1933
Proceedings
of the
Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons of Canada

Seventy-Fifth Annual Convocation
London, Ontario
February 22nd and 23rd, 1933
TO SCRIBE E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING

The financial year of Constituent Chapters ends on the 30th November, and Scribes E. are requested to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E., immediately thereafter.

Write the names of Companions in full, plainly in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the age, occupation and place of residence are not omitted. Where deaths are included, the date of decease as well as the rank of the Companions 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 MASONSON OF CANADA

AT THE

SEVENTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

A.D. 1933

Held in the Masonic Temple, Queen's Ave.
London, Ontario

Wednesday and Thursday, February 22nd and 23rd
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CHAS. W. HAENTSCHEL, M.D.,
Grand Z.

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Grand Scribe E.

LONDON, ONTARIO
M. EX. COMP. CHAS. W. HAENTSCHEL, M.D.
Grand Z.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS


PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, M.D. Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner Grand J.

M. Ex. Comp. Walter Davis Acting Grand Treasurer
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Dan. W. Markham Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. John D. Ferguson Grand Pr. Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. Percy Rogers Acting Grand Sr. Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Hoar Acting Grand Jr. Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Walter E. Hofland Grand Registrar
R. Ex. Comp. C. C. Bonycastle Acting Grand Pursuivant
R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Smith Acting Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. Ed. J. Marshall Grand Organist
Comp. Spencer Wilson Grand Outer Guard

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Rev. A. Stanley Cree St. Clair District, No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. William E. Summers London " 2
R. Ex. Comp. Chas. T. Palmer Wellington " 4
R. Ex. Comp. Harold Ezra Warner Hamilton " 5
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey Huron " 6
R. Ex. Comp. John Scott Allen Niagara " 7
R. Ex. Comp. Morgan R. Griffith Toronto E. " 8
R. Ex. Comp. Jos. A. Burnett Toronto W. " 8a
R. Ex. Comp. Lewis Blake Glcvier Ontario " 10
R. Ex. Comp. Edwin T. Cherry Prince Edward " 11
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Gimblett St. Lawrence " 12
R. Ex. Comp. James P. Morrison Ottawa " 13
R. Ex. Comp. Harold Stanworth Algoma " 14
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Rubenstein New Ontario " 15
R. Ex. Comp. Neil McAulay Temiskaming " 16
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PAST GRAND Z.’S


GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

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

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. Bernard Cairns, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 159 Waranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 136 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.

No. 2. The Hirain, Hamilton.

No. 3. St. John’s, London.

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

No. 5. St. George’s, London.
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No. 6.  
**St. John's, Hamilton.**  

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

No. 8.  
**King Solomon's, Toronto.**  
Ex. Comp. F. J. Johnson, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon (Proxy), P.Z.

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

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

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

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

No. 22.  
**Grenville, Prescott.**  
Ex. Comp. H. G. Whitney, Z.

No. 23.  
**Ezra, Simcoe.**  

No. 24.  
**Tecumseh, Stratford.**  

No. 26.  
**St. Marks, Trenton.**  
R. Ex. Comp. A. E. McIntyre, P.Z.
No. 27. **Manitou, Collingwood.**
Ex. Comp. F. H. Euynon, P.Z.

No. 28. **Pentalpha, Oshawa.**

No. 29. **McCallum, Dunnville.**

No. 30. **Huron, Goderich.**
Ex. Comp. H. B. M. Tichmore, P.Z.'s

No. 31. **Prince Edward, Picton.**
Ex. Comp. D. W. Gullett, Z.

No. 32. **Waterloo, Galt.**
H. R. Thompson, J.; G. H. Thomas, T. W. Rutherford,
F. H. McDonald, D. Bowie, T. W. H. Ingall,
R. D. Law; R. Ex. Comps. J. Ritchie, W. S. Mitchell;

No. 34. **Signet, Barrie.**
R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, P.Z.

No. 36. **Corinthian, Peterborough.**
Ex. Comp. A. J. Throop, Z.

No. 37. **Victoria, Port Hope.**
R. Ex. Comp. C. S. Hambly, P.Z.

No. 40. **Guelph, Guelph.**
Ex. Comps. G. Booth, Z.; U. VanNorman, H.; R.
R. Mahoney; Ex. Comps. W. J. Power, R. M. Finlay,
A. R. Clough, R. Forsythe, P.Z.'s.

No. 41. **Harris, Ingersoll.**
Comps. W. A. Sutherland, R. H. Reid; Ex. Comps.
J. Shaver, R. S. Clark, P.Z.'s.

No. 44. **Mount Sinai, Napanee.**
Ex. Comp. H. C. Empey, Z.

No. 45. **Excelsior, Colborne.**
Ex. Comp. J. McKim, P.Z.
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No. 46. St. James, St. Marys.

No. 47. Wellington, Chatham.

No. 48. St. John's, Cobourg.

No. 53. Bruce, Petrolia.

No. 54. Palestine, St. Thomas.

No. 55. Niagara-on-the-Lake.
R. Ex. Comp. Ed. H. Brennan, P.Z.

No. 57. King Hiram, Port Colborne.

No. 58. Pembroke, Mattawa.
M. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, P.Z.

No. 59. Sussex, Brockville.
Ex. Comp. C. N. Edgar, Z.

No. 60. Doric, Newmarket.
Ex. Comp. J. G. Muir, P.Z.

No. 62. York, Toronto.

No. 63. Havelock, Kincardine.
Ex. Comp. H. D. Thacker, Z.
No. 65.  
*St. Paul's, Toronto.*  

No. 66.  
*The Malloch, Seaforth.*  

No. 67.  
*Enterprise, Palmerston.*  

No. 68.  
*Maitland, North Augusta.*  
Ex. Comp. W. H. Wilson, Z.

No. 70.  
*Grand River, Bracebridge.*  
Ex. Comp. Wm. Calvert (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 72.  
*Keystone, Stirling.*  
Ex. Comp. J. F. Baker, Z.

No. 73.  
*Erie, Ridgetown.*  

No. 74.  
*Beaver, Strathroy.*  

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

No. 77.  
*Occident, Toronto.*  

No. 78.  
*Minnewawa, Parkhill.*  
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No. 79. Orient, Toronto.

No. 80. Ark, Windsor.

No. 81. Aylmer, Aylmer.

No. 82. Shuniah, Port Arthur.
Ex. Comp. F. S. Foot, Z.

No. 83. Ionic, Orangeville.

No. 84. Lebanon, Wingham.
Ex. Comp. J. J. McGee (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 86. Macpherson, Meaford.
Ex. Comp. B. Pitt, Z.

No. 88. MacNabb, Dresden.
R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Worthy, P.Z.

No. 90. Golden, Kenora.
Ex. Comp. N. S. Marsh (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 91. Antiquity, Toronto.

No. 94. Midland, Lindsay.
R. Ex. Comp. C. L. Davidson, P.Z.

No. 95. Tuscan, Sudbury.
Ex. Comp. K. S. Clark, Z.

No. 100. St. Lawrence, Brockville.
Ex. Comp. C. H. Bell, Z.

Ex. Comp. J. E. Davidson, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. W. Rubenstein, P.Z.
No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
Ex. Comp. E. L. Moore, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. F. C. J. Foster, P.Z.

No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
Ex. Comp. Alex. Mitchell, Z.

No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*

No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*

No. 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*
Ex. Comp. H. N. Steet (Proxy), P.Z.


No. 119. *King Cyrus, Leamington.*
Ex. Comp. R. Hillier (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 129. *Elliot, Mitchell.*

No. 132. *Leeds, Gananoque.*
R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Gimblett (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 133. *St. Francis, Smiths Falls.*

R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, P.Z.

No. 138. *Shekinah, Toronto.*

No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*
Ex. Comp. H. Middlemiss, Z.

No. 143. *Glengarry, Maxville.*
R. Ex. Comp. F. G. Smith (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 144. *Presqu'Ile, Brighton.*
No. 145.  *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*

No. 146.  *Bernard, Listowel.*
Ex. Comp. H. Forrest, Z.

No. 147.  *Lucknow, Lucknow.*


No. 151.  *Laurentian, Pembroke.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. P. Morrison (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 152.  *Alberton, Fort Francis.*
Ex. Comp. N. S. Marsh (Proxy), P.Z.


No. 154.  *Klondike, Dawson, Y.T.*
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 155.  *Ancaster, Ancaster.*

Ex. Comp. L. K. Crawford, Z.

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

No. 164.  *Lorne, West Lorne.*

No. 167.  *Kichikewana, Midland.*
Ex. Comp. E. H. Good, P.Z.

No. 168.  *Ionic, Campbellford.*
No. 169.     \textit{Temiskaming, New Liskeard.}

No. 175.     \textit{The Hamilton, Hamilton.}
M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis; R. Ex. Comps. A. P. Goering (Proxy), J. D. Ferguson, P.Z.'s.

No. 184.     \textit{Hugh Murray, Bridgeburg.}

No. 185.     \textit{Toronto, Toronto.}

No. 195.     \textit{Peel, Brampton.}

No. 198.     \textit{Couchiching, Orillia.}

No. 203.     \textit{Cobalt, Cobalt.}
Ex. Comp. R. Thompson, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. N. J. McAuley, P.Z.

No. 205.     \textit{Victoria, Thornhill.}
R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 210.     \textit{Kitchener, Russell.}
Ex. Comp. C. W. Piscod, Z.

No. 213.     \textit{Northern Lights, Timmins.}
Ex. Comp. J. Rolph, Z.

No. 214.     \textit{Vimy, Inwood.}

No. 217.     \textit{St. Alban's, Toronto.}
R. Ex. Comp. J. L. House (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 218.     \textit{Prince Edward, Shelburne.}
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No. 219. *Uuster, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. A. MacDonald (Proxy), Jas. Fairfoul, P.Z.'s.

No. 220. *Lebanon, Lambton Mills.*
V. Ex. Comp. J. F. Molloy, P.Z.

No. 221. *Durham, Durham.*
Ex. Comp. R. W. F. Hughes (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 222. *Ottawa, Ottawa.*
Ex. Comp. R. M. Cairns, Z.

No. 223. *Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.*
Ex. Comp. G. L. Cameron (Proxy), P.Z.


No. 225. *Beaver, Toronto.*

No 226. *Prince of Wales, Perth.*
Ex. Comp. C. M. Forbes (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 227. *Quinte Friendship, Belleville.*
Ex. Comp. E. Smith, Z.

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

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

No. 232. *King Cyrus, Toronto.*

No. 233. *Oakwood, Toronto.*
V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell; Ex. Comp. W. E. Gardner (Proxy), P.Z.'s.
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No. 234.  
Halton. Georgetown.

No. 236.  
Caledonia, Caledonia.
Ex. Comp. T. S. Little, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. Peter Anderson (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 238.  
The St. Andrew, London.

No. 241.  
University, Toronto.

No. 242.  
St. Paul's, Lambeth.

No. 243.  
McKay, Stoney Creek.

No. 244.  
Cochrane, Cochrane.
Ex. Comp. S. E. Goodfellow, Z.

No. 245.  
Preston, Preston.

No. 246.  
Humber, Weston.

No. 247.  
Nilestown, Nilestown.

No. 249.  
Palestine, Bowmanville.
No. 250.  
_Thomas Peters, Windsor._
V. Ex. Comp. E. A. McCubbin, P.Z.

No. 251.  
_Kirkland, Kirkland Lake._
V. Ex. Comp. H. B. Hawley (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 252.  
_Hiawatha, Sarnia._

No. 253.  
_Regal, Port Dover._

**TWENTY-THREE CHAPTERS NOT REPRESENTED**

No. 19.  Mount Moriah, St. Catharines, Ont.
No. 35.  Keystone, Whitby, Ont.
No. 56.  Georgian, Owen Sound, Ont.
No. 61.  Granite, Almonte, Ont.
No. 64.  Willson, Welland, Ont.
No. 69.  Grimsby, Ont.
No. 71.  Prince of Wales, Amherstburg, Ont.
No. 75.  St. Clair, Milton, Ont.
No. 104.  White Oak, Oakville, Ont.
No. 110.  Warkworth, Warkworth, Ont.
No. 112.  St. Johns, Morrisburg, Ont.
No. 130.  Chantry, Southampton, Ont.
No. 131.  Amabel, Wiarton, Ont.
No. 134.  King Darius, Cannington, Ont.
No. 139.  St. Andrew's, Havelock, Ont.
No. 148.  St. John's, Vankleek Hill, Ont.
No. 149.  Atwood, Rainy River, Ont.
No. 212.  Mount Sinai, Toronto, Ont.
No. 215.  Mimico, Mimico, Ont.
No. 235.  Aurora, Aurora, Ont.
No. 239.  Blenheim, Blenheim, Ont.
No. 240.  Smithville, Smithville, Ont.
No. 248.  Dochert, Arnprior, Ont.

Eighty-three Chapters were represented by their regular officers; forty-seven were represented by proxy; six were represented by Past Z.'s; total Chapters represented one hundred and thirty-six.
There were 443 delegates registered, having a total of 683 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

BERNARD CAIRNS, CHAIRMAN,
W. J. ARMSTRONG,
ANGUS CAMPBELL,
R. H. POPE,
W. T. C. CARTER,
G. THOS. E. MARTIN,
JAS. W. WOODLAND,
THOMAS MCDONALD,

Committee.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. B. Cairns, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Representatives be received and adopted.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

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

By R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid:
Grand Chapter of Manitoba—R. Ex. Comp. J. T. Dart, Grand H.

By R. Ex. Comp. Morgan Griffith:
Grand Chapter of Quebec—M. Ex. Comp. D. McLellan, Grand Z.

By M. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price:

By M. Ex. Comp. Walter Davis:

By M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith:
By M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan:
Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania—M. Ex. Comp. Charles H. Weaver, Grand High Priest.

By R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills:
Sovereign Great Priory Knights Templar—M. Em. Sir Knight Walter Williamson, Montreal, Grand Master; R. Em. Sir Knight Dr. C. W. Haentschel, Haileybury, Deputy Grand Master; M. Em. Sir Knight, Col. A. A. Campbell, London, Past Grand Master; M. Em. Sir Knight, A. B. Barr, London, Past Grand Master.

By R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes:

By R. Ex. Comp. George Gardiner:

Grand Chapter called off to receive—

CIVIC WELCOME

His Worship the Mayor, Worshipful Brother F. B. Kilbourne, Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, A.F. & A.M., G.R.C., accompanied by Comp. Ald. Charles Dyson, were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood. The Mayor extended the welcome of the citizens of London, as well as the freedom of the city; and expressed a wish that London would again be chosen for the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation.

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. request M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton to acknowledge the hearty welcome.

Grand Chapter called on.
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 Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Hamilton, Wednesday and Thursday, February 24th and 25th, 1932, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, and—

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Wednesday and Thursday, February 24th and 25th, 1932, 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.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM THE LONDON COMPANIONS

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

The Companions of the City of London and District No. 2, after an interval of five years, repeat the welcome extended to Grand Chapter on similar occasions in the past.

From the first Convocation of this Grand Chapter, the Companions of this District, have shared in the development and promotion of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada, and we have experienced vicissitudes which have marked its growth. These changes have been met with corresponding effort and unaltering loyalty to our Grand Body.

The five years which have passed since we last welcomed you, have been filled with unusual conditions; unrestrained inflation and speculation, and unbounded advance on material prosperity. Then followed the inevitable reaction, bringing loss of means, loss of occupation, loss of confidence, and a pitiful exhibition of our importance to control the conditions we have made. These conditions have reacted on the welfare of our Chapters, and still,
Most Excellent Sir, we cheerfully oppose the agents of ruin, and feel secure in the assurance that we have in our Royal Craft, teaching and practice, the essential virtues which will solve our difficulties. Sympathetic companionship applied to our social life, and shown, not only in benevolence, but in intelligent anticipation and prevention of the causes of our present humiliation.

Most Excellent Sir, our welcome is sincere, and at the same time it is tempered with the hope that our meeting may be of great interest to every Companion, and of great value to the whole social life of our fair Province.

Signed on behalf of the Chapters of London District, No. 2.

W. E. SUMMERS,
Grand Superintendent.

The Grand Z. on behalf of the Grand Chapter thanked R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Summers, Grand Superintendent of London District, for the welcome extended. He congratulated them upon their activities and wished them every success in the future.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Lawrence ............... Alabama
R. " " John M. Empey ............... Alberta
R. " " Alex. Saunders ............... Arizona
V. " " Chas. H. Burgess ............... California
R. " " George Slack ............... Delarawe
R. " " James H. Cowan ............... Florida
M. " " W. N. Ponton ............... Georgia
R. " " A. P. Goering ............... Kansas
R. " " John Graham ............... Kentucky
R. " " W. Y. Mills ............... Louisiana
R. " " M. E. Sherwood ............... Maine
R. " " R. H. Reid ............... Manitoba
M. " " W. G. Price ............... Michigan
R. " " Oliver Ellwood ............... Minnesota
The thirty-one Representatives were warmly welcomed by the Grand Z., which welcome was ably responded to by M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan.

Grand Honours having been accorded, the Grand Representatives took seats on the dais, and then M. Ex. Comp. Chas. W. Haentschel presented the following address:

GREETINGS TO PAST GRAND Z.
MOST EXCELLENT COMPANIONS GEORGE MOORE AND E. T. MALONE, K.C.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. spoke re illness of M. Ex. Comps. Geo. Moore and E. T. Malone, K.C., and who are confined to their homes, and requested the Grand Scribe E. to forward messages of sympathy, along with a wish for their speedy recovery. The following telegrams were despatched:

George Moore, Esq.,
15 Proctor Blvd.,
Hamilton, Ontario

Members of Grand Chapter and Guests unite in personal greetings and send best wishes for a speedy and complete restoration to health and strength.
E. T. Malone, Esq.,  
28 Jackes Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario

That this Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Annual Convocation assembled at London, send fraternal greetings and a wish for your speedy recovery.

GRAND Z’S ADDRESS

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

Companions,—With heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all His mercies and tender kindness, and humble submission to His will at all times, I greet and welcome you to this, our Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in this beautiful City of London.

Poets and orators have sung its praises, its citizens have been and are ever kind, to all its visitors, and its Masonic Brethren, and Companions, are all that could be wished for in their noble efforts towards the advancement of the traditions of the Order.

To any one who is at all familiar with the history, the traditions, and the achievements of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, it is apparent that election to the distinguished position of Grand First Principal, is an honour which should be held in very high esteem.

But to any one who is aware of the number of very distinguished and able men, who have held this office in the past, it will be obvious that such an honour cannot be enjoyed without undertaking the grave responsibility which accompanies it.

Being conscious of both the honour, and the responsibility, may serve to stimulate initiative on the one hand, and to develop a feeling of humility on the other, each of which may be peculiarly appropriated in its time and place.
Departed Companions.

The place of honour should be given to those of our departed Companions. The Committee on Fraternal Dead, will no doubt, give you a detailed report, but there are several whose names may very fittingly be placed in this address.

F. W. Harcourt—Most Excellent Companion Frederick Weir Harcourt, K.C., LL.D., passed from this life May 3rd, 1932, at his home in Toronto, in his seventy-ninth year.

Born in York County, he lived most of his life in that city. After receiving his preliminary education, he graduated from Cayuga Collegiate Institute and Upper Canada College. He was called to the Bar in 1886, and was created a K.C. in 1908, and the Degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Queen’s University in 1921. He was appointed Official Guardian in 1902. He was of Irish Stock, and those who knew him well, saw much of the gaiety and ready wit of the Irishman in his make-up.

He joined the Ionic Lodge, Toronto, in 1889, and after being its Worshipful Master in 1899, he was finally elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario in 1919. He was a member of St. Paul’s Royal Arch Chapter. In 1905 he was elected Grand Principal Sojourner of this Grand Body, and in 1911, became its Grand First Principal.

In the passing of M. Ex. Companion Harcourt, Masonry has suffered the loss of one of its most zealous and painstaking members. One, whose services will stand out as a beacon light, for others to emulate.

Michael Walsh—Most Excellent Companion Michael Walsh, K.C., of Ingersoll, passed to that bourne from which no traveller returns, on August 30th, 1932, at his residence in Ingersoll, at the age of ninety-four.

Born in Ingersoll, almost a century ago, he received his early education there, afterwards attending the law school in Toronto.
After his graduation, and being called to the Bar, he began an active practice in the place of his birth, which he continued until at the age of 92, spending the late evening of his life there.

It is reported that he also took an active part in the Militia for some years. It is also reported that he was a writer of no mean calibre, and that while writing under a pen name, known to very few, his articles were of a high order.

He became a member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, A.F. & A.M., in his early life in the town of his birth, in due course became its Worshipful Master, and was a Past Master of his lodge for over 50 years.

I have no records of any dates of his connection with the Royal Craft, but this is known, that in the years of 1896-7-8, he was Grand First Principal of this Grand Body, and was the oldest Past Grand First Principal, at the time of his death. Another landmark gone. “Let us cherish his memory in our hearts.”

As we gaze across the line which separates us from our friends to the south, we note, with deep regret, the passing of many noble and gifted Companions. There are two, however, whose names at least shall occupy the place of honour in our records.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Perry Winslow Weidner, and Past Grand High Priest Harry Clay Walker. The former, at the time of his demise, was the M. Em. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in the United States, who passed from this life on August 16th, 1932, while the latter, who had been elected to fill the vacancy, died on the 2nd of November, following.

The tributes paid these two noble men, by their loved and loyal Companions, are worthy evidences of great men.

To the friends of those here named, as well as to the friends of all our Companions, who have been called hence, whether residents under our jurisdiction, or in sister Grand Bodies, our sympathies go
forth, and our prayers ascend to the Most High, that He may succour, soothe, and console them, with the thought, that He knows best, and that all is done in accordance with His Divine will.

Re Audit and Finance Recommendations of Last Year.

In accordance with the acceptance of the recommendations by Grand Chapter, of the Audit and Finance Committee of last year, I had the pleasure of naming the following Committee: Most Ex. Com- pion W. H. Davis, R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, and R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood. Their report was as follows:

1. That the inner office, at present occupied, be dispensed with and the large room, numbered 708, in Temple Building, at rental of $43.34 per month, be leased.

2. That the salary of the Grand Scribe E. and salary for office assistance, be confined to the amount recommended to, and adopted by Grand Chapter, namely $3,900.00 per annum.

3. That no travelling expenses or hotel bills of any officer of Grand Chapter be paid unless certified by the Grand Z.

4. That the Proceedings could advantageously be limited in size, in order to reduce printing costs.

5. That it would be well if the Grand Z. should not be called upon to visit so many individual Chapters. We suggest District Meetings to which the Grand Z. might be invited, thus enabling him to cover the jurisdiction with less expense.

6. That the Grand Scribe E. endeavour to make arrangements with our bankers, to secure a larger return on interest, or a lessening of charges.

7. That you give consideration to the abolition of the issuance of elaborate certificates, when the present supply is exhausted, to the elected and appointed officers. We suggest that a letter advising of election or appointment will suffice.
There are other changes we would recommend to secure greater efficiency in accounting and auditing:

1. That the Grand Scribe E. produce receipted vouchers for all incidental expenses.

2. That the Grand Scribe E. open up a regular set of books with ledger control accounts.

For example, we should be able to know number of constitutions, ceremonies, rituals, etc., bought with cost. Number sold with price, inventories should be shown, so that each item can be thoroughly traced.

3. That the Annual Financial Statement should be prepared to exhibit all assets, liabilities as well as receipts and expenditures.

Fraternally submitted,
(Sgd.) W. H. DAVIS,
ALEX. COWAN,
O. ELLWOOD,
Committee.

The report was transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. in its entirety.

Several comments were made by me to him, some of which I desire here to give in full:

1. Their recommendation as to accounting and auditing is, to my mind, well taken. It is an easy matter that vouchers be produced, even for postage account, and there should be no difficulty to do this. It may be that you have not attended to the voucher matter, but I would ask you to procure same for the future.

2. In the matter of a set of books, I would advise that you arrange with W. H. Davis, who is acting for Geo. Moore, as Treasurer, and O. Ellwood, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and yourself, and there work out a system by which the recommendations can be consummated. You spoke to me about a new ledger, and as you know what you have, also what is needed, the whole plan can be worked out, and I will surely accept any recommendation of the
above named Committee. The matter of an Auditor I have already given my thought, namely that the above named three should decide this matter.

I also have to report that the lease of the premises is for one year only, and I would recommend that a small Committee of, say three, should be named, to secure for us, some place in the city for a somewhat extended term of years, so that the matter might be disposed of for some time.

Visitations.

I accepted invitations from the following Chapters and Districts:

March 11. Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto. Designated by them as Grand Chapter Night.


April 11. Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt. Where I installed R. Ex. Comp. N. J. McAulay, as Grand Superintendent of Temiskaming District, No. 16.

May 3. University Chapter, Toronto. This was an unofficial visit, but being in the city I made a fraternal call.

May 4. Regal Chapter, No. 253. Port Dover. At this Convocation, this latest Chapter was consecrated and dedicated in their beautiful Memorial Hall, erected to the memory of M.W. Bro. J. S. Martin, late Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. I was accompanied by M. E. Comp. W. G. Price, I.P.G.Z., and M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and a number of Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers.

May 6. Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener. District Chapter of Instruction for Wellington District, No. 4. All Chapters of the District were represented. H.R.A. conferred by Ruling Principals. Attendance 250.

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June 22. District Banquet, Temiskaming District, No. 16, at Kirkland Lake. All Chapters represented. Attendance 275.

Sept. 25. Divine Service at Belleville, under the auspices of Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227.

Sept. 26. District Meeting of Prince Edward District, No. 11, at Belleville. All Chapters represented. A large and enthusiastic Convocation.

Oct. 1. District Chapter of Instruction at Sudbury, for New Ontario District, No. 15. A very enthusiastic Convocation.

Oct. 3. Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur.


Oct. 8. King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne. District Meeting. Chapters of the District well represented. Had the pleasure of meeting a large contingent of American Companions from nearby Chapters.


Oct. 17. Preston Chapter, No. 245. This was an unofficial visit. Nice attendance, and an enthusiastic convocation.

Oct. 22. Joint Convocation of Toronto 8 and 8A at York Temple, Eglinton Ave. H.R.A. conferred by the Principals of the Chapters of the two Districts. A wonderful meeting. Attendance to test the capacity of this beautiful Chapter-room.


Oct. 25. St. Lawrence District Chapter of Instruction at Brockville, under the auspices of St.
Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, assisted by Sussex, No. 59, of the same place.

Oct. 26. District Chapter of Instruction at Carleton Place for Ottawa District, No. 13, under the auspices of Maple Chapter, No. 116. At this Convocation, Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior, conferred the M.E.M. in a most creditable and acceptable manner.

Oct. 27. Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell, Ont.

Nov. 2. Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard, Ont.

Nov. 18. Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.


Nov. 24. District Chapter of Instruction for St. Clair District, No. 1, at Chatham, under the auspices of Wellington Chapter, No. 47.

Nov. 25. Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.

Dec. 15. Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.

Jan. 16, 1933. Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.


It would require pages of report, as well as of the Proceedings, were I to go into detail, describing each individual visit. I shall therefore hope that a brief general summary will suffice.

Let me say then, that at every Convocation above mentioned, whether in a small country Chapter, or large town or city meeting, I was graciously received, heartily welcomed, and royally entertained.

Everywhere, loyalty to the Royal Craft, was expressed. Optimism ruled almost every place, and a determination to "proceed" seemed to be the watchword.

To those large gatherings in Toronto, Kitchener, Kirkland Lake, Belleville, Sudbury, Hamilton, and London, without detracting in the slightest degree
from the others, I desire to express my personal appreciation and thanks. These will stand out in refreshing memories, as a climax on my Masonic horizon.

On March 23rd, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, I had the pleasure to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. Their invitation was most pressing, and their reception most cordial. A very pleasant day, as well as instructive, was spent with the Companions of our sister jurisdiction to the east of us.


On June 8th, at the urgent request of the good Companions of Adytum Chapter, No. 235, Buffalo, I journeyed there. Words fail me to express adequately my reception.

From the moment of my arrival in the late afternoon, until the "wee" small hours of the following morning, I was up and about, so that even with my iron constitution, I almost collapsed.

On July 19th-21st, on the invitation of the M.W., the Grand Master W. S. Herrington, I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, at the city of Kingston. Their reception of me as Grand First Principal was all that could be desired.

On Dec. 8th, Most Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan represented this Grand Chapter at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. His report of the reception tendered him, of the courtesies extended, are expressed thus in his own words, "Again I was
received with every kindness and courtesy." He reported a large Convocation, as well as a very interesting one.

On February 6-7, at the kind and courteous invitation of M. Ex. Comp. John H. O'Brien, I journeyed to Albany, N.Y., to be present at the 136th Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of New York.

The reception tendered many of my predecessors, and of which you have been advised, was surpassed, if that be possible. My one regret was that M. Ex. Comp. Ponton considered it prudent not to attempt the journey, to be with me there.

Quite a number of other invitations were received to attend Grand Chapter Convocations, as well as from private Chapters, which I had regretfully to decline.

There is, however, one invitation of which I feel that I should make special mention. This came from the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, Halifax. The occasion being a complimentary banquet to M.W. Bro. Reginald V. Harris, their present Grand Master.

Time and distance prevented me from accepting. I availed myself, however, of the privilege of conveying the felicitations of this Grand Body, as well those of my own, to this distinguished Mason.

**Grand Superintendents.**

Of the seventeen districts, of which this jurisdiction is composed, to which must be added the Yukon Territory, I have had the pleasure of personally visiting in fifteen of them.

The loyalty and devotion of the Grand Superintendents of those Districts in which I visited deserves the commendation of Grand Chapter, for their judicious care, and the thanks of this Grand Body is deservedly due those faithful Sojourners, who undertook the task of the superintendence of these parts.

In almost every instance they accompanied me on my visits, and their timely information was much appreciated. One of the other two, where it was found impossible to get together a goodly number of
Companions for a District meeting, wrote to say that had the request come earlier, it would have been possible to make such an arrangement, but that the District had the suggestion in mind, and hoped to be able to act on it next year.

Chapter Summons.

The Chapter summonses coming from the constituent Chapters are very varied indeed. Those of the larger bodies are quite elaborate, others coming from the smaller ones, are quite simple and plain.

Many contained thoughtful suggestions, all tending for the betterment of its members. Others contained only the business to be transacted. The idea of the "Thoughtful Suggestions" is much to be commended, and it would appear that this might very nicely be carried out in all of them.

There is one point, however, to which I would wish to draw the attention of this Convocation. Those Chapters, who publish the names of the Grand Officers, should bear in mind that the Grand Superintendent's position, when placed at all, should precede that of the Grand Scribe E. While Comp. Edwin Smith is a M. Ex. Companion, yet in his position of Grand Scribe E., he comes after, and not before, the Grand Superintendent.

Re-Arrangement of Districts

Several of the Grand Superintendents have suggested that a rearrangement of some of the Districts would seem to be beneficial, and would lessen the mileage to be travelled.

From their viewpoint, it would appear, that the present plan had been adopted due to railway travel at that time. With the present plan of roads, and therefore motor communication, cross country-going, it is found that distances can not only be reduced, but that frequently it is found to be necessary to pass through one District in order to reach a Chapter in another.

Having this in mind, it is recommended that a committee, or several committees, be appointed to
make a survey of the situation of the whole jurisdiction, each committee bringing in a report for our next Annual Convocation, so that if need be, this may be corrected.

**Financial Condition.**

The financial condition of Grand Chapter is sound, due in a great measure to the foresight of our predecessors, yet there are several matters which claim our attention and which should have our serious consideration.

At my request, the Grand Scribe E. sent a duplicate copy of the Statistical Table to each of the Grand Superintendents, asking that this copy be sent me for the purpose of tabulation.

As at this writing, each of the Districts, save No. 2, have complied; and I beg to place the conditions before you.

The outstanding dues for the Districts of which I have made mention, show the sum of $54,230.00. Every District shows a decrease in membership, save that of Temiskaming, No. 16, which shows a gain of 12.

The loss from all causes is 1,591, as follows: Deaths, 389; demits, 389; suspensions, 813.

Our total membership is also reported to be 24,068, of which 3,250 are Life Members.

But we must not feel discouraged. Optimism would seem to stand out in every section. They feel convinced that the tide is turning, and that "progress" is sure to be the "watchword."

Of one thing, however, we are all convinced, namely, that we must retrench, we must economize.

One source for economy can be secured by reducing the size of our Annual Proceedings. Many duplications occur. Then there is the matter of the tabulation of many names. While I do not feel that these wonderful records should be left out entirely, would it not be wise to publish them completely only once in, say every five years.

The office of the Grand Scribe E. can easily and readily keep the records on file, so that when the
time comes, they may be printed in full form, so as to keep a continuation of them.

I have stressed to all, to make their reports as short and concise as possible. Consistent with effectiveness and completeness.

One source of revenue might be inaugurated. Section 244, of our Constitution, provides for Life Membership. There is, however, a very great weakness in it. This section provides that Life Membership may at any time be obtained, by simply paying into Grand Chapter a fee of five dollars.

If this section were amended to provide, (a) a regular fee as provided for, for a period of twenty years, (b) and then a Life fee of ten dollars, instead of five, as at present, considerable would be realised. This does not mean that a member may not apply for it at any time, but it does mean, that at least $20.00 per member is assured.

**Grand Representatives.**

I had the pleasure of recommending for appointment as Grand Representatives to represent the Grand Chapter named near the Grand Chapter of Canada, the following Companions:

Western Australia—R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, Toronto, Ont.

Colorado—R. Ex. Comp. Frank W. Haynes, Kirkland Lake, Ont.

Arizona—R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Saunders, Sarnia, Ont.

New York—M. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, Haileybury, Ont.

And having approved the following appointments, each having been duly recommended, to represent the Grand Chapter of Canada, near their respective Grand Jurisdictions:

Ohio—Henry Gruen, 1511 St. Clair Ave. E., Loverpool, O.


Tennessee—H. W. Goodloe, Nashville, Tenn.
Wisconsin—Elmer S. Owens, 3939 N. Stovell Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
Quebec—Duncan McLellan, Montreal, Que.

By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws.

During the year I was pleased to approve the following By-Laws:
Wawanosh, No. 15, Sarnia.
Elliott, No. 129, Mitchell.
Regal, No. 253, Port Dover.

Amendments to By-Laws.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston, Ont.
Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa, Ont.
Pentalpha, No. 28, Oshawa, Ont.
Prince Edward, No. 31, Picton, Ont.
Guelph, No. 40, Guelph, Ont.
Beaver, No. 74, Strathroy, Ont.
Bruce, No. 53, Petrolia, Ont.
Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto, Ont.
Chantry, No. 130, Southampton, Ont.
St. Francis, No. 133, Smiths Falls, Ont.
St. Andrew’s, No. 139, Havelock, Ont.
Bernard, No. 146, Listowel, Ont.
Alberton, No. 152, Fort Francis, Ont.
Ulster, No. 219, Toronto, Ont.

Dispensations.

One hundred and three Dispensations were requested and granted, as follows:

Nineteen for permission to attend Divine Service.
Twenty-one for permission to advance Officers.
Seven for dispensing with Convocations during the months of June, July and August, not provided by By-Laws.
Thirty-nine to change date of regular Convocations and hours of meeting.
Seven to confer all Degrees at one Convocation.
Ten to hold "At Homes" and social functions.
I refused to grant a Dispensation to wear R.A. Regalia to attend Divine service, in conjunction with a Craft Lodge, it being a Craft function.
I refused permission to advertise a dance by means of radio.
I refused a Chapter permission to wear Royal Arch Regalia in a Craft Lodge while conferring the E.A. Degree, the same being unconstitutional to Grand Lodge.
I refused a Chapter permission to hold a bridge and euchre in their Chapter room.

Rulings.

1. I ruled that a Master Mason having demitted from his lodge, and not having affiliated with another lodge, was ineligible for membership, and application could not be accepted, unless and until he affiliated with some Craft Lodge.

2. Question. If a vote is taken, and Companions voted who were two years or more in arrears of dues (although no protest was made at the time of voting) could any Companion protest afterwards, say at next meeting, and call the ballot illegal, and ask for another vote?

I ruled that unless these Companions were notified at the time of ballot, that they were not in good standing, and were about to be suspended for non-payment of dues, or if the By-Laws provided that only members who have paid their dues can vote, the following must stand, namely,—after the First Principal Z. has made his declaration of the result of the ballot, the ballot cannot be reopened.

Many enquiries have been made this year as to the standing of a Royal Arch Mason—having been suspended in his Craft Lodge for non-payment of dues or to his having taken his demit: Grand Chapter has ruled, and I have no power but to sustain the same, that a suspended member for non-payment
of dues or a demitted member in a Craft Lodge is still in good standing in a Chapter.

**Long Service Jewels Presented.**

Ex. Comp. George Tambling, St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London.


Ex. Comp. Jos. T. Kirkland, Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.


R. Ex. Comp. William C. Davey, St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg.

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. A. Baker, King Cyrus, No. 119, Leamington.

Ex. Comp. Riel Hillier, King Cyrus, No. 119, Leamington.

R. Ex. Comp. Robt. B. Hillmer, Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton.

V. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Wilson, St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smiths Falls.

I arranged with the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia for the presentation and the attaching of the Five-year Gold Bar to the Fifty-year Jewel, now held by R. Ex. Comp. William Panton, of Vancouver, formerly of Milton—the presentation being made by Most Ex. Comp. Harry Watson, of Vancouver, and an Honourary Past Grand Z. of this Body also, formerly a Milton boy.

Companions, we have completed seventy-five years on our journey. Those of us of the present day know little of the trials, of the difficulties and of the discouragements of those noble Companions of our early history. But we do know that they builded and builded well. In those early years, with a small membership, there was no opportunity to advocate
much, save that of placing our Order on a safe, sound, and stable foundation.

Times and conditions have changed. World conditions have made it possible for us to accept into our organization a goodly membership, and to place ourselves on a stable and sound financial position.

May it not be well, therefore, that we look about for some other field of endeavour, to the end that we may leave something to those who come after, some evidence of activity along humanitarian lines, really worth while.

Our Brethren of Grand Lodge in this Province are devoting their energies along a line of endeavour, which merits every commendation. Those of us who have seen fit to advance beyond that of the Royal Craft, and who require, as a prerequisite that we be Royal Arch Masons, have been set a noble example by their Knights Templars to do something worth while. And while their endeavours are not so very extensive, due to their small membership, yet are working along quietly and well.

And if we proceed further along the line, and see what the Shrine is doing, surely our hearts must swell out with pride and satisfaction.

And my Companions, what have we done? To me, it appears that we have been satisfied to allow our predecessors in rank, and those who follow after, to work while we are reclining in their work “well done.”

With this in mind, during my visits among our Companions, I have endeavoured to awaken the interest of all to the thought that we should launch out and create a fund, the proceeds of which may be used to some noble and great purpose.

Therefore, on the occasion of my first public appearance at Occident Chapter, No. 77, in Toronto, I very humbly, and with some trepidation, made mention of this matter. I attempted to outline a plan whereby we might create and raise a fund of $100,000.00, the proceeds of which could be used as
Grand Chapter saw fit. The Fund to be known as "Grand Chapter Memorial Fund."

After my talk, both R. Ex. Comps. Griffith and J. A. Burnett, Grand Superintendents respectively of Toronto 8 and 8A, and Ex. Comp. Burden, of that Chapter, voiced their hearty approval.

Indeed, these three Companions at once set about to do something during their year of office. I am very pleased to report that their efforts were crowned with success. Gathering around them a number of active workers, they have done nobly, and the thanks of this Grand Body is certainly due their efforts.

As soon as it became known that a movement was on foot to do something, I was the recipient of many suggestions, where this money might be profitably expended. To each of which I replied, that the funds were not yet gathered together, and that it would be a matter for Grand Chapter to decide. May I, however, here be permitted to state, that the one which appealed to me most of all was the appeal from the "Mothercraft Society." The subject was introduced to me by Companion Harry M. Passmore, to be followed up by Mrs. Irving E. Robertson, President of the Canadian Mothercraft Society, incorporated in 1931. I have gone carefully into the workings and plans of this noble organization, and I wish here to testify that tears of joy flowed freely when I was made acquainted with their noble and God like intentions.

May I say that no matter where I went the reply in every instance was most encouraging, and my feeling is that it "can be done."

It is true that no account has been opened, but I am in a position to state that one small Chapter, with a membership of only 36, has assured me, that their cheque is forthcoming at any time that it is asked for, or required, their contribution to be at the rate of $4.00 per member on the roll.

My further humble suggestion is that Grand Chapter, just as soon as circumstances will permit,
honour the memory of all its Past Grand First Principals by contributing to this fund the sum of $500.00 each. The records show that at the moment 37 names appear. This would mean an amount of $17,500.00, as a nucleus for this purpose.

Before concluding, may I be permitted to express my sincere thanks to M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith for the many courtesies extended.

My relations with the Grand Scribe E.'s office have been most cordial, and I desire to so record them.

In conclusion, I desire to say that kindness and Brotherly Love were in evidence wherever I went, which was a great source of inspiration and strength to me.

May it so continue, until time shall be no more.

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Grand Z.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, and—

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

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

The Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report for St. Clair District, No. 1, for the year 1932.

I have visited all the Chapters in the District officially and was properly received as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

Every Chapter, with the exception of two conferred or exemplified one of the degrees, and in every case the work was well done, the two who did not, conferred a degree at a Chapter of Instruction that was held in November.

The books and records are, without exception, well and neatly kept; and perhaps there is a reason, the Scribes E. are all experienced officers, and we know that experience is a wonderful teacher.

Outstanding Events

1. Two Chapters attended Divine Service this year. One at St. Thomas, Dover, the preacher being R. Rev. Comp. Chas. A. Seager, D.D., Bishop of Huron; and the other at All Saints', Windsor, when Rev. Canon Harding preached. I was unable to attend the latter so I requested R. Ex. Comp. P. J. McConnell to represent me.

2. When I visited King Cyrus Chapter, Leamington, I had the great honour to present R. Ex. Comp. Baker and V. Ex. Comp. Dr. Hillier with their long service jewels.

3. On November 24th, I held a Chapter of Instruction at Chatham, under the Charter of Wellington Chapter; this proved to be a wonderful success, every Chapter in the District having a part in the work of the day. We were very much honoured on this occasion by the presence of Most Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, the Grand Z., and Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E. One of the outstand-
ing features of this Chapter of Instruction was that it was held at no cost to any Chapter.

The extraordinary times through which we are passing has affected all the Chapters, but I am pleased to say that a spirit of optimism prevails throughout the District.

In closing, I wish to convey to each and every Chapter in the District my sincere thanks and appreciation of their loyalty and wonderful co-operation during my term of office, as Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District.

To Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith I owe a debt of gratitude for his unfailing assistance and advice.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

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

It is with pleasure that I submit to you, my report on the conditions of Capitular Masonry in London District for the year 1932.

I take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by the Companions of London District in electing me as their Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, who so readily confirmed my appointment.

I was extremely fortunate in securing the services of Ex. Comp. J. G. Green, as District Secretary, who accompanied me on all my official visits, and by whose untiring efforts, and readiness to perform any task assigned to him, proved a wonderful help at all times.

My first official visit was to St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 242, Lambeth, on April 5th, followed by Wawanosh, No. 15, Sarnia, on April 8th; St. John’s, No. 3, London, on April 27th; Beaver, No. 74, Strathroy, on May 2nd; Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. on May 27th; Aylmer, No. 81, Aylmer, on June 3rd; Bruce, No. 53, Petrolia, on June 15th; Vimy, No. 214, Inwood, on Sept. 19th; The St. Andrew, No. 238, London, on Oct. 12th; Minnewawa, No. 78, Parkhill, on Oct. 17th; London Chapter, No. 150, London, on Oct. 18th; Hiawatha, No. 252, Sarnia, on Oct. 27th; and my Mother Chapter, Nilestown, No. 247, Nilestown, on Nov. 17th.

While making my visits and inspections; the Companions fully evinced their zest and loyalty to the Grand Body, and left no uncertainty as to their interest in Capitular Masonry in London District, and would say that Royal Arch Masonry is in a very healthy condition, and when this period of unsettled conditions has passed, I feel sure of a great future for our noble Order in this part of the jurisdiction.
On nearly all of my official visits I had the privilege of seeing one of the degrees exemplified, and the work as put on by the different officers is of the very highest order. There seems to be a friendly rivalry among the Chapters to see which can confer the degree in the most impressive and word perfect manner, which results in the Work being given its proper attention. On each visit the books were thoroughly examined, and found to be excellently kept. The Scribes E. are to be congratulated on their work.

The number of Divine Services held throughout the District is worthy of comment. A joint Divine Service was held by the two Sarnia Chapters on Sunday, May 15th, with a large attendance of the Companions from Sarnia and surrounding District. Services were also held by Vimy Chapter of Inwood, St. George’s Chapter, London, and a joint service by St. Andrew of London and Milestown of Milestown, all of which were well attended. On Sunday, Oct. 20th, the usual District Divine Service was held in London at the Cronyn Memorial Church, at which Comp. Rev. Canon Quintin Warner, Rector of the church, delivered the address, the service being well attended by Grand Chapter Officers and Companions of the District.

An outstanding event of the year was the fraternal visit of Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, to St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, London, on the night of my official visit, when a goodly number of Companions from both Chapters were present. A notable feature on this occasion was the presence of two other ruling Grand Superintendents, R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, from Huron District, and R. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. M. McGuire, from Wilson District. After witnessing the degree worked by the Companions from Kitchener, all retired to the banquetting room, where a splendid lunch was served, followed by addresses and a musical programme.

I had the pleasure of accompanying St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, when they paid a return visit to the
Companions of Kitchener, and witnessed the conferring of the degree by them. An enjoyable evening, well spent.

On the evening of Nov. 23rd, it was the privilege of the Companions of the District to receive an official visit from Most Ex. the Grand First Principal Dr. C. W. Haentschel. As this was the regular convocation night of St. John’s Chapter, No. 3, they kindly gave way for the reception of the Most Excellent. After receiving our distinguished guest, the balance of the evening was spent at the festive board, where the Most Excellent addressed the Companions, followed by the guest speaker of the evening, Comp. (Rev.) C. E. Jeakins.

A joint installation of the four London Chapters, together with St. Paul’s of Lambeth, and Nilestown Chapters, was held in the Masonic Temple, London, on the evening of Dec. 27th, when the officers were installed for the ensuing year, under the guidance of R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, the Installing Z. R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes of Hamilton, being present, addressed the Companions after the banquet, his subject being “The Worth of a Man.” During the evening Ex. Comp. Drysdale of Hamilton rendered two beautiful solos, which contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

Space does not permit me of doing justice to the many fine and enjoyable meetings that it was my privilege to attend, and to report on each individual Chapter would require a great deal of space, and as my predecessor in office gave these full attention, a general summary at this time will suffice. I find a healthy spirit of optimism prevails throughout the whole District, and the collection of dues is demanding attention, but I find that instead of resorting to suspensions the Chapters are generally taking a personal interest in those who are in arrears, and in many worthy cases the dues have been commuted.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions who so faithfully accompanied me on every visit, and assisted in making my duties lighter, particularly
those in the persons of R. Ex. Comp. H. E. Livermore, V. Ex. Comps. G. H. Martin and H. E. Abell, Comps. Johnson, Lansdell, Welsh, Carter, T. Martin, Taman, C. T. Summers, Mills and Gibling, and many others. I also wish to express my appreciation to M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, the Grand Scribe E., for his kind advice and assistance, and to the various Chapters for their courtesy shown me. My term of office has been a most pleasant one, and for my successor in office, I bespeak the same kind feeling and co-operation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. E. SUMMERS,

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 Wilson District, and of its activities for the year 1932 I must extend the usual felicitations to my Mother Chapter, Ezra, No. 23, and the Companions of Wilson District in my election to the position of Grand Superintendent, to the Superintendents of adjacent Districts for their assistance and visits, and to the Companions who have accompanied me on my several fraternal journeys. I extend thanks not as, or from a sense of duty, but from the bottom of my heart, as only an Irishman can feel and so express his feelings.

While thanking the Companions who were responsible for the great honour conferred upon me, I must also say that the receptions I received, and the goodfellowship extended in each and every Chapter made my term a most enjoyable one.

The spirit of optimism displayed by the officers and Companions of each Chapter makes it difficult to give outstanding credit to any individual.

I have visited all the Chapters of the District at least once officially and some of them more than once unofficially during my term, and while I find that the depression has been responsible for a loss in membership, I still find a great enthusiasm among all members of the Craft of whatever rank and degree with whom I have had the pleasure of speaking. We must assist our Companions in retaining their names on our rolls, unless withdrawal is absolutely necessary.

While the present world depression is greater than any experienced by the present generation, let us remember that Masonry has always come through such periods of stagnation and retrogression with her code of ethics unstained and her morale unshaken. And again when the mists have cleared
from the horizon Masonry will be seen holding that high position that has always characterized it as a great organization, which has done much towards the uplift of humanity.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary V. Ex. Comp. Harry A. Johnson, who has long been one of the stalwarts of Ezra Chapter.

Official visits were made to the various Chapters as follows:

Oct. 7th—Mount Horeb, No. 20, Brantford.
Nov. 11th—Harris, No. 41, Ingersoll.
Nov. 18th—Oxford, No. 18, Woodstock.
Nov. 21st—Brant, No. 115, Paris.
Dec. 14th—Regal, No. 20, Port Dover.

Besides several unofficial visits to the above Chapters, I had the great pleasure of visiting other places as follows:—London, Kitchener, Georgetown, Hamilton and Milton.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. McGuire,
Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 3.

Simcoe, 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 and pleasure to submit to you my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4, for the year 1932.

Although I have personally expressed my thanks to the Companions in the various Chapters of the District for honouring me by recommending me as representative of the Grand Z. in this District, yet I desire to place it on record. I therefore express to my Companions in Wellington District my sincere appreciation for the honour they conferred upon me, and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for confirming my appointment.

It was a matter of very great pleasure and satisfaction to me when my good friend and Companion, Ex. Comp. J. T. Power, consented to act as District Secretary. His support has been untiring and his timely counsel and the manner in which he attended to the clerical duties have been of incalculable assistance and any success that may have attended my efforts is in a large measure due to him.

My official visits were as follows:

Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.—My first official visit was made to Waterloo Chapter on April 11th. It was the occasion of their annual Past Principals’ Night, and we were graciously received by R. Ex. Comp. T. F. Campbell, who was in the chair. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by what might be termed the veteran Past Principals, in a manner that showed that though they may be veterans in point of years of service, they are truly active concerning the correct practice of our rights and ceremonies. A very pleasing event was the presentation to Ex. Comp. L. W. H. Ingal of a Past Principal’s jewel. It was also my privilege and pleasure to unveil a photo group of 24 Past Principals of the Chapter.
This Chapter is in splendid shape financially and the amount of outstanding dues is very small, no doubt largely due to the untiring efforts of their efficient Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. James Ritchie.

Following the work of the evening we enjoyed a social hour.

I visited this Chapter again on Oct. 7, and saw the regular officers confer the M.E.M. Degree in a splendid manner.

Preston Chapter, No. 245, Preston.—I made my inspection of Preston Chapter on May 16, and was cordially received by Ex. Comp. G. I. Rodger and the Companions. The work of the evening was the Holy Royal Arch Degree, and was conferred by the officers, assisted by a number of Past Principals in a splendid and effective manner. This, the baby Chapter of the District, though suffering as other Chapters through lack of candidates, is maintaining the interest of the Companions, and may look with confidence to the future. Following the degree work, an enjoyable social hour was spent with the Preston, Galt and Guelph Companions.

I again visited this Chapter on Dec. 19, the occasion of the installation of officers. A pleasing event on this occasion was the presentation of a Royal Arch First Principal's banner to Preston Chapter by a number of Past Principals of Guelph Chapter. The banner was presented by the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. J. T. Power, who in his remarks explained the symbolism of the banner.

Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown.—My official visit to Halton Chapter was made on May 20. We were received by Ex. Comp. Geo. Watt and accorded due honors by the Companions. It was the occasion of their tenth anniversary, and the chairs were occupied, as far as possible, by the original officers. R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, as Z.; R. Ex. Comp. H. G. Meir, as H.; V. Ex. Comp. J. T. Cameron, as J., formed the Council, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. B. G. Arnold, V. Ex. Comp. G. Brown, and other Past Principals. The Holy Royal Arch Degree
was exemplified in a commendable manner, showing the continued interest of the Past Principals.

At the banquet following the degree work, R. Ex. Comp. Meir presided, and a large number of Companions from both within and without the District were present to enjoy the companionship and hospitality of the Halton Companions. This Chapter is maintaining its reputation for progressiveness and good work.

It was also our pleasure to accompany the Companions of Guelph Chapter when they visited Halton Chapter on April 15th, and to assist in conferring the Most Excellent Masters Degree.

Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.—Accompanied by a number of Guelph Companions, I officially visited Ionic Chapter on June 14th. I was welcomed in a very hearty manner by Ex. Comp. Clowes and duly honoured by the officers and Companions. Ex. Comp. Clowes and his officers, assisted by a number of Past Principals, exemplified the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a manner which left no room for criticism. The District Secretary reported the records in accordance with the requirements of Grand Chapter. Financial standing good, and outstanding dues practically nil. Ionic is one of our fine old Chapters doing good work.

Added pleasure was given to the social hour by the presence of Companions from Prince Edward Chapter, Shelburne.

Durham Chapter, No. 221, Durham.—My official visit to Durham Chapter was a double pleasure in that our friend and associate in office in Guelph Chapter in former days, Ex. Comp. R. W. F. Hughes, was First Principal of this Chapter for 1932. We were most cordially received by him and accorded due honours by the Companions. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a very capable manner and showed earnest endeavour on the part of the officers and Past Principals taking part.

The District Secretary reported that the Scribe E. has instituted an improved system of records,
conforming with the requirements of Grand Chapter. This Chapter has a large amount of unpaid dues, but they are making special efforts to rectify this condition.

It was a real pleasure to meet again with the Companions of Durham Chapter and to enjoy a social hour with them following the degree work.

GUELPH CHAPTER, NO. 40, GUELPH.—I officially inspected Guelph Chapter, No. 40, on Sept. 9th, and was courteously received by Ex. Comp. F. Forsythe and honours due the representative of the Grand First Principal were duly given. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in an exemplary manner and did credit to the officers and Past Principals who assisted. This Chapter has a real problem to handle in the matter of unpaid dues. We trust that the officers will give this matter their earnest consideration and exert every effort to reduce the amount outstanding. It was my privilege to present "Age with Honour Jewels" to two distinguished Companions who have served their Chapter for a quarter of a century, in the persons of V. Ex. Comp. R. S. Cull and V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Rapp. A social time was enjoyed following the degree work.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 218, SHELBURN. —On Sept. 23rd, I made my official visit to Prince Edward Chapter and was accorded a hearty reception by Ex. Comp. Wansbrough and the officers and Companions. The M.E.M. Degree was the work of the evening and was performed in a manner which showed considerable study on the part of the officers. The District Secretary reported the records in splendid shape. It was unfortunate that the Chapter should lose their efficient Scribe E. through removal, but Ex. Comp. Crawford, who has filled the office before, is carrying on the good work. This Chapter has a limited scope for its activities but has a set of enthusiastic officers and should continue to uphold the banner of Capitular Masonry in that portion of the District.
Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Palmerston.—Oct. 11th was the date set aside for the inspection of this Chapter. We were warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. S. Moore and the Companions. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified for us in an acceptable manner. This Chapter is situated in a railway centre and is suffering the loss of some of its members through transfer, which is necessary for some of those in this occupation at the present time. The dues are very low and do not cover current expenses. It was our recommendation that they be raised. The District Secretary reported the records neatly kept and up to date. A social hour with the Companions was thoroughly enjoyed by us.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.—I inspected Kitchener Chapter on Oct. 21st. I was cordially received by Ex. Comp. MacEachern and the Companions. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred with musical ritual in a most excellent manner, which left no room for criticism. The records were in splendid shape and the prospects of this Chapter, which has the distinction of being the largest in the District, are bright indeed. It has a group of enthusiastic and progressive officers and should continue to grow in the years to come. We enjoyed again Kitchener Hospitality and Companionship following the work of the evening.

Reception to the Grand Z.—This District had the pleasure of a visit from Most Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel on May 6th. With Kitchener Chapter as hosts, every Chapter in the District sent a large representation and these, combined with many visitors from sister jurisdictions, formed possibly the largest gathering of Royal Arch Masons in the history of Wellington District, No. 4, and constituted a striking tribute to the Grand First Principal. The exemplification of the Holy Royal Arch Degree featured this convocation, the chairs being filled by the ruling First Principals of the District, assisted by a number of Second and Past Principals.
Among the distinguished visitors were the following: Most Ex. Comps. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, Grand Z.; Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E.; R. Ex. Comps. W. M. McGuire, Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 3; H. E. Warner, Grand Supt. Hamilton District, No. 5; J. M. Empey, Grand Supt. Huron District, No. 6, and many other present and past Grand Chapter Officers.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—A Chapter of Instruction was held in Guelph on Oct. 28th, with a splendid attendance of Companions from all over the District. Guelph Chapter opened in the Royal Arch Degree and after receiving the visitors the Chapter was called off and a lodge of M.E.M. formed. The M.E.M. Degree was then exemplified by the officers of Guelph Chapter, assisted by a number of Past Principals. Following the degree a discussion took place from which we trust some benefit was derived by the Companions, especially of the smaller Chapters.

At the banquet table we listened to excellent addresses by R. Ex. Comp. H. G. Meir, V. Ex. Comp. E. D. Cunningham and representatives of each Chapter.

There were several exchanges of visits among the Chapters, both within and without the District, and it was my pleasure to attend some of these.

In closing this report, may I express my appreciation to the Companions of Guelph Chapter for their support during the year. They made my visits pleasant by their company, both to myself and to the Chapter I was visiting. Also to R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr for his kind advice and support.

If I have been able to do anything to advance Capitular Masonry in this District during the past year, I shall feel that I have been amply repaid for any effort I may have made.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. T. PALMER,
Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.
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 present this report, dealing with Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 5.

First, I want to thank all the Companions who so willingly assisted me during my term of office, and Ex. Comp. J. S. Drysdale, District Secretary for his very able assistance.

Keystone Chapter, No. 224.—At the meeting of Keystone, No. 224, on March 7th, R. Ex. Comp. Paul E. Lumsden, for the District, presented me with the beautiful regalia of my office. Also my first official visit was to Keystone Chapter, No. 224, on May 2nd, at which meeting a goodly number of Companions accompanied me and after a very cordial reception by Ex. Comp. J. R. Crocker, had the pleasure of witnessing the M.M.M. Degree exemplified in a very creditable manner. The books and records of the Chapter are neatly kept, and the Chapter is to be congratulated on having R. Ex. Comp. F. R. Martin as the Scribe E., and R. Ex. Cmp. Paul E. Lumsden as Treasurer.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton.—I made an official visit on May 12th to this Chapter, where I received a most cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. S. G. Long. The books of Scribe E. and Treasurer are in excellent condition, and the system of bookkeeping used is one of the best I have come across in any Chapter. Unfortunately, no “Material” was available, and consequently the evening was spent in the banquet room.

McKay Chapter, No. 243.—On the evening of October 5th I made my official visit to this young Chapter and was very cordially received by Ex. Comp. H. B. Lobb. Here, as in nearly all Chapters, the present conditions are being felt very keenly, no work being available. The books of Scribe E. and
Treasurer are in excellent condition. This being their annual water melon night we adjourned after the Chapter was closed, to the ante-room, where there were plenty of water melons and good fellowship.

**ANCASTER CHAPTER, NO. 155, ANCASTER.**—My official visit to this Chapter was made on the evening of October 18th. After being presented and very cordially received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Alex. Hendry, the officers exemplified the M.M.M. Degree in an excellent manner, while the Companions were very attentive to the lessons therein taught. After the Chapter was closed, we adjourned downstairs to the banquet room, where a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent with music by their orchestra, and instructive talks by some of the visiting Excellent Companions. The books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer are in excellent condition, and the attendance was very gratifying.

**CALEDONIA CHAPTER, NO. 236, CALEDONIA.**—On the occasion of my official visit to this Chapter on Oct. 27th, after being duly and cordially received, as there was no work, the Chapter was duly closed in prescribed form. A buffet lunch of home made cooking was served, which was much appreciated by the visiting Companions. A few short and interesting talks were given by some of the Past Grand Chapter officers who accompanied me, and some of the Ex. Companions of Caledonia Chapter, which gave us food for thought. There was a fairly good attendance and the books of the Chapter are in fine shape.

**THE HAMILTON CHAPTER, NO. 175, HAMILTON.**—On the evening of Nov. 15th I was very cordially received by Ex. Comp. Rev. G. W. Tebbs. After conducting the election of officers, the regular officers exemplified the Holy Royal Arch Degree and the attention and conduct of all was most pleasing. After closing the Chapter in due form, we spent a very pleasing social hour before leaving for home.
The books and records of this Chapter are in excellent shape, and they are to be congratulated on having an efficient Scribe E. as V. Ex. Comp. Samuel Vila. M.E. Comp. George Moore, Treasurer, being ill, was unable to attend, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to health.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, NO. 75, MILTON.—I paid an official visit to this Chapter on Nov. 17th. After being very cordially received by Ex. Comp. J. E. Cunningham, and after the annual election, the officers exemplified the M.M.M. Degree in a very creditable manner. A pleasing musical, social hour was spent in the banquet hall before leaving for home. Again the Chapter's records have to be reported in good shape and ably and neatly kept by Ex. Comp. R. B. Galbraith, Scribe E.

HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 2, HAMILTON.—When visiting this, my Mother Chapter, on the evening of Nov. 28th, a right hearty welcome was extended to me by Ex. Comp. Joseph Wallace and the Companions which made me feel that it is good to be home again. After conducting the election of officers, the regular officers, under Ex. Comp. J. Wallace, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on two candidates in a very creditable manner. R. Ex. Comp. D. R. Gibson has the records in excellent condition.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, NO. 104, OAKVILLE.—Visiting this Chapter on Dec. 20th, after being cordially received by Ex. Comp. C. Dickinson. R. Ex. Comp. Leslie A. Shaver, assisted by Ex. Comps. from Keystone Chapter of Hamilton, forming an installing board, in a very fine and impressive manner installed the officers for 1933. The books are in very fine shape, and I am sure the new Scribe E. will find no trouble in carrying on his duties in an efficient manner.

The foregoing is a very brief account of the Grand Superintendent's official visits, and he would like to call your attention to the work of the Principals' Association of the Hamilton District, No. 5,
under the leadership of R. Ex. Comp. D. W. Evans, assisted by the Secretary, V. Ex. Comp. Geo. Britton, who have succeeded in making this a real live organization.

The Association have accepted the responsibility, at the request of the Grand Superintendent, of exemplifying the different degrees as "a Chapter of Instruction," but three degrees are not attempted on any one light, but rather, for example, on April 29th, 1932—the association paid a visit to St. Clair Chapter, Milton. To this meeting, all Chapters of the District were invited, and the team composed of representatives from each Chapter exemplified the Holy Royal Arch Degree, as instruction for the Companions assembled.

The same idea was used when the District had the pleasure of entertaining Most Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, Grand Z., at a meeting of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, in Hamilton, on October 13th, when after the reception to the Grand First Principal, the M.E.M. Degree was exemplified as instruction to the Companions present. At the conclusion of the degree, the Companions were permitted to ask questions and these were answered by our genial friend, Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.

The writer believes that this method of Chapter instruction is a distinct advance in this line of endeavour, and as Hamilton District covers only a small distance in miles, is particularly suitable for it.

The statistical report shows in detail the work of the different Chapters of the District, and needs no comment from your representative.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the opportunity of serving the Companions of Hamilton District, No. 5.

Fraternally submitted,

H. E. WARNER,
Grand Supt. Hamilton District, No. 5.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6.

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

It is with very great pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Huron District, No. 6, for the year 1932. I have been most happy in my endeavour to warrant the confidence placed in me, and it is my desire to preface this report with an expression of grateful appreciation to the Companions of the District for the honour conferred on me by electing me the representative of the Grand Z. in District No. 6, and also to thank Dr. Haentschel for having sanctioned and confirmed my election. The warm and cordial receptions which were accorded me on all my visits have been very gratifying.

I had the pleasure of paying several non-official visits to the Chapters as well as one official visit to each of the ten Chapters in the District. I am pleased to be able to report that harmony and concord prevail throughout this District and that the general conditions are good considering the serious business depression through which we are passing. The officers and Companions are working harmoniously and earnestly. The business of the Chapters is being conducted in a dignified and decorous way, and the degrees are being exemplified in an impressive and creditable manner.

VISITATION.—I made several fraternal visits to the Chapters before I began my official visitation.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 46, ST. MARYS.—This was my first official visit. I was accompanied by some of the Companions of my own Chapter and was royally received by Ex. Comp. Johnston, his officers and Companions. After being formally introduced, Grand Honours were given very enthusiastically.

The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by the officers in a very dignified and perfect manner. I
was pleasantly surprised at this meeting by being presented with a life membership in this Chapter, and I greatly appreciated this signal honour accorded me. Business is well conducted and the officers are capable.

MALLOCH CHAPTER, No. 66, SEAFORTH.—Accompanied by several members of my own Chapter I visited this Chapter on the 16th of May and was very cordially received, and after been given Grand Honours by the Companions the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the officers in splendid form. This Chapter is well officered and its prospects bright.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, No. 63, KINCARDINE.—On my visit to this Chapter on June 24th I was accompanied by several of the Companions of my own and other Chapters of the District, also by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and seven other Companions from London. After being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Shilworth, Grand Honours were given, and then the officers conferred the M.M.M. Degree in a very creditable manner. The business of the Chapter is well conducted and the work thorough. At the close of the Chapter we enjoyed a social hour in their banquet room. This Chapter attended Divine Service at Kincardine, June 12th, and there were a good number present.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, No. 147, LUCKNOW.—On this visit I was again accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Porterfield and other Companions of my own Chapter, and we were cordially received by Ex. Comp. Porteous, his officers and Companions. After being formally introduced in open Chapter, Grand Honours were given.

The M.M.M. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner. This Chapter is well officered and books in splendid form. At the close of the Chapter an enjoyable social hour was spent in their banquet room.

HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, GODERICH.—I had as escort on my official visit to this Chapter on September 20th, several Companions of my own and other
Chapters in the District as well as M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and several other London Companions.

After Chapter was opened and Grand Honours given, the officers conferred the M.E.M. Degree in their usual good form. This Chapter is happy in having several Past Grand Superintendents in the persons of R. Ex. Comps. Garrow, Dunlop, Croft and Hill, who take a deep interest in the Chapter and are a tower of strength to the officers. Huron Chapter, with visitors and their own Companions, attended Divine Service (150 strong) at St. George’s Anglican Church on May 22nd.

WINGHAM CHAPTER, No. 84, WINGHAM.—A cordial reception was accorded me when on Oct. 20th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. F. Porterfield, I made my official visit. After Chapter had been opened I was formally introduced, and Grand Honours given, and then the officers exemplified in an excellent manner the Royal Arch Degree. At the conclusion of the meeting an hour of cordial intercourse was enjoyed in the dining room of the hotel. The Chapter is well officered, the records well kept and the future of this Chapter bright.

BERNARD CHAPTER, No. 146, LISTOWEL.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Oct. 21st and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Porterfield and eight other Companions of my own Chapter. After the opening of the Chapter I was formally introduced and Grand Honours given. The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a manner which gave proof of their efficiency. This Chapter is in good shape and its officers are enthusiastic and proficient. I had the pleasure of attending Divine Worship with Companions of Bernard Chapter on June 26th at Christ Church, Listowel, when the church was filled to capacity.

CHANTRY CHAPTER, No. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Fred Porterfield, I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Nov. 1st, and
after being formally introduced the Companions gave Grand Honours. This was the meeting for election of officers and no degree was attempted. The officers of this Chapter are enthusiastic and proficient, but they could not be otherwise when supported as they are by such enthusiastic and capable Past Grand Superintendents as R. Ex. Comps. Dr. Scott, A. Huber and R. B. Hillmer. At the close of the meeting an interesting two hours were spent in the banquet room, where instructive and educational discussions were engaged in by the Companions.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, NO. 24, STRATFORD.—Accompanied by several Companions of my own Chapter and a number of Companions from St. Marys, Seaforth and London, I paid my official visit to this old Chapter on October 28th, and after being formally introduced, I was received with Grand Honours. This Chapter is well officered, its Companions are enthusiastic and the future of the Chapter seems promising. The books and records kept by the Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. John Stevenson, are in exceptionally good shape. The officers are backed up and strengthened by such capable past officers as R. Ex. Comp. John Stevenson and V. Ex. Comp. William Irwin. After the officers of the Chapter had exemplified the Royal Arch Degree in a splendid manner we adjourned to the banquet room and enjoyed a happy hour.

ELLIOTT CHAPTER, NO. 129, MITCHELL.—I paid my official visit to this my own Chapter on November 22nd and we were honoured by the presence of many of the Companions from London and Chapters of our own District. No Degrees were worked, there being no candidate available and I am thoroughly familiar with conditions in this Chapter. After being received with Grand Honours the election of officers for 1933 was held, business of the evening was completed and then the Companions enjoyed a happy and interesting social hour at the banquet table. This Chapter was badly handicapped this
year through illness of the First Principal, but with
the class of officers installed for 1933 prospects are
certainly brighter.

On May 31st R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Sumner, Grand
Superintendent of London District, accompanied by
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, R. Ex. Comp. Wm.
Stewart, and some sixty other Companions from
London, Lambeth, Ingersoll and Nilestown paid a
fraternal visit to Elliott Chapter, and R. Ex. Comp.
Stewart's Degree Team conferred the Holy Royal
Arch Degree in such form as to leave no room for
criticism. This was Elliott Chapter's social night
for the year, and we were also honoured with the
presence of many Companions from the different
Chapters of the District, there being a total attend-
ance of one hundred and thirty. In addition to the
official and non-official visits in my own District I
made several visits to the neighbouring Districts.

On May 27th Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, paid a
fraternal visit, forty strong, to St. George's Chapter,
No. 5, London, and by invitation of R. Ex. Comp.
Wm. Sumner, I accompanied him on this official visit
to this Chapter. The officers of Kitchener Chapter
conferred the R.A. Degree in splendid form.

On Oct. 7th, St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London,
paid a return fraternal visit to Kitchener Chapter
and exemplified the H.R.A. Degree. I considered
myself honoured by being included among the guests.
We spent a very interesting and profitable evening.
On Oct. 15th Port Credit Chapter, No. 230, (thirty-
three strong) accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Walter
Price, paid a fraternal visit to Nilestown Chapter,
No. 249, and conferred the H.R.A. Degree. By kind
invitation of R. Ex. Comp. Sumner I accompanied
him on this visit, and we enjoyed a very entertain-
ing and profitable evening. On November 11th, R.
Ex. Comp. Dr. Wm. McGuire, Grand Superintendent
of Wilson District, accompanied by Some twenty
Companions of his own Chapter at Simcoe, paid his
official visit to Harris Chapter at Ingersoll, and the
Simcoe Companions exemplified the M.M.M. Degree
in good form. By kindness of Dr. McGuire and also the officers of Harris Chapter I was permitted to enjoy this splendid evening with them. I am of the firm conviction that much good, both for the individual member and the Chapter as a whole, can be gained by this interchange of visits and during my term of office I encouraged them as much as possible.

The high light of the year in this District was furnished by the official visit of our beloved Most Excellent Companion Dr. C. W. Haentschel, the Grand Z., at our District meeting in Goderich on November 25th, at which most of the Chapters of the District were well represented. The Most Excellent was accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and several other Companions from London. We were favoured with an excellent address from the Grand Z., which was well received and much appreciated by the Companions present. After the Chapter was closed the Grand Z. and other visitors spent a short time in the Chapter room getting better acquainted with each other and receiving old friendships and then repaired to the banquet room and enjoyed a fowl dinner and a splendid programme.

In conclusion, I want to make special mention of the kindness of the Companions of my own Chapter, especially R. Ex. Comp. Fred Porterfield and Ex. Comp. David McKnight, who were so faithful in accompanying me on my many visits. I am deeply indebted to my good friends from London, and especially Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith and Very Ex. Comp. Harry Martin, who were so generous with their time in the many visits they paid to meetings in this District and the help given me during my term of office.

At this the expiration of my term of office, I am pleased to report that notwithstanding the adverse financial circumstances which prevail this year; the selection of splendid officers in the several Chapters of my District for the ensuing year justified the belief that the best traditions of our Order will be
upheld and we anticipate prosperity and a numerical increase in 1933. May I bespeak for my successor the same courtesies accorded me during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. EMPEY,

Mitchell, Ontario.
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 Royal Arch Masonry in this District for your consideration and approval, I feel that it is most fitting that I should first express my deep and sincere appreciation of the signal honour which the Companions of Niagara District, No. 7, conferred upon me in electing me Grand District Superintendent and of the kindness of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in confirming my election.

Unfortunately it was necessary for me to leave Hamilton before being installed as Grand Superintendent. The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal therefore, kindly appointed R. Ex. Comp. John W. Holstock, of Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland, to act as Installing Officer. The ceremony was performed in my home Chapter, King Hiram, No. 57, Port Colborne, on March 3, 1932, before a large and representative gathering of Companions. A particularly pleasing feature was the presence of a number of visitors from Niagara Falls, New York.

My first official act was the appointment of Ex. Comp. W. A. Hicks as District Secretary. The choice was most fortunate, as he has performed his duties in a most efficient manner, relieving me of much detail work in the gathering of data in connection with the Chapters constituting this District.

Official visits were made to the various Chapters as follows:

No. 76 Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls, April 15.
64 Willson, Welland, April 27.
57 King Hiram, Port Colborne, May 5.
19 Mount Moriah, St. Catharines, May 13.
55 Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake, June 3.
164 Hugh Murray, Fort Erie North, Sept. 13.
In addition to the official visits, as above, I was fortunate in being able to make several unofficial visits to several of the Chapters of the District. Everywhere I received the most kindly welcome and I wish to here record my appreciation of the kindness, courtesy and hospitality which the Companions have so generously extended to me throughout the year. I have endeavoured to the utmost of my ability, to discharge the duties of the office which they entrusted to my care, and may I express the hope that that trust has not been misplaced. In every Chapter in the District, with the exception of McCallum Chapter, Dunnville, I had the pleasure of witnessing degree work and without exception the ceremonies were performed in a most solemn and impressive manner and with a close adherence to Ritual. I took occasion to compliment the officers on the excellence of their work, particularly where it was apparent that the older Past Principals were participating in the ceremony. These Companions, in almost every instance, had carried on the work of the Chapter prior to the adoption of the present ceremonies and their sustained interest is in itself, a tribute to the beauties of the new Ritual. The ruling First Principal has no greater aid, the Chapter as a whole, no more valuable asset, and the ritualistic work of the Royal Craft no more sure anchor against a drift into decline, than the interest of these older Past Principals whose love of the Order is the impelling force which causes them to carry on far into the evening of life.

In general, Capitular Masonry in this District, is in an excellent position, when considered in the light of present day conditions. There seems to be a growing feeling of confidence among the more active Companions and a renewing of interest on the part of the less active. This, together with increasing signs of interest in Capitular Masonry on the part of Craft Masons, seems to portend better times
ahead. All the Chapters have felt the restriction imposed by their inability to collect dues, but it is felt that this is a temporary condition only. The Chapters are sound financially with assets that, in the aggregate, are several times their liabilities, and any improvement in general conditions will be reflected in the attitude of the Companions in regard to their obligations to the Chapter.

The books and various records of the Chapters were examined by my secretary on the occasion of the official visit and were reported to be in excellent shape and carefully kept. He reports, however, that owing to the absence of Scribe E. on my visit to McCallum Chapter, Dunnville, no books were available. This Chapter has been suffering a severe case of suspended animation, the members showing little or no interest in its welfare. Steps were taken, early in my term of office, looking toward the betterment of the affairs of this Chapter, and shortly thereafter it seemed that my action had borne fruit. The interest of the members seems to be reviving and there is reason to believe that McCallum Chapter will soon regain its old time form.

The Niagara District was particularly honoured in having a fraternal visit from the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, on Saturday, October 18th, 1932. He was accompanied by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith and V. Ex. Comp. Harry Abell of London. The meeting was held in Port Colborne and had been arranged for the benefit of the District as a whole. In this respect it fulfilled its purpose admirably, every Chapter in the District being represented. It was a pleasure to welcome a number of visitors from Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N.Y., among whom was Most Ex. Comp. Washington A. Russell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York. Following the routine business of the Chapter the evening was given over to the address of the Grand Z., after which Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith answered a number of questions on the interpretation of the Ritual. A banquet followed, at
which Most Ex. Comp. Smith gave a most interesting and instructive address. Ex. Comp. Rogers is to be most heartily congratulated upon the unqualified success of the undertaking.

In compliance with the wish of the Grand First Principal, I have endeavoured to make my report as brief as possible. Much that I should like to say concerning the activities of my year in office, must of necessity, be omitted. The year has been one of happy companionship and I hope of mutual benefit. On both sides of that imaginary line we call the International Boundary I have received the greatest kindness and courtesy, and I shall always treasure many pleasant memories of my official association with the Companions.

Before concluding, I wish to pay to the Companions of my own Chapter, a well deserved tribute. They have been most generous in the many kindnesses extended to me and unfailing in their loyalty. It seemed that no effort, no expenditure of time or substance was too great, and I wish to express to them my deep and sincere appreciation therefore. Of these Companions I feel I must mention one; namely, Ex. Comp. C. F. Rogers, to whose organizing ability I owe much of the smooth operation of the arrangements for my various visits.

I sincerely trust that the kindly co-operation I have received at the hands of the Companions of this District will be given to my successor without reserve.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. ALLEN,

Port Colborne, Ontario.
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 forward for your information my annual statistical statement which, together with an individual report of inspection of each Chapter, already in the hands of the Most Excellent the Grande Scribe E., sets forth in detail the condition of Constituent Chapters in Toronto East District, No. 8. In view of the fact that this District is one of the largest in point of members in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada, and embraces city as well as rural Chapters, it presents a good general cross-section of conditions within the Royal Arch body. And while statistical and inspectorial summaries must of necessity be formal and baldly picturesque, they can, nevertheless, be made into very articulate and informative witnesses with a little coaxing.

First, therefore, as to the returns of figures in the fourteen Chapters in the District—ten in Toronto and one each in Newmarket, Uxbridge, Thornhill, and Aurora. In point of membership at the end of 1932 the four rural Chapters show a decrease of less than 3.25 per cent., whereas the decrease in Toronto is more than 5.25 per cent., bringing the District down to a total of 329 members in the four country Chapters and 2,558 members in the city. Taking, however, the figures for 1930 to 1932 inclusive the shrinkage is progressive, showing 6.26 and 9.15 per cent. respectively in the memberships of the rural and city Chapters. Thus the tide recedes, and we are still in the stage of ebb; all undoubtedly due to the present economic condition.

From membership we pass to attendance; and I find this, as usual, an ever-pressing concern of the rulers of the Chapters. But be it said to the credit of the rural Chapters that the percentage of those attending is higher, and this refers only to the members of each Chapter and not to visitors, the figures
averaging 20 per cent. for the country and 16 per cent. for the city.

It is only a step now to the region of those two dreadful agencies of destruction—Arrears and Suspensions—the Scylla and Charybdis of our Masonic pilgrimmage. And if there is anything that can be done to plug the maws of these two ravening sisters, now is the time to do it. And what I say in reference to suspensions covers only that class which is brought about solely through non-payment of dues.

First as to the sum in arrears of dues. In its present monstrous form it is indubitably an aspect of the widespread industrial depression. And a thing which was formerly with us as a normal depressive, held well under control, has now grown to overshadowing proportions, and, like the green bay tree, provokes not our admiration but fills us with a sense of nameless impotence to check its increasing rate of expansion. For an arrearage of dues representing thirty-five per cent. of the possible revenue receivable from registered membership in the coming year is certainly to be deplored, and the hope of collecting all, or even the greater part, of that sum is not a rosy one. And in my judgment, Chapters would be well advised, whether their resources permit, to augment their reserves against outstanding dues for the purpose of offsetting a possible heavy shrinkage; since arrears of dues in the present state of business cannot be regarded as even a promising asset, and even less so when, as will happen in the majority of cases, still further dues are piled upon those already owing. Therefore, I feel it my duty to urge upon the rulers of every Chapter in District 8 a rigorous study of their Royal Arch household, and wherever the circumstances warrant to remit the dues of Companions whose domestic and family claims are such that they are struggling to keep their heads above water. For there is a psychologic as well as a financial effect upon the Companion who knows his dues are piling higher and higher, who deplores having to ask for a debt-endorsed demit, and who sees the
night of suspension growing darker as it draws nearer. It is our duty to move to the help of that Companion. And the constitution permits us to do so.

From Arrears we go on to the sister terror of Suspensions, and it is to be observed that non-payment of dues is the most outstanding single cause. Time and again this melancholy and unlovely termination of a member's association with his Companions has been the subject of comment: when because of some ill-starred shot of circumstances, and which perhaps he is either too proud or too sensitive to reveal, he is sucked into the vortex of financial embarrassment. It is no defence to say that we have summoned him to show cause why he should not be suspended, and he has failed to appear. For the very spirit of our Order lays upon its rulers the obligation to do more than write, and then call upon the postman to do the balance. We must go out and get into heart and heart and hand and hand touch with the Companion; and not merely take refuge in the attitude that the weapon of suspension is there to be automatically used, and its operation quite as unavoidable as death—and as certain as the procession of the seasons. Nevertheless, in virtue of its truly thorny character, this annual drain in suspensions is a standing challenge to Masonry. And it should stimulate our ingenuity to devise means of arresting this continuing and unhappy severance of bonds which were once cemented while the citation of a blessed and merciful charity rang in our ears. Therefore, I suggest that serious study be given to the subject for it is the greatest single drain upon our membership, being as great as the combined losses through deaths and withdrawals.

With the foregoing observations—otherwise the story of the figures—concluded, I turn to a review of major activities within the District for the past year. The first that comes to my mind is the work of the Royal Arch Masons' Welfare Committee. It is not easy to overstate the tremendous influence for
good that this voluntary aggregation of Royal Arch Masons is exerting throughout the two Toronto Districts. Space does not permit me to say all that I would like to say about it, therefore a brief reference to its inception, functions, accomplishments, and the wide acclaim given to its noble work of a helpful and practical character must suffice. Early in the spring of 1932 my colleague of Toronto West District, No. 8A, R. Ex. Comp. J. Alfred Burnett approached me with the suggestion that we endeavour to implement the wish expressed by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Dr. C. W. Haentschel, that Royal Arch Masons in Toronto should undertake some work of an essentially humanitarian character. The Most Excellent Companion, not having given any definite outline, it was left to us to launch the suggestion at a meeting of the principals of the combined Districts, and out of that and subsequent gatherings emerged the Royal Arch Masons’ Welfare Committee with the following objects:

(a) To assist the underprivileged and deserving, whether members of the Order or not, and to develop in the minds of the Companions a desire to participate in such work, and to direct and foster their activities.

(b) To promote good-fellowship and beneficent relations amongst the Companions of the various Chapters throughout the two Districts, and to create an intelligent interest in benevolent activities of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Committee’s activities during the past summer were based upon and supported by the voluntary efforts of individual Companions in a majority of the city Chapters. The voluntary contributions to the cause took the shape of personal services. The Royal Arch Companion drove his automobile to the Gage Institute, took on his passengers, consisting of mothers and children—the needy charges of the Samaritan Club, which is a department of the institute—and transported them from Toronto to their
summer camp Valdai at Jackson’s Point. Five such trips were made during the summer. The monetary result of this service, done without one dollar of expense to any Royal Arch Chapter, represented a saving to the Samaritan Club of about six hundred dollars, and made more funds available for the purchase of an extra quantity of milk and food in their work of assisting those in need, sickness or adversity. But there was not only the monetary benefit to those helped by the Companions in the two Districts: there was in addition that which such noble service always gives—the spiritual return, the satisfaction, the exaltation of having done a good deed, and in being rewarded with the thanks of those for whom it had been done. In addition the magnificent spirit of mutual dependence and brotherly concord which the work of the Welfare Committee succeeded in creating in both Districts, was in itself an inestimable endowment which would, were it to wane, leave a void so aching which none would choose to experience. Furthermore, to the Committee and its various sections, to the General Chairman, Ex. Comp. John Burden, of Occident Chapter, No. 77, G.R.C., and its Secretary-Treasurer, Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy of University Chapter, No. 241, G.R.C., and to the two Marshals, Ex. Comp. James Pickard of Beaver Chapter, No. 225, G.R.C., and Ex. Comp. Alex. Balmer of Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, G.R.C., and lastly, my good colleague, R. Ex. Comp. Burnett, speaking on behalf of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., I expressed his appreciation of their magnificent services in making this, the first undertaking of its character in Capitular Masonry in Toronto, such an outstanding success. And it is my personal hope, after having participated at the creation of the Committee and seen it bring forth such good fruit, that it may grow greater with the years in the scope of its activities, and be a blessed and continuous agency of noble service in Royal Arch Masonry.

As might be expected in a District where it it is so easy to move amongst the Chapters, and where
one hundred and twenty-four regular convocations were held, I was provided with many opportunities of appearing on behalf of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. To say that it was onerous at any time would be ungracious and far from the truth, not even when in the month of December I was present at twenty functions, half of them in the sister District of the West. It is not my intention to mention in detail in this report my inspection of any Chapter, this having already been done in the form of individual reports to the Grand First Principal with a copy to the Z. of the constituent body. But as I go over again my notes of visits the same strain runs through them all,—the fact, so tremendously apparent, of a strong attempt to honour the Supreme Head of the Grand Jurisdiction through his representative. Following in the paths of so many deservedly esteemed and notable R. Ex. Companions who have held the office of District Superintendent, I found the doors of the Chapters, so to say, wide open, and the loyalty and devotion of the Companions to the Chief Head and to Royal Arch Masonry a living force. I found peace and concord everywhere, and a fine sense of appreciation of the dignity, importance and high seriousness of our noble rites and ceremonies. No matter how plain or ornate, howsoever humble or exalted the setting, the music, the numbers of those present—there was always the same brooding, solemn devotional atmosphere.

In the matter of the ritualistic work, this is at a high level of general excellence, with the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree prominently in the lead. This impressive degree is beautiful and exalting in the noble and sonorous language of its lectures, and when embellished with music it is truly a solemn presentation to the honour and glory of Deity. And possibly the reason why it is chosen as the degree for all formal or outstanding occasions is that, more than any other, it is capable of surviving inferior handling, and still leave in the end the im-
pression of something that is great in its essential meaning. But it should be observed that there are certain qualities of beauty and impressiveness resident in the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees that Chapters would do well to present, inasmuch as they both provide scope for the participation of all those present, and the whole mass movement when done with precision arouses one's admiration.

The year of course had its notable events—the first of these was the visit of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal to the St. Patrick Chapter in the spring when that justly famous body celebrated its annual Irish Night, the function being held in the Auditorium of the Masonic Temple Corporation.

Next there was the visit of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal to the combined Toronto Districts in the autumn. At this joint convocation the chairs were filled by the Ruling Principals from both Districts, the Holy Royal Arch Degree conferred, and, in the presence of an immense gathering of Companions in the York Masonic Temple, a presentation made to the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

Mention must be made also of the charity ball given on October 24th by the Royal Arch Masons of Districts 8 and 8A at the Royal York Hotel for the purpose of raising funds to assist in the future work of the Welfare Committee. This function, although showing a small surplus after payment of all expenses was not the outstanding success that the committee had tried to make it. It is to be hoped, however, that, by reason of greater experience, any future undertaking of the kind will be followed by more substantial returns.

Shortly after, on November 12th, Adytum Chapter of Buffalo, N.Y., visited Toronto, and were the guests of the Past Principals' Association. By courtesy, under the charter of St. Paul's Chapter, and by dispensation, the visiting Companions exemplified the Holy Royal Arch in their own ritual, and Royal Arch Masons of the two Toronto Districts had an
opportunity of witnessing the impressive work of the neighbouring jurisdiction.

The tendency for proceedings of meetings to lag between the hour of opening and the time by which the ceremony of the degree ought to begin should be mentioned. Delayed starting results in a late social hour; it also means hurrying through everything to get away by midnight. It is also the cause of inability to pause at the close of the work, to hear of those in distress or in sickness, or to pass in proper from a motion of condolence. Considering that perhaps we are hearing of one for the last time of all, we surely should pause and salute his memory with a kindly reference, with something more than a curt request that a letter of condolence be despatched to those mourning his loss. It would be more gratifying to see the time allotted to the banquet proceedings increased by half an hour which could easily be done, considering that often far more than half an hour is consumed while visitors are waiting to enter the Chapter room, and then being admitted at nine o'clock and even later. Only on infrequent occasions should the business part of the meeting at which a highly controversial subject is brought up be longer than thirty minutes, and First Principals should make the handling of the business part of the agenda as much a subject of study, with a view to its proper, speedy, and efficient despatch, as they do the ritual. For it is often lack of sureness of touch, and general unfamiliarity with proper procedure, that is responsible for the wasteful expenditure of time within our assemblies, when not a sound is heard and no living evidence of progress being made. A business session is the place for neither silent nor somnolent contemplation.

Mention must be made of fraternal visiting. The axiom is as true in reference to a Chapter as to the individual, for as no man can live unto himself, so it is not possible for a Chapter to stand aloof and cultivate anything but a soured interest in its sister bodies. Happily this is not the prevailing tendency
in the District. And the Chapters are to be commended and encouraged in the sustaining, invigorating practice of exchange visits, and the Principals of Chapters should see to it that their convocations are graced by the invited presence of a convenient number of their fellow rulers and some of their Companions.

That the Chapters are not reluctant even in the older bodies to give preferment to relatively young men in the choice of officers is a noticeable fact, and augers well for the future vigour of Capitular Masonry. And in this highly gratifying fact there need be no fear of Royal Arch Masonry not holding its own, increasing in numbers, and rising to higher levels of usefulness and enduring service.

And now as a last declaration, I rejoice in recalling the many invaluable kindnesses which it has been my good fortune to receive from my predecessors in office for years past. Their suggestions and support in my visits of inspection, and on other occasions, have made the work of my year in office a real joy. And in the enjoyment of their esteem I am conscious that they lay me under a weighty obligation to merit their good-will.

To the Principals, Past Principals, Officers and Companions of the Chapters of District No. 8, my best love, for I cannot choose a word that more fittingly conveys my meaning. I leave them as an official, but I feel that I am still welcome to enter their assemblies with as much pleasure as if I were a member of each Royal Arch household.

Also to that company of able and devoted leaders in Toronto West District, headed by my old personal friend and colleague, Alfred Burnett, the hand of sweet fellowship unforgotten and abiding.

Lastly, to the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Dr. Wallace Scott—a most able officer, a fine gentleman, and a loyal friend—my unreserved regard and deep appreciation for his unstinted help in numberless ways. The efficiency and zeal which characterized
his work on behalf of the District at all times is to me, and to all those coming in contact with the Ex. Companion, the cause of lasting satisfaction; and is a notable example of readiness to serve the interests of Royal Arch Masonry with unwearied cheerfulness.

Respectfully submitted,

MORGAN R. GRIFFITHS,
Grand Supt. 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 have the honour to submit for your consideration, the following report, relating to the conditions of Capitular Masonry, in the Toronto West District, No. 8A, during the year 1932.

Permit me, at the outset, to express to the Companions of the several Chapters, whose kind consideration was responsible for my unanimous election to the important office of Grand Superintendent of this District; and also to Most Ex. Comp. the Grand First Principal, who subsequently confirmed my appointment as his official representative, my grateful appreciation.

My first official consideration, was to appoint a District Secretary; and in this connection, Ex. Comp. Ashton Fletcher, a Past Principal of Antiquity Chapter, kindly consented to serve. It is with much regret, that the Ex. Companion was deprived, owing to a severe illness, from devoting his full energy to the duties of the office, particularly, as he is so well qualified, following many years of sincere and active service in extending the interest of the Royal Craft; our earnest prayer is that the Great Jehovah, in his wisdom, will restore the good Companion to health and vigour, so that he may, by his wisdom and counsel, continue to enlighten our midst. In passing, however, I would be remiss, if attention was not directed to the fact, that V. Ex. Comp. Jas. Herriot and Ex. Comp. Arthur Kitchen, both Past Principals of Antiquity Chapter, very kindly acted in the capacity of District Secretary on occasions of official visits to Chapters, when Ex. Comp. Ashton Fletcher was unable to attend; and for their kind consideration, I voice the best thanks of the Companions, as well as to extend to them, personal appreciation.

During the term of office, I have officially visited every Chapter in the District, at least once, and the
majority of the Chapters have been visited as frequently, as it was possible for me to attend. It is my distinct pleasure to report, that on all occasions of visits to the several Chapters, loyalty to the Grand First Principal, and to the Grand Chapter of Canada has been warmly expressed by the Companions; the ritualistic ceremonies are uniformly exemplified, and in a manner which conforms with the requirements of Grand Chapter; the Ruling Principals are competent, and each have exhibited ability, as well as the exercise of good judgment and strict economy, in administering the affairs of their Chapter, during the past year of uncertainty and economic strain, and for which, they are to be highly commended; the Past Principals through their continued active association and advice, are radiating a steadying and paternal influence; officers generally, are alert and assiduous in the discharge of their respective duties; and throughout the Chapters and amongst the Companions, the spirit of companionship prevails, and the principles of Capitular Masonry are appreciated and practiced.

The foregoing observation is prompted chiefly, because of the uniformity of conditions that characterize the several Chapters of the District; further, the harmony that prevails and the thorough manner in which the affairs of the Chapters are conducted throughout the District, is indicated clearly by the fact that I have not been called upon, nor has it been necessary to correct any irregularities or departures from the prescribed regulations of Grand Chapter.

The reports concerning the conditions of the Chapters at the time of official visits, have been filed with the Grand Scribe E.; thus no further reference in this narrative seems essential; the statistical table, herewith attached likewise obviates the necessity of including any similar data.

In rendering service as Grand Superintendent, it has been my endeavour to encourage, as far as possible, a mutual spirit of companionship among the Chapters of the District; my very good friend and
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colleague, R. Ex. Comp. Morgan Griffiths, apparently attuned with the same ideal, as Grand Superintendent of the sister Toronto District, No. 8, has made it possible to extend the bond of union and fraternal love beyond each other's boundary, thereby raising the barriers of reserve, that may have existed between the two Districts; reciprocal visits have been arranged, Ruling Principals' Nights held, etc.; and generally, a very happy and most cordial condition seems to exist. The spark that kindled the flame of enthusiastic desire on the part of the Companions for co-operative action, emanates undoubtedly, from a suggestion by Most Ex. the Grand Z., who, when addressing the Companions on two occasions, early last year, exhorted them to seriously contemplate the undertaking of some service of a humanitarian nature, as a contribution by Royal Arch Masons, in an endeavour to alleviate the suffering and distress of those less fortunate than ourselves. Early in the month of May of last year, a joint meeting of the Toronto Districts was called by the Grand Superintendents, which was attended by Companions of all ranks, and representative of the majority of the Chapters of both Districts, for the purpose of discussing and considering the possibility of undertaking some activity as suggested. The goodly number of Companions then present, after much discussion and many suggestions, expressed a keen desire to render service of a character that would reflect credit to the Royal Craft; and appointed a small committee to investigate and report; briefly, the work recommended and undertaken was that of furnishing automobile transportation to convey women and children to and from Toronto and a summer home at Jackson's Point, Lake Simcoe, in support of the Samaritan Club, which club consists of a group of benevolently inclined citizens who provide for the social welfare of families of tubercular patients. Semi-monthly trips were conducted, resulting in much financial benefit to the Samaritan Club, considerable enjoyment to the women and children, and untold pleasure and happiness to the Companions
who participated in this most laudable work. Space will not permit to dilate on the pleasant reaction experienced by the Companions, other than to say that it has been good for Royal Arch Masons of all ranks, to be drawn together for the purpose of being happy by communicating happiness and assistance to others. To perpetuate the charitable work already undertaken, and the possibility of future extension the Grand Z. granted a special dispensation to hold a Charity Ball on October 24th last, the net proceeds of which are being devoted to this service; the Ball, socially, was an outstanding success, and while the proceeds did not measure up to the expectations of the committee in charge, nevertheless, the balance has created the nucleus of a fund for this purpose.

The activities, outlined above, were arranged by a very energetic Welfare Committee, consisting of Companions, equally representative of both Districts, with Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, of Occident Chapter, as general Chairman, and Ex. Comp. W. Enouy, of University Chapter, as Secretary; all these Companions have given generously of their time and effort, in an endeavour to further the interest of the Royal Craft in the two Toronto Districts; if, by the bright example of their unselfish devotion, we are prompted to still greater action in rendering service for the benefit of mankind, then their labours have not been in vain; and the work which received a humble beginning during the past year, will develop to proportions that will make us fully worthy to bear the title “Companion.”

The most outstanding official event of the year, was on the occasion of a joint reception, which was tendered to the Grand Z., by all the Chapters of both Districts on October 22nd, last, under the auspices of St. Alban’s Chapter; the official reception and address of welcome to the Grand Z. was followed by the exemplification of the H.R.A. Degree with full musical ritual, by the Ruling Principals of the Chapters of both Districts, who occupied the various chairs and assisted in the presentation of the work;
a suitable presentation was delivered by Comp. John A. Rowland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, on behalf of the several Chapters before the Chapter was closed. The Grand Z. was supported by a large number of present and past Grand Chapter Officers with about 400 Companions present; the proceedings of the convocation were followed by a banquet at which the Grand Z. addressed the assembly of Companions.

One of the most active official seasons of the year has recently drawn to a close, being that of installation and investiture ceremonies of the several Chapters, which were conducted for the most part by past and present Grand Chapter Officers, together with large and capable groups of assisting officers, who by their presence, genial personality, and kindly advice, created an atmosphere of genuine companionship which materially encouraged the Ex. Companions who will manage the affairs of their Chapter during this year. Sincerity of purpose seems to characterise the recently installed Principals; and we wish for them a prosperous, peaceful and harmonious term of office. It was with considerable apprehension and reluctance, that I assumed the manifold duties of a Grand Superintendent; being conscious of my shortcomings and limitations, and at the same time being ever mindful of the degree of dignity, sincerity and thoroughness with which the office has been so acceptably filled by my illustrious predecessors; the continued support and assistance that has been my pleasure to receive throughout the term of office, has reduced, what at first appeared a mountainous task, to a labour of love; and I take this opportunity of sincerely expressing grateful appreciation to the Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, and all other Companions for their many kindnesses. Any measure of success that may have been attained through our united efforts, I gladly share with my Companions.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. ALF. BURNETT,
Grand Supt. Toronto West District, No. 8A.
GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

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

In submitting my report to you on the conditions of Capitular Masonry in the Georgian District, may I preface my remarks by an expression of appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by the Companions in my selection to represent the M. Ex. the Grand Z. for the year. A thousand miles of motor trips served to carry me to the four corners of an elongated District—175 miles from one end to the other by motor, 283 by rail. On all these visits I was accompanied by Rev. Comp. L. E. Gosseline, District Chaplain, and on all but two by Ex. Comp. H. J. Thompson, the District Secretary-Treasurer, and to them and to all others who accompanied me I express my gratitude.

I regret to report that the general conditions prevailing throughout the world have left their impressions, as shown by a net decrease of 37 in membership, only fifteen candidates being exalted, only two being provided by four Chapters. This would seem to be due to a lack of enthusiasm by the officers in "selling" their Chapter to potential candidates.

In order to create a deeper interest, in many places the Master Masons were invited to the refreshment hour and an earnest endeavour was made to create a further desire for light in Masonry by an illustrated lecture of about seventy-five coloured slides, principally on the operative side of Masonry and its relation to the M.M.M. Degree. To Comp. Gosseline I am indebted for the use and operation of his lantern.

On all these visits the hospitality and good fellowship was all that could be desired and speaks well for the spirit that actuates the Craft.

Official visits were made as follows:
Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie, April 12th.
Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia, May 13th.
Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, May 27th.
Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, June 21.
Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton, Oct. 7th.
Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge, Sept. 15th.
McPherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford, Oct. 21st.
Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland, Nov. 18.

My visit to my own Chapter was made the occasion for a Ladies’ Night and the success of it was due in no small measure to the active interest of R. Ex. Comp. T. C. Luke, Ex. Comp. H. J. Thompson, Ex. Comp. R. R. Wilson, and the First Principal, Ex. Comp. H. A. McGowan, than whom there are no more active Companions in the District.

With regard to the future, I see no reason to have fears, but my observation has led me to believe that, as are the First Principal and the Scribe E., so is the Chapter, and upon their shoulders rest the supervision and guidance of the Companions. As a rule, Chapters largely reflect the vision, enthusiasm and spirit of their officers. Punctuality at the beginning, vim and vigour in the agenda and entertainment will send home a satisfied membership who will come again.

And now, Companions, we are laying down the gavel which you entrusted to us about a year ago, as unsullied, we trust, as when it was received. It is only by the hearty co-operation of all that the best work can be done; each has his own part to do or it will go undone.

“Surely some workman has builded the pillar as well as the spire;
The cross that the painter has gilded was fashioned in somebody’s fire.
Surely men dig in the ditches preparing a place for the wall—
And some one has made with her stitches the flag that shall fly over all.
Someone has blended the plaster, and someone has carried the stone;
Neither the Man nor the Master ever has builded alone.
Making a roof for the weather, building a house for the King,
Only by working together men have accomplished a thing.

All have a share in the beauty; all have a part in the plan;
What does it matter what duty falls to the lot of man?
Each has a hand in the building; no one has builded alone—
Whether a cross he was gilding, whether he carried a stone.”

In closing our report we bespeak for our successor the same kindly considerations that have been shown to us during our tenure of office, and as the years go by we trust that there will be given abundantly to those who will be called upon to rule and govern, that beauty and strength of character that will ever hold aloft the principles of our great fraternity and to the Companions in general, wherever they may be, we express the wish,

May Time deal gently with you all
And make you mellow, sweet and kind,
That, when you hear the Master’s call
Rich treasures you may leave behind.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. D. KEEFE,

Penetanguishene, January 7th, 1933.
ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10.

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 Capitular Masonry in Ontario District for your consideration, may I first express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honour conferred on me by the Companions of the District and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for confirming my appointment. I wish, also, to thank the Chapters of the District for the kindness and hospitality shown me at all times, making my term of office most pleasant, and I hope the associations formed will last for many years.

My first official duty was the appointment of Ex. Comp. A. J. Meyers as District Secretary, and I am very much indebted to him for his assistance and advice. He accompanied me on every visit and performed the duties of his office most creditably.

My official visits were as follows:

Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford, March 17th.
Palestine Chapter, No. 249, Bowmanville, April 18th.
Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay, April 21st.
St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg, June 28th.
Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne, June 30th.
St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 139, Havelock, Sept. 26th.
Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope, Oct. 14th.
Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby, Oct. 21st.
Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, Nov. 1st.
Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth, Nov. 7th.
King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington, Nov. 16th.
Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterboro, Nov. 25th.
Some one of the degrees was exemplified in practically every Chapter, and considering the conditions which prevail at the present time I consider the work of the Chapters very creditably indeed. The officers, generally speaking, are well skilled, and thoroughly competent to conduct the affairs of their Chapters. The attendance in some cases is somewhat disappointing. Lack of candidates, to a large extent, causes lack of interest, but I am confident when outside conditions improve that Capitular Masonry will flourish in Ontario District.

The District Secretary reports the books of every Chapter to be in excellent shape, the registers properly signed and the books of marks up to date. Outstanding dues are still more or less of a problem, but the Chapters are dealing with this matter in a true Masonic spirit, and there is no doubt but this condition is gradually being adjusted. In many Chapters the dues are not nearly high enough, and when world conditions improve I consider this matter should receive their attention. It is my opinion that the dues should be sufficient in normal times to create a reserve sufficient to carry the Chapters through in times of depression.

I had the unusual pleasure on one of my official visits of seeing a retired minister receive the M.M. Degree at seventy-eight years of age. This is a record in this District and perhaps in the whole Grand Jurisdiction, and the thought occurred to me if more of our brethren could be convinced of the value of further light in Masonry, as he must have been, we would have no lack of candidates.

In conclusion, may I again thank the Companions of the District for the many fraternal courtesies extended to me, and I hope that my feeble efforts have been of even some small benefit to the Royal Craft.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

L. B. Glover,
Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In submitting my report for the year 1932 it is my first and pleasing duty to express my deep and sincere appreciation of the honour which the Companions of Prince Edward District, No. 11, conferred on me in unanimously electing me as their District Superintendent, which was confirmed by the Most Excellent Grand Z., Doctor C. W. Haentschel. I sincerely trust that my humble endeavours to fill the important duties connected with this honoured office have met with the approval of every Companion in the District, and the confidence in me has not been misplaced.

It was my pleasing duty after being thus honoured to appoint Ex. Comp. W. A. Harden (who preceded me in occupying the First Principal’s Chair) to act as District Secretary, who has most efficiently performed those duties and to my entire satisfaction. He accompanied me on all my official visits (except one) as well as many unofficial visits made to the different Chapters in the District.

Before leaving Hamilton, after my appointment, I was very cordially invited by Ex. Comp. Fred. Chapman, First Principal of Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, to make my first official visit to his Chapter on March 22nd, which was only a few weeks after my appointment, which I kindly consented to. The very warm reception extended to Ex. Comp. Harden and myself will long be remembered by us, as it was one of those hearty welcomes which gave me great encouragement and confidence to carry on the duties of my office. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. F. H. Chesher and H. J. Clarke—the former being First Principal when I was Third Principal, and R. Ex. Comp. Clarke, one of my boyhood friends, who introduced me most eloquently. There was a very large attendance at this Convocation. The R.A.
Degree was exemplified, and the officers—every one—were exceptionally well skilled in their work. The Scribe E. is a most capable officer, his books are well kept, and is most prompt in answering correspondence. The appointments of the Chapter are most complete. At the banquet table a most inviting menu was prepared and an excellent programme arranged, brought this delightful evening of my first official visit to a happy conclusion.

Quinte Friendship Chapter sponsored the District Church Service, which was held at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, on Sunday, September 25th, at 11 a.m., Rev. Bro. Beauchamp Payne delivering a very inspiring sermon. It was the largest church attendance of R.A.M. ever held in Belleville. We were honoured with the presence of Dr. C. W. Haentschel, the Most Ex. Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.G.Z., together with many other distinguished Companions from the different Chapters in the District and elsewhere.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, No. 26, TRENTON.—On April 17th I visited this Chapter officially. This Chapter is very proud of their Temple, as it is one of the finest in Central Ontario, having very large quarters for holding their Convocations, (beautifully furnished) and a very spacious banquet hall with every modern convenience for banquets, dances, etc. I was greeted with a very large attendance, the Chapter room being filled—a great many visitors being present. After being introduced by Excellent Comps. M. McClung and J. B. Little and receiving Grand Honours, the First Principal, Ex. Comp. G. C. V. Wilkins, extended to me a most hearty welcome. The books and vouchers of Scribe E. Comp. M. W. Andison are in excellent condition. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred on Comp. Dr. Farley, who is a descendant of a family who have long been connected with Masonry in this part of Canada, by the officers and Past Principals, and the work was very creditable, good expression being given by all the officers. A particularly nice feature was to have
such a large number of Past Principals take part in the work. After the closing of the Chapter we proceeded to the large and beautiful banquet hall. The tables were laden with most inviting viands, which were set in my honour, for the first time in their temple—every Companion doing justice. A very fine programme was carried out consisting of song, music, and wit. Ex. Comp. Wilkins presiding as Chairman in a happy manner. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by everyone, especially the visitors, who were very loud in their praises for the very warm welcome extended to them.

Presqu’Ile Chapter, No. 147.—This was the first time I have had the pleasure of visiting Presqu’Ile Chapter, No. 147. and the reception tendered myself and visiting Companions on this my official visit will long be remembered by me as it was most hearty indeed. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a manner very creditable to the officers and Past Principals who took part. There was a very large attendance, and I can assure the Companions of Presqu’Ile Chapter that all the Companions in District No. 11 are proud to have you as one of the Chapters in this District. A very sumptuous banquet was given at the conclusion of the meeting and all had a very enjoyable evening. Presqu’Ile Chapter is looking forward to having the honour of their First Grand Superintendent in 1933, as it was decided at Grand Chapter by the District that Presqu’Ile Chapter’s turn for this honour would follow that of Moira Chapter. I do not hesitate in saying to the Companions of Presqu’Ile Chapter that every Chapter in the District would be pleased to welcome the Companions of your Chapter at any time you can make it convenient to visit them.

Keystone Chapter, No. 72.—Accompanied by many Companions from Belleville I made my official visit to Keystone Chapter, No. 72, on June 13th, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. T. W. Solmes and C. F. Walt, and a very hearty welcome was accorded me by the First Principal, Rev. Comp. M. J. V. Leva-
son. There was a good turn out of the Companions, a very large number of the members being present. I was especially pleased to have with me on this visit Ex. Comp. J. O. Herity (of Quinte Friendship Chapter, Belleville,) who was honoured some time ago, being made a Life Member of Keystone Chapter, and I can assure the Companions of Keystone Chapter that Ex. Comp. Herity appreciates that high honour. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred in a manner which showed that every officer was thoroughly conversant with his work. I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing to the First Principal the appreciation of the excellence in his work in this degree, and I would be pleased indeed sometime to hear him in the H.R.A. Degree. Keystone Chapter is to be congratulated on having such an efficient Scribe E., as they have in R. Ex. Comp. T. W. Solmes. Books excellently kept, prompt in correspondence, and always courteous to his Companions, and looking after the interests of Keystone Chapter. Ex. Comp. Levason presided at the banquet table. The refreshments provided by the wives of the Companions were most delicious and enjoyed to fullest by us.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44.—The first official visit after the summer vacation was to Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, on September 21st. I regret to report there is not more activity in this Chapter, for there have been no new members brought into this Chapter in over two years. The First Principal, R. E. Sexsmith, living some miles away from Napanee naturally prevented him from procuring new members, but the resident members should put forth more effort to procure them. It might be well for the Scribe E. to put an application form for membership in the envelope when he is sending his summons to the Companions as well as putting a notation on his summons asking each Companion to try and procure a candidate. The H.R.A. Degree was exemplified and the work was well done under the circumstances. The First
Principal is to be commended on his work. He was ably assisted by a number of the Past Principals. A very serious loss was sustained by this Chapter in the early part of the year in the death of one of its senior officers. I think this Chapter should procure a more suitable summons, which could be procured at very little extra expense. At the close of the Chapter a very enjoyable hour was spent at the banquet table. Ex. Comp. J. O. Herity of Belleville gave a very interesting talk on Sir Walter Scott, this being the date of the 100th anniversary of his death.

Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton.—I received a very cordial invitation to join with the Companions of Prince Edward Chapter on May 23rd, when they were celebrating "Victoria Night," and was accompanied by a number of Companions from Belleville. This was one of the finest evenings during my term of office. At the banquet tables a real historical treat was given to all by a most eloquent address delivered by Comp. F. L. Ward outlining the reign of each sovereign throughout British history. R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Vick also gave a wonderful address pertaining to the night we were celebrating. May I mention that this Chapter has one of the best furnished Chapter rooms in Ontario—the furnishings are exquisite and historical.

On October 17th, I visited this Chapter officially and was accompanied by many Companions from Belleville. Was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. E. Garbutt and W. E. Vick, and after receiving Grand Honours, was accorded a most hearty welcome by Ex. Comp. Dr. Walmsley, who was acting First Principal for Ex. Comp. Adams, who was called away from Picton that day. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred and Ex. Comp. Walmsley, together with the other officers conferred the same in a most creditable manner. At the banquet table a sumptuous menu awaited us and many short and witty addresses were given by the Companions of Prince
Edward Chapter and visiting Companions. A very bright future is awaiting this Chapter.

I wish to draw the attention of the Scribe E. to the fact that some correspondence needs prompt attention.

During the year a new set of By-laws were approved by the Grand Z.

The Moira Chapter, No. 7.—On October 4th, I paid my official visit to my Mother Chapter—The Moira, No. 7, I was received with Grand Honours and welcomed by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. J. Burgess. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred and the officers are well skilled and required very little instruction in connection with the changes in the new Ritual. At the conclusion of the Chapter meeting we assembled in the banquet hall, where a pleasant hour was enjoyed.

On September 26th a Special Convocation was held to welcome the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Dr. C. W. Haentschel, who was visiting the District officially, after which we repaired to Christ Church Parish Hall, where a District Banquet was tendered the Most Ex. Grand Z. by the Companions of Prince Edward District, No. 1.

Madoc Chapter, No. 161.—November 28th was a memorable night in the annals of Capitular Masonry in North Hastings, as it was the 25th anniversary of the Institution of Madoc Chapter, No. 161, as well as my official visit as Grand Superintendent. A very large gathering was present. The representative of the Grand Chapter who officiated at the Institution ceremonies November 22nd, 1907, R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Morden, K.C., then a resident of Belleville, but now of Toronto, was present. It must have been most gratifying to the Charter members to have R. Comp. Morden present on this the occasion of celebrating their anniversary. There were originally thirteen Charter members as follows: Andrew Williamson, Phil H. Huycks, A. H. Watson, W. R. Kelly, W. J. Hill, J. R. Orr, L. F. Morrise, O. M. Wright, E. J. Moore, R. E. Colling, R. T. Gray,
Dr. E. D. Harrison, and Norman Green. Only seven of the original members survive, two of which were present on this occasion, R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hill and V. Ex. Comp. Geo. M. Wright.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the conferring of the M.M.M. Degree on the son of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. E. Connor. The officers all did their work well, a number of Past Z.'s taking part. The Scribe E. has his books in excellent condition. This is the second largest Chapter in the District, and are very progressive. I have visited them on different occasions this year and have heard a number of well delivered addresses on Capitular Masonry by different Companions of the Chapter. I also had the pleasure of being present at their "Ladies' Night" which turned out to be a wonderful success.

Life membership certificates were presented to eight of the Companions as well as numerous other presentations made. R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Morden was also honoured by being made a life member of Madoc Chapter.

Election of officers was also held, which, together with the anniversary, the degree conferred, my official visit, the presentations, brought a very heavy evening's work to a close. Ex. Comp. Hill presided at the banquet table, and an hour of excellent addresses, together with vocal and instrumental music concluded this happy and delightful anniversary of Madoc Chapter.

Official Visit of the Most Ex. the Gr. Z., Dr. C. W. Haentschel.—Through my efforts on behalf of the District we were honoured with an official visit to Prince Edward District by Most Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, who arrived Saturday noon, September 24th. A number of the Companions met him at the C.N.R. depot and escorted him to the hotel, where we had lunch and a most pleasant couple of hours, after which, knowing the Doctor's weakness for a game of golf, arrangements were made to take him to the Country
Club for a game—while he proved weak on the course, nevertheless he enjoyed the game. On Sunday morning the Companions of the District, with the Most Ex. Grand Z. being present, attended Divine Service. In the afternoon, we entertained the Doctor to a very fine drive, stopping at Stirling, Trenton, and other places, where he visited friends in these towns. Monday he was shown the sights of Belleville and "vicinity," and at 6.30 p.m. a Convocation was held by Moira Chapter to extend to the Grand Z. a welcome to the District, after which we repaired to Christ Church Parish Hall, when a real banquet was tendered. The supper served by the ladies of the church was of the highest order, everything on the menu that could be wished for.

I wish to convey my thanks especially to Ex. Mayor Bro. Geo. Reid, who is an old friend of the Doctor's; for his kindness in assisting the committee in entertaining the Doctor, both at his residence, and elsewhere. Also to thank R. Ex. Comp. F. H. Chesher for the excellent manner in which he performed his duties as D. of C., and my thanks are also due to all other Companions who assisted in making this banquet the success it proved to be. We trust the Doctor enjoyed his sojourn amongst us and we will look with pleasure for a return visit from him.

In concluding my report, I feel that most of the Chapters in the District are doing very well under the conditions that exist. I would suggest to the Outer Guards that they see that all Companions register before entering the Chapter, and would urge that the Scribes E. answer all correspondence promptly, and that the First Principals appoint very active Companions on the Sick and Visiting Committee.

Again thanking the Companions for the honour conferred on me as the District Superintendent of Prince Edward District, No. 11.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. Cherry,
Grand Supt. Prince Edward District, No. 11.
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:

As Grand Superintendent I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of the Royal Craft in St. Lawrence District, No. 12, for 1932.

May I first express my sincere appreciation and thanks to the Excellent Companions of St. Lawrence District, No. 12, for the honour conferred in selecting me for this high office, and to the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal for confirming the same, for which I am deeply grateful.

My first official act was to issue a circular letter to all Chapters, outlining in a general way, routine and what I expected when making annual inspection. This was carried out to my satisfaction.

INSPECTION DATES

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, March 18, 1932.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, June 14, 1932.

Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, May 11, 1932.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, N. Augusta, June 6, 1932.

St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville, May 11, 1932.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg, April 15, 1932.

Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall, May 18, 1932.


ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARAQUI CHAPTER.

—The Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified for inspection, and was very well done, and showed careful preparation on the part of all officers.

The membership of this old Chapter still leads the District, and the books and records are in splen-
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did condition. They show care and attention, and the future looks good.

Co-operation—good. Attendance—good.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22.—This Chapter is in splendid condition and well officered. The Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified for inspection and done in a very creditable manner. The books and records are in good condition and show careful attention. The attendance was the largest I had seen on my inspection tour, there being sixty-six present.

Co-operation—good. Attendance—very good. Future looks good.

SUSSEX CHAPTER No. 59, AND ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 100.—These Chapters were inspected jointly, as has been the practice for years, (and should be discontinued).

The Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred on three Companions in a very creditable and impressive manner by the officers of the two Chapters dividing the work.

Books and records of these Chapters are in good condition, and show careful care and attention.

Co-operation—very good. Attendance—good. Future looks good.

MAITLAND CHAPTER, No. 68.—This Chapter is in very bad condition, mainly due to its scattered membership. At inspection there were not enough officers present to open. They had to be assisted by visitors.

The First Principal is very keen and earnest in his efforts, but poorly supported by the other officers. The Second Principal did not attend, and the Third Principal reported when we were about to close.

I did not see any work done by the officers of this Chapter. (The only one in the District that did not).

The Grand First Principal visited this Chapter officially on October 24th, and will, no doubt, refer to it in his report.

At the inspection of this Chapter, the Ex. Principals, Officers, Past Principals and Companions of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, (twenty in party) exemplified the M.E.M. Degree in a very creditable and impressive manner.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 112.—This Chapter is in good condition and the officers do their work very well. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred on one candidate and was well done.

Books and records are in good condition, and the future looks good.

Co-operation—good. Attendance—poor.

COVENANT CHAPTER, No. 113.—This Chapter is doing good work and has a splendid set of officers. Team work and co-operation very good.

The Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred on a class of six candidates in a very creditable manner and showed careful preparation on the part of all officers. Books and records are in A-1 condition and show careful attention to details.


LEEDS CHAPTER, No. 132.—This Chapter has not had any candidates this year, mainly due to depression.

At inspection I had the officers exemplify the Mark Master Mason Degree. This was done in a creditable manner.

The books and records are in good condition.


CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—On October 25th, 1932, a Chapter of Instruction was held in the Masonic Memorial Temple, Brockville, with a very large attendance.

The Most Ex. the Grand First Principal was present, and expressed himself as well pleased with the work presented.
The following Chapters took part in exemplifying the Royal Craft Degrees:

- Grenville Chapter, No. 22—Mark Master Mason Degree.
- Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1—Most Excellent Master Degree.
- Sussex Chapter, No. 59, and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100—Holy Royal Arch Degree.

The work was well and creditably done and showed careful preparation on the part of all officers and Companions who took part.

**SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Book of Marks.**—Very few Chapters have the book of Marks as authorized by Grand Chapter. It should be made compulsory for all Chapters (without this book) to obtain the same without delay.

**Mark.**—When a candidate receives his Penny and before he retires from the Lodge, he should be required to select and register his mark, return his Penny to the Ex. First Principal, who will instruct Scribe E., or other selected officer, to have his mark engraved on Penny, (at the expense of the Chapter) and the same to be returned to him when he receives his R.A. Degree. Many Companions register their mark but never get it engraved on Penny.

**Dispensations.**—When a dispensation is granted to a Chapter, the Scribe E. of Chapter receiving it should be instructed by Grand Scribe E. to at once advise Grand Superintendent of District.

**Ledger Sheets.**—I would recommend that a standard form Loose Leaf Ledger System be adopted. Few Chapters in this District have a loose leaf sheet ledger.

**Receipts for Dues.**—Some standard form of receipt for dues should be adopted, and issued to Chapters in book form.

**Joint Convocation.**—The practice of having joint meetings for inspection purposes should be discontinued.

All Chapters should be inspected as a unit, thereby giving the inspecting officer an opportunity
of reporting on the individual officer or set of officers concerned.

**Names and Addresses of First Principals and Scribes E.**—The following should be embodied in the Instructions to Grand Superintendents: “It will be his duty to submit to his successor in office a roll of First Principals, Scribes E., and their addresses, also date of meeting and location of Chapters in his District”.

The above suggestions are respectively submitted for the consideration of the Grand Council.

**Reception and After Meetings**

In all Chapters I was received in a manner befitting the representative of the Grand First Principal.

During all my visits I was well cared for at the after meetings, when I brought to the attention of the officers and Companions the necessity of Economy, Benevolence and Co-operation, and the practice of our several Degrees when they had no regular Candidates.

**Conclusion**

In concluding this report, I wish to thank the Principals, Past Principals, and Companions of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, and Companions of other Chapters in the District for their co-operation during my tenure of office, and as an inspiration to the Companions of this District I submit the following lines:

We build the road of Masonry  
With other men in mind;  
We do not build for you and me,  
We build for all mankind.

We build a road!—remember men,  
Build not for Now, but build for Then,  
And other men who walk the way  
Shall find the road we build to-day.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. H. Gimblett,  
Grand Supt. St. Lawrence District, No. 12.  
Kingston, Ont.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the pleasure of submitting for your consideration my report on Capitular Masonry in Ottawa District, No. 13, for 1932.

May I be permitted, in the first instance, to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by the representatives of the various Chapters of this District in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, for the confirmation of same, and I sincerely trust that my humble efforts have met with your approval.

In retaining the services of R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner as District Secretary, I realized that his knowledge of this work would be a great source of help to me during my term of office, and I am deeply indebted to him for the assistance he has rendered.

I must also express my deep appreciation to R. Ex. Comp. Fred. G. Smith, P.G.S., whose presence and assistance on the occasion of my visits, has indeed been invaluable.

On Sunday, June 5th, under the auspices of Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior, a large number of the Companions of the Ottawa District convened for the purpose of attending Divine Service at Grace-St. Andrew's Church. Bro. J. M. McDonald, the Pastor, delivered a very impressive sermon.

Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.—My first official visit, made on April 14th, was to this Chapter, where I received a very cordial welcome. The books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer are in excellent condition, and although "material" is not available at present, this Chapter is to be congratulated on the ability of their First Principal, who, at a moment's notice, exemplified the secret work of the M.M.M. and M.E.M. Degrees in faultless manner. This able and efficient officer is Ex.

A social half hour was spent around the festive board, which brought this pleasant evening to a close.

On April 18th, it was my privilege to instal the officers who had been elected to fill the vacancies in Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, R. Ex. Comp. John Conley, Acting J.

DOCHERT CHAPTER, ARNPRIOR, NO. 248.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on May 2nd, when I was cordially welcomed by their congenial First Principal, Ex. Comp. James Hart. At this Convocation the Royal Arch exemplified in faultless manner. The First Principal was ably assisted by Ex. Comps. McNabb, McLaren, and Jamieson. The work of the Principal Sojourner, Comp. J. O. Gardiner, was of a very high order. Comp. H. C. Gardiner proves an excellent Scribe E. The books and records are well kept and the finances are encouraging. At the banquet following, a pleasant social hour was spent. R. Ex. Comp. Conley, Ex. Comps. Fraser, McDowell, Loken, and Williams accompanied me on this visit, their presence being greatly appreciated.

MAPLE CHAPTER, NO. 116, CARLETON PLACE.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on May 4th, when I was formally introduced by R. Ex. Comp. (Major) Hooper, P.G.S., and most cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. H. N. Steet, the First Principal. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred in a very efficient manner, Ex. Comps. Morphy and Swayne rendered valuable assistance to the First Principal in the work of the evening.

The books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer are very neatly kept, and the Mark Book up to date. Ex.
Comp. Menzies is a very efficient Scribe E. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. Ex. Comp. J. Conley, Ex. Comps Loken and Williams, and the presence of a large number of Companions from Smiths Falls, Arnprior and Ottawa, including R. Ex. Comps. F. G. Smith and A. McGregor, added greatly to the evening’s enjoyment. I had a very interesting conversation with Comp. Sam. Berryman, the perpetual Scribe N. of this Chapter, who was exalted on March 13th, 1882, and is still taking an active interest in Capitular Masonry. The banquet provided after the closing of the Chapter was thoroughly enjoyed by all.


The Chapter, being opened, I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. E. J. McCleery, and received a very courteous welcome from Ex. Comp. J. R. Meldrum, First Principal.

The work for the evening was the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch Degree, which was exemplified in faultless manner, the work of the Principal Sojourner, Comp. G. A. McLeod, and the Third Principal, Ex. Comp. S. F. Smith, was very outstanding. The Ex. First Principal was ably assisted by V. Ex. Comps. A. H. McKee, J. Anderson and Ex. Comp. T. Jackson and E. G. Tresidder. The choir, under the leadership of Comp. Daniel, added to the impressiveness of this beautiful degree.

The books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer are in excellent condition. Comp. J. M. Montgomery, the Scribe E., is a very efficient officer.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, No. 133, SMITHS FALLS.—May 20th, 1932.—My official visit to this Chapter was one which I looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure, knowing a number of the Companions, and their reputations for hospitality, I can assure you I was not disappointed.
I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. A. L. McGregor, and accorded a warm welcome by Ex. Comp. G. A. Oatway.

The Chapter was called off and the Lodge of M.M.M. duly opened for the purpose of exemplification of the degree for inspection.

The officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. C. McCann and Ex. Comp. M. L. Perry, conferred the degree in a very efficient manner.

The books of the Scribe E. are well and efficiently kept under the guiding hand of V. Ex. Comp. T. S. McDonald.

Having such capable overseers as R. Ex. Comps. A. L. McGregor, P.G.S., and John J. Gardiner, P.G.S.N., this Chapter is indeed fortunate. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. John Conley and W. A. McKay; also Ex. Comp. J. C. Fraser, Bonnechere Chapter, Renfrew; R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Hooper, Maple Chapter, Carleton Place, and a number of Companions; also R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Smith, P.G.S.

**PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, NO. 266, PERTH.—**

June 20th, 1932.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John Conley and Ex. Comp. J. C. Fraser, I paid my official visit to the Companions of Perth. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. C. M. Forbes, and extended a very cordial welcome by Ex. Comp. H. A. Dunn, the First Principal. Owing to the excessive heat it was decided to dispense with the exemplification.

I wish to express my appreciation for the many acts of kindness tendered to myself and also to the Companions who accompanied me.

I was very grateful for the presence of R. Ex. Comps. A. L. McGregor and W. H. Hooper, also a number of Companions from Carleton Place. During the evening it was my privilege to present, on behalf of the Chapter, a Past First Principal’s Jewel to Ex. Comp. J. H. Hardy.

**KITCHENER CHAPTER, NO. 210, RUSSELL.—**

On September 2nd, 1932, I paid my official visit to this Chapter.
I was introduced by Ex. Comp. F. M. Boland, and was extended a hearty welcome by Ex. Comp. Lati-
mer. The Chapter was called off, for the purpose of conferring the M.M.M. Degree, which was exem-
plified in a very creditable manner by the First Principal, assisted by Ex. Comp. Mitchell and Shep-
herd.

I was very pleased to have present on this occasion a number of Companions from Glengarry Chapter, Maxville.

The books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer are in excellent condition, also the Book of Marks. Kit-
chener Chapter is indeed fortunate in having the services of Ex. Comp. A. Walker, the congenial Scribe E.

During the evening it was my privilege to present, on behalf of the Chapter, a Past First Prin-
cipal’s Jewel to Ex. Comp. Joseph Armstrong.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill. —On September 15th, 1932, I paid my official visit to this Chapter.

I was introduced by Ex. Comp. A. D. McRae, and most graciously received by Ex. Comp. Hall.

The attendance was rather small, but a very enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

I was accompanied on this occasion by R. Ex. Comps. Conley and McKay.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.—My official visit was made to this, my Mother Chapter, on September 19th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. John Conley, and accorded a very warm wel-
come by Ex. Comp. McDowell, the First Principal. The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, the First Principal being assisted by Ex. Comps. H. J. Smith and H. Guest.

The convocation was well attended, and the work of all the officers being of a very high order.

The books of the Scribe E. and the Treasurer are in excellent condition.

Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.—October 11th, 1932.—Accompanied by a number of
Companions from Renfrew, I paid my official visit to this Chapter.

I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. Howard Munro, and royally welcomed by Ex. Comp. R. A. Stewart and his officers.

It is with regret I have to report that no candidates were available for the degrees, however from the manner in which the officers performed the opening and closing ceremonies I feel confident that the degree work is in capable hands. I strongly advised the Companions to make every effort to attend Kitchener Chapter, Russell, on the 27th October, the date on which the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal was to be present.

A pleasant half hour was spent around the festive board, which brought this very enjoyable evening to a close.

CARLETON CHAPTER, No. 16, OTTAWA.—October 19th, 1932.—I made my official visit to the above Chapter on the date mentioned, accompanied by several Companions from Renfrew. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Fred. G. Smith, P.G.S., and accorded a very warm welcome by Ex. Comp. Cordinates on behalf of the officers and Companions of Carleton Chapter.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon six candidates, the First Principal being assisted by several Past Principals. The work, as exemplified, left no room for criticism; Comp. F. A. McDiarmid, the Senior Sojourner, performed the duties as Principal Sojourner in a very creditable manner, being asked at the last moment to fulfil the duties of Comp. Wadlin, who had been called away on account of sickness.

The books and records in the care of V. Ex. Comp. George Powers are a model of neatness, the Companions of Carleton Chapter are indeed fortunate in having the services of such an efficient Scribe E.

After the Chapter closed the Companions adjourned to the banquet hall, where a pleasant even-
ing was brought to a close with music, song and story, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.—October 20th, 1932.—My last official visit was made to the aforesaid Chapter on the above date, a number of the Companions from Renfrew accompanying me. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Bailey, and extended a cordial welcome by Ex. Comp. W. T. Wood, the First Principal. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred in a very efficient manner, the work of Comp. A. E. Ives, the S.W., and Comp. A. E. Smith, the S.D., being very outstanding.

The books are in good condition, the mark book up to date, and the financial condition fair.

The evening was brought to a successful conclusion in the banquet hall, the unbounded hospitality of the Companions of Laurentian Chapter being greatly appreciated by all.

On October 26th, a Chapter of Instruction was held under the auspices of Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.

The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified by the officers of Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew, the lodge being opened at 2.30 p.m. At 4.30 p.m. the M.E.M. Degree was exemplified by the officers of Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa.

A very enjoyable banquet was held at 6.15 o'clock, the arrangements and success being due to the untiring efforts of Comp. J. G. Craig, the Principal Sojourner.

The Chapter was opened at 8 p.m. by the officers of Maple Chapter, when Most Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, Grand Z., was officially welcomed. It was particularly appropriate that the honour of introducing the Grand Z. should fall to the lot of R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, a college friend, and the oldest living P.G.S. of the District. Ex. Comp. H. N. Steet extended a very cordial welcome to the Grand Z. on behalf of Maple Chapter and the Companions assembled. The officers of Dochert Chap-
ter, No. 248, Arnprior. then assumed the chairs and the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred.

The work in all the degrees was exceedingly well done, and I wish to express my deep appreciation to Ex. Comps. Loken, Meldrum, Hart, Steet and their officers for the outstanding success of this Convocation, also R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Smith, who acted as Director of Ceremonies.

The one hundred Companions assembled listened with a great deal of interest to the inspiring message delivered by Most Ex. Comp. Haentschel, and I feel confident that the Companions of the Ottawa District will fulfil their part of any programme instituted by Grand Chapter for the betterment of humanity.

The heart ay’s the part ay
that makes us right or wrang.

—Burns.

KITCHENER, CHAPTER, NO. 210, RUSSELL.—The Most Ex. the Grand Z., expressing a desire to meet the Companions of the lower Ottawa District, a special convocation was arranged by the officers and Companions of Kitchener Chapter on October 27th.

While the attendance was not large, a very enjoyable evening was spent. Most Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel was introduced by Ex. Comp. A. Walker, and cordially received by Ex. Comp. L. W. Latimer.

The message, as outlined by the Grand Z., if followed in the spirit it was given, will certainly stimulate an interest in Capitular Masonry.

A very enjoyable luncheon brought this very pleasant gathering to a close.

I must also express my appreciation for the presence of R. Ex. Comp. Fred Smith, V. Ex. Comp. John Anderson, G.D.C., of Ottawa, R. Ex. Comp. W. A. McKay and Ex. Comp. J. C. Fraser, of Renfrew, V. Ex. Comp. D. P. McDiarmid, and a number of Companions from Maxville.
I feel I cannot conscientiously close this report without sincerely thanking Ex. Comp. Latimer and his officers for their co-operation and hospitality.

Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.—On December 15th I paid a visit to this Chapter and witnessed the installation of officers, the ceremony was very capably performed by R. Ex. Comp. Sparling, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Bailey. Most Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel was present on this occasion, and gave a very inspiring address.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.—On December 19th I installed the officers of this Chapter, R. Ex. Comp. W. A. McKay, Acting J.

Summary


I have endeavoured to abbreviate my report, but I cannot refrain from expressing my admiration of the work accomplished by the Scribes E. of the various Chapters, and to the various officers and Companions, who have faithfully carried on the good work during a very trying period for the Craft.

Activity begets activity. Little by little, fear is dispelled and confidence resumes its familiar sovereignty. The shadow passes and the opaque cloud of depression lifts and reveals a luminous promise of better times.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

Jas. P. Morrison,
ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14.

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

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit to you this report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14. In doing so, let me once more express my sincere appreciation to the Companions of Algoma District for electing me to the high and important office of the representative of the Grand First Principal in this District, and also to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for confirming my appointment.

Officially, my first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Robert C. Addison as my District Secretary. He is well known and very popular, and has accomplished much in this District for Masonry in general and Royal Arch Masonry in particular.

Another pleasing duty I was called upon to perform immediately on assuming office, was to make a presentation to R. Ex. Comp. C. E. Watkins, of Fort William Chapter, No. 140, on behalf of the Companions of Shuniah Chapter, No. 82. I considered it a very great honour when I was asked to do this on behalf of my Mother Chapter, and more so because the recipient was the ever popular “Charlie” Watkins. I also grasped this opportunity of extending to R. Ex. Comp. Watkins the congratulations of the Companions on his recent appointment as Chief of Police of the city of Fort William.

An outstanding event during the year was the very welcome visit to this District of the Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel. On Monday, October 3rd, I accompanied him on a visit to Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, when our distinguished visitor was accorded a royal welcome to the District by this, the oldest unit of Royal Arch Masonry in Northwestern Ontario. Ex. Comp. S. H. Green and his officers conferred the Mark Degree with their usual skill, and following the meeting a social
hour in the banquet hall brought to a close an evening long to be remembered in the annals of Algoma District.

The following evening, October 4th, I again accompanied the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on a visit to Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William. We were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. E. Watkins, and were accorded a great reception by Ex. Comp. E. Hewitt and the Companions.

**Visitations**

**Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William.**—My first official visit in the District was made to this Chapter on Friday, May 27th. I was introduced by the genial Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Coles, and heartily welcomed by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. E. Hewitt. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a very praiseworthy manner, several of the Past Principals participating in the work. I have visited this Chapter on numerous occasions during the year, always receiving a hearty welcome, and finding the business of the Chapter conducted in a most dignified manner. The books of the Scribe E. are well kept, and while this Chapter has had a somewhat quiet year, much better things are anticipated for 1933.

**Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances.**—Long will I remember the official visit I paid to this Chapter on Tuesday, September 13th. Although I arrived in town in the "wee sma' hours," Ex. Comp. Pilkey, First Principal, was at the station to greet me, and saw me safely in my room at the hotel before thinking of his own personal comfort. The following day he left no stone unturned to assure for me an enjoyable visit to Fort Frances. Every hour was fully occupied, indeed, it was quite a rush from the golf course, after a very enjoyable game with Comp. P. C. Freeberg, in order to be in time for the Chapter meeting.

I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Clarke, and after Grand Honours, was invited
to the East. There was no work during the evening, but the Scribe E., Comp. J. R. Angus, introduced the topic of the financial condition of the Chapter, which brought forward some intelligent and interesting discussion from several Companions. I was able to offer suggestions, and all together I consider that the discussion was of much benefit to the Chapter. After the meeting some forty Companions adjourned to Ex. Comp. "Billy's" cabin at Rainy Lake, where a delightful buffet supper was served, and where I had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the Companions.

**Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River.**—On Thursday, Sept. 15th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. During the day I was well looked after by R. Ex. Comps. D. K. McGregor and Mark Barrett, and Comp. Jess. At the Chapter meeting I was introduced by my immediate predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. McGregor, and welcomed by the Acting First Principal, Ex. Comp. J. Heaton. Comp. Victor Ricci, the Scribe E., keeps his books neat and in good order, and the appointments of the Chapter room in this somewhat isolated district, were a revelation to me. A social hour followed the meeting, presided over by R. Ex. Comp. M. Barrett, where I had a splendid opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with the Companions.

**Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur.**—It was with real pleasure that I paid an official visit to this, my Mother Chapter, on Wednesday, October 19th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. A. M. Frank and E. Cocker, and cordially welcomed by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. S. H. Green. I have attended almost every meeting of this Chapter during the year, and am therefore well acquainted with the almost military precision with which the business and work of the Chapter is carried on. The Ex. Principal enjoys the hearty co-operation of the Past Principals, some of whom can point to many years' membership in the Chapter. No. 82 is in an
enviable position financially, and with such an experienced officer occupying the position of Scribe E. as R. Ex. Comp. Albert P. Freed, the future welfare of Shuniah Chapter is assured.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Companions of Algoma District for their many kindnesses, and bespeak for my successor in office the same loyal support which has been accorded me. I retire with happy memories of a year well spent, and feeling that I can serve Capituar Masonry even better in the future than I have in the past.

HAROLD STANWORTH,
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:

It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that I submit to you this report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in New Ontario District, No. 15, upon relinquishing the reins of office as Grand Superintendent of this District for the year 1932.

Although I have, during my official visits to the various Chapters throughout the District, conveyed my personal thanks to the Companions for the honour conferred upon me in electing me representative of the Grand Z., in this District for the year now drawing to a close, I somehow feel that a record of that appreciation and thanks should be recorded here. I therefore tender to my Companions throughout the District my sincere gratitude for their kind and gracious gift and the confidence reposed in me of which the honour was likewise a symbol. Everywhere throughout this somewhat extensive District, I have received a most cordial reception and the utmost co-operation throughout my term of office.

The only appointment made by me during the year was that of District Secretary. To this office, upon assuming my duties, I appointed Ex. Comp. W. J. W. Johnston, Scribe E., Algonquin Chapter, R.A.M., No. 102. Ex. Comp. Johnston's many years of arduous and faithful service to Algonquin Chapter rendered him especially well fitted for the duties of District Secretary. I found him throughout the year not only a valuable, zealous and faithful assistant to me in my duties, but also a very competent secretary and assistant in arranging the various details and carrying out the lengthy correspondence pertaining to the office.

I found throughout the District the various Scribes E. not only prompt in the handling of all correspondence but efficient and careful in the dis-
charge of their respective offices, and especially so in regard to well prepared and well kept records. Such carefulness, efficiency and co-operation cannot but work to the good and welfare of New Ontario District.

Shortly after assuming office, one of my first thoughts was to, if possible, draw the members of this far-flung District, extending from Mattawa on the east to Sault Ste. Marie on the west, more closely together, both fraternally and socially. With this end in view I caused to be held a "Chapter of Instruction" to which invitations in the form of a circular letter, were sent to all Chapters in the District. Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury, Ont., immediately and kindly proferred its kind services and auspices to this end.

TUSCAN CHAPTER, NO. 95, SUDBURY.—On October 1st, 1932, I paid my official visit to these brethren and combined with it the "Chapter of Instruction" above referred to. I was introduced to the Companions by R. Ex. Comp. H. M. Stephenson, P.G.S., and cordially welcomed by a large number of distinguished, as well as resident and visiting Companions. The Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, graced this meeting with his presence, and by his well chosen remarks and kindly counsel, added considerable lustre and dignity to the proceedings. At this meeting the M.M.M. Degree was conferred by St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay, in a dignified and exemplary manner, while the M.E.M. Degree was well exemplified by Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie. To Tuscan Chapter feel the honour of exemplifying the R.A.M. Degree in a most creditable and outstanding manner. This combined official visit and Chapter of Instruction was a very successful meeting in every respect. The various degree teams were proficient in their work, and cordial good fellowship permeated the whole proceedings. It enabled the various Companions from the different sections of the District to renew old acquaintances and form new
friendships. At the close of the degree work a successful banquet and social hour was spent by the Companions, at which the Grand Z. delivered an inspiring and instructive address, in the course of which he touched upon a cause near to his heart, and in my opinion one well deserving of the consideration of Grand Chapter. In closing, allow me to make special reference to the kind and courteous reception and treatment extended me by the Companions of Sudbury during my sojourn among them.

**Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.—**The next official duty performed by me was the visit to my Home Chapter on October 28th, 1932. Here, although no special introduction was necessary, I was formally introduced by R. Ex. Comps. J. B. Way, G. S. Cowie and H. F. Goodfellow. The reception and welcome extended me at this convocation by my own Chapter and fellow Companions will always remain with me. On this occasion the splendid attendance present at the meeting was augmented by the visit of many loyal and distinguished Companions from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, our closest Chapter in a foreign jurisdiction. Particular mention was made on this evening to the fact that our aged R. Ex. Comp., R. G. Campbell, had passed away. He was highly esteemed and loved by all with whom he came in contact. We deeply mourn his loss. The officers of Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, assisted by the Past Z.'s, conferred and exemplified the M.M.M. Degree in a very creditable and able manner, which was followed by an excellent repast and social hour, marked by the companionship and good will which at all times exists in Algonquin Chapter. At the regular meeting on December 16, I had the honour and pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year.

**St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay.—**On November 17th, 1932, I paid my official visit to these Companions. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. F. C. J. Foster and royally welcomed by a goodly number of the Companions of and visitors to St. John's
Chapter. The R.A.M. Degree was conferred by the officers, assisted by the Past Z.'s, in a very impressive, dignified and exemplary manner. At the close of the proceedings it was my special and esteemed pleasure to present I.P.Z., W. R. Stewart, with a P.Z. jewel. From the manner in which this presentation was received by the Companions present, I was forcibly impressed with the regard in which Ex. Comp. W. R. Stewart is held by the Companions of his Home Chapter. I cannot speak too highly of the kind and courteous treatment afforded me both formally and otherwise by the Companions of this Chapter.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.—My last official visit of the year was that to Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, on November 18th, 1932. This is one of the oldest Chapters in the District, and although not a thriving and growing member of our ancient and honourable society, owing to the peculiar situation which exists, it is, nevertheless, one of the strongest Chapters financially, in the District. Here a rather peculiar situation exists. The membership is small and many of them are resident in the surrounding locality adjacent to Mattawa, and consequently deprived of steady attendance at its regular convocations. No formal Chapter meeting was held but a gathering of all resident Companions took place in the Chapter room at which an informal and social get-together meeting was held, after a very palatable and sumptuous repast had been served at 7.00 p.m. by the wives of the Companions in this Chapter. I consider it worth signal mention that this Chapter is the Home Chapter of the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, who was present at this meeting at considerable inconvenience and sacrifice to himself. I have every confidence from information received and from the spirit which prevailed at this meeting, that next year will see a revival of Capituar Masonry in this locality and that possibly a few more resident Companions will be added to its membership.
Generally, I cannot speak too highly of the type and class of work which is conferred and exemplified by the various Chapters throughout New Ontario District. The present depression is felt here as elsewhere, but under the trying circumstances, the Companions are doing everything possible to foster and encourage a fraternal spirit and extend the hand of good fellowship. I especially impressed the various presiding officers and Scribes E. to be not too exacting in the matter of dues under the trying conditions through which we are now passing. If Masonry stands for anything, it stands for consolation, a helping hand, and a brotherly interest in times such as these through which we are now passing. While it does not behoove us to neglect or pass over a matter of so vital importance to the good and welfare of our Order as the payment and collection of dues, still suspension on this account should be very carefully considered before being made. I endeavoured, throughout the District, to impress upon the various Chapters, their presiding officers and Companions, the necessity of securing a larger and more interested attendance at Chapter convocations. In my opinion it might be well if every Chapter in the District had a real live attendance committee, whose paramount duty would be calling discouraged and despondent Companions to the Chapter's various meetings and by true companionship, brotherly love and a kindly word, endeavour to implant a word of cheer and hope.

In conclusion, I wish to make special mention of my own Chapter, who have most loyally supported me during my term of office. I sincerely hope that the confidence placed in me, both by them and the Companions throughout the entire District, has not been misplaced, and I bespeak for my successor the same co-operation, consideration, courtesy and kindness as that bestowed upon me during 1932.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WM. RUBENSTEIN,
Grand Supt. New Ontario District, No. 15.
TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, No. 16.

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

I have the honour to submit herewith, for your consideration, report of my visits of inspection of the various Chapters in Temiskaming District, No. 16.

While I have already personally conveyed my thanks to the Companions of the various Chapters, for the honour they have conferred upon me as District Superintendent of this District, I again desire to express my sincere thanks for this very signal honour, and also to thank the Companions of the various Chapters, for the kind reception and generous hospitality received, during my official visits.

As my first official act, I appointed Ex. Comp. J. H. Murray, of Cobalt Chapter, as District Secretary. And I have no hesitation in stating that he has discharged the duties of that office, with benefit to the District, and credit to himself. He has certainly been of very great assistance to me during my term of office.

Having in mind, circular letter sent out by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in June last, having reference to curtailing the size of the Annual Proceedings, and asking for the co-operation of the District Superintendants, in making their reports as brief as possible, I fully agree with this idea, and will endeavour to make my report as brief as possible, accordingly.

Regular visits of inspection were made to the six Chapters in this District, as follows:—

Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls, on May 27, 1932.

Cochrane Chapter, No. 244, Cochrane, on October 4, 1932.

Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins, on October 5, 1932.
Kirkland Chapter, No. 251, Kirkland Lake, on October 12, 1932.
Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt, on October 18, 1932.
Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard, on November 2, 1932.

I have witnessed with a great deal of pleasure the conferring of all the degrees, by the various Chapters in this District. The ceremonial work is deserving of the highest praise, and while, of course, some of the officers are more proficient in the work than others, the principals and officers are devoting great care and thought to their duties, which makes the ceremonies, when conferred, very impressive.

On June 22nd, 1932, a meeting of the six Chapters in this District, was held at Kirkland Lake, when over one hundred and fifty Companions were present at a complimentary banquet, to do honour to our distinguished guest, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Doctor C. W. Haentschel. Some of the Companions travelling over one hundred miles to be present at this meeting. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and many expressions of loyalty to the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and to the Grand Chapter of Canada was expressed during the evening. One of the very pleasing features of the meeting was that every Companion present was personally known to the Grand First Principal.

One of the great problems confronting the Chapters in this District to-day is that of uncollected dues, and all the Chapters have been generous in endeavouring to retain their membership where it is possible to do so, at least, during this period of depression. But despite these conditions, there is a note of optimism throughout the whole District that looks very favourable for the future of Capitular Masonry.

The pleasure of my visits has been very largely increased by having with me Past District Superintendents and Past Principals of the Chapters, to-
gether with the generous hospitality accorded to me, made my visits very pleasant indeed.

In summing up, I would say that Royal Arch Masonry in Temiskaming District, is in a fairly healthy condition, and I would say, to a very large degree, this is due to the devotion of the Scribe E.'s, to the duties of the principal officers, to their respective Chapters. I have found the books of the Chapters in excellent shape, and also the finances of each Chapter in excellent condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

N. J. McAULAY,
Grand Supt. Temiskaming District, No. 16.

YUKON TERRITORY.

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

Klondike Chapter, No. 154, reports a very satisfactory year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. FRASER,
Acting Grand Supt. Yukon District.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, and—

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

Letters conveying regrets from those finding it impossible to attend our Annual Convocation were received from:—


M. Ex. Comp. Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary.

I have received also, letters extending felicitations and regretting inability to be present from the Grand Chapters of Manitoba; British Columbia; Nova Scotia; New Brunswick; Alberta; New Jersey and Connecticut.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, Lord Cassillis, extends fraternal greetings.

A telegram from his Worship the Mayor W. J. Stewart of the City of Toronto extended greetings and inviting Grand Chapter to hold their 1934 Convocation in the City of Toronto.

An invitation from Sussex Chapter, No. 59, and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, of Brockville, also inviting Grand Chapter Convocation to the City of Brockville.

All of the above communications were ordered to be filled.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, presented the same, and requested that the delegates in attendance read the report. They contained excellent advice.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and—

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

ELECTION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS AND LUNCHEON

Grand Chapter was called at 12.45 o'clock noon from labour for luncheon, as well as to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

LABOUR RESUMED

At 2.15 p.m. the Grand Chapter resumed labour.

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 1933

R. Ex. Comp. Edgar Vivian Bingham...St. Clair District, No 1 Ridgetown, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. E. McK. Wansbrough..Wellington " " 4 Shelburne, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. Harry Kirby Oglesby....Hamilton " " 5 25 Broadway Street W., Hamilton.
The newly-elected Grand Superintendents were subsequently given the necessary instructions as to duties pertaining to their office, by the Grand Scribe E., M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.
GRAND TREASURER’S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

February 1st, 1932, to January 31st, 1933.

Received from Grand Scribe E. from Chapters on account of Dues, Fees, etc. $11,455.05 Interest on Investments and Bank Balances 4,565.55

Accounts Paid—
Cheques and Cash $12,893.01 Benevolent Grants 2,625.00 Excess Receipts over Payments 502.62 See below (A)

$16,020.63

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments — Feb. 1st, 1932, at cost, per last accounts $84,353.70

Investments — Jan. 31st, 1933, at cost as per Schedule $84,353.70

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CAPITAL ACCOUNT

January 31st, 1933, Capital:
At Canadian Bank of Commerce...$11,991.13
Incidentals Account, Cash in Hand... 13.84

$12,004.97

Investments 84,353.70

$96,358.67

February 1st, 1932, Capital:
At Canadian Bank of Commerce...$11,480.93
Incidentals Account, Cash in Hand... 21.42

$11,502.35

Investments 84,353.70

$95,856.05

Increase (see above) (A) $502.62
**ANNUAL CONVOCATION, LONDON, 1933**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, JANUARY 31st, 1933**

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**Total** | **$84,353.70** | **$83,000.00**

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

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

This report will be brief, as requested by the Grand Z.

On May 12th, 1932, I received from the Grand Z. a report of the Committee on Survey of Financial Condition of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in June, our Auditor, Mr. E. J. Carter, and myself, by request, attended at the Toronto office a sub-committee, consisting of M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, Chairman, and R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and every recommendation was gone into thoroughly. The committee was informed that some of its recommendations were not applicable to the Grand Scribe E.'s office.

Re Control Account, Rituals, Ceremonies, etc.: A Control Account for Rituals has always been in effect, and to this has been added, ceremonies; constitutions and books of Demit.

While this report shows a decrease in membership, the same is primarily due to general business depression, and the removal from the rolls of Companions whose names should have been deleted years ago. Capitular Masonry has sunk deeper into the hearts of the remaining Companions, and when good times return we will be stronger on account of having undergone this adjustment.

FINANCES

A comparative statement of receipts and disbursements has been prepared for the Audit and Finance Committee, covering a period of the past seventeen years, by which they can see at a glance where the receipts of Grand Chapter have decreased and the expenses have increased.
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ANNUAL RETURNS

The Annual Returns have been received from all the Chapters as well as the Returns of the Officers, in time for tabulation except Klondike Chapter in Yukon Territory.

RECEIPTS

From the statement accompanying this report, it will be noted that the amount received from Constituent Chapters for the past year in fees and dues was $11,484.23, and interest on investments and bank deposits $4,565.55, making total receipts of $16,049.78. Balances owing, January 31, 1933, $2,649.43.

The whole is fully set forth in detail with the disbursements in the Report of the Grand Treasurer and the Audit and Finance Committee.

COMMUTATION

During the year, one hundred and thirty-two Companions have commuted their dues to Grand Chapter.

DISPENSATIONS

Requests for Dispensations were received and referred to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. One hundred and three being granted and four refused.

EXALTATIONS AND LOSSES

Number of Chapters ........................................... 159
Number of Members to November 30, 1931........25,224
Number of Registrations to November 30, 1932 ........323
Number of Joinings to November 30, 1932 ................. 80
Number of Restorations to November 30, 1932 .............. 32
Number of Withdrawals, November 30, 1932 ............... 389
Number of Suspensions, November 30, 1932 ........................................ 813
Number of Deaths to November 30, 1932 ............................................... 389

Net Loss ........................................................................................................ 1,156

Total Membership to November 30, 1932 ............... 24,068

Ontario ............................. 435 1,591
Yukon No report No report

The Jurisdiction embraces 159 Chapters, November 30, 1932, distributed as follows:—

Ontario .................. 158 23,953
Yukon ....................... 1 115

All of which is fraternally submitted,

[Signature]

Grand Scribe E.
ANNUAL STATEMENT
Details of Receipts and Ledger Balances.
YEAR 1ST FEBRUARY, 1932, TO JANUARY 31ST, 1933

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Sundries .............. $11,339.03
Interest ............... 145.20

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It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, and—

Resolved.—That the Statement of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1932 be received and adopted.

Nominations were then called for by the Grand Z. for the elective offices of Grand Chapter, and the next place of meeting.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The Communication from R. Ex. Comp. Norman Ford, having been referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved.—That the complaint contained therein was a matter under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and that the same be filed.
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, LONDON, 1933

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

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

The following Notices of Motion will be submitted for consideration at this Annual Convocation:

V. Ex. Comp. Jas. W. Woodland, P.G.J.S., gives notice that he will move, or cause to be moved, the following appertaining to Section 140:

“That the Per Capita Tax payable by the Constituent Chapters to the Grand Chapter be revoked for the year 1933 on its unemployed Companions who through misfortune are unable to pay their dues, provided that a satisfactory statement is furnished by the Constituent Chapters to the Grand Scribe E., under the Seal of the respective Chapters and signed by the First Principal and Scribe E.”

V. Ex. Comp. Harry E. Abell, P.G. Pursuivant, gives notice that he will move, or cause to be moved:

“That Section 225 of the Constitution re Membership be changed to read in third line—One Calendar Month in place of three Calendar Months—also to delete ‘which shall not, however, be for a period less than four weeks.’”

“That Section 230 be changed to read in the sixth line—‘One calendar month’ instead of ‘three calendar months.’”

R. Ex. Comp. A. Art. Gray, P.G., Supt., gives notice that he will move, or cause to be moved:

“That the following paragraph be added to Section 173 of the Constitution appertaining to Constituent Chapters”:

“No Companion shall be elected to office in a Constituent Chapter unless he be at the time in attendance at the Chapter, or, unless he shall have given his consent to acceptance of office, if elected.”

R. Ex. Comp. John Empey gives notice that he will move, or cause to be moved, that the following para-
graph be added to Section 189 of the Constitution appertaining to qualifications of the Council in Constituent Chapters:

"No Companion shall be entitled to a Past Z.'s rank unless he shall have been duly elected and installed as Excellent Z. and attended at least sixty per cent. of the regular convocations of his Chapter, after installation, and presided, unless by dispensation from the Grand Z."

R. Ex. Comp. C. T. Palmer gives notice that he will move, or cause to be moved, that article No. 248 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended to read as follows:

"Whenever a member of a Chapter desires either by personal application or in writing to withdraw from a Chapter, he shall be furnished with a demit in form as authorized by Grand Chapter. Should the Companion be owing dues at the time of application the amount shall be stated on the demit. This certificate shall be produced at any Chapter with which the Companion desires to affiliate with the payment of all arrears, if any, previous to the ballot be taken, and such arrears, if any be returned to the Chapter granting the Demit."

There is no legal objection to the above mentioned motions going before the Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,

K. J. DUNSTAN,
WALTER G. PRICE.

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

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Constitutions, Laws and Jurisprudence, be received and adopted.
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 has examined the application for relief presented to them, and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made:

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$2,310.00
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, Chairman,
GEO. SLACK,
J. J. GARDINER.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence 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
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:

We, your Committee on Fraternal Dead, beg leave to report:—

After scanning the long list of those departed we find so many that have filled offices of high rank in their several Chapters.

Companions, we have two very distinguished Most Excellents that have gone to their reward in the persons of M. Ex. Comp. Michael Walsh, K.C., of Ingersoll, who was a Past Master for over fifty years, and was Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Province of Ontario, and Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada, a man of sterling character and one beloved by all who knew him.

"He was a friend of truth, of soul sincere; 
In action faithful, and in honour clear, 
Who broke no promises, served no private ends, 
Sought no title and forsook no friends."

Also M. Ex. Comp. Fred. W. Harcourt, K.C., of Toronto, who was made a Mason in 1889. In 1919 was chosen Grand Master, in 1905 was elected Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District, and in the same year Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter. In 1911 was elected Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. Those of us who have sat with him in this Grand Body recall his Irish wit. He always took an unselfish view of all questions relating to the workings of this Grand Body.

"The day has come and gone; 
The sun has risen, not set 
The life is now beyond the reach of death or change, 
Not ended, but begun, 
Oh, noble soul! Oh, gentle heart; 
Hail and farewell."
Also we have many Right Excellents who have passed beyond in the persons of:—

R. Ex. Comp. F. Stanton, Chapter No. 2, Hamilton.
R. Ex. Comp. H. E. Clark, Chapter No. 6, Hamilton.
R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Zimmerman, Chapter No. 27, Collingwood.
R. Ex. Comp. C. B. Adair, Chapter No. 36, Peterborough.
R. Ex. Comp. J. T. Smith, Chapter No. 47, Chatham.
R. Ex. Comp. W. A. McIntosh, Chapter No. 23, Simcoe.
R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Nunn, Chapter No. 74, Strathroy.
V. Ex. Comp. D. McDonald, Chapter No. 8, Toronto.
V. Ex. Comp. E. C. Russell, Chapter No. 80, Windsor.
V. Ex. Comp. C. H. Harris, Chapter No. 153, Wallaceburg.

389 Companions have passed to that Great Beyond.

“I'd like to think that here and there,
When I am gone there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
Existed had I toiled for gain;
That some one's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I had been worth while;
That I had paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine.”

M. E. SHERWOOD, CHAIRMAN,
L. B. GLOVER,
N. J. MCAULAY,
E. T. CHERRY.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. M. E. Sherwood, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received.
Chapter

DEATHS.


No. 3. Comps. J. Aitkens; J. Fried; R. J. Johnston; T. Rowe; W. T. Steinberg; A. Bond; E. A. Cooper; R. N. Errington; B. Noble; D. M. Parker; E. J. Rain.

No. 4. M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt; Comps. A. W. Brooks; J. Hood; J. W. Jones; D. M. Johnston; W. Moss, R. Pratt, W. G. Tait.


No. 8. V. Ex. Comp. D. McDonald; Ex. Comp. A. E. Mandy; Comp. R. W. Love; R. P. Weeks; W. N. Stewart; G. J. Blackmore; R. F. Segsworth; F. D. Capps.

No. 15. Comps. J. Bolton; W. F. B. Wilkinson; F. Fry; J. H. Morrison; D. J. McDonugall; J. McIllhaga; S. Manning; J. F. James; W. E. Wilkinson; C. W. Lawrence; J. J. Wellington; M. A. Sanders.

No. 16. Ex. Comp. G. F. Richan; Comps. A. E. Wright; G. A. Cockburn; W. Johnston; J. S. McKay.


No. 20. Comps. R. R. Taylor; M. Eacrett; E. W. Butler; J. W. Digby; S. W. Cornell; E. Kester; W. Roupe; J. F. Campbell; C. M. Foley; W. D. Jones; C. Bowes; F. B. Hubert; W. Maxwell; C. M. Bowery; H. P. Leonard; E. B. Murhead; W. Walton; J. L. Miller; H. M. Vanderlip; G. Bursnall; J. S. Hamilton; J. Stratford; T. McGarrell; W. E. Hooker.

No. 23. Comps. C. W. Barwell; J. C. Boyd; C. A. Austin; J. Montgomery; C. McInally; R. Comp. W. A. McIntosh.
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No. 24. Comps. J. McInnes; H. M. Peacock; E. E. Mott.
No. 26. Comps. J. E. Glenn; W. H. Matthews; S. G. Mc-
Clung; A. T. Hicks; K. D. Ferguson.
No. 27. R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Zimmerman; Comps. J. O.
Harrison; F. Maiden.
No. 29. Comps. J. B. Sheehan; T. J. Wardell.
No. 31. Comp. J. D. McFane.
No. 32. Ex. Comp. E. Kenning; Comp. C. E. Roup.
No. 33. Comps. J. B. Sheehan; T. J. Wardell.
No. 34. Comps. W. S. Wager; W. W. Adams; W. A.
Templeton; G. P. Carr; G. H. Anderson.
No. 35. Comps. Jas. Shaw.
No. 36. Comps. J. A. McLaren; W. Shand.
No. 37. R. Ex. Comp. J. L. Smith; Ex. Comps. J. L. Chal-
linor; W. H. Arundell; Comps. U. F. Ryde; I.
Johnston; D. McLachlan.
No. 38. Comps. E. Marshall; J. F. Clark; J. Wilson; J. W.
Harrold.
No. 39. Comps. W. Barron; R. M. Wright; J. B. Winter-
mate.
No. 40. Comp. G. C. Barge.
No. 43. Comps. D. Drummond; B. O. Scott; Ex. Comp. R.
Hill.
No. 44. Comps. F. E. Harve; C. McKay; A. W. Nrmy.
No. 45. Comps. H. W. Somerville; J. C. Fralick.
No. 46. Comps. A. Bicknell; C. B. Labatt; W. R. Small-
piece; L. A. Howard; M. Ex. Comp. F. W.
Harcourt.
No. 47. Comps. G. A. Turner; J. McIntyre.
No. 49. A. Terryberry; H. D. Walker; A. C. Graham.
No. 50. Comp. J. T. Shier.
No. 52. Ex. Comp. G. Bedford; Comps. P. H. Sharp; R. C.
Wright.
No. 53. R. Ex. Comp. J. Ninn; Comps. W. T. Toothill; P.
B. Wade.
No. 54. Comps. W. J. McClenahan; W. L. Mullin; J. Leslie.
No. 56. Comps. W. J. Guy; W. Connolly; H. Stubbs; W. A.
Spence; T. Petrie; F. R. Emery; L. J. Bare-
wick; T. R. Jarvis; W. R. Brosbie; W. J. Lloyd;
B. Molton; W. J. McCausland; J. A. Sands; R.
MacLennan; T. J. Carter.
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No. 79. Comps. E. Sanderson, R. V. Casci.
No. 81. Comps. E. Elliott; D. Ostrosser.
No. 82. Comps. A. J. Nevin; M. C. Campbell.
No. 83. Comp. R. Fairbairn.
No. 84. Comps. W. L. Craig; W. J. Mitchell.
No. 85. Comps. R. J. Langley; H. Manley; W. J. Moore; A. Burrett; W. W. Stephens; W. Dickson.
No. 86. Comps. M. Harris; O. Pathington.
No. 87. Ex. Comp. R. J. Hoidge; Comps. J. McBride; H. Baughman; C. Margterson; F. C. Priestland.
No. 88. Comp. J. A. White.
No. 90. Comps. F. M. Pilgrim; C. F. McEwan.
No. 92. Comps. A. C. Rorabeck; A. J. Young.
No. 95. Comp. J. McMillain.
No. 96. Comps. R. G. Lindsay; H. C. Bowerman.
No. 98. Comps. M. C. Hall; J. Swinton; A. A. Schreiter; J. B. Weaver; J. G. Cress.
No. 99. Comp. A. McEwan.
No. 100. Comp. C. M. Bowman.
No. 102. Comp. T. Hannah.
No. 103. Comp. W. M. Vance.
No. 105. Comp. M. B. Stewart.
No. 106. M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt; Comps. E. E. Bell; T. Haines; E. Hales; W. D. Hunter; L. J. Hewitt; D. M. Johnston; W. J. Levy; T. A. Swindle; E. Sutherland; C. H. Drafer.
No. 108. Comp. G. T. Atcheson.
No. 110. Comp. R. A. Mercer; J. W. Metherall.
No. 111. Comp. W. F. Garrow.
No. 113. V. Ex. Comp. C. H. Harris.
No. 115. Comp: A. W. Reynolds.
No. 116. Comp. T. J. Green.
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No. 169. Comp. F. Youngberg.

No. 175. M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt; Comp. M. C. Wallace.

No. 184. Comp. J. Lyttle.

No. 185. M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt; Comps. E. J. Banfield; W. E. Bulmer.


No. 203. Comp. W. L. Howell.


No. 213. Comp. J. Riley.


No. 218. Comp. A. MacMurchy; G. Gilbert; N. Fisher.

No. 219. Comps. B. Kirk; D. Clark; N. J. Harrison; J. Chambers.


No. 222. Comp. F. J. Jamieson.


No. 225. Comp. G. W. Fletcher.


No. 231. Comp. W. J. Faulkner.


No. 234. Comp. L. G. Grant.


No. 240. Comps. J. A. Schnick; J. Wadge.


No. 243. R. Ex. Comp. H. R. Clark; Comps. L. Straughan; P. Hildreth.

No. 245. Comp. E. B. Reist.


No. 251. Comp. F. B. Youngberg.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

SISTER JURISDICTION IN CANADA

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Alberta—Clifford Rupert Wentzel, G.S.E.

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 imaginary line as they mourn the loss of many distinguished Companions.

Colorado—Richard J. Woodward, G.S.E.
Connecticut—Louis Lee Beach, P.G.H.P.
Iowa—Charles C. Shrader, P.G.H.P.
Kansas—Will Curlis Chaffe, P.G.H.P. and P.G.C.
Maine—George W. Goulding, P.G.H.P.
Montana—Archibald W. Mahon, P.G.H.P.
Nebraska—Arthur C. Stein, P.G.H.P.; Frank E. Bullard, P.G.H.P.; Benjamin F. Thomas, P.G.H.P.
New Jersey—Nelson P. Dungan, P.G.H.P.
New York—Jerome L. Cheney, P.G.H.P.; Frederick L. Dutcher, P.G.H.P.
Ohio—William Alvin Belt, P.G.H.P.; Wilden Edwood Joseph, Grand Treasurer; John Geiger Augustine, Grand Guard.
Oregon—Emanuel Northup, Grand Chaplain Emeritus.
Pennsylvania—Walter K. Swetland, P.G.H.P.
Tennessee—Jesse Thornton Spaulding, P.G.H.P.; John Greenway Greer, P.G.H.P.
Vermont—George Farnhan Leland, Dep. G.H.P.
Wisconsin—David Harlowe, P.G.H.P.; Michael Barry, P.G.H.P.
Wyoming—Edward Drake Edwards, P.G.H.P.
West Virginia—Charles M. Lamar, P.G.H.P.; John Matthew Cook, P.G.H.P.
REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

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

Your Committee on the Condition of Royal Arch Masonry, as found within the boundaries of this Grand Jurisdiction, approach the subject with a full knowledge of their responsibility.

Masonry in all its branches and ramifications has passed through a year fraught with hardship and sacrifice, this condition merely reflecting the storm and stress of the day—for as the individual suffers, so in like manner do the social and fraternal organizations with which he is associated, suffer.

Despite the desire to spread and share the spirit of true optimism, our membership has found that the adverse conditions prevailing in the commercial and professional life of the country seriously affect the energy and enthusiasm which formerly characterized their labour in the quarries of Masonry. While sympathizing with those Companions who are struggling under a burden which threatens to increase in size with the passing of time, your Committee is of the opinion that Royal Arch Masonry should prove to our worried Companions a bright spot in an otherwise cloudy sky—a haven of rest and comfort—a sanctuary where they may lay aside their daily cares and ease their troubled minds.

While we feel that a lengthy reference to the unprecedented conditions of the outer world is a subject beyond our province, yet are we constrained to say that in our opinion it is just such times as these that reveal our weaknesses, test our strength, and make more secure our moorings to those lofty ideals which have endured for centuries in the history of this Great Brotherhood.

It appears that the civilization of to-day is rapidly changing. Ideas and even ideals are being torn down and remodelled to serve new conditions
which are uprooting landmarks and disturbing the hallowed dust of time. We are entering upon a period in which established precedents of other days have but a very small part. Something to respect and revere, but with the whole world in a state of flux, even tradition and history must give place to a new order of things in which the tenets of our ancient fraternity, combined with the great lessons of Virtue and Justice, must form a stabilizing influence and take a foremost place in the front ranks of those social institutions which are endeavouring to bring order out of chaos, turn fear and sorrow into love and happiness and point the way to that light which alone can change conditions and rehabilitate a weary world.

Notwithstanding the difficulties under which we have laboured, a study in retrospect of the past twelve months lead to the conclusion that Royal Arch Masonry as an institution has buoyantly weathered the storm. We have suffered numerically and financially, yet have we much for which to be grateful. If we may presage the future, we should say that Masonry will be better for the acid test through which it has passed. Our strength has been proven, we have demonstrated our solidarity, and our victories of other days will be but rungs on the ladder up which we shall climb to greater heights of useful achievement and glorious tradition. The dark days of commercial depression, with its lengthy trail of sacrifice, sorrow, and want, have but quickened the heartbeat, revived, stimulated, and developed the fundamental principles of our Order and brought to life a nobler conception of our duties and responsibilities as well as a finer and broader vision of human brotherhood.

In the atmosphere of sober reflection, we have read, studied, and analyzed the reports of the Grand Superintendents, and find them not only well-written, comprehensive and encouraging, but noticeably free from those banalities which very often characterize such reports.
They tell us in comforting words of the conditions prevailing in village, town, and city, and even into the far reaches of the Yukon. They write of the hardship and difficulties of the Constituent Chapters, but they also tell in glowing terms of the zeal and energy displayed on all sides and under all conditions.

The Chapters are facing their individual tasks and responsibilities with a courage redolent of their prototypes of other days. Such courage and fidelity to the cardinal principles of our great Order must in time merdit a reward equal to that of our ancient brethren, who successfully completed their task though beset upon all sides by those who would tear down that edifice which they so vigorously sought to build. Much might be said with respect to the magnificent morale of our members who, notwithstanding conditions which would undoubtedly undermine and wreck an institution with a less solidly built foundation, have exhibited a spirit of such tenacity as to enable the Royal Craft to stand firm and secure “four square to every wind that blows”.

Your Committee have no hesitancy in saying that, in their opinion, the splendid leadership and faithful intelligent service of the District Superintendents have had a wonderful influence upon the Constituent Chapters. They have played no small part in the building and development of that morale which has proved our strongest bulwark against failure. Yes, the representatives of the Grand Z. were wisely chosen and as a group they have written a very bright page in the History of 1932.

**Statistical Record.**

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Number of Deaths, November 30, 1932 ............... 389

Net loss ................................................................. 1,156

Total Membership to November 30, 1932 ............. 24,068

From the figures given above, we find that in the eighteen Districts composing this Grand Jurisdiction, we have 159 Chapters, and 24,068 Royal Arch Masons. The grim reaper and the financial stringency have successfully combined in an effort to decimate our standing army. While our numbers have decreased, we feel that our year's labour has not been in vain.

Somewhere it is written that figures cannot lie, yet in a brief, sketchy manner, your Committee desire to bring proof to the contrary. As we cast a critical eye over the statistical record, our first thought is that the fruits of the past twelve months are decidedly limited, that the Royal Craft is on a retrograde course, and from an actuarial standpoint, we may well be justified in the contention. But Love, Compassion, Kindness, Brotherhood, are tangible—yet intangible. We can measure our membership, our increases, and losses, in terms of figures, but can we compute these attributes of good Masonry by the same system of measurement? We venture the opinion that notwithstanding a decreased membership, Royal Arch Masonry will contribute to the community, to the province, to the country at large, a measure of good influence far in excess of that exhibited under more favourable conditions. Those who have allowed the flame of interest and enthusiasm to dwindle to a spark have come to a realization of their responsibilities, have rejuvenated their interest and by a more substantial support to their Chapter, have placed the Royal Craft in the analogous position of being weaker, yet stronger—weaker in membership, yet infinitely stronger in all those qualities that have made Royal Arch Masonry well worth while.
OUR MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

"The place of Charity, like that of God, is Everywhere".

As we tread the mosaic pavement, let us not forget the duties incumbent upon all those who have travelled through darkness unto Light. We have been taught the great lesson of Charity, and have learned that all Mankind is a Brotherhood in God's great universe.

The great need in this day of trial and tribulation is a practical application of the fundamental principles of Good Masonry. Its benign influence may prove a governing factor in the settlement of Life's problems, in the adjustment of the differences existing between classes and masses, and in the correction of those evils which threaten to destroy the very foundation of our social structure. This is the challenge of the hour, and in meeting these responsibilities with a true heart, a firm purpose and an unwavering determination, we shall add lustre to the escutcheon of Masonry and go far towards alleviating human suffering.

Abundant evidence of the development of human kindness is found in the statistical records of the Constituent Chapters. Each has endeavoured to assist the poor and unfortunate who have sought their aid, and while the available funds have been woefully impotent to meet the demands, individual subscriptions have made it possible for the Chapters of this Jurisdiction to record, exclusive of Grand Chapter grants, the very splendid sum of approximately five thousand dollars, as having been expended in demonstrating the spirit of true benevolence. To this must be added an unnamed amount which was indirectly disbursed through private sources and which consequently does not appear in the Chapter records.

We respectfully submit that unless the clouds which at present darken the sky, soon give place to the golden sunlight of more prosperous times, this and all kindred institutions will face a still greater demand upon their charitable resources.
If we are to continue to ease the burden of our fellow-man, a more thorough system of Benevolence must be evolved. Many to-day who have an undoubted claim upon us are being neglected, for which false modesty on their part and lack of organization on ours are largely responsible.

As we turn back the pages of time, we see many opportunities for doing good wasted, and like plucked flowers lying scattered and withering in our path, but yesterday is not lost if we but perceive its lessons and lay plans and draw designs for the future. Plans that shall take definite shape and formation. Plans that shall enable us to assume our rightful proportion of responsibility in bringing about an era of happiness to those who have sacrificed and suffered with nothing more tangible from Royal Arch Masonry than that pity which comforts but does not place the faltering foot of the weary traveller on more solid ground.

If in the future we but develop and display to a more pronounced degree, that truly Masonic Spirit of Unselfishness—if someone’s life is brightened by our acts of Charity, some home made happier by a physical evidence of our sympathy and encouragement, then shall it be said that Masonry is fulfilling its mission by following the precepts and admonitions of the Wise Master Builder, and we of this generation shall have added a stone to a monument of service that will stand while all the paeans are rung out on the horloge of Eternity.

FINANCES

Your Committee approach this subject with considerable diffidence. The fiscal affairs of Grand Chapter are wisely administered by those entrusted with this responsibility. Though financial statements in these days are not usually read with any degree of gusto, we venture the opinion that the statements to be presented as representative of the position of this Grand Chapter may be read with confidence that every safeguard has been taken to
preserve and maintain the financial structure of this institution.

As last year, your Committee, however, are greatly concerned with respect to the financial affairs of the Subordinate Chapters. In many Chapters, no attempt appears to have been made to bring expenditures in line with revenue. On the contrary, these Chapters continue to function as in the "heighday" of prosperity. The result can very readily prove disastrous from either of two angles, financial embarrassment or a lowering of the bars of qualification in an eleventh hour attempt to secure revenue by the admission of candidates who, under other circumstances, might well fall far short of the standards which we are endeavouring to maintain in the Royal Craft.

Dues—the most potent difficulty of Chapter administration, plays a very important role in present-day conditions. A scrutiny of the statistical records indicates that despite the fact that many Chapters have yearly assessments that are obviously too low to be sound, yet in a number of these Chapters, the amount outstanding as unpaid dues is simply appalling. True, as we have suggested in other reports, many of our members are labouring under a financial strain that makes it necessary for them to fail in their financial obligations to their Chapter. Through no fault of their own, they find themselves in a very embarrassing position. Such members should be retained at all cost. If our professions of Brotherly Love mean anything, here is an opportunity to exercise what we are pleased to call "The Cardinal Virtue"—but should it be left entirely to the Chapter to stand this expense? We believe that many Companions who are more fortunately placed will be ready to assist during this stringency and by paying into the Chapter Treasury more than their regular assessment, place the Chapter in funds to carry these worthy Companions without expense. This idea is in force in a few Chapters and is filling a long-felt want. On the other
hand, there are a great many who can and will not meet their obligation. We strongly urge our Chapters to carefully investigate such cases, and failure to convince the delinquent that honour and duty call for a prompt settlement of his dues, should result in immediate action on the part of the Chapter to remove him from its list of membership.

We are in doubt as to the wisdom of some Chapters endeavouring to operate on yearly dues of two dollars and less. Surely no Chapter can successfully continue its work, meet its financial obligations, and assess its membership less than its per capita cost.

According to the figures before us, the outstanding dues amount to $49,408.00, representing 3,343 Companions in arrears. No doubt since these figures were compiled they have assumed more favourable proportions, yet we feel it expedient to stress the necessity for the formulation of some plan whereby the dues of each Chapter shall be placed before the membership in such a manner as to impress upon all who can pay, the need for prompt action.

With no desire to enlarge upon a subject which we consider as comprehensively covered in previous reports, we make our yearly reference to the combined assets of the Constituent Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction. These are reported as $206,841.00—while liabilities are recorded as $18,106.00.

If our plea for attention to the composition of these figures has gone unheeded in the past, surely in these days of economic stress, the business instincts of our members will prompt them to give ear to our warning not to take too seriously the figures given above. Based upon these figures, we may well feel secure, but such security has a very weak foundation. The liabilities are undoubtedly accurate, but a new inventory of chapter paraphernalia, properties, and investments, based upon present-day values, will, we are convinced, show a shrinkage that will justify our oft-repeated request for a revaluation of Chapter assets.
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INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION

Perhaps is no department of our work has a more pronounced interest been manifest than in a study of our legends, symbolism, philosophy, and history. As evidence of this, we find that Chapters of Instruction were held in practically all Districts, and these meetings were extremely well attended, not alone by the officers of the various Chapters but by the membership generally.

That the Tree of Knowledge, the heritage of the rushing centuries with its immortal food, grows within the reach of every man's hand, is conceded and with a desire to acquire that knowledge will enable them to use to the best advantage the working tools of our Masonic art, our Companions are consuming with interest and avidity, such information and instruction as may be laid before them.

This marks the trend of Masonic thought which annually advances toward a set goal, and that not alone a more comprehensive knowledge of our esoteric work, but also a more definite application of our sublime lessons and practical doctrines that we may as an institution actively fulfil our mission and lend our aid to every worthy endeavour whether Masonic or otherwise. Our membership are seized with the importance of turning from theory into practice, the inspiring lectures of our Masonic being. They feel that no longer can we of the Royal Craft be satisfied to live within the walls of our own contentment, but rather we must sally forth to join hands with all organizations who are inspired and actuated by the same motives, ideals, and desires. There is a very definite need to-day for a practical application of those lessons of wisdom and virtue inculcated within the precincts of our Royal Arch Chapters. It is recognized that Masonry's moral precepts, the active benevolence which it prescribes and the upright character which it endeavours to develop, must prove a strong agency for good in the establishment of better living and better citizenship.
Once again, your Committee desire to record on behalf of Grand Chapter, thanks and appreciation of the splendid effort put forth by those distinguished Royal Craftsmen who for the past twelve months have represented the Grand Z. in their respective Districts. No words of praise are required to assure these Companions that their loyalty, zeal, and unflagging energy have been apparent to all who have been in close contact with the activities of Royal Arch Masonry. They have given of their best, their talents have been used to advantage, and in retiring from office, we are sure that each has left an indelible imprint upon the hearts and affections of his Brethren which even time will not readily efface.

To epitomize the District reports, we should say that the year has been one of unusual activity. We read of one Grand Superintendent travelling during his term of office a distance of 1,000 miles, and this mostly by motor—that in one District members drive over 100 miles to attend Chapter meetings—that Divine Services have been fairly general—and if attendance is any criterion, much appreciated.

Another report refers in glowing terms to the active support of the Past Principals whose love of the Order is the impelling force which causes them to carry on far into the evening of Life. Reference to a candidate at the age of 78 appears in still another report, proving that advancing years are no deterrent to a search for greater light in Masonry. Other Superintendents offer the thought that a standard form of receipt should be authorized by Grand Chapter—a discontinuance of the Book of Marks, or a more rigid adherence to the use of same, and many other worthwhile suggestions. While perhaps we do not share in their entirety the views thus expressed, we feel that they should not be filed in the archives without due consideration being given to each and every one. We desire to refer briefly to the welfare work undertaken by the combined Chapters of two Districts. Distinctly, this
was a move in the right direction and it is hoped by your Committee that other Districts will secure from Grand Scribe E., the details of this activity and follow the ancient admonition—“Go thou and do likewise”.

L’Envoy.

That our Most Excellent the Grand Z. has taken seriously the responsibilities placed upon his shoulders twelve months ago, is evidenced by his unceasing labour on behalf of the Royal Craft. From one end of the jurisdiction to the other, laudatory comments on the service which he is rendering to Royal Arch Masonry are openly expressed, and your Committee desire to add their quota of praise to one who has unselfishly given his entire time in an effort to provide a leadership that shall carry us safely through the wilderness in which we find ourselves, and guide us upwards toward the greater heights of love and usefulness. Fitting tribute should also be paid the Grand Scribe E. and the other officers of Grand Chapter who have ably assisted the Grand Z. in all his undertakings. They, too, have demonstrated their loyalty to the cause by an ardent application to the duties of their office.

In conclusion, your Committee desire to express the opinion that Royal Arch Masonry within this jurisdiction is still active, vigorous and virile. On our altars peacefully burn the fires of Brotherhood and Fraternity. The fragrant garlands of friendship are still entwined about our pillars and within our gates Peace and Harmony prevail.

The world at large is realizing each day more and more the moral force of this ancient fraternity in the uplifting of humanity. Having for its cornerstone the Book of the Holy Writ, it stands for the immutability of the highest truths, the sacredness of God’s Revelations, and the raising of all mankind to higher planes of living and nobler realms of thought. Royal Arch Masonry, though old, is young. The vistas of its usefulness still stretch gloriously
through the coming years, far into the future beyond the ken of man.

Its purposes are yet unfulfilled and must so remain until he hear the heavenly music of the choir invisible ushering in the Dawn of that great Day when all Mankind shall bow in homage before the King of Kings, the Omnipotent Jehovah.

"Behind the cloud the starlight lurks,  
Through showers the sunbeams fall,  
For God, who loveth all his works,  
Has left his Hope with all".

Signed on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry,

GEO. L. GARDINER,  
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED OFF"

At 4.10 p.m. Grand Chapter was "Called Off."

THURSDAY MORNING

At 9.30 a.m. Grand Chapter resumed labour, the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Haentschel, presiding.

REPORT RE AUDITOR

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

Your Committee appointed to deal with the Audit of our Books have pleasure in reporting that we have secured the services of Mr. E. J. Carter, C.A., of the firm of Sharpe, Milne & Company, and
we have pleasure in recommending that his appointment be confirmed. Cost of services per year two hundred dollars, as recommended by the Committee on Audit and Finance. 

Fraternally submitted,

O. ELLWOOD,  
EDWIN SMITH,  
W. H. DAVIS, Chairman,  
Committee.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Walter Davis, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Special Committee on Auditor be received and adopted.

SCRUTINEERS OF BALLOT


CONSIDERING NOTICE OF MOTIONS

In the absence of V. Ex. Comp. Jas. W. Woodland, P.G.J.S., who had given the notice of motion, it was moved by Ex. Comp. C. C. Linnell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Hoar, and—

Resolved,—“That the Per Capita Tax payable by the Constituent Chapters to the Grand Chapter be revoked for the year 1933 on its unemployed Companions who through misfortune are unable to pay their dues, provided that a satisfactory statement is furnished by the Constituent Chapters to the Grand Scribe E., under the Seal of the respective Chapters and signed by the First Principal and Scribe E.,” also that the Chapter have remitted their dues.

It was moved by V. Ex. Comp. Harry Abell, seconded by Ex. Comp. Charles C. Linnell, and—

Resolved,—“That Section 225 of the Constitution re Membership be changed to read in third line—‘One Calendar Month’ in place of ‘three Calendar Months’—also to delete ‘which shall not, however, be for a period less than four weeks.’”
"That Section 230 be changed to read in the sixth line—
'One Calendar Month' instead of 'three calendar months'.”

The resolution on being submitted to Grand Chapter was declared lost.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. Art. Gray, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. the Rev. A. S. H. Cree, and—

Resolved,—That the following paragraph be added to Section 173 of the Constitution appertaining to Constituent Chapters:

"No Companion shall be elected to office in a Constituent Chapter unless he be at the time in attendance at the Chapter, or, unless he shall have given his consent to acceptance of office, if elected."

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner, and—

Resolved,—That the following paragraph be added to Section 189 of the Constitution:

"No Companion shall be entitled to a Past Z.'s rank unless he shall have been duly elected and installed as Excellent Z. and attended at least sixty per cent. of the regular convocations of his Chapter, after installation and presided, unless by dispensation from the Grand Z."

The resolution, on being submitted to Grand Chapter, was declared lost.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. T. Palmer, seconded by Ex. Comp. J. H. Hallman, and—

Resolved,—That section No. 248 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:—

"Whenever a member of a Chapter desires either by personal application or in writing to withdraw from a Chapter, he shall be furnished with a demit in form as authorized by Grand Chapter. Should the Companion be owing dues at the time of application, the amount shall be stated on the demit. This certificate shall be produced at any Chapter with which the Companion desires to affiliate with the payment of all arrears, if any, previous to the ballot being taken, and such arrears, if any be returned to the Chapter granting the Demit."

The Resolution, on being submitted to Grand Chapter, was declared lost.
To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your Committee join with the Grand First Principal in welcoming the delegates and visitors to this meeting in the Forest City, a city which has produced many men who have given distinguished service to Masonry.

We unite with him in his expression of the great loss sustained by the Grand Chapter in the passing of M. Ex. Comps. Fred. W. Harcourt and Michael Walsh. M. Ex. Companion Harcourt was a man of very great ability and a most lovable character. M. Ex. Comp. Walsh was one who, in the past, rendered very important services to Masonry.

Our sympathy goes out to Sister Jurisdictions. In the deaths of Perry W. Weidner and Harry C. Walker, Masonry in the United States has lost men of outstanding ability and charming personality, men who served the various branches of Masonry with distinction.

We hope the report of the Committee re Financial affairs will be of value to Grand Chapter. We concur in the recommendation that a small committee be appointed by the Grand First Principal to take into consideration the obtaining a small but suitable office in Toronto for a term of years.

We are pleased to note that our Grand First Principal was able to attend so many District Meetings. We trust these visits as well as his visits to Constituent Chapters will bear fruit in the increased enthusiasm in the Districts and Chapters visited. It is most gratifying to observe the Grand First Principal’s appreciation of the services rendered by the Grand Superintendents, who evinced their loyalty in making the District Meetings so successful.

The visits to sister Jurisdictions will, we hope, further cement the links in the fraternal chain which binds us together.
We welcome to full membership Regal Chapter, No. 253, Port Dover, and trust this latest addition to our ranks will be most successful.

The suggestions re summonses should be carefully considered by the Scribes E. of the Jurisdiction and nothing included which in the slightest degree detracts from the dignity of the Order. The order of precedence of Grand Chapter officers is settled by Section 11 of the Constitution.

It would appear that a Committee or Committees might advantageously be appointed to look into the question of rearrangement of Districts to secure a lessening of mileage. A survey might also profitably be made to ascertain whether or not weak Chapters might not advantageously be linked with neighbouring Chapters.

Our financial condition indicates serious losses, but the financial condition of the world is out of joint, and we cannot expect not to have our share of trouble. We hope the Grand First Principal’s injunction for optimism will serve to stimulate our Companions. We concur in his advice for retrenchment until this cloud shall pass.

The suggestion in reference to change of Life Membership fee, we think should be referred to a committee to advise what change, if any, should be made, this committee to report at our next Convocation.

We congratulate our members who have been selected as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Canada for Western Australia, Colorado, Arizona and New York, and concur in approval of representatives of our Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapters of Ohio, Maine, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Quebec and Scotland. We note the approval of By-laws, Amendments to By-laws and Dispensations which we trust will be of value to the Royal Craft.

The rulings of our Grand First Principal are, we believe, in accord with sound Masonic principles.

We congratulate those of our members who have received Long Service Jewels. In particular do we
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convey heartiest congratulations to R. Ex. Comp. William Panton, who received a five year gold bar to attach to his Fifty-year Jewel. R. Ex. Comp. Panton for many years was a power of strength in the Hamilton District.

We feel the Grand First Principal is actuated by the highest Masonic principles in his advocacy of a special fund for the promotion of charitable works. The suggestion raises the far reaching question as to whether it is in the best interests of Masonry that a Chapter, in its corporate capacity, shall further any particular charitable project or whether Masonry should so mould the character of its members that they, as individuals, will support all good works. Apart from this, we think, under the present financial conditions the endeavour to raise such a fund would not be successful and we would recommend that consideration be postponed until the sunshine of prosperity again illumes our land.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. DAVIS,
WALTER G. PRICE,
K. J. DUNSTAN.

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

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address be received and adopted.

RESIGNATION OF M. EX. COMP. GEORGE MOORE AS GRAND TREASURER

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, for many years Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, forwarded his resignation. The condition of his health not being sufficiently improved to warrant the continuance of the duties of the office.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Walter Davis, and—

Resolved,—That this Grand Body accept the resignation with deepest regrets, and that the Grand Scribe E. forward a communication to him expressing the same.
ELECTIONS

Grand Chapter called off at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of elections.

Labour resumed at 11.20 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

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

Your Committee has the honour to submit the annual statement showing the financial standing of Grand Chapter as at January 31st, 1933, as follows:

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1933.

RECEIPTS.

Balances, February 1st, 1932—

In Canadian Bank of Commerce $11,480.93
Incidentals Account in hands of Grand Scribe E. 21.42

$11,502.35

Receipts from Chapters:

Certificates $ 325.00
Dues 10,203.75
Fees 325.00
Dispensations and Warrants 116.00
Constitutions 80.00
Sundries 405.33

$11,455.08

Interest Received on Investments and Bank Balances 4,565.55

$16,020.63

$27,522.98

PAYMENTS.

Benevolence $ 2,625.00
Inspection of 50.00

$ 2,675.00
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Salaries .................................................. $4,150.00
Foreign Correspondence Report ....................... 300.00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc. .......................... 727.92
Premium on Guarantee Bond ............................ 12.50
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses, 1932 .......... 1,229.66
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses on Account, 1933 10.00
Expenses of Executive Committee attending 1932 Convocation of Grand Chapter .................. 1,047.45
Printing, Engrossing, etc.—
Proceedings .............................................. $1,466.88
Certificates ............................................. 259.18
Ritu... .................................................... 967.20
General Printing and Stationery and Binding ....... 510.50
........................................................................ $3,203.76
Audit and Financial Reports to January 31st, 1932 .... 250.00
Special Committee Expense ............................ 20.58
Grand Z. Expenses ........................................ 1,187.20
Funeral Wreaths and Flowers ........................... 45.50
Grand Scribe E.—Office Incidental... Postages, General Expenses, Travelling ....... 230.08
Jewels and Engraving .................................... 78.36
Honorarium to I.P.G.Z. ................................... 350.00
........................................................................ $12,843.01
Balances, January 31st, 1933—
In Canadian Bank of Commerce ....................... $11,991.13
Incidental... Account in hands of Grand Scribe E. 13.84
........................................................................ $12,004.97
........................................................................ $27,522.98

BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY 31st, 1933.

ASSETS.
Cash on Hand ............................................... $13.84
Cash in Bank .............................................. 11,991.13
........................................................................ $12,004.97
Accounts Receivable (outstanding) .................... 2,649.43
Investments—Cost ........................................ 84,353.70
Supplies for Sale—
Constitutions .............................................. $63.71
Ritu... ...................................................... 654.79
Demits ....................................................... 3.60
........................................................................ $722.10
........................................................................ $99,730.20
CURRENT ASSETS.

Supplies for use—
  Certificates .................................. $ 288.22
  Jewels ....................................... 202.50
  Stationery (estimated) ...................... 75.00

Office Furniture and Fixtures (estimated) 300.00
Grand Council Regalia (estimated) 200.00

$ 565.72

LIABILITIES.

Accounts Payable ................................... Nil
Grand Chapter—Capital Account ............. $100,795.92

$100,795.92

I have audited the books and vouchers of Grand Chapter for the year ended January 31st, 1933, and found them in order and I 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 $84,353.70 and the par value $83,000.00.

All interest due on investments and bank balances has been received and deposited in the bank. The income for the year ended January 31st, 1933, amounted to $4,565.55, as compared with $4,788.56 for the previous year, a decrease of $223.01. The apparent decrease is accounted for by the fact that in the year 1932 a profit was made at the time of the conversion of Dominion of Canada Bonds, which amount was included with income from investments.

Satisfactory vouchers, properly approved, have been seen covering all disbursements, as has been the customary procedure of all previous audits.

Every courtesy has been extended to me during the course of my audit, and I have much pleasure in reporting that the books and accounts of Grand Chapter have been excellently kept by Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer.

E. J. CARTER, C.A.,
Sharp, Milne & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance has reviewed the financial condition of Grand Chapter and given the matter most serious consideration.

We beg to offer for your acceptance or rejection such recommendations as in our opinion will tend to
curtail operating expenses without affecting the efficiency of Grand Chapter and at the same time preserve the savings and investments of former years.

Our findings are based on the records of Grand Chapter, which show continued deficits in operation and a persistent falling off in membership and revenue as per table:

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and under the present economic conditions further decline in membership is inevitable.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following recommendations:

(1) That as an emergency measure the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, including the meeting of the Executive Committee, be confined to two days instead of three days, to revert to the Constitution when general conditions justify or at the future pleasure of Grand Chapter, we are of the opinion that the adoption of this recommendation will affect a saving of at least $600.00.

(2) That the per diem rate be reduced from $6.00 per day to $5.00 per day.

(3) That members of the Executive residing outside this Grand Jurisdiction be allowed mileage only from the nearest point of entrance to this Jurisdiction to place of meeting.

(4) Re Souvenir Booklet: That in view of the fact that no expense has as yet been incurred in compiling and printing the Souvenir Booklet authorized at the last Annual Convocation, we recommend that further action be postponed during the pleasure of Grand Chapter.
(5) That the Printing Committee submit a report in detail at each Annual Convocation and that the same be printed in the Annual Report.

(6) That copies of the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be furnished in detail to the members of this Committee.

(7) That the Record of Grand Chapter Officers since organization be published in the Annual Proceedings only once in 5 years.

(8) That the printing of the Capitular Review as a separate volume be discontinued.

(9) That Grand Chapter funds over and above necessary working capital be at once transferred to a saving account or invested in securities.

(10) That a detailed statement of all expenses of the Grand Scribe E.'s office be furnished the Committee on Audit and Finance.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

1933 Estimate.

Benevolence Grant ........................................... $2,550.00
Inspection .......................................................... 50.00
Salaries—G.S.E. .................................................. 3,600.00
Office Assistance ................................................ 780.00
Honorarium for Grand Treasurer ............................... 250.00
Foreign Correspondence ........................................ 300.00
Office Rent and Telephone, etc. .............................. 650.00
Bond Premium and Insurance ................................... 20.00
Grand Chapter Expenses (1934) ................................ 500.00
Executive Committee Expenses (1934) ......................... 650.00
Printing Committee Proceedings ................................ 1,200.00
General Printing .................................................. 250.00
Audit and Finance Reports ..................................... 200.00
Grand Z.'s Expenses ............................................. 600.00
Incidentals—G.S.E., Office .................................... 150.00
Jewels and Engraving ........................................... 75.00
Flowers, Sick and Deceased .................................... 25.00
New Typewriter for Office ...................................... 140.50

All of which is respectfully submitted,

O. ELLWOOD,
S. S. FORBES,
W. Y. MILLS,
ED. BRENNAN,
Committee.
It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance as amended be received and adopted.

HONOURARY RANK OF PAST Z. TO COMP.

JOHN H. ROWLAND

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Miller, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. M. E. Sherwood, and—

Resolved,—"That the rank of Past Z. be conferred upon Companion John A. Rowland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, without his having been elected or served in the office of J., H. and Z. respectively, and without his having complied with any other requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, relating to the Office of Past Z., on the grounds that his services to Masonry in general—his exalted rank in Craft Masonry—and his well-known and excellent qualities of head and heart justly entitle him to the honour; and that the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to issue the Dispensation giving St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, of Toronto, Ontario, the necessary authorization to install and invest him."

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Morgan R. Griffiths, and—

Resolved,—That R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Gardiner, Smith Falls, be re-elected for a period 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:

R. Ex. Comp. George Slack retires in 1934.
R. " " J. B. Nixon retires in 1935.
R. " " J. J. Gardiner retires in 1936.

HISTORIAN ELECTED

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. M. E. Sherwood, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, and—

Resolved,—That M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton be re-elected Grand Historian.
Thanks Tendered to Credential Committee

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. S. Clark, 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.

Thanks to London and District Companions

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre, 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 London and District and Ladies' Committee 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 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.

Committee Re Office

M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Haentschel appointed the following Committee with power to consider his recommendation of securing a suitable office for the Grand Scribe E.

R. Ex. Comp. Morgan Griffiths.
R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Barnett.

Election of Officers

The Scrutineers reported the following election of officers:

M. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, M.D., Haileybury ..........Grand Z.
R. " " Alex. Cowan, Barrie........Grand H. Grand Council
R. " " George L. Gardiner,
Toronto .................Grand J.
M. " " Walter G. Price,
Port Credit ...........Grand Treasurer
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M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith,
London .........Grand Scribe E.

R. " " Walter Duench,
Kitchener .........Grand Scribe N.

R. " " Thos. J. Holmes,
London ..........Grand Pr. Sojourner

R. " " John S. Drysdale,
Hamilton .........Grand Registrar

" " T. W. Cumbers,
Brockville .........Grand Outer Guard

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—ELECTED

R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills ........................................Kingston
R. " " Sidney S. Forbes ........................................Hamilton
R. " " M. E. Sherwood .........................................Woodstock
R. " " John F. Marr ...........................................Guelph
R. " " Ed. H. Brennan ..................................Niagara-on-the-Lake

SCRUTINEERS RECEIVE THANKS

Moved by R. Ex. M. E. Sherwood, seconded by
R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Body be
tendered to R. Ex. Comp. J. H. C. Woodward and the other
Excellent Companions who acted as Scrutineers, for services
rendered in the election of the officers of Grand Chapter.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation will be
held in the Town of Brockville, Ontario, on Tuesday
and Wednesday, February 27th and 28th, 1934,
commencing on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock (by
adoption of resolution of the Committee's Report on
Audit and Finance).

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, assisted by M. Ex.
Comp. Walter Davis, 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 RECEIVES THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills,
seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. D. McIntyre, and—
Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to Most Ex. Comps. Walter G. Price and Walter Davis, who had charge of the Installation Ceremony, and those who assisted them, for the able manner in which the Ceremony had been performed.

REVISION—BOOK OF CEREMONIES

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to revise the Book of Ceremonies, especially, that portion appertaining to the Installation of Officers in the Constituent Chapters.

The resolution on being submitted to Grand Chapter was declared lost.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE

The following appointments by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood ............................................London
R. " " Archie D. McIntyre ..............................................Toronto
R. " " W. L. Stewart ....................................................London
R. " " Fred, C. Hoar ....................................................Bowmanville
R. " " Frank G. McLean ..............................................Toronto

ASSISTANT OFFICERS—APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp. Morgan R. Griffith,
Toronto ..............................................Grand Lecturer
V. " " James H. Murray,
Haileybury ..............................................Grand Sr. Sojourner
V. " " Wallace Scott, M.D.,
Toronto ..............................................Grand Jr. Sojourner
V. " " A. A. Bink, Brockville .............................................Grand Sword Bearer
*V. " " Dr. Ashton Fletcher,
Toronto ..............................................Grand Master 4th Veil
V. " " Arthur A. Kitchen,
Toronto ..............................................Grand Master 4th Veil
V. " " Arthur James Parr,
North Bay ..............................................Grand Master 3rd Veil
V. " " Robert C. Addison,
Port Arthur ..............................................Grand Master 2nd Veil
V. " " W. J. W. Johnston,
Sault Ste. Marie ..............................................Grand Master 1st Veil
V. " " James Cram Fraser,
Renfrew ..............................................Grand Standard Bearer
V. " " J. A. M. Hay,
Chatham ..............................................Grand Dr. of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. George Overton, London Grand Organist
V. " " W. H. Price, Toronto Grand Pursuivant
V. " " John G. Green, London Grand Steward
V. " " Carl Stanley Ryerse, Port Dover Grand Steward
V. " " John T. Power, Guelph Grand Steward
V. " " Robt. Wm. Turner, Hamilton Grand Steward
V. " " David McKnight Mitchell Grand Steward
V. " " W. A. Hicks, Port Colborne Grand Steward
V. " " H. J. Thompson, Midland Grand Steward
V. " " A. J. Meyers, Campbellford Grand Steward
V. " " William A. Harden, Belleville Grand Steward
V. " " W. Charles Crozier, Kingston Grand Steward
V. " " A. J. Stringer, Toronto Grand Steward
V. " " J. T. Carmichael, Kitchener Grand Steward
V. " " Fred. Powers, Toronto Grand Steward
V. " " Herbert V. Moore, Kingston Grand Steward

*Died March 2nd, 1933.

The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in ample form at 12.15 p.m., London, Ontario, Thursday, February 23rd, 1933.

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.
GRAND Z.'S DINNER

On Tuesday evening, February 21st, the Grand Z, M. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, joined with his Executive in holding a "Get-together" Dinner to his honoured guests.

During the Convocation, many messages were conveyed to the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada by the visiting Companions.

DELEGATES' DINNER

On Wednesday evening, February 22nd, 1933, the delegates attended a Dinner in the Hotel London, following which a stirring address was given by the R. Rev. Comp. Charles A. Seager, M.A., D.D., LL.D., Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Huron.

In his remarks he stated: "No man can be a Mason without developing capacities for the consideration of others, and the great quality of citizenship is receiving extraordinary discipline under existing conditions. There are great demands on Masonic funds at the present time and a considerable stream of benevolence is flowing from the Order. The spirit of fellowship and brotherhood is in every man's circle and right now faith is standing out strongly in Masonic circles. We are passing through a great challenge to our Craft, but the crux of the whole problem is international, and the signs on the horizon indicate that something is going to happen in the not too distant future. We must live and preach our Masonic morality and live in a spirit of unselfishness, and man must come to see that his own needs are no greater than those of his neighbour."

M. Ex. Comp. Walter Davis, of Hamilton, moved a hearty vote of thanks, which was seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan.

Following the banquet, a dance was held in the Crystal Ballroom, and all were guests of London District Royal Arch Chapters.
SUB-COMMITTEES

GRAND Z.'S. ADDRESS

BENEVOLENCE

AUDIT AND FINANCE

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

WARRANTS

CONDITIONS ON CAPITULARY MASONRY

CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

FRATERNAL DEAD

PRINTING COMMITTEE

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE
M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton (Chairman).

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM
R. Ex. Comp. A. D. McIntyre (Chairman), V. Ex. Comp. J. F. Molloy.
# List of Chapters—By Districts

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Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Robert Sterling Clark, Box 325, Ingersoll, Ont.

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*John C. Franck ............ 1861-2
*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. Maepherson ............. 1883-4
*Thos. Sargent ............. 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
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ALABAMA

Julian Fletcher Spearman, M.E. G.H.P.
Guy T. Smith, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation was held in Montgomery, November 30, 1931. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests graced the Grand East.

Canada was, as usual, faithfully represented by Lew Lazarus.

Grand Master Lovelady was welcomed.

The Grand High Priest in his address bears up bravely under distressing circumstances. We quote:

"The decrease in the number exalted has caused some to charge that Masonry is decadent. It is not Masonry or Capitular Masonry that is decadent. Both of them are basically the same as they always have been and their fundamental principles and teachings have not changed in the least. It is those members who have lost sight of its principles that cause its great ideals to become ineffective."

He refers to the death of P.G.H.P. Moore as follows:

"He was offered many flattering political appointments which he declined to accept in order to continue his work as Editor of the New Age and his efforts for the Scottish Rite.

"When death came to him at his home in Rockville, Maryland, bringing rest to a weary traveller and an end to the labours of one who loved his fellow man, his mortal remains were shipped to his old home."

He made a stirring appeal for the Masonic Home:

"Remember that a kind Providence has spared you to be with yours, otherwise your own loved ones might be residents of the Home, looking to others for support and protection.

"We should all be proud of our Masonic Home and give until it hurts if this be necessary. The Masonic Home has had a wonderful and glorious past and its achievements have been marvellous. Won't you help carry on?"

He holds that a suspended Chapter Mason has no right to appear in open Chapter apparently even on his own trial. The G.H.P. adds—"should be desire to testify it would have to be done by deposition."

Something has evidently gone wrong with Alabama during the past year. No reports were
made by the Grand Treasurer or the former Grand Secretary Beauchamp and Grand Chapter decided that the report of the auditor and the special report of the G.H.P. be not printed. Why all the mystery and concealment? In the meantime Grand Secretary Beauchamp disappeared from the scene and Guy T. Smith appears in his place.

Ex. Comp. Clemmons presented his usual Review of Proceedings but they are not printed, evidently from lack of funds.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic and American Citizenship strikes a very virile and positive note. The following will be found worth while reading:

"Enemies within and without. The cohorts of Communism with a legion of misdirected and misinformed zealots, armed with ignorance, prejudice and avarice, have assaulted the outposts of our people with a cunning propaganda and a subtle organization. With telling effect they have bored into our labouring masses using class consciousness as a deadly instrument. They have penetrated our schools and colleges by means of a subtle philosophy; they have intrigued the unthinking with an emotional sophistry that makes strong appeal to those who feel that any change in conditions will always be for the better.

"In our own southland, they have deliberately and designedly endeavoured to stir up race prejudice. This movement now but a cloud no bigger than a man's hand is a portent of the inevitable cataclysm of the coming storm.

"Masonry must as ever and even more vigorously act as a vanguard to enlighten the people of the dangers which surround us. Masonry must as always see to it that the sources of our educational system be freed from pollution and thereby prevent the germs of disintegration from invading our commonwealth."

Charles O. Rolfe was elected G.H.P.

Membership, 9,581. Discouraging net loss, 1,829.

From the memoriam pages we take the following trumpet note:

"Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the Light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God."

John W. Lawrence, of Toronto, represents Alabama.
ARIZONA

George Emet McMillan, M.E. G.H.P.
Harry Arizona Drachman, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Forty-second Convocation was held in Tucson, March 8, 1932.

Distinguished visitors from New Mexico and the General G.H.P., John W. Neilson, were welcomed.

Ten Past Grand High Priests reported for duty and honour.

Canada was represented by James H. Barrett.

The G.H.P. thus expresses his satisfaction with the year's work—

"A year ago I was elevated to this—the highest honour in your power to bestow upon a member. The pleasure has all been mine and I feel that I am a better Companion and citizen for having held this office."

He made many visitations. He sent out the following letter:—

"It is needless to mention the hardships that have been brought on many of our members and I am asking all Chapters to be as lenient as possible with our unfortunate Companions and do not suspend any one for non-payment of dues until you have given them every consideration that you would expect under similar conditions."

Membership, 1,312. Net loss, 80.

The Grand Lecturer reported:—

"Unfortunately for me, I was delayed in getting away from Phoenix and finally had to fly down by airplane in order to make it in time for the meeting, but was just a little late for the delicious turkey dinner which was served by the ladies before the meeting."

Clarence V. Gulley was elected G.H.P.

Our own Grand Z., Dr. C. W. Haentschel, of Haileybury, represents Arizona.

The Order of High Priesthood met and transacted their annual business.

There is no Correspondence Report this year.
J. Fred. Parish, M.E. G.H.P.
John C. Bone, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-third Convocation was held in Little Rock, March 1, 1932.

Fourteen veteran, venerable and well known Past Grand High Priests answered to the call.

Canada was represented faithfully by Jeff L. Davis.

Distinguished visitors from Texas and the Grand Master of Grand Lodge were welcomed.

In the address of the G.H.P. we read:—

"We urge them to give careful attention to all business coming before Grand Chapter, and also that they mingle with their Companions as the lasting friendships thus formed will undoubtedly be among the happy memories."

He records a tribute to the late General G.H.P., Charles Clark Davis, who was born in Belleville, Illinois.

He speaks thus of his invitation to Canada:—

"I was also forced to decline an invitation extended by the Grand Chapter of Canada to attend its Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation and Seventy-fifth Birthday Anniversary, and in my letter to Grand Scribe E., Edwin Smith, I extended our greetings and invited their Grand Z. and other officers to this Annual Convocation."

Among his decisions the following:—

"A Mark Master's Lodge is complete in itself, and when eight are present it constitutes a quorum and they can proceed straightway to open such Lodge, confer degrees and do such other work as provided by law for a Mark Master Lodge. Of course, the election of candidates is done only in the Royal Arch Degree."

Of Chapters generally and the Condition of the Order he says:—

"Of course, we may say with some degree of certainty that dead timber is a hindrance and ought to be removed from the living branch, but in the case this year, if this rule had been followed, I fear the tree would have been pruned to a stump.

"The depression in business has also carried with it a depression in spirit and the natural sequence is that the Masonic Order and our churches and religious institutions
have felt the same effect. We should, however, take courage in the fact that history always repeats itself, and that periods of excesses have always been followed by periods of insufficiencies, and that when the clouds of doubt and fear shall have been dispelled and the sunshine of hope again illumines the earth, we may expect that the triumphal march will again be taken up, and like those of old, who trod that perilous journey, nothing short of the completion of city and temple will satisfy the faithful of the Royal Craft.

"Loss of interest ends in loss of membership, for few men will continue to pay their dues for that in which they are not presently interested.

"No man is compelled to accept Masonic office, but if he does, he should accept and assume the burden along with the honour."

Membership, 6,848. Net loss, 536.

Mark P. Olney in his special report as Reviewer says:—

"Four only show gains, District of Columbia 38, New Zealand 38, Quebec 3 and Saskatchewan 20, thus making 99 in all gained whereas the losses reach thirty thousand.

"With all this there is still a silver lining to the cloud and Masonry is one of the factors to be reckoned with in the stability of the affairs of life and the ranks of men."

C. J. Gregory was elected G.H.P. and John Q. Wolf, Grand Secretary, of whom it is said, "for the first time in a third of a century the Grand Chapter has elected a new Grand Secretary. His picture is presented herewith.

Frederick M. Elliott, of Prescott, represents Arkansas.

The Correspondence Review is not printed.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Donald A. Stewart, M.E. Grand Z.
J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E.

The Fourteenth Convocation was opened in Vancouver, 22nd June, 1932. 119 delegates were present, including seven Past Grand Z.'s.

Canada was represented by H. H. Watson.

From the address of the Grand Z. we take the following:—

"May your presence here be a source of pleasure and benefit to yourselves and of strength to this Grand Chapter."
“At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, our Mother Grand Chapter, at Hamilton, at which they celebrated their seventy-fifth anniversary, I was unable to attend, I commissioned Most Excellent Companion Watson to represent me on this occasion and I wish to record my appreciation of the very able manner in which he discharged this commission.

“I have noted everywhere a renewed interest and enthusiasm in the teachings and the work and in the social privileges of Freemasonry which is evidenced in an increased attendance at meetings. I am convinced that this tendency will increase as the need and the stress of current social and economic conditions force men’s minds to distinguish more clearly between those things in life which are superficial and passing and those which are fundamental and eternal, so that Masonry will become an increasingly important and vital force in the life of each community where it is established and will attract worthy men to its cause.

“At no time in the recent past has the world been so susceptible to such influences as Masonry, as it is at the present time. The solution of most of the difficulties of the present and the working out of a peaceful, stable and progressive future will depend in great measure on the extent to which the teachings and principles of Masonry are practised in the daily lives and enter into the policies of men and of nations.

“I like to think of our Lodges and Chapters as the workshops of Freemasonry where we labour, figuratively, with the chisel and mallet of the ritual in order to produce material for the great Temple of Life.

“To teach men so to live that their natural instincts, developed and trained by the ritual and in the atmosphere of the Craft and strengthened and made more purposeful by frequent contact in their Lodges and Chapters with their brethren and Companions of similar ideals and desires, will seek expression in service to their fellow men, to their communities and to their countries as opportunity offers and their talents permit, by intelligently assuming their share of the duties and obligations of citizenship.”


From the Report of Grand Registrar Fea the following:

“Measure not Life’s length by years agone,
    Length of days may empty be,
Measure Life by deeds of Service done,
    That the welcome words may be
‘Well done, thou good and faithful one,
    Heaven’s welcome waiteth thee.’”
R.E. Comp. William Panton was formally presented as having completed 55 years as a Past Principal.

H. H. Watson reports upon his visit to us at Hamilton:

"It was a very successful meeting, as the representative of British Columbia I was most cordially received and every attention and courtesy possible shown me.

S. Drake was elected Grand Z.
E. N. Carleton, of Toronto, represents British Columbia.

The Proceedings end with some fine verses entitled "His Promise", from which we reproduce two verses:

"We mortal creatures cannot always feel
That all is well, when earthly clouds conceal
The shining sun;
But this we know, God lives and loves,
And say, since it is so,
Thy Will Be done.

"We do not look,
By human effort, nor in nature's nook,
To read our fate;
But we do look
For promised blessings in God's Holy Book,
And we can wait."

J. W. Prescott is again, of course, the Committee on Correspondence. He has a sure touch. From his Foreword:

"The outstanding event of the year is the Bicentennial Celebration of George Washington, the first President of the United States, an enthusiastic Freemason, and a man of a high standard.

"The Freemasons of Canada join their brethren of the United States in admiration of his noble character."

"For books are more than books, they are the life,
The very heart and core of ages past,
The reason why men lived and worked and died,
The essence and quintessence of their lives."

From the Review of Alberta:

"The Deputy Grand Master also received a warm welcome, and opened his reply as follows, placing the scene of the story far from home:
"A well-known and supposedly well-to-do man received a letter one morning signed by the Black Hand. The letter read as follows: 'On a certain day, at a certain time, at a certain place, you will deposit $5,000.00, or failing to do so we will immediately remove your wife from your house and home.'

"He replied: 'I regret that I have not $5,000.00, but I am in sympathy with the movement.'"

Canada, 1932, at Hamilton is well reviewed. We quote:—

"British Columbia was represented by Harry H. Watson, who holds the unique distinction of being a Past Grand Z. in two jurisdictions, Honorary in Canada, and Founder in British Columbia.

"The first Convocation was held in the City of Hamilton, 1857, with eight Companions present from three Chapters, the Grand Chapter of Canada was formed, assuming jurisdiction over the whole of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans. Previously such few Chapters as were operating in Canada were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters of England and Ireland.

"The 75th Anniversary was marked by congratulatory expressions from all parts of the world—the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland and Scotland, the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, all the Grand Chapters of the North American Continent—sent good wishes for continued prosperity.

"As usual the annual grant for benevolence was large and many widows were relieved from distress.

"The chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee is M.E. Companion E. T. Malone, a most reliable old war horse with a wonderful sense of humour and a great respect for the methods of the past.

"A very fine report was submitted on the condition of Capitular Masonry, covering every phase of the work—educational, philosophical and financial—all good reading and well worth while. Glimpse into the heart of its composer, R.E. Companion George L. Gardiner.

"Companion the Hon. W. G. Martin, Minister of Public Welfare for Ontario, addressed Grand Chapter.

"The Correspondence Report is again the careful and studious work of Companion Ponton, a veteran with years of service to his credit. He was Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1919, the year of the organization of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, and was recently presented the jewel."
CALIFORNIA

Ray R. Woodward, M.E. G.H.P.
Thomas A. Davies, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-eighth Convocation was held at Long Beach, April 19, 1932.

The flag ceremony is thus described:

"The Flag of our Country was presented at the altar, saluted, the national anthem sung and the Flag escorted to its appropriate place in the East.

"The distinguished visitors, Past Grand High Priests of California, Grand Representatives and Earthquake and Fire Survivors were welcomed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and saluted with the Public Grand Honours of Masonry by Three Times Three."

Distinguished visitors were from General Grand Chapter, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado and Vermont. Ten Past Grand High Priests joined.

Canada was represented by Angus L. Cavanagh.

The address of the Grand High Priest teemed with good things, in brief space. We quote:

"We forever have before us the vision of service, usefulness and brotherly kindness. Make this vision a reality so that we may be more tolerant in our belief and understanding, more ardent in the work of upbuilding Royal Arch Masonry and more lenient with the distressed and unfortunate Companion in this time of stress and uncertainty. Members once lost by suspension are hard to be regained.

"There has been a tendency in the past to rush through candidates and this rushing process has not been good for the candidate or the Chapter. "Make haste slowly" is a very good slogan and might be applied to the conferring of the Royal Arch Degrees.

"It is in sorrow we announce that four hundred and eighty-one of our members have passed to the realms of Life and Light Eternal.

"The well-known phrase, 'Let's Get Associated,' is being aptly applied to Royal Arch Masonry in this state. The centralization of interest in Capituar Masonry in the districts as shown in these Associations, gives our organization more strength and efficiency, more harmony and good-fellowship."

He was indefatigable in visitations.

The Grand Lecturer reports:

"Induce some of our smaller and weaker Chapters to consolidate with others, to the end that we might thereby have
one active rather than two or more inactive and dormant Chapters. We feel that our ritualistic work would be conferred in a most proficient manner.

"May I say there is no one more appreciative of the fact than myself of the necessity in this day and age of doing whatever is reasonable and proper to hold the interest and attention of those valuable members who sit on the side-lines, and there is no one more desirous of adopting and approving any proper and dignified procedure, consistent with and which would not violate the fundamentals of the degree itself, and which at the same time would attain the desired result of shortening the time consumed and retain the presence and interest of the members on the side-lines, and yet impress the candidates with the all important lesson there intended to be taught."

Capitular Education is given great attention.

We take the following from one of the addresses:—

"Our capitular life is composed of three elements—degree, social and educational.

"I think the real answer is the rebellion we all feel when we are told something is going to be good for us. Maybe it's a hangover from our kid days, when our folks used to tell us the same thing, and it makes us walk a mile to miss a lecture or turn clear round the dial to lose a radio talk. But when we are caught and can't escape, isn't it a fact that we often say: 'Wasn't that fine? I wouldn't have missed it for anything.'"

Carl Barnard was elected G.H.P.

This from the Committee on Necrology:—

"The Capitular Years multiply and with them the numbers of beloved Companions summoned to pass from the insecure portals of terrestrial time to the aegis of 'that Temple not made with hands,' in the celestial eternity of God. Each in his turn will ferry with Charon across the mysterious Styx, and on the other shore, each of us will find those we loved on earth, 'not lost but gone before.' They have won the 'right to Life'; they have attained to perfect 'Liberty,' unsoiled by taint of License; they no longer 'pursue,' for they are in eternal 'Happiness.'"

Charles H. Burgess represents California.

The strong and vital touch of William T. Paullin again makes the Correspondence Review a living epistle. We quote from his Foreword:—

"The net loss for the United States is 28,476. There seems to be a hypnotic element in that expression 'net loss.' It inspires us to nothing. Most commentators feel that it is a
time for threnodies. The maddening monotony of the recurrence of the term suggests helplessness and the absence of hope. Already some have used the blackest of superlatives to express their reactions. It is a feast day for pessimists.

"Under the label of optimists we find others who can lull us to a sense of peace and well being. Their honeyed, perhaps hackneyed, words are far more pleasing to our fancy. When, however, we read more closely we discover that their hortations deal with abstractions and do not speak to the wills of men.

"We have been told that our dams are leaking. If so, something must be done, and that quickly. Panic defeats our best efforts.

"We are wandering. No wonder that some among us long for leaders. With a Moses, even a horde may hope. When, however, we ask how we may create leaders, we are told that they are found. Where? We are thinking, not of rich and strong Chapters, but of the average Chapter of average men. As well tell them to search for diamonds in their back-yards. Leaders among men are rare.

"We find some, elevated to the highest position, that are foisting upon us dulcet phrases, coined in their swivel-chairs, as a substitute for personal contacts. Is leadership the ability to frame plausible alibis? True leadership is indeed infectious but mere hortations fall on cold ears.

"While then we wait to find leaders, there lie at hand common tasks. The doing of common tasks has in it an inspirational element. We will understand each other, we will stimulate each other thereby.

"'Tis sweet to do nothing.' Falser philosophy was never penned."

This from Alberta:—

"A suggestion of forming a G.G.C. in the north country was frowned on."

Canada, 1931, produces these comments:—

"International amity, inspired by the place of meeting, and the 'economic disease,' consequent on rapid progress, opened the Address of the Grand Z. He urged economy by Chapters, even as to the eats. He also recommended a six point educational programme in the history and symbolism of Capitular Masonry. We sometimes wonder how large a proportion of our Companions really want t be 'educated'?

"Here is one on Canada. A Fellowcraft was exalted. Elected on a false petition. He will not be recognized but gets his fees back. Incidentally his curiosity is satisfied. And cheaply at that.

"'The world seems to have forgotten the eternal verities,' So says the Committee on Condition. They think Masonry,
nevertheless, steadfast. Yet 2,544 members owe nearly $37,000.00 back dues!

“What? No foreword! We miss it. William Ponton again is the Reviewer. He gives an epitome of everything. It is a vade mecum of Capitularism; a review of reviews, an anthology of anthologies. The reviewer belongs to 20 Chapters; no wonder he is wise.

“California gets six pages. He says our G.H.P. ‘substituted a filial relationship for a correspondence acquaintance.’ An excellent review that puts to confusion those of more limited space. We both admire and envy the reviewer.”

In the Review of England we read:—

“Apparently 1,457 Chapters made ‘contributions’ during the year. They cover not only England but the islands of the Mediterranean, the West Indies, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Chapters are to be found in South America and in Canada. Statistics, in our sense, are not issued.

This from Louisiana:—

“He calls for leaders. He defines leaders as ‘inspired Companions.’ Perhaps it would be easier, we suggest, to find hard workers.”

A touch from North Carolina:—

“Work, capability and enthusiasm will evict Old Man Gloom in ninety days.”

His comments under Wyoming on “Scissors aut nullus” are piquant:—

“See Briggs of N.Y. Purely a question of space. It takes less time to clip than to compress. Yet fresh blooms, we confess, may be more attractive than pressed flowers.”

This on a Junior Masonic Order (?) :—

“It is interesting to note that Iowa regards DeMolay as ‘a Masonic Organization.’ On the other hand, Wisconsin says it is not ‘a Junior Masonic Order.’ Michigan goes further in saying that it is not ‘a proselyting agency for any Masonic Institution.’ Yet DeMolay has its opponents. The Oregon’s reviewer, it is one of the ‘sideshows’ of Masonry.

“When a basketball game conflicted with a visit by the G.H.P. of Wyoming, the Chapter took him to the game.”

COLORADO

L. D. Crain, M.E. G.H.P.
William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-seventh Convocation was held at Denver, September 17, 1931. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests reported for honourable duty.
Canada's Grand Representative is Stanley C. Warner, formerly of Napanee.

In the response to their welcome one of their number said:—

"We are living in a new era at a time when the human race is more progressive than ever before in its history, and we must adopt a programme for our organization that will fit into the present day demand. "We must remember the old and true saying that 'Every cloud has a silver lining.' History tells us that man has always overcome, in part at least, any obstacle that has come before him."

From the address of the Grand High Priest we quote:—

"Anticipation fills one with enthusiasm. It causes one to lay plans for the future. Great accomplishments appear to be just ahead. Rosy is the morning, and the evening bids fair to be filled with memories of a day well spent, of tasks well done. Thus it seemed to me one year ago when you expressed your confidence by elevating me to the highest position within your gift. And thus I hoped to feel to-day in presenting an account of the year's work. Realization, however, often brings disillusionment and, not infrequently, disappointment."

He made the following appointment:—

"I prevailed upon Edwin H. Snyder of Highland Chapter to assume the chairmanship of the Correspondence Committee, a position made vacant by the death of Most Excellent H. Wadsworth Woodward."

He disapproved of By-laws providing for a fee for degrees less than the minimum permitted by Grand Chapter.

Grand Lodge having removed its embargo, Master Masons may now be immediately solicited as candidates for the Royal Arch.

Under Conditions of the Craft, the G.H.P. says:—

"Chapters will not progress by themselves. They require leaders among them who have enthusiasm enough to permeate the entire membership and instill into it an appreciation of the importance and beauty of Capitular Masonry. "I believe that too many of our Chapters are located in communities too sparsely populated to properly sustain them. Officers of Chapters have indicated that they either failed to be impressed with their responsibilities, or do not have the welfare of their Chapters at heart. Some Secretaries are the
greatest offenders as measured by negligence in the discharge of duties.

"Again I urge each High Priest to insist that all officers familiarize themselves with the Grand Chapter Laws."


Harold E. Hedlund was elected G.H.P.

The Committee on Memorials say:

"Frank Reinhard, the jovial, good-natured friend of everyone, left many hearts pulsating with the warmth of his friendship as man and Mason."

The late Dr. James McC. Potts, of Stirling, was then the Grand Representative of Colorado. We record his lamented death.

Edwin H. Snyder makes his first and most creditable Review. We take from his Afterthought the following:

"The purpose has been to place before interested Royal Arch Masons a synopsis of the doings, the trend of thought, and the conditions obtaining in the Grand Jurisdictions with which Colorado holds fraternal intercourse.

"We were enjoined to brevity, and proceeded with that in mind, but very soon there dawned upon us the hidden truth in that ancient saying of authorship unknown: 'I am writing you a long letter as my time is too limited to write you a short one.'

"To assign the blame to the abnormal increases during and immediately following the war would appear to be grasping at a straw, as the war now is thirteen years in the past.

"Some blame the Secretaries for lax and inefficient efforts to collect. Others offer the excuse that many find themselves overloaded with dues to numerous societies, and still others that 'there is an easier, quicker and less expensive way to get to the Shrine.'

"Not a few ascribe a lack of interest to inefficiency in the rendition of the work, consequent upon officers accepting the honours, but evading the responsibilities.

"My next door neighbour sells farm machinery; that is, he is in that business, but he is not selling any."

"While we deplore existing conditions, past experience assures us that they are not to be permanent. Every valley requires a hill on either side. Surely, by this time we must vividly realize that we were aeroplaned up the mountain of prosperity."

He reviews Canada at Niagara Falls, mentioning our distinguished guests, including the General Grand High Priest and quoting the following from the address of welcome:—
"It is willed we shall dwell as brothers;  
As brothers then we must toil;  
We must act with a common purpose  
As we work in a common soil."

He says that the address of Grand Z. Price is filled with good things and quotes the following among other pointed paragraphs:

"Another thought possesses us. We are gratified to know that the battles fought by our ancestors well over a century ago, along these very stretches, settled for all time the destinies of two great branches of Anglo-Saxon family. Ever since we have lived as two growing nations, in unbroken peace and harmony.

"Depression often follows close on the heels of prosperity. Good times seem to breed extravagance."

Of our Review he kindly says:

"The Review is by William N. Ponton: it is extensive, has many quotations, and the comment of experience and wisdom."

He received two Quarterly Pamphlets from England, and says that the affairs appear to be in the hands of the Committee on General Purposes.

This from Illinois:

"The Memorial prepared and presented by Companion Frank F. Collins, in simple sweetness and beauty is a gem rare in the literature of Masonry."

This from Indiana:

"The term 'capitular' comes from a word meaning the 'head,' and the inference is that the Chapter is the head or the crown in the Masonic pillar. The beauty and glory of the pillar is in its head or crown."

Just one novel suggestion from New Mexico:

"The answer would seem to be a complete reorganization of the entire structure, with a close affiliation of the many jurisdictions at present existing as separate entities, under one Grand organization of the Symbolic branch of the Order, and with the divisions that we now call the higher degrees retained as degrees of instruction for advancement toward 'more light,' and the abandonment of the effort to maintain separate organizations in this day of multiplicity of Fraternal and social organizations, and the numerous calls to pleasure into which the world has become divided."

Scotland is succinctly reviewed:

"The quarterly reports issued came to us. Their methods are quite different from ours, yet they render reports, make speeches and banquet the same as we do, and they drink to toasts, but not the same as we must."
CONNECTICUT

Clinton G. Nichols, M.E. G.H.P.
George A. Kies, M.E. Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in Hartford, May 10, 1932.
Fifteen Past Grand High Priests honoured themselves and Grand Chapter by being present.
George N. Delap, ever faithful, represented Canada.

Distinguished visitors from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and Pennsylvania were welcomed.
The Grand High Priest welcomed his guests in novel fashion, quoting:—

"Friends, you are welcome, be at your ease, 
Get up when you're ready, go to bed when you please. 
Glad to share with you such as we've got, 
The leaks in the roof, the soup in the pot. 
You don't have to thank us, or laugh at our jokes; 
Sit deep, and come often; you belong to our folks."

Under Finances, to which he had given great consideration, he said:—

"I approach this subject with some degree of hesitancy. 
In these days, whenever the word 'finances' is whispered, or even breathed, some people execute an epileptic. And yet, a discussion seems appropriate and essential. There must be 'fat' years and there must be 'lean' years. That is the history of the world. If it becomes necessary to draw on an accumulated surplus to meet the exigencies of less favourable times, wherein is there fault in our financial structure? Certain activities must be continued, or there will be a collapse of the entire structure."

Of the Masonic Home he well said:—

"The Masonic Home is near and dear to the heart of every Mason. Every member of the fraternity feels a just pride in our most excellent institution."

A word in season as to Suspensions:—

"A member dropped for non-payment of dues may regain his membership simply by paying his obligation at the time his name was removed from the roll. Why should a Companion who acts honourably in this matter be penalized?"

It having been asked that an old Companion be given honourary rank of High Priest, he ruled:—

"The honours of Past High Priest can be secured only by being elected and installed as High Priest of a Chapter."
The trouble with balloting for each Degree is well illustrated in the case of a member who had received the preliminary Degrees but was black-balled for Royal Arch. On the question of the return of the fee and of the penny, the G.H.P. ruled:—

“In my opinion no Chapter has authority to take such action. The status of such a brother must remain an un-affiliated Most Excellent Master. He has the right again to present his petition for exaltation. Possibly that portion of the fee covering the Royal Arch Degree may be returned.”

A cordial invitation from Canada was acknowledged.

The Order of the Amaranth, a new sub-division or disintegration of the Craft and Royal Craft is noted. Wives, mothers, sisters and daughters belong.

The insignia of Grand Chapter have been legally registered in the office of the Secretary of State.

This from his conclusion:—

“May I be pardoned for the perhaps too frequent use of the ‘perpendicular’ pronoun. However, in commenting on these visits the third person style of narrative has seemed too formal.”

George C. Devaul was elected G.H.P.

The roll of Chapters was, as usual, called at the end of the meeting. It proved effective.
Harvey J. Milne, of Kingston, represents Connecticut.

For the twenty-fourth consecutive time the Review of Grand Chapters is in the experienced and characteristic hands of George A. Kies, P.G. H.P., who says in his Introduction:—

“We welcome criticism, even brickbats, both from home and abroad. It is only by frank discussion of live topics that the Craft can ultimately arrive at a sane consensus of opinion.”

This from the Review of Alberta:—

“John E. Johnson, P.G.Z., is very cordial generally but, like this scri.e, he does not like public installations.

“In the foreword, M.E. Middleton, notes his own profit and enlightenment from his experience as a reviewer. Our own case is similar:
"It is a matter of Masonic education to know, to learn, to dig and delve, and thereby add to one's immature knowledge the mature judgments of the great Capitular scheme."

His old touch comes out under California:—

"He speaks of 'California modesty.' While we have spent only a short time in that interesting State, we came into contact with a number of boosters. By no stretch of imagination could that class be styled as modest. In fact some of their propaganda would fit them to be shining light members of the Tall Story Club."

Canada is favourably noted. He speaks of our Grand Z. and his striking example of how contiguous nations get along amicably. He approves of the emphasis placed by our Grand Z. on Grand Representatives. He says the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry is optimistic. Of our Review he notes our predilection for "constituent" rather than "subordinate" Chapters. He says our comments are terse and to the point.

This from the Review of Kansas:—

"We believe the writer of this report should be given an open throttle; otherwise he can scarcely do justice to the Proceedings he reviews."

Just one paragraph from Texas:—

"On a correct and stalwart report of disapproval by a committee, a proposal that none but R.A. Masons be employed in office of Grand Secretary, was properly rejected. Like other jurisdictions, Texas seems to have its full share of superficial and half-baked members."

DELAWARE
Harold W. T. Purnell, M.E. G.H.P.
John W. Macklem, R.E. Grand Secretary.
The Sixty-fourth Convocation was held in Wilmington, 20th January, 1932. No less than sixteen Past Grand High Priests honouring the Grand East. Distinguished visitors from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania were welcomed. The G.H.P. began his address in a poetic and religious strain:—

"Let us exercise a greater activity in the future, that the past lustre of Masonry may not be dimmed, but may continue to grow brighter in the years to come, that Peace and Har-
mony, Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety may be established forever."

**Necrology**

"A sudden gasp, a stifled cry,  
A breath that beacons strife;  
A moment of uncertainty with boding shadows rife;  
Another gasp, a fleeting pain, a struggle and then Life.

"A sudden gasp, a stifled cry,  
A laboured, fleeting breath;  
A fond review of other days, a whispered shibboleth;  
Another gasp, a welcome Voice, a struggle and then Death."


On the Condition of the Craft he says:—

"The first thing I would have you do is to get this war time alibi idea out of your minds. We have consoled ourselves long enough by saying that we took them in too fast. Have you ever checked up on those who are dropping out to see if they went in during the Boom? You have a surprise awaiting you if you have not done so.

"But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having Heard The Word, Keep It, and bring forth fruit with patience.

"From the latter group let us select our officers. I know we will have no occasion to complain of lack of interest if we select our officers who have not only a desire, but ability and efficiency. Assuming that we have the proper officers let us work out a plan."

A Commission was issued to R.E. George Slack, Toronto, to represent Delaware.

From his conclusion the following:—

"Even now, for instance, the depression causing all the distresses that belong to life, we find it difficult to detach our affections from the world; but what would be the case if perpetual prosperity attended our wishes? What would be our condition were there no disorders to our bodies and no mental trials? Companions, the time is at hand when we should spring to action."

George S. Scott duly represented Canada.

Harry V. Holloway was elected G.H.P.

The Reviews for the sixteenth consecutive time are presented by Thomas J. Day, a model of concentration.

Under Canada, 1931, he commented upon the number in attendance, on the presence of the Gen-


eral Grand High Priest and the Grand Master. He praises the address of the Grand Z., and quotes:—

"He relates some of the features which cause the present condition and says the following: 'If what the Royal Craft has to offer is not of sufficient value to be worth a fairly prompt and regular annual payment of dues, if all the advantages that come from connections with one of the oldest and most renowned brotherhoods in the world—if all of these are not sufficient, I say, to make men eager to retain their place, then it is better, it would seem to me, to reduce our numbers.'"

He emphasizes the long Reports of the Grand Superintendents.

He kindly calls our Review "an excellent Report."

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

L. Whiting Estes, M.E. G.H.P.

J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in Washington, February 11, 1931. Eight Past Grand High Priests, including the writer's personal friend, Frank F. Major, graced the Grand East.

Canada was faithfully represented by Lucien G. Yung.

A large number of Officers and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and a visitor from Rhode Island were cordially welcomed.

From the Grand High Priest's address we quote, and it is indeed a comfort to find one cheerful and optimistic Jurisdiction, showing the result of work well done:—

"During the period which elapses between our convocations, we are privileged to enjoy frequent contacts with each other both in our Chapters and in the ordinary affairs of life.

"It will take more than the work of one man or for one year to bring about the needed improvement. If I have been instrumental in beginning such a change in our jurisdiction, or have paved the way for vigorous action by my successors, I shall be content.

"One of the most outstanding events of the year was the Royal Arch Rally. The attendance was unusually large, a considerable number of those present being Blue Lodge Masons who had not yet received the Chapter Degrees.

"We have reduced the number who were dropped for non-payment of dues by the Chapters from 190 to 111."
"If a place can be found for them in the work and activities of the Chapter, they will cease to be mere contributing members and will become active and zealous workers in its behalf.

"Goodfellowship and Sociability. Before the meeting is opened, at all recesses and at such times as will not interfere with the Work in the Chapter, urge officers and members to mingle, not only with one another in your own Chapter, but pay special attention to visiting Companions, that each may feel perfectly at home.

"Quiet. It will be the duty of the High Priest to see that his Chapter is absolutely quiet when the Degree Work is in process, especially when the candidate is at the Altar. There is plenty of time before the opening of the Chapter, between the business and the Degree, at recess and at other times for all the goodfellowship and sociability necessary, but have absolute quiet while the Degree is going on.

"The success or failure of an organization is generally laid to the President. The success of your Chapter lies to a large extent in the hands of the High Priest, who at all times is not only the head but, in the business world, is the Chairman Ex-Officio of all Committees.

"If each one of the six officers has ten Lieutenants working for him, you should have at each meeting, provided your membership has just 300, sixty Lieutenants attending the meeting who will be expecting some of their four members whom they have seen, be there to welcome them, introduce them, etc."

He commends the good work of the High Priests' Association and of the Service Bureau.

He has this view of Grand Visitations and lived up to it:—

"To my mind, the original purpose for which these functions were inaugurated was connected with the desirability of exercising a proper supervision over the affairs of the several Chapters. In other words, it was a matter of business administration. The social features were more or less an incident and an after thought."

Membership, 6,041. Net gain. 38. Well done, D. of C.!

Luther H. Waring was elected G.H.P.

Robert W. Clewlo Represents District of Columbia.

C. Fred. Cook, P.H.P., and Grand Master, took over the duties of William W. Jermane as Grand Correspondent, under the following stressfult circumstances:—
"'For fools rush in where angels fear to tread!'"

"Loyalty to his Grand High Priest impelled this Reviewer to blindly accept the chairmanship of the Committee on Correspondence. This, on the eve of going out of office of High Priest.

"As an exponent of 'leadership,' this Reviewer need only to point out that the District of Columbia shows a net gain in members for the Capitular year. This gain is undoubtedly due to the fact that it had, as Grand High Priest, a real 'leader.'"

Canada at Toronto is briefly reviewed. We quote:—

"If this amount can be invested each year, it will not be long before the reserve fund will reach a substantial amount. In concluding his very complete report the Grand Z. says, 'I am grateful.'

"The chairman of the Committee on Correspondence devotes six full printed pages to the Annual Report to the District of Columbia, which is certainly a compliment and a tribute to our own William W. Jermane, 'who for so many years and so faithfully and efficiently served as chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence of the District of Columbia.'"

This from the Review of Iowa:—

"'Notice to pay dues' will never take the place, or have the effect of a friendly letter or personal call.

"It is observed that 95 per cent. of the suspensions in Iowa for N.P.D. can be traced to careless, indifferent or indolent secretaries. It is suggested that they 'should resign for the good of the Order.' A remedy suggested is a service committee."

We extract the following from the Review of New York:—

"The relief of tubercular Royal Arch Companions and their dependents is firmly established as the major objective of New York. Like most movements for the betterment of mankind, the project was slow in receiving the general approval of the Companions. Now, whether in the East or in the West, in the North or in the South, the Royal Arch Mason in New York knows of the wonderful work that is being carried on.

"The curious, the seeker for material gain and the 'fair weather friend' have left us. There remain the best in Royal Arch Masonry, the true believer, and not the mere member of a Royal Arch Chapter.'
ENGLAND

Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, M.E. Pro First Grand Principal.
Sir Colville Smith, C.V.O., Grand Scribe E.
Quarterly Convocation held at Freemasons’ Hall, 5th August, 1931.

Among the deaths which the Committee had the melancholy duty to report, are those of Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Milner, Colonel John M. Wingfield, Colonel J. Austin Carpenter.

Petitions for ten new Chapters were granted.
Consent to the removal of nineteen Chapters was given.

John Stokes, former Prestonian Lecturer, read an excellent paper on Royal Arch Masonry.

Quarterly, 4th November, 1931, Lord Ampthill presiding. In his brief address he said:—

“We all welcome the safe return of our Companions Lord Cornwallis, Sir Colville Smith, and Sir George Boughey, who have been away for a month on an important mission from the Grand Lodge of England to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“All that I ask you to do is to signify that you agree with me, when I say to M.E. Comp. Lord Cornwallis and his two colleagues that we welcome them home, that we thank them heartily for having made so large a sacrifice of their time and energy in the cause of English Masonry, and that we congratulate them on the highly successful accomplishment of their important mission.”

From Lord Cornwallis’ reply we take the following:—

“He could assure them that the heart of America was very strongly tied to England at the present time, and they felt that their troubles were ours.”

Among the deaths of those recorded are the following distinguished names:—

E. Comp. Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, E. Comp. Col. C. W. Napier-Clavering and E. Comp. Sir Philip H. Waterlow, Bt.

Warrants were issued for seven new Chapters.
Lord Ampthill spoke thus in praise of The Duke of Connaught:

“But this year His Royal Highness is taking the risk of spending the winter in England, in order to set an example to his fellow countrymen in the matter of public duty. As soon as the Government had disclosed the critical state of our national finances and trade, and had indicated the measures which will be required to remedy that alarming situation, the Duke of Connaught resolved to stand by and do everything that was expected of the ordinary private citizen.

“One of the things particularly recommended by the Government was, as you will all remember, that English people should not go abroad for health or pleasure but should stay at home and spend their money in England.

“I suggest to you that this is a matter for appropriate allusion when you honour the toast of the Grand Master at the meetings of your Lodges and Chapters, and I hope that you will all make it your business to give this point to our constant prayer for the health and long life of our Grand Master.”

Quarterly, 3rd February, 1932. The following procedure may be of interest to our readers:

TRANSFER OF CHAPTER

“The Committee has also to report that a Memorial has been received from the Philbrick Chapter, No. 1662, attached to the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, London, praying that the Chapter may be detached from that Lodge and attached to the Walthamstow Lodge, No. 2472, London. The Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, and the Walthamstow Lodge, No. 2472, having accorded their assent, the Committee recommends that the prayer of the Memorial be granted.”

Quarterly, 4th May, 1932. Grand Chapter was according to the usual formula, opened in “Antient and Solemn Form.”

The consideration of the rescinding of a motion of 1915 respecting Companions of German, Austrian, Hungarian and Turkish birth (then enemies), is recorded. The motion was carried.

A long list of deaths of those conspicuous by their devotion to Royal Arch Masonry, included Representatives in Burma and the Transvaal, was reported by the Committee.

Four new Chapters received their warrants.

Colonel Hamilton-Wedderburn, who visited our Grand Lodge at Toronto, was promoted to Past Grand Sword Bearer.
A detailed statement of accounts was presented, including contributions of Chapters, some of the names of which are striking. We record—Felicity, Foundation of Unanimity, Cheltenham; Eastern Star, Sun, Square and Compasses, Whitehaven; Paradise, Sheffield; School of Plato, Madras; Hengist, Bournemouth; Zetland, York; True Love and Unity, Brixham; Amphibious, Heckmondwike; Vale of Jehoshaphat, Highbridge; Good Intent, Hebden Bridge; Affability, Eastwood, Todmorden; Moira of Honour, Bristol; Staffordshire Knot, Hanley; Hayle, Peveril of the Peak, New Mills; Bard of Avon, Hampton Court; Lily of Richmond, Light in the Himalayas, Murree; Quadratic, Hampton Court; Eleanor, London; Silver River, Buenos Aires; Guildhall School of Music, Sir Francis Drake, Plymouth; La Belle Sauvage, Canada, London; Alchemy, Birmingham; Jeanne d’Arc, London; Agricola, Maidstone; Assiduity, London. The last number on the list of No. 5127 Tuscan at Sale.

**MARK MASTER MASONOS OF ENGLAND AND WALES**


The Rt. Hon. Lord Aldenham, Deputy Grand Master.

Major Thomas Gabriel Lumley Lumley-Smith, D.S.O., Grand Secretary.

The full title of this Grand Body is as follows:—

“Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown.”

Quarterly Communication at Mark Masons’ Hall, 2nd June, 1931.

The Pro Grand Master referred in feeling terms to the demise of R.W. Bro. Lt. Colonel Wingsfield, who had been President of the General Board for seven years.
Among the re-appointments to office is that of R.W. Bro. The Earl of Derby, K.G., Pro Grand Master of Lancashire.

Some amendments in the beneficiary grants were made, among them the following:

"The following grants may be made for any child who is qualified to be admitted to the benefits of the Fund:

"(a) An annual grant of not more than £52 for school fees and clothing, for any child attending an approved Boarding School."

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught was proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies as Grand Master.

The Marquess of Hartington was appointed Grand Senior Warden.

Among the five Brethren nominated for the General Board was Brother Lt. Colonel Hamilton-Wedderburn, well known to us in Canada.

Quarterly Communication, 1st September, 1931.

647 Mark Certificates were issued for the Quarter and 164 Royal Ark Mariner Certificates.

Warrants for a Lodge in the Transvaal and for one at Harrow were issued.

H.R.H. The Duke of York was appointed Pro Grand Master for Middlesex.

Notice was given that the Sixty-fourth Annual Festival would be held 24th June, 1932.

The Representatives of several Lodges were invested with the Keystone Jewels.

Quarterly Communication, 1st March, 1932.

Among the Past Grand Officers present is the name of one well known in the Legal Fraternity as a Jurist, namely the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Pollock, P.C., K.C.

A former Lord Mayor of London, Sir T. V. Bowater, acted as Grand Senior Warden.

This tribute was paid to the Duke of Connaught:

"As the tale of years during which the Grand Master has held his high office increases, so does the esteem and reverence and the sincere affection in which his name is held by all the
brethren increase also, and the prosperity of our Order has progressed more and more under his wise direction."

The proclamation closed in the following words:—

"Whom may the Great Overseer of the Universe long preserve."

Benevolent grants from £60 to £26 were made.
The New Premises Fund now totals £32,820.
The Transvaal District reported seven Keystone Lodges, which is termed in the Proceedings "a magnificent achievement."

Quarterly Communication was held in Old Temple of Freemasons' Hall, 31st May, 1932.

Among the Grand Officers present were names well known in Canada, Broadbent, Sitwell and Sankey.

942 Mark Certificates had been issued during the Quarter.

Many generous benevolent grants were made, including one to a Brother in need of £100.

The Earl of Stradbroke was again proclaimed Pro Grand Master and Baron Aldenham Deputy Grand Master.

The Lord Mayor of London was appointed Grand Senior Warden.

The District of Transvaal was accorded great praise for increasing the number of their Keystone Lodges to 14:—

"They have been very generous in the past, and I am sure they will continue to be so in the future. I think we must all feel that the Fund is progressing very well bearing in mind the times in which we are now living."

The next meeting of Grand Lodge was to be held at Westminster, the Temple not being able to hold the prospective attendant members.

GEORGIA

C. P. Taylor, M.E. G.H.P.
John A. Bishop, R.E. Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Tenth Convocation was held at Macon, April 27, 1932. Eleven Past Grand High Priests honoured the Grand East.
The whole Proceedings are printed by the boys and girls of the Masonic Home at their Print Shop, an example to all Jurisdictions.

Charles R. McCord represented Canada.

The G.H.P. in his address hoped that the sojourn of the members would be one of inspiration, comfort and joy. We quote the following:—

“All fraternal organizations are suffering from laxitude, yet there is manifested more interest among the Masonic Orders than is suspected, among those who always stand stalwart and four-square.

“The easy path always leads to distress, and a step out of the way to assist some that are weak will give the flowers a sweeter odour.

“One thought is the underpaid Secretary, the man who is the pulse and pivot, the most useful member of any Chapter, or any other branch of our Masonic system, the one who knows every member, his condition and circumstances, the man upon whom devolves the duty of seeing that our Grand Bodies are kept alive.”

The death of the Grand Secretary is feelingly referred to.

No less than 28 Charters were forfeited during the year.

The office of Grand Lecturer was abolished.

Hard times are pressing Georgia, as other Jurisdictions, nevertheless they were able to make $1,140.00 loans on Educational Fund.

Membership, 12,477. Net loss, 1,327, a tragedy!

Joseph A. Moore was elected G.H.P. and William J. Penn, Jr., Grand Secretary.

The Officers were duly installed by General Grand High Priest Neilson, Early H. Johnson acted as Grand Marshal.

This Reviewer has the honour to represent Georgia.

Pleasant T. McCutchen again reviewed Sister Jurisdictions for the eighth time, in each case briefly and succinctly.

In the Alberta Review we read:—
“It is the end of all Masonic search. It stands by itself. It teaches faith in a life hereafter—in the immortality of the soul.”

This from the British Columbia Review:—

“We cannot continue as we have been without a reaction. The Order is what we ourselves make it. to-morrow it will reflect the part we play to-day. If we fail, the Order suffers and the fault is ours.”

Canada at Niagara Falls received fraternal treatment. He notes the presence of General Grand High Priest Neilson as one of our distinguished visitors with other high ranks from the United States. We quote the following also from his Review:—

“Ruled that a Companion demitting from his Craft Lodge could retain his Chapter membership as long as he pays dues, so ruling, he says, because of a prior ruling to that effect, but did not approve it. Such a ruling should not stand as law in any Masonic body, and his Excellency certainly should have exerted sufficient backbone to stand by and rule according to his belief and conception as to what the law should be.

“In a long and well prepared address the Grand Z. covered many angles of an active administration. He speaks in glowing terms of Masonic opportunities and how the Royal Craft has cemented Canada and the United States in brotherly love.

“There was an unusual occurrence. A Fellowcraft applied to a Chapter and the Capitular Degrees were all conferred upon him before he had been raised to the Degree of Master. The Committee on Investigation of the matter made a long report recommending that all proceedings, so far as petition and conferrence of Chapter Degrees were null and void and the fees paid were returned. But we see no punishment meted out to the offending Chapter for its gross negligence.

“Companion Ponton, Georgia’s Grand Representative, submitted his usual complete and highly entertaining Review. It is brimful of interesting data from all Grand Jurisdictions. Of course Georgia is cordially considered.”

This from Saskatchewan:—

“There is that in the Chapter which men want, which most of us need. Have you discovered it?

“Will the Chapter measure up to its possibilities? Then and only then will the problem of interest in and attendance upon meetings be solved, but these principles have to be unveiled before they can be applied.”
IDAHO

Charles W. Craney, M.E. G.H.P.
Edward H. Way, R.E. Grand Secretary.
The Twenty-fourth Convocation convened at Boise, 17th May, 1932.
Fourteen Past G.H.P.'s were honoured at the Altar.

From the Grand High Priest's address we take the following thoughtful words:—

"Since its inception the destiny of this Grand Body has been watched over and guided by some of the most outstanding men of the state. It is largely due to their wise counsel and earnest endeavours.

"They have fared forth into the beyond entering upon the great adventure will full faith and a serene resignation to the will of the Omnipotent.

"Most of the Chapters seem to be just marking time; very little work has been done as compared to bygone years.

"It occurs to me that the steadily increasing disregard for sacred things is the cause of much of the restlessness which pervades the world to-day. Are we not becoming a nation of self-centred individuals continually endeavouring to further our own ends regardless of the other fellow, catering to our own desires and inclinations, heedless of the needs of others, striving and searching for something new, moving at a furious pace.

He responded to the toast at the Knights Templar Christmas observance:—

"The urge which brought into existence the vast number of Crusaders of old should be as strong within us to-day as it was in them eight hundred years ago. Their ideal was to preserve to the world to the fullest extent that great Light."

The Grand Secretary introduced his financial statement with poetry:—

"It's great to say 'Good-morning'!
It's fine to say 'Hello'!
But better still to grasp the hand
Of loyal friends you know.
A look may be forgotten!
A word misunderstood!
But the touch of the human hand
Is the pledge of Brotherhood!"

Lawrence Clos was elected G.H.P.
At the head of the eulogies for the departed members we read this verse, applicable to all:—

"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 we, too, once past the bend  
Shall meet him face to face, this friend  
We fancy dead."

The memorials are classical and these are quoted:—

"The ancient Greek warriors on their return home from a victorious war against greater force than their own, claimed that the Honour for their decisive battle was due to the spirits of their dead heroes who guided them to victory upon the field of battle. What noble expression of faith in a continued useful life after passing the portals of the hereafter."

Andrew Christensen is memorialized as Mason, citizen and friend with this verse:—

"They ever bide with us, they are not gone,  
And just beyond the boundary of human sight,  
They wait and watch, to cheer our upward course,  
And lift at last, the veil that now obscures the light."

W. H. G. Garrioch represents Idaho, and Canada is represented by Charles Hartung.

Fraternal Correspondence is in the capable hands of Frank G. Burroughs, who presents an original Review and Introduction, from which we make the following extracts:—

"Several blame the new ritual. There seems to be a growing feeling that the new ritual is the weeds when it comes to holding interest. Some have abandoned its use, some never did use it and others are on the verge. Everyone seems to admit that it's beautiful but—.

In Iowa the Triple Tau Clubs seem to be doing a wonderful work.

"Maine puts the kibosh on rushing degrees to get to the Shrine.

"Autobiographies of Grand High Priests are becoming the vogue—and a mighty good vogue at that.

"Another mighty good thing that is coming into fashion is that of presenting the outgoing Grand High Priest something else than a jewel, which merely finds a niche for itself in a safety deposit box."
"The smaller Grand Chapters seem to furnish most of the food for the commentator."

Canada 1930 is reviewed and the loss of Henry T. Smith is worthily referred to. He approves of the discouragement given to the use of Masonic emblems on automobiles or for the sake of publicity anywhere. Also the disapproval of our Grand Z. of holding meetings by the moon, not by the calendar. He calls our Review a painstaking document. Canada 1931 is also reviewed, epitomizing our Grand Z.'s address in the following:—

"Grand Z. said that economy should be the watchword and that one place we might economize was on our banquets."

He commends also his prompt and emphatic action in the celebrated case of the fellow Craft Mason. He kindly approves of our Review and calls it very satisfying.

From the Review of New Jersey the following:—

"Grand High Priest fared a little better than most. He got the traditional jewel with which to clothe his safety deposit box, but he also got something he can wear—an apron."

This from the Review of Tennessee:—

"Companion Frank G. Burroughs. I must say he has the right name. He 'Burroughs' in to get that which will be of interest to the Capitular World, and is 'frank' to express his opinions."

INDIANA

Troy L. Puckett, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Robert Archer Woods, M.E. Grand Secretary.
The Proceedings are preceded by as fine artistic photogravures as we have seen.
The following is the Proemial which our readers will find interesting:—

"Those who attended the Convocation of Indiana will long remember the wonderful entertainment provided for them, and their ladies, during that splendid week. The weather was at its best and the autumnal tints at their finest. Here it was, two hundred and fifty years ago, that Rene Robert Cavalier Sieur de LaSalle first set foot upon Indiana soil, the first white man to enter upon its territory. Coming from Quebec [Query: Was it not Frontenac?] on a voyage of discovery, from Lake Michigan he ascended the St. Joseph River
and at South Bend found a portage overland to waters flowing westward into the Mississippi. Standing on that spot, sacred to every Hoosier, the city of South Bend is a monument in itself to the far-sighted and intrepid character of its early French progenitors.

"What with auto-rides to the University of Notre Dame, bridge and theatre parties, special dinners, music and the delightful entertainment furnished by the Companions of South Bend and their ladies, the visitors will ever remember with delight their brief sojourn there."

The Eighty-sixth Convocation was held at South Bend, October 21, 1931. Seven Past Grand High Priests were present.

William H. Baugh duly represented Canada.

Under Distinguished Guests we read:—

"The following were discovered in the ruins and brought to light before the Altar, received, welcomed and honoured: Ohio, Utah, Michigan and General 'GH.P. Neilson.'"

The following comments are made:—

"It was a treat to the Companions to listen to these distinguished guests. Such incidents contribute very largely to the success and good fellowship of Masonry in general."

From the G.H.P.'s thoughtful address we take the following:—

"Here discussion is the dignified and courteous expression of opinion, not for any personal satisfaction, but to discover the truth and to secure wise action. Within this sacred place all difficulties and misunderstandings are settled in the broad spirit of Masonic Justice and Charity. The time will certainly come when all the world will better understand the true meaning of 'Companion,' that 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour,' thy friend, that is the fulfilling of God's law.

"We should not hesitate on any occasion to present to the Master Mason the many advantages of Chapter membership.

"The direct responsibility of the success of a Chapter rests upon the High Priest. If he is well informed and enthusiastic, so will be his membership, but if he is incompetent and indifferent he cannot expect to head a live, wide awake Chapter.

"I have yet to visit a Chapter which was very high in its rating, which did not have a 'live wire' for a High Priest. From the High Priest must emanate the light and enthusiasm which will either cover the Chapter with glory and prosperity or cloud it with the mists of obscurity.

"The cost is great, but the reward is immense.

"Let no Chapter officer undertake to do work on the floor until he has been duly instructed, and has his lines letter per-
precious, in creative behind perishable goodness, natural manna," "Masonry is a school in which the vision of men may be widened. When men have been schooled by the repetition of the truths taught by our ritual they will not be satisfied until they know the Eternal Truth.

"‘To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna,’ and ‘I will give him a white stone with a new name written thereon that no man knoweth save him that receiveth it.’ And when our Companions have borne the Signet of Truth through the Fourth and final Veil of Life’s Tabernacle and placed it safely before the Supreme Grand High Priest may the Chapter Keystone, which is the moral and living Arch of our Fraternity, shine with undiminishing effulgence throughout the ages.”

Allen Van Buskirk was elected G.H.P.

The following from the striking Memorial:—

“Then for the hereafter. Here are three paths. The Hebrew says: ‘I am in the stream of life and I cannot escape it. My life began with the life of the universe and can only end with it. It has surged through infinite cycles and phases of being. It will continue its appointed course uninterrupted.’

“The Catholic says: ‘The heart’s hunger for survival is a natural appetite; were it to be without possibility of being assuaged, it would be as inexplicable as bodily hunger in man and animal life without there being in the whole universe such a thing as food.’

“The Protestant says: ‘The spiritual values in man’s life, goodness, truth, beauty and love, seem to me not only too precious, but too consubstantial with the reality which is behind all things to be regarded merely as the negligible and perishable by-products of a cosmic process that does not care for them. Upon the contrary, I must believe that they represent creative reality, that creative reality cares for them, that creative reality will preserve them and in doing so will preserve the personalities in whom they always inhere.’”

Grand Chaplain Payne on “Masonry and Fellowship”:—

“A very large part of Masonry’s fascination for us lies in the fact of fellowship. Fellowship is a wonderful thing and the more we cultivate it the more wonderful it becomes. The trenches in Europe made men forget race and religion for a time at least and they were drawn together in a wonderful comradeship. To stick to your buddy and play the game was the great commandment for the soldier. In those
little labyrinths and tunnels called trenches men learned
tolerance and brotherhood.

"Now something of this spirit of brotherhood has per-
sisted. We are in our age tending more and more to draw
near to one another, to tolerate one another, to help each
other. This movement toward fellowship is emphatically a
Christian movement. For after all what is Christianity from
the ethical viewpoint but fellowship in action? It is practical
helpfulness, realized brotherhood, exercised love.

"I want to give good measure running o'er,
And into angry hearts I want to pour
The answer soft that turneth wrath away:
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way."

John Stevenson represents Indiana.

A condensed history of Grand Chapter was pre-
sented by Grand Secretary Woods, also a History of
the Order of High Priesthood, and in addition to his
multifarious duties prepares the annual Capitular
Review, from the introduction of which we make
these extracts:—

"This twenty-first Review of the pilgrimage of the Hoosier
Scribe through the world-wide Capitular Domain, is offered
to the Companions of Indiana for their enlightenment and
Masonic welfare.

"Last year in the United States we lost one Royal Arch
Mason out of every thirty-five! What are we going to do
about it? In three years we have lost fifty thousand Royal
Arch Masons.

"Companions! Come out of your shell of complacency;
get your heads together; think; scheme; work! Find a
Leader, and find him quick; then follow him into the heat
of battle, for battle it will be. The cost of the Institution to
the average Mason is a burden greater than he can bear, if
he is to clothe and feed his family. Every Companion must be
made to see that the Masonic gathering is an occasion where
good fellowship abounds and where the cares of the day may
be cast aside, so much so that he will count his absence a
distinct loss. The ritualistic work must be impressive, yet
snappy; no delays; then a social hour that is a social hour,
where it is both pleasant and profitable to remain.

"We must be up and doing."

This from his able Review of Canada at Niagara
Falls:—

"The Address of Grand Zed is a well balanced document
of considerable length. He remarks that 'the centuries have
bequeathed to Capitular Masonry their tradition and lore and
precepts. They have given to our Order a rich meaning. We
cherish these legacies.’ He speaks of the unbroken peace and harmony existing between Canada and the United States and that this condition presents to the world an impressive example of how two peoples may get along amicably when they are willing to trust and understand.

“The Grand Superintendents’ Reports show that peace prevails; enthusiasm abounds and that the growing interest manifested in recent years in the teachings, doctrines, histories and traditions of this world-wide Order, continues unabated. The committee which reviewed their work is of the opinion that Masonry continues to pulsate as a living organism of power and influence.

“The Fraternal Review was presented by William Nisbet Ponton. Indiana omitted. This is our loss for the Canada Review is exceptionally good.”

I reviewed all Proceedings that reached me. Sorry.—W. N. P.

This concentrated and confident conclusion must be quoted:—

“The journey is ended; the tale is told. Now let the printer do his best and the critic his worst.”

IOWA

C. H. Haney, M.E. G.H.P.
O. F. Graves, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation was held in Sioux City, October 8, 1931, but before the formal opening there were public exercises held under the auspices of Sioux City Chapter and Sunrise Chapter at which Judge Wakefield made an eloquent and striking address from which we quote:—

“Our manufacturing and particularly the output of dairy products, more butter than any city in the world, fifty million pounds of butter per year, more live stock is trucked into our markets than any place in the world.

“Rome was built on seven hills, but within the forty-eight square miles of our city are seven times seven hills.

“Situated on the banks of the Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers, our city touches two great states besides our own, Nebraska and South Dakota.

“In these days when all the world, and every people is looking for a Moses to lead us out of the wilderness of financial depression, of unemployment, and of despair, it is indeed a pleasure to have with us an organization dedicated to the inculcation and practice of courage and perseverance in the face of great obstacles, to the teaching of devotion to high
ideals and faith in divine providence, and the upbuilding of mankind.

“Our desire is well expressed by the poet Aldrich, when he says:

“When friends are at your hearthside met,
True courtesy has done its most
If you have made each guest forget
That he, himself, is not the host.”

“Sister” Nellie Olander, Grand Matron Eastern Star, brought greetings and flowers.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present.

E. W. F. Holler is the Grand Representative of Canada.

The G.H.P. of course, like all others, does not neglect the stress through which we are passing:

“Companions, the general depression the world over has made it almost impossible for us to advance further in Masonry without making it a hardship on some one. We are now face to face with the most appalling situation that this world has ever known.”

Eleven Triple Tau Clubs have been organized over the State. They have got busy and have done some work to help the Chapters along. The G.H.P. says:

“We must not lay down and let other organizations get our members from us just because we do not have entertainment for them, but we must furnish that entertainment.”

We had not known before that DeMolay was considered a Masonic Order, but the G.H.P. records the following:

“A letter from Monroe Chapter, asking if it would be contrary to Masonic usage to sponsor the Boy Scouts. Our reply that we have a Chapter in our Order, the DeMolays. If they wish to sponsor anything it would be better to help the DeMolay, a Masonic organization, and that it would not be in good form to sponsor the Boy Scouts.”

The Secretaries' Guild flourishes.

The address concludes with the following:

“So we have something without money and without price that will be pleasant memories for us in our declining years.”


The Committee of Necrology make an unusual and striking Report, from which we quote:
“Man dieth, and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up, so man lieth down and riseth not.”

“We are all too keenly aware of the gloom of these sombre sentiments. What we want is the ability to see the rainbow on the black clouds—to realize that our every sunset is a sunrise somewhere.

“Wise old Seneca said: ‘This short stay in mortal life is but the prelude to a better and more lasting life above. * * * That day which men are apt to dread as their last is but the birthday of an eternity.'”

Distinguished visitors from Utah, South Dakota, Nebraska and Missouri were welcomed.

O. J. Kirketeg was elected G.H.P.
Ed. Lankin, of Toronto, is Grand Representative of Iowa.

The following is from the biography of G.H.P. Haney:—

“With the passage of each year a new chapter is added to the history of time.

“The law of work holds in our brotherhood. To further Masonry costs. It costs in time, in money and in mentality. Our Frater has paid the price.”

Edward M. Willard, P.G.H.P., is again at the helm of the good Fellowship of Correspondence. In his introduction he well says:—

“Times and conditions of the country are very strenuous, and the people are unrestful, not only in the trades and professions, but in social, religious and fraternal activities as well.

“It will be necessary to build around us constructive measures by which a material improvement can be evidenced.

“Life is a process of discipline, of education, of experience. We should look to the due development of every part of our composite self, and apportion to each the food convenient for it.

“The office should seek the man, and not the man the office. In every Chapter can be found a leader.

“There is nothing in this world worth while, but it causes some sacrifice on the part of every one whereby success and happiness is available.

“‘And each who would see accomplished,
    The dreams that he's proud to own,
    Must strive for the goal with his fellows,
    For no man can do it alone.’”
He reviews Canada at Niagara Falls favourably. Commenting on the Grand Z.’s address he says:—

“The Grand Z. said the adoption of the new ritual a couple of years ago had given gratifying results. ‘Our ritualistic proceedings should be the means by which the very spirit and essence of our degree work are brought out.’ Of Masonic instruction, he says:

‘One point seems to be generally agreed upon. It is this: That in order to make Masonry the world-wide influence it should be, it is necessary to have further instruction, to members as a whole, than is given in simple rendition of our ceremonies.’

He quotes at length from the Report on the Condition of Masonry:—

“Practically all have laid a contribution on the altar of Christian Charity, many have undertaken a definite obligation that ensures comfort and happiness to those unfortunate who have sought Masonic assistance and who have not been turned away empty-handed.”

Of our Review he courteously says:—

The Report on Correspondence was prepared and presented by Companion Ponton. His report as usual is continued on the high level of intellectual ability and brings to his Companions a report worth while.”

KANSAS

Richard H. Cravens, M.E. G.H.P.
Elmer F. Strain, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-seventh Convocation was held in Topeka, February 15, 1932. Distinguished visitors from Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and North Dakota were seated in the East of the sanctuary, after having received the honours due their rank.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests foregathered together.

Canada was represented by Roy H. Clossen.

From the address of the G.H.P. we quote:—

“Perhaps never before in the history of the world has so much thought been given to the problems of human relations, yet in a land of plenty, blessed with food in abundance, men of rare ability capable of the solution of almost every material problem, are unable to reckon with human nature. Economic conditions throughout the land present the inequalities of life, and remind us of the miseries of humanity, chil-
dren starving, parents without labour, and in the midst of the richest country on earth. We ask, what is the reason for the apathetic attitude of our members?

"Careful are we to exclude commercialization of the Order, aloof from material benefits, careful to disseminate culture, social equality, and the gospel of the sweetness of life and too often on leaving our Chapter, we close the door and depart into a different world and in the great struggle for material supremacy, the hopes, rights, and privileges promised are brushed aside and soon forgotten. I can offer no panacea for this condition or change in human nature, save this—practice what we preach, open our minds, widen the sympathy for the unfortunate, face the facts honestly and make real the principles of this time honoured institution.

"On August 18 I received a clipping from their newspaper quoting from the Secretary of State calling attention to a new law requiring all non-profit-making corporations to file annual reports with his office. This included lodges incorporated under the State Law. I replied to the High Priest of the Chapter and informed him that in my opinion the law was effective only with lodges which received charters from the State of Kansas for the purpose of acquiring or holding title to property, etc., and did not extend to Chapters which received their charters from the Grand Chapter.

"The word 'conclusion' may be interpreted in many ways. To some 'conclusion' spells the end. To others it is one part of the work finished and another just begun."

The Grand Secretary prefaced his Statistical Report with the following:—

"The waves of the waters lashed by storm reflect the majesty and power of the Great Creator, and the silvery sheet at calm reminds us of that 'peace that passeth understanding,' Humanity has ever had its ups and downs. The efforts and organizations of men follow on the crest and in the trough. Let us have faith and face our situation unafraid, but in solemn realization of its meaning and our duty."

Membership, 18,221. Net loss, 1,160.
The Committee on Necrology report:—

"Science has harnessed energy and has placed at the disposal of each of us the equivalent of the labour of thirty slaves. Science has given us a bit of winter in the midst of summer heat and has given us tropic comfort amid the winter's snows. Science has annihilated distance by air, by land and by sea,

"Masonry refutes atheism and animalism, and demands a belief in God and immortality, and Masonry lives because God lives. And God is God, whether known as the First Cause, the Grand Architect of the Universe or the Ineffable Name
vainly sought by our ancient brethren, or by any one of the myriad names by which the learned and the superstitious, the proud and the humble, the enlightened and the pagan have known the Life Giver, the object of their veneration, their adoration and their fears. As Carruth expresses it:

"'A fire-mist and a planet,
   A crystal and a cell,
   A jellyfish and a saurian,
   And caves where the cavemen dwell:
Then a sense of law and beauty,
   And a face turned from the clod—
Some call it evolution,
   And others call it God.'"

"For each body we interred was not a buried hope, but a soul released, never again to need the cast off garment, free from the limitations of time, of space, of mortality."

Ellis Fink was elected G.H.P.

A. P. Goering represents Kansas.

From the biographical sketch of Richard H. Cravens we take this striking passage:

"He is possessed of an analytical mind which thinks clearly. Men respect his judgment. He plans wisely for the future. Men seek his advice. He is outspoken in his convictions. Men respect his courage. He is charitable in his opinions. Men are grateful for his tolerance. He has never sought honours. Men have thrust them upon him. He has never shirked a responsibility. Men have given him hard jobs. But I think the outstanding virtues in our M.E. Companion have been the conviction that Masonry is not merely a history of the philosophy of the dead past, but a philosophy to be lived to-day; that work is just another job to be done; that a man is just another fellow to befriend."

The Correspondence Review is in the veteran hands of Albert K. Wilson, who says in his general Introduction:

"The whole problem resolves itself into a question of the interest and enthusiasm of the officers of a Chapter. In the advancement of officers too little consideration is given to the fitness of the Companion for the station he is to occupy, in fact of late years it has become practically the universal habit to advance Companions regardless of their fitness or ability. It is a pernicious practice, is detrimental to the best interests of the Chapter and certainly should not longer be tolerated. Why any Companion who is totally unfit for the eventual station of High Priest should be advanced year after year, to the detriment of his Chapter, is past understanding."
“Until our members not only select their officers more carefully but likewise get away from the feeling that a Companion should be advanced regardless of his capabilities, his interest in the welfare of the Chapter, his personality, his ability to instill enthusiasm and interest in others, as well as to be present at the Convocations, little relief can be expected, for the success of a Chapter practically all depends upon its officers.”

Canada, 1931, is favourably reviewed, with many quotations. The presence of distinguished visitors, including John W. Neilson, is especially noted. He says that the address of the Grand Z. is an unusually interesting and inspiring message. He quoted from our Grand Z.’s second topic entitled “Rich Backgrounds.” He says that Masonic Education was given special attention and praises the Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

KENTUCKY

A. W. Whitehead, M.E. G.H.P.
G. Allison Holland, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Convocation was held in Louisville, October 20, 1931. The record number of Past Grand High Priests were present and honoured at the altar, standing together twenty-two strong.

The G.H.P. made a patriotic address:—

“It appeared for a while that we had a dark year before the Royal Craft, but looking into the face of the future, and with a determination to succeed, notwithstanding the clouds of adversity, we pursued our course and diligently and successfully performed the duties devolving upon us. We recognized the fact that the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry could not be daunted. Advance into the field of depression and our flag is flying over the ground of a victorious contest. Chapters that are financially able should carry those members who are not financially able to pay their dues this year, and in all probability they will be in a position to pay in full next year. Don’t suspend members, but collect enough money, if possible, to pay Grand Chapter dues, and in every case where difficulties may arise about payment of dues, remit them and let the members start anew.

“This is the time for every Royal Arch Mason to show the quality of his Masonic strength by building up and permitting no one to tear down.
“Louisville Trust Company was closed, we were left without money to proceed with our usual business. A short time ago the bank reopened and we were enabled to pay the sums borrowed and go ahead with our affairs."

Dr. Stenhouse, Representative of New Zealand, was a guest during the year.

Of the Masonic Home he well says:

“I have attended all of the meetings of this Board during the year. The Royal Craft should be proud of the part they have undertaken in maintenance of our Old Masons’ Home.”

From the report of the Grand Secretary this paragraph may be of interest:

IS IT "VAIL OR VEIL?"

“We note that some of the foreign correspondents are commenting on the way Kentucky spells the word ‘Vail’ as applied to First, Second and Third Vails in the Chapter.

“We wish to say that if they will look carefully into Webster’s International Dictionary, they will find that the word is spelled ‘Vail’ or ‘Veil.’ You pay your money and take your choice.”

Here is the concluding rallying call:

“Read Through and Act Quick.

‘If Every Member of My Lodge Was Just Like Me, What Kind of a Lodge Would Our Lodge Be?’ Think It Over!

“In Keeping With the Scales of Justice You Get Out of a Fraternal Order Only As Much As You Put Into It.”


This from the Committee on Necrology:

“Farewell! the maze has been threaded,
This is the ending of strife;
Say not death should be dreaded,
’Tis but the beginning of life.”

Visitors from Pennsylvania, Florida and Virginia were welcomed.

John L. Rees was elected G.H.P.

John Graham represents Kentucky, and Canada is represented by A. Gordon Sulser.

The Doings of other Grand Chapters are again in the capable and experienced hands of P.G.M. William W. Clarke, whose picture adorns his Reviews.

From the California Review we take the following:
“From the information afforded by the answers to the questionnaire it is thus apparent that California is one of the very few states in the Union that have found a good and sufficient use for the activity and energy of the Deputy Grand High Priest.

“A Connecticut Companion refused to receive a registered letter telling him he was four years back in his dues. Ruled that he had not had sufficient notice to be suspended.”

Canada at Niagara Falls receives friendly nation treatment at his hands. He praises Grand Z. Price’s address, saying:—

“The address of the Grand Z. is an admirable paper. We wish that we had the space to make copious extracts from it.”

He makes several quotations from his address and also from the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, which always attracts attention:—

“Despite the abnormal conditions prevailing in the outer world, Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction continues to pulsate as a living organism of power and influence—a guiding star in a sky of drifting ad ominous storm clouds.”

Of our Review he kindly says:—

“The review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters is by W. N. Ponton, and like all his reports approaches near to perfection. It is indeed an admirable presentation of the gist of the Doings of other Jurisdictions.”

In the Massachusetts Review read:—

“The Past Degree: This degree was undoubtedly a development of the Installed Masters Degree in the Blue Lodge and was probably introduced into the American Chapter system in order to permit men who had never been Installed Master to receive the Royal Arch Degree in compliance with the ancient regulation that only Past Masters were entitled to it.”

Thus does the Washington Committee dispose of grievances:—

“The Committee on Grievances reported that strict search had been made ‘and not a pessimistic word has been heard within the principal Arch of the Temple.’”

LOUISIANA

Bradley Waelder, M.E. G.H.P.
John A. Davilla, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-fifth Annual was held at New Orleans, February 2, 1932. Twelve Past Grand
High Priests were present and also Canada's Grand Representative, John W. Armstrong.

The G.H.P. said in his address:—

"I ask you to believe that I have devoted to the cause all the time I could afford and all the energy I could command. I trust my official acts will meet with your approbation."

He made many visitations.

Louisiana boasts of a Tallulah Chapter. Is this where the Bankhead given name hails from? The Chapter appears to be temperamental.

Membership, 7,043. Net loss, 711.

The Committee on Necrology report:—

"Death is the crown of life. Were death denied, poor man would live in vain, were death denied, to live would not be life; were death denied, e'en fools would wish to die."

Rudolph Krause was elected G.H.P.

Colonel William Y. Mills, of Kingston, represents Louisiana.

Hermon J. Duncan for the third time presents an able Report on what he still calls "Foreign Correspondence." These paragraphs from his Foreword:—

"Some time ago, a prominent Louisiana Companion remarked to the writer that he 'hated these "birds" who are continually trying to force their opinions down other folks' throats.' Since the writer agrees with the Companion, Comments and Opinions are voiced in this report with some trepidation.

"Criticisms of the report are requested, but, as remarked once before, if you are going to throw any bricks, please wrap them up in soft verbiage.

"The Louisiana book is a bit larger than the average, probably due to the printing of our roster of membership, something which has been done away with in the majority of the Grand Jurisdictions.

"The average cost per page of 51 Proceedings is $3.78, which makes our cost of about $3.50 per page reflect considerable credit on Grand Secretary Davilla. The variation in cost per page covers a wide range and some of the Grand Chapters might do well to check up on their printing bills. Others get the work done for so little money, the printing is practically a donation from the printer.

"Utah tackled that plunging back Net Loss right on the line of scrimmage in 1930 and the gains and losses exactly balanced, but on the very next play, in 1931, on a reverse
spinner. Net loss broke through the forwards and threw Utah for a loss of 34 members. Other teams fared worse in the main. Astounding as it may seem, the Proceedings herein reviewed report net losses totaling 26,835.

"And here is the rest of the honour roll, with their reported gains: Arizona, 30; District of Columbia, 38; New Brunswick, 3; New Zealand, 38; Quebec, 3; Saskatchewan 20; and Victoria, 12.

"The way to keep up interest in the Chapter is to keep up interest in the Lodge. High Priests should remember that if the Lodge prospers the Chapter must prosper. Prevent suspensions with suspension insurance. Make the good years carry the bad years. Apply the same principles to dues that Big Business is going to apply to unemployment. Suspension insurance is just as practical and just as possible as unemployment insurance."

This from the Alberta Review:—

"Remember that the profane judges Masonry by the conduct of Masons."

British Columbia furnishes the following:—

"There is an analogy between an operative Mason who seeks wages but can not find a job and a speculative Mason who seeks light but can not find the funds to pay dues and fees. Here is a real challenge to Masonic Grand Bodies to develop non-payment of dues insurance."

Canada receives a specially favourable and full Review. We quote:—

"From the land of the Maple Leaf comes a book of Proceedings filled with suitable material to make an entertaining and interesting Report. The Foreign Correspondence Review and the Reports each contain more than enough data to fill several pages of our Foreign Correspondence Report and the problem of the writer is what to delete.

"To Grand Z. Walter G. Price, a dentist from Port Credit, a town, by the way, with an appealing name in these money-scarce days of depression, was given a golden key by His Worship, the Mayor of Niagara Falls."

"Companion Mills was elected a member of the Executive Committee. We are very glad to see our Ambassador thus honoured.

"The reader is urged, when the opportunity is offered, to go to the Grand Lodge Library in New Orleans and read the whole address as well as the other interesting things in the 1931 Canada Proceedings.

"To rush him through to the Shrine, a Fellow Craft was actually exalted before he had completed the Blue Lodge work. Even more astonishing is the fact that nothing was
done to the Chapter involved, though Grand Chapter declared the work done on the candidate null and void.

Comp. Ponton was not present at the Annual Convocation, but his work is very much in evidence in the Proceedings since the Foreign Correspondence Review is again written by him. As usual the report is very complete. The Colonel has provided an index to some special subjects treated in his Review, everything being listed from 'Agriculture' to 'Zerubbabel.' The writer felt quite flattered when I found some three pages devoted to my first effort as a Reviewer, with numerous quotations, but all the wind was taken from my sails when reference to above-said index showed that said quotations were indexed under the title 'Humour.'"

From the New York Review the following:—

"Queensland was recognized. Correspondent Briggs found a verse in Gay's 'The Beggar's Opera' which fitted the situation nicely of the two Grand Chapters which finally put away their petty differences and united:

"'How happy I could be with either,
    Were t'other dear charmer away.
    But, while ye thus tease me together
    To neither a word will I say.'"  

"Capitular Wedding Bells rang at Brisbane."

Under Wyoming we read:—

Two gordian knots were presented Companion Scott to be severed. In the first instance, the question was asked whether the High Priest could appoint any Companion to confer the degrees or whether the King and Scribe were the only officers who had authority with the High Priest to confer the work. The G.H.P. ruled that it would be a usurpation of the power and authority of the King and Scribe for the High Priest to appoint a Companion to put on the work without their consent, which may have been a diplomatic answer, but does it entirely answer the question in all its parts and particulars?"

**MAINE**

Henry R. Gillis, M.E. G.H.P.
Convers E. Leach, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Seventh Convocation was held at Portland, May 3, 1932. Nine Past Grand High Priests honoured Grand Chapter by their presence.

Distinguished guests from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Quebec and General Grand High Priest Neilson were welcomed.
James A. Richan represented Canada.
The address of G.H.P. Gillis has several paragraphs worth quoting:—

"Continual change in personnel is the experience and history of Grand Chapter. Companions come and Companions go, but to those who remain in the service of the Craft in this body over a period of years, the saddest parting is from those who have been called to their eternal home.

"The average attendance at the regular convocations during the year was nineteen. The average attendance at both the inspections and regular convocations was less than last year.

"This Grand Chapter should give serious consideration to the institution of a bureau of education."

He reports $1,600 is being appropriated for relief during the year.

From his conclusion we take the following:—

"An abundance of Masonic light and knowledge, that will enable you to return to your home Chapters and diffuse that light and knowledge to such good effect that the activities during the coming year will show a material increase for good."


Henry R. Gillis was re-elected G.H.P.

At the end of the memorial to Charles B. Davis these lines are quoted:—

"Such was our friend. Formed on the good old plan,
A true and brave and downright honest man!—
Loathing pretence, he did with cheerful will
What others talked of while their hands were still;
His daily prayer, far better understood
In acts than words, was simply doing good.
So calm, so constant was his rectitude,
That by his loss alone we know its worth,
And feel how true a man has walked with us on earth."

And from another Memorial the following:—

"To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die."

The evils of incorporation are realized:—

"Grand Lodges generally have pronounced against incorporation, and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has adopted a Regulation that the acceptance of an act of incorporation by a lodge shall be a forfeiture of its charter."

Marshall E. Sherwood, of Woodstock, represents Maine.
J. Blaine Morrison represents Canada.
Again the Capitular Reviews fall into the experienced hands of Thomas H. Bodge.
This from Alberta:—
"Canada Chapters are much more conservative than most of the United States Chapters and under Connecticut, commenting on a dispensation to permit of a public installation, is this:
"'What next? Possibly the "Ancient Order of Hod Carriers" will be invited to take charge of the installation ceremonies—and broadcast it over station WTIC!'
"Under British Columbia Review we read:—
"'Methods of arranging these financial matters more in consonance with the teachings of the Order can be developed and should receive the earnest consideration of every true Freemason.'
"I do not like to think many of that number were unable to pay—rather that the majority failed to pay attention to notices or duties.'

Canada at Niagara Falls is reviewed in friendly and fraternal fashion. We read:—
"Having settled everyone satisfactorily, Grand Z. Price told of the rich background of the Niagara district, feelingly mentioned those departed during the year, alluded to epochal events throughout the world, then reported on his observations and conditions. He recommended careful audits of accounts and conditions.
"This is pleasing:
"'I have been impressed with the dignity and serious tone with which Chapter meetings have been conducted. I have found no levity, no lightness anywhere. That is as it should be.'
"'In order to make Masonry the world-wide influence it should be, it is necessary to have further instruction, to members as a whole, than is given in simple rendition of our ceremonies.'
"The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry made a twelve page report which was exhaustive and enlightening.
"Again Comp. Ponton prepared one of his remarkable reviews. Comp. Ponton writes easily, quotes freely and comments kindly.'

MANITOBA
Stanley H. Fahrni, K.C., M.E. Grand Z.
George Syme, R.E. Grand Scribe E.
The Ninth Convocation was held in Winnipeg, 3rd February, 1932.
Distinguished visitors included those from Saskatchewan, Alberta, Minnesota, North Dakota and Quebec, and as to the latter the Grand Z. says:—

"He especially referred to the instance, that it was the first time in our history the Grand Chapter of Quebec was represented."

M.E. Comp. de Roche in his reply said:—

"The brotherly feelings created by these associations, we hope, may be more lasting and more beneficial to all who have the privilege of meeting at such gatherings."

M.E. Comp. McGhee said:—

"He believed the inter-provincial visits to our Grand Bodies were most beneficial, as our problems were mostly akin."

M.E. Comp. Cantelon also spoke, saying:—

"He was glad to see the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes displayed in such a friendly manner. It demonstrated that our teachings were away above the political, national, or even international politics of the world."

Walter L. Stockwell made an ideal address:—

"Arch Masons throughout the universe must stand together for the performance of the higher ideals of life, and by this action, be in a position to prove to the world the teachings of the higher idealism as practiced by our English speaking peoples."

We quote the following from the Grand Z.'s address:—

"Renew friendships and you will find the Grand Chapter moving from Strength to Strength.

"Both in discussion and decision will your conduct be weighed by your contemporaries, as well as by those who will follow you. The opinions and procedures of the present quickly enter the past. They become a part of the unchangeable fabric of history. Let us make them out of the best material our intelligence can provide. The suspended Companion is usually one whose interest was not held. Let the Officers of each Chapter then charge themselves with making their convocations so interesting that the Companions will attend. It is not always easy but I believe will always be effective in solving the problem of attendance, which means interest, which means payment of dues, which means the maintaining of numerical as well as financial strength. It lies in the hands of the officers of each Chapter.

"One is reminded of those powerful lines inscribed on the tomb of Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's Cathedral, which reads:
"'If you would behold his work look around you.'

"'He liveth long who liveth well,
   All else is being flung away.
He liveth longest who can tell
   Of true things truly done each day.'

"Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction can be counted upon to put 'The First Things First,' and help a less fortunate Companion over the more difficult places."

The Grand Superintendents reported fully.

Letters from Edwin Smith and this Reviewer were read and acknowledged.

Alexander Little was elected Grand Z.

John Parton referred to Fraternal Correspondence as one of the means by which knowledge of what our Order is doing, is obtained.

Canada was represented by F. W. Brownell.

Membership, 1,763. Decrease, 49.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead (James McIntosh, Chairman,) reported:—

"We will fit ourselves for that Spiritual Building, that will outlast the stars.

"'Build it well, whate'er you do;
   Build it straight and strong and true,
   Build it clean and high and broad,
   Build it for the Eye of God.'

"God's purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour. I believe we have yet in our midst, seers and prophets as in days of old, to whom God is unfolding and revealing many hidden things.

"God has promised, not the heaven of the ascetic temper, or the dogmatic theologian, or the subtle mystic, or the stern martyr, ready alike to inflict or bear, but a heaven of purified and permanent affections, a book of knowledge with eternal leaves, and unbounded capacities to read it, of those we love ever around us, never misconceiving us, or being harassed by us.

"'Lest an eternity should not suffice
   To take the measure and breadth and height,
   Of what there is reserved in Paradise
   And its ever New Delight.'"

Comp. Stockwell again spoke, saying:—

"The third and last thought was the real cause for his presence to-day, that somehow these International visits are a symbol of a deeper appreciation of the necessity in these critical days for us to look beyond personal gain or nationalis-
tic ambitions to the good of all peoples. We are members of one body, our interdependence never was greater. We must live together or perish together. Freemasonry must hold us steady."

R. H. Reid, of Woodstock, represents Manitoba.

Professor Keirstead at the banquet held in the dining room of the Hudson Bay Company, delivered an address on "What Has Masonry to Offer for This Age?" saying:—

"And so we come to the answer to our preliminary question. Why did we become Masons? Why, but that as Pilgrims upon the road of life we were ever seeking to learn its hidden meaning, and we came here if haply we might find the answer to the sadly perplexing question—Why? And is that not implied in the thought that we have oft expressed that it was not within a temple that we were first made Masons, but rather in our hearts. Thus were we brought to the door of the temple and caused to pass up its several steps and through the veils where ever more light was being shed upon the way, until at last we found—What?

"What has Masonry to offer? What have we found? In the answer to this latter question may reside the answer to the first. And it seems to me that the answer to that fundamental query may be found in the discovery of what that one found who stands before us as the living embodiment of the principles of Capitular Freemasonry. We see him yonder in ancient Babylonia, a young man with a heart.

"'Courage is better than fear,
And faith is stronger than doubt.'

"When you and I, and all others like unto us, go forth from our deliberations armed with the principle of Truth, and as passionately and earnestly propagate it as do the apostles of Communism and other 'isms' that perplex and confound with their gospel—when we go forth into the rough places of life so filled with the reality of the truths that we profess, then our fellows must take knowledge of us that we are as those who have found a new Word that holds meaning and promise for a world that is seeking for light, for a new and better day, and that because we as men and Masons are Companioning in the Way of Truth."

A Committee is in charge of the Fraternal Reviews.

W. D. L., under Alabama, quotes:—

"For shelter is gone, when the night is o'er, and bread lasts only the day
But the sound of the voice, and the touch of the hand
Sing on in the soul alway."

In the Review of Alberta he says:—

"The mutilated symbolic ideal, which attempts the Alpha,
but falls far short of the Omega. Realizing this, each re-
viewer is keenly attuned to the spirit of the pioneer mentioned
by Bro. Rudyard Kipling, where he infers there is—

"'Something hidden, go and find it,
Go and look behind the ranges,
Something lost behind the ranges,
Lost and waiting for you, go.'"

"Thus, may each Companion, like my fellow reviewers,
also hear that whisper, and like Kipling's Explorer, undet-
terred by any initial difficulties, Go—Seek—Find."

Canada at Niagara Falls is reviewed by
F.W.B., who says:—

"The address of the Grand Z. contains a kindly greeting
to all Companions present and also to the hospitable citizens
of the historic city.

"The constant exchange of visits, the bonds of fellowship
welded and the commonality of interest we have had in a
powerful institution have contributed in no small degree to a
solid brotherhood."

We are glad to note the progress and good work
of Manitoba.

MARYLAND

Irving B. Jackson, M.E. G.H.P.
Gustav A. Eitel, R.E. Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Convocation
was held in Baltimore, December 8, 1931, with
twelve Past Grand High Priests gracing the Grand
East.

Delaware, New York and Connecticut sent dis-
tinguished visitors.

Canada's Grand Representative was not present.
The G.H.P. in his brief address said that he had
visited every Chapter and had met the most sincere
and heart-warming fellowship.

He speaks of the $40,000 Masonic Home Fund
acknowledged by the Grand Master, and of the
breaking ground for the first unit thereof at Bonnie
Blink.
The Committee on Correspondence reported:—
"We have endeavoured to cull out what appeared to offer
the best solutions, if solution there be, in order that those
interested may read, digest and, per chance, fathom out a
remedy or remedies applicable at least to our own juris-
diction."

Joseph S. Haas was elected G.H.P.
Frank K. Ebbitt, of Iroquois Falls, represents
"Maryland, my Maryland" and Charles I. Daneker
represents Canada.

Howard M. Emmons is Chairman of the Cor-
respondence Reviews and prefixes an interesting
Foreword, from which we cite:—
"But back of all this hue and cry about the loss of mem-
bers, many of whom couldn't tell you what it is all about,
stands Masonry on a foundation of rock."

From his Review of Alabama we quote:—
"I am not opposed to progress, or to adopting modern
methods, and I know that we are living in a machine age and
living fast, but I am firmly convinced that so far as Masonry
is concerned the hand-made product is the best, and so I
would suggest that we go back to the old methods, discard
our high-priced machinery, put on our aprons, roll up our
sleeves, take up our working tools, select our material with
greater care, and put our hearts and souls into the creative
task of making good Masons out of promising young men."

This from the British Columbia Review:—
"His one ruling was approved, on the question: 'Can a
Chapter Member retain his membership after taking his
demit from his Craft Lodge?' Following precedent, he said,
'Yes,' although he does not himself agree with it. Would not
pass muster in many jurisdictions.
"No difficulty is too great to overcome."

Canada, 1931, is favourably reviewed at length,
the Reviewer saying:—

New York, with quite a suite from that Grand Chapter,
all from the United States, and Grand Officers from Quebec
together with representatives of the other Grand Masonic
Bodies of Canada, so there was a fine setting of officialdom.

"All our ceremonies are marked by these characteristics
because they originated in the East. This explains why the
rich instruction, given through ritualism in our Chapters,
needs a practical interpretation.
“116 pages of the Report are taken up with reports from the 17 District Superintendents, which show splendid supervision of Chapters.

“A resolution was passed expunging the word ‘Janitor’ and substituting ‘Sentinel’ wherever same occurs in the Constitution and Laws, certainly a more dignified nomenclature. What about Outer Guard?

“The report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry is lengthy and interesting.

“William N. Ponton furnishes a most complete Review of Proceedings; as also a Review of Reviews, which would indicate more time, thought and care in preparation than the average Reviewer can possibly devote to the task. Many well selected quotations are interspersed throughout his digests and we are even furnished with a topical index embracing such widely diversified subjects as Agriculture, Bible, Drama, Education, Humour, Immortality, Peace, Poetry and Zerrubabel and many others from A to Z.

“We regret Maryland did not reach him in time for Review.”

Just a word from Florida:—

“It is not the purpose of these meetings to teach Masonry, but to practice it. Never mind about the mote in your Brother’s eye—remove the beam from your own. Never mind preaching to your Brother—don’t tell him how a Brother should act—show him.

“You are hungry for the love and respect of your Brother. Tell him so! He is hungry for your love and respect. Give it to him!”

MASSACHUSETTS

Jesse E. Ames, M.E. G.H.P.
Raymond T. Sewall, R.E. Grand Secretary.
Quarterly Convocation, Boston, March 10, 1931.
Five Past Grand High Priests honoured Grand Chapter by their presence.
D. Henry Childs, Grand Representative of Canada, was duly present.
Hon. Channing H. Cox, “a Governor who governed Massachusetts,” addressed the Companions in an encouraging speech.

Of old Chapters generally and especially with reference to St. Andrew’s, the G.H.P. said:—

“The contention that Thomas Smith Webb created the Most Excellent Masters Degree seems absolutely overthrown by so many records of it before he ever received the Chapter Degrees. What has helped to fix this error in the minds of
Masons generally is the quickness and dispatch with which he printed a Monitor, only a few months after he formed Temple Chapter in Albany. The work of the Most Excellent Degree is nearly all biblical, and it is no argument that a man created a Degree because he prints it after having received it. He printed the other Degrees at the same time.

"The oldest record of which I have any knowledge that records the candidates as being 'Received and Acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters" is that of this Chapter

"He was much more than a mere Ritualist. He adapted and cemented a diversity of method of ritual and purpose. His was a forceful and commanding personality and, although a very young man, he was shown marked deference and respect by his elders. He was proficient as an organizer and inspired confidence and enthusiasm. He revised and improved the degrees, especially by musical additions, in which he was reputed to be particularly competent. I am convinced that he never created any Degree, nor was such intimation ever made by him."

Quarterly Convocation, September 8, 1931.

M.W. Bro. Herbert W. Dean, Grand Master, was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. Arthur D. Prince, who said:

"In his two and three-quarter years of service the Grand Master had personally carried the standard of Massachusetts Masonry throughout the world."

The Paul Revere Medal was presented to M.W. Bro. Dean:

"Your record as Most Worshipful Grand Master is nearly completed, but it is not in the written records, or the printed history, but in the hearts of thousands throughout this Commonwealth that you have made a record—a record which is dearer to us, which I feel is dearer to you, than all the rest.

"Our Most Worshipful Grand Master personifies in the minds of Masons the Spirit of Masonry. In our affection for you we are a little nearer to true Brotherhood. Love and Loyalty have shone brightly and helpfully throughout your term. We are very proud of you. We are honoured, and I am privileged, to place this Paul Revere Distinguished Service Medal upon your breast as an expression of our thought and feeling toward you."

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Convocation, December 8, 1931.

Raymond T. Sewall acted as H.P. in the Royal Arch Degree. Total time in Degree and lecture 2 hours and 4 minutes.
Raymond T. Sewall was presented with a Paul Revere Medal.

Distinguished guests from Quebec, New Jersey, Maine, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania were cordially welcomed.

We make the following quotations from the striking annual address of G.H.P. Ames:

"From them and from their Jurisdictions we have received most kindly hospitality, and inspiration on many occasions. We welcome them most heartily here.

"All things enduring, or worth-while, have a purpose and a soul. It is our message and yours, to impart that purpose, to make plain to all who enter within our doors, the real object of this Great Fraternity. With you, we seriously and reverently take up our work, a sacred heritage from our fathers. For a time we serve, yet one by one, ALL, even the youngest apprentice, will pass on. The Institution lives on, and will continue to exert its influence. It is for us to keep the faith.

"The good man sleeps where the daisies nod
And the clover hangs its head,
Where the wild birds come and the wild bees hum
Above his lonely bed.
He fought the fight, he kept the faith,
His Fame shines bright and clear,
And his memory lives in loving hearts
Which will hold it ever dear."

"It is quite as valuable to the Chapter, and to Masonry, and much more praiseworthy in many respects to save an old member than to get a new one. It leads us into a more brotherly attitude and atmosphere and a nobler reputation generally. If even one-half the time and the effort now given to obtaining candidates and conferring Degrees upon them, was devoted to the concern of those who are slipping out from us, the Fraternity would be greatly benefited."

Membership, 38,864. 97 chartered Chapters. Net loss, 1,248.

The G.H.P. thus concluded:

"I shall not make any predictions for the future. Our American people are greatly given to exaggeration in many things. Largely we dwell in the shadow when there is a cloud, and fail to observe that the sun is shining, just across the way. Frequently in that mood and condition of thought, we move with the shadow.

"I see in this reaction a very real promise of gain to Masonry, real Masonry. It is maturing. It is making us think. Think of the Mason we profess to be."
“We shall not make more real Masons by outside attractions; we begin to sense that, and, we are beginning to sense the need of a more thoughtful, charitable and companionable atmosphere within. We shall not put so many men into Masonry, perhaps, but we shall put more Masonry into the thoughts of men.”

Comp. Ames was re-elected G.H.P.

A donation was made by Grand Chapter towards the purchase of a moving picture machine for the Masonic Home.

There were 437 Companions in attendance.

D. H. McIntosh, of Carleton Place, represents Massachusetts.

R. Ex. Comp. Raymond T. Sewall presents his fourth Capitular Review and it is satisfying in every respect.

Under Alberta we read:—

“The degree of Past Master in Massachusetts, in accordance with recent legislation, is now given by communication only.”

We make the following extracts from the Review of Canada at Niagara Falls:—

“The Address of the Grand Z. contains much that we would like to include in this review which the Companions of Massachusetts would enjoy reading.

“He dwells upon the importance of audits and suggests the practice of worthwhile economics. Having visited considerably, the Grand Z. became impressed with the dignity with which Chapter meetings have been conducted.

“The Committee on Capitular Masonry report covers 12 pages. Thus a most thorough inspection into the affairs of the Chapters throughout the Grand Jurisdiction is available. The Superintendent from the Yukon Territory reported that Klondike Chapter, No. 154, was in good condition, showing a loss of but one member and concludes that he left the Yukon in September to spend a few months, as he expressed it, 'outside.'

“Companion Ponton prefaces his review with a very convenient index to special subjects treated. As usual his consideration of other Grand Jurisdictions is among the best that came to our attention. The Report furnishes a mine of information and there is much we would like to mention, but space must be considered.

“The entire volume of the 1931 Proceedings is a most complete record of the transactions of the Grand Chapter and it is to be regretted that but little of the interesting matter it contains can be presented in our brief review.

This is interesting in the Review of Indiana:—

"The acts of our Grand High Priests are not reviewed by any Committee and in practical cases he has the power to dispense with subordinate Chapters. The matter of changing date of convocation due to a legal holiday in this Jurisdiction is considered sufficiently strong to warrant the action, and we are of the opinion that if the regular convocation fell on, say Christmas, it would simply be a case of no meeting due to insufficient numbers present to organize. Further, a number of our regulations carry ‘except under Dispensation from the Grand High Priest.’ I have never known of one of our Grand High Priests taking undue advantage of the authority with which they have been invested."

MICHIGAN

Francis B. Lambie, M.E. G.H.P.
Charles A. Conover, M.E. Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-fourth Convocation was held in Lansing, May 18, 1932, the opening being described thus:—

"After purging Grand Chapter and before the completion of the opening ritual the distinguished guests were received that they might witness the full ceremonial of opening."

Among the distinguished guests mentioned are our own Grand Z., Charles W. Haentschel, and Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E. New York and other Jurisdictions were also greeted.

A fine attendance of sixteen Past Grand High Priests is noted.

From the biography of the G.H.P. we learn that he was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, and was educated at Ontario Veterinary College at which he was gold medalist.

Canada had the honour of being represented by Charles A. Conover, who belongs not to Michigan alone but to the Royal Arch world.

The Roll of Honour was called by the Grand Secretary, being the names of all the deceased Past Grand High Priests.

The G.H.P. secured the co-operation of the Companions in confining the work to one day as a matter of economy.
Of the losses he says:—

"There is an old saying, 'Misery likes company,' so we may have a little consolation in reviewing the proceedings of the other Grand Chapters, that Michigan is not alone.

"Capitular Masonry is built on the calibre of its individual members."

Under Necrology, he records with great regret, in which we all share, the deaths of Frank P. Wilcox and Warner K. McSween.

He thus records his visit to Canada:—

"On February 24th, accompanied by our Grand Secretary, we attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada held at Hamilton, Ontario. This was a real inspiration to everyone. The dignified manner in conducting the convocation, election of officers, etc., was very instructive. I had a most enjoyable time with our Canadian Companions and hope some day to visit them again."

He was charitable in his Dispensations, saying:—

"In regard to granting dispensations the law says that 'a fee of $5.00 must accompany the request.' In all cases where I deemed it of service to the Craft in general, I waived the fee.

"I granted a dispensation to Kalamazoo Chapter, No. 13, to have Ark Chapter, No. 13, of Windsor, Ontario, exemplify the R.A.M. Degree. Fee waived."

A deficiency for the year is shown in G.C. finances. With regard to a matter that is being much considered in other Jurisdictions also:—

"There appears to be demand that the Grand Chapter should have a funeral service, independent of the Blue Lodge or the Commandery. I therefore recommend that the incoming G.H.P. appoint a committee to draft same and submit it at our next annual convocation for approval."

The Grand Secretary, in his able report, shows that with regard to the "worst years" history is repeating itself, citing examples.

Membership, 42,463. Net loss, 2,166—a tragedy!

The Grand Lecturer quotes:—

"What is the Old Year? 'Tis a book
On which we backward sadly look,
Not willing quite to see it close."

Arthur Scott Hudson was elected G.H.P.

The Committee on Obituaries quote:—
“Let Fate do her worst; there are relics of joy,
Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot destroy;
Long, long be my heart with such memories filled;
Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled.
You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will,
But the scent of the roses will cling round it still.”

An address on DeMolay was permitted:—
“He called special attention to the work the Grand Chapter was doing in providing such a place as Camp Rademaker for the young men in this district. He particularly called attention to the fact that while we were providing this camp the "Reds" were conducting some fifty-three camps for the youth in several parts of this country. He thus gave the members a subject to think about.”

Under the Report of the Convention of High Priesthood this verse is cited:—
“There are stars that go out in the darkness
But whose silvery light shineth on.
There are roses whose perfume still lingers
When the blossoms are faded and gone,
There are hearts full of light and of sweetness
When no longer their life current flows,—
Still their goodness lives on, with the living,
Like the souls of the star and the rose.”


Harry L. Izor, P.G.H.P., for the sixth year presents the Fraternal Correspondence, saying in his Foreword:—
“The statistical report might well be called a short cut to the subject of continued loss in membership. Despite the contention of some writers and others that Masonry should not be measured by numerical strength, and admitting the merits of such arguments to a certain extent, the continued depletion of the ranks of membership is not to be lightly reckoned with, nor can it be passed by without comment. A fact that must be recognized, we believe, when the total number of Royal Arch Masons in the States shows a falling off of over 28,000 in a year. Capitular Masonry, together with all of the Masonic rites, has a problem to solve.”

In the California Review we read:—
“He sees no objection to the proposition of changing the ritual to permit any number of candidates to enter at the same time and present their work to the Overseers. Here in Michigan any number of Chapters would throw up their hands in horror at such a suggestion, or at least unless each candidate carried a specimen according to the Chapter’s idea
and they could see the possibility of getting more fun. A deplorable admission and a situation that has been eased off by requirements as to the size, weight, etc., of the specimen. In days gone by we have come close to being thrown out of the upper windows because we put a damper on monkey business with the specimen.”

Minnesota gives food for thought:—

“Concurrent jurisdiction has been a dormant issue for the past few years. Comp. Jensen presented the subject, recommending it as a means to make inactive and indifferent Chapters come to life or otherwise let the brothers desiring Capitular Masonry join elsewhere. What a lot of arguments we’ve heard on this subject.

“It is much more effective than consolidation of Chapters and other suggested methods. It is a hard tree to bark, however, and even more so than to effect consolidation of Chapters.”

Under Texas this characteristic thought:—

“4,000 drop out of Michigan Masonry and the work goes on just the same or better. Isn’t that a lesson for all thinking Masons? Moral: Don’t waste white balls on black sheep.”

Canada at Niagara Falls receives friendly treatment. He mentions our distinguished visitors, including the General Grand High Priest and Michigan’s late and much regretted Grand High Priest McSween. He quotes the Grand Z. as follows, in what he styles “a masterpiece”:

“As expressed in his language: ‘It is not well to encourage indifference and to tolerate continued disrespect for small liabilities.’”

Of our Correspondence Review he kindly says:—

“Comp. Ponton again furnishes the Fraternal Correspondence. It provides a wealth of interesting matters, told in a style that holds the reader from beginning to end. Of the Grand High Priest, Comp. Ponton says that he used picturesque language throughout.”

Under the Review of Queensland we find these comments:—

“Comp. Fraser dwells on the importance of conservation of time in conferring the degrees. He says that every minute is doubly precious. “Crispness” is the word he uses in urging that Chapter meetings move along as they should. The writer of this review has enjoyed such occasions with our Canadian friends. We lack some way or other in getting the same amount of pep in efforts along this line in the
States, and we’re not saying whether it is the customary ‘toasts’ or what.”

MINNESOTA

J. Arthur Jensen, M.E. G.H.P.
John Fishel, M.E. Grand Secretary.
The Seventieth Annual Convocation was held in St. Paul, October 13, 1931.

Distinguished visitors from Manitoba and Utah were welcomed. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests honoured the Grand East.

The G.H.P. himself is the Grand Representative of Canada.

From his able address we quote:—

“We have endeavoured to bring about a closer contact between the membership and the Grand Chapter and by the means under our control to promote the welfare both in strength and the zeal which should actuate all Masons.

“The young are stricken in their pride,
The old, long tottering, faint and fall,
Master and scholar, side by side,
Through the dark portals silent glide,
That open in life’s mouldering wall
And close on all.

“'Brothers! The music of the sound
Breathes softly through my closing strain;
The floor we tread is holy ground,
Those gentle spirits hovering round,
While our fair circle joins again
Its broken chain.”

Among his decisions the following:—

“A request was made to hold a special meeting each month to ballot on petitions. To do so it would be necessary to amend the by-laws to hold two stated convocations each month.

“Rush City Chapter referred the matter of membership of one of their Companions in a neighborhood Lodge after taking his dimit and failing of election in another Lodge. The decision was that he became a non-affiliate Chapter Mason until membership in a Lodge is obtained.

“Dispensation was requested to heal an election held prior to the date fixed in the by-laws by Minnehaha Chapter. The Grand High Priest has no authority to legalize any action contrary to the by-laws.”
He sums up his views on the affairs of the Chapters as follows:

"The chief assets of a Chapter for its welfare and growth are, first, a High Priest who is endued with real leadership and ability to get enthusiasm and work from his officers and Companions; and second, an alert and competent Secretary.

"It is no more work to keep a good set of books and records than poor ones, and certainly the satisfaction of commendation is worth the effort many times over.

"Let us pay more serious attention to the Companion who may face the question of being separated from his membership for such causes as are usually found at the root of his defection. It is often easier to hold the old members than to bring in the new, and it is just as important to our prosperity."

He concludes with this verse:

"You do not need a score of men to laugh and sing with you, You can be rich in comradeship with just a friend or two."


Arthur E. Cantelon was elected G.H.P.

The Grand Lecturer made 130 visits and wrote 1,100 letters.

The Committee on the State of the Rite report:

"It does not follow that because a Companion has been appointed to one of the lower offices, he should be advanced to the higher ones. He should earn his shoulder straps or laurels by his zeal or service to his Chapter and the Order. All members should be encouraged to do something. Some have executive ability, but are poor ritualists."

Oliver Elwood, our Chairman of Finance, represents Minnesota.

Again for the tenth time the Foreign Correspondence is in the able, experienced and friendly hands of Charles S. Schurman, who says in his Foreword:

"There are some things which cannot be changed to meet changed conditions. We can, and have changed our methods of transportation; we have new amusements; new discoveries have changed our notions of hygiene, and matters of that kind; we have changed some of our ideas about creeds to some extent; but the fundamental things still remain. Masonry has expressed these principles for hundreds of years, and times have been changing with the coming generations all the while, but none of these fundamental things of our fraternity have changed."
“The changed conditions do not change the laws governing virtue. Changed conditions do not interfere with our acting on the square and loving our brother. Brotherly love, Relief and Truth are not changed by the hectic times in which we live.

“Rectitude of character needs nothing to improve it to make it fit into our times.”

Under General Grand Chapter we read:

“Dean Roscoe Pound in his lectures of Masonic Jurisprudence, says that Preston laid down the Masonic principle that Education and Knowledge were the universal solvents. No informed man or Mason questions this premise.”

Canada at Niagara Falls receives fraternal treatment. He refers to the civic welcome, to the number of distinguished visitors and to the address of G.H.P., Dr. Price, of which he says:

“The address of the Grand High Priest is an able paper. He reviews the conditions of the present time in the phrase of a philosopher. Yet out of it all there does not seem to be any suggestion as to how conditions may be changed.

“It surely is the fact that the best informed Masons have the most interest in the institution, and rarely are they among the delinquents suspended for N.P.D. That in itself is quite an endorsement.

He mentions favourably our benevolence of nearly $3,000 a year.

Of our Review he courteously says:

Comp. Ponton prepared an excellent report on Correspondence in his own inimitable way. Comp. Ponton’s reviews of the different jurisdictions reflect in a masterly manner a digest of not only what was done, but give also the salient points in the addresses and reports. It involves an immense amount of work, and shows a complete understanding of all the reports. The report makes excellent reading.”

From his long Review of Texas we make the following extracts:

“Conferring degrees does not make Masons any more than sounding tom-toms. You must have material to work upon. It is a homely symbol but a trite one: ‘You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow’s ear.’

“He says that conferring degrees on ‘pants, coats, and vests does not strengthen the Fraternity.’”

He is one of the few Reviewers who gives us both Foreword and Conclusion. From the latter we take these worthy paragraphs:
“It is only those who have a desire to satisfy a curiosity, and perchance wear the jewelry of what they are pleased to call higher degrees, who fall by the wayside, and that is natural enough, because they do not know what it is all about. A carefully selected membership—one which has the mental, as well as the spiritual equipment to understand and appreciate the Institution of Masonry—never drop out. It becomes a part of their life.

“You cannot make some men Masons no matter how faultlessly the work may be conferred. There would be a poor prospect of making a watchmaker of a hod carrier, or a business executive out of a horse jockey.

“The most capable men should be placed in command.”

MISSISSIPPI—1932

Alfred H. Jones, M.E. G.H.P.
E. L. Faucette, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-fourth Convocation convened in Biloxi, 22nd March, 1932.

Canada’s Grand Representative, L. S. Lippincott, sent a letter of regret.

The G.H.P. said that he endeavoured to trace the footsteps of his predecessors with an eye single to the glorious traditions of Capitular Masonry. He realized that a year is short in Masonic History.

Biloxi is described as a beautiful city on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico and one of the oldest of the State. We quote the following:

“Our forbears having had courage and perseverance and having triumphed over their difficulties, have handed down to us this wonderful civilization in which we live. We can do no less than preserve for our successors the treasures we possess. Let us attend to the business of the Grand Chapter diligently and promptly, and then, when the hour has arrived to call from labour to refreshment, let us be just as eager to relax and enjoy the hours of recreation.

“The programme provides for a visit to Beauvoir, the home of Jefferson Davis. All Mississippians and every American citizen should visit this interesting place, now a home for the old Confederate soldiers.

“The associations of this beautiful home will ever be dear to the people of the South, and a visit to these old people will stir your hearts and dim your eyes.”

A Commission was given to Adam Arthur Gray, of Toronto, as Grand Representative of Mississippi.
A Conference was held with the General Grand Council, the result of which is thus described:—

"At this conference, which dealt with problems peculiar to the present trying times, we listened to a wonderful address by Companion Stockwell, full of optimism and confidence in the integrity of our Masonic institutions.

"He pointed out that we are losing many members because of lack of contact with things Masonic. He called attention to the practice in New York, where each Secretary reports to the Grand Secretary the names of all members who have moved to other places. A letter is sent by the Grand Secretary to the Lodge where the member has moved, advising of the removal and urging that contact be made with him."

Under "Charters surrendered" we read:—

"When from economic changes, or lack of interest, or the pressure of other activities, it becomes apparent that ground is being lost, that interest has waned, and that the orderly functioning has ceased, then, indeed, it is almost a tragedy that it must go out of existence."

Of Masonic Homes he well says:—

These homes are an outstanding achievement of Mississippi Masonry. If there is any justification at all for Masonic organizations in Mississippi, the work they are doing is a fitting testimonial. One can not visit them without having a feeling of pride that he has part in this great work."

A question of surety bonds protecting against bank failures, has become an important issue in the United States.

He concludes his address with these stirring lines:—

"We like the man who faces what he must
With heart triumphant and a voice of cheer;
Sees his best hopes fail but keeps unyielding trust
That God is God, and somehow, true and just
His purposes work out for mortals.
Envies not, nor loses faith in man,
But with a heart of hope and voice of cheer
Gives zest to every toiler.
He alone is great
Who by a life heroic conquers fate."

The Grand Lecturer reports:—

"Sometimes the Chapter is in debt and the other Chapter is, of course, unwilling to assume the debt; sometimes the annual dues of the other Chapter seem far too large; sometimes inter-community rivalry interferes. I have never believed that I had the authority, or that it was expedient, to try to force consolidation."
Membership, 5,720. Loss, 963.
A distinguished visitor from Louisiana was welcomed.

The Educational Committee reported:—

“We do not believe that we can make a literary society or debating club of our Chapters, but while candidates are scarce, we can arouse in the minds of those who have received our degrees, a more active and intelligent interest.”

J. K. Young was elected G.H.P. He was presented with the historical ring in the following words:—

“To-day, it becomes my duty and pleasure to transmit to you as my successor, this beautiful ring, with the assurance that to me it has been an inspiration.”

The President of the Order of High Priesthood made a very informative address from which we quote:—

“The High Priest was the head, not only of the ecclesiastical, but also of the civil affairs, presiding in the Sanhedrin and judging the people. He superintended in the Temple, directing the mode of worship and preserving the building from profanation. He was inducted into the office by anointment and sacrifices. This dress, as described by the Rabbins, consisted of eight parts, namely: the breast-plate, the ephod, with its curious girdle, the robe of the ephod, the mitre, the embroidered, bell-bedecked coat and the girdle. The materials of which these were composed were gold, blue, red, purple, and fine white linen.

“The vestments of a High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter are intended to represent, though the representation is imperfect, the gorgeous apparel of a Jewish Pontiff. They are a mitre, breast-plate, and a robe of four colours. To these, Masonic ritualists have ascribed a symbolic signification. The mitre teaches the High Priest the dignity of his office; the breast-plate, the responsibilities to the laws and ordinances of the institution, and that the honour and interest of the Chapter should always be near his heart; and the robe, the different graces and virtues which are symbolized by the various colours of which it is composed.”

For those interested in the Order of High Priesthood the following will also be found of importance:—

“The ritual of the degree seems to be substantially uniform in all the states and has for its central idea, the blessing of Abraham by Melchizedeck and what could be more natural than to refer to the scriptural history of the meeting of
Melchizedeck, the Priest of the Most High God, with Abraham, the circumstances which occasioned that meeting, the bringing forth bread and wine, the blessing.

"A further illustration of the ceremonies may be had in a footnote found in an English Ritual work of the past century:

"'In some Priories, the candidate partakes of bread from the point of the sword, and wine from a chalice placed upon the blade handed to him by the Prelate.'"

"It appears that Webb had access to this ritual.
"Separated from the general mass of labourers in the field of Masonry, and consecrated to a sacred mission as teachers of its glorious truths, those who sit in the tabernacle as the representatives of the ancient High Priesthood are by the impressive ceremonies of this degree, reminded of the intimate friendship and fellowship which should exist between all those who have been honoured with this distinctive privilege."

Henry C. Yawn, P.G.H.P., presents his seventh annual excellent Review.

Canada at Niagara Falls is reviewed, the Reviewer saying that the Grand Z. delivered a lengthy and most interesting and excellent address. He makes a reference to and quotes from our Grand Z.'s treatment of his historical association, rich backgrounds and epochal events which characterize the historic District.

Of our Review he kindly says that it is prolific in pertinent quotations and comments.

MONTANA—1930

This Reviewer has only recently received the Proceedings of Montana for the year 1930. It is not his fault that it was not reviewed before. The volume is full of interest, as all Montana's Proceedings are. We are reviewing fully 1931 and 1932.

MONTANA—1931

Alfred J. Rowland, M.E. G.H.P.
Luther T. Hauberg, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Forty-second Convocation was opened at Billings, 16th June, 1931. The biographies of the Rulers of the Royal Craft in Montana are always striking and that of Comp. Rowland is no exception. We quote:

"Those of the Anglo-Saxon stock have ever been the stones of the foundation of the Masonic Institution, just as they
laid the foundation of human liberties in all English-speaking lands, and have spread the gospel of liberty to all lands of the globe.

“Our Grand High Priest, Alfred J. Rowland, takes pride in the fact that he can truly claim to be of full-blooded English ancestry. Personally, he is tall of stature, of fine physique, splendid presence, abounding in good nature and love for his fellow man; he has not outgrown youthful enthusiasm, is full of ‘pep’ and makes one of the best ‘pals’ a man can have. He ‘bubbles’ over with, and radiates, heartiness and good cheer, and is beloved by all who know ‘Al.’”

We take the following from the G.H.P.’s address:

“We are indeed most fortunate to have the opportunity of meeting in this beautiful metropolis of the Midland Empire, at the very door of Nature’s Wonderland and in sight of the Majestic Rockies. May our meeting her in the ‘Sugar City’ result in many sweet and pleasant memories of this occasion.

“‘There must be something after death.  
Behind the toil of man  
There must exist a God Divine  
Who’s working out a plan.’

“To make these few visitations I travelled approximately twenty-eight hundred miles. If it were possible to arrange an itinerary that would be suitable to all of the Chapters in the jurisdiction, at the same time, all would be well.

“Let the officers of each Chapter make a friendly call on their neighbouring Chapter at least once a year and let the High Priest of the Chapters visited give due recognition.

“‘When things go wrong, as they sometimes will  
When the road you’re trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you heave a sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must—but do not quit.’

“It will always be a pleasure to make my little contribution into the common treasury of Joy and Effort for the best interests of the Fraternity.”

Grand Chapter placed $5,000 in the fund for the maintenance of the Masonic Home, an example worthy of being followed.

Membership, 4,483. Net loss, 158.

The Grand Secretary says:—

“Of course the times are tough but they have been tough before and the Craft weathered through without difficulty. It is the hard battle that makes the captain or the hero. This may be a good time to show what we can do.”
The veteran R.E. Comp. Hutchison, in replying for the Grand Representatives, said:—

"When he presided as Grand High Priest at Great Falls he closed his address by saying that 'if only the good die young I hope to be with you through many more sessions.'"

This from the speech of M.E. Comp. Hepner:—

"Finally comes the aristocracy to which this half circle of Companions belong, the greatest aristocracy of the world, the aristocracy of service."

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were honoured at the altar.

H. T. Cumming represented Canada.

Of amalgamated forces, Comp. McAllister said:—

"So it is with the great Masonic institutions, that each branch possibly while it is standing alone does not, yet when amalgamated with the other branches makes one tremendous power and force."

Another response to welcome contains the following:—

"The Shrine to-day is facing a very great crisis and the rest of the fraternity is not in a position to rush to its aid and assistance as it otherwise would do. And here and there in all jurisdictions you hear the same complaint, that we are suffering like every one else from the depression, and there should be no depression as far as the Masonic fraternity is concerned.

"We renew our faith in our organization and renew our devotion to the principle."

Ernest M. Hutchinson was elected G.H.P.

Our esteemed Grand Secretary, R.E. W. M. Logan, represents Montana.

The Correspondence by H. S. Hepner, P.G.H.P., is his twelfth in succession and all have been and are of great merit.

Under General Grand Chapter, he says:—

"Charles A. Conover made report of his labours and accompanied the same with several interesting tables of data. The membership, as reported by him, showed 777,690, a loss of 28,856 for the three-year period.

Alberta Review produces something vigorous:—

"The 'Joiners'—'erstwhile members of a club'—to whom our teachings made no appeal, failing to attain to the standard of the Capitular sphere, have either taken their demits
or have been suspended. Like Noah’s dove they are hovering around seeking a resting place more suited to their ideas of fellowship. Those remaining are a decided asset and are fast proving their worth by developing a desire for further research and endeavour.”

This from Arizona:—

“Into the midst of this discordant mass of good and evil which we call human society comes an institution that here and there come out at least a few rectangular spaces ‘with greatest length from East to West’ with which peace, harmony and union prevail; friendship, morality and brotherly love are taught; fidelity, justice and truth are impressed; faith, reverence and devotion are urged; fortitude, temperance and zeal are enjoined; charity, sympathy and relief are inculcated. This we claim for Royal Arch Masonry.”

Canada at Niagara Falls is reviewed in friendly fashion. The Grand Z. is praised for his fine address and the following, with many other paragraphs, is quoted:—

“We trade together. We mingle as neighbours. The sign of international amity is over our portals.”

He is kindly appreciative of our Review:—

“Companion Ponton presented Correspondence Report. His reviews are masterpieces and taken together give a complete history of Capitular Masonry for the year. We miss his review of Montana.”

N.B.—Proceedings not received.—W.N.P.

North Carolina gives us something to think of:—

“Lack of leadership causes less of interest; lack of interest causes less of leadership; and thus we have what the medical fraternity calls a ‘vicious cycle in disease.’”

Comp. Hepner says at the “End of the Journey”:—

“The economic conditions of the world seem to have cast a shadow upon the Royal Arch and the travail of losses in lieu of gain in membership seems to continue a wailing wall of the votaries of the Capitular Rite.

“Many are the scapegoat sacrifices at the altar of immolation to appease such trials and tribulations.

“We seem to have set up a Moloch of numbers for our worshiping idol.

“Let us cast down this idol of clay and revert back to the Fundamentals of Capitular Masonry.

“Let us get closer to the hearts of those who are loyal Companions and be of the chosen of Craftsmen.
“So let us forget defections from our ranks and press onward in our zeal to lead the blind by the way they know not, and make crooked paths straight, in our journey.”

MONTANA—1932

Ernest Michael Hutchinson, M.E. G.H.P.
Luther T. Hauberg, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Forty-third Annual Convocation was opened at Missoula, 21st June, 1932.

From the interesting biography of the G.H.P. we extract these tributes, which are out of the ordinary; an ideal ruler of the Royal Craft:—

“Our Companion grew to manhood under the pioneer conditions that test the people who brave the hardships of early settlement in a new country. In his instance these conditions moulded a hardy physique, a stalwart character that is strenuous and persistent, a mind that is both serious and genial, a heart that can take the rebuffs of life and rebound full of love for his fellowman, a man’s man, a firm friend, a trusted adviser, and an optimist.

“He is a forceful public speaker. He stands fearlessly for what he believes to be right and just; he never straddles the issue. He is decided in his opinions but he does not parade them. He stands as a just and upright man and Mason.”

The General Grand High Priest, John W. Neilson, was introduced and in his reply said:—

“There is magic in the touch of a friendly hand and joy in a friend expressing brotherly love. So, Companions, let us get the full benefit of these meetings; let us clasp hands and let our voices ring true with words of kindly greeting and friendship.”

An interesting address was given by the Grand High Priest, who said:—

“How happy we all are this morning to be meeting in Missoula, the city of “Sparkling Waters,” the metropolis of Western Montana.

“Indeed, not all of the Vigilantes were Masons but, it is said, all Masons were Vigilantes. The rugged Rockies towering above the city bespeak the ruggedness and steadfastness of the people who are entertaining us.

“All were well pleased and as contented as possible. The Home is in perfect condition everywhere—clean and fresh, and healthful. My visit was an inspiration to me and I am satisfied with and proud of our Masonic Home.”

Of his invitation to Canada he says:—
"Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada celebrated its Seventy-fifth Anniversary, and your Grand High Priest was cordially invited to attend.

"Being personally unable to attend, I issued my Proxy to Companion W. M. Logan, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Montana, and invited him to officially represent the Grand Chapter of Montana on that occasion."

Under Education we have these interesting comments:—

"The education of the members of the Chapters in the traditions and lore of the Craft. Such education, in my judgment, is commendable and, to those who possess it, a source of much satisfaction. But it happens that the percentage of our membership interested in such matters is very small. Other things occupy their minds and attention and most of them have passed beyond that point in their lives where they can be interested in idealisms and symbolisms.

"The business slogan that anything is all right if you can get away with it has pushed aside the principle of honesty because it is honest, and the admirers of the gangsters, because they get away with it, are too numerous to mention. The Lindbergh kidnapping episode is a blot in our history. It is so much easier to destroy than to build."

With regard to Condition of the Craft he says:—

"Perhaps all we can do is quietly and earnestly pursue our way, always doing our best and always remembering that we are Masons. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction and, although we have received a sort of solar-plexus blow, I am certain we shall recover in due time."

A subject that received great attention from him and from Committees and other Bodies was the question as to whether the four divisions of Masonry should meet in the same week each year.

The Eastern Star again looms large in the discussion:—

"The question is, why can't these four Bodies have their annual meetings all in one week? In former years we had almost that—we had three of the Grand Bodies meeting the same week—the Grand Commandery only meeting at another time.

"The trend of thought, from those from whom I was able to get an expression, was in favour of your suggestion, but that we should be very careful and not seem to turn a cold shoulder on the Eastern Star. But in recent years the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Montana has developed into an organization of tremendous magnitude. Their Grand
Chapter meetings are now carried out on a scale so vast that the present two days allotted to it are so insufficient as to constitute a serious handicap to its requirements and operations. Sometimes a cause for worry and inconvenience to the Grand Lodge. The over-lapping of the activities of the two Bodies has not always worked without friction."

Of Grand Secretaries generally he says:—

"But Grand Secretaries are different. They not only have their own work but the work of higher officers as well."


Again with regard to the proposed joint Masonic week we read in the comments on the Report of the Committee:—

"We have seen the only available space in hotels reserved by the Order of the Eastern Star long before the Grand Lodge met or long before the Grand Lodge officers dreamed that it was necessary to make reservations. And with all due respect to them, I believe that we would be doing them the finest service possible if we helped them in every way we know to bring about an arrangement whereby they would meet at another time.

"'Well,' he said, 'I am absolutely sold on the proposition that the Eastern Star must before very long meet at another time.' He said, 'If it doesn't, some Grand Master is going to stand straight up some day and there will be another Pennsylvania episode in Montana.' And whether we know it or not, if a Grand Master sees fit to do it, it will be that way. It is one of his prerogatives to do just as the Grand Master of Pennsylvania did. And there might be some question whether the Grand Lodge would reverse him. There was no reversal of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania."

Walter R. Flachsenhar was elected G.H.P.

The Education Committee reported:—

"Now is the time to make Royal Arch Masons out of our Chapter members."

This from the presentation speech of the memento to the G.H.P.:

"Along with these nuggets we have mounted a Montana ruby to make the work more beautiful, something that is also one of the emblematic colours of Royal Arch Masonry."

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests were present. Canada was represented by H. T. Cumming. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, represents Montana.
The thirteenth consecutive Report on Correspondence under the skilled hand, head and heart of M. Ex. Comp. H. S. Hepner is, as usual, most interesting as he reviews the "doings" of Capitular Quarries and Vineyards in the world.

From California we take this striking extract:—

"'Companion' must be made to mean something. Our membership seeks to add to the intangible values of life. As men they normally have creative aspirations, latent if not evident. There is no substantial reason why men should continue members of certain types of Chapters. Listless meetings and careless officers crush any desire to fight on. Too often we elevate indifference to our highest offices, lacking the courage to stay unjustified ambition.

"We wish that all Grand Chapters were blameless. Some are working nobly and heroically. In others, machinery useless, or not used, is too much in evidence."

Canada, 1932, at Hamilton, is given a large share of his fraternal attention. He speaks of the many United States Jurisdictions represented as visitors and he notes the presence of their own Grand Representative with others. The treatment by our Grand Z. of the "Effect of Economic Conditions" is quoted in full. He says that the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry presented a very fine document. He describes vividly the birthday cake and its 75 candles and approves of our analytical index of topical subjects in our Review. He notes the omission in our last Review of Montana and we assure him it was because the Proceedings had not been received in time. He kindly says our Review, despite the omission, is very interesting and well worth the reading.

This from Mississippi. What a part the so-called weaker sex do play in some Jurisdictions in Masonry!:

"'On June, 1931, I was the guest of honour at a Past Matrons and Past Patrons meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, No. 4, Order of Eastern Star.

"'Surrounded by seven Past Matrons with whom I had the honour of serving this Chapter, I was accorded the Grand Honours and welcomed into my home Chapter.'

"Every little while we note some such item in addresses of Grand Masters and Grand High Priests."
“Of course it must be lovely to be ‘surrounded by seven Past Matrons,’ and it would take at least that many to surround the scribe, who is quite corpulent, yet, however delectable it might be, what place has this in the recital of the Capitular activities of a Grand High Priest during the year of his reign? As a Grand High Priest he is not a King Solomon to be surrounded and admired, and waited on yea, even by seven, Queen Esthers.

“Perchance Southern Chivalry prompted the large-typed caption as a part of his address; we trust that the good Grand High Priest will not tax us with being jealous of his attractiveness in having the bevy of ladies-in-waiting surrounding him on the occasion of his visit to Queen Esther.”

Comp. Hepner’s conclusion has always some philosophy which appeals to our heads and hearts:

“Hoarded capital and idle craftsmen are the star actors on the stage of the world’s theatre; co-operation and co-ordination of their several potencies would solve the problem; ghosts of Communism and Bolshevism would be banished from the fair face of our loved land, and the threatened raising of their standards arrested in other portions of the world.

“The writer has a philosophy which has helped him in the thorny progress through life’s pathway; it is old and yet ever new; when trials, tribulations and disappointments assail, he says to himself, ‘and this too will pass away,’ and they do!”

NEBRASKA

Emmett I. Ellis, M.E. G.H.P.
Lewis E. Smith, M.E. Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation was held in Omaha, December 2, 1931. The Invocation of Grand Chaplain Kuhns was so unusual that we quote the following thoughts from it:

“Through Thy hovering spirit give us the larger and deeper views of our present needs and work, even give to all Companions everywhere the daring of holy earnestness.

“We know not what all the foretokens of these restless times mean; the multiplied voices of the invisible have a strange mysterious meaning, and we find ourselves inwardly and spiritually drawn and irresistibly moved toward the excellence of the Infinite. Enrich us with the bright, optimistic, forward look, and let the Shekinah dwelling in our midst bestow sovereign blessings, and the cloud of guidance and security be with us according to our individual needs. Then shall we rejoice and be glad.”

A fine array of Past Grand High Priests, seventeen in number, were honoured, and many dis-
tinguished guests, including John W. Neilson, General G.H.P.; Perry W. Weidner, G.M. Knights Templar, who we regret to note has since died; W. L. Stockwell, R. V. Denslow and Representatives of Iowa, Colorado and Kansas.

The Grand Representative of British Columbia appeared in B.C. Regalia.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

The address of the G.H.P. was interesting throughout. We quote:—

"We have been a little too active. For instance, some of the Chapters that have in the past shown large numbers of exaltations are to-day showing the greater number of suspensions. It has been a case of too much quantity in numbers, rather than quality of material. Thus I take it that we have passed through a period that has taught us a lesson in humility. Yet we should remember that 'Whosoever humbleth himself shall be exalted.'"

Like so many other G.H.P.'s he renders the most earnest thanks that the Official Family has not suffered a loss during the year and yet he records the death of two Past Grand High Priests and of many other Companions. Why the distinction?

He speaks in the highest terms of the Masonic Home and says of its needs:—

"Companions, my object in calling your attention to the Home at this time is the fact that the accommodations, at present, are inadequate. Masons of Nebraska are doing for those who are less fortunate than some of us, by providing this Home, with its many comforts and conveniences."


A picture worth preserving adorns the Proceedings. It is that of M. Ex. Companions Weidner, Neilson and Stockwell grouped together—three splendid types.

We quote from the memorial tributes to the late Past Grand High Priests the following:—

"'There is no bourne to Being, and
No permanence in Death;
Time flows to an eternal sea,
Space widens to Infinity!"

"Their demise makes a bridge between Time and Eternity."
“'Oh the little birds sang east, the little birds sang west;
And I smiled to think God's greatness flows around our
incompleteness:
Round our restlessness—His rest!’”

Rewards for well doing are thus recorded:—

“The banner for the greatest number of exaltations was
presented to Brownville Chapter, and the banner for the
largest percentage of exaltations, was presented to Bethlehem
Chapter. These banners are to be retained by these Chap-
ters and returned to the Grand Chapter at the next Annual
Convocation, to be again awarded.”

Arthur C. Stem was elected G.H.P.

Clemens A. Spellman is the Grand Representative of Canada and William J. Potts, of Trenton, represents Nebraska.

The Report on Correspondence is by George N. R. Browne, P.G.H.P., who first reviews the General Grand Chapter, and is not enthusiastic about it. He says they accomplished little of real constructive nature. The visitations throughout the three years were however an outstanding feature. He thinks Texas, with its Sam Helm and Tom Bartley, excels the General Grand Chapter in their educational work. Estimating the aggregate expenditure of the Triennial Meeting at over $120,000 he wonders if the game is worth the candle and whether the General G.C. has not served its purpose, suggesting that there is no more need for it than there is for a General Grand Lodge.

His Review of Alberta is interesting. We quote:—

“The Grand Z. visited every Chapter, which is a feature in
itself when you look at a map of the Province. From his
report of these visits it is seen that the seed did not fall on
stony ground.

“No wonder the Grand Z. felt moved to eulogize those
pioneers who founded this country. The first Royal Arch
Chapter was established in 1892 under the Grand Jurisdic-
tion of Canada and was only 628 miles from its Grand
Superintendent, the nearest Chapter in Winnipeg. Isn't it
interesting?”

The following occurs in the British Columbia Review:—
“Inter-jurisdictional meetings were held between Washington and British Columbia, more or less a ‘show’ nature since neither jurisdiction will recognize the conferring of a degree in their jurisdiction according to the ritual of the other. Yet, should a Companion journey into the other’s jurisdiction and set up a residence we believe they would accept him as an affiliated member, eh? Some things just don’t jibe, do they?”

He reviews Canada at Niagara Falls and refers to the Grand Z.’s eloquent reference to the historical setting of that Convocation City. He refers in detail to the 122 dispensations issued during the year and to the fellowcraft “escapade.” Of our Review he is kind enough to say:—

“William N. Ponton again writes the reviews in his inimitable manner. He is one of the very few reviewers who reviews the reviews and thus gives his Companions something of what the other jurisdictions have to say of each other.”

This from the Review of Saskatchewan:—

“The Grand Z. was a railroad man and he did things with the precision of his years of training.”

This from Wisconsin:—

“Somehow we just can’t get the idea, even Masonically, or especially Masonically, of being ‘foreign’ to any state in the Union—or even Canadian Provinces.”

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

George A. Milette, M.E. G.H.P.

Harry M. Cheney, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Convocation was held in Concord, May 17, 1932. Nine Past Grand High Priests honoured and strengthened the Grand East.

Arthur M. Dunstan, as usual, faithfully represented Canada.

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maine and New Jersey were accorded private Grand Honours.

From the address of the G.H.P. we take the following extracts:—

“May we be ever mindful that our past blessings and success have been due to Divine assistance from that one
true God Jehovah, and may the continuance of His blessings be ours for the furthering of the great goal to which we aspire; the establishing on earth of that Universal Brotherhood of man to serve His will.

"Masonry is not founded on numbers, but fundamentally on character, loyalty and fortitude to carry out obligations assumed. Without these no man is worthy of becoming a Mason, much less to remain a Mason and enjoy the benefits of the Capitular Rite."

Of "getting together" in a double sense and the value of contact he well says:

"During my term in office I have found that the Grand High Priest and the other three principal officers of the Grand Chapter are not in close contact with the activities of the Chapters throughout the State. I feel that it is desirable that the first four officers of the Grand Chapter be constantly informed of the Chapter activities.

"I recommend that a check be made on our Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions to determine if our Representatives attend the annual convocations and if they are really representing us."

M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis, City Treasurer, of Hamilton, represents New Hampshire.
The Order of High Priesthood met and transacted the annual business.
There is no Review this year.

**NEW JERSEY**

George W. Kite, M.E. G.H.P.
Charles D. McCracken, M.E. Grand Secretary.
The Seventy-sixth Convocation convened in Trenton, May 11, 1932.
Eleven Past Grand High Priests reported for duty.
Canada was faithfully represented by Godfrey Pittis.
Distinguished visitors from Delaware, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania were welcomed and testified to the hospitality of New Jersey.
M.E. Comp. H. DeWitt Hamilton, P.G.H.P., was received specially and heartily.
The address of the Grand High Priest was full of good matter. We quote:—

"And to created man God gave the gift of time, that unceasing succession of continuous moments, of which to each of the human kind is allotted his particular part or share which constitutes his span of mortal existence.

"In the fullness of His purpose, God, the giver, desires that man, the receiver of the gift of time, should devote it to the service of his Maker and to his fellow man.

"To-morrow we set the stage for one more year of days. How well we served, how assiduously we applied ourselves to the task, to what advantage we used the time, the God given gift of months, is recorded on the scroll. Our words, our words, our thoughts of the yestertime cannot be altered. They may influence, they may sway or deter, but in themselves they are done.

"Before us is the day of opportunity. You will choose to lead you a man, honest and honourable—a Mason tried and trusty—an officer capable and tireless—a Grand High Priest who will have and hold the unbounded faith and supreme confidence of us all. Support him, co-operate with him, serve him. Give him of your time in needful measure.

"I arranged for Regional Conferences in Newark, Trenton, Camden and Atlantic City. At these meetings the general good of the Order was fully discussed.

"More than once have I heard it asserted 'A Grand Secretary can make or break an administration.' If this be true then let it be known that so long as Most Excellent Charles D. McCracken continues as our Grand Secretary our Grand Chapter is assured of an unbroken succession of successful administrations.

"Let us have leadership that leads; servants that serve; companionable Companions and friendly friends. Let us have loyalty to each other, loyalty to our Chapters, our Grand Chapter, our Country, and above all loyalty to our God.

"With service, loyalty, leadership, our Order cannot fail."

Membership, 19,118. Net loss, 533.

Among the good things said in the responses to the address of welcome to the distinguished visitors the following:—

"We are going at such a rapid rate, thinking only of the material things, that we lost our vision. For a time we heard that slogan, 'two cars in every garage.' Everybody was out for more and forgot their God. In our endeavour to forget the spiritual vision, in our failure to do to our Companions those things we should, many of them have contracted from us Masonic pneumonia, and they have died as a result.

"Similar statement was made by the great Roman philosopher, Marcus Aurelius, when he said: 'Be Thyself.'
What a change in the world if we would be ourselves, instead of trying to be somebody else. But philosophy has gone beyond the point of knowing and being one's self to the statement: 'Give Thyself'—that philosophy which was demonstrated by the great Master—Know Thyself; Be Thyself; Give Thyself.

"The sun is about to rise upon the morning of a new day. What best could I wish for you? A work of real definite value to do, a mind unafraid to travel, a sight of the eternal hills, and something beautiful the hand of man hath made, a sense of power as you give a few moments of silent thought to the sense of the presence of God, and the patience to wait for the accomplishment of His will."

The Committee on Necrology, of which Canada's Grand Representative is Chairman, quoted:—

"Just over in the morning lands.
'The life of man is an arrow's flight,
Out of darkness into light.'"

Charles R. Rinehart was elected G.H.P.
Kenneth J. Dunstan, P.G.Z., represents New Jersey.

Richard C. Woodward addressed the Anointed High Priests, saying:—

"The co-operation and charitable spirit that is engendered by a true realization of its beneficent purposes, and to what length one should go in the carrying out and patiently putting into practice its fundamental Covenants. Dwelling upon the reverence due the Name of the Great Creator, which should be observed by all. Urging upon each and every one the necessity of a proper realization of its wondrous teachings, so that all animosities would cease, and peace, love and harmony prevail."

This Reviewer has the honour of belonging to the New Jersey High Priesthood and values highly the Bible presented to him at Trenton years ago.

David McGregor approaches his task of Foreign Correspondent as a novice entirely free from any previous commitment as to method or policy. He appears to have a good mind of his own. He says in his Introduction:—

"A Masonic Digest, showing what is in the minds and hearts of the distinguished leaders of the Craft, relative to the aspirations, accomplishments, and reverses of the Order; hoping that the readers may gather therefrom some inspiration and encouragement for the performance of their respective duties, and find some worthwhile suggestions for improvement."
“It may be of interest to note that the North Eastern States show an average of about 2% loss in membership due to suspensions, the Western States beyond the 105th parallel had an average loss of about 3.4%, the Middle States went to 4.8%, while the Southern States have suffered most from this epidemic of N.P.D. with an average of 9%.

This from Arizona Review:—

“Comp. Claffey aptly epitomizes Masonry thus: ‘It is an institution wherein peace, harmony, and union prevail; friendship, morality, and brotherly love are taught; fidelity, justice, and truth are impressed; faith, reverence, and devotion are urged; fortitude, temperance, and zeal are enjoined; charity, sympathy, and relief are inculcated.’”

This from District of Columbia:—

“It is a long lane that has no turning and their Grand Chapter will ‘find a turn just around the corner’; suggesting the thought that they will have to get around the corner by their own effort ere they reach that ‘turn’ for the better, and this he aptly expresses in the wish that their assiduity and activity be ever commensurate with their duties, opportunities and responsibilities.”

A word from Maine:—

“This is an age of haste, but in Masonry it is well to make haste slowly, and not encourage the over ambitious, more especially when the candidate seeks to make of the Chapter but a stepping stone to other Masonic bodies.

From Massachusetts the following:—

“It is more praiseworthy in many respects to save an old member than to get a new one.

Canada is reviewed with friendly appreciation, Comp. McGregor saying:—

“Our Companions to the north of the ‘invisible line’ appear to be in a more stable condition that we are, three out of eight Canadian Grand Jurisdictions show a net increase in membership, while only one of ours has the plus sign to its credit. Their percentage of exaltations to membership is twice that of ours, and that of suspensions to membership, about two-thirds that of ours. Their suspensions to total loss was 20% less than ours, and this with much smaller Chapters, their average membership per Chapter being 140 as against ours of 221, about 64% larger than theirs.

“The constant exchange of visits, the bonds of fellowship welded, and the community of interest we have had in a powerful institution, have contributed in no small degree to a solid Brotherhood.”

A word from Victoria:
"The Holy Royal Arch in every part of the world was founded on Truth; teaching us that we should be, firstly, ardent seekers of the Truth; secondly, faithful followers of the Truth; and thirdly, strict speakers of the Truth."

NEW MEXICO

Wm. H. Duckworth, M.E. G.H.P.
Alpheus A. Keen, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Thirty-fourth Convocation was held at Las Cruces, March 24, 1932. John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, was the distinguished guest of honour.

Five Past Grand High Priests joined in welcoming him.

From the G.H.P.'s address we make these extracts:

"We are delighted that this Convocation is being held in the City of Las Cruces, in the Valley of the Rio Grande. This section of our State is rich in history.

"It is this obligation, pledging faith in God and allegiance to our Country, that makes us Brothers. Brothers, speaking the same tongue; striving, each in his own way, to serve God and country. Let not your faith be shaken. The need for faith, in God and country, was never greater than to-day. It is this faith that makes us true Companions.

"The end is not yet. When Churches and Fraternal Organizations show a loss in membership, when business conditions throughout the work are as unsettled and as uncertain as they are to-day, the individual cannot hope to escape. Each must expect to bear his full share of the burden.

"If conclusion can be made to truly mean the end; the end of uncertainty, the end of discontentment and the end of dissatisfaction; if conclusion can be made to mean the finish, the finish of doubt, fear and suspicion; if conclusion can be made to mean the close, the close of desire for unearned and undeserved rewards, then this word conclusion is indeed a most welcome one, for it marks the beginning of a new era."

Membership, 1,915. Net loss, 51.

Arthur R. Tillman was elected G.H.P.

Reuben Perry is the able and experienced Foreign Correspondent.

We take the following from his Review of Montana:

"Let us cast down this idol of clay and revert back to the Fundamentals of Capitular Masonry."
“Let us get closer to the hearts of those who are loyal Companions and be of the chosen of Craftsmen.”

This from his Review of Missouri:—

“It is said, that some travel a long way up and yet are not very high Masons after all.

“The Operative Mason knows that one unsound ashlar will weaken the walls, and probably cause destruction of a beautiful building, so the imperfect stone is rejected.”

A stern truth from Texas:—

“In the midst of starvation, there is plenty.”

From Alberta Review:—

“The Blue Lodge is the basis of all Masonry and unless a man is in good standing in his Blue Lodge, it seems to the writer that he should not be treated as in good standing in any other.”

In the Review of Canada at Niagara Falls he speaks appreciatively of our activities and especially of Grand Z. Price’s address. We quote:—

“A beautiful truth, and we hope a lesson that will be heeded by others, is quoted from the Grand First Principal’s Address, as follows:—

“We are gratified to know that the battles fought by our ancestors, well over a century ago along these very stretches, settled for all time, let us hope, the destinies of two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon family.”

He considers the rulings of the Grand First Principal correct; and quotes our finances as an evidence of success.

This may be questioned by some under New South Wales:—

“We, who remain, have no moral right or claim upon deflecting Companions. They knocked at our portals—we admitted them—they apparently did not find what they expected.”

NEW SOUTH WALES

Albert Chandler, M.E. Grand First Principal.
F. R. Sinden, R.E. Grand Scribe E.

Supreme Grand Chapter met in Sydney, 14th January, 1931, to consider the relations between New South Wales and Scotland.

Supreme Grand Chapter met in Sydney, 11th February, 1931. Canada’s Grand Representative was not present.
From the address to the Grand First Principal we excerpt:

"To our Companions who have been visited by the severe earthquake and to those in Queensland who have suffered the effects of a flood we extend our deepest sympathy in their distress."

A lecture by R.E. Comp. May was greatly appreciated upon the comprehensive subject of "Our Grand Master, Moses: an Introduction to the Banner Lecture."

Quarterly Convocation in Sydney, 16th May, 1931.

The address of the Grand First Principal was full of interest:

"We meet in times of difficulty and unrest, and it is good that we can for a few moments come into the sanctuary of a Chapter and calmly review the trend of human affairs. The world seems to be on trial and in need of some master mind to guide its destinies. We seem to have reached a similar stage to that which prevailed about two thousand four hundred years ago when the Jews were in captivity in Babylon and as our ritual points out they were resting in contentment and luxury and the Temple of the Lord was in ruins at Jerusalem, and our ancient Companion, the prophet Haggai, had to upbraid them for their indolence and used the words of exhortation, "Who is there among you of all His people? His God be with him and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah and build the House of the Lord God of Israel (He is the God) which is in Jerusalem." The world at present seems to consider the material side more than the spiritual side, and there is need for a prophet Haggai in this generation to exhort the nations to leave their fleshpots and return unto the Lord."

Quarterly Convocation, 12th August, 1931. The Grand First Principal said:

"The world seems to be swayed by so many false doctrines that the call comes to us to play our part in the destiny of nations.

"Whilst admitting that we all came into this world on an equality, yet we recognise the fact that distinctions of rank are necessary amongst men to preserve due order and authority as a reward of merit and proficiency, yet no eminence of station should cause us to forget that we are all brethren.

"Our Grand Scribe E., has had printed a plan for the arranging of Chapters, and I would urge the Principals to
secure a copy and instruct their Janitors to lay out the Chapters in accordance therewith."

The Grand Z. and others visited generously and the result is thus characterized:

"Their addresses in the South were intellectual, most helpful, and greatly enjoyed by all."

A lecture on the Banners was enjoyed.
Quarterly Convocation, Sydney, 11th November, 1931. Canada's Grand Representative not present.
The Grand Z. visited all the Chapters but three.
A special Installation Convocation, Sydney, 28th November, 1931.

J. McCreadie represents Canada, and New South Wales is represented by W. H. Tudhope.
The Report on Correspondence is in the hands of a capable Committee, of which H. Earlam is Chairman. The Foreword is full of interest:

"Each of us will continue his individual reviews, but we feel that the general discussions that our meetings will provide will enable us to do our work more thoroughly and with greater efficiency. Dissimilar causes have probably produced similar effects in different jurisdictions, but there must be general as well as particular causes behind such a general result.

"We must admire and respect the Masonic strength of the principles that actuate them in their resignation, and we would do all in our power to retain their active membership. We would go a long way with the Companion who urges that a fraternal organisation based on the principles of Freemasonry should abolish the elimination of members by suspension; but if the happy day comes when we shall receive into our fold only such brethren as should be received, the necessity for such elimination will disappear.

"Numerical strength carries in it disintegrating elements definitely destructive of essentials and ideals. An inrush of anything is rarely so pure as a steady normal flow. It carries with it unwanted and undesirable elements. And it may be that the present process is a precipitation process, when the unwanted elements are quietly subsiding, and by their disappearance carrying out a necessary process of purification.

"The fraternity and the nation are so intimately associated that what affects one must inevitably influence the other, and that, therefore, the insidious attacks on established order represent a deadly menace to Freemasonry.

"Poisons are being insidiously—aye, and openly—spread in all our communities. We are not in any way, thank God,
a political body; but we are, and again thank God for it, a loyal body, which stands for law and order, for decency and uprightness.

“The office of Grand Representative, which is now largely nominal, should be made a more definitely useful one; and with this we are in cordial agreement.

“We have been deeply impressed with the dignity and beauty found in Reports on Necrology. Not only are the tributes to Companions who have passed within the veil eloquent and touching, but the general references to the transcendental issues involved are worthy of their theme, and combine Masonic, philosophic, sentimental and religious thought in a most inspiring manner.”

It having been suggested that the Chairman of Education of General Grand Chapter be sent to each High Priest to advance the cause, the Reviewer comments:—

“There is the germ of sound propaganda idea here. In fact, a nest of germs.”

This under Arkansas:—

“The woof and warp of the Masonic fabric are the brothers on the side lines. Designs in the tapestry may be conceived by a few leaders, but the weaving is in the hands of the rank and file.”

We clip the following from the friendly Review of Canada by F. H. Farrar:—

“The Canadian Grand Chapters are constituted very much the same as our own Supreme Grand Chapter.

“Judging from the excellent photo of their Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Price, their regalia is the same as our own. The Grand Z. is shown wearing the Royal Arch apron the same as ours, edged with the gold fringe of Grand Chapter rank; he also has a gold chain with the jewel of his office.

“The Grand Z. gives a very full report of his activities. He has a word to say to the Grand Representatives.

“A very gracious recognition for long and faithful service.

Comp. Ponton submits a very comprehensive Foreign Correspondence Review, which is written in a most readable manner. He gives three pages to our Proceedings, from which he makes extensive quotations, and states that our Reviews are full of vital interest. It is nice to read this, we certainly try to make them of interest, and if the Reviews are read by the Companions, we will feel amply repaid. Comp. Ponton comments on the non-attendance of their Grand Representative at our Convocations. Well, our Companion has four opportunities to represent you, Comp. Ponton, whereas our Grand Representative to your Grand Chapter has only one opportunity per year.”
North Dakota Review contains the following:

"May we take it as an indication of forcefulness and virility that after the Grand Chapter dinner, the Companions adjourned to the auditorium, where there were three boxing bouts and two wrestling matches?"

As to joint installation we excerpt the following:

"He noted that Wyoming permitted a joint installation of Chapter and a Craft Lodge. This Scribe wonders how this was accomplished. Viewed from New South Wales' angles, the installations would be both illegal and impossible."

A friendly greeting under Wyoming:

"Companion Watson's portrait appears with his reviews, a very nice idea, inasmuch as it gives us the opportunity of seeing what sort of a chap he is. We 'like the look of him.'

NEW YORK

Roy B. Davis, M.E. G.H.P.
Charles C. Hunt, M.E. Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Convocation convened in Albany, February 2, 1932.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the Grand East, all of them men and Masons of note.

Canada was, as usual, faithfully represented by the outstanding and upstanding man and Mason, Edward F. Rolle.

Grand Chaplain Broughton uttered some striking thoughts in his opening invocation:

"Save us in our coming deliberations from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice; vouchsafe, we pray Thee, so to direct and govern us in our work, that by Thy mighty power all the affairs of our Grand Chapter may be so ordered and settled by our endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice may be established.

"Do Thou Who hast blessed the earth with all that is needful for the life of man, give Thy help and comfort to all who are in need. That we may be delivered from the evils alike of grinding poverty and of excessive riches; lead us into the paths of simple and upright living; take from us the spirit of covetousness and give us the spirit of service; show us the way so to order our life as a nation that, receiving the just reward of honest labour, none may want, but each according to his need may share Thy bountiful provision."
"We ask this in the name of Him Who came to show us the way of justice and love, our Lord and Great High Priest. Amen."

The total attendance was 574.
This Reviewer had the honour and pleasure of being in this old rendezvous of the Royal Arch.
Representatives from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Ohio, Quebec, Maine, Delaware, Michigan and Canada were heartily welcomed together.

Grand Master Charles H. Johnson received a special greeting, as did M. Ex. Comp. Henry DeWitt Hamilton, representing the General Grand High Priest. In his reply Comp. Hamilton said:

"I thank you for your kind reception and for the privilege of addressing the Companions either now or later. Let it be now. There is an old philosophy which has been epitomized in a very few words:

"'Happiness is the greatest good. The place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is to make others so.'

"He has sent me to express his cordial wish that all your doings may be well begun, wisely conducted and happily completed.

"The thought that comes to me is how cheerily we greet each spring, as if it were the first we had ever seen. We never seem to lose that zest for the enjoyment of the reawakening of nature.

"That is what it means to this one of your older members to come here every year and see true friendship reflected in your faces. I never lose the freshness—the newness of the pleasure that it gives me. And so this morning I cannot tell you how profoundly it stirs me to stand in this historic spot, hallowed by memories of so many noble souls, and greet you once again."

From the address of the G.H.P., which was exhaustive and interesting throughout, we make the following citations:

"Grand Chapter has met to review the work of one of the most trying years it has yet faced, and to glean from this experience the knowledge and inspiration that will enable it not only to meet the problems of the future with hope and confidence, but also to maintain high standards of efficiency.

"The Grand Chapter can prosper only as its constituent Chapters may prosper; the progress of the whole can be no more than the sum of the progress of each of its parts."
"After hearing the kind words of appreciation from the Companions who are under our care, I came away from Saranac Lake with renewed enthusiasm for the work in which Grand Chapter is engaged.

"The year has been a most trying one. To most of the world the year has been a nightmare, a conglomeration of events having no relation to life in its normal aspects. It has been a year of unrest and dissatisfaction among the peoples of the world, marked by upsets in the less stable governments of the South American Continent and by revolutions, more orderly but none the less real, in the governments of Europe.

"Let us get away from the idea that there is any inherent righteousness in Capitular Masonry that will, in and of itself, remedy these conditions. The only remedy in these times is WORK.

"This is still the age of the individual. Let no Companion think that by joining a Chapter, a Lodge, or any other organization he thereby loses or escapes his individual and personal responsibility for its welfare. Responsible individualism still continues."

He made a ruling in favour of suspended Companions as follows:—

"It appears that the matter of suspension was left to the judgment of a Committee instead of being voted on by the Chapter.

"I am, therefore, advising you that the attempted suspension of these thirty-four Companions was illegal and void as not being in conformity with the Constitution of Grand Chapter, and I further advise that if your Chapter decides to suspend these Companions, it will be necessary to begin over again.

"There can be nothing automatic about the process of depriving a Companion of his rights and benefits as a member of a Chapter. It can only be done by a due observance of the sections of the Constitution dealing with that subject."

He thus gracefully concludes:—

"Companions, the book is written. In it you may not find the attainment of the goal of our ambition, but you will at least find an earnest and faithful effort to attain it."


The address of Grand Master Johnson was full of good things, as was to have been expected. We quote:—

Last year we had about seven hundred celebrations of our anniversary. This year we are going to have about a million celebrations of George Washington. If the world does not
know when we get through that George Washington was a Mason it will not know anything. From one end of the State to the other, the Lodges and Districts are all planning.

“We have a tremendous responsibility. We have over 600 persons in the Masonic Home at Utica. Never so many before. We are spending something like $80,000 for relief outside of the Home at Utica.

“If it goes well in the Lodge it goes well in the other bodies. Let us realize we have a joint task to perform.”

John H. O’Brien was elected G.H.P.

Chaplain Broughton’s “Memorials of the Dead” was again a classic:

“There are only two ways of dealing with a sorrow. One is to brood over it, to seek to probe, analyse and understand it, to nurse and cherish it as a jealously treasured, though heart-crushing burden. The other is to yield it, to consecrate it unquestioned and understood to the Man of Sorrows, laying it at His feet as a pitiful but sacred gift and leaving it there.

“The second is the way of the Spirit. It is the way of victory; it is the triumph of the spirit over the flesh, of faith over fear and unbelief. It causes joy to grow out of sorrow, strength out of weakness, life out of death. It brings us sunshine instead of shadow, ‘the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.’”

From the In Memoriam pages, this verse:

“And he will have some gentle word to say, Some kindly deed to do; for living thought Was warp and woof of which his life was wrought, He is not dead. Such souls forever live In boundless measure of the love they give.”

George E. Briggs again gives us a piquant and delightful introduction to that which he still calls Foreign Correspondence. We make the following bright extracts:

“We noted that every Grand High Priest in his address handed a few bouquets to the Grand Secretary, but never tossed as much as a dandelion or chickweed at the cheerful conscientious Reviewer.

“We have been pleased to see so many quotations from the annual addresses of our Grand Chaplain.

“We found the favourite one to be that delightful rhythmic and sentimental ‘It’s the human touch in this world that counts.’ Why not try ‘Abou Ben Adhem’ by Leigh Hunt, or Kipling’s ‘If’ for a change? Fit in any Masonic discourse.

“From the number of times we have noted the keystone, the emblem of the Mark Master Mason’s degree, emblazoned
on the cover or title page, are we to infer that there are no other degrees in those Jurisdictions? Is the roster made up of Mark Master Masons only? That might go in England, but in America the triple tau, we understand, is the official emblem or insignia of Royal Arch Masonry. Not only is the keystone inappropriate but radically out of place except in the degree which it symbolizes.

"We recall a guide in the Adirondacks who was asked after a long rainy season if he thought it would ever stop raining. 'Well,' drawled the guide, 'it always has before.'

"Call us a cynic or a pessimist, but we believe this rain of lost members will not cease yet awhile.

"It seems to us that all organizations, fraternal, social and religious, founded on idealism are 'slipping' in this rushing, hurrying, hectic, materialistic and practical age. Some philosopher said that 'the world makes its progress on the feet of little children.'

"This truism was recently put in diagnostic terms by a great American physician—'Worry kills more people than war'—and was affirmed and reaffirmed at the American Medical Association convention recently.

"And so, while still groping, though not lost, in this dark and gloomy atmosphere, we bid adieu."

His Review of Canada at Niagara Falls is appreciative and appreciated. We quote:—

"With the professional title of D.D.S. opposite the name of the Grand Z. and the title of M.D. following the name of the Grand H., Dr. Price and Dr. Haentschel, at the outset of the Proceedings, the opening of Canada's Grand Chapter began with a paradox. Eh, what? Incidentally in New York State the use of titles, except Reverend, other than Masonic ones is taboo. However, each Jurisdiction is entitled to its own nomenclature.

"These amenities disposed of, the Grand Z. had his inning. He visited the Grand Chapter of Quebec and 15 of his own Chapters, dedicated three new Chapter rooms, crossed the border into the Empire State once.

"The Superintendents of sixteen Districts and the Yukon utilized 117 pages of the Proceedings with extremely careful and minute recitals of their activities and conditions in their territory.

"Canada's treasure box contained securities aggregating $83,000 par value. Cash balance, $8,922.31. Henry Hoyt said way back in the fifties:

"'Should all the banks of Europe crash, The Bank of England smash, Bring all your notes to Zion's Bank You're sure to get your cash.'
"The Grand Chapter of Canada always seems to have ample cash.

"A motion to change the title of 'Janitor' to 'Sentinel' was further altered to 'Outer Guard' and so adopted. To paraphrase an old and well-worn saying, 'A job by any other name will pay as much.'

William Nisbet Ponton fills 239 pages with his matches reviews, to which we have paid just compliment several times and now repeat all we have in the past said of them and then some. He furnished at the beginning an alphabetical 'index to some special subjects treated in his Review,' 58 of them, from Agriculture and Bible to Women and Zerubbabel. By coincidence there were also 58 Reviews. New York was generously accorded eight pages, nearly three of them to our Canadian digest."

Throughout the Reviews Comp. Briggs goes over the top.

The address of Grand Chaplain Broughton on the "Working Tools of Life" was fine. Space only permits a few brief extracts:—

"What is the real difference between a man and any of the other animals on earth? You might answer the question in several ways: 'Man is the animal that Thinks,' 'Man is the animal that Talks,' 'Man is the animal that Laughs.' That answer does not quite satisfy.

"The best answer to the question before us is that 'Man is a Tool Using Animal.' Just grasp the significance of that for a moment. 'A Tool-Using Animal!'"

"We measure his civilization accordingly. We call different periods of history the Stone Age, the Bronze Age, the Steam Age, or the Electric Age. Yes, all our industrial prosperity rests on the Tool Maker. A New Tool makes a New Age. The man who knows how to use and make tools is the foundation on which the progress, convenience, and safety of our modern society rests.

"'The will power.' Behind an efficient body there must be a strong will. Behind a chisel you need a mallet to give it force and direction. A chisel without another tool to drive it is worth nothing. Use of the tool of a friendly heart!

"Companions, I call you to be men! Upright men, different from the rest of the animal world. Skillful craftsmen, wise and efficient."

Our late Companion, the well beloved Frederick W. Harcourt, at the date of these Proceedings was the Grand Representative of New York in Canada.
NEW ZEALAND

E. Dacre Dunn, M.E. Grand Z.
C. W. Nielsen, Grand Scribe E.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation was held in Dunedin, 24th February, 1932.

Seven Past First Grand Principals were loyalty present.

The valedictory of Companion Dunn was a fine one. He said:—

"With respect to the year's work (and progress) I think that it has been under all the trying circumstances, very satisfactory, but I must first allude to the great loss we have sustained in the loss of many distinguished, worthy, and much beloved Companions. In all the Districts find a very high grade of work, coupled with reverence, earnestness, and simplicity. The good feeling and harmony that exists in each Chapter is also carried into their association with the sister constitutions. I trust that in the coming year we may put forth fresh efforts to alleviate the burden of distress that so many are bearing, and try and carry our own without complaining."

James Rich Dreaver elected First Grand Principal.

Assistance was rendered to Chapters who had suffered in the earthquake.

The Supreme Committee reported:—

"It is hoped, and moreover believed, that the year 1931 will stand out in isolation and not prove to be the precursor of further periods of stress and anxiety.

"As might be expected in a time of universal economic depression, Freemasonry generally has suffered a numerical diminution, and the Capitular side shows similar evidence, although not pronounced. The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts attached indicate a hopeful spirit.

"The cordial and fraternal tone of the letters regularly received from the officers of jurisdictions abroad reflect the harmonious relations existing between them and this Grand Chapter. Instances which have been observed of courtesies extended abroad to Companions of this territory have been gratefully acknowledged.

"There should, and there appears to be, a making-good in Chapters generally, and a getting down to real values.

"Traditions of comradeship and fraternal regard are cultivated in the highest degree, and where the only subject of rivalry is 'who best can serve and best agree.'"
The Grand Superintendent of Taranaki District gave an interesting report:—

"The Chapters assist each other whenever called on. In some cases the Companions travel over eighty-five miles to do this, and can always be relied on. It is wonderful."

Constitutional amendments were made with regard to the conferment of rank Honoris Causa.

With regard to the number of Grand Officers this:—

"A comparison with the English and Scottish systems showed that in New Zealand there were more Grand officers, and while it was a healthy thing for Companions to aspire to office, he wished to see it regarded as an honour and worth striving for."

M. Ex. Comp. Dreaver then delivered his installation address:—

"In it we have an inner circle, to which, after due deliberation and consideration we admit the best members of the Craft. We are not out for numbers. Here we find a closer bond of fraternity and friendship. The present time is one of unrest and upheaval, but by the unity of the Companions and the dissemination of Masonic principles we may find that which will mitigate the stress and strain of the outside world.

"Here they learn the true meaning and also the true responsibility of fraternity and friendship, both what they claim and what they involve, and also learn to put into practice the meaning of companionship. The Degree carries on the sequence of the previous Degrees in Freemasonry and fiftly concludes and rounds off the whole, by a symbolical view of that Heavenly Jerusalem to which we all hope to attain.

"Thus, having symbolically passed through the states of birth, life and death, we are confronted with the purpose and the meaning of it all as expressed in the teachings of the Holy and Royal Arch Degree to glorify and worship the True and Ever Living God Most High.

"The immensity, the grandeur and the power of the Most High are amply demonstrated in His works, but while pointing out these qualities the Royal Arch is dearest to us in that it brings out to the fullest extent His mercy and His love.

"They traced the walls, they found the Columns, they recognised the Arch and on that is founded our Ceremony. Now the keystone is a symbol of strength and stability and in Royal Arch Masonry that is God.

"Masonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion, but its essential feature is a recognition of religion. It is incompatible with irreligion."
“Profitable use may be made of the time available for the delivery of lectures, and other instruction, and in that connection our town companions may be of assistance to those in the country.”

J. H. Harkness, P.G.Z., duly represented Canada. The Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged. Dr. J. Austin Evans, of Toronto, represents New Zealand.

Membership, 4,104. Loss, 79. The In Memoriam pages are preceded by this verse:

“We travel from dawn to dusk, till the day is past and by, Seeking the Holy City beyond the rim of the sky.”

NORTH CAROLINA

John R. McCraken, M.E. G.H.P.
John B. Griggs, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-fourth Convocation met at Rocky Mount, May 24, 1932. Eleven Past Grand High Priests present.

Representatives from Arkansas, South Carolina, O. Frank Hart and G.G.H.P. Neilson were cordially greeted.

Canada’s Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.

The Proceedings are most creditably printed by the boys and girls at the Press of the Oxford Orphanage, an example to all other Jurisdictions.

From the address of the G.H.P. our readers will be pleased to read the following paragraphs:

“The long continued financial stringency has taken its toll, and left its gaps in our ranks. Many of our Companions are unemployed, and some of them are finding great difficulty in supporting their families, while others are indifferent.

“We are now in the midst of a weeding out, or purging process, which, in my opinion will result in a crystallization of the real spirit of Masonry. A Chapter with a membership of twenty-five really interested Companions, with Masonry in their hearts, is worth more to the cause.

“The welfare and success of the Grand Chapter depends upon the welfare and success of our Companions.

“I insist that the burden in such cases should not rest entirely upon the Subordinate Chapter.
"'Nothing shall die. What though the darkness falls
Across dim eyes that gaze their last on light.
Look up, oh heart, to where the splendid halls
Of God's great palace shine beyond the night.'

"Under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Brother Mel. Johnson, of Boston, was the orator of the day, and delivered a masterful address, which I have heard a number of prominent Masons say was one of the best they had ever heard.

"These District Meetings will bring the Companions of each group of Chapters into a closer contact and relationship with each other, and with the Grand Chapter.

"Our Orphanage is an object of pride to every Mason and deserves our unstinted support, and I recommend that the Committee on Finance be as liberal in their recommendations for appropriations to this institution as our funds will permit.

"It will be a joy to any of you to visit the home, which is a real home, and see those people spending the evening of life happy and contented. Masonry has done many great things, but she has never done anything greater and nobler than providing this home for those Brothers and Sisters."

Membership, 6,110. Loss, 524.

We note the addition of several volumes to the library, among them fifteen volumes, "The Pageant of America," presented by an old friend, A. B. Andrews.

From the Memorial, of which J. Edward Allen was Committee Chairman, we read the following beautiful lines:

"The great poet Edwin Markham has caught the spirit of the useful life well grounded in a correct philosophy in the following lines:

"Let us not think of our departed dead
As caught and cumbered in these graves of earth;
But think of death as of another birth,
As a new freedom for the wings outpread,
A new adventure waiting on ahead,
As a new joy of more ethereal mirth,
As a new world with friends of nobler worth,
Where all may taste a more immortal bread.
So, Comrades, if you pass my grave sometime,
Pause long enough to breathe this little rhyme;
Here now the dust of Edwin Markham lies,
But lo, he is not here; he is afar
On life's great errands under brighter skies,
And pressing on toward some melodious star.'"
William B. Hodge was elected G.H.P., and W. R. Smith Grand Secretary.

Edward C. Berkinshaw represents North Carolina. W. G. Bandy represents Canada.

We are glad to have a picture of the thoughtful face and penetrating eyes of the great Correspondent, J. Edward Allen, whose name is a household word with the Reviewers of all Jurisdictions. He begins with some personal opinions, from which we quote:

"The Prophecy of Isaiah is sometimes called the 'Fifth Gospel.' It is the first in importance of the great prophetic books of the Holy Bible.

"In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river . . . and it shall also consume the beard.

"Of late, in reading the proceedings of fraternal societies, in hearing the complaints of churches, in observing the wrecks left behind by the floods of destruction on the stock markets, in hearing the moanings of those who have produced commodities which they cannot sell at a profit, and in seeing thousands of those who have been safe in positions of good compensation but which have been lost to them—in a study of these things which together constitute the current material disaster in this and other countries—the 'Great Depression,' as it is called—we have come to think of that 'blockade' sermon which was delivered at the country church in Wayne County.

"The Hired Razor is at work!

"Fraternity which glorifies the material is fraternity stultified. Religion which concerns itself with the accumulation of things material is religion in name only. An unnatural condition prevailed, which was incompatible with the prosperity of the better things—the things of the Spirit—the things which link Humanity with Deity.

"Then it was that the Hired Razor went to work!

"It takes adversity to make character.

"There is an imperative necessity that those who are now and still Masons and members as well, should come to know ourselves and each other in our real and true capacity as brothers, and not as a part of a Masonic machine or institution.

"He who accepts office knowing that he cannot adequately advance the cause to which he promises his support, is guilty of intellectual dishonesty.

"This is a tragedy. We have too many secretaries who nonchalantly say to themselves, 'It's not my business to go out and chase them down: I do my duty when I send out no-
tices, and if they pay no attention to these, they may expect to be suspended.' In these present conditions, one who serves as secretary with such an attitude should receive a kick in his Masonic pants, and another should take his place. Mail-order Masonry doesn't get anywhere under conditions which we know to-day. It's the real personal, Masonic touch that counts.

"For ourselves, we offer the printed page, attractively prepared, as a solution, in part, at least. In this form we can sell it—and unless we are successful in selling the idea of Masonic Education, it is a farce, a snare and a delusion.

"Perhaps somebody will call us a radical on reading the above: well, we are not afraid of that.

"I serve;
From my appointed path nor sway nor swerve,
What tho' the Eternal Wisdom did accord
Mean use for me? His love is my reward
If in mine own allotted sphere, I serve."

As usual, he intersperses his Reviews with poetic selections. We quote the following:—

**Three Gates**

"If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.
These narrow gates: First, 'Is it true?'
Then, 'Is it needful?' In your mind
Give truthful answer. And the next
Is last and narrowest, 'Is it kind?'
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be."

This excerpt precedes Iowa:—

"Three doors are in the temple
Where men go up to pray,
And they that wait at the outer gate
May enter by either way.

"Father, give each his answer—
Each in his kindred way.
Adapt thy light to his form of night,
And grant him his needed day."

As the risk of making this Review of Reviews an anthology, we quote:—
"Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"'How many anvils have you had," said I,  
'To wear and batter all these hammers so?'  
'Just one,' said he, and then, with twinkling eye,  
'The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.'

"And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word,  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;  
Yet though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unharmed—the hammer gone."

Of Reviewers generally and especially of Vermont's Harriman, he says:—

"We are of the opinion that Companion Harriman's report is a much better medium of Masonic Education that a vast number of lecturers, papers, etc. Many Chapters are destroyed by much speaking."

Canada, 1931, is the final Review of the series. He says with regard to Grand Z.'s address:—

"He suggests that the Chapter practice economy and make their dinners less elaborate. He suggests that the best features of the Royal Craft be brought out by making the ritual and ceremonies of exaltation 'appeal to the deep, aesthetic side of our nature'; declaring that if this is not done 'a great Craft will drop down to a commonplace level.' In this we heartily agree with him."

Of the Fellowcraft rush:—

"On investigation it comes to light that the motive behind it was to get him ready for the Shrine meeting a short time off. The case is not yet complete, and of course all matters relating to the exaltation of Boyd are declared null and void. It is a pity that an exuberance of ambition should produce such gross irregularities.

"Reviewer William Nisbet Ponton again produces a very fine document. It is well indexed too—a rare thing indeed. We wish we might quote from it at great length..."

**NORTH DAKOTA**

Arthur P. Guy, M.E. G.H.P.  
Walter L. Stockwell, M.E. Grand Secretary.  
The Forty-third Annual was held January 26, 1932, at Fargo.
A cordial official reception was given to distinguished visitors from Minnesota, South Dakota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The guests replied, Comp. Brownell being singled out thus:

"Companion Brownell is a very effective speaker. He said that these personal contacts and friendly visitations are of inestimable value. Heart speaks to heart. We come to pledge anew our desire for permanent peace and good will toward all peoples of all nations. The world is now a whispering gallery, a hall of mirrors and we must increasingly strive to be attuned to each other's wave length."

The following from his biography show the virtues of the G.H.P.:

"Companion Guy has undoubted capacity for leadership and administrative ability. He has a genial personality and a fine conception of the place which the individual or the organization should occupy in a community. He believes the Scriptural injunction: 'Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.'"

The G.H.P. gives a short address, the Grand Secretary saying that he had been "on the job and active at work." We clip the following:

"Provide funds either private, Red Cross or public funds, and to follow up the findings of the County Nurse, have the defects remedied, and see to it that the underprivileged child was given his chance.

"The seed has been sown and I believe is germinating and growing. I most heartily recommend that this form of service be made a permanent part of the duties of Royal Arch Masons.

"This Educational Committee also included in its resolutions and Hand Book a plan of definite import as just how to go about the matter of attending to the needs of the underprivileged child for which I am thankful, but you know it is very hard to get a life-long educator to devote much space and time to the practical things at the expense of the theoretical. Masonry is nothing if it is not practical, and this question of the needs of the underprivileged child is very near to my heart, and our concerted efforts should be continued.

"Now is the time when the constituent Chapters should be 'pepped up' in every way within our power. If there are any unnecessary frills they might be cut out at this time, but this is no time to hibernate. Should the Chapters have no work, the more reason why other means be devised to get the Companions together to perk them up as well as to see that the officers are proficient. Our motto should be 'Press On.'"
"Leaders and 'dangerous' men of deeds are needed in every form of worthy, human activity, whether it be social, business or Masonic."

The Order of the Eastern Star were received under escort.

When we turn to the Report of Grand Secretary Stockwell we always look for something good and get it:—

"1931 has passed into history. There are few persons anywhere who have regretted to see it go. In the realm of government it has been a year of mounting deficits, of default in the payment of interest on foreign bonds, of the moratorium covering payments on War Debts, of abandonment of the gold standard and the slump of the pound sterling, heretofore the Gibraltar of the world's money. Committees of International Bankers and diplomats have been feverishly consulting on these problems without finding a satisfactory solution. The only favourable sign is that the representatives of the various governments have been consulting together as men upon these conditions. Men, just plain men, not generals and gold braided diplomats, but men in high governmental positions have visited each other and have, by establishing close personal contacts, gotten each other's point of view. This will help.

"No one can escape the conclusion that times like these bring us closer together in a common humanity. If we can only learn the lesson so essential, these difficult days may not have been in vain, but our history records these depressions before and they were so much worse than this that we ought to be ashamed to whimper. Our trouble is that we have been living softly and fatly enjoying comforts and luxuries undreamed of by our grandfathers, and when we have to curtail a few of our costly habits we think we are hurt.

"Well, how has it affected our Chapters and Grand Chapters? We have been thrilled by the fine growth of several of our Chapters and then we groan over the slaughter through suspensions in others.

"Freemasonry in all its branches has a right to live and claim the attention of men. It will doubtless have to modify some of its procedure. It will have to be attractive through the better presentation of its ritual and lessons. These lessons will have to find expression in some form of service to men.

"The English speaking Masonic bodies in Mexico are a splendid influence for good, especially with young, unattached men in a country that is wide open in every form of vice."

E. George Guthrie, Fraternal Correspondent, presented his special Report, his 17th Annual Review:

“One of the outstanding reasons for the large loss in membership for recent years, might be the competition of the York and Scottish Rites for candidates, and the lure of the Shrine of the applicant, using the ladder furnished them by the ardent solicitation of over zealous members, who were careless about merit, but eager in acquisition. Abandonment of rivalry would aid in solution of this competitive-questionable race for members.”

From the address on Capitular Education we quote:

“Our strength is not in numbers, temples or endowment funds but solely in the character of our individual membership. Unless men are better Masons because of all these, then they are as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. This then should point the way for Masonic Education and the path we must follow. What we need in our social life to-day is not more laws, not more doctrines or more dogmas, but better men.”

Charles J. Phelan was elected G.H.P.

Grand Chapter passed a Resolution to reduce the present crushing burden of armament.

A humorous paragraph refers to “Adjusting Nuts” and reference is made to the Monkey Wrench Club, of which the pass word is “I object” and the response “I second the motion.”

Ten Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the Grand East.

The Circle of Elders held their annual concourse, the Regent quoting:

“Who is a Mason? It is one whose life
Is built on love, on kindness and on faith.
Who holds his brother as his other self;
Who toils for justice, equity and peace,
And hides no aim or purpose in his heart
That would not chord with universal good.”

Canada’s Grand Representative did not appear. He is George H. Keyes of Ellendale. George L. Gardiner of Toronto, our Third Grand Principal, represents North Dakota.
E. George Guthrie made his usual bright and friendly Reviews.

Under Alberta we read:—

“The foreword of the Report of Correspondence says that it is ‘a labour of love.’ We observe from initials that several had a hand in it, and we commend it for its almost thoroughness, and use the ‘almost’ advisedly, because there is no review of North Dakota, and assert that the lack of it spoils an excellent report.”

We quote from his Review of Canada at Niagara Falls the following:—

“They had many distinguished visitors, with General Grand High Priest John W. Neilson heading the procession. Our faithful envoy, Geo. L. Gardiner, was there, as is customary.

‘An intensely interesting and powerful contribution of logical thought was the address of the Grand Zed, and his earnestness was manifest in every page of his discourse. ‘Ours should not be a theory, but a practice, not a system but a force,’ is one of his direct conclusions. He reports a totality of 25,904 members, but submits a falling off of 237 Companions in a net loss, an unusual occurrence in a foreign Grand Chapter.

“The never failing constructively wrought plan of discourse from the mind and pen of Comp. Geo. Gardiner, was one of the delightful pleasures in reading the volume, and we regret our space is so limited that we can reproduce so little, but do want to cull one little excerpt:

‘Lean not too heavily upon the greatness, the power and the antiquity of our Noble Craft, but rather let us develop new forces to display its soul and make more glorious the laurels of to-morrow.’

“The always versatile report on correspondence comes from Companion W. N. Ponton, and makes a charming Appendix to ponder over. That he loves the work is very evident, but his task would be immensely more difficult if he were subject to orders to boil down.

“His cullings of things that appeal are well selected, his excerpts are many and pleasing, so the appendix is easily the charm of the volume.”

This generous thought from Texas:—

“Let us not condemn wholesale all who have dropped out. We do not know their individual problems. If there was ever a time in the history of Masonry when we should be tolerant, when we should spread the mantle of charity, when we should temper justice with mercy, that time is right now.”
NOVA SCOTIA

Joseph William Boyd, M.E. G.H.P.
Brenton F. Porter, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-third Convocation was held in Charlottetown, P.E.I., 21st June, 1932. The Jurisdiction embraces Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

Six Past Grand High Priests were present.
The opening is thus described:—

"The hymn, 'Oh God our help in ages past,' was sung. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison and the following Invocation was given by the Grand Chaplain, Herbert L. Haslam:

"'Most Holy and glorious Lord God, Thou Light in our darkness, Thou Strength in our weakness, Thou Joy in sorrow and Hope in every disappointment and Thou Life in every death, be pleased to be present in this Convocation to direct all our deliberations, save us from all levity, pride or prejudice, that we may glorify Thee.'"

M.E. Comp. McKee, G.H.P. of Pennsylvania, was heartily welcomed.

The G.H.P. says in his able address:—

"The history of Prince Edward Island dating back some two hundred years is replete with the echoes of the strife between Great Britain and France, in the eighteenth century, for the mastery in North America. While the French were the earliest settlers it is perhaps the Scotch which have left the greater impress. Ramseys and Stewarts, McKenzie and McIntosh, Sinclair and MacArthur, McKay and Macdougall, Fraser and McEachern testify to its Caledonian colour."

This is recorded under Degrees by courtesy:—

"St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2, Halifax, conferred the Royal Arch Degree upon Brother Torney, of Ottawa Chapter, as a courtesy to the Grand Chapter of Canada."

Under Visitation he gives this admonition:—

"An encouragement to the older to persevere and to the younger to emulate. May the weight of passions and prejudices be removed and the veil of ignorance fall from our eyes. May we be taught that all the trials and necessities of life are but the rough and rugged roads that lead to the knowledge of TRUTH which shall make us free."

Membership, 2,385. Loss, 87.
Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.
Joseph W. Boyd was re-elected G.H.P.
M. Ex. Comp. Harris referred to the fact that there was a Grand Jurisdiction in Halifax in 1783.

George Moore, of Hamilton, a veteran and honoured M. Ex. Companion, represents Nova Scotia, and Canada has as Grand Representative George S. Wright.

A history of the Order of High Priesthood is printed with the Proceedings. From the Introduction we take the following:

"It is recorded that in 1780 there was in existence in Berlin, Germany, a Masonic rite called the 'Initiated Brothers of Asia.' This was a philosophic rite intended to give the true explanation of Masonic Symbolism. The fifth degree of this rite was entitled 'Melchisedek or the Royal Priest.' William Hacker says that in some of the Priories and old rituals as well as in an old ritual of the 'Mediterranean Pass' such a passage occurs as the following:—'In some priories the candidate partakes of bread from the point of a sword, and wine from a chalice placed upon the blade, handed to him by the prelate.' Can it be that from one or both of these rites that this essentially American Order was derived?

"In all cases the Ritual is grounded on one basic legend, viz: 'the blessing of Abraham by Melchisedek' as set forth in the fourteenth chapter of Genesis. The story briefly and simply told is that Abraham (who at this particular time dwelt in the plain of Mamre, the Amorite, in Hebron) on being informed that his brother's son Lot had been taken captive by the kings of adjoining territories, led forth his trained men of his own household (318 of them) and pursued the raiders. He signally defeated them and brought back Lot and his goods and his women and people. On returning he was met by the 'King of Sodom' and by 'Melchisedek, King of Salem,' who brought forth bread and wine and blessed Abraham in the name of the Most High God; and Abraham gave him tithes of all. Also Abraham refused to take from the 'King of Sodom' anything 'from a thread even to a shoe latchet.'

"Symbolism is Masonry's method of teaching great and important truths. A careful perusal of Hebrews VI and VII would indicate a sufficient reason for the adoption of this Old Testament incident to set before us the splendid ideals of friendship and reverence, with sublimity and impressiveness."

The Correspondence Review is preceded by the following Craft poem:—
WAGES—IF ANY BE DUE

“But if we can come home to-night
And know to-day we did the right,
And made the world, that never knew it,
A little better, passing through it,
Can know we caused a lip to smile,
Or lightened someone’s load awhile,
That something we have made or done
Has brought delight to anyone,
Yes, know we served our fellowmen,
Then we are paid—and not till then.”

Brenton F. Porter writes the Review and his experienced hand is shown throughout.

He quotes under California, “our future is as bright as we make it.”

Canada at Niagara Falls is appreciatively reviewed. We make the following extracts:—

“Grand First Principal Price is a speaker of merit as his hearers found in the opening pages of his allocution. The history of the district in which Grand Chapter was holding this Convocation was referred to and the past pictured in speech and then the present with its ‘many years of peace and harmony’ was emphasized.”

As to the notorious Fellowcraft case:—

“What about the Companions who knowingly allowed the false statements to be made?

“The Reports of the Grand Superintendents note that growing interest in the teachings, doctrines, history and traditions of this world-wide Order continued unabated.

“Comp. Ponton has, what is to us, a new and very helpful idea and that is an index to the special subjects treated in his Review. This Review is equal to all of his former ones and that is estimating it at great value.”

Under England we read:—

“The Report of a Mission to Constantinople (Istanbul) and Jerusalem by the Grand Scribe E., Sir Colville Smith, is a most interesting document. A Chapter was consecrated at Constantinople and another, the first Chapter to be founded in Palestine, at Jerusalem.”

This from Florida Review:—

“He did not like dispensations granted anticipating failure to hold Convocations on Regular dates. Well, we somewhat agree with you but such is the force of custom that a refusal would be considered arbitrary.”

A word from Massachusetts:—
"An able historian, a logical thinker and an earnest student, he combats successfully the generally accepted statement that Thomas Smith Webb originated the Most Excellent Master Degree."

The Reviewer affirms under Missouri that "no Chapter happens to be successful."

From Peter MacAuslan of Scotland the following:

"I will go along and work among those men who are with me in the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire—plain men, working men, but men with hearts of gold, and that, after all, is the great thing on which the Royal Arch is founded."

**OHIO**

Emmit E. Everett, M.E. G.H.P.
Mont. C. Hambright, M.E. Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual was held in Lima, September 30, 1931. Eighteen Past Grand High Priests buttressed the Grand East.

Grand Chaplain Fessenden offered the Invocation:

"We are Companions. Thou art the Great Companion. Therefore may Thy companionship, Thy counsel, Thy wisdom, Thy light, Thy truth, Thy unfailing aid be vouchsafed unto us. Grant unto us the virtue of unselfishness, the grace of kindness, the warmth of good fellowship, the courage of conviction, the compulsion of love, the passion of life. Make glad unto us each morning with the joy of Thy service and may each evening close with Thy gracious benediction. To know Thy gift of eternal life within their hearts, and to rest assured that 'life is ever Lord of death and love can never lose its own.'"

The address of welcome from Lima contained the following paragraphs:

"You believe in right; you deplore wrong; you represent the best manhood of Ohio; you uphold law and support the Government; you do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before God.

"You will do us good by your presence, and we will do you no harm. It has also been said, 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'"

Distinguished guests from New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and the General Grand High Priest were welcomed. The latter said in his reply:
“There is magic in the touch of a friendly hand and joy in the voice expressing brotherly love. So let us get the full benefit of this meeting. Let us not make of it an empty ceremony. But let us clasp hands and let our words ring true with good-will and best wishes.”

The G.H.P.'s address was full of good things:—

“Dangers and difficulties must be overcome in order to reach the goal of fraternal idealism, and perform our full duty in the establishment of that universal brotherhood of His eternal kingdom.

“We need make no apology for Royal Arch Masonry or be unduly moved by these apparent losses. As I have pointed out, they are very largely due to economic and industrial conditions.”

He recorded regretfully the death of no less than three G.H.P.'s during the year.

He acknowledges the courtesy of an invitation from M. E. Edwin Smith to attend our Convocation at Niagara Falls.

Of the Masonic Home he well says:—

“We cannot help but feel when we visit the Home and see the place that houses, feeds, clothes and cultures the unfortunate Mason, widow and orphan, that it was all built and provided because of the pulses of sympathy and brotherly love. One look into the bright and happy faces of the little orphans and satisfied residents, makes you feel that this benevolence and charity is one of the brightest jewels in the diadem of Masonry.”

A dispensation was issued to Toronto Chapter, No. 221, of Toronto, Ohio, to instal Ex. Comp. Coffee.

The following are two of his decisions:—

“He raised the question upon Page 66 of the Ritual, why say, ‘e i b u a M M w h b d e M o a L.’ Answer, ‘Suppose that you are a Past Master of your Lodge and wanted to attend the conferring of such a degree. You could not do so, being a Chapter Mason without violating your obligation unless this particular provision was included in the obligation. This provision being in the obligation permits you as a Royal Arch Mason and a Past Master to attend the conferring of the Past Master Degree when conferred as provided by the Grand Lodge.’

“A demit has no time limit under the Capitular Law of Ohio.”
He incorporates some of his suggested precepts for Chapter Officers, from which we select the following:—

“Continually strive for a larger attendance and good fellowship among the members.

“Conduct occasional social sessions.

“Extend relief to worthy Companions and visit the sick.

“Keep your past officers interested.

“Divide the work of conferring degrees among the officers and past officers.”

From his conclusion these pregnant sentences:—

“We must be bound together by something substantial and we can not leave that something wholly to chance.

“Cause the pure stream of principles to flow forth and elevate and purify the great mass. How can this dronishness be destroyed without destroying the drone? We have tried many things to arouse interest, such as the establishment of libraries, lecture courses, educational movements and various kinds of entertainments. They have only afforded temporary interest. We have turned our attention to appendant orders, but they have only had the effect of side shows, and have retarded and injured rather than aided the true progress of Masonry.

“They have failed, as it were, to tune in and catch Masonry’s real harmony, lessons and teachings.”

Membership, 76,175. A tragic net loss of 2,383. The Necrologist’s Report cited this verse:—

“Yet Love will dream, and faith will trust
(Since He who knows our need is just)
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.”

Wilden E. Joseph represented Canada. Lyle S. Evans was elected G.H.P.

The General G.H.P. always says something worth while:—

“Such bodies as this tend to promote a better understanding of our viewpoint and a closer and more uniform consolidation of all the forces of Masonry, for I believe that the true value of anything lies not in the object itself, but in our attitude toward it.

“Pessimism never got us anywhere, and it is a poor wagon that starts out creaking and groaning.

“Close attention to details and to the business of keeping on the main road shall help us to avoid the by-paths of doubt and indifference.
“Our universities teach the language of Greece and Rome, but only as a vehicle for teaching modern methods of learning English, German, French and Spanish.

“Our craftsmen would prefer that the Fraternity should be draped in tradition and mystery, but in this busy workaday world, it is not our genealogy that we should emphasize, but the application of our teachings to daily life.

“With this spirit dominant, we can say of Masonry, as England’s Chancellor of the Exchequer said of his country, ‘All our past proclaims our future, bears us witness, come the world against us, England yet shall stand.’”

The Foreign Correspondent receives an allowance of $400.

M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, our Grand Scribe E., is the Grand Representative of Ohio. He is an outstanding figure.

A capitular Masonic code with forms of ceremonies, is printed in full.

The Capitular Review is in the able hands of Carl W. Sperling, P.G.H.P., and he asks for the critical consideration of the members of the Reviewers’ Round Table, it being his “first offence.” He is accorded a warm welcome on all sides:

“It is the admission into Masonry of men who are not qualified, men who are not possessed of sufficient ability to comprehend the lessons taught in our several degrees, with the result, that they are but faintly impressed. Imperfect material does not build a perfect structure. The original aim of Masonry was to establish Universal Brotherhood through association of men of moral integrity and benevolent dispositions.

“Let us return to the old-fashioned Masonic spirit. Let us be particularly concerned about the men we place into Masonic office; see to it that they are men not only capable and good ritualists, but men of outstanding character, with love of Masonry in their hearts, leaders of men. Then see to it that the highest qualifications are demanded of applicants for Masonic degrees.”

He reviews Canada at Niagara Falls, noting the presentation of the golden key to Dr. Price and the presence of many distinguished guests. He says the Grand Z. in his address leaves splendid thoughts and adds:

“He presented a splendid and well-prepared address and we wish that space would permit to reprint here a goodly
portion thereof, it being one of the best it has been our pleasure and privilege to review.”

He gleans a long paragraph from the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry and adds that he likes it.

He thanks this Reviewer for gracious and courteous consideration.

**OKLAHOMA**

Leslie H. Swan, M.E. G.H.P.
Ira B. Kirkland, Grand Secretary.

The Forty-third Convocation was held at Ponca City, April 20,1932.

Distinguished visitors from North Dakota, Texas and Kansas were received with appropriate honours.

William Noble duly represented Canada.

The poetic invocation of the G.H.P. is worth noting. He says:—

“The meandering stream of time has borne us upon its bosom to another Convocation.”

He says that “no member of this official family has been called away during the past year,” but what about the others?

Under Condition of the Order he says:—

“The condition is probably attributable to several reasons: the anticipation for the more interesting ritual, which has now become a reality, and methinks the old pendulum is about to swing back, showing a much more healthful sign of the times.

“This observation is made in a general way and, of course, we regret to say, does not apply to all of the Chapters. A few of them are still dormant and fail to show any signs of life whatsoever, even when given ‘artificial respiration.’

“The Chapter will grow and prosper in proportion to the knowledge and enthusiasm of its titular head. The next in importance is, of course, the Secretary.”

He revised the list of Grand Representatives.

He thus concludes:—

“I am persuaded to believe that Masonry will live on and on to brighten the pathway of our posterity.”

Membership, 10,378. Loss, 972.

Charles G. Wattson was elected G.H.P.

Ed. Worth, of Chatham, represents Oklahoma.
Eugene Hamilton, P.G.H.P., Reviews well fifty-four Grand Chapters, and says in his preliminary report:—

“In perusing these records, I find that when the officers are zealous and faithful, certain satisfactory results are sure to follow.

“Oratory has its place in human affairs, but it cannot take the place of earnest and sincere work.”

He reviews Alberta at length, saying:—

“Committees may be on the job in Alberta, but our experience, in this neck of the woods is that, outside of entertainments, they do not successfully function. And as a rule, when acting, the whole business is turned over to the chairman.

“His Worship, the Mayor of Toronto, (a Companion of the Order, extended to the members of Grand Chapter the ‘freedom of the city.’ We wonder what this implied? Distinguished guests came from far and near. Massachusetts with its hoary wisdom; Michigan, bearing high the torch of progress; New York, maintaining its episcopal complacency; the General Grand Chapter, dignified with prestige and authority; Nova Scotia, carrying its salt-like breezes; Quebec, absorbing the traditions of its worthy host; the Sovereign Great Priory, proclaiming its ‘In Hoc Signo Vinces’; Cryptic Rite, with an attendance of illustrious Companions; the Supreme Council 33rd Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, signifying the silken, yet strong thread of unbroken allegiance; and last, but not least, the Grand Lodge of Canada, indicating a strong and enduring foundation for so resplendent a superstructure. What other organization could bring together so many leaders representing the scintillating genius of such utter diversity of outlook? We can still hear the echoes of the refrain ‘It is good for us to be here.’”

Under British Columbia we read:—

“Under Alabama, where the Correspondent takes exception to the Grand Chapter whose habitat is Ontario calling itself the Grand Chapter of Canada:

“The strong fraternal regard and affection of the offspring Grand Chapters for the Mother Grand Chapter of Canada is so great and so lasting in its loyalty, that no word of complaint has been raised anywhere in the Dominion against the continued use of the title and it is safe to say that the change, if any, will be initiated by the Grand Chapter of Canada.”

Canada is briefly reviewed, our colleague saying:—(See also above).

“Fifty-five pages are devoted to the Grand Z.’s visitations. He was faithful to the duties of his office and zealous in the
work. $2,830.00 was appropriated for relief. William Nisbet Ponton wrote the Correspondence Report in his usual able manner. There is included a valuable index to the various topics he discusses. Oklahoma has nearly four pages in this excellent review. He says: 'Canada was, as usual, faithfully represented by William Noble.'

"Much time and care have been given by Companion Ponton in the preparation of his review."

OREGON

Milton L. Meyers, M.E. G.H.P.
D. Rufus Cheney, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-second Convocation was held in Salem, April 11, 1932.

We read in the G.H.P.'s message:—

"With some of our departed Companions we had walked a long time, leaving added impress of their work and service; others for not so long, but in their day contributing their share toward the fulfillment of Masonry's service in the work of the world. Each has left us a legacy of faith and example."

Of Student Loans he says:—

"There is no doubt but what this fund has been a great assistance to students, and I believe it can be of still more."

On Education he says:—

"The explanations and excuses made by various jurisdictions, our own included, for the loss in membership, are about as illuminating as the post mortem that usually follows a bridge game."

He announced the appointment of John G. McIntosh as the Grand Representative of Canada.

He regrets to report that the Grand Chapter invested funds show a steady decline. How many other Grand Chapters have the courage to announce this?

We cannot resist quoting his concluding remarks under Condition of the Rite:—

"There is no question but what a good ritualist is a great asset, but a good executive is more so, as he can search out and find those who are qualified and see that they are properly assigned to the task.

"It really matters little to the candidate whether the ritual is given perfectly or not, but he is impressed by the sincerity with which it is given, more especially if there are no rituals used."
If our Chapters expect to continue, they must realize the necessity of placing at their head, men of influence, power and ability. And finally, my Companions, promise yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind;
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet;
To look on the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true;
To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best;
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and to have a smile ready for every living creature you meet;
To live in faith that the world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you.”

Membership, 6,572. Net loss, 189.
Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the Grand East.
Canada’s Grand Representative was not present.
Grand Orator Davis delivered an excellent address on “Faith,” from which we make the following extracts:—

“Webster defines as ‘inward acceptance of a personality as real and trustworthy, of an ideal as true and obligatory, or of a thing as beneficial; as faith in God; faith in one’s friend; faith in the moral law.’

“If ever the world needed faith it needs it now. Our material well being cannot be affected without challenging our faith in some degree. With material values shrinking, with observance of the law and law enforcement seemingly becoming the exception rather than the rule, with the complexities of living increasing, it needs stronger faith in basic principles than ever before and there is nothing that teaches this faith so truly and simply as does Masonry.

“Faith is also expressed in friendships, for you cannot have a true friend without you have faith in your friend.”

D. Bruce Stuart was elected G.H.P.
John G. Gardiner, of Smiths Falls’ represents Oregon.
Correspondence Reviews are again presented by Ex. Companion Walter O. Haines, who has an individual way of putting things. From his introduction we quote:—

“Leadership is assumed to be the most general cause, or perhaps we should say lack of leadership. But, how to secure proper leaders is not so simple.
“There is the mistaken feeling in nearly all jurisdictions that once a man is given an appointment he must go on through the line regardless of his qualifications for the office of Grand High Priest.

“Massachusetts and Maine have developed a way by which they are able to make the selection of a Grand High Priest more nearly what it should be. In these Grand Chapters the Grand High Priest usually is reelected and serves for two or more years. The lower elective officers are not retained but retire for their successors and become permanent members of the Grand Chapter. The standing of these two Grand Chapters testifies to the efficiency of their method of handling this matter.

“It is all right to say, pick your leader, but how can it be done under the general existing circumstances if he is appointed years before?”

This from the Review of California:—

“The Grand Secretary thinks Chapters could afford to reinstate suspended members on payment of current dues only. Evidently he does not consider them riff-raff.’

“No, Companion Paulin, there are too many worthy and true Companions who have been unfortunate financially for us to class them that way.”

Canada at Niagara Falls is briefly reviewed. He recalls the amicable relations existing between Canada and the United States. He has the following to say regarding our Grand Superintendents:—

“One hundred seventeen pages of the Proceedings are used for the Grand Superintendent’s Reports. Our District Deputies could read these Reports with much profit, for our Canadian Companions are very careful and conscientious in their supervision of Chapters.”

He praises the Committee on Condition of Masonry, and kindly says of our Review:—

“Companion Ponton again writes the Review. It is a treat to read it and our Canadian Companions are certainly to be congratulated on their Reviewer. He finds the best in all the proceedings and presents them to his Companions in a most delightful manner.”

From the Review of Vermont we read:—

“The ‘law’ referred to is this:

“If fees are high in proportion to dues, suspensions are infrequent; if dues are high in proportion to fees, the incidence of suspensions is excessive.”

Of DeMolay under Wisconsin he says:—

“Our Companions in Wisconsin are strong for this work, which in itself is commendable, but the above indicates that it
is regarded as a Masonic adjunct, to be drawn on for future members.”

Maryland gives something worth while:—

“He pays tribute to the opening prayer of our E. Com-
panion Emanuel Northrup, and we quote that part of his Review:

‘Show us, Lord, how we may make our communities bet-
ter because we have lived in them, and all our neighbours
happier because we have lived by them. May we be good citi-
zens, true and loyal in all our relations to our fellow men, our
country, and our God. Give us not lighter tasks but greater
strength; give us not easier problems, but more wisdom. In
every way quicken and inspire us to a greater appreciation of
our privileges, a broader understanding of our opportunities,
and a more sympathetic observance of our responsibilities,
that our service may be acceptable in Thy sight and Thy
glory may fill the earth.’”

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Thomas N. McKee, M.E. G.H.P.
Thomas McConnell, Jr., M.E. Grand Treasurer.
Joseph E. Quinby, M.E. Grand Secretary.

At the old meeting place corner Broad and Fil-
bert Streets, Philadelphia, on March 5, 1931, a
Quarterly Communication was held.

Eight Past Grand High Priests buttressed and
adorned the Grand East.

Membership, 60,758. Net loss, 817.
Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia, June 4,
1931.

Samuel Shaw represented Canada. He does not
miss many meetings.

Quarterly Communication, September, 3, 1931.
New Zealand was recognized.

A special Communication October 15, 1931. Dis-
tinguished Companions from England (including
Lord Cornwallis, Sir P. Colville Smith and Sir
George M. Boughey), G.G.H.P. Neilson, Walter L.
Stockwell, and Rhode Island, South Carolina, North Carolina, Missouri, Michigan, New Jersey, Nebraska, Prince Edward Island, West Virginia, North Dakota, Cuba, British Columbia, Saskatche-
wan, were present, probably the most wide spread
array of distinguished Representatives ever gathered together, who at the invitation of G.H.P. McKee, had remained a day longer to be present, after the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Masonry in Pennsylvania.

Four distinguished Masons, including the son of the G.H.P., were passed through the several Degrees and made Royal Arch Masons on sight, a prerogative, exercised in few Jurisdictions but always retained in Pennsylvania.

Quarterly Communication, December 3, 1931, at which Companions from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Virginia, Georgia, New Jersey, Nebraska, Delaware, West Virginia, Wyoming and our own Kenneth J. Dunstan of Canada, were given a hearty welcome. What a drawing power Pennsylvania has!

Annual Grand Communication was held December 28, 1931.

The G.H.P. thus addressed Grand Chapter:—

"The psychology of the world, nation and State during the recent past has not been such as to bring many to our doors for admission. While this is a matter of some regret, it is not a cause for alarm. The standing and usefulness of an organization is not measured by the number, but by the quality, devotion and enthusiasm of its members.

"I look back upon the series of District meetings with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction.

"I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the City of Niagara Falls. I met a most cordial reception, was received in Grand Chapter with Grand Honours, and entertainment left nothing to be desired."

Among his decisions the following:—

"Election of a board of Trustees of a Chapter was not invalidated by reason of the fact that one of the three tellers appointed to count the vote had received a majority of the votes cast for that office."

He earnestly concluded thus:—

"Under the guidance of the Supreme Ruler of all, whose continued blessing of health and strength I crave, I pledge you my best effort in the year now opening."

R. J. Reade, of Toronto, represents Pennsylvania.
The Committee on Correspondence again justify their work, with Canada and the Foreword falling to the lot of the veteran and outspoken John M. Core, P.G.H.P. We cannot resist quoting his able Foreword almost in full:

"To those Chapters complaining of the reckless receiving of petitions at Army camps and elsewhere, you took their money and failed on your part to impress or interest the petitioner. You are more to blame than the Brother who paid for something which he did not get. Don't complain now that because you failed to give him what he was led to believe he would receive he has tired of continuing. I would just like to know what the Chapter, or Royal Arch Masonry has done for the thousands who have allowed themselves to be suspended. Outside of a possible dinner or two, the giving a lot of obligations, and long-winded lectures, telling them you had conferred a great honour on them, there has been nothing done. No further explanation or instruction. No effort to get them back into the Chapter halls. I am not so certain that many of them have not been cheated.

"Too much stress has been placed on numbers and cash balances in Grand Chapters than on giving the petitioners the light which they had a right to expect and to receive.

"While not exactly within our purview, this might be traced back to the Lodge. Where the Lodge does its work well, and gives the petitioner complete and full instruction, the work of the Chapter will be much better appreciated. We believe that a dignified, careful conferring of and thorough instruction in the E. A. would solve many problems and retain the membership."

This from Alberta's Review:

"While the Companions are rewriting their Constitution, they might give a thought to the question of how to proceed to try a Brother Mark Master Mason or Most Excellent Master Mason who is not a Royal Arch Mason, and yet who may be charged with a Masonic offense. He has certain rights which ought to be safeguarded, even though he be not a member of the Chapter.

"Like many others, he does not agree with the prerogative of the M.E. Grand High Priest to make a Royal Arch Mason at sight. Well, we do, and there it rests."

This comment from British Columbia:

"'That a dimitted Mason from a Craft Lodge retains his membership in the Chapter as long as he pays his dues.'

"Which ruling was affirmed by the Committee of Jurisprudence. The Grand Z. personally disagrees therewith, but felt compelled to follow the precedent, which had been
adopted by Grand Chapter. Grand Z.'s private opinion is more sound than that of Grand Chapter."

California always produces something interesting:

"'Others delve after illusive causes. Most blame anything but themselves. Historical portrayal of causes will not aid. Autopsies do not restore life. Supposition and emotion will not remedy.'"

"Report covering the different Grand Jusidictions is somewhat in the telegraphic form. We learn that Companion Paulin is a lawyer, and we would have known it anyway after we read his report. He certainly knows how to condense his brief. Like a chorus girl's costume, covers every part and conceals nothing.

"By our Constitution the Grand High Priest by his prerogative may make a R.A. Mason at sight. In that case there is no ballot, and all the degrees are conferred at the same meeting. The Companion thus made at sight does not become a member of any Chapter, but, if he desires membership in any Chapter he must petition therefor, the same as any other unaffiliated R.A. Mason."

Canada at Niagara Falls is encouragingly and appreciatively reviewed. He speaks of the absence of their Grand Representative and of the Grand Z.'s "very fitting compliment to us across the border." He then analyzes the address and adds:

"All of which makes nice reading, but it doesn't amount to anything. We wonder if he ever undertook so elemental a thing as to write a correspondence report. No, Companion, this is not a correspondence school, a Chautauqua course, or a high school examination. The work of a Royal Arch Mason is life, and it cannot be taught by periodicals, essays, correspondence courses, etc. They have their places, and no doubt are a force for good in their different lines, but they do not teach Freemasonry. That is something that you will never get out of a book. A real Fraternity is not gotten that way. You may get a lot of facts about its history, its aims, etc., but not what it really is."

On the celebrated fellowcraft rush incident he comments severely:

"What we are interested in is what, if anything, was done to the Officers and Companions of the Chapter who seem to have engineered the fraud. We know of Jurisdictions where the Grand High Priest would have lifted the warrant, and also edicted the guilty Companions out of the Fraternity. Then if the other Companions wanted the warrant back they could have applied to Grand Chapter for it and maybe they would have gotten it—and maybe not."
He praises the Report on Capitular Masonry by George L. Gardiner.

He comments on our own Review, making us blush with pleasure and glow with encouragement:

"The report on Correspondence is by Companion Ponton. As usual, he has something new. This time it takes the form of an excellent index to his report. For example, "Past Master's Degree," pages 16-111-187-212, "Losses" (sixteen references).

"Pennsylvania is most fraternally reviewed. Seems almost like ancient history. The review is so well and succinctly written that we wish we had received it much earlier; as it would have saved us much time.

"The review is so full of strong and vital matter that a selection is a task. We would like to print it all. Then there are copyright laws, and we would not like to run afoul of so able an attorney as the correspondent from Canada. So we will have to content ourselves with the recommendation that if any of the Companions want to read a real review, try and get hold of the one from Canada. We would gently suggest that if the Grand Z. could get his Companions in Canada to read Companion Ponton's report, and Companion Gardiner's report on the State of the Rite, that it would cover all the ground which is really necessary. There is plenty of information in these two alone to furnish the basis for a six months' course of study in a Chapter."

Under the well known initials of W.K.S. we read in the Wisconsin Review the following characteristic touches:

"'We, way out here, do not comprehend why such a long title, when we have the simple F. & A. M.'

"A little enlightenment may be appreciated. When the first Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was constituted, in 1730, the title given to the Grand Master was 'Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.' At that time the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was not confined to the territory of Pennsylvania but extended to other territory, hence the title 'and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.' Many years ago Grand Lodge ceased to exercise jurisdiction out of the State of Pennsylvania. However, the title remains to this day."

The conclusion, as the Foreword, is worthy of being reprinted in full:

"To those to whom the keeping of Capitular Masonry has been committed, we would say, 'be of good cheer.' World
conditions which no man could foresee brought mistakes, and in many instances we are reaping what we have sown. What appeared to be great opportunities have too often turned to be pitfalls. By our experience in the past let us guide our course in the future. Let us so instruct the candidate that he will not wish to leave, but rather be anxious to stay and help.

"It is our opportunity to help in the building of this glorious Temple, so that coming generations will be the better for our having lived.

"The dark and heavy clouds will pass; some of us will not live to see it, but America will come back.

"The ideals of Capitular Masonry are as perfect to-day as they ever were, and we feel sure that, as men advance, so will our Craft prosper.

"Thousands of good and true Masons throughout our country are knocking at our doors each year. Do not let us disappoint or discourage them."

**QUEBEC**

F. W. Knowlton, M.E. Grand First Principal.
W. W. Williamson, M.E. Grand Scribe E.

The Fifty-fifth Convocation was held in Montreal, 23rd March, 1932.
Five Past Grand Z.'s present doing duty.
The Grand Representative of Canada could not answer Roll Call.

The Grand First Principal said in his able address:—

"I trust their interest will lead them to increased activity in our work, and that they will find in the years to come that pleasure which has come to those who have carried on the work of the Grand Chapter in the past years."

He pays a tribute to M. Ex. Comp. Chambers and to M. Ex. Comp. J. Alexander Cameron, two notable men and Masons who had passed away during the year, to the great loss of our sister Jurisdiction and indeed of the whole Masonic world.

He says the new Ritual has proven generally satisfactory and has added an increased interest in the new work. Eight Companions from Quebec exemplified the new work for the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and as a result the new Ritual was adopted by that Grand Chapter.

Referring to our 75th Anniversary he graciously says:—
“Our Mother Grand Chapter was formed January 19th, 1857, at Hamilton, previous to which the Chapters in Canada were under the jurisdiction of England and Ireland.

“I was able to attend the meeting, accompanied by W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E., and we were very cordially received by Dr. Price, Grand 1st Principal.

“Our Mother Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on attaining her 75th Birthday, and we sincerely wish her every success in the years to come.”

He makes the following among other observations in his conclusion:—

“In our Masonic Craft, as a whole, I feel that we should apply the principles of successful business to a greater extent than is now done.

“In some ways our Order is, in my opinion, guided too much by custom and precedent, particularly in the selection of those who are to preside for a time over the destinies of its various bodies. The fact that a member is a good fellow, or had held certain Junior Offices, is not in itself a sufficient reason for placing him in a higher office which he is clearly not fitted to fill.”

Grand Scribe E. presenting his twelfth Annual Report records a loss of membership for the first time in Quebec’s history.

Membership, 3,762. Net loss, 75.

At the evening session distinguished visitors from Massachusetts, New York, Vermont and Canada were welcomed.

From the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order we make these worth-while citations:—

“They exist merely for the reception of candidates and the conferring of degrees, but they also have a corporate responsibility to those already enrolled as members. A cardinal obligation rests on the officers to make themselves proficient in the duties of their several stations, and they should be prepared at all times, even when candidates fail, to exemplify some portion of the work which might well be followed by a general discussion under competent leadership on the meaning and implications of the ceremony. In this way, an otherwise dreary and barren experience, may become the potent means of deepening the interest and enlarging the knowledge of the members.

“Their heedless haste to the attainment of a higher degree, as if the mechanical participation in a bit of ritual can add one cubit to the Masonic stature.
“To build a Heaven, to mould and make
New Edens. Ours the task sublime
To build eternity in time!”

Duncan McLellan was elected Grand Z.
Among the Grand Representatives in the Roll, that of Canada is sadly absent.
Edward B. Brown, K.C., a fine type of the old School, man and Mason, represents Quebec.
Following the venerable E.T. D. Chambers, who for forty-two years had been the Fraternal Correspondent of Quebec, the task now falls upon the worthy hands of W. J. Edwards, P.G.Z. He says in his Foreword:—

“Numerous are the suggestions made to stem the tide, but to my mind the only feasible plan is to have live Officers and Committees, whose object on the one hand, will be to pursue relentlessly the delinquents of our Chapters, and on the other, to seek to make the convocations sufficiently interesting to compete with outside attractions.

“I feel that the Officers of our Chapters, as perhaps never before, should be alive to the responsibility that is theirs in making their chapter a success.”

Canada, 1931, is favourably reviewed, the necessary absence of Quebec’s Grand Representative being noted and the presence of General Grand High Priest Neilson being welcomed. He says that the address of the Grand Z. contains a splendid reference to the historic setting of the City of Niagara Falls and thus comments upon the classic of George L. Gardiner:—

“Companion Gardiner presented the Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, with each of its ten pages couched in lofty and elevating language. Would that this could be read in every subordinate Chapter!”

He too generously encourages this Reviewer in the following kindly words, which are appreciated:—

“Companion Ponton’s inimitable style. Very few reviewers, review the reviews, thus giving the Companions something of what the other Jurisdictions have to say of each other. This he does in masterly fashion. He selects gems of thoughts and poetical quotations, and provides an index to ‘Some Special Subjects treated in this Review,’ which in itself is no small task.”
We close with the following from West Virginia:—

"Make men better and happier; the pleasure, satisfaction and good fellowship which is derived from promulgating the art is a by-product and constitutes the only dividends paid. It is not possible to measure the usefulness or the good accomplished by any Chapter at any given time. That fact, only eternity can tell."

**QUEENSLAND**

R. N. F. Quinn, M.E. F.G.P.

R. W. T. Kendrick, R.E. Grand Scribe E.

The Regular Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held in Brisbane, 7th October, 1931, the Deputy First Grand Principal, J. A. Fraser, P.G.Z., in the chair.

First Grand Principal Quinn is Director of Public Works for Queensland.

In Comp. Fraser's address, given in the absence of the Grand Z. through illness, we read:—

"It is an evidence of that love and enthusiasm for our Order which is directly responsible for its present satisfactory position, and is likewise an assurance of its future advancement.

"The world appears to be in the throes of a transition period. Systems are changing and it is fervently hoped for the better. Complex problems face us, and it is our duty to endeavour to solve them. Do not underestimate your ability or power to influence them, never forget that your life and actions exercise power and an ever-widening influence on men and things. Realise that your actions cut like a chisel; your good influence on those with whom you are in close relationship will secure their co-operation in rightly solving each and every difficulty to the welfare and happiness of all.

"Let this be but an encouragement to each of us to strive by our lives and actions to prove that none can surpass us in our loyal and earnest endeavour, and thus show that we are worthy of the great heritage which has been handed down to us.

"What a tragedy it is when neglect to so deal with a problem of this nature leads to the loss of one or more of our members. Companions, do not fail to realise that it is much more important to retain a member than it is to secure a new one.

"The Dramatic quality of our Ceremonies is vital to our welfare and growth, and has a significant relation to the interest of members as reflected in their attendance."
"One matter that cannot be too strongly impressed is the importance of the conservation of time. During the currency of the Chapter meeting every minute is doubly precious."

He praises:—

"Those in which the work is carried out with crispness, those in which we find an outfit of Chapter furniture and regalia clean, bright, and correct, according to ritual, and especially those with members possessing musical talent."

The Patent of Office of J. C. Knox for Canada, was presented.

First Grand Principal Quinn was re-elected.

John Boyd represents Queensland in Canada.

Convocation was held in Brisbane, 6th April, 1932. First Grand Principal Quinn in the chair.

This tribute is paid to a deceased Companion:—

"A man of sterling worth, high ideals, and fine personality, his loss is deeply deplored by his colleagues."

J. C. Knox represented Canada.

The following, to us, unusual activities are recorded:—

"The Lodge and Council attached to the Beaudesert Chapter was visited and the Officers Installed and Invested, also the Doric Chapter, where, after the Officers of the Lodge were Installed and Invested, a Red Cross Council was Constituted, and the Officers Installed and Invested."

The President of the Board said as to G.S.E. :—

"It is not in the best interest of this Grand Chapter, or of the Grand Scribe E. himself, to have an election each year, as the methods of carrying on the office work would be constantly varying with the possibility of a new Grand Scribe E. each year, and the Officer elected would doubtless be inclined to look on his appointment to office as a temporary arrangement, and possibly would not be inclined to devote the amount of energy and attention to the work which he would do if his occupancy was regarded as permanent, or, at any rate, during the pleasure of Grand Chapter.

"It should be obvious that a reduction of dues, payable to Grand Chapter, could only result in starving the Benevolent Fund.

"It would be foolish indeed for us to limit our ideas of possible requirements by present day needs; a fund of this description is to provide for the contingencies of the unknown future.

"To do what is suggested would be to starve the efficiency of Grand Chapter, a most unwise thing to do."
With regard to the matter of the District Grand Mark Lodge of England we read this protest:—

“The District Grand Mark Lodge of England in Queensland, to declare themselves the Grand Mark Lodge of Queensland, and to do this without consulting the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, which claims Sovereign rights in connection with this Degree, within its Jurisdiction, and has already established and has working ninety-four Mark Lodges.”

The First Grand Principal said:—

“I desire to state that the Articles of Union and our Constitution, to which all assented in 1922, amply provide for our Sovereign rights and privileges throughout this jurisdiction, that the Mark Degree is an integral part of our system, and I would say that the implication in the letter from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, that the Mark Degree is only worked by Royal Arch Chapters within the Empire by their permission, is not in accordance with fact.

“The Grand Chapter has at all times recognised the position with regard to Lodges, Councils or Chapters holding Warrants or Charters either from England or Scotland; but as a Sovereign body, we have always had in view the possibility of these Lodges, Councils or Chapters severing their connection with the parent bodies, and have provided for such a contingency in our Constitution.”

The Proceedings of the Royal and Select Masons are printed with the Chapter Proceedings. From their transactions we read:—

“The proceedings in our Councils are necessarily secret and confidential, and it is in my opinion vital to our prestige and usefulness that it be so. Our business and transactions must be restricted to those who are members, and must not be discussed outside the four walls of our Council Chambers. Remember, your watchword should be ‘Secrecy and Silence.’

“We have 57 Councils working. True and sincere friendship urges close intercourse with your Fellows and Companions—a man’s life is essentially a Voyage of Discovery—and every discovery is not only instructive to the individual, but aids his friends.”

The following is not quite correct:—

“This Degree refers to the completion of King S. Temple, and particularly to a certain action incidental thereto, and may be designated another link in the Chain of Masonic History. This Degree is practised as part of the R.A. Series in the U.S.A., and Canada.

“The Most Illustrious Grand Council was then closed. The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was then resumed.”
SASKATCHEWAN

Judge H. M. P. deRoche, M.E. Grand Z.
F. B. Reilly, R.E. Grand Scribe E.

Seven Past Grand Z.'s adorned the Grand East.
The Ninth Convocation was held in Prince Albert, February 24, 1932.

Distinguished visitors from Manitoba, North Dakota and Alberta were present at the altar and welcomed.

The Grand Scribe N., Judge Wylie, (they run to Judges in Saskatchewan) in his reply to the address of welcome called Prince Albert the Gateway of the great north land.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

The Grand Z.'s biography is interesting to us all especially in the Bay of Quinte District, the cradle of Masonry in Ontario. We read:

"The subject of this sketch first saw the light at Napanee, Ontario, in 1878. He is a son of the late H. M. deRoche, K.C. He practised law for three years in Ontario, one year with his father and two years in Deseronto, taking over the practice of his cousin, G. E. deRoche, when the latter was appointed County Judge at Belleville. His zeal in the cause of the Royal Craft, his faithfulness to the duties of his office, his pleasant address and his courtesy in dealing with matters arising made him a host of personal friends throughout the Province."

In his address the G.Z. said:

"This good old city of Prince Albert bids fair to renew its youthful vigour by becoming the Metropolis of our new and ever developing 'Far Flung North' with its untold wealth of minerals and furs.

"We cannot close our eyes to the fact that we are assembling in disturbed and perplexing times. Companions, be of good cheer; although the clouds may hang heavily on our horizon, although this may be an age of gross materialism, when the whole world seems to be engaged in the mad scramble for gold and the ambition for wealth, let us remember there must be a silver lining in a convocation of this nature, when men of every calling, imbued with unselfish motives are willing to abandon their ordinary vocations for a time in order to deliberate upon matters connected with the welfare of an institution whose chief purpose is to inculcate and to practice the principles of the Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God."
"I found that the financial consideration, although a considerable factor, was eclipsed by two other considerations, namely: the social element, the pleasure the visiting Companions received in gathering together and meeting each other in good fellowship, and the fact that where work was put on, it was an education to the members of the smaller chapters to see the work put on properly by efficient chapters.

"The fourth degree was unique. Through the influence of some of the Companions, Capt. Al. Plunkett and several of his company came and gave us a most interesting hour's programme. It was interesting to learn that Capt. Plunkett is himself a member of a Royal Arch Chapter in Toronto.

"As my ordinary vocation in life has taken me on several occasions to Battleford. It is a pleasure to visit this chapter when I remind those who read this report that its backbone and greatest support is our esteemed friend R.E. Comp. Sheriff Riddington. All honour was given to your representative, including a life membership in the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

"I would further recommend that the term of office for the Grand Z be extended from one year to two. This for two reasons: first, because at the end of a year the Grand Z is just beginning to get properly acquainted with his duties.

"If each chapter carried on a regular system of study in Masonic research as applied to Capitular Masonry, guided by a Grand Chapter research committee, it would increase the interest and attendance of the Companions and awaken them to the benefits.

"Are we not losing out to the service clubs, the motor car, the radio and other modern institutions and inventions which the younger generation find more interesting than Masonry? And, indeed, are these not more attractive to some of our older members as well?

"When you have done all this you have just made a beginning. You must teach him that our Royal institution has an ancient and historic background, has been practised by kings and princes in all ages and that it inculcates and practices the brotherhood of man. If it is instilled into his heart and impressed upon his mind that he is one of the great brotherhood of men, then it becomes clear to him that he is as useful and able a member of society and should be as anxious, to help his fellow man, as any member of any of the modern social or service clubs which lack the religious and historical background of our Royal Craft."

Letters of Greeting were read, among them one from Edwin Smith.

Membership, 2,545. Net loss, 118. As to these losses the Grand Secretary says:
"If 9-10ths of suspensions are permanent losses some methods should be devised to stop this loss. If it is lack of interest could not interest be stimulated?

"I wish to pay tribute to the Grand Z. for his unfailing patience and refreshing courtesy."

The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry presents an able and striking report:

"'If the situation were less serious there would be less hope. Were the facts more comfortable there would have been more danger of continued drift.' Unquestionably a policy of drift has been followed by many chapters.

"Father's lodge, I well remember, wasn't large as lodges go, There was trouble in December getting to it through the snow, But he seldom missed a meeting, drifts or blossoms in the lane, Still the Tyler heard his greetings, winter ice or summer rain.

"Father's lodge had caught the gleaming of the great Masonic past,
Thinking, toiling, daring, dreaming, they were builders to the last.
Quiet men, not rich nor clever, with the tools they found at hand
Building for the great forever, first a village, then a land."

The Committee on Education Reported:

"As appendix we attach hereto a list of such Masonic Books dealing with Capitular Masonry, as have been recom-mended by the authorities consulted.

"Your Committee suggests to Chapters the consideration of a practice followed by some lodges, of giving to each newly exalted candidate a standard volume dealing with that branch of study presently being considered.

"The philosopher, William James, reiterates in his writ-ings the importance of a bit of philosophy he once received from an illiterate carpenter. Here it is: 'There is very little difference between one man and another, but what little dif-
ference there is, is very important.'"

A. R. Orme was elected and installed Grand First Principal.

Arthur S. Gorrell, of Regina, represents Canada, and Saskatchewan is represented by Bernard Cairns, who radiates Ireland.

Among the approved rulings we read:

"The word 'Territory' means as the crow flies (air line measurement), and not the location of the particular Lodge in which an applicant belongs."
F. B. Reilly writes the Prologue to the Fraternal Reviews, saying:—

"'That we are merely getting rid of useless timber and are better without these.' Are these real opinions or is it sour grapes? If real why is not something constructive offered? A good builder never puts poor timber into a building. Will not some one tell us how to know this useless timber so that it can be put into the rubbish heap and not the building?"

Canada at Niagara Falls is briefly reviewed with friendly words and greetings. We quote:—

"The address of Grand Z. covers a wide field. Drawing attention to the historic locality in which Grand Chapter was meeting, discussing the progress of the century and the economic condition he leads to a picture of the Royal Craft and the progress it should make. With the new ritual as a stimulus and the high order of work being done he expresses confidence that the high ideals and eternal truths, which are the very substance of our Order, will continue to direct our conduct. Ours should not be a theory but a practice, not a system but a force.

"The Committee on Condition note from the reports of the Grand Superintendents:

1. The world-wide spirit of depression and unrest.
2. The steadfastness of Masonic loyalty.
3. The awakening to the need for education.
4. The exercise of that cardinal virtue which provides our strongest pillar.

"The review is again by our old friend, Col. Ponton. Delightful to read, informative as to content, cosmopolitan as to viewpoint, sparing of the weak, comprehensive as to scope, we like it best of all the reviews presented."

This from the Review of Illinois:—

"No man should be permitted to simply 'pass the chair.' He who does dishonours the office, discredits the fraternity and disgraces himself. A candidate who receives the degrees as he is entitled to receive them, will be impressed favourably and the opportunity to create this effect should never be neglected. These times of adversity are also times of opportunity. Lack of work gives time to improve in Ritual by study and practice, to have social and educational nights, instead of degree nights."

Saskatchewan always has something topically educative, this time the inside cover gives a page on Saskatchewan's Flowers.
The Earl of Cassilis, M.E. First Grand Principal.
George A. Howell, M.E. Grand Scribe E.
William Constable, M.E. Deputy Grand Z.

Quarterly Communication held in Royal Arch Masons’ Hall, Edinburgh, 18th December, 1931.
Comp. Constable explained the absence of the First Grand Principal through temporary indisposition.

M.E. G.H.P. John W. Neilson extended greetings and felicitations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Quarterly, 19th February, 1932, the Grand Z. presiding.

Various points in connection with the By-laws of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Glasgow were considered.

The Visitation Committee found Chapters in the Metropolitan District to be “in good working order.”
Estimates were presented for catering.

The Grand Superintendent of the Transvaal reports that he has visited nearly all the Chapters in his Jurisdiction.

A pamphlet, complete in itself, gives a detailed list of the fees contributed by the different Chapters, the first five of which are as follows on the Roll—Edinburgh, Edinburgh; Stirling Rock; Enoch, Montrose; Operative, Banff; Linlithgow.

For memories’ sake and as reminders to those Companions who formerly trod the heather, we append the names of some of the Chapters—Land of Cakes, Banks of Douglas Water, Kilwinning in the East, Calcutta; Scotia, Barbados; Shamrock and Thistle, Glasgow; Flowers of the Forest, Galashiels; The Darling Downs, Toowoomba, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Honor, Concord and Fidelity, 2nd Batt. The Royal Scots; The Lamp of Lothian, Haddington; The Laird o’ Cockpen, Bonnyrigg; and Light of Africa, Kampala, Uganda.

Meeting of the Supreme Committee was held 21st March, 1932.
Apologies for absence were submitted from Earl of Elgin, Earl of Stair, Sir Alexander Gibb, and others.

This is interesting to all of us in the Western Hemisphere:

"Petitions were submitted for three Lodges and Councils to be instituted in North Carolina. The approval of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina and The General Grand Chapter of America having been received, it was recommended that the Charters be granted."

Annual Convocation, 21st March, 1932. The Installation is thus described:

"The 133rd Psalm having been sung, a Deputation of Grand Superintendents was directed to retire, in order to escort M.E. Companion The Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal elect, into Supreme Grand Chapter for Installation.

"The Grand Director of Ceremonies presented for Installation M.E. Companion Sir John C. Watson, Depute First Grand Principal; M.E. Companion Major-General J. D. McLachlan, Second Grand Principal; and M.E. Companion Peter McAuslan, Third Grand Principal.

"Grand Scribe E. read the following telegram from India: 'Please convey to esteemed and beloved M.E. First Grand Principal and Companions assembled hearty greetings and best wishes from District Grand Chapter of India and Daughter Chapters.

"It is the first occasion that we have had a reigning Grand Master Mason present, and we welcome Lord Belhaven and Stenton not only as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, but also for his own sake.

"The Hymn of National Prayer, 'Lord, while for all mankind we pray,' was sung to the tune of 'St. Paul.'"

At the Banquet of the Vernal Equinox which followed, the Banquet being as usual "excellently purveyed", the royal and loyal toasts were received with the utmost enthusiasm. The toast to the Imperial Forces was replied to by M.E. Comp. General S. G. Craufurd, of whose genealogy the First Grand Principal said:

"Sir Reginald de Craufurd, first Sheriff of Ayr, married Margaret, daughter and heiress of James of Loudoun. His grandson Hugh had a daughter Margaret, who married Sir Matthew Wallace of Elderslie and was the mother of Sir William Wallace. Now, it is somewhat interesting to note that the mothers of Wallace, of Bruce, and of Burns were all Ayrshire lasses. (Laughter.)"
General Craufurd replied eloquently and to the point:—

"M.E. Companions, it is scarcely a generation ago that these same Imperial Forces were taking a very active part in the building of this great Empire of ours—not only in Burma, on the Indian Frontier, in China, but also and for the immediate past is it specially true of that great tropical Dependency of Africa, which will one of these days rival our Indian Empire. It was good building, and for many of us it was full of adventure, the glamour of primitive countries full of incident and of not a little romance. We were, however, but putting the keystone to the arch, and those days are now gone by.

"The structure of Empire appeared to be well built and secure. The foundations were well laid and the building was on the plumb. Then there came the great upheaval of the War. It was bound to shake the building a bit, and in spite of the buttresses which were put against the building, the structure did suffer a little. However, we emerged for the time being, the leading nation of the world—the victors whose unquenchable spirit had more than anything else contributed to make victory a certainty. If we read Scribe Ezra aright, we shall find we have still in our rebuilding a good deal of trouble ahead. Let us take care, however, that we do not ask our builders, in our efforts at economy, to make their rebuilding take the form of making bricks without straw, for if you do, by precedent that way lies exodus.

"Before I continue further, I will turn to an episode in Empire building. Lord Morley, who was Secretary of State for India, in a despatch to the Viceroy, had written a suggestion that the Frontier officials were themselves too often responsible for the constantly recurring regrettable incidents in their own interest; and the Viceroy, who was a Scot and an ex-cavalry soldier forby, in his reply to Lord Morley, wrote as follows: 'Strange as it may appear to your Lordship, the Frontier official is even less anxious to be assassinated than is your Lordship yourself to hear of his assassination.'"

The toast to Grand Chapter was proposed by J. Maxtorn Graham, who said:—

"We are celebrating to-night the arrival of Spring and a new birth. We have all been suffering from a long period of depression which, like a miasma, has been creeping all over the world; but to-day we are perhaps justified in our feeling that the clouds are breaking, and let us trust that this Festival of the Vernal Equinox is going to bring happiness and prosperity to us once again.

"I consider that there is no man alive to-day who has contributed more to the consolidation of Freemasonry and of
good-feeling amongst Freemasons than Lord Cassillis has done.

Sir J. C. Watson, that day appointed Depute First Grand Principal, made an eloquent and striking speech, from which we are privileged to take several extracts:—

“I remember as a very youthful and junior Mason the glint in his eye and the scurrying efficiency of his office-bearers when it was known there was to be a visitation from Grand Lodge, and I realised that night that the fear of the Lord was the beginning of wisdom. (Laughter.) And I learned that not merely was fear the beginning of wisdom, but humility was the only royal road to learning; and there-after I discovered in the happiness of the harmony, in what was said by Brother Inglis, who headed the delegation, that any chiding there was, as a result of such a visitation, was as of brother to brother. I also learned that the inner secret of Freemasonry in all its grades was that there was an inner understanding, an inner sympathy that made chiding gracious and reproach even a delight (laughter), because the steel I saw departed from the eye of the Right Worshipful Master of my Mother Lodge, and I learned then how the respect of that glinting shadow resulted from the devotion which I found in my Mother Lodge, and which you have all, I have no doubt, experienced in yours, towards the Grand Lodge of Scotland. (Hear, Hear.)

“We leave it to the faith and the honour of a simple obli-gation, and there is no deeper bond, there is no more intensely graven loyalty than the loyalty that is more than a contract of the intellect, but is a loyalty to an undefined symbolic, pictorial act, drama of faith—call it what you will—which assumes as its primary binding power the code or standard of an invincible honour. (Applause.)

“Grand Lodge leaves us very free. It sets no pace.

“It is interesting to recall that the great bond of social relationship in China has always been its secret brotherhoods, with their secret confidences.

“In these days when the dollar does not so readily spell out All-mightiness, when economic hardship is general, and lawlessness uncontrolled has at any rate been big enough to catch the view by contrast with our more settled state—it is more than interesting to learn that the great unleavened mass which makes the United States so staggeringly interesting in its possibilities under stress is held by two dominating powers. First, there is the great dynamo at the centre—the Constitution which Adams of Scots descent wrought out of the moud of Cromwell's Instrument of Government; while the other pervading force making for understanding, sympathy, unison in brotherliness, is Freemasonry, which is gradually
breaking down the suspicions of alien race and heritage in the
bonds of a brotherhood which in its secretness is unguarded
and true. It is in that way the Real Spirit of a Countryside,
a State, a Federation of States, is in the slow, sure processes
of time harmonised in unity and understanding. (Applause.)

“But you can never do much that is worth while without
discipline, and the Grand Lodges in America may be dis-
charging the work which Grand Lodge undoubtedly does here
in keeping us free of the sameness which is only mummerly
and not the ritual of a living symbolism, and yet keeping us
clear of the diversity which means eventually division. And I
may say this too, that Grand Lodge has our affections in
another great Masonic way, that it oversees, controls, directs,
expands the practice of that greatest of all virtues, charity—
where hand is ignorant of the work of hand. And, finally, as
you, sir, Most Excellent First Grand Principal, have said, it
carries the flag of a Scots tradition in Freemasonry, with all
the intimacy of Scots Freemasonry, all its characteristic
quality, into those scattered areas of the world, British and
foreign, where Scotsmen live. It keeps them attuned to our
ancient traditions.”

Peter MacAuslan, in proposing a toast to the
Guests, said:—

“I want to say in the words of Emerson, who was one of
the finest writers on this question of friendship that I believe
anyone has read: he says that this friendship of ours, this
calling of guests into our inner chamber, into our home life,
to make them one of ourselves, is not that weaving of cob-
webs, not that weaving of friendship that is only made of
wine and dreams, but is made of that closer and finer texture
—a texture of ‘the tough fibre of the human heart.’”

Sir Robert Gilmour replied, saying:—

“Speaking for the rest of the guests, I can say that we
have all had a most pleasant evening. We have met most
agreeable company, we have had an excellent dinner, and we
have had first-class whisky. (Laughter and applause.) I do
not often take it myself, but I am told that it is a drink that
makes you see double and feel single, and I will tell you one
short story before my colleague in responding to this toast
gets on his legs.”

A humorous speech was given by Lt. Colonel
Buchanan-Dunlop. We make one extract:—

“I would just like to tell you about a Lancashire couple
who were walking one Sunday afternoon down the beautiful
streets of Oldham. They walked for an hour in silence and
then the lad said, ‘Wilt marry me, lass?’ She said, ‘Aye, lad,’ and they walked for another hour in silence, and then
she said, ‘Hast not more to say, lad,’ and he said, ‘Lass, I
have said too much already.’ I am going to apply that to myself. I thank you all very much indeed.”

A Canadian reference of interest to all who know the genial Companion referred to, is recorded:—

“A report was presented of the Installation of Grand Superintendent of The Border Province.

“Grand Scribe E. intimated that at this meeting M.E. Companion Bernard Cairns, Past Grand Scribe N. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, presented on behalf of that body to Supreme Grand Chapter a keystone made of Canadian marble. The gift, which was greatly appreciated, was suitably acknowledged by the First Grand Principal. A hearty welcome was tendered to M.E. Companion Cairns, and the regret expressed that he would be unable to attend the meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter on 17th June.”

The final pamphlet gives the Office Bearers, Principals of Chapters and Roll, including many titled and historic names.

Canada is left blank among the Representatives of Grand Chapters. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., of Hamilton, represents Scotland on our list, W. J. Armstrong is Representative of sister Grand Councils.

Sir J. C. Watson, M.B.E., K.C., represents Canada, though A. T. Campbell is so named in our 1932 Proceedings.

Notice of meeting was issued on the 24th of June, 1932, with full and particular Scottish instructions as to fees, etc., as follows:—

“I beg to remind you that—

FULL names of all candidates must be given (Initials cannot be accepted).

DEMITS should bear the FULL NAME of the Companion, as well as the date of his Exaltation or Affiliation. A fee of 1s. is charged for counter-signing, and should accompany each demit sent.

No money should be sent without a signed return specifying what it is for.

Cheques should include exchange.

Copies of the Constitution and Laws are sold.”

SOUTH CAROLINA

W. W. Edgerton, M.E. G.H.P.

O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twentieth Convocation was held in Columbia, April 26, 1932. Nine Past Grand High Priests reporting for duty and honour.
Canada was faithfully represented by William W. Wannamaker.


The Grand Chaplain says in his invocation:—

"Some of our Companions have fallen on sleep. We thank Thee for Thy presence with them as they passed through the dark valley and shadow of death. Thou hast taken them unto Thyself. Continue to be with their loved ones."

Distinguished visitors from North Carolina and the General Grand High Priest were welcomed.

From the G.H.P.'s address, the following:—

"We meet to-day under conditions very different from those of a few years ago, and it is very interesting to review the observations of Past Grand High Priest Lanham eleven years ago wherein it refers to the then 'stringent financial conditions' when cotton was produced at a cost of twenty-five cents per pound. Compare that with the conditions to-day when cotton sells at six cents per pound."

An appeal was made for an earlier meeting of Convocation and the G.H.P. recommended that action be taken one year hence.

Among the other good things said in his address we cite:—

"Some fall in the morning, some at noon, and others in the evening of life. But we are assured that those who labour well, it matters not when the summons may come for them to go hence, they shall have their reward. We pause for a season in our labours."

Joseph E. Hart was elected G.H.P.

George T. Harmon again capably undertakes the Review of Proceedings, saying in his Foreword:—

"In Canada some gains are reported rather than losses. Freemasonry in all of its branches seems to be more deeply rooted in the Old Dominion than in the United States. There is more serious activity displayed in the leadership there and supervision is more carefully maintained. More seems to be expected of those elected to office in that section of Freemasonry."

This from the Review of Alberta:—

"He set a worthy example of leadership in his jurisdiction. Few Grand High Priests make so many worthwhile visits within a year."

We read his very friendly Review of Canada, 1931:
“Space forbids their names and titles, but so large a company of visitors is worthy of note as indicating the fine fraternal spirit that prevails.

“Companion Price’s address contains many fine observations and comments.

“We cull the following finely expressed sentiment from the report of the Condition of Capitular Masonry:

“‘Amid the surge of depressing commercialism and social insecurity, Royal Arch Masonry continues the even tenor of its way—a sanctuary for those who are seeking rest and repose from the uncertainties of life. The Royal Craft has a mission to fulfill.

“Companion Ponton makes another splendid contribution in his review of other jurisdictions. Companion Ponton is one of the most careful observers among us and he takes pains to let the leadership in each jurisdiction speak for itself. Very naturally, this requires a good bit of space, but it is peculiarly interesting, and he brings the finest type of repertorial discrimination to the task.”

This from the Review of Colorado:

“South Carolina is briefly and courteously reviewed. Companion Snyder says: ‘We are enjoined to brevity, and proceeded with that in mind, but there soon dawned upon us the hidden truth in that ancient saying of authorship unknown: ‘I am writing you a long letter as my time is too limited to write you a short one.’’ However, he stayed in very reasonable limits.”

James B. Little, of Trenton, represents South Carolina.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Robert S. Hart, M. E. G.H.P.
George A. Pettigrew, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Forty-third Convocation was held in Huron, June 16, 1932. Distinguished visitors from New York and the Grand Master of South Dakota were present.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests honourably answered Roll Call.

L. M. Simons represented Canada.

In the address of the G.H.P. we read:

“Whatsoever we may do to advance the Royal Art will be in part to your credit; in whatsoever we may be at fault, either through indecision or poor judgment, this fault you must share. You may well listen to the advice of those experienced Companions who have guided the destinies of the Grand Chapter through the earlier years.
“The Chapter visits have shown a crying need for more active supervision and instruction than is possible under our present system. We tried the system of District Deputy High Priests. It was not effective.

“All Chapters welcome a visitor but I feel we have not made sufficient effort to bring into our Chapters the Sojourners in our midst. There has been a tendency simply to invite a Sojourning Companion to unite.”

The G.H.P. announced the appointment of William Downing, of Kitchener, in place of A. E. Cooper, Deceased, as Grand Representative.

Membership, 5,146. Net loss, 293.

The Committee on Obituaries reported:—

“We cannot comprehend infinite space. We look into the heavens and know that the blue is space that goes on and on indefinitely. We cannot grasp it nor understand it. With us everything must end somewhere, yet it is easier to accept the fact of infinite space than to picture its ends and describe its boundaries. Reason demands a belief in the infinity of space and it demands also God and immortality.

“‘Shall I blame my Father’s wisdom? Shall I think of death as doom, Or the stepping o’er the threshold To a bigger, brighter room?’”

A special biographical sketch of the venerable George A. Pettigrew fills worthily several pages of the Proceedings.

Comp. Hook gave an interesting talk. We take the following aggressive paragraphs:—

“Gangdom is a serious menace to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. We have always had gangs, and those gangs have thrived except where honest, conscientious, fearless citizens have consistently and insistently demanded justice for the criminal. We always will have gangs unless the higher type of citizens are willing to take off their coats, roll up their sleeves and shovel the filth from our legislative, executive and judicial offices.

“Why do all different denominations sing ‘Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow’ and ‘Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men,’ and yet fight each other unscrupulously as if each felt that his particular creed were the only key to the only gate of Heaven?

“Even in our business men’s organization the son hears his father plead for good-will and co-operation, then sees him go home to plan his opponent’s financial destruction.”
Jess H. Thorpe was installed G.H.P.
These verses from the In Memoriam Tablets:—

“When men go down to the sea in ships,
’Tis not to the sea they go;
Some isle or pole the mariner’s goal,
And thither they sail through calm and gale,
When down to the sea they go.

“When I go West—and West
Is only farthest East—I pray
The change may be
As one who sails the world around
And, going East, comes West,
Always the joy of daybreak in my face,
When I go West.”

There is no Capitular Review.

TEXAS

E. C. Couch, M.E. G.H.P.
T. M. Bartley, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-second Convocation convened in Waco, November 30, 1931. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests present and E. R. Glover faithfully represented Canada.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we take the following:—

“Maintaining within our breasts that brotherly sentiment that will direct us all toward our coveted goal, giving to each discretion, caution and wisdom for our several duties to the end that this Grand Convocation may be an outstanding landmark in the ongoing of Chapter Masonry.

“You, who are younger in this phase of Masonic work are also thrice welcome, for upon the fortifications and breastworks that you are now erecting about yourselves, the future of Masonry depends. We are looking to you. May you have a glorious time, but may you leave this place with your heart, life and ideals thoroughly intrenched and imbedded in the deeper meaning of our wonderful Fraternity.

“Property values have depreciated, and in many instances have almost entirely disappeared, business in almost every line has fallen off. Stocks and bonds have dropped almost to nothing and many have lost their listings; prices of staple commodities have dropped far below the cost of production; mills and factories have either cut to half or fourth time or closed entirely; banks have closed, wages have been reduced and in hundreds of thousands of instances cut out entirely;
unemployment prevails in a magnitude that the world has never known before; and, as a consequence, debt and tax moratoria have been invoked and granted.

"Let us not condemn wholesale all who have dropped out. We do not know their individual problems. If there was ever a time in the history of Masonry when we should be tolerant, when we should spread the mantle of charity, when we should temper justice with mercy, that time is right now.

"It has come to mean a challenge of Masonry to Masons. Let us accept the challenge.

"He has blessed us with bounteous food supplies, clothing materials and other commodities. In the midst of starvation there is plenty.

"Most Companions of this Jurisdiction are too familiar with the value, meaning and importance of our educational work as being carried forward by Grand Secretary Bartley and Right Excellent Helm."

Of the Home for aged Masons he says:—

"I think we all agree that one of the finest achievements of our Grand Chapter is that of maintaining our Home for Aged Masons and their wives.

"It is yours; but I fear you will never learn fully to appreciate it if you do not personally inspect it.

"When, at the end of the earning period, with strength, and perhaps health, gone, the body, frail and weak, evidencing years of storm and struggle, with fortune either not accumulated or else through misfortune or adversity reduced to nothing, then it is to these veterans of the years that 'Our Home' proves a heaven on earth.

"The praise of man is insignificant compared to the reward you will receive at His hands for your unselfish devotion to so worthy a cause."

Membership, 39,299. Loss, 1,911.

Grand Orator Thorne said in an address on "Masonry's Spiritual Debt to the World":—

"It has many writers, but one Author. If I desire to read the most ancient authoritative history of mankind, I pursue the records of the patriarch Moses. But whether I read from Moses in history, David and Solomon in Psalm, the prophesy of the great prophets, the love story of Jesus for the Apostles, the fiery judgment of Peter, or the beautiful vision of John on the isle of Patmos, I find but one Author, and that Author is God. His authority is behind it.

"I sometimes stand beside the old Book and cast my eyes at its pages; I think of the grandeur of its style, like some magnificent temple crowning the summit of Mount Moriah, stone upon stone, every stone in its place. There is no misfit in any book, in any Chapter,
"That old Book contains the science of Life; it tells us the mysteries of where we came from, and it tells us, at least in part, the glories of the land to which we travel. Its astronomy tells of the Sun of Righteousness and of the Star of Bethlehem; its botany tells of the Lily of the Valley and of the Rose of Sharon; its geology tells of the Rock of Ages and the stone upon which is written a new name, and its chemistry tells of the blood that washes out the last stain of sin.

"We must propagate our doctrine in this earth. We will not do this by a great campaign for membership.

"We must vindicate our philosophy and our doctrines by the discipline of the Order.

"We must learn to demonstrate Masonry in daily living. The weakest thing in our Order to-day is the way we demonstrate our Masonry."

Grand Master McClendon, being called upon, said:

"I think this is largely due to the fact that in times of stress, which usually follow times of great relaxation, the people, as a rule, turn to the more serious, the more substantial, and the more worthwhile things of life.

"The world is too much with us; late and soon, Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers."

"Mens sana in corpore sano. That was their ideal. But this is just two lines of the triangle. The third line is a righteous spirit; and Masonry stands for the complete triangle—the physical, the intellectual, and also the spiritual.

W. H. Petty was elected G.H.P.

M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, K.C., a venerable veteran, represents Texas.

Texas prints a full roster of membership of its constituent Chapters despite hard times.

A Capitular Review that is not in the experienced hands of Sam J. Helm, Chairman, would not seem natural. We think he is rather hard on Scotland however in the following from his Foreword:

"The most unusual event of last year took place in Australia, when the Grand Chapters of Queensland united. The most unusual event this year likewise happened in Australia and, as far as I know, is the only case on record where a Grand Chapter actually committed suicide. Begging for fraternal recognition by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, New Zealand accepted terms which deprive it of right to recognition as a sovereign Grand Chapter, although such recognition has been extended by all Grand Chapters, except Scotland."
From the Alabama Review, this extract:—

“By this time, all ought to be able to see the light. The unused black-ball and failure to teach are the greatest Masonic errors of the past decade; having made a great mistake, we should bear in mind Josh Billings’ philosophy when he said: ‘Success dont konsist in not making no mistaiks, but it duz konsist largly in not making the sain mistaik two times.’”

This from the Alberta Review:—

“The ‘new work’ is given credit for some of the improvement shown. As I recall it, Alberta has joined in with those Grand Chapters which have adopted the ritual of the Grand Chapter of Canada in seeking to establish uniformity throughout the Dominion. Nova Scotia has not adopted it, since her ritual dates back to 1780 and is venerated accordingly. The Grand Chapters from Ontario west are young and there is no doubt that they are serving a good purpose in seeking uniformity.”

Under Arkansas we read:—

“The woof and warp of the Masonic fabric are the brothers on the side-lines. Designs in the tapestry may be conceived by a few leaders, but the weaving is in the hands of the rank and file.”

Canada, 1931, receives these kindly comments:—

“Grand Chapter met in the ‘Scenic City of Canada,’ Niagara Falls. The historic background moves G.Z. to a few words on the olden days when the explorer and the missionary were pioneering there; later when the measured tread of soldiers and the rattle of musketry proclaimed that nations had discovered the value of the country, and he speculates on the part which Masonry played in those days and in later development. He also spoke of the great strides which the world had made in scientific and other lines, the boundless prosperity which existed for a time, and the present depression which appears to be world-wide. All of them get to the depression, but this G.Z. postponed it longer than any volume yet read.

“He urges economy, yea, even to cutting the feeds.

“G.Z.’s decision that the F.C.’s work was all in vain, illegal and void. It appears that three members of the Chapter assisted in rushing the F.C. through; of course, they should have been expelled, but I find no record of a case against them.

“Comp. Ponton signs the review and that guarantees its quality as double first class; sixty volumes are reviewed, all of which is as good as a review can be; foreword and conclusion are missing, but all the rest is Ponton.”
From his interesting Review of New Zealand we make the following quotation—Poor Scotland! The heather's afire!—

"Here is the point to watch in the future. New Zealand has allowed Scotland to demonstrate to the Capitular world that she is sailing under false colours, that she is willing to trample the rights of another under foot at will, that she is prostituting an old and honoured principle to unholy gain at the expense of another Grand Chapter, that without justice, necessity or excuse she is invading the jurisdiction and setting at naught any thought of Companionship which the Royal Craft is supposed to enjoy. In other words, New Zealand has given Scotland sufficient rope to hang herself and Scotland has done it in the eyes of any man who believes in justice, equity, brotherhood or Companionship. If the G.C.'s of the United States do not take some action in this case, they will miss a splendid opportunity to help, aid and assist their downtrodden and oppressed Companions in far-away Australasia."

He adds a pertinent and arresting conclusion entitled "What's the Matter with Masonry?" from which we quote:—

"I recall only one instance where it was suggested that Chapter officers be placed on such a committee. I have always supposed that officers were elected to attend to Chapter affairs. Has it come to the pass that officers pay so little attention to their duties that they are not even thought of in connection with work? If a corporation's business was suffering, its officers would be the first to get busy on their own initiative. Why should there be a difference? Think it over before the next election in your Chapter.

"It may be worth considering as to whether or not a high-power committee is saving good Masons by out-talking delinquents who are able to pay up, but do not pay of their own free will and accord.

"Whenever one of these committees makes a report, you may observe that its work is the most important feature of Masonry. You have given them something to do, and they have forgotten everything else; you have created a flock of little barkers for sideshows and they never go into the big tent of the circus; the fat woman in their tent is a greater wonder than the eternal verities of Masonry, which they happen to know nothing about. I am convinced that it is time for Masons to work at the job of Masonry."

Sam Helm drives home his points, whether all agree with him or not.
VERMONT

Aaron H. Grout, M.E. G.H.P.
Archie S. Harriman, M.E. Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Convocation convened in Burlington, 11th June, 1932.

Richard T. Bunker, afterwards elected G.H.P. for the present year, represented Canada.

"Distinguished visitors from Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Quebec were heartily welcomed.

Ten Past Grand High Priests graced the Grand East.

The G.H.P. began his address with these practical words:

"We now find ourselves participating in a national and international depression, but our courage is strong and our confidence high that 'even this shall pass away,' and our vision of the future is truly bright with that faith which overcomes all barriers and all hesitations in real progress. Life is full of ups and downs, and where an individual or a nation, or a great institution like ours has been descending it is well to keep the eyes alert for the upgrade which surely lies in the near distance, and to gird our loins for that upgrade climb. The time is here for us to plan for the future sanely and conservatively, to get back to a real basis of prosperity and progress and to correct the excesses of the past few years."

As to the floor work in the Ritual, he says:

"My observation at District Meetings convinces me that our Grand Chapter needs a thoroughly codified and clearly explained floor work to be printed in pamphlet form.

"I do not feel that much, if anything, should be changed in our ritual, and I believe the floor work should be made to conform to the ritual and not that the ritual and monitorial work should be changed too much to conform with ideas of graceful floor movements."

Under Condition of Chapters we read:

"If they can and will get financially and economically minded as a result of the embarrassments some are now under, then the depression will not have been in vain. So few are inclined to remember a sad experience when the sun shines again, that it is perfectly safe to prophesy that this great American people will, by its own gambling, self-indulgence and extravagance, after it has again tasted the fruits of good times, plunge itself into other and perhaps even worse depressions and then wring its hands and wonder why. The
only ones who can weather the storms that are sure to come will be those who look ahead and those who have the courage steadfastly to resist the spending trend and the glamour of self-indulgence in ‘Keeping up with the Joneses,’ and who feather the nest with a nice, soft, thick lining of surplus cash against the rainy day that surely follows the enticing sunshine. Be Scotch, for the noted characteristic of this fine people is worthy of emulation but never of ridicule.”

Membership, 5,667. Net loss, 142.

The Committee on Necrology speak in feeling terms:—

“Ours is an experience of searching, finding and sharing. We do not postpone our faith into a timid hope, but proclaim triumphantly the intentions and achievements of character built indestructibly.”

The veteran and venerable James B. Nixon represents Vermont.

Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary, for the eighth time satisfies us with his Reviews of other Grand Chapters, saying in his introduction:—

“Its importance, growing from year to year, has caused much heart searching among the Craft in the effort to discover not only the causes but the remedy for the disturbing phenomenon.

“But we call it impractical, because few great leaders have been found in any one age. Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, Wellington, Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Wilson, not all equally great, but all great enough for the task they had to perform, have existed. But our problem is to find them by the scores to lead our Grand Chapters out of the ‘Slough of Despond,’ in which they struggle, and our subordinate Chapters by the hundred need each of them to find an outstanding leader before this remedy can be said to be effective. They cannot be found. What to do then? The policy of ‘watchful waiting’ is indicated. Capitular Masonry is not yet doomed.

“Meanwhile, each in his own place must keep watch over that which remains, that nothing truly valuable be lost.

“We have read and pondered. Do ye, Companions, do likewise. In a multitude of counselors is safety to be found, and we may yet be shown a more excellent way.”

This from the Review of Alberta:—

“Something hidden, go and find it,
Go and look behind the ranges,
Something lost behind the ranges,
Lost and waiting for you GO.”
California and Paulin attract much attention in all Reviews. We quote:—

"Many Jurisdictions hide their feelings behind an ungrounded optimism. Others delve after illusive causes. Most blame anything but themselves."

Canada at Niagara Falls is fraternally reviewed. He emphasises what our Grand Z. emphasises as to the necessity of careful auditing. The following also is of interest:—

"The Grand Z. wisely refused to grant a dispensation to receive and ballot on an application at the same Convocation. While it is done in Vermont, and is within the discretion of the Grand High Priest, the necessity of such action is almost always questionable and the reasons given in making the request are usually of as little merit as they are ingenious."

He quotes the Grand Z. as follows:

"Ours should not be a theory but a practice, not a system but a force."

Of our Review he kindly says and we appreciate his overlooking our misprint of the familiar and brotherly name "Archie" and changing it to Arthur:—

"The Review of Grand Chapters is again the work of Comp. Ponton, a fact which guarantees its excellence. His comment on our Grand High Priest Clark's report on necrology is as follows:

"His comment under Necrology which, however, is followed by obituaries of three Past Grand High Priests sounds a little contradictory for he writes: "The ranks of the Grand Chapter has been unbroken this last year. We have, however, lost three Past Grand High Priests." When we turn to the In Memoriam pages we find that, while the official family may have been unbroken, the Grand Chapter has suffered. It sounds almost like the old account of the shipwreck, the disastrous results of which are recorded as "three souls were lost and seven sailors." Surely in death at least the official family are no higher in rank or estimation than the other members of Grand Chapter."

"His notice we greatly appreciate, even if he has our given name as 'Arthur.' While it is not ours, Arthur is a good name, an honourable name ever since the days of the good, old English King."

This from Missouri Review:—

"I find instances where audits have not been made because of embarrassing situations. In some instances Secretaries, Treasurers and others charged with the responsibility of
handling funds appear aggrieved at any suggestion which might have to do with their integrity. But if the only manner of securing these audits and the proper supervision of financial matters is by order of the Grand Chapter, then let it be done at once."

Queensland and the Australasian Chapters always give us something interesting:—

"The Festive Board affords us the opportunity of meeting and conversing with friends whom we see little or nothing of between meetings, of hearing items of interest from those who respond to the 'visitors' toast'—especially those from other countries—and of enjoying items of musical and elocutionary excellence—and then there is the ever-present, but intangible and indefinable 'mystic tie.' Many times I have experienced more genuine pleasure at a Chapter Festive Board than at a high class public concert."

VICTORIA

Charles T. Martin, M. Em. Grand Z.
Charles K. Cahn, R. Em. Grand Scribe E.

Convocation was held at Melbourne, 15th July, 1931. The First Grand Principal said:—

"Notwithstanding a time of depression, it is gratifying to be able to report that nearly all the subordinate Chapters are on sound financial foundations."

The Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.
We note Moira Chapter, No. 12, among the constituent Chapters.

With regard to finances, the following is recorded:—

"The Committee unanimously agreed that the Commonwealth Treasury Bonds held by Grand Chapter should be converted."

Lord Somers cabled from shipboard, "It has been a hard job breaking from it all."
Convocation held at Melbourne, 21st October, 1931. Four Past Grand Z.'s present.

The Grand Z. said:—

"The second quarter closing to-night has been one of great gratification and joy, by reason of the devotion to duty, by all the Grand Officers, and of the unbounded hospitality and kindness extended to us, by Royal Arch Freemasons in the North, South, East and West, and for this happy state of affairs we have in a large measure to thank our diplomatic Grand Scribe E."
“He personally knew the great interest that Country Companions always displayed for the welfare of the Holy Royal Arch, just as they were the backbone of the community, so they were a tremendous support to Royal Arch Freemasonry.”

Convocation held at Melbourne, 20th January, 1932. Fivt Past Grand Z.’s present.

Most Eminent Companion Martin, being the sole nominee, was re-elected First Grand Principal.

After the conclusion of routine business, Ex. Comp. Thompson delivered an address on “The True and Living God Most High,” from which we make the following extracts:—

“Towards the end of our English exaltation ceremony it is said, ‘This Supreme Degree should inspire its members with the most exalted ideas of God.’ Such inspiration is clearly one of the main purposes of our ceremony. An endeavour to collect, arrange, and clarify such ideas of God as are indicated throughout the Ritual may prove helpful to Companions who have not the time and equipment for personal investigation. Much light on the Ritual, and what was apparently in the minds of its framers, may be obtained from a study of the writings of exponents of religious and philosophical thought, from prophets like Hosea and Jeremiah, and from philosophers like Plato and Socrates.

“Man is a worshipping animal. From time immemorial and in every part of the world, men have formulated ideas of God.

“The view that God is a reality that is partly revealed to us and is partly beyond revelation is indicated by the words in the Pedestal Lecture, ‘His essence and majesty incomprehensible,’ the Canadian wording being ‘Essence of majesty incomprehensible.’ Our Ritual also has the expression ‘incomprehensible Jehovah,’ which is not in the Canadian Ritual. For some reason or by accident the American Ritual does not contain the expression ‘incomprehensible’ anywhere, and therefore does not call attention to the thought of the nature of God being partly revealed and partly beyond revelation. The expression ‘Incomprehensible I Am’ only occurs in the closing prayer”

“‘How good is man’s life, the men living! how fit to employ
All the heart and the soul and the senses forever in joy.’

“‘Such a soul,
Such a body, and then such an earth,
For inspiring the whole.’

“No less a thinker than Matthew Arnold paid the highest tribute to the Jewish nation. He had read in the ‘Rationalist
Monthly' a report of a university professor who desired to join a Lodge in England. On being asked at his initiation in whom he put his trust, he hesitated. A Deacon prompted him to say God, but the professor refused, stating that he first wanted them to define God. He was promptly and rightly led from the room. To his own mind, it was impossible to define the infinite, and he agreed with the lecturer that Royal Arch Freemasonry was peculiarly distinguished from the other degrees, because of its closer spirituality and more rational faith in God."

Convocation held at Melbourne, 20th April, 1932. Five Past Grand Z.'s present.

The First Grand Principal said:—

"To-night we close our Royal Arch Year, memorable in many ways, but in spite of dark clouds and difficulties we find our beloved Order prosperous and strong."

At the Grand Installation the Grand Z. said:—

"The crowning glory of this Order is not in its rites and ceremonies, but in the sterling character it seeks to instil into the lives of its members."

S. G. Newdick, of Toronto, represents Victoria, and Canada is represented by William Hendry.

WASHINGOTON

John G. Heinz, M.E. G.H.P.
Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary.
The Forty-eighth Convocation was held at Aberdeen, May 5, 1932.

Grand Chaplain Gilmore ogered an unusual invocation from which we quote:—

"This is a place of privileges, so may it be a place of power. We thank Thee God, for Thy keeping care and love.

"We pray that we may walk through the depths of life. Bring courage and faith and vision into ascendency.

"Give us the inner spirit of intelligent self-control."

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests adorned and strengthened the Grand East.

Distinguished visitors from Oregon were welcomed.

The address of welcome to Aberdeen was eloquent. We quote:—

"While the spirit of the times prohibits the advisability of a very elaborate and expensive entertainment we shall endeavour to do our best to accord you a genuine old time Aber-
deen hospitality and reception. We want you to know that notwithstanding the financial conditions, the Companions have been real builders; that our hearts have become more mellow, and our souls have become sweeter.

“We want to work with you; we want you to play with us; we want you to break bread with us; we want you to tarry with us.”

In the introduction to the address of the G.H.P. we read:—

“It is very gratifying to report that almost without exception the several chapters are carrying on in good faith, laying well their plans for the future. In but few instances are the officers and members content to merely mark time.”

Under Degrees by Courtesy the following:—

“On behalf of Bellingham Bay Chapter request was made through proper channels for permission to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia and accept the invitation of Westminster Chapter.”

Regional meetings are strongly recommended to all Chapters.


Grand Orator Mulvane delivered a striking address entitled “Light For My Brother.” He asks the two following questions and comments upon them:—

“‘Why should I, a Master Mason, seek the Royal Arch Degree?’ And, ‘What grounds have I for urging my brother to take the Chapter degrees?”

“The history of that which was lost to its final recovery, and without the Royal Arch Degree the Master’s Degree is like a song half sung, a tale partly told, or a promise unfulfilled.

“In all these answers we must grant that there lies the germ of Truth. Truth, yet not complete satisfaction.

“I like to stand by this general thought; that within every right-thinking man is a spark of divine urge, a common bond of human sympathy with our fellow-man, a common desire to extend to him such help, such light, as lies within our power.

“Thus, to me, the Royal Arch Degree stands as a comforting pilot which has boarded my Ship of Life. He has set before me a wondrous chart.

“As a Fellow Craft, our brother has been impressed with the necessary exercise of all Life’s duties. But as a Mark Master he is impressed with the importance of performing those duties with systematic regularity. He knows then that
each man must have his mark, his goal, so that his work, his niche in the scheme of the eternal round, may be known and distinguished and disorder and confusion avoided.

"And we can point out to him that the allwise Pilot has laid out for us a course that will direct his bark toward calm waters.

"Aye, that the soul that was his shall not fare forth a lone wanderer to the unknown shores of eternity."

The Committee on Obituaries quote:—

"And still their silent ministry within our hearts' hath place as when on earth they met us face to face. Their lives are made forever ours, what they to us have been has left forever its sign and seal engraved within—God has given to love, to keep its own eternally."

The Committee on Interpretation of Ritual report questions and answers given by them—a useful function.

William P. Williams, of Walla Walla, was elected G.H.P.

Robert L. McCroskey is the Grand Representative of Canada, and Sidney S. Forbes, of Washington.

Wesley C. Stone, P.G.H.P., and Grand Secretary, brings his experience to bear upon the annual Capitular Review, which does him infinite credit. We extend the following from the introduction:—

"In the interest of economy in cutting down the expense of printing the proceedings, I have omitted much I would have been glad to include in this review.

"I believe that most reviewers will agree with me that it is much easier to write a lengthy review than it is to condense into a few brief paragraphs, this same matter.

"The fact that so many of those dropped are old men who for many years have been faithful workers, but who now in their declining years find themselves unable longer to meet the obligations imposed for dues, should appeal to our hearts. Every possible effort should be made to care for these faithful veterans in their advanced years."

Canada at Niagara Falls is reviewed in friendly fashion. He notes the presence of General Grand High Priest Neilson and other distinguished visitors. He speaks of Grand Z. Price's address as being a most interesting document. He makes just one extract from the following:—

"Our members are among the thinkers, creators and designers. They are architects, geometricians, artisans, gold
and silversmiths, just as they were in the time of our first Grand Master.

"We trade together. We mingle as neighbours. The sign of international amity is over our portals.

"Through the decades to cultivate peaceful relations between Canada and the United States has been the influence of Masonry. The constant exchange of visits, the bonds of fellowship welded and the commonality of interests have contributed in no small degree to a solid brotherhood."

Companion Gardiner’s Report on the Condition of Masonry is, he says, a lengthy and most interesting one.

Of our Review he is kind and courteous enough to say:—

"The review on Capitular proceedings is submitted by William N. Ponton, and is one of the most interesting we have ever read. Washington is generously accorded nearly five pages of kindly review."

WEST VIRGINIA

Carney M. Layne, M.E. G.H.P.
George M. Ford, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-first Convocation was held in Fairmont, 5th October, 1931. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests being present.

Among the places from which the distinguished visitors hailed were Pennsylvania, Kentucky, North Dakota, and John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, said:—

"It is my desire to meet as many of the Companions as it is possible for me to do, and feel the magic of the touch of the friendly hand, and join in expressions of brotherly love. So, let us get the benefit of these meetings; let us not make it an empty greeting, but let our words ring with good wishes."

Fred. C. Steinbicker represented Canada.

From the welcoming address we take the following:—

"We are particularly pleased to have the benefit of your council in our deliberations at a time when all the world is sore in need of counsel that is wise, conservative and sane. We are passing through a tremendous crisis, a period of industrial and social ills when the World is experimenting with panaceas and opiates, when what we most need is confidence and faith, faith in ourselves, faith in our institutions,
faith in humanity; and that alone can restore the morale of
the world."

The same depression here as everywhere, as witness:—

“Our Treasury balance is the lowest it has been for many
years.”

The G.H.P. was assiduous in visitations.
Of the condition of the Craft he said:—

“The progress and usefulness of the individual chapter is a
matter of comparison and of viewpoint. Members have dif-
ferent standards by which they measure the success.”

Under Masonic Education we read:—

“When a man has become bigoted and prejudiced there is
little opportunity for him to learn—he thinks he already
knows. There are but few who are willing to ‘dig in’ and
enrich their minds with Masonic knowledge; let us not retard
their progress by teaching them things which are not true.
Let our first step in Masonic education be to divest ourselves
of all the fanciful superfluities concerning the institution,
that we may thereby be the better enabled to study, under-
stand and appreciate its philosophy.”

Grand Secretary Ford beautifully prefaced his
financial statement with the following:—

“Years gone by have left a storehouse of memories whose
beauty will never fade, and whose worth will increase in
meaning with passing years.”

 Comp. Bell, of Pennsylvania, told a story:—

“I am in the position of the story told of a young clergy-
man. He was anxious to know what a particular member of
his church thought of his preaching. After service he went
to her and said, ‘How did you like my sermon to-day?’ ‘Well,
I didn’t like it for three reasons. You didn’t read it well, you
didn’t write it well, and it wasn’t worth reading.’”

Rees, from Kentucky, said:—

“Royal Arch Masonry is big enough and has principles
enough to stand alone and work out its own destiny without
being looked upon by anybody as a stepping stone to any
body.”

Walter L. Stockwell, as usual, gave us something
to think about:—

“The reason I am here is because I like Masonic contacts,
and I know of nothing that means more to the good of this
country than these Masonic contacts which we have. I wonder
if you appreciate fully what it means. I think we make a
mistake when we go visiting when we think of all that there is confined within the borders of our own jurisdictions or our own Commonwealth. That makes you enter light in more ways than one. Ever since I have been in a position of authority I have urged our Companions to go out and visit, and I have made a practice of it.

"We get to know the men the country wide, and that makes for unanimity in spirit and thought, it makes for solidarity.

"We need more faith in the world. We are not going to have world-peace so long as there is suspicion in the world. Faith! What are the lessons of our Royal Arch Masonry? I want you to sell optimistic Masonry.

"America must not fail! You remember that wonderful drama of the Cardinal, where the boy says, 'What if I fail?' The Cardinal saying, 'In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as "fail."' America cannot fail. Optimistic Masonry; Good patriotic Masonry that believes in America. Not America, right or wrong, but America right.

"I remember the story of Donald and Jean who had been attending the wedding of their last daughter, and Donald looked and said, 'Jeannie, it is fifty years since we were married, but your eyes are just as bright, and your features just as convincing, and your smile just as pleasant as it was fifty years ago.' She looked up and said, 'Donald, you are a wonderful prevaricator, but I like your faith.'"

G.H.P. McKee, of Pennsylvania, always speaks well:

"I believe the true value of a thing is that you obtain a little pleasure from it.

"We should be grateful, not for the benefits of Masonry, but for the privilege to understand and sympathize with the truth. Think what happens to your automobile if one wheel comes off. We have learned that the world's ills are ours. The word 'co-operate' has been overlooked, but if you don't think it is worth while, think of the banana, that every time it leaves the bunch it gets skinned.

"It takes a noble character to kindle hope in a fellow man, and lend a helping hand.

"It is a poor waggon that starts out creaking. The signs on the main road will help us to keep out of the pits. We feel optimistic, not in an irresponsible way, but with the best belief and hope. Realize to-night that it is not a time to yield."

John W. Mason was elected G.H.P.

On the presentation of the jewel the General G.H.P. said gracefully:

"Although it is composed of beautiful metals and handsomely wrought, I know that if it were composed of that common pewter metal, of which your grandmothers' kitchen
utensils were made, I know you can apply it just the same.
King Solomon, or any of our dignitaries in the years gone by,
of high rank, have been suitably clothed, not as a matter of
decoration, but as a recognition of their standing."

Alexander Cowan, K.C., of Barrie, represents
West Virginia and does it well.
Despite hard time West Virginia publishes the
roster of Chapters in full.
To the capable hands of George M. Ford, the
Foreign Correspondence is again entrusted for the
tenth time. He says in his Foreword:—
"If he has lost interest in the meetings, why not add some-
thing to interest him? Surely every Chapter has some
talented member who would be glad to lend himself to aid the
Chapter.
"Get the members who show an interest in your Chapter
together, prepare a list of those in arrears for dues and those
suspended. Have members best suited, to make personal
visits and ascertain the reason why the Companion has not
paid dues."
In his able review of California we read:—
"Amid the ruins of every day life, Capitular Masonry
should be a reconstructive force. Chapters, even the best of
them, must fight to live. When they are dead, let us inter
them.
"A healthy task gives Jeremiahs no time to mope. Our
future is as bright as we make it."
Canada, 1931, received the following favourable
comments:—
"Why take space to describe them. Suggests the practice
of economy. Says, 'one place to practice it is in our ban-
quets.' A good suggestion, we all eat too much and the money
spent on banquets could doubtless be utilized to much better
advantage.
"Fears he cannot congratulate the Chapters on sending in
their returns promptly. So say we all, and until the Bodies
consider securing a Secretary for his efficiency instead of his
popularity with the members, this will continue.
"Under, 'Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry,'
is found an exhaustive report entering thoroughly into all of
the conditions, among other facts says that there is out-
standing in dues to the amount of $36,756.00.
"While another Chapter with only 85 members report 45
in arrears. Chapters with high assessments have less
arrearages than many with a small fee.
"Companion Ponton again furnishes the reviews. The
proceedings of fifty-two Grand Chapters are covered and
three for two years. When we say covered, it is meant in its fullest sense."

We read in the Review of Nova Scotia:—

"Board of Ritual reported. They state that ‘we do not recommend changes of any kind to our Ritual.’ Very refreshing."

This from the Review of Tennessee:—

"Another vindication for ye scribe’s contention that some of the ‘so-called Land Marks’ should be cast on the rubbish heap."

**WISCONSIN**

Edward P. Andrews, M.E. G.H.P.
William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-second Convocation was opened in Milwaukee, February 16, 1932, and was preceded by a musical programme. Fifteen of the nineteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Distinguished guests from Michigan and Iowa were welcomed.

From the address of the G.H.P. we take the following:—

“It seems eminently fitting to pay tribute to those of our number who, having wrought their allotted hours here below, have passed to the Great Beyond. ‘They rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.’ And let us doubt not that all the peace and felicity so sublimely portrayed in the Twenty-third Psalm is theirs forevermore.

“Ever since the times when Joseph dreamed his dreams in the faroff land of the Pharaohs, there have been—and doubtless always will be—‘lean’ years as well as ‘fat.’ The all-too-prevalent financial stringency and economic unrest—of which, alas! we need no reminder—are bound to reflect upon the growth and prosperity of institutions such as ours. But ‘under all the frowns of fortune let this be our consolation’ that ‘in due season we shall reap if we faint not.’

“In periods of financial stringency there must be many to whom the meeting of dues is a weighty affair, often owing to conditions over which they have no control. It is not our intent to work hardship upon these worthy members. Our per capita tax is nominal, and if, by carrying these delinquent but deserving Companions for another year they may be able to meet their obligations, I believe it should be done.”

David Harlowe duly represented Canada.


The Committee on De Molay reported:—
"The Legion of Honour is composed of young men, former De Molay members, who have become twenty-one, selected because of their fitness for the position of leaders and who are enthusiastic supporters of the Order."

12,216 young men have enlisted in the Order of De Molay.

The Committee on Obituaries say:—

"We are no longer helpless; Death may be a reality but it is not a finality. We march on from darkness into light, from storm into the calm of a new day, from corroding sickness into fuller and more abundant life, from defeat of the physical body to a glorious victory of the soul."

The Masonic Service Bureau placed 336 Masons in positions of employment—a worthy work.

David O. Stine was elected G.H.P.

The Foreign Correspondence Reviewer receives $500 in Wisconsin.

William J. Wadsworth is the Grand Representative of Wisconsin.

The Educational Committee report:—

"'The Necessity of the Royal Arch to the Master Mason.' It is the belief of the Committee that a proper use of this pamphlet will be of advantage to every Chapter in the state, but a disinterested, haphazard use of it will accomplish little and will mean simply a waste of Grand Chapter funds."

Edward T. Hayhurst presents his third Annual Review of his chats from the field of Capitular Masonry, reviewing sixty Proceedings and saying in his Foreword:—

"The exclusions from Lodges helped swell the figures; but let us all hope that we have reached the summit and that from now on we will be on the right side of the page."

From his Alberta Review we take the following—

"'In order to overcome diffidence with respect to attendance I would suggest that the principal officers or a committee from the Chapter appointed specially for that purpose interview from time to time the absentees. It will be found, upon inquiry, that quite a number remain away because they have forgotten not only how to get into the Chapter, but how to act when they do get in.'

"All too true. Will watch with interest what success you have."
"'Something hidden, go and find it, 
Go and look behind the ranges, 
Something lost behind the ranges, 
Lost and waiting for you, GO.'"

This from British Columbia:—

"If we would let the bars down many would take advantage and we would be worse off than we are now."

Canada reviewing the Niagara Falls meeting, reports fully upon the many distinguished guests who did us the honour of their attendance. He notes the presence of Grand Representative Wadsworth and says of Grand Z. Price's address:—

"The Grand Z.'s address gives a good review and report of his year's activities.

"We see that they believe in modernizing Capitular Masonry. In symbolic Masonry we say that we do not modernize."

We do not gather this conclusion ourselves.

Of Grand Representatives he says referring to our remarks on them:—

"Wish all the Grand Representatives, also Grand High Priests, would read this and act accordingly; if they would, think Wisconsin would not have so many 'dead ones.'"

He reports favourably on our Correspondence.

We quote from his Review of Iowa:—

"Life is a process of discipline, of education, of experience."

And also from Manitoba:—

"We also note with much pleasure and interest that there is another Grand High Priest that in his visitations reports on work and Masonry and not on his personal entertainment."

This from the Vermont Review is interesting:—

"Sir James Barrie once found on a weather-worn monument these words:

"'Memory is given us that we might have roses in December.'"

WYOMING

David V. Bell, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Richard H. Repath, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The Twenty-fourth Convocation was held in Rock Springs, July 12, 1932.
The General Grand High Priest was welcomed and when accepting the gavel said:

“He was present because of his belief that contact between the various Grand Bodies and Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter was extremely desirable as tending to foster a closer and more intimate relation between the latter and Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.”

Visitors from Idaho were also greeted.

Seven Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the Grand East.

Canada was, as usual, faithfully represented by Richard H. Repath, and Wyoming, as is now well known, is represented by his brother, Edward J. Repath, of Toronto.

We clip the following from the welcome given to Grand Chapter:

“Your historical training and examples of work well done having taught you to meet present day problems with directness and courage,’ he said, ‘should and will be an inspiration to us in the solution of our own difficulties.’”

A communication from Edwin Smith is acknowledged.

Under Necrology the G.H.P. speaks of the ravages made by the Scythe of Time in the ranks of the Craft.

Under the Educational programme he urges:

“Assuming the labour necessary for its accomplishment, it but remains for the membership to enter into the spirit of the work to bring the results anticipated.”

David V. Bell is also Grand Commander of the Knights Templar.


This, in the tribute to the memory of George Washington, does not make pleasant reading for us Britishers:

“A worthy monument to its illustrious founder whose wisdom, indomitable courage and unflagging perseverance, assisted by a valiant band of patriotic pioneers, wrested our country from under the domination of a tyrant king and gave to the world a land where the down-trodden and oppressed of all nations might find a home.

“A shaft forty-five feet high marks her final resting place. The inscription on it is simple: ‘Mary, the Mother of Washington.’”
Bro. Jones quotes the following:—

“England unites with us in praising him.
“Gladstone said of him, ‘The purest figure in history.’
“Thackeray said, ‘A life without a stain, a fame without a flaw.’
Byron ranked him as ‘Only next to Divinity.’
Brougham acclaimed him ‘The greatest man of our own or of any age.’”

William J. Hagans was elected G.H.P.
The Grand High Priest said:—

“He stressed in particular the Educational programme inaugurated by it and now in operation in the majority of jurisdictions in the United States, designed especially to interest Master Masons in the Capitular degrees.”

Noting the entertainment afforded the Companions, we have this human touch:—

“Following the concert, the floor was cleared and dancing began and continued until the midnight hour, which was thoroughly enjoyed not only by the younger element, but by many of the old warriors who, captivated by the seductive tempo of the music, were tempted to display their terpsichorean agility, with the result that the after effects brought a sharp reminder of the old saying that ‘he who dances must pay the fiddler.’”

Henry G. Watson, Grand Captain of the Host, edits the Annual Report on Correspondence for the fifth year:—

“Leadership is being called for in many places. Some Grand High Priests seem to be labouring under the impression that they have done their full part when they give the details of a month’s vacation trip to Tacoma to attend the sessions of General Grand Chapter. Others seem to believe that an account of the banquets attended and the cordial receptions tendered by different Chapters is all that is required of them. Some, on the pretext of economy, stayed at home and had the Grand Secretary—the real head and leader—send out a few letters. Without visits to the Chapters the Grand High Priest secures little real knowledge of the problems confronting the Companions on the ‘firing line.’ If some of the so-called ‘Leaders’ do not roll up their sleeves and work at least twice as hard as their predecessors did ten years ago there is going to be little but discouragement ahead for some time.
“The above applies to High Priests as well as Grand High Priests.
“A Companion, whose failure to pay dues is beyond his control, should be extended some of that ‘brotherly’ considera-
tion which we are forever talking about but usually forgetting to practice.

"In 1931 only two of the Grand Chapters in the United States showed a gain in membership. There were Arizona and District of Columbia which showed increases of thirty and thirty-eight respectively."

As to High Priesthood:—

"Grand Secretary Gustav A. Eitel informed us that in Maryland the Order is 'not only prerequisite to installation, but, if a H.P.-elect fails election in the Council he cannot be installed.'"

This from the Review of Michigan:—

"A subordinate Chapter cannot be expected to do other than the Grand Body. It is a true statement that a majority of secretaries of subordinate Chapters are re-elected because it becomes a habit. It is also true that there are Chapters that recognize the fact that a change should be made in their secretary, and it would be done, too, if the ballot system was used."

Under North Carolina this comment on the High Priesthood:—

"Fourteen qualified Companions were inducted into the Order of High Priesthood the fee being $10.00 per. The higher the fee the smaller the percentage of eligibles who are taken in."

Canada at Niagara Falls is well reviewed. He notes the meeting in the General Brock Hotel, speaks favourably of our finances and says that John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, left the confines of his broad Dominion to visit the Convocation. We note also the following:—

"In beginning his address the Grand Z. recalled that: 'it was on this very ground that different races struggled for supremacy. It was here that first one flag was run up and then another, on the chain of forts which once extended from Ft. George to Ft. Niagara to the valleys of the Ohio.'

"Unless our ritual and exaltations are made to appeal to the deep, aesthetic side of our natures, the best features of our Order—those which have held Masonry together for centuries—cannot be brought out. A great Craft will drop down to a commonplace level. It will not be an institution to inspire and exalt its members.

"Grand Chapter decided that the whole proceeding was irregular and now he is not only outside looking in but will probably stay on the outside. How the Companions respon-
sible for the affair got off without severe punishment is not explained."

Of our Review:—

"This compendium of Capitular activities must be of great interest and value not only to the Chapter Officers but to the individual Companions. Wyoming was accorded four pages with quotations from our late Companion and Governor, Frank C. Emerson's letter to Grand Chapter."

William Nisbet Ponton, P.G.Z.
Belleville, Ontario, February, 1933.
Masonic Calendar

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.), "In the year of Light," and add 4000 to the common time, thusly: 1933 plus 4000 equals A. L. 5933. Lodges A. F. & A. M. hold Communications.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Architectural Antho Inventivnis (A.I.), "In the year of Discovery," and add 4000 to the common time, thusly: 1933 plus 4000 equals A. L. 5933. Royal Arch Chapters hold Conventions.

The Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, King of Salem, Antho Deauctivnis (A.D.), "In the year of Blessing," and add 1913 to the common time, thusly: 1933 plus 1913 equals A. D. 3846. Councils of the Ancient High Priesthood hold Conventions.

Kings and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed Antho Deauctivnis (A. D.), "In the year of the Deposit," and add 1000 to the common time, thusly: 1933 plus 1000 equals A. D. 3933. Councils of K. & S. M. hold Assemblies.

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order Antho Obvivis (A. O.), "In the year of the Tudor," and deduct 117 from the common time, thusly: 3322 less 117 equals A. O. 3205. Commanderies K. T. hold Conferences.

Scottish Rite dates same as Ancient Craft, except the use of the Jewish chronology Antho Mundi (A. M.), "In the year of the World," and add 3760 to the common time, thusly: 1933 plus 3760 equals A. M. 5693. After each September add another year. Commanderies A. & A. E. hold Rendevous or Reunions.
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ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1934

M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Haentschel, Haileybury, Ont., Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, Barrie, Ont., Grand M.
R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, Toronto, Ont., Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, Port Credit, Ont., Grand Treasurer.
R. Ex. Comp. Walter Deunch, Kitchener, Ont., Grand Scribe N.
M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Ont., Grand Historian.
Ex. Comp. T. W. Cumbers, Brockville, Ont., Grand Outer Guard.

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The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada will be held at Brockville, Ontario, on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 27th and 28th, 1934, commencing on Tuesday at 7.30 o'clock in the evening.