to find time for Chapter and Lodge meetings; unless he is continually reminded of his duty for the more serious and sacred things of life. In addition to this, there are many civic and social clubs, that have come into existence within a decade or so. Then, there are the offshoots continually sprouting from the Masonic Tree. I would urge upon my brethren, and Companions throughout this Grand Jurisdiction the importance of holding fast to the traditions; by preserving the landmarks and ancient charges of our time honoured institution, not permitting our allegiance to our fraternity to be neglected through membership in such organizations.

"Too many offshoots have a tendency to weaken the parent trunk and its established co-ordinate bodies. If one cannot find in these all the Masonry needed for the building of the Temple of Manhood; all the time has been spent for naught.

"Ambitious leaders through a desire for larger fields of
usefulness should not use our age-old institution as a stepping stone to satisfy their desires, by promoting side organizations called Masonic; that have no connection with our ancient and honourable fraternity; and hereby dividing allegiance from where it was first pledged and first promised. Let us make our Masonry more intensive rather than extensive and concentrate our efforts on a system that has stood the test of ages."


The Grand Orator spoke on education in Masonry, pointing out that it may be secured (1) through the medium of our many Masonic papers, (2) by contacts of travel, (3) in establishing personal contact and the selection of proper official material. He thus sums up:—

"Finally, we come to the two chief characteristics that are so vital to the growth of any organization; namely, leadership and vision. We should be ever watchful for men of strong leadership, endowed with keen vision."

The Committee on Ritual urge that while the charge to the candidate is being read, the Chapter be called up and remain standing.

At the date of these Proceedings the late Frank Hills of Hamilton was Washington’s faithful Grand Representative.

Wesley C. Stone, the new Grand Secretary, announces as a Foreword to the Annual Review the lamented death of Henry L. Kennan, Grand Secretary and Grand Reviewer, and pays a merited tribute to his worth.

He welcomes the new Alabama Reviewer in the following words:—

"This new reviewer wastes no words, hits the nail on the head and joins the ‘gang’ with a fitness as if he always were one of us. We rather like him."

Canada’s meeting at Ottawa receives due attention. He emphasizes the address of welcome by R. Ex. Comp. Clark and speaks of Grand Z. Dunstan’s appeal to and for Grand Superintendents and their responsibility. He characterizes our Grand Z.’s address as both interesting and helpful and says that our Canadian Chapter is also “well-heeled.” He is
kind enough to praise our faithful attention to our review work, quotes our Foreword in full and calls it a classic. We appreciate the encouragement.

This from Georgia:—

"Among the auxiliary institutions receiving support from the Grand Chapter are the tubercular cottage, Grand Chapter building, Royal Arch craft shop, a wood working plant, education and loan funds, Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, Aged Masons' Home Fund, and Higher Educational Fund."

We close with our colleague's appropriate comment under North Carolina, which we echo in this connection:—

"If we go on copying all the good things in the review no space will be left for anybody else so with regret we will have to take up the next."

WASHINGTON (1929).

James H. Johnson, M.E. G.H.P.
Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary.
The Forty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Bellingham, May 13, 1929.

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests were present and their reception is thus recorded:—

The Grand High Priest called for the reading of the names of the Past Grand High Priests of this Jurisdiction. "The living Monuments of Service to this Grand Chapter have been caused to approach the altar that the Grand High Priest might in his humble way extend the greetings and felicitations of this Grand Chapter to you. Though many links of the lengthy chain have parted, it is a great honour to have with us the first and last Grand High Priests of this Grand Jurisdiction.

To this cordial welcome Past Grand Master McCormack graciously responded, after which these distinguished members were given the Grand Honours of Masonry and invited to seats in the East."

The Grand Representatives were also officially welcomed in due form and we regret to notice the absence of our Canadian Ambassador.

From the address of welcome to Bellingham we learn the identity of that unwritten place in Geography, round which so many thoughts centre:—

"The piles of Grays Harbour, the wheat fields of the Palouse, the heat and dust of the 'valley of many waters' or
the snow banks of Canada, you will stretch yourself, look around with a glad light in your eye and say, 'Oh it's great to be back in God's country.' Then what do we mean by 'God's country?''

"Though business cares and interests may be varied and scattered, 'God's country' to you and to me is where home and friends and loved ones are; where we have time for the richer, deeper, truer things of life."

In the reply by the Deputy Grand High Priest we read these felicitous words:

"We came here expecting a warm, cordial welcome. We had a right to expect this, for we do not come to you as strangers but as Companion-brothers of that mystic bond who expect a fraternal welcome wherever duty or pleasure calls them."

The address of the G.H.P. contained many brief and striking points:

"Aim high if you do fall below.
"Over ten thousand miles were travelled by bus, train, boat and motor car."

Under Necrology we read:

"Companion H. L. Kennan was most courteous, unselfish and self-sacrificing. His spirit has ascended to that eternal Grand Chapter on high. Let his soul pass on. He loved his brethren."

He says in treating of the Condition of the Chapters:

"While we suffered a loss this year in membership of thirty-four, from the progress being made at the present time there will doubtless be a healthy growth and increase next year. Keep the present members, for often one conscientious member held is better than two taken in as unknown quantities."

He visited 52 out of 53 Chapters—a splendid record.
He favours the holding of regional meetings in advancing Chapter work.
He met Grand Officers of Canada and Oregon in Vancouver and they made a good impression.
Donald Adams of B.C. journeyed from Revelstoke to meet and greet Washington.
Royal Arch Masons of Australia and Scotland were present at the altar and the G.H.P. records his welcome thus:
“I grasped the opportunity of reminding them of the close association that had been effected by two brave Australians and two brave Americans who bridged the barrier by that memorable flight in the Southern Cross, thus uniting us closer commercially and Masonically. Companion Miller, in his usual courteous manner, extended the greetings of the Grand Chapters of Canada and Australia.”

This from a striking conclusion:—

“By these worthy examples we should grasp the vision which governed our forefathers and with courage and wisdom add to it that posterity may in turn enjoy the fruits of our labours.”

The late Judge Kennan died universally regretted and full of years and honours:—

“Only one ray has pierced the gloom and that is the hope of immortality, but even that can only dimly outline the further shore, with no positive guarantee of what is beyond ever escaping through that sable curtain.

“The strength of his character has added to our strength.”

In the memorial to the late G.H.P. Rush these fine lines are used:—

“Beyond the sunset’s crimson bars;  
Beyond the twilight and the stars;  
Beyond the midnight and the dark;  
Into the dawn of that to-morrow,  
Where hearts shall find an end of sorrow  
And love shall find its own.”

Grand Orator Ferguson delivered a brief oration in every way worthy:—

“Masonry is compared to a temple, but the real temple is Man, and the Temple Beautiful, is man beautified and adorned by directing and living his life, according to the teachings of Masonry, which are God’s eternal truths. Then, the deed of loyalty is the refusal to accept work which, though lovely, was not according to their orders of square work only, and the rejected, though priceless keystone, was thrown among the rubbish—the Mark of a Mason.

“Let us so labor, my Companions, after truth and knowledge that our work with our mark will be approved.

“The Royal Arch Degree records a recovery, which is equally symbolic. The recovery cannot be experienced unless we have experienced the loss, and the loss would be meaningless, did we not later meet with the recovery.”
The Committee on Obituaries give the model of a brief report:—

"Tennyson says: 'I am I'; and personality means immortality. 'Stand up and bless the Lord, your God, forever and ever.' 'Forever and ever' indicates that God will forever exist, and we should long to be eternally his worshippers."

A motion was referred to the Finance Committee as to the expense of Grand Chapter, including the cost of "desirable publicity." What is desirable publicity?

Robert E. Sullivan was elected G.H.P.

Robert L. McCroskey is the Grand Representative of Canada, and Sidney S. Forbes of Washington.

Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary, presents the Annual Review, which is a model of concentration.

Canada is briefly but understandingly reviewed. He quotes from Grand Z. Dunstan and speaks especially of the formation of our Grand Chapter historically. Comp. Gardiner's Report, as in nearly all Jurisdictions, receives ungrudged praise. He kindly devotes a paragraph to our review.

Colorado is linked up with others who have not yet attained perfection:—

"Stimulate better work everywhere, for I am persuaded that not all the poor work is done in Colorado—there are others."

Georgia receives about the longest review:—

"Companions, what we want to do is to get the real Masonic spirit in our own hearts. We cannot hope to impart it to others unless we do get it in our own hearts.

"Something worth thinking about and applying."

In Canada it is customary to continue the G.H.P. for two years, in Massachusetts for three years.

We read this comment under Maine:—

"He does not approve of the re-election of the Grand High Priest but we note that this is just what the Grand Chapter did despite his recommendation. Evidently the Companions in Maine are wise enough to appreciate when they have a superior officer to preside over the Grand Chapter and do not propose to let him escape."
Of Correspondence Reports generally we find under Michigan:—

"'There is the hope that the personally conducted tour through the medium of this review will bring to the mind's eye a contact that will make us all feel a little better acquainted and closer to each other.'

"We commend the sentiment."

Of New York's Review he says that "multum in parvo" expresses exactly his report.

And Texas expresses the same result:—

"'The hardest part of the year's work for me has been not to decide what to publish in this report, but rather what could consistently be omitted with justice to the particular Grand Chapter under consideration.'

"Doubtless many reviewers have had the same experience, and in this particular review we find it especially difficult."

Membership, 9,361. Net loss, 34.

WEST VIRGINIA.

James H. Gollehon, M.E. G.H.P.
George M. Ford, Grand Secretary.
The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation was held in Charleston, October 1, 1928.
The early parts of the two days of the meeting were entirely taken up with a School of Instruction in which all the Degrees are exemplified under the Grand Lecturer Prescott C. White and the District Grand Lecturers who occupied the different stations.

General Grand High Priest Davis, of Illinois, was courteously welcomed by Past Grand Master Adrian Nadenbousch and his address has a lesson in topical Geography. We make this instructive extract. He has the vision:—

"When he crossed over the river that separates this Commonwealth and the State of Ohio, he came into congenial soil. As he looked about him a little bit, he even would have recalled not only the pleasure that was brought to him by these green valleys and attractive hillsides, but would realize that this was indeed the 'Switzerland of America.' And then if he would allow his eyes to roam a little bit farther across the top of the Alleghenies, and pass over the rugged scenes that intervene between the Ohio and the Shenandoah, he possibly would have allowed them to rest for a moment upon the pleasing review of the 'Eastern Panhandle,' the
Valley of the Shenandoah, where the placid Potomac and the limpid waters of the Shenandoah unite to go down to the great Capital of the Nation, and there form a bathing pool for the people of this Country.

“We are very happy to welcome you to West Virginia, to the up-standing, splendid citizenship of this State, you a great citizen of another State.”

The General Grand High Priest said in his reply:

“It is your work, and that is what you are teaching, and it doesn’t make any difference what my State or any other State has, it is what you want here, and I am getting old enough to be more tolerant of other peoples’ opinions. I think the work here is very similar to that of Illinois. It is immaterial.”

Canada was represented by Fred C. Steinbicker.

The ten Past Grand High Priests were called before the altar and received the Grand Honours.

In the address of the G.H.P. we read with interest:

“In the preparation of my report there have been many sources of information of which I have freely availed myself,—such, for instance, as the Proceedings and Fraternal Correspondence of other Grand Chapters; the addresses and recommendations of other Grand High Priests.

“It has been my observation, in connection with the work of the Grand Chapter, that the greatest virtue that can be ascribed to a Grand High Priest’s report is that of brevity and succinetness, as well as its freedom from platitudes and threadbare Masonic phrases with which we are all so familiar.

“The good that Masonry has accomplished, and can yet accomplish, in the world, by strengthening the weak and vacillating brother; by encouraging the faltering; and by building fine moral characters out of those who receive its degrees, constitutes the grandeur and glory of its achievements.

“Every Mason, however skilled or unskilled he may be in the knowledge of the Craft, should examine his own life in the light of the work and teachings of Masonry and see if it is in accord with those teachings and precepts; and if it is not, he should set about, at once, to endeavour to bring it into harmony with the broad and comprehensive spirit of Free Masonry as it is taught and exemplified in its Rituals and Degrees. There, my Companions, lies the great Secret, and we must find it!

“I cannot better illustrate this vital truth than by quoting a sentence from the facile pen of Sam J. Helm:

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"If some bolshevik should throw down a half dozen or so rags,—some red, some white and some blue,—in the mud of the street, and then jump on them with his feet and trample them into the mire, you would take no exception to it; but then suppose you noticed that those rags were taking shape and were being woven into one rag, and that the one developed a field of blue, in which were forty-eight white stars, and thirteen stripes appeared from the red and white. There would soon be a different meaning to those rags, and an ambulance would soon be hauling a bolshevik to the hospital or morgue. You know the meaning of Old Glory! Masonry has a meaning, and it is sacred to those who know it.'"

Under his paragraph on Necrology he quotes:

"Let us pause for a moment with reverent breath
To speak of that Angel whom mortals calls Death."

He encourages Grand Representatives to do their duty:

"I want to urge upon the Grand Representatives here today the duty of forwarding, each year, fraternal greetings to the Grand High Priests of the Jurisdictions which they represent, and in that way they will be not simply figure-heads, but real representatives and of some benefit to the Craft."

Of the Conditions of the Royal Craft he says:

"Practically all our Grand Chapters show losses of this kind, and while our members have not increased our work and real knowledge of the principles and meaning of Masonry has increased. They are coming, more and more, to realize that the studious Royal Arch Mason is the one man who is really qualified to teach Masonry, for in the Royal Arch Degree alone, if it is properly understood, do we gain that climax of knowledge in Masonry that will enable us to teach the real meaning of all the Degrees of what we know as 'Ancient Craft Masonry. Why not have a committee to act with the Secretary.

"The Secretary should be one of the most efficient and best qualified Companions of the Chapter, and it is not fair to the Chapter, nor to the Companions, nor to this Grand Chapter, to elect a Companion to the office of Secretary just because he is a good fellow."

The Grand Secretary is a poet as well as a Statistician and he commences his address with this verse:

"Time ebbs and flows,
Another year has come and gone,
To add its store of joy and sadness, smile and tear
To countless others gone before."
He admonishes some of the Secretaries thus:—

“But, it is regretted that we must admit there are a few of the Secretaries who appear to think that the Grand Secretary writes letters for the fun of writing them,—and these Companions use their own pleasure as to when, if ever, they reply.”

And as he began, so he closes, with a verse:—

“For the yesterdays not worth while, forget them;
For the to-day is worth while, enjoy and appreciate it.
For the to-morrow, let’s not be afraid, rather
Let us have faith in our fellowman, as we want him to have in us.”

In one of his messages to the Chapters, the G.H.P. wrote, summing up the virile virtues he inculcated:—

“In all things, whether Masonic, political or religious, we may be tolerant and considerate in our relations with all men, and especially with our Companions, so that love, friendship and good will may always prevail amongst us.”

William Turner Morris was elected G.H.P. and a fine jewel and regalia were presented to the retiring G.H.P. We take from the presentation address:—

“The gold of the jewel should stand to you as a symbol of that jealousy which you are to maintain for its dignity, for its uprightness, for the purity of its standards, for which you are obligated to strive for the rest of your life.

“I present you with the esteem and love and fellowship of your Companions.”

Paris P. Lester, Principal of Schools and President of Directors, whose strong features adorn a page of the Proceedings, is the Grand Lecturer.

Alexander Cowan, of Barrie, represents West Virginia, and is twice specially referred to under the Review of Canada.

A long list of clandestine Chapters in the United States is also given. We had no idea there were so many. Are there any in Canada? If so, turn on the spotlight that we may know them.

G. M. Ford gracefully opens his Foreign Correspondence Review:—
“While one cannot help but derive great pleasure in reading the reviews of other Jurisdictions, written by the hand of those we feel that we are intimately acquainted with, and we have had the pleasure of meeting, yet when we review these past seven years as correspondent, and nine years as Grand Secretary, we are startled at the number who have ascended to the Great Beyond.

That old rascal—S.N.P.D.—is still active, and without doubt the cause of a very large majority of the losses.

“The writers on the subject advance various theories, but all agree upon one of the causes, that if the Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters would keep after the Companion before he is permitted to fall back for several years, the suspensions would fall off very considerable.”

Alabama always furnishes interesting material:—

“We do not think it is customary to get a Dispensation to grant a demit, and it is a general law that a Companion when signing for a new Chapter Dispensation, and it is granted, automatically severs connection with the Chapter he formerly held membership in.

“Well! well!—And we may say this with all reverence. This is an antiquated custom in practice years ago when a minister followed the profession wholly for the purpose of saving souls and love for humanity, and the remuneration was uncertain, and rarely did he receive sufficient to support himself, to say nothing of a family.

“The conditions to-day are so different. Our good Brothers of the Cloth seldom devote their time for a small salary, and we repeat what we have stated before, that there are many Blue Lodge Masons not of the Cloth, whose income is less than that of the average minister, and where one minister is an asset to his Masonic Body in activities, many are only ornamental.

“The writer wants to be recorded as opposed to any law that classes a minister as an object of charity, or that will enable a Chapter to confer the Degrees gratis upon any person.”

Under Arkansas we get a decision of importance supplementary to the above:—

“‘A Companion must procure a demit, and these must accompany the petition for formation of a new Chapter, before it can be legally considered.’

“Differs from the law in many Jurisdictions, where the signing of an application for a Dispensation to form a new Chapter automatically demits the Companion from his Chapter.”
Canada comes in for unstinted praise and generous quotation:—

“The introductory portion of the address is so filled with beautiful thoughts that we purpose copying some, so that some of our Companions who are not in a position to read the original, may share our enjoyment by reading at least portions of the address.”

With regard to physical perfection and our liberal interpretation thereof our colleague agrees:—

“No person can take exception to these from a humane or sentimental standpoint, but what about the law, old landmarks, etc.? One sometimes thinks that some of the old ideas might be discarded and modern ones substituted to the advantage of the fraternity.

“It is undoubtedly true that there are many men who are not perfect physically that would make better Masons than many members of the Craft.

“Think this over, you who are sticklers for the old ‘land-marks.’”

Of Comp. Gardiner’s Report he well says:—

“The eleven-page report of the ‘Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry’ is without doubt one of the outstanding articles in the Proceedings and every phase is covered in a clear and concise manner, and this alone gives one a good idea of the conditions in Canada.

“It is a wonder that more Grand Chapters do not adopt the same plan.”

We glow with pleasure as we read:—

“The reviews are again in the able hands of Companion Ponton. Hardly necessary to add more.

“A Foreword, also an Afterword, in which are food for thought. Says: ‘In the perusal of the transactions of the Royal Craft, we find much to encourage and inspire, and not a little to admonish and to warn.’ Ending, saying: ‘Let us be up and doing and keep the Craft creative and productive, more light and less smoke.’

“We always look for a treat when we pick up Canada to review. May you long be spared to furnish your reviews.”

Colorado gives our confrère this opportunity:—

“Have the Companions who attended the Triennial at Denver last September considered what this means? It is an undertaking for a great big Grand Chapter to tackle, but for a Body of only about 8,000 men to entertain the General Grand Chapter, representing the largest Masonic Body in our country—near 500 Delegates and hundreds of visitors—and the way they entertain, it was a stupendous undertaking,
taking lots of planning, unlimited time and without doubt required a large amount of money, and from the way it was carried out the Colorado Companions had everything required and should feel proud for the satisfactory manner every detail came out.

“He calls attention to social organizations basing their affiliation on prerequisite Masonic membership. While admitting that they furnish a great deal of pleasure and social intercourse for their members, at the same time they are creating a wrong impression in the eyes of the world by leading the public to believe they compose the Masonic fraternity.”

England, as usual, discourages through form of its Proceedings, though the subject matter is all right:

“It is regretted by all that one cannot tell from the Proceedings the number of Chapters, the membership and whether a gain or loss during the year.

“While deploring his incompetency to furnish an interesting or ‘worth while’ review, partially through lack of information, such information as may be deemed of importance, will be noted.

“After the completion of the business, the First Grand Principal, following a plan suggested by himself, delivered an address of seven minutes on the subject of ‘Zerubbabel,’ which subject was treated in a masterful manner, and while one would think seven minutes too short a time, after reading the address we are satisfied that we have a fairly good idea of this Masonic character.”

Nova Scotia's ideals receive this approbation:

“Nova Scotia is to be congratulated on having such a Grand High Priest. The address is one of the very best it has been our privilege to read—filled with beautiful thoughts well expressed and all constructive in nature.”

Old or young we all carry on together, as Comp. Ford says in his Review of Saskatchewan:

“As one of the old fellows (in years, if not old at the Table), let me say, Companion Reilly, the old fellows do not claim to possess all the brains about the Round Table, and the maiden efforts of some of our Correspondents are more interesting than some older heads. The writer is one who favours the making of comments by the reviewer, for it is thus our views are expanded.”

Members, 12,104. Net loss, 98.
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WISCONSIN.

Clarence Hill, M. Ex. Grand High Priest.
William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.
The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation was opened in the City of Eau Claire, February 19, 1929.

Prior to the opening an organ and song recital was given by local Masonic talent.

Thirteen of the nineteen Grand High Priests were present.

In his tributes to the notable Masons who had passed away during the year the G.H.P. quotes:

"Surely the spirit, filtered through the clay
Lives with its imperfections stripped away."

The trouble with Pennsylvania was thus lucidly explained by that State so that all is well again:

"This action on the part of Grand Lodge puts all Master Masons, members of Lodges in this Jurisdiction in possession of all Degrees necessary for advancement, so that now, all Master Masons when they are raised in Pennsylvania, are given the word of the Chair, with the signs and grips, and come to us fully qualified as Past Masters."

Five thousand new Chapter Keys were printed after revision by Grand Lecturer Stockwell, whose lamented death is recorded.

The Correspondence Report is characterized by the G.H.P. as full of useful information and furnishing light.

He is an enthusiast for De Molay of which there are now over 42 Chapters in the State. He winds up his reference thereto and his appeal on their behalf with the following striking words:

"'And there was given me a reed, like unto a rod, and the Angel stood, saying, 'Rise and measure the Temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.'

'Companions, may I not leave this text with this Grand Chapter, with a prayer to 'Our Heavenly Father that He strengthen the hands of those who give of their time and substance in this wonderful cause by bringing to the aid of the Order of De Molay an "Outstretched Arm."'

'Moreover, concerning the stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; (for they shall hear of thy great name, and
of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched-out arm); when
he shall come and pray towards this house, hear thou in
heaven, thy dwelling place, and do according to all that
the stranger calleth to thee for.'

"This my plea in behalf of the deserving, helpful Order
of De Molay."

David Harlowe, of Milwaukee, duly represented
Canada.

A proposal is made to change the time of meet-
ing from February to a warmer month. It will be
voted on at next Convocation.

The Committee on Obituaries with a tribute to
William Blake, the inspired painter-poet, add:—

"But common men share in their measure this instinct of
the eternal, this curiosity of the unseen. The 'beauty of
holiness' is not meaningless. Immortality must bring beauty
with it."

The Employment Committee has continued to
function efficiently. There were 1,698 applications,
of which 782 were placed in advantageous positions,
among them three from Scotland, one from Mani-
toba. Massachusetts has followed Wisconsin in this
good work, which is really applied Masonry in
action.

The Henry L. Palmer Chapter at Eau Claire
offered many suggestions for amendments to the
Constitution over the signatures of their Officers
and these attracted much attention. Among them
membership dependent on good standing in Lodge.
The old question of a penny also came up. They
also protested against the ruling that a penny should
be required in the Mark Master Degree and not a
Jewish half Shekel and point out very clearly in the
following words Mackey's definition:—

"However improper the translation is, it can have no
importance in the Masonic application of the parable, where
the 'penny' is, as already has been said, only a symbol, mean-
iny any reward or compensation."

The Committee agreed that this should be ap-
proved in the following words:—

"There is perhaps a difference between the wages of a
Mark Master and the pledge which is offered him, but it is
not necessary to particularize.
“Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence therefore recommend that the form and shape of the ‘penny’ employed be left to the judgment of each constituent Royal Arch Chapter, in accordance with their understanding of this symbol.”

They also desired all officers to be elected and none to be appointed.

Some fine memorials with photographs occupy many pages in recognition of the merits and virtues of Deceased Past Grand Officers.

R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth represents Wisconsin.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by the veteran Samuel Wright who skillfully condenses in a relatively few pages much matter. He comments on a recommendation of the Alberta Grand Z. that there should be a long interval of probation between the Master’s Degree and the Royal Arch, but he thinks that the ruling in the Grand Chapter of England which considers the Royal Arch “the culmination degree of the Craft Lodge” does not strengthen his position.

Under Canada, statistics and lists of visitors are fully given and the ruling of Grand Z. Dunstan that the name of the Chapter should not be associated with any outside Club or organization is emphasized. As to the collection of dues he comments favourably:—

“Certainly some personal effort should be exerted and if possible save the Companion who otherwise drifts away, gone forever.”

Later on in his Review he refers to the definition of the Keystone as to its proportion and weight, and as to our charity, which is unique among Grand Chapters.

Under Iowa, Kansas and other Jurisdictions our colleague comments upon the reasons given for the large net loss and he has a theory of his own which he puts forward with emphasis:—

“One reason he has overlooked—that is, the economic. We notice where the dues are perpetual, the larger they are, the larger the loss by N.P.D. But where the fees and
dues are made high enough so that in a given number of years the members become exempt from the further payment of dues, such loss becomes negligible or nearly so.

"We think on closer inspection that he will find that he is mistaken as to the 'small percentage' resulting from temporary financial conditions, and that the perpetual dues system has much to do with the apparent 'dry rot.'

"We had not noticed that such conditions had existed 'all over the Masonic world.' We feel that to prevent a loss by N.P.D. by restoring his Masonic interest, is worth more than two new exaltations. To be 'congratulated' in receiving nearly as many new petitions as suspensions sounds too much like whistling through a grave yard to be very pleasant."

Under Washington he comments on the suggestion made in that Jurisdiction that the charge to the candidate be read from the Ritual, not delivered from memory, and does not approve.

In his conclusion he says conclusively that his belief in the prime cause for the falling off of applications is the financial depression in that particular locality and perhaps lack of liberality on the part of the Chapters and admits that the same depression is the principal subject under consideration at the present time.

The next meeting is to be held at Milwaukee, February, 1930.

**WYOMING.**

Robert Bruce Rose, M.E., G.H.P.
Richard H. Repath, Grand Secretary.
The Twenty-first Annual Convocation was held in Lander, July 9, 1929.

A biographical sketch of the G.H.P. precedes the proceedings and from it we learn that like so many Rulers of the Craft, he was both school teacher and lawyer. He also was a member of the House of Representatives and takes an interest in education. How are these for fine qualifications?—

"Moulding the character and directing the vision of the youth of the day along right lines. Men of this type are naturally attracted by the great principles underlying our Ancient Craft, and though drawing much therefrom, in turn add lustre to the Order when elevated to leadership therein."

Eight Past Grand High Priests graced the Grand East.

"Distinguished visitors from Colorado with O. Frank Hart and Charles Davis, General Grand High Priest, were cordially welcomed and are thus recorded:—

The climax came with the announcement of the presence without of the General Grand High Priest. Accepting the gavel the General Grand High Priest suitably acknowledged his reception, stressing the desire that extreme formality be dispensed with and that he be considered simply as a workman among them, desirous of becoming acquainted by personal contact."

Canada was faithfully represented as usual by Richard H. Repath, a brother of whom is one of our own esteemed Companions.

The introduction of the G.H.P.'s address is worthy of the biography of the man:—

"Once again the Capitular Hosts have gathered together in Fraternal Communion in the 'Land of the Shining Mountains'—the beautiful Wind River Range. The Gospel messenger, the merchant, the banker, the lawyer, the doctor, the mechanic, journeying from afar across the wide and lonely plain, over the hills and mountains, through undiscovered canyon and treacherous stream, surmounting almost impassable barriers to cast their lot in this place of new and important discoveries. It was the fortitude and faith of the pioneer souls of those early days who blazed the trails to this unknown section, who endured the hardships and suffered the heartaches, that laid well the foundation for the future of this great state. They builded well. We have with us to-day a few of those stalwart, patriotic pioneers who very materially aided in laying the foundations of morality, civic righteousness, law and order.

"God bless the old timers. Many of them passed on.

"Sleep on, dear friends, such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain,
But shed an influence rare, divine,
On those that here remain."

Two of his decisions are given:—

"I advised that Chapter that it could install its officers jointly with the officers of the Castle Rock Lodge, in other words, I authorized the Chapter to hold Joint Installation with the Blue Lodge at that place.

"I advised that one candidate of their Chapter could be exalted with one or two candidates of the neighbouring Chap-
ter, being careful to have proper record made in each Chapter of the request and its action."

The G.H.P. visited all 18 during his year of office.

He urges that all Candadicates pass an examination in the signs, grips and words of the previous Degree before being advanced, saying:—

"I believe that an acquaintance on the part of the candidate with the Essentials of the secret work is important and I believe that a moral lesson gained from each Degree is doubly important. I made this further recommendation to the Chapters that so far as possible, they confer some Degree at every Regular Convocation whether they had candidates or not."

The condition of the Craft and the division of the labour of love, is thus indicated:—

"It is well that we should practice charity in a real and practical way. The Shrine has the Hospitals for Crippled Children; our Grand Commandery has the Educational Loan Fund. Our Grand Chapter has this year contributed to the distress of Companions in Sister Jurisdictions."

The Grand Secretary is described as kind, true, tolerant, patient, affable, a true Christian gentleman, ever ready to help. Can virtues go farther?—

"I make no claim for 'Fee or Reward,' for the glory and honour belong to my fellow officers and to the rank and file of the Craft.

"As I surrender my commission to my worthy successor, I shall carry with me the everlasting memory of the names and faces that have come into my life in the associations of this Grand Body and forever treasure these friendships."

In a memorial note we read:—

"They are passing away, these dear old friends,
Like leaves on the current cast,
With never a break in the ceaseless flow,
We watch them as one by one they go,
Into the beautiful past."

Wyoming is one of two Jurisdictions so far that have recorded the death of the late lamented Comp. Henry T. Smith, who died May 29, 1929.

The Grand Secretary gives a report worth while, from which we take the following:—

"The increasing number of Jurisdictions showing net
losses can not longer lightly be dismissed by saying that it is
the result of suspensions due to weeding out the indifferent
member admitted during the lax period of the war. There
are other factors. Modern social conditions have entirely
changed during the past ten years and young men are not en-
tering our Orders as of yore. We have done little or no-
thing to meet the growing attractions, or competition if you
will, of the movies.

"We must begin by using extreme care in the selection of
officers. The inherent strength of Masonry and its appeal
still exist and always will. It is up to the officers of the
various Bodies to so study that Masonry may be revealed in
all its attractiveness.

"We refer to the increasing number of organizations us-
ing Masonry as the basis for membership, one careful writer
estimating the number as high as forty-five. Time was when
one's Masonic activities were confined to the Lodge, Chapter
and Commandery, and if so confined to-day the energy dissi-
pated in the work of these outside organizations would be
available for the upbuilding of the Masonic Orders."

This table will give a very good indication of the
decline in the number of initiates during the years
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The time for the Convocation in Wyoming is
usually on the day following the meeting of the
Grand Commandery so that next year it will be in
July, 1930, at Laramie.

One sentence from the Report of the Committee
on Necrology:—

"He had completed the Temple of his Inner Life here and
had gone to that far distant country to receive the wages of
a faithful Craftsman."

From the address of the General Grand High
Priest we can only take one paragraph:—

"The problem was receiving the best thought of the mem-
bers of the General Grand Chapter, adding that a plan was
now being worked out whereby local secretaries would soon
be placed in possession of the result of the study through the
medium of circulars and booklets, which he felt would be a
valuable aid in combatting prevailing conditions."
This from the address of O. Frank Hart:—

"It was easy for him to make friends he remarked, because he liked to meet people. He questioned his hearers as to what they were doing as individuals in the cause, remarking that Masonic bodies could reflect only the activities of the individual member, and that it was up to each to give the best that was in him to preserve the Craft for future generations."

Elmer A. Kell was elected G.H.P.

David B. McCracken represents Wyoming.

The Annual Report on Correspondence is for the second time by Henry G. Watson, Grand Master of the First Veil and his handsome and speaking features adorn the Review.

From his comprehensive introduction we make these excerpts as the utterances of a new mind, though upon old subjects:—

"In the United States there has been a very general 'slowing up' and a tendency to 'take stock.' More respect has been shown to the teachings of Capitular Masonry and 'hippodroming' and 'railroading' have been conspicuous only because of their absence.

"Lack of candidates has made it necessary for many Jurisdictions to consider financial matters more seriously.

"In several Jurisdictions the losses in membership have been ascribed to inefficient secretaries of the Chapters and various plans have been advanced to correct the trouble.

"On the whole, however, there has been less worry over losses even though nearly every Grand Chapter has experienced them. The Canadian Jurisdictions are outstanding exceptions. Our Canadian cousins seem to have a faculty of retaining their members. If we in the United States could discover the method there would be rejoicing in many places.

"The number of Grand Representatives credited with attendance at the Annuals numbered 1,791, which gives an average attendance of over 37."

This from California:—

"As is generally the case when the Grand High Priest takes the time to visit and shows an interest in the respective Chapters the Companions reciprocate."

Colorado gives this thought:—

"He is opposed to Dispensations to ballot and confer Degrees out of time. His opinion is '* * * we believe it to be more for the good of the Craft to put another rail on the
We read with interest under Georgia:—

"'Mass production' is hardly compatible with the dignity of Capitular Masonry and Companions so made are likely to lack that indefinite 'something' which will arouse and keep their interest.

"'The moral and not the physical qualifications should govern the acceptance of men for membership in speculative Masonry.'

And another from Minnesota:—

"It is the duty of the Secretary to send out notices of the Chapter meetings; to make these notices in some manner attractive to the members so that the attendance will not flag."

In graphic language he describes the work of Comp. Briggs of New York:—

"In less than his allotted one hundred pages he has boiled down the sap and extracted the sugar from the Proceedings of sixty-one Jurisdictions."

He gives us general information under North Carolina:—

"We note that all of the York Rite Bodies make appropriations for a Library Fund, which is used to supply books, periodicals and newspapers to the Masonic institutions of the state."

Oregon is always full of interest:—

"The informal exchange of opinions among so many of the earnest workers in the vineyard really accomplishes much that does not appear on the record."

He generalizes our sentiments and experiences under Texas:—

"Every Capitular reviewer has the same experience. If he succeeds in passing on to the Companions any considerable part of what he learns, his work will not have been in vain."

Alberta has struck a kindred affinity:—

"Wyoming is justly ranked among the other 'Reviews' par excellence, which stays not with statistics, legalities and definitions, but one which launches out and produces something of the strong vigorous type, the healthful life-giving essence; in short, the reviewer leaves the dry husks aside and gives to the Capitular world the genuine kernel." That ought to convince 'Dick' that all of the midnight oil was not wasted."

fence, rather than to let down the bars; and we confess that we think he is about right."
Canada is cordially but briefly reviewed and is classed, as we are proud to be, among the British Jurisdictions at the end of the volume. Of Comp. Dunstan's address he says:—

"Companion Dunstan began a fine address with some historical data in regard to the Grand Chapter of Canada which is now confined to Ontario."

Of other work we read:—

"The reports of the District Superintendents gave a very complete resume of the year's work.

"The Revised Ritual appears to have met with the general approbation of the Chapters, nearly all of which are now using it."

This on the Order of High Priesthood:—

"There is no record of the Order of High Priesthood. We find from other Proceedings, however, that the name was changed to read Ontario instead of Canada on account of the objections made by other Canadian Grand Chapters where the Order had been previously instituted."

Our confrère guesses rightly about Quebec's hospitality:—

"The entertainment must be good in this northern Jurisdiction for we noted delegations from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and Canada which were headed by their respective presiding officers."

Queensland speaks so far and yet so near:—

"'In years past I gave many, what might be termed thumbnail sketches, which were much appreciated; and I hope some may be found in each of our Chapters who will devote themselves to this object.'

"Though the advice was given on the other side of the world it is nevertheless applicable here."


WILLIAM NISBET PONTON, P.G.Z.

Belleville, Canada,

February, 1930.
MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIDES (A.L.), "In the year of Light," and add 1930 to the common time, thusly: 1930 plus 4000 equals A. L. 5930. Lodges A. F. & A. M. hold Communications.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Investiture (A.I.), "In the year of Investiture," and add 5930 to the common time, thusly: 1930 plus 5930 equals A. L. 2460. Royal Arch Chapters hold Communications.

The Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Anahiem by the High Priest Melchizedek, King of Salem, Anno Inventiones (A. Inv.), "In the year of Inventions," and add 1930 to the common time, thusly: 1930 plus 4930 equals A. Dec. 3845. Councils of the Anointed High Priests hold Convention.

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed ANNO DEPOTESTATIONIS (A. Dep.), "In the year of Deposition," and add 1930 to the common time, thusly: 1930 plus 5930 equals A. Dep. 2460. Councils of R. & S. M. hold Assemblies.

Antient Templars commence their era with the organization of their order ANNO DEPOTESTATIONIS (A. Dep.), "In the year of the Order," and add 1930 to the common time, thusly: 1930 plus 5930 equals A. O. M. 2460. Conventions A. O. M. hold Commissaries.

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The Seventy-third Annual Convocation will be held at
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morning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.