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OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONs
OF CANADA

SEVENTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO
FEBRUARY 25th and 26th, 1936
PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASON'S OF CANADA AT THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

A.D. 1936 A. Inv. 2466

HELD IN THE ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH PARISH HALL AUDITORIUM Corner Ontario and Church Streets ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO, CANADA

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25th and 26th A.D. 1936, A. Inv. 2466

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

GEORGE L. GARDINER, Grand Z. Toronto, Ontario

EDWIN SMITH, Grand Scribe E. London, Ontario
MOST EX. COMP. GEORGE L. GARDINER
Toronto, Ont.
Grand Z.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the St. Thomas Anglican Church Parish Hall Auditorium, corner of Ontario and Church Streets, St. Catharines, Ontario, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25th and 26th, A.D. 1936, A. Inv. 2466.

Present

M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner.......................... Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. William Y. Mills.......................... Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. Sidney S. Forbes.......................... Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.......................... Grand Scribe E.
M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton.......................... Grand Historian
R. Ex. Comp. David Colman.......................... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Albert E. King.......................... Grand Principal Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Harry J. McCallum.......................... Grand Registrar
V. Ex. Comp. Ernest W. Barber.......................... Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. John N. Robinson.......................... Grand Organist
V. Ex. Comp. Thos. D. Stokoe.......................... Grand Pursuivant
V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Price.......................... Acting Grand Steward
Ex. Comp. Tom Welch.......................... Acting Grand Steward
Ex. Comp. Ken Carrie.......................... Acting Grand Steward
R. Ex. Comp. Morgan Griffith.......................... Grand Lecturer
Ex. Comp. Charles H. Smart.......................... Grand Outer Guard

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Wilfred G. Laing.......................... St. Clair District No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. R. Eldon Strain.......................... London " " 2
R. Ex. Comp. R. W. E. McFedden.......................... Wilson " " 3
R. Ex. Comp. Fred Edwards.......................... Wellington " " 4
R. Ex. Comp. Lorne F. McDougall.......................... Hamilton " " 5
R. Ex. Comp. Wilfred Wilson.......................... Huron " " 6
R. Ex. Comp. Harry Rule.......................... Niagara " " 7
R. Ex. Comp. William S. M. Enouy.......................... Toronto East " " 8
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden.......................... Toronto West " " 8a
R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore.......................... Georgian " " 9
R. Ex. Comp. Angus Graham.......................... Ontario " " 10
R. Ex. Comp. James O. Herity.......................... Prince Edward " " 11
R. Ex. Comp. Albert Harris.......................... St. Lawrence " " 12
R. Ex. Comp. Wallace M. Johnson.......................... Ottawa " " 13
R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wesley Johnston.......................... New Ontario " " 15
R. Ex. Comp. Howard B. Hawley.......................... Temiskaming " " 16

Past Grand Z.'s.

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Then followed the singing of the National Anthem, "God Save the King", "America" and "Fight the Good Fight" under the direction of the Grand Organist and R. Ex. Comp. Wilfred Laing.

Comp. Rev. J. W. Stewart offered the following invocation:

"Omnipotent Father, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Name for ever."

We beseech Thee, our Father, to impart Thy blessing upon us as we are met together in Thy Name to deliberate upon business pertaining to this Ancient Order.

Without Thy blessing our meeting will be in vain; but we believe that as Thou did'st guide Thy people of old, Thou wilt be pleased to guide us to-day.

We are builders together with Thee, O God, building a great temple, a temple of human character, a temple of a social order, a temple of righteousness. We fear that too often we have failed in this great enterprise. Forgive our failure; and grant that at this Convocation we may receive a new inspiration to go forward in our building.

To this end we pray Thee that Thy blessing may rest upon this Convocation. Guide and direct our thoughts aright. These blessings we ask in Christ's Name.—Amen.

Grand Chapter was called off to permit the civic address of welcome.

CIVIC ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Ex. Comp. John W. Hudson, chairman of the General Committee on arrangements, introduced Bro. W. J. Westwood, Mayor of the City of St. Catharines, who addressed the Grand First Principal, extending a welcome to the Companions from the 27,000 citizens of St. Catharines and from 27,000 of the population from the adjoining suburbs.

St. Catharines is the centre of the greatest fruit district of Canada and ships their produce to all parts of the world.
After extending the freedom of the Corporation he invited those who may be looking for a change of residence or the building of a factory to consider the city of St. Catharines. The welcome was acknowledged by the Grand Z. Most Ex. Comp. Gardiner, for the very warm reception accorded and extended his deep appreciation on behalf of the delegates and guests in attendance.

Grand Chapter was "called on" and business resumed.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. Bernard Cairns, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Chapters, reported there were 159 Warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 121 were represented by the following:

No. 1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.

No. 2. The Hiram, Hamilton.

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

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

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

No. 7. The Moira, Belleville.
O. R. Thomson, Z.; W. N. Ponton, P.Z.

No. 8. King Solomon's, Toronto.

No. 15. Wawanosh, Sarnia.

No. 16. Carleton, Ottawa.
Fred G. Smith (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 19.  Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.
  F. B. Lottridge, Z.; C. Longhurst, H.; C. Roberts, J.; H. Rule,
  F. D. Wilson, Jas. Dickie, J. P. Hudson, A. E. Coombs, W. J.
  Rose, Wm. Kerr, R. Wilson, F. Killmer, G. Davis, D. Cameron,
  H. McKay, A. N. Lindsay, C. A. Brown, E. F. Dwyer, P.Z.’s.

No. 20.  Mount Horeb, Brantford.
  R. W. E. McFadden (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 22.  Grenville, Prescott.
  K. J. Dunstan (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 23.  Ezra, Simcoe.
  Ernest Hind, P.Z.

  W. A. Wilson, P.Z.

No. 26.  St. Mark’s, Trenton.
  N. M. Sprague, Z.; A. D. McIntyre (Proxy), F. Fairman, P.Z.’s.

No. 27.  Manitou, Collingwood.
  L. D. McClure, Z.; F. C. Bendell, P.Z.

No. 28.  Pentalpha, Oshawa.
  A. R. Wilson, Z.

No. 30.  Huron, Goderich.

No. 31.  Prince Edward, Picton.
  Frank Kensley, Z.

No. 32.  Waterloo, Galt.
  F. G. Smith, Z.; R. Harrison, H.; H. R. Baer, J.; T. W. Ruther-
  ford, J. H. Cowan, R. D. Law, L. W. H. Ingall, Q. A. Wright,
  E. F. Westbrook, R. S. Hamilton, R. L. Pollock, A. G. Malcolm,
  P.Z.’s.

No. 34.  Signet, Barrie.
  Alex. Cowan, P.Z.

  D. J. McGillivary, Z.

No. 36.  Corinthian, Peterboro.
  C. A. Sollitt, Z.

No. 37.  Victoria, Port Hope.
  Chas. H. Quick, Z.; S. N. Haskill, P.Z.

No. 40.  Guelph, Guelph.
  J. F. Marr, P.Z.

No. 41.  Harris, Ingersoll.
  R. H. Reid, P.Z.
No. 44. Mount Sinai, Napanee.
A. E. Holmes, Z.

No. 45. Excelsior, Colborne.
Thos. McKim, P.Z.

No. 46. St. James, St. Marys.
W. Eley, P.Z.'s.

No. 47. Wellington, Chatham
L. H. Veale, Z.

No. 48. St. John's, Cobourg.
W. R. Niles, Z.

No. 53. Bruce, Petrotia.

No. 55. Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

No. 56. Georgian, Owen Sound.
D. C. Patmore (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 57. King Hiram, Port Colborne.
H. W. Kern, Z.

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

No. 59. Sussex, Brockville.
W. J. Leonard, Z.; Wm. Root, P.Z.

No. 61. Granite, Almonte.
W. M. Johnson (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 62. York, Toronto.
H. G. Gaskon, Z.

No. 63. Hasclock, Kincardine.
V. D. Cottrill, Z.

No. 64. Willson, Welland.
M. F. Stewart, Z.; Jas. Charlton, J.; Chas. Cohen, J. G. Frame,
G. W. Urquhart, J. C. Gothard, P.Z.'s.

No. 65. St. Paul's, Toronto.
Dunstan, P.Z.'s.

No. 67. Enterprise, Palmerston.
J. Fred Edwards, P.Z.

No. 68. Maitland, North Augusta.
Wm. Root (Proxy), P.Z.
No. 69. Grimsby, Grimsby.


No. 75. St. Clair, Milton.

No. 76. Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.

No. 77. Occident, Toronto.

No. 79. Orient, Toronto.

No. 80. Ark, Windsor.

No. 81. Aylmer, Aylmer.
Chas. Brooks, Z.

No. 82. Shuniah, Port Arthur.
A. E. Holland, Z.

No. 83. Ionic, Orangeville.

No. 84. Lebonon, Wingham.
R. C. Thompson (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 88. MacNabb, Dresden.
E. R. Pailing (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 91. Antiquity, Toronto.

No. 94. Midland, Lindsay.
Chas. L. Davidson (Proxy), R. C. Nugent, P.Z.'s.

No. 100. St. Lawrence, Brockville.
W. J. Leonard (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 103.  
St. John's, North Bay.
F. C. J. Foster (Proxy), E. L. Moore, P.Z.'s.

No. 104.  
White Oak, Oakville.

No. 113.  
Covenant, Cornwall.
H. I. Shuts, Z.

No. 114.  
Bonnechere, Renfrew.
J. J. Gardiner (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 115.  
Brant, Paris.

No. 117.  
Kitchener, Kitchener.

No. 129.  
Elliott, Mitchell.
Jno. Empey (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 132.  
Leeds, Gananoque.
B. J. Davis (Proxy), A. Harris, P.Z.'s.

No. 133.  
St. Francis, Smiths Falls.
G. A. Phillips, Jr., Z.

No. 134.  
King Darius, Cannington.
E. J. Hayes, Z.

No. 135.  
Succoth, Uxbridge.
H. V. Watson, Z; J. H. Chinn, P.Z.

No. 138.  
Shekinah, Toronto.
E. A. Snell (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 139.  
St. Andrews, Havelock.
Angus Graham, P.Z.

No. 144.  
Presqu'ile, Brighton.
W. T. D. Fritz, Z.

No. 145.  
The St. Patrick, Toronto.

No. 150.  
Tom Welch (Proxy), J. H. C. Woodward, P.Z.'s.

No. 152.  
Alberton, Fort Françoise
Edwin Smith (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 153.  
Sombra, Wallaceburg.
No. 163. The Beaches, Toronto.

No. 167. Kichikewana, Midland.
C. P. Eagles, Z.; R. R. Wilson, P.Z.

No. 168. Ionic, Campbellford.
E. G. Tinney, P.Z.

No. 169. Temiskaming, New Liskeard.
Geo. E. McKelvie (Prox), P.Z.

No. 175. The Hamilton, Hamilton.

No. 185. The Toronto, Toronto.

No. 195. Peel, Brampton.
R. V. Conover (Proxy), Jno. Davidson, P.Z.'s.

No. 198. Couchiching, Orillia.

No. 203. Cobalt, Cobalt.
R. O. Stromberg, Z.

No. 205. Victoria, Thornhill.
H. H. Laing (Proxy), P.Z.

A. Walker (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 212. Mount Sinai, Toronto.
A. I. Cohen, Z.; M. L. Levy (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 213. Northern Light, Timmins.
S. Shantz, Z.

No. 215. Mimico, Mimico.
E. J. Everett, J. L. Maude, E. J. Luttrell, P.Z.'s.

No. 217. St. Alban's, Toronto.
S. C. Russell, Z.; J. L. House, P.Z.

No. 218. Prince Edward, Shelburne.

No. 219. Ulster, Toronto.
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No. 220. Lebanon, Lambton Mills.

No. 221. Durham, Durham.
S. D. Croft, P.Z.

No. 222. Ottawa, Ottawa.
A. H. McKee, P.Z.

No. 223. Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.
H. Jones (Proxy), P.Z.

W. J. Rowney, Z.; Jno. F. Gray, H.

No. 225. Beaver, Toronto.

No. 227. Quinte Friendship, Belleville.
Roy Anderson, Z.; J. O. Herity, P.Z.

No. 230. Port Credit, Port Credit.

No. 231. The St. Clair, Toronto.

No. 232. King Cyrus, Toronto.

No. 233. Oakwood, Toronto.
W. E. Gardner (Proxy), E. J. Luttrell, P.Z.'s.

No. 235. Aurora, Aurora.

No. 238. The St. Andrew, London.
H. I. Orr, P.Z.

No. 240. Smithville, Smithville.
E. Merritt, H.; Frank Hays (Proxy), S. Magder, J. H. Patterson, C. A. Merritt, P.Z.'s.

No. 241. University, Toronto.

Gordon Howell, Z.; Wm. Heron, P.Z.

No. 243. McKay, Stoney Creek.
L. F. McDougall (Proxy), W. M. Clark, J. H. Lee, P.Z.'s.; R. Wray, Z.
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No. 245.  Preston, Preston.

No. 246.  Humber, Weston.

No. 247.  Nilestown, Nilestown.

No. 248.  Dochert, Arnprior.
        W. M. Johnson (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 249.  Palestine, Bowmanville.

No. 250.  Thomas Peters', Windsor.
        W. N. Moore (Proxy), E. A. McCubbin, P.Z.'s.

No. 251.  Kirkland, Kirkland Lake.
        R. A. Bilbrough, Z.; H. B. Hawley, P.Z.

No. 253.  Regal, Port Dover.
        Peter Brock, H.; E. Hind, Wm. A. Ferguson, P.Z.'s.

38 CHAPTERS NOT REPRESENTED.

No. 3.  St. John's, London.
No. 29.  McCallum, Dunnville.
No. 54.  Palestine, St. Thomas.
No. 60.  Doric, Newmarket.
No. 66.  The Malloch, Seaforth.
No. 70.  Grand River, Bracebridge.
No. 71.  Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.
No. 73.  Erie, Ridgetown.
No. 74.  Beaver, Strathroy.
No. 78.  Minnewawa, Parkhill.
No. 86.  Macpherson, Meaford.
No. 90.  Golden, Kenora.
No. 95.  Tuscan, Sudbury.
No. 110.  Warkworth, Warkworth.
No. 112.  St. John's, Morrisburg.
No. 116.  Maple, Carleton Place.
No. 119.  King Cyrus, Leamington.
No. 130.  Chantry, Southampton.
No. 131.  Amabel, Wiarton.
No. 140.  Fort William, Fort William.
No. 143.  Glengarry, Maxville.
No. 146.  Bernard, Listowell.
No. 147.  Lucknow, Lucknow.
No. 148.  St. John's, Vankleek Hill.
No. 149. Atwood, Rainy River.
No. 151. Laurentian, Pembroke.
No. 154. Klondike, Dawson.
No. 155. Ancaster, Ancaster.
No. 161. Madoc, Madoc.
No. 164. Lorne, West Lorne.
No. 214. Vimy, Inwood.
No. 226. Prince of Wales, Perth.
No. 234. Halton, Georgetown.
No. 236. Caledonia, Caledonia.
No. 239. Blenheim, Blenheim.
No. 244. Cochrane, Cochrane.
No. 252. Hiawatha, Sarnia.

74 Chapters were represented by Regular Officers.
47 " " " " Proxy.
..... " " " " Past Z.'s.

121 Total Chapters represented.

There are 366 Delegates registered, having a total vote of 609.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

B. CAIRNS, Chairman,
H. A. MILLER,
W. J. ARMSTRONG,
W. G. ANDERSON,
THOS. MCDONALD,
JAS. W. WOODLAND,
CHAS. L. DAVIDSON,
JOHN C. DAY,
W. PINDLETON,
FRED W. FISHER,
Committee.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp W. Y. Mills, 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 Most Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan:

Supreme Grand Council, of the Western Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters—Most Illustrious Companion and Ex. Comp. Harry I. Orr, Grand Master.

The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar—Most Em. Sir Knight and Most Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, representing the Supreme Grand Master.

The Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Dominion of Canada—M. Puisant and R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Wardrope, Sovereign Grand Commander.


The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec—M. Ex. Comp. Chas. A. O'Neil, Grand Z.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia—R. Ex. Comp. Senator R. F. Green, representing the Grand Z.

Most Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, Dean of Masonry in Ontario, on behalf of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., welcomed every guest in his usual most eloquent and genial manner.
ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM THE NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.


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

I feel it to be a great honour and privilege indeed, as Grand Superintendent of Niagara District, No. 7, on behalf of the Chapters of the District, to welcome the Grand Chapter here, on their Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation.

We hope you will find the preparations made to be adequate for such business as may be regularly brought before the Convocation, and arrangements made for your convenience while at labour, as well as for your leisure hours, to be such as will make our stay here not only a pleasureable one to you, but one of profit to all concerned.

I may say that this is not the first time that the Niagara District has been honoured by the Grand Chapter meeting in our midst, as a Convocation of Royal Arch Masons was held in St. Catharines on August 11th, 1875, under the direction of Most Excellent Companion James Seymour, and again at Niagara Falls in 1931 with Most Excellent Companion Walter G. Price, D.D.S., presiding.

You will note the date on the souvenir penny given you. It is to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19. Our warrant was granted February 21st, 1861, by Most Excellent Companion John Charles Franck, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter, recognizing the name chosen, confirming the selection of Principals and date of meeting, and conferring full authority to hold regular and emergency Convocations of a Royal Arch Chapter, under the guidance of Excellent Companion James Seymour, the first First Principal of Mount Moriah Chapter, he being assisted by eight other well tried, true and trusty Companions. They have furnished evidence that the substantial prosperity which has thus far marked its progress will not wane, but become enduring as time advances. Seventy-five years have passed into history since Mount Moriah Chapter was organized by those respected Companions, who at that time became its pioneers and guardians. The progress made since that time affords a fruitful theme for reflection, not only to its Officers and Members, but also to those intelligent observers who take
an interest in studying the growth and expansion of Capitular Masonry, as now worked in Canada.

"O Glorious Builder of the vaulted skies,
Come down to bless the Mason's enterprise,
Enlarge our spirit—let our means improve
Exalt our friendship, and refine our love.
Enforce our faith, make strong our mystic ties;
And let our hearts be pure before Thine eyes
So that, while God Approves, the world may see
How great and good a thing is Ancient Masonry."

In conclusion, Most Excellent Sir, we do extend to you, your Officers, Delegates and Companions, a most hearty welcome, and place ourselves at your service.

HARRY RULE,
Grand Superintendent,
Niagara District, No. 7.

The Grand Z. on behalf of Grand Chapter thanked R. Ex. Comp. Rule for the welcome extended.

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.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES, 1935.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation, held in the city of Kitchener, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26th and 27th, 1935, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, and—

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26th and 27th, 1935, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed.

GRAND 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:
The Grand Z. welcomed the thirty-two various Grand Representatives in suitable terms.

Grand Honours were then accorded to our Guests and the Grand Representatives, and then Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner presented the following address:

**GRAND Z'S ADDRESS**

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

At the last annual Convocation of Grand Chapter you honoured me by entrusting to my care the duties of the high and important office of Grand First Principal, thereby constituting me the custodian of the Honour and Reputation of Royal Arch Masonry within the confines of this Grand Jurisdiction, until such time as Grand Chapter should again meet in annual convocation.
Time, the inexorable, moves rapidly with advancing years. Since last we met, twelve long, eventful months have come and gone, another page of History has been written in the golden book of Fate, and now by the Grace of Almighty Providence we reach another milestone on life’s broad highway to come together once again to fraternize—to exchange ideas—to develop ideals—to legislate and deliberate on behalf of our beloved Royal Craft.

It is my privilege at this time to extend to you—my companions of Grand Chapter—and to our many honoured and distinguished guests, a sincere, loving and fraternal welcome to this, our Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation.

We meet to-day in one of the most interesting locations of Canada—the city of St. Catharines—most properly called the Garden City. While climatic conditions at this time of year are not conducive to a full appreciation of this natural beauty spot, yet most of us have pleasant memories of St. Catharines in other seasons of the year when clothed in rich raiment of nature’s choicest colours it extends a friendly hand of welcome to thousands who each year motor through the fruit belt of the Niagara Peninsula—the Mecca of tourists from all parts of Canada and far distant points in the United States. Bounded on the north by Lake Ontario and on the south by Lake Erie, St. Catharines is blessed with a delightful climate which makes possible the wonderful harvest of fruit in the summer. Few cities in Canada are so favoured. Within a radius of a few miles by motor we reach some of the most historic spots of this province and almost within sight of Queenston Heights, redolent of the stirring days of Sir Isaac Brock and the immortal Laura Secord. Who has not stood by Brock’s monument and viewed with feelings of pride the great panorama which stretches for miles in glorious picturesqueness. Who, under such circumstances, has not been prompted to express his feelings by quoting the lines of Sir Walter Scott:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said  
This is my own, my native land."

Across the turbulent Niagara we see Old Glory with its gleaming stars and stripes—a neighbourly reminder that this Great Divide is the natural boundary between two friendly countries—and on this side of the river, proudly floating high above the trees is that flag that has "braved a thousand years
the battle and the breeze”—our own Union Jack, symbolic of that perfect freedom vouchsafed to all over whom it floats.

Before us thunders the great Niagara Falls; yonder a few miles is that wonderful engineering feat—the Welland Canal—which opens the gateway to marine traffic and provides one of the most important links that binds the East and West. Educational—historic—picturesque—yes, we are fortunate in our place of meeting and gratefully acknowledge the gracious welcome extended to us by the citizens of St. Catharines, the ninth largest city in our fair province.

It seems but meet and proper that, having selected St. Catharines as our trysting place, we should next seek within the corporate limits of this city a building suitably located and equipped to provide comfortable accommodation for Grand Chapter. And here, within the hallowed precincts of St. Thomas’ Anglican Church, amid most appropriate surroundings, we find a happy solution of our problem. Masonic records inform us that on the twelfth day of September—Anno Domini 1877—and in the Masonic era 5877—during the reign of Victoria, of loving and revered memory—the corner stone of this Church was well and truly laid under Masonic auspices by the late Most Worshipful Brother J. K. Kerr, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the presence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Reverend Thos. Brock Fuller, the Mayor, and other members of the corporation and a large concourse of citizens of the city of St. Catharines. Surely a most appropriate setting for a Masonic gathering of this character.

Our thanks are due to the church authorities, our Companions of St. Catharines and all those who combined to make possible the placing at our disposal of the splendid accommodation of this historic old church whose Masonic background should be a source of great inspiration to us during our sojourn within its friendly walls.

The Past Year.

Well may we say “Watchman, what of the night?” Conditions in the outer world have shown but little improvement commercially or otherwise. We still live in the depressing atmosphere of strife and turmoil, of doubt and anxiety. While Hope like a twinkling star still gleams above the clouds there has been little to encourage the belief that darkness is now behind us and the future a promise of better days. The Biblical prophecy that “There shall be wars and rumours of
“Glory to God in the highest,
   On earth peace, good-will to man.”

And how has Royal Arch Masonry prospered? While conditions beyond our control are responsible for a substantial reduction in our ranks we must remember that we are not alone in being called upon to meet these conditions of
stress and anxiety. Man is made for encountering opposition and that opposition, when courageously met, adds to his strength. Reduced membership means a redistribution of the burden, more intensive labour for those who remain, but compensation is found in a more widespread spirit of fraternity and a greater advancement of brotherhood. We deplore the adverse conditions which have resulted in a very definite loss in our man-power, yet we are told that adversity very often fashions out of our infirmities the very weapon with which we hew our greatest triumphs. While numerically we are suffering in comparison with the past, yet, in the point of influence our beloved Order is stronger to-day than at any time in its history. Its mollifying influence on the asperities of men, its leavening of the prejudices and passions of everyday life is forcing it to the fore as a potent influence for good in every community in which it is found. The need for Masonry in all its branches and ramifications is most intense. We live in a day when the needs of the world are much discussed, surrounded by false prophets whose honeyed words cause the masses to surge to towering heights of discontent. We listen to the economist seeking to be the Moses who alone can lead us out of the wilderness of doubt and uncertainty. We study the plans of statesmen and turn an attentive ear to the promises of politicians, yet, it seems to me that none of these provide a practical solution to our social problems. Rather, let us endeavour to replace abstract idealism by concrete realism, for we are wasting much precious time in petty differences, that should be used in enriching this glorious life. What we need is more confidence, less intrigue, more love, less hate, more charity, less selfishness, more activity and less passiveness, more deeds and less words; all of which may be summed up by the suggestion that we heed not the crying cant of doubting Thomases and return to the days when we were old fashioned and less modern, those days when we had more faith and less doubt. How direly we need to re-capture the spirit of those old days, how necessary that we vivify and rejuvenate the beliefs of our forefathers and acquire an abiding faith in the Great Master Builder, whose Omnipotent Hand was then, as now, a protecting bulwark against the very evils which beset us in these days of ultra-modernism.

Under existing conditions, the silent influence of Masonry may prove the light that enables us to steer clear of the hidden dangers by beautifying and ennobling the hearts of men. While, perhaps, it is too much to expect that all men will be perfect and that they will uniformly and consistently measure
up to the lofty ideals and sublime teachings of this ancient institution, yet, as time goes on, the world will be more and more affected by our influence—providing, of course, that we continue to be true to ourselves and faithful to our Masonic trust. If we are to influence those beyond the pale of Masonry we should remember that renunciation must precede all spiritual progress, that pride and arrogance must give way to humility and respect and above all that we must demonstrate that spirit of true Brotherhood which is the golden thread which runs through and gives strength to the whole fabric of Masonry,

The Fraternal Dead.

"Death is but a path that must be trod
If man would ever pass to God."

Reports from beyond our borders record severe losses and the names of many highly placed Companions appear among those who have answered the last great call. We take this means of conveying our heart-felt sympathy to Sister Jurisdictions in the death of so many of their distinguished Royal Craftsmen.

Our own losses by death have been many and grievous to be borne, and while I have no desire to anticipate the report on the Fraternal Dead I feel it incumbent upon me to pay tribute to the passing of these dearly beloved Companions. While other reports will furnish more detailed information I should like to make especial reference to three of our Companions who for many years have been particularly active in this Grand Chapter.


In Royal Arch Masonry he occupied the chair of First Principal in St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, G.R.C., in the year 1900, elected in 1906 to the position of Grand Principal Sojourner, and later for some years was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion Brown was a man of lovable character, prominent in Masonic and legal circles, and his death on July 10th last was a great loss to his many friends.

R. Ex. Comp. Herbert C. Skinner: Died on November 29th. Companion Skinner was an active Mason in both branches of
our Order. An outstanding citizen of Orillia and actively associated with many public organizations in that town.

In February, 1935, he was elevated to the office of Grand Superintendent of the Georgian District, No. 9, which position he held at the time of his death.

He will be greatly missed in the civic, social and fraternal life of Orillia.

R. Ex. Comp. James B. Nixon: Died January 9th, 1936. Companion Nixon was one of our veterans, a member of this Order for 67 years. Initiated in Wilson Lodge, No. 86, in 1868, he became Worshipful Master of Rehoboth Lodge, No. 65, in 1873, and District Deputy Grand Master in 1881. He was exalted in St. Andrew's Chapter in 1869, First Principal in 1874, Grand Superintendent in 1878, and was actively identified with the Cryptic Rite, the Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Bodies.

For many years up to the time of his death Companion Nixon was engaged in the work of the Masonic Board of Relief. His connection with benevolent activities of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter have covered a great number of years. One of the Grand Old Men of Masonry, he endeared himself to all with whom he associated. His was a life-time of devotion to the cause of Masonry—a life-time of service to his fellowmen. In passing he leaves a fragrant memory of a worth-while life.

I regret exceedingly at this time to have to make reference to another break in the ranks of the "Old Guard."

R. Ex. Comp. Dr. R. J. Reade passed away suddenly almost on the eve of Grand Chapter. His arrangements were made to attend this meeting when suddenly he was stricken. His death is a severe loss to Royal Arch Masonry in the City of Toronto where for many years he has been an active worker in the Capitular body.

R. Ex. Comp. Reade was a member of Ionic Lodge, a Past Principal of St. Paul's Chapter, and a Past Grand Superintendent of District No. 8. He was a graduate of Trinity College and a member of the Convocation of the University of Toronto, a man of sterling character, a learned scholar and a great honour to the Fraternity. To use the words of Provost Macklem of Trinity College, he was a man whose whole life was characterized in three simple words.

Loyalty—Contentment—Service.
King's Jubilee.

During the year we in Canada, as loyal subjects of the late King George V., joined with citizens of all parts of the Empire in celebrating the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty. This historic event evoked an unprecedented demonstration of loyalty and devotion throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth of Nations composing the British Empire.

An an outward evidence of our inward loyalty to His Majesty the King, and His Royal Consort Queen Mary, the following message was sent on your behalf:

"TO THE KING, MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, LONDON, ENGLAND.

We beg leave to present and we beg Your Majesty to accept, the dutiful and devoted felicitations, the loyal and affectionate regard and greetings of this branch of the Household of the Faithful, composed of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

With profound thanksgiving for the blessings which Divine Providence has vouchsafed to Your Majesty's United Empire during your beneficent reign of a quarter of a century, we pray God to grant many happy years of peace within and without our borders, and we tender our loyal service in its attainment, so essential to the welfare of our Empire and the whole world. May we adopt the thoughts expressed by Your Majesty that community of interest, sense of kinship and mutual confidence may, as in the past, unite Your Majesty's Commonwealth Empire in peace or war. And may the benedictions and beautitudes of Divine Providence be accorded to you and to her most gracious Majesty, the Queen, during length of happy days and years together.

With assurance of our devotion to Your Majesty's Crown and Person, we pray that 'ever beloved and loving may your rule be'.

And may we be permitted to send a special message of loving greeting to Her Majesty, the Queen, in the words addressed to Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria:

'A thousand claims to reverence, close
In her as mother, wife, and Queen.'

We are one through the Throne."
This message, written by M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., was received and most graciously acknowledged by Lord Wigram on behalf of His Majesty, the King.

The King's Cancer Fund.

As a memorial of the occasion of his Silver Jubilee King George inaugurated a fund known as "The King's Cancer Fund" and solicited subscriptions from all parts of the Empire—the funds so raised to provide sinews of war in the fight to conquer cancer, one of the most insidious and fatal of all human afflictions. Believing that you would wish to be associated with this laudable project I occasioned a letter to be sent to the constituent chapters of this jurisdiction—soliciting their aid in raising by voluntary subscription a sum of money to be subscribed to the King's Cancer Fund. The response was most generous and I was enabled to submit an amount in excess of Five Hundred Dollars to Her Excellency Lady Bessborough, the custodian of the fund in Canada. A grateful acknowledgment was received in due course and I take this medium of extending my personal thanks to all those who made it possible for Royal Arch Masonry to be so generously represented in this most worthy undertaking.

Since our last Convocation the tenure of office as Governor-General of Canada, of His Excellency, the Earl of Bessborough expired, and in company with his distinguished wife and family he has returned to England, carrying with him, to use his own words:

"A wealth of Happy and Pleasant Memories."

Canadians were pleased indeed in the appointment of Lord Tweedsmuir as successor to the Earl of Bessborough. A literary genius, the new incumbent of the office comes to Canada not as a stranger but rather as an old friend, for as John Buchan we have known him intimately through his writings, and his elevation to Vice-Regal rank has met with general approval throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

In Memoriam.

Since writing the foregoing, a profound sorrow has settled over all the land—one to whom we so recently paid tribute and extended happy felicitations is no more. The King is dead. Words cannot find voice or give expression to the sense of personal loss that the death of His Majesty King George the
Fifth brought to the hearts of his loyal subjects a few short weeks ago.

The Empire mourns the loss of one who was enshrined in the hearts of his people, one whose life was crowned with all that wins the affection and commands the homage of mankind. In the midst of this national bereavement, may we remember that in his passing, a great life has been closed. The longer we live, the more we shall find in that life to love, honour, and revere. His majestic grace, his personality and kindly disposition, his wisdom and understanding, endeared him to all classes. While keenly attentive to all that affected his far-flung Empire, his relations with the administration of the affairs of state manifested an even greater interest in those small things that directly effected the peace, happiness and contentment of his subjects.

The inspiration of his life and spirit survives throughout this great Commonwealth of Nations, and the souls of a mourning people encircle as with an ocean of love the sacred memory of a loved and loving Sovereign.

Now o’er the Isles the winds are softly moaning,  
Seeking a monarch, gone to his last sleep;  
Now on the seas the waves are rolling, rolling,  
Calling for one who loved the mighty deep.

From all the earth our heartfelt prayers ascended  
On wings of hope to highest Heaven they soared;  
Now we must learn to say in meek submission,  
“Not this, our will, but Thine be done, Oh Lord.”

Death of a king, whom all the world has honoured;  
Death of a man, beloved from shore to shore;  
This is the death, that in its wake of glory  
Points through our grief, to life forever more.

—P. M. C.

Following established precedent—instructions were issued to the Grand Superintendents—that a period of mourning is to be observed in all Chapters of this Jurisdiction for a period of six months.

**Long Live the King.**

With the death of his illustrious father, King George V—the sceptre passed into the hand of His Most Gracious Majesty Edward VIII, who by the Grace of God, of Great Britain,
Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the seas, was proclaimed with traditional ceremony King, Defender of the Faith, and Emperor of India.

We affirm our loyalty to the Crown and Person of our Liege Lord and Ruler. May his reign be long, peaceful, and happy. He brings to the throne all those lovable traits of Character, those gifts of heart and mind, which for many years have endeared him to his people. May he be sustained in wisdom and well-being and live long to reign over us, is our earnest and devout prayer. As Prince of Wales he firmly established himself in the hearts and affections of the people of Canada. His winning personality and friendly smile are cherished remembrances of his several visits to this country. We yield to none in our allegiance and loyal devotion to him as our Sovereign Lord—the King.

Amendments to By-Laws.

During the year amendments to the By-Laws of the following chapters were considered and finally approved by me:

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, Ont.
Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe, Ont.
Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, Ont.
Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, Ont.
Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby, Ont.
Victoria Chapter, No. 27, Port Hope, Ont.
King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington, Ont.
Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William, Ont.
The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto, Ont.
Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford, Ont.
Victoria Chapter, No 205, Thornhill, Ont.
The Northern Lights Chapter, No. 212, Timmins, Ont.
Aurora Chapter, No. 235, Aurora, Ont.
University Chapter, No. 241, Toronto, Ont.
McKay Chapter, No. 243, Stoney Creek, Ont.
Kirkland Chapter, No. 251, Kirkland Lake, Ont.

Toronto Districts—Welfare Work.

It is with pardonable pride that I refer to the commendable activity of the Chapters of the two Toronto Districts. They have for some years past sought to demonstrate in a practical manner the great lessons of service so generously inculcated in our ritualistic work. That their efforts have been crowned with well-deserved success is best evidenced by the eagerness
of the Companions generally to enroll as active workers. I am of the opinion that this humanitarian work should be encouraged and feel assured that other districts particularly in the larger and more densely populated centres, will be interested to learn more of this form of Chapter activity. We are told that unselfish acts and kindly deeds provide the most radiant epoch in the biography of the Soul. Surely the Welfare Committee of Toronto are writing a new page in the history of unselfish service to others. To assist other districts in organizing along similar lines should they care to do so, I am of the opinion that the Toronto Companions will be happy to co-operate by supplying speakers who will furnish all necessary information, and give the benefit of their experience in the matter of organization.

Grand Superintendents.

I particularly desire to record my personal thanks to those distinguished Royal Craftsmen who so worthily represented me in the various districts. During the year I contacted with most of them and found in every case a companion who was not only imbued with the importance of his office, but was giving generously of his time, energy and talents to further the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.

With unflagging zeal and a genuine desire to serve, these Companions have laboured diligently in the quarries of the Royal Craft and by their example have influenced others to do likewise. Surely they should have emblazoned upon their banners the Knightly motto "Semper Fidelis," for "Ever Faithful" appropriately describes their efforts. A generous portion of any success attained during the past twelve months may be quite properly attributed to their splendid leadership.

To those who may at this Convocation be installed as their successors may I strongly urge that every effort be made to complete their reports and see that the annual returns from the Chapters in their districts are forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. in such time as shall enable those committees who have to deal with statistics and other matters dependent upon these reports to complete their task without undue haste.

For some years past delay in furnishing these statistical reports have seriously retarded the preparatory work of Grand Chapter and I am hopeful that the new Grand Superintendents may so arrange their district affairs that we shall have no further cause for complaint.

I also recommend that Grand Superintendents in inspecting the books and records of Chapters under their control,
shall definitely sign and date such books and records to indicate that such inspection has been made.

Attention of all past and present Grand Chapter Officers should be drawn to the fact that the constitution clearly sets forth the regalia of their respective offices and that it is most desirable that upon all occasions that they should wear not only the sash and apron but also the collar to which is appended the Jewel of their office or past office as the case may be.

**Appointments.**

Vacancies having occurred in the Representatives of other Grand Bodies near the Grand Chapter of Canada, it was with much pleasure that I nominated the following, whose appointments were in due course confirmed:

- Quebec—M. Ex. Comp. G. L. Gardiner.

Upon the recommendation of M. Ex. Comp. Albert G. Johnson I was most happy to commission Ex. Comp. Guy R. Van Sickle to represent this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of the State of North Dakota.

I am constrained at this time to stress the importance of Representatives not only keeping a close contact by correspondence with the Sister Jurisdictions which they have the honour to represent—but also to strongly emphasize the duty they owe to those who have placed their trust in them as their Representatives. Their regular attendance at the annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter is necessary if they are to fulfill the duties for which they were appointed. I am of the opinion that Companions who thus fail in their duty are not providing the expected representation and continued absence should be sufficient cause for a withdrawal of their Commission and the selection of another and more active Representative.

**Dispensations.**

Many requests for dispensations were received during the year. As the majority of these merely cover routine matters I shall not enumerate them as undoubtedly they will appear in the Grand Scribe E.’s Report.

I should, however, mention the exceptions. A Chapter made application for the conferring of degrees on a Brother
who had lost his left arm below the elbow—finding many pre-
cedents and believing that this physical disability should not
debar an otherwise very desirable applicant, I granted the
necessary dispensation

A Chapter requested dispensation for the wearing of Royal
Arch Regalia at a Masonic funeral. I was reluctantly forced
to decline the dispensation on the grounds that Masonic
funerals are strictly a Craft function.

I observed with much pleasure that many requests for dis-
pensations were for the purpose of permitting Chapters to
attend Divine Service. I can think of nothing that is better
calculated to bring to the forefront the religious side of our
Order and have learned with much satisfaction that all of
these services were largely attended.

Long Service Jewels

May I refer with great respect to the many veterans who
during the year received their “Age with Honour” Jewels. I
regret that circumstances beyond my control prevented me
from personally officiating at all of these presentations, but
in each case Grand Chapter was worthily represented by Right
Excellent W. Y. Mills, the Grand Second Principal; Most
Excellent Companion Edwin Smith and other distinguished
Royal Craftsmen who were most happy to undertake this
pleasing duty.

With no desire to make distinctions I, however, feel that
special reference should be made to V. Excellent Companion
William Smeaton, no doubt one of the oldest living Masons.
He received his degrees in February, 1868—was First
Principal of Prince Edward Chapter, Picton, in 1878, he cele-
brated his 101st birthday last year and now, mellowed by the
stealing hours of time, is living a peaceful and contented life
in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

We honour to-day some Companions who have served
fifty-five years, others fifty and a greater number twenty-five
years. Think of it, a life-time of Masonic service. Surely
these records provide an inspiration to those younger members
who falter after a few short years of Masonic activity. What
a treasure store of priceless memories, and a wealth of useful
knowledge and experience is clothed in these men with their
broad perspective of long, long years. They bring us the
wisdom of age and understanding. May the Giver-of-all-Good
bless and keep them safely under His protecting care and
vouchsafe for them many years of health and happiness.
Fifty-Five Years.

Ex. Companion E. H. D. Hall, Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterboro, Ont.

Fifty Years.

V. Ex. Companion Wm. Smeaton, Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton, Ont.

Twenty-Five Years.


Ex. Companion C. Mikel, The Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, Ont.


V. Ex. Companion W. G. Irwin, Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, Ont.


Ex. Companion H. A. Wood, Mt. Sinai Chapter, No. 55, Napanee, Ont.

Ex. Companion J. W. Mitchell, Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Chas. F. Farrell, Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby, Ont.

Ex. Companion E. A. Richard, Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, Aylmer, Ont.

R. Ex. Companion A. P. Freed, Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ont.

Ex. Companion N. Lindsay, McNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, Ont.

R. Ex. Companion C. N. Schnarr, Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora, Ont.

R. Ex. Companion C. L. Davidson; Ex. Companion A. M. Fulton; Ex Companion S. Johnston, Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay, Ont.

Ex. Companion G. M. Gorrell, St. John’s Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg, Ont.

Ex Companion E. V. Elvidge, Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. John M. Coombs, St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smiths Falls, Ont.

Ex. Companion H. Pacey, St. Andrew’s Chapter, No. 138, Havelock, Ont.

Ex. Comp. O. L. Morrow, Presque ’Ile Chapter, No. 144, Brighton, Ont.


Special Committees.

At the last Convocation of Grand Chapter recommendation was made and duly approved that committees be appointed to deal with certain matters of vital importance. I appointed these committees and anticipate with much interest their various reports.

I sincerely trust that the time is not far distant when we may return to the old order of things and follow the constitutional requirements of a two-day session. I am strongly of the opinion that the dignity of this Grand Body has suffered
in our efforts to complete the business of the agenda in the shortened time at our disposal. With no desire to interfere with the prerogative of those charged with the responsibility of our fiscal affairs I trust that a favourable financial statement may soon enable them to give serious consideration to the matter of returning to a two-day session, when we may have more time to deliberate upon matters that come before Grand Chapter, more time to spend with our honoured and distinguished guests, more time to fraternize one with the other and in so doing derive the full benefit of that fraternal intercourse which in the past has always characterized our Convocations.

Education.

I should like to bring before Grand Chapter the question of Masonic education. In these days we find our membership reaching out far and beyond the charted course laid down by our ancient Brethren. They seek a more definite knowledge of our language, history and tradition. No longer content to accept without mental reservation all that pertains to our philosophy, our esoteric work and doctrines, we find the trend is toward more light. May I remind you that our Mother Grand Lodge, being seized with the importance of satisfying this quest for greater knowledge, has for some years past been carrying on a splendid work. As a result the Masons of this province have had placed at their disposal a generous store of Masonic Literature which, while centred in the Masonic Library in Toronto, is accessible to Masons everywhere within the jurisdiction. Investigation proves that this privilege is being enthusiastically exercised and the Craft Masons of the province are reading by means of this circulating library Masonic literature that has heretofore been difficult and expensive for the individual to obtain.

The Craft is not only the foundation of all Masonry but its members provide the very life-blood of the Royal Arch, and as Masonic education in Craft Masonry has been taken up with avidity by Brethren generally it seems but fitting that some provision should be made whereby they may continue their researches into the realm of the Capitular degrees. The result will undoubtedly prove an increased interest in the Holy Royal Arch. With the object of furthering the best interest of this branch of Masonry I recommend that a grant of $50.00 be made to the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the purchase of books dealing with Royal Arch Masonry. I further recommend that a com-
mittee of three be appointed to act with the Grand Lodge committee in the selection of such books and also to consider ways and means of taking advantage of the Library facilities of Grand Lodge. They will also consider the benefits to be derived from some form of education that shall carry a more definite knowledge of the Royal Craft to those who seek more light and whose course of studies and reading end at the present time with symbolic Masonry. This committee to report at the next annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

In Conclusion.

I should like to say that whatever the achievements for the year may have been they are the result of the united, wholesome and progressive service which the various forces of our fraternity have rendered together. Well can I picture the complete isolation of any man who, having attained the high and important office of Grand First Principal, feels that in himself he is all-sufficient. Woe to him if he loses or relinquishes the "shoulder to shoulder" and "heart to heart" contact with his associates, for without their assistance and support he falls far short of the high standard of leadership which his Companions have every justification to expect.

May I in terms of appreciation refer to my colleagues of Grand Chapter—a generous evidence of altruistic co-operation perhaps expresses their efforts better than any other words I may use. They discharged the duties of their respective offices efficiently and at all times in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry. In administering the affairs of this Grand Body no leader could ask for or expect to receive a greater measure of support and encouragement than that which was so willingly accorded to me during the year by the Officers and Past Grand First Principals. Just another indication of that Esprit de Corps—without which no organization of this character can hope to succeed.

I may be pardoned if I particularize by making reference to the assistance rendered by the Grand Scribe E., and his office. Most Excellent Companion Smith is the concentrated embodiment of Masonic Knowledge and I extend to him my sincere thanks for his unstinted support. His personal sacrifices, his unswerving loyalty, his interest and enthusiasm all helped to ease the burden, and if during the year anything worth-while has been accomplished I cheerfully acknowledge his right to the major portion of any credit that may be due.

Companions, let me leave with you this thought—Royal Arch Masonry depends for its influence among men, for its
prestige in the world, for its very life, upon the power that lives and manifests itself in the daily life of all who range themselves under our banners. No institution is stronger, better or more virtuous than are the members who compose it. Let us not be unmindful that it means something to be a Royal Arch Mason, for our beloved Royal Craft stands for ideals, for thinking, for character, not in the abstract and general, but in the concrete and individual. The character of a man is as the golden sunlight streaming through stained glass windows—it beautifies, it enriches and exalts, it is the true expression of the Soul. As the strength of our Order quite properly is determined by the character of its adherents, let us demonstrate that strength by clean and upright living, by honesty of purpose, kindness, charity, tolerance to others, and above all, by a rigid observance of those fundamental principles of good-citizenship laid down for our guidance in the volume of the Sacred Law.

And finally, my Companions, let us lift our hearts in gratitude to the Most High for His manifold blessings, for the harmony that has prevailed within our walls, for such good as we may have accomplished, and as His Blessing has attended us hitherto, let us pray that it may abide with us. Let us not dwell upon the glories of the past, nor yet upon the shadows that have fallen upon our pathway in recent years, but let us look forward with expectancy to further blessings, and for all that has been and is to come—take courage and thank God.

Faithfully and fraternally,

Grand Z.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Chas. W. Haentschel, and—

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

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

The Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1.

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

It is with great pleasure, that I make my report of St. Clair District, No. 1, Royal Arch Masonry, for the year 1935.

Permit me to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Grand Z. and the Companions of this District for the distinguished honour conferred on me. I trust that I have been able to discharge the duty encumbent upon me in such a manner as to justify the confidence and trust reposed.

During the year, I visited every Chapter in the district and on every occasion was received in the most cordial and fraternal manner.

The Officers of the different Chapters are all without exception very well skilled and carry out their duties in a dignified manner. The Scribes' E. are to be specially congratulated because of the large amount of work they accomplish.

It is pleasing to report that in Windsor, both Chapters have had several candidates, and I am sure the depression period is now being left behind, and that more prosperous times are ahead.

April 10th I made my first official visit in this District to Thomas Peter's Chapter, No. 250, Windsor. This was their 6th Anniversary. There was a very large turnout of Companions and visitors, perhaps due to my Scotch nationality. I think all the Scotch Companions in Windsor were present. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a very dignified manner. The officers are to be congratulated on the efficiency of their work. Also, Bro. Bill, Scribe E., on his excellent summons, and the capable manner in which he is bringing in the arrears of his Chapter. The Books, Accounts and Finances are in good shape.

April 15th I again visited Windsor, this time to Ark Chapter, No. 80. There were no fewer than 5 Past District Grand Superintendents present. This Chapter is greatly improving and much credit is due Ex. Comp. J. W. Ratcliffe, Jr. Z., and Ex. Comp. W. R. Bricker, Scribe E. They have had quite a few candidates this year. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a manner well becoming the solemnity of the order.

April 24th I visited MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, and they conferred the Mark Degree on a candidate in the person of the Rev. R. H. Parr. I was pleased to see the Clergy-
man coming into Capitular Masonry as I feel sure his ministry will be greatly benefitted thereby.

May 1st found me at Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne. There were only 15 Companions present including four visitors. This Chapter is not in a very favourable condition financially, but I am hoping that in the very near future it will improve.

May 6th I visited King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington. This Chapter needs candidates badly. Their officers are all very enthusiastic but the times seem to be against them. I was pleased to meet R. Ex. Comp. Dr. R. Hillier, P.D.G.S. of this District, who presented me with a beautiful book, entitled “Visiting Scotland Again”, which was appreciated.

May 9th I visited Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham. The Mark Degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner. This Chapter does its work very well due to the steadying influence of Ex. Comp. C. H. Waghorne. He was honoured with the 1st Principal’s Chair for 2 years and is a trier all the time.

May 14th I visited my own Chapter, Sombra, No. 153. I was introduced by His Worship the Mayor R. Ex. Comp. E. U. Dickenson, P.D.G.S. I felt highly honoured indeed also by the splendid reception I received. The Officers conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree in a very impressive manner. Much credit is due Ex. Comp. Alex. Bruce, my District Secretary. Although they have not had any candidates for some time. He has his officers all up to the scratch and practice continually and can confer any of the degrees. This Chapter opens punctually at 8 o’clock, an act which should be copied by all Chapters, as it permits every Companion to get home at a reasonable hour.

June 5th found me at Blenheim Chapter, No. 229, Blenheim, when I witnessed the Holy Royal Arch Degree. This Degree was very well done; a number of Past Principals taking part to a great advantage. There were many visitors and Companions present. This was one of the very best exemplifications of this degree it has been my privilege to witness. Great credit is due Ex. Comp. Mooney and all the officers. Truly it was a night to be long remembered.

June 17th, at Ridgetown, the Mark Degree was exemplified by the officers of Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown. The steadying influence of R. Ex. Comp. E. V. Bingham is greatly appreciated in this Chapter.
October 4th my last official visit of the Chapters in my District found me at Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg. There was no Degree work, so I gave an address on Capitular Masonry. Quite a few of the officers are sailing most of the time and it seems very hard to get them together. The 1st Principal was absent, he being a Captain on one of the Lake boats. There were quite a number of visitors from Windsor, also from Wallaceburg. There are too many Companions in arrears of dues in this Chapter.

Special Occasions

May 20th, along with Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, G.S.E., I visited Ark Chapter, Windsor, when eight 25-year Veteran Jewels and 23 Life Memberships were presented by the G.S.E. I was honoured with a visit of my father, Companion Wm C. Laing, from Carron Chapter, No. 478, from Scotland, who accompanied me on several of my visits during his vacation. He expressed his sincere regards for all the kindnesses shown him by the Companions in the District.

May 22nd I again visited MacNabb Chapter, Dresden, when Wellington Chapter, of Chatham, conferred the Most Excellent Master's Degree in a very impressive manner. Many visitors and Companions were present.

June 22nd I was specially invited to Ark Chapter, Windsor, when Kalamazoo Chapter, No. 13, Michigan, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree under the direction of Ex. Companion T. A. Taylor, High Priest. This degree was very interesting to the Canadian Companions; many Companions and visitors being present. I must give special praise to Principal Sojourner Comp. David De Meyer. He has done this work for over 50 years and still feels young at it. Truly a figure in Capitular Masonry that every young Companion on this side of the border should try to emulate. There were five Grand Chapter Officers of the State of Michigan present. No need to mention them individually, but we were delighted to have them with us and hope they will favour us again with another visit. There were 107 at the banquet, including our own Grand Scribe E., Edwin Smith. My congratulations to Ark Chapter, Windsor, for their splendid efforts in the interests of Capitular Masonry.

Chapter of Instruction

Sept. 26th I directed a Chapter of Instruction in Wallaceburg under the auspices of Sombra Chapter, No. 153, G.R.C. This event was very successful and instructive, nearly all the
Chapters taking part. The Mark Degree was conferred by Sombra Chapter, at 2.30, in a splendid manner. This Degree was very ably criticized by Past Grand Supt. R. Ex. Comp. A. S. H. Cree, who also gave a very instructive address on the Degree. The Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred by Wellington Chapter, No. 47. This team works very smoothly together and do their work well. This Degree was criticized by Very Excellent Comp. Edgar McCubbin. At 6.30 a banquet was held in the basement of the Knox Presbyterian Church, Wallaceburg, R. Ex. Comp. Wilfred G. Laing, Grand Supt., presiding. The basement and tables were very beautifully decorated with the Royal Arch Colours, also the head table with the Grand Chapter Colours. The address of the evening was given by Most Ex Comp. Edwin Smith. The toast to the King was given by Past District Grand Supt., Major Dr. Reil Hillier, who is a Veteran of long standing, having fought under three Sovereigns, and how he can give this toast. This toast was enthusiastically received, all the Companions standing and singing the National Anthem. The Toast to the Most Ex. Grand Z. was given by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. H. Cree, P.D.G. Supt. The Toast to the Grand Chapter of Canada was given by R. Ex. Comp. Wilfred G. Laing, G. Supt. The programme consisted of several speeches by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, of Mitchell, and others. Three little Scotch dancers gave several numbers accompanied by Piper Pearson which were greatly enjoyed. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was opened at 8.15 p.m. by Sombra Chapter, when the Grand Officers were introduced by His Worship the Mayor of Wallaceburg, R. Ex. Comp. E. U. Dickenson, P.D.G.S. Grand Honours were given to Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, G.S.E., and his staff. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was worked by Thomas Peter's Chapter, No. 250, Windsor. They were accompanied by their piper, who played them into the Chapter room. They also brought their own candidates with them. This degree was beautifully presented and ably criticized by R. Ex. Comp. E. U. Dickenson and Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith. The two candidates were presented with two of Sombra Chapter Masonic Pennies as a memento of the occasion. The labours of the evening being ended the Chapter was closed by Ark Chapter, No. 80, of Windsor, and I feel sure this Chapter of Instruction proved itself to be very beneficial and instructive.

Sept. 29th MacNabb Chapter, of Dresden, held a Divine Service in the United Church, Dresden, which was largely attended. Comp. Rev. R. H. Parr occupied the pulpit and R. Ex. Comp. Wilfred G. Laing, Grand Supt., gave two solos.
Oct. 14th, along with my District Scribe, E. Ex. Comp. Alex. Bruce and several Companions from Sombra Chapter, we visited Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, in the London District, No. 2, when they had a reception to the Most Ex. Grand First Principal, George L. Gardiner. The Most Ex. the Grand Z. gave a very instructive and delightful address. Truly well worth going a long way to hear.

Nov. 2nd, under the auspices of the Wayne County High Priests' Association, of Detroit, Michigan, we held an International night in the large Temple, Detroit, when a chosen team of Canadian Companions from St. Clair District, No. 1, conferred the Holy Arch Degree in a most dignified and excellent manner. We had over 100 Canadian Companions with us, including R. Ex. Comp. Wilfrid G. Laing, Grand Supt. of St. Clair District; Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand S.E.; R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, P.G.S.; R. Ex. Comp. A. S. H. Cree, P.G.S., and R. Ex. Comp. Jas. B. Henderson, P.G.S. Very Ex. Comp. Edgar McCubbin acted 1st Prin, Ex. Comp. V. Weatherhead, of Chatham, 2nd Prin., and Ex. Comp. J. A. Lillie, Wallaceburg, 3rd Prin., and Ex. Comp. Bogarth, of Leamington, Prin. Soj. This meeting was sponsored by Sojourners Chapter, Detroit, Ex. Comp. High Priest Jackson Kelly presiding. There were 300 Companions present from the various Chapters of the State of Michigan. Grand Chapter Officers of Michigan present were Most Ex. Comp. Wm. Senff, Grand High Priest Most Ex. Comp. D. G. Bickford, P.G.H.P.; R. Ex. Comp. Guy Birge, G. Prin. Soj.; R. Ex. Comp. R. Hunt, Grand Lecturer; also R. Ex. Comp. J. Lance-lot Smith, President of Wayne County H. Priests Association of Michigan, and many others. We hope to have a visit from them in return, some time in the Spring. The object of this meeting was to stimulate interest in Michigan and this District among the Companions.

Dec. 1st a large number of Companions of this District joined with the Wayne County, Michigan, Companions, in attending Divine Service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, when the sermon was preached to the Royal Arch Companions by Dean O. Farrell. The Canadian Companions were honoured by having the British Flag carried along with the American Flag in procession, also the singing of "God Save the King" by the congregation at the close of the service.

JOINT INSTALLATION

Thursday evening, Dec. 5th, a joint installation was held at Blenheim for Erie Chapter, Blenheim, Wellington, and King
Cyrus Chapters. Past Grand Superintendents Rev. Stanley Cree, Edgar Bingham, Dr. Riel Hillier, Ed. Worth, E. U. Dickenson and myself united in performing the ceremony. A very large turnout of Companions were present.

Dec. 10th I had the honour to instal the officers of my own Chapter, Sombra, No. 153, also to present the Past Z.'s Jewel to Ex. Comp. Alex. Bruce, P.Z. I was ably assisted by R. Ex. Comp. E. U. Dickenson, P.D. Supt.

Dec. 17th we held a meeting in the Masonic Temple, Chatham, and although not very largely attended it was decided to form a Principals' Association in the near future for the purpose of furthering the interests of Capitular Masonry in an educational way. Very Ex. Comp. Wm. Tragenza presided and Very Ex Comp. Edgar McCubbin took the minutes and explained the objects of the proposed association.

In conclusion I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation of the hearty co-operation and many courtesies extended to me by all concerned during my term of office. Particularly do I desire to mention the most efficient and valuable assistance rendered by Ex. Comp. Alex. Bruce, my District Secretary, who accompanied me on every occasion and added greatly to the pleasure of my duties.

To my successor, I can extend no kinder wish than he receive the same degree of co-operation from the Companions of the District, and in his turn retire from the office with the same happy memories.

Yours Fraternally and Respectfully,

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

I have the honour and pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on Capitular Masonry in London District, No. 2, for the year 1935.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Companions of this District for the honour they conferred upon me by electing me the Representative of the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

Everywhere throughout the District I received a most pleasant and cordial reception and was given the utmost cooperation by each and every Chapter.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Companions of Wawanosh and Hiawatha Chapters for their kindness in accompanying me on my official visits.

My first official duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. J. H. Teasell, of Wawanosh Chapter, No. 155, as District Secretary, who accompanied me on all my visits and took charge of all the clerical work. I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation.

St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 242, Lambeth.—On April 2nd, I made my official visit to this Chapter, accompanied by nine Companions of Wawanosh and Hiawatha Chapters. I received a very hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. D. Chapman, First Principal. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred in a very able manner by the Officers, assisted by a number of Past Principals. After the Chapter closed, refreshments were served and we enjoyed a very impressive address on Masonry given by Companion Rev. Elson, of Arva.

Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, and Hiawatha Chapter, No. 252, Sarnia.—On April 12th, I attended a joint inspection of these two Chapters. I was received by Ex. Comp. J. W. Christon, First Principal of my Mother Chapter, of Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15. The M. M. M. degree was conferred in a very efficient and impressive manner. The Officers of Wawanosh Chapter conferred the first part and Ex. Comp. W. Burgess, First Principal, and his Officers of Hiawatha Chapter, the latter part of the degree, assisted by Past Z.’s of both Chapters. This was one of the best Chapter meetings held in Sarnia for some years.

Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.—On the evening of April 12th, accompanied by fourteen of my home Companions, I made my official visit to this Chapter. I was
cordially received by Ex. Comp. George Brewer, First Principal, who with his Officers and a number of Past Z.'s exemplified the degree of The Holy Royal Arch in an excellent manner.

BEAVER CHAPTER, No. 74, STRATHROY.—I visited this Chapter on May 3rd. I was warmly received by Ex. Comp. A. Holt, First Principal, who with his Officers exemplified the degree of The Holy Royal Arch, in a very creditable manner. Knowing Ex. Comp. Holt and the Immediate Past Principal, Ex. Comp. Swales, personally for a number of years, it was very gratifying to note the dignity with which they conducted the degree. Ex. Comp. Swales acted as Principal Sojourner. There were Companions present from Parkhill, London, and twenty-one Companions accompanied me from Sarnia.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 3, LONDON.—On May 22nd, I made my official visit to this Chapter, accompanied by a number of my home Companions. R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Wilson, Grand Superintendent of Huron District, No. 6, was present. We were received by Ex. Comp. W. R. Whittaker, First Principal, who extended us a very hearty welcome. The M. M. M. Degree was conferred on two candidates in an excellent manner. Rev. Comp. Elson gave a most interesting address on China and his travels up the Yang Tse River.

AYLMER CHAPTER, No. 81, AYLMER.—I made my official visit to this Chapter June 7th, accompanied by fourteen Companions. I was well received by Ex. Comp. Kaiser, First Principal. There being no degree work, we retired to the Banquet Hall, and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 54, ST. THOMAS.—On September 12th, accompanied by nine Companions, I visited this Chapter, and was cordially received by Ex. Comp. Berry, acting on behalf of Ex. Comp. Gledhill, who was unable to be present because of illness in his family. The M. M. M. Degree was exemplified in an excellent manner, after which we enjoyed a social hour.

BRUCE CHAPTER, No. 53, PETROLIA.—On September 18th, I visited this Chapter, accompanied by fourteen Companions, and was warmly received by Ex. Comp. George Kirby, who with his Officers, assisted by Past Z.'s, exemplified the M. M. M. Degree. After Chapter, Comp. Rev. E. W. McKeegney addressed the Companions on the spirit of Masonry.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5, LONDON.—I visited this Chapter on September 27th, accompanied by twelve Companions from Sarnia. I was cordially received by Ex. Comp.
S A. Smith, First Principal. Ex. Comp. Smith, his Officers, and Past Z.'s conferred the degree of The Holy Royal Arch, and were most proficient in their work.

THE ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, NO. 238, LONDON.—On October 9th, I visited this Chapter and was warmly received by Ex. Comp. Walter Hodge, First Principal, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. M. Degree. This was done in a most pleasing manner with several of the Past Z.'s assisting. I was accompanied on this visit by nine Companions from Sarnia. At the conclusion of the degree a pleasant hour was enjoyed by all.

LONDON CHAPTER, NO. 150, LONDON.—I made my official visit, accompanied by nine Companions, on October 15th. I was officially received by Ex. Comp. J. Lewis, First Principal. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a pleasing manner. We enjoyed the pleasure of having with us our Grand Scribe E., Most Excellent Companion Edwin Smith, who spoke on the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to be held in St. Catharines, Ontario, in February, 1936.

NILESTOWN CHAPTER, NO. 247, NILESTOWN.—On October 17th, I visited this Chapter, accompanied by Companions from Sarnia. I was cordially received by Ex. Comp. Whitehall, First Principal, who with his Officers, assisted by several Past Z.'s, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree in an excellent manner. This is one of the most flourishing Chapters in the District. Several Companions were present from Ingersoll and London.

VIMY CHAPTER, NO. 214, INWOOD.—On November 11th, I made my official visit to this Chapter and was warmly received by Ex. Comp. J. A. Hartley, First Principal. This was Armistice Day and concluded my official visits in the District. The Mark Master Mason Degree was exemplified in a most able manner, after which they held their annual election of officers.

THE MOST EXCELLENT THE GRAND Z.'S VISIT.—On Friday, October 11th, our Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner, made a fraternal visit to London District, No. 2. This was held at Sarnia, under the auspices of Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15.

The Grand Z. was escorted into the Chapter Room at 8 p.m and given Grand Honours. At the close of the Chapter the Companions retired to a banqueting hall, where the Grand Z. gave a most inspiring and instructive address on Capitular Masonry. R. Ex. Comp. O. S. Clarke, on behalf of the Chapters in London District, No. 2, expressed the ap-
preciation of the District. Past and Ruling Grand Superintendents were present from several districts.

Besides my Official Visits I, with a number of my Companions, attended Divine Services at Parkhill and Inwood, also an At Home at Inwood. On Sunday, May 5th, we held a District Divine Service in St. John’s Anglican Church, Sarnia. We had a good attendance of Companions with members present from Petrolia and London. Comp. Rev. E. W. McKeegney, a member of Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia, officiated, and his address entitled "The Eternal City" was very inspiring.

On May 21st, Companion R. Rev. Charles A. Seager, Lord Bishop of Huron, was installed as Past Principal of London Chapter, No. 150. There were twenty-seven Chapters represented with a party of about twenty-five Companions from St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 65, of Toronto, Bishop Seager’s Mother Chapter, and about the same number from Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, his town of birth. The ceremony was conducted in a very able manner by a team of Right Excellent Companions of the London Chapters. A banquet was served in the Banquet Hall, where Ex. Comp. Seager gave a very impressive address in reply to a toast to the newly installed Principal.

On December 11th I attended a joint Installation of St. John’s Chapter, No. 3; St. George’s Chapter, No. 5; London Chapter, No. 150; St. Andrew’s Chapter, No. 238, of London; St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 242, Lambeth, and Nilestown Chapter, No. 247, Nilestown, Ontario, held in the Red Room of the Masonic Temple, London, Ontario, Right Ex. Comp. Sam McCoy acting as Installing Principal, assisted by three Past Z.’s from each of the above Chapters. After partaking of a wonderful banquet in the dining room, Prof. Fred Landon, of University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, gave a very interesting address on early history of Canada, commencing in the year 1841 and leading up to Confederation, and the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway through to British Columbia.

On December 13th, 1935, I had the honour and privilege to instal Ex. Comp. R. A. McGeachy and his Officers of Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. O. S. Clarke and a number of Past Z.’s.

In completing my report I wish to acknowledge the many courtesies of our Most Ex. Companion Edwin Smith, Grand
Scribe E., who was present at several of the Chapters when I made my official visits and also at the District Convocation held in Sarnia on October 11th, 1935.

In conclusion, notwithstanding the financial conditions through which we are passing, the officers of the fourteen Chapters of this District anticipate a better outlook for the year 1936.

I again wish to thank all the Companions of this District for the hearty co-operation and assistance given me during my official year. May I bespeak for my successor the same courtesies I have received in London District, No. 2.

Fraternally submitted,

R. E. STRAIN,

Sarnia, Ontario.
WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3.

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

In submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District for the year 1935 I wish to express the very great pleasure which this privilege gives to me.

At the outset I take the opportunity of tendering to the Companions of Wilson District my grateful appreciation of the honour conferred on me in having me represent the Grand First Principal in the District and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, who confirmed my appointment as Grand Superintendent of the District. Because of the interest of these Companions I have enjoyed the happiest year in a very active Masonic career. As Grand Superintendent I was very fortunate in securing the services of Ex. Comp. Gordon Alexander Bowden as District Secretary. No Grand Superintendent could have been served better.

On every official visit of inspection I had the unusual privilege in these times of restricted pecuniary circulation of seeing a degree conferred on an actual candidate. The work in every case was well done. I wish to commend the practice which prevails throughout the District of making the three Principals responsible for a degree each. The Third Principal superintends the work of the M.M.M. degree; the Second Principal becomes conversant with M.E.M. degree, while the First Principal presides over the work of the Royal Arch.

The harmony and associations between the various Chapters are cordial and the interest of the Companions in the activities of Capitular Masonry outside of the district was demonstrated on several occasions, particularly in the splendid representation of all the Chapters in the District at London when the Bishop of Huron, Ex. Comp. C. A. Seager, was installed as a Past Principal of London Chapter, and again at Stratford and at Guelph when the Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner, visited the neighbouring Districts. These visits were exceedingly profitable and served to augment the courage and optimism of the Companions at this time when numerical strength is not the sole criterion of success.

My associations with the Grand Superintendents of the adjacent districts has been very amicable. R. Ex. Comps. Wint. Wilson, of Huron District; Fred Edwards, of Wellington District, and Lorne McDougall, of Hamilton District, were
present at several Convocations which I attended. While I made more visits outside of Wilson District these Convocations were of particular interest to me.

In Wilson District I was able to visit each Chapter twice and two Chapters five times. I was pleased to accompany Brant Chapter, Paris, on visit to Preston, and I attended a Convocation of Hamilton Chapter when the junior Chapter of the jurisdiction—Regal Chapter, Port Dover, conferred the work in an able manner. The Companions evidenced keen interest in my expositions of phases of Capitular Masonry and then all the Chapters of the District extended an invitation to me to instal the officers.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford.—The first official visit was made to my mother Chapter on March 1st. Ex. Comp. Rose extended a welcome and I was properly received as the representative of the Grand First Principal. Under the direction of Ex. Comp. C. S. Wood, the M.E.M degree was conferred in accord with the standard which I would like to see a Chapter maintain. On September 6th and on November 1st I addressed this Chapter and installed the officers, with the assistance of many Past Principals, on December 6th.

Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris.—This Chapter was visited on May 10th, on the occasion of the visit of Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford; on April 16th, when the officers of Preston Chapter conferred the M.E.M. Degree. On Oct. 6th, Brant Chapter held a Capitular Masonic Church Service in Paris United Church, and on December 11th I installed the officers of this active and progressive Chapter.

Regal Chapter, No. 253, Port Dover.—The youngest Chapter in the jurisdiction is mature when the attributes of this “bee-hive of industry” are concerned. These Companions have been able to accomplish things which few Chapters have had an opportunity to do. On my visit of inspection to this Chapter on May 8th, I had the rare opportunity of seeing Ex. Comp. Norman Holden and his efficient Thrid Principal, Ex. Comp. Brock, confer the M.M.M. degree on the fourth son of a Companion of the Chapter. Companion Barrett and his four splendid sons are now Companions of this Chapter. Later in the year this Chapter conferred the three degrees on a Companion who is eighty-four years young. This Companion was quite enthusiastic in regard to the forward step which he had made in Masonry in his latter years. On Oct. 30th I witnessed
the excellent work of this Chapter during a visit to Hamilton Chapter. On Dec. 11th I installed the officers of Royal Chapter.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—On May 16th I made the official visit of inspection to Ezra Chapter. Ex. Comp. Robertson extended an appropriate welcome to the representative and conferred the M.E.M. Degree in a very creditable manner. Regret was expressed regarding the illness of the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. McInally, who was obliged to retire through an accident. The relics of this Masonic centre close to the scenes of the life and labours of the first Most Excellent Companion William Mercer Wilson are of particular interest to the keen student of Masonic History. I installed the officers of Ezra Chapter on December 19th.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.—Is the Senior Chapter of the District. I paid a visit of inspection to this Chapter on May 17th. Honours were accorded by R. Ex. Comp. Moorison. The valiant Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Montgomery, is a strong backfield in advancing the interests of this Chapter. Ex. Comp. D. J. McLeod directed the work of the M.M.M. Degree in a very able manner. The interest is manifested by the non-resident officers who come some distance to attend the Convocations.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.—Harris Chapter maintains a splendid policy of association with the Companions of the other Chapters in the vicinity. These visits are attractive and serve a very commendable Masonic purpose. On June 16th I visited Ingersoll on the occasion of the Wilson District Church Parade. Many Chapters in London District were also represented at Ingersoll. Very Ex. Comp. Wilson and those in charge of the services had every detail well organized and they were, no doubt, much pleased with the success of the undertaking. The annual Church Parade should be recognized as an annual event in the activities of the entire district. On October 11th I made an official visit of inspection to Harris Chapter, where I was properly received. At the conclusion of the work of the evening I was pleased to commend the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. Winlaw, on the impressive manner in which he had conducted the working of the M.E.M. Degree.

Throughout the district the work of that very important officer, the Scribe E., seems to be quite satisfactory in every Chapter. The books are neatly kept, and efficient methods are employed in keeping records. Each Scribe E. is keeping a re-
cord of the rituals. In every Chapter arrears of dues are in evidence, but this feature is not due to the neglect of the officers or in many cases at least to a waning interest in Capitular Masonry on the part of the Companions. Each officer can site cases of those Masonic brethren who are ready to advance in Masonry if the financial situation would become, as they consider, normal. During the period of the dearth of candidates the Companions are maintaining the efficiency of the Chapters in ritualistic work by repeated exemplification of the work of the various degrees.

To my successor I can extend no kinder wish than that he may receive the same degree of co-operation from the Companions of the District which I have received, and that at the end of his term of office he may retire with the same happy memories as I do.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. E. McFadden,
Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 3.
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4.

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

I beg to submit my report on the Condition of Capitulary Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4.

Allow me first to express my sincere appreciation to the Grand Z. and Companions of this District for the distinguished honour conferred on me. I have endeavoured to discharge my incumbent duties to the best of my ability and I hope in a way to justify the confidence and trust reposed in me.

Ex. Comp. A. F. Beetlestone, twice Principal of Enterprise Chapter, very kindly acted as my Secretary, and with R. Ex. Comp. Barton accompanied me on all my visits, which I greatly appreciated.

My visits were as follows:

WATERLOO CHAPTER, No. 40, GALT.—Monday, April 8, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. R. G. Barton, Ex. Comp. A. F. Beetlestone, and others from Palmerston, I was given a most hearty welcome and reception by Ex. Comp. W. O. Beattie and the Companions present, including visitors from Paris, Preston and Kitchener. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch Degree and was conferred by the Officers, assisted by a number of Past Principals, in an effective manner. A fine spirit was present in this Chapter and R. Ex. Comp. James Ritchie has his books in excellent shape. This Chapter lost seven through death this year, including R. Ex. Comp. Alfred Taylor, Ex. Comp. Dr. James S. Wardlaw, J. W. Combe.

KITCHENER CHAPTER, No. 117, KITCHENER.—May 17, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Barton, Ex. Comps. Beetlestone and Morris and two loads of Companions, I paid my official visit to Kitchener, where I had previously been honoured with my election at Grand Chapter. I was very cordially received and welcomed by Ex. Comp. A. C. Mason. Having visited Kitchener several times before, as late as March 15 last, when R. Ex. Comp. Sidney Forbes, Grand Third Principal, gave an address on “The Ancient Land Marks of Masonry” at an open meeting at which one hundred Craft Masons were entertained, I felt perfectly at home. I was well supported by Past District Officers and visitors. The work of the evening was the M.M.M. Degree, which was conferred in a delightful manner. This Chapter, under Ex. Comp. Mason, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. A. E. King, M. Downing, Geo. De Kleinhans and others, have had a very active year and are to be congratulated.
I again visited this Chapter Sept. 20, when I was pleased to welcome R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Wilson, of Huron District; R. Ex. Comp. R. W. McFayden, of Wilson District; R. Ex. Comp. M. Griffith of Toronto, and visitors from Port Credit, Lambton and Stratford. At this meeting the R.A. Degree was conferred. At a later date I accompanied Kitchener Chapter on a visit to Port Credit.

PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 245, PRESTON.—May 20, in company with several from my Mother Chapter, I was present at this Chapter, when Keystone Chapter, No. 224, of Hamilton, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Drysdale, exemplified the Most Ex. Master Degree. I was also present in Shelburne when Preston conferred the M.M.M. Degree on June 14. My official visit fell on Monday, June 17, when I was officially introduced by my good friend and immediate predecessor R. Ex. Comp. M. H. Smith. After being cordially received by Ex. Comp. A. Jefkins, the R.A. Degree was conferred in an efficient manner. Comp. H. L. Clare, who has since been honoured with a Life Membership has been the efficient Scribe in this Chapter since its formation.

On September 16, I was again present at a C.N.R. night and received along with my good friends, R. Ex. Comps. McFayden and Wilson, a most hearty welcome. On all my visits the usual hospitality was much in evidence.

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 83, ORANGEVILLE.—Tuesday, June 4, I paid my official visit to the banner Chapter of the year in this District. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Parkinson and Col. J. A. V. Preston, and royally welcomed by Ex. Comp. A. H. Woodhand. At this meeting the M.M.M. Degree was conferred. Comp. G. B. Hayes is very efficient in his duties and the arrears of dues are the lowest in the District. Ionic Chapter has shown a net gain of seven for the year, which is very creditable and has meant an active year for them. Several visitors were present, including R. Ex. Comp. Grant Malcolm and Companions from Galt.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, No. 67, PALMERSTON.—Accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith and R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Wilson, of Huron District, I paid my official visit to my Mother Chapter, when visitors were present from most of the Chapters in the District. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred at this convocation. This meeting also marked the Diamond Jubilee Commemoration of the institution of Enerprise Chapter, and at the banquet table M. Ex. Comp. Smith cut the birthday cake with its sixty candles. Much reminiscing was in or-
under. R. Ex. Comp. R. G. Barton efficiently handled the records of this Chapter. Ex. Comp. Yeo, who received a Veteran's Jewel a year ago, was taken by death.

GUELPH CHAPTER, No. 40, GUELPH.—On Friday, October 11, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, one of the largest in the District. After a cordial reception by Ex. Comp. Williamson, the M.M.M. Degree was conferred in a creditable manner. Guelph Chapter gave to me the finest co-operation this year which I will refer to later. Arrears of dues has been a source of trouble to this Chapter, the records of which are officially handled by Comp. Gellatly. R. Ex. Comp. Downing and Ex. Comp. Mason, of Kitchener, were present.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 218, SHELBURNE.—While I visited this Chapter on June 14, when the Officers of Preston Chapter conferred the M.M.M. Degree, I, accompanied by two loads from Enterprise, paid my official visit here on October 18. I was officially introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Wansborough and received by Ex. Comp. A. H. Jelley in a friendly way. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred on the candidate started in June in an impressive manner. This Chapter, while it suffered a decrease in membership, has had an active year.

HALTON CHAPTER, No. 234, GEORGETOWN.—Accompanied by several Companions, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, where I was exalted some years back. I was most cordially received by Ex. Comp. D. P. Crichton and the Officers and Companions. Halton Chapter has suffered from a scarcity of candidates, but prospects seem brighter for the future. R. Ex. Comp. Downing, of Kitchener; R. Ex. Comps. R. G. Conover and W. Davidson, of Brampton, were present.

DURHAM CHAPTER, No. 221, DURHAM.—Monday, November 18, I paid my official visit to this Chapter and was cordially received by Ex. Comp. G. C. Webster. I accompanied Durham Chapter to Keystone Chapter, Hamilton, on June 3, when the full staff of Officers exemplified the R.A. Degree in an efficient manner. Election of Officers was the order of business, on my last visit.

DIVINE SERVICE

Sunday, June 2.—Divine Service was held by Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, in the Anglican Church at Palmeirton. This service was attended by over 100 and was one of the largest of any Masonic body for some time. A large number of Grand Chapter Officers, Past and Present, were in procession.

Sunday, Sept. 22.—Divine Service in Shelburne to Knox United Church, under auspices of Prince Edward Chapter.
Sunday, Sept 29.—Divine Service to Knox Presbyterian Church, in Guelph, under auspices of Guelph, Preston, Galt and Kitchener Chapters.

During my year of office I have encouraged the attendance of Divine Service as an organization, the results being most encouraging.

**GRAND Z.**

We were greatly honoured by a visit of the Most Ex. Grand Z. to a district meeting kindly handled by Guelph Chapter, in their Masonic Hall, on Nov. 6th, in the form of a reception and a dinner, at which time I had the great pleasure of receiving our respected leader of Capitular Masonry. Over 200, including many well known Craftsmen, were present. Many thanks are due to the Guelph Companions R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, C. T. Palmer, Ex. Comp. Williamson and others, who assisted in putting over such a memorable night in the district.

I might say that at each time called on at the various meetings I have endeavoured to leave the Companions something to think over and improve the need of True Companionship both in and out of our Chapters. Harmony prevails throughout the District, visitations are numerous and these help create more interest to all who partake.

To all my predecessors and Past Z.'s I tender my thanks for their support during the year, also the Superintendents in the neighbouring Districts, Wilson and Huron.

I visited Tecumseh Chapter on two occasions, one being the reception and banquet on behalf of the District to the Grand Z. on October 30. I also was present at the Annual Grand Chapter Night at Beaver Chapter, on Wednesday, October 9, in Toronto.

I regret to report, numerically we have fallen from 1023 members to 977 members, but with economic conditions becoming better and a large number of Craft Masons as prospects, this district will be in a position to overcome the loss.

My term of office has been a pleasant one and I respectfully bespeak for my successor the same kindly feeling and cooperation.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

**J. Fred Edwards,**
Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.
HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

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

It affords me pleasure to submit to you my report on conditions of Capitular Masonry in the Hamilton District, No. 5.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the honour conferred on me by the Companions of Hamilton District, in electing me as their Grand Superintendent and to the Chapters of the District for their kind receptions accorded me on my visits, and to the Grand First Principal my deep appreciation for the confirmation of my election.

My first official act was the appointment of Ex. Comp. John H. Lee as District Secretary, and to him I tender my most grateful thanks for his untiring efforts.

As details of each Chapter appeared in the separate reports of the several visits made, this will be chiefly in the form of a general summary. Loyalty to Grand Chapter was everywhere manifested and suitably expressed. The harmony and co-operation among officers and Companions impressed me most favourably. The Chapters expect greater prosperity in the near future and the zeal and proficiency of the officers in the Ritual is a proof of their optimism.

To the Chapters and Officers for their hearty reception, hospitality and appreciation, I hereby express my sincere gratitude.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Lorne Frank McDougall,
Grand Supt. Hamilton District, No. 5.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In accordance with established custom, I submit my report on the condition of our Royal Craft in Huron District, No. 6, for the year 1935, and briefly outline my activities in the furtherance of interest therein during the year in which I had the honour to represent the Most Excellent Grand First Principal.

May I at the outset thank the District for selecting me as their Grand Superintendent and also the Most Excellent for confirming their judgment.

Unlike most Superintendents, I did not appoint a District Secretary, as it was my desire to check all the workings and books of the constituent Chapters personally, so that I might give a conscientious report on the respective Chapters, and offer suggestions here and there when thought advisable. I believe that my system is worthy of imitation, as interest in the Royal Craft has taken a decided upturn, and while it entailed much work I might have delegated to a secretary, I am convinced that I did not labour in vain, and that while the Chapters are numerically smaller than a year ago, they are in a much healthier state, as in the process of pruning the weaker members were removed, and new growth is beginning to show, and a spirit of keen optimism permeates the Chapter rooms.

I visited each Chapter at least once, and some several times, and my official visits were as follows:

- Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, Sept. 27th.
- Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, Oct. 15th.
- St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Marys, April 8th.
- Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine, May 17th.
- Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth, June 17th.
- Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, June 18th.
- Elliott Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell, May 28th.
- Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, Nov. 5th
- Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel, Oct. 18th.
- Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow, May 14th.

Without exception I was cordially received and introduced, and the work of the officers was very well done in each instance, and the general deportment in and about the Chapter room in general was all that could be desired, while the hospitality outside of the Chapter room could not be improved
upon. I thoroughly enjoyed all of my visits, and I feel that
good was done to all concerned as a result.

The outstanding event during my term was Huron Dis-
trict’s reception to Most Ex. Comp. G. L. Gardiner at Strat-
ford, October 30th, when over 300 Companions attended, in-
cluding five active Grand Superintendents, over forty past and
present Grand Chapter Officers, and a large number of visitors
from adjoining districts. The meeting was very successful,
we were told, and our gratification was complete, when our
very able and brilliant leader informed us the meeting was
one of the best he ever attended.

At this meeting each Chapter in the District had a very
definite part in the proceedings, and I firmly believe that, as
a result, Royal Arch Masonry received a great impetus in this
District as well as the other Districts represented.

It was my pleasure to attend a reception to the Grand First
Principal in Sarnia, October 11th, and again in Guelph,
November 6th, both of which were very successful meetings,
taken from any angle, and nothing but good can accrue from
same.

In Wellington District, I attended Divine Service under the
auspices of Enterprise Chapter, on June 2nd, and visited this
Chapter again October 8th, on the occasion of the official visit
of my good friend R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Edwards to his own
Chapter. Incidentally, this Chapter was celebrating their 60th
anniversary on this occasion, and a good time was had by all.
I also visited Kitchener Chapter on Sept. 20th, when several
Chapters visited them. I also visited Guelph Chapter, Sunday,
Sept. 29th, at a joint Church Service under the auspices of
Guelph, Kitchener and Preston Chapters.

In Wilson District, I visited Brant Chapter, Paris, on the
occasion of R. Ex. Comp. McFadden’s visit in the Spring, and
again visited this Chapter at a church service in the Fall.

In London District, I visited St. John’s Chapter, No. 3, May
22nd, when R. Ex. Comp. Strain paid his official visit.

I would have visited more Chapters, but my personal trans-
portation facilities are limited to a bicycle, and only the
generosity of my friends permitted the visitations as above.

I am very grateful to the Grand Scribe E. for his attendance
at several of the Chapters when I visited officially, and for his
kindly words of advice and guidance given on all occasions.

To my Companions who transported me hither and yon, I
owe a debt of gratitude which I cannot compute, as without
their aid I could not have filled the position to my own satisfaction, or that of the District.

In conclusion, may I say that my observations during the year, in and out of my District, were such as to give the lie to those who say that Royal Arch Masonry is in a decadent stage. We are a self-sustaining body, physically, financially and fundamentally sound, and our leaders are possessed of that vim, vigour and vitality which will not be denied.

Therefore, let us press on to greater things in the future than we have accomplished in the past, ever remembering that God is in His Heaven, and all is well.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. A. Wilson,
NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.

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

It is with great pleasure, as Grand Superintendent of Niagara District, No. 7, that I submit to you my report for the year 1935.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by the Principals of Mount Moriah Chapter, for their kindness in recommending me to the District for the office of Grand Superintendent. I also wish to thank the Excellent Principals of the Niagara District, who so kindly elected me to that high and responsible office, and to the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, for the confirmation of same.

My first official act was the appointment of Ex. Comp. James Dickie, of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, as District Secretary, the duties of which he has performed in a very creditable and efficient manner.

My next official duty was to put out a Circular Letter to all First Principals of District No. 7, which contained the recommendations of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z.

On April 1st I visited Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Coombs, P.G.S.N.; Ex. Comp. J. P. Hudson, and several Companions of Mount Moriah Chapter. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Phipps and was most cordially received by Ex. Comp. H. B. Fonger, R. Ex. Comp. E. H. Brennan, Ex. Comp. G. W. Irvine, and several Companions from Niagara Chapter, No. 55, as well as Ex. Comp. V. Bryce and Companions from Smithville Chapter, No. 240, were present. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified with musical accompaniment, in a very efficient manner. The Past Principals showed a keen interest in the Chapter by assisting in the work.

On April 15th I visited Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. F. J. McClelland, and was duly and properly received by Ex. Comp. G. W. Irvine. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred by the Officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. E. H. Brennan, and other Past Principals of Niagara Chapter, in a very efficient manner. On this visit I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. A. E Coombs and several Past Principals and Companions. Rev. Comp. J. W. Stewart, of Mount Moriah Chapter, gave a very interesting address on the Mark Master Mason Degree.
On April 24th I visited Willson Chapter, No. 64, of Welland, accompanied by several Past Principals and Companions of Mount Moriah Chapter. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. J. Holstock and J. C. Gothard. I was received by Ex. Comp. A. M. Cameron and given a very farm reception. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. I wish to thank R Ex. Comp. J. C. Gothard for his personal reference to me, and for the very interesting address he gave on Capitular Masonry in the Niagara District.

On May 2nd I visited King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, of Port Colborne, accompanied by several Past Principals and Companions of Mount Moriah Chapter. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. S. Allen, and was received by Ex. Comp. George Pringle, who on behalf of the Officers and Companions, gave me a hearty welcome. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified with music and was very impressive.

On May 17th I visited Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls, being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Chas. H. Stringer and R. Ex. Comp. French, and was duly and properly received by Ex. Comp. W. V. Yorke. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified with music. I wish to make special mention of the efficiency of the Officers and Past Principals who assisted in the work, it being done in a most efficient manner. I was accompanied by several Past Principals and Companions of Mount Moriah Chapter.

On May 27th I visited Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville, accompanied by several Companions of Mount Moriah Chapter. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. F. F. Hayes, and was duly and properly received by Ex. Comp. S. Magder, I.P.Z., acting on account of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. V. Bryce, who was confined to his home. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified with music, Ex. Comp. G. H. Davis, of Mount Moriah Chapter, acting as organist. It was also my privilege to meet R. Ex. Comp. L. F. McDougall, Grand Superintendent of District No. 5, and several Companions from Stoney Creek, as well as R. Ex. Comp. C. W. F. Carpenter and V. Ex. Comp. J. H. Culp, and other Companions from Grimsby Chapter, adding another very pleasant evening to my list of visits.

October 8th I visited Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Fort Erie, accompanied by several Past Principals and Companions of Mount Moriah Chapter, as well as R. Ex. Comp. Holstock and Ex. Comp. A. M. Cameron, of Willson Chapter, of Welland. I was duly and properly received, the M.E.M. Degree being exemplified by the Officers, assisted by the Past Principals of
the Chapter, in a very creditable manner, and another very pleasant social hour was spent with the Companions of the Chapter.

October 11th I visited Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, my Mother Chapter, and was introduced by Ex. Comp. N. B. Mcphee and was given a very warm welcome by Ex. Comp. J. P. Hudson, First Principal, and the Companions of the Chapter. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred by the Officers, in a very efficient manner. I wish to make special mention of visitors from across the border, T. J. Anderson, as High Priest, and Present Assistant Grand Lecturer of Niagara Orleans District, and F. A. Campbell, High Priest, and several Companions of Niagara Chapter, No. 200, Niagara Falls, N.Y., accompanied by several Companions from Lockport and Medina Chapters. The Rev. Comp. Weeks, of Niagara Chapter, No. 200, gave a very interesting address on Companion-ship.

October 18th I visited McCallum Chapter, No. 29, of Dunnville, accompanied by several Companions. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Col. J. C. Massie and duly received by Ex. Comp. D. Glenny, First Principal. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred by the Officers, being well assisted by the Past Principals of the Chapter. A pleasant hour was spent with the Officers and Companions of the Chapter in the banquet room. This was my first official visit of the Chapters in Niagara District.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION

On Saturday, November 16th, a Chapter of Instruction was held at St. Catharines under the auspices of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, G.R.C. This event was highly successful and very interesting, as well as instructive to the District. At 2.30 p.m. Mark Master Masons Lodge was opened by Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, of Niagara Falls, the M.M.M. Degree being conferred under the guidance of Ex. Comp. W. V. Yorke, First Principal, in a splendid manner, the Lodge being closed by the same Officers.

At 4 p.m. The Most Excellent Masters Lodge was opened by Willson Chapter, No. 64, of Welland, the degree being conferred under the guidance of Ex. Comp. A. M. Cameron, First Principal, in a very commendable manner, and the Lodge was closed under the same Officers.

At 6 p.m. a banquet was held in the banquet hall, and an enjoyable time was spent around the festive board. R. Ex.
Comp. Sidney S. Forbes, Grand J., was in attendance as the representative of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z. R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes and R. Ex. Comp. Morgan R. Griffiths responded to the toast to the Grand Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Coombs, P.S.G.N., proposed the toast to our visitors, and was responded to by all First Principals of the various Chapters of Niagara District.

At 8 p.m. the Holy Royal Arch Chapter was opened by Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19. The Grand Chapter Officers present were introduced and officially received in a very cordial manner, after which the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred by Mount Moriah Chapter Officers. The Degree work was criticized by Past Grand Superintendent J. C. Gothard in a very creditable and instructive manner. The work was also reviewed by R. Ex. Comp. Morgan R. Griffiths, Grand Lecturer. The remarks and constructive criticism of both R. Ex. Comps. Morgan R. Griffiths and J. C. Gothard were greatly appreciated by all Companions, and should be helpful to the uniformity of the work in the District.

ANNIVERSARY

On November 27th Willson Chapter, No. 64, celebrated their Sixtieth Anniversary. Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, Grand First Principal, and Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., were present on this occasion. At the close of the Chapter a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Grand First Principal gave a very impressive address, also the Grand Scribe E.’s remarks were very instructive.

INSTALLATIONS

On December 5th King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, and Willson Chapter, No. 64, held their joint installation at Port Colborne. The ceremony was conducted by R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Gothard, Past Grand Superintendent of Niagara District, No. 7.

On December 6th the Officers of Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake, were installed by the installing team of Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, of Niagara Falls, under the guidance of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. G. E. French, on behalf of Niagara Chapter. It was my privilege to present Chas. A. Hall with a fine bridge lamp for the very fine services he has given Niagara Chapter as Scribe E.

On December 10th the Officers of Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Fort Erie, were installed by the installing team of
Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, of Niagara Falls, under the guidance of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. G. E. French.

On December 13th the Officers of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, were installed by the installing team of Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, of Niagara Falls, under the guidance of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. G. E. French.

On December 18th Smithville Chapter, No. 240, and Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, held their joint installation at Smithville. It was my privilege to install the Officers of the two Chapters, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. C. W. F. Carpenter and J. H. Patterson, and Past Principal of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19.

On December 20th the Officers of Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls, were installed. It was again my privilege, assisted by Past Principals of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, to perform the ceremony.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions, and especially those of Mount Moriah Chapter, who accompanied me on my visits, and to bespeak for my successor the same kindness and courtesy that was extended to me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

HARRY RULE,

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

I have the honour to submit to you my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Toronto East District, No. 8, for the year 1935.

May I first be permitted to express my sincere appreciation of the honour that the Companions of District No. 8 have conferred upon me in electing me as their Grand Superintendent and my thankfulness to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in confirming that election. I trust my humble efforts have merited their approval.

I also desire to express my heartfelt thanks to the Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, Ruling and Past Principals and Companions who accompanied me on my official visits to the Chapters of the District and by their presence not only did honour to the Chapter visited but made each visit one of pleasurable anticipation for me and gave confidence to the Officers of the evening, in doing their work, as well as a delightful companionship at the banquet table.

I am also deeply indebted to Ex. Comp. A A. Kinghorn, a Past Principal of University Chapter, whom I appointed as District Secretary and who in his quiet and unassuming way has been most helpful to me.

We are all aware of the conditions which have prevailed during recent years whereby our ranks have been sorely depleted, yet in spite of all, I find that the loyal Companions of the Chapters have bound themselves together to carry on and that the utmost value is found in love of truth, then love of one’s kind, then love of service. Believe me there is no weakness you cannot grow out of, if you set your heart upon it, there is no strength or goodness that you may not aspire to, and in some measure attain, but the way is long and the heart must be set upon the goal.

"The road winds up-hill all the way,
Yes, to the very end."

We begin to realize that our real value is not in our material prosperity, as in the number of upright and manly lives who can give themselves to the service of Royal Arch Masonry and do much for the individual, family and national life, to infuse a new and healthier spirit into the coming age. Let us apply ourselves then in the spirit of Longfellow’s noble lines:
“Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.”

During the year it was my pleasure to visit all of the Chapters at least once, except Doric Chapter, No. 60, with which I tried more than once, but was unable to make arrangements. On all occasions I was royally received and I found the officers painstaking and conscientious in their work, endeavours to impress the candidates and impart dignity and solemnity to the occasion. I fully appreciate and will ever remember the courtesies extended and the happy associations this office has brought to me.

It is with a great deal of regret that I am unable to report any increase in our membership as we still have that large cloud of suspensions hanging over us. After making enquiries in all the Chapters, I find it is due to an absolute lack of interest, for where any interest has been shown the Companions are only too willing to assist. With the return of better conditions, however, the Chapters are receiving new members, one Chapter having accepted nine applications during the past year, so we are hoping for better things in the new year.

At the banquet table that spirit of loyalty to the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter so well known to all Royal Arch Masons was always exhibited, followed by admirable addresses of Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers, Past and Ruling Principals and Companions, thereby completing a most enjoyable evening.

The greatest harmony prevails between the two Toronto Districts and no dividing line is known. Many fraternal visits between the various Chapters are made and a splendid spirit of good fellowship is shown.

I would like here to extend to R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, Grand Superintendent of Toronto West District, No. 8A., my sincere thanks for his kindness and thoughtfulness, in accompanying me on many of my official visits to the Chapters of the District, thereby sealing that bond of fraternal relationship between the Districts and assisting me materially by his presence. Also for his ready asquiescence to an exchange of official visits to our Mother Chapters, thereby giving me the privilege of officially inspecting two of the largest Royal Arch Chapters in the British Empire, which I appreciated very much.
The work of the Welfare Committee of the two Toronto Districts is still being carried on and is improving. The Committee is widening its field of endeavours, thus showing that where leadership is given and the opportunity presented, Royal Arch Masons will give service to those who are less fortunate than themselves and who are in need of assistance. I congratulate the Welfare Committee and trust that the spirit of service thus shown will spread itself to other districts and give those Royal Arch Masons who are willing, a chance to "go and do thou likewise".

I also desire to pay tribute to the Scribe E. of every Chapter in the District for his painstaking efforts. No doubt they have been arduous during the past few years and in many cases I regret to say without due recompense. Each is a conscientious and zealous officer and the ability of the Chapter to carry on, in some cases, has been due to their efforts and their interest in Royal Arch Masonry.

During the course of my term of office quite a number of interesting events took place among the Chapters and I would like to mention a few.

On May 2nd the Chapters of the two Toronto Districts gave a reception to Most Excellent Companion Geo. L. Gardiner, in the York Temple. The Grand Council were received in the Chapter Room, where all the offices were held by Ruling Principals. Adjournment was then made to the Banquet Room, where delightful toasts were offered and replied to most fittingly by the members of Grand Council, M. Ex. Comp. Gardiner, R. Ex. Comp. Mills and R. Ex. Comp. Forbes.

On March 16th the Companions of the St. Patrick Chapter celebrated their annual "Irish Night". A most wonderful evening, with a large Company of Grand Chapter Officers present, as well as visitors from Keystone Chapter, Buffalo. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. G. O. Fallis, B.D., C.B.E., who gave a delightful and humourous address which was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, March 17th, the St. Patrick Chapter held a Church Service in the Eglinton United Church, when Comp. the Rev. W. J. Johnston preached a special sermon to Royal Arch Masons. The St Patrick Chapter as well as Succoth Chapter of Uxbridge, are to be commended for holding an annual Church Service, and I would that more of the Chapters should avail themselves of the opportunities offered in this respect.
St. Paul’s Chapter celebrated their 60th Anniversary on April 10th with the Past Principals of the Chapter conferring the M.M.M. Degree in a very dignified and impressive manner. Later at the banquet table many instructive as well as humourous speeches were listened to and a charming evening closed with new interest created in Royal Arch Masonry.

On April 12th I was privilged to attend Occident Chapter’s annual “Indian Night”, with a large Company of Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers. We were royally received in the Chapter Room, then adjournment was made to the Banquet Room, where a splendid entertainment was provided as well as a wonderful address by Comp. The Rev. W. J. Johnston, on “The Lessons of Masonry”.

Beaver Chapter’s “Grand Chapter Night” on October 9th was one long to be remembered. Among those present were M. Ex. Comp. Gardiner, Grand First Principal, accompanied by M. Ex. Comps. Alex. Cowan, K. J. Dunstan and Edwin Smith, together with a large number of Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers. The Past Principals of the Chapter conferred the H.R.A. Degree in an impressive and dignified manner. At the banquet table the usual toasts were proposed and replied to by outstanding Royal Arch Masons and listened to with great interest by the large company of Companions present.

On Friday evening, Nov. 29th, I had the pleasure of attending a Dinner and Reception, given by the “Toronto Principals Association” to M. Ex. Comp. Gardiner, in the Carls-Rite Hotel. Dinner was served at 7.30 p.m., after which a presentation was made to our Grand First Principal, who replied with one of his most delightful and inspiring addresses, exhorting all to rekindle the flame of enthusiasm for Royal Arch Masonry and revive its latent interest.

There have been many other splendid occasions, too numerous to mention in detail, at which splendid addresses were given, patriotic nights and fraternal visits arranged, thus showing that the officers of the various Chapters have not only sacrificed their time and energy, in order that the work might be well done, the lessons not only taught, but practised, but that interesting entertainment be also provided. Laughter serves as a relaxation of mind and body and provides a rest when one lets go of the seriousness of life, for we live in thoughts and feelings, not in days and years.

In concluding this report may I offer my congratulations to the new officers of the Constituent Chapters for 1936 and
wish them every success, and I ask all Companions to accept my deep appreciation for the many courtesies extended. My year of office has indeed been a pleasant one and my circle of friends greatly widened, as well as new sources of Masonic knowledge opened to me. May our aim for the future be to secure quality rather than numbers.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

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

I have the honour to forward for your information the annual statistical report, which, with the report of inspections previously forwarded to the Grand Scribe E., sets forth in detail the condition of the Chapters in Toronto West District, No. 8A. As the numerical strength and financial assets show a diminution year after year, these reports should be seriously studied. Both in membership and attendance there is room for improvement and the most serious consideration by those who are anxious to stem this tide is demanded.

It is one of the platitudes of our time to speak about the changes that have come over the world, so commonplace that everybody has been made familiar with them. Even as we admit these changes there is no need for us to be too seriously disturbed. There never has been and never will be a static period in the history of mankind. Change is inevitable to progress. With Bryant we can say:

"Weep not that the world changes—did it keep
A stable, changeless state, 't were cause indeed to weep."

While all things must grow and adapt themselves to certain new conditions and environment, we must, however, have the ability of man to control and direct these changes, otherwise disaster may result.

During these changing periods in Royal Arch Masonry a few of our Companions became dismayed, but more of us had courage because we were assured that nothing can uproot faith, hope and charity from the soul of man. When this storm has spent its fury, through the lifting clouds shall we see the same old guiding stars in their accustomed places, and we will note that the orderly principles of social and economic integrity, though changed perhaps, are ever present.

A few years ago Royal Arch Masonry in this District was noted for its numerical growth. Then through the following years it was noted for its awakening thought. In the next few years my belief is that it will be characterized by its consciousness of civic usefulness, that as Royal Arch Masons we are to carry our idealism into civic life and translate our objectives into accomplishments, so that communities in which we live may be better, with a higher type of citizenship, with a finer chance for boys and girls to grow into useful citizens.
To accomplish this we need trained leaders and we must have an enlightened and willing membership.

There is and must be a relationship between Capitular Masonry and good citizenship. If we simply initiate our members into the secrets, symbolisms and mysteries, and do not broaden our view and make our Masonry an unselfish brotherhood, we cannot give to it a power that will penetrate beyond our tyled doors. Are our Companions more civic minded because of the efforts of our Chapter or our District? How many unfortunate men and women, boys and girls have a better chance because our Chapter exists? What are we doing to provide inspiring recreation for our younger Companions who have less work than they need and more leisure than they want? The answers to questions such as these will measure the success of any district or the Chapters in the district. Social events, ladies' nights and banquets, happy and most desirable, establishing new and strengthening old friendships, are valuable by-products but are not the real products of Royal Arch Masonry.

To-day this challenge is thrown to Royal Arch Masons as individuals and as an organization. A static organization in a moving world may mean fatality to both, and the world of to-day demands a moving Masonry and moving Masons. In my opinion, the day is past for conservative individuals to contend for a changeless continuance of the old order. Each of us is called upon to give support to an orderly and progressive social reconstruction, with the object in mind of making a better world in which all have a fairer share of its blessings. How may we meet this challenge?

One timely contribution which our Masonry can make is in recognizing the fact that there is a great need for an awakening on the part of our Companions that life, in spite of its socialization and mechanization, brings a demand for the thinking and labour of the individual. We should not overlook our function in the development of our members into stronger men.

One vision which must come to us is an awakening on the part of our leadership more vitally to practical public affairs and the real issues before our community. The achievements of Masonry, many and worthy though they be, largely in the field of philanthropy and a kindly ministry to the needy, have not yet dealt with the economic and social problems of the day as they exist in our respective communities. Should we not
do more to meet personally these problems which can only be solved by an enlightened citizenship?

The development of Royal Arch Masons themselves to make them capable of higher and better service. We must get away from the viewpoint of looking on our Masonry as a mass affair for the executive, or some other group to look after, and get into the attitude of making it a personal responsibility. The really big contribution of Royal Arch Masonry should be personal service, because such action is not only the best service in the community but is best for the community spirit of the man rendering it. In the past the only motives frequently considered as germane to a process of education were the intellectual, but in my opinion the education of our members should be the development of their personalities for the projection of Masonic ideals into personal and community life, so that marching on step by step in a path that will carry us far toward that happier day when this huge load of difficulty will be rolled from the backs of our people, we may look back over the past and be able to say that in so far as human wit can devise and in so far as human foresight can plan we have carried our civilization to a place from which it will never slip back.

I am forced to these conclusions by the results and enthusiasm aroused by the practical efforts of the Royal Arch Masons’ Welfare Committee of Toronto, whose work is so well known by its assistance to the Samaritan Club. This club gives relief and service to families in which members are suffering from tuberculosis, provides post-sanitarium care, and operates a hostel for unattached men and a rest camp for mothers and children at Jackson’s Point. As the first chairman of this committee I caught the vision of the Companions who comprised that body. Why was it formed? In an attempt to create an outlet for the energy of the Companions of the Chapters for both Toronto Districts? Partly! To assist the Samaritan Club by providing transportation for the mothers and children to their rest camp? Partly! To enable these little children to straighten their tired backs and lift their faces to receive the full benefit of the sunshine, thereby proving that “the laughter of contented children is that music to the strains of which the angels dance in Heaven”? Partly! To give self-satisfaction to those who assisted in the consciousness of having done something worth while? Partly! The real vision was that throughout these districts and possibly throughout the whole Grand Jurisdiction the lesson would
be taught and the example shown that such practical attempts are the true and correct interpretation of Royal Arch Masonry.

During the past summer this committee, under the able direction of Ex. Comp. Fred Fisher as Chairman and Ex. Comp. A. Tannahill as Secretary, again provided transportation for these little tots and their mothers, thereby receiving unstinted praise from those benefited, and the plaudits and admiration of all Companions of both Toronto Districts.

To quote from the report of R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Burnett, who was Superintendent of this District when this committee was formed: "If, by the bright example of their unselfish actions, we are prompted to still greater action in rendering service to benefit mankind, then their labours have not been in vain." Let us hope for the dawn of that day when such assistance will not be required from this or similar organizations, but may that day never dawn when the ears of our Companions are deaf to the plea for practical help, upholding those lessons of charity and benevolence so often preached but not so often practised. Together let us strive:

"For the right that needs assistance,
'Gainst the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance
And the good that we can do."

To arouse the enthusiasm of our Companions who apparently have lost interest and are not attending our Convo- cations, and to retain the good-will of the faithful, I am suggesting that it may be necessary:

(a) To select Chapter activities which lend themselves to individual responsibility and individual action.

(b) To select activities that permit of more or less sustained responsibility, but handled so that they will not stale.

(c) To exercise most careful and wise selection of new members.

(d) To train our new members from their initiation with this definite undertone of personal assistance, rather than group responsibility.

(e) To give just as much attention to the Companions we already have as we display in the obtaining of new members.

(f) To change our banquets from a routine of meaningful toasts tiresomely rendered to a definitely instructive programme of educational topics interestingly handled.
(g) To impress upon the presiding officers of our Chapters the necessity of having business matters dealt with by the executive, and not unnecessarily delay the operations of the Chapter, wearying those who, as guests, are waiting to enter, and consequently prolonging the banquet beyond the hour of midnight.

The social events of the year were many and most interesting, and I will deal with only a few. The most important was the reception and presentation of a silver service to our Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner, by the combined Chapters of Toronto East and West Districts, on May 2nd, at the York Masonic Temple, on Eglington Avenue. The loyalty and enthusiasm of those responsible—the Presiding Principals of all Chapters in both Districts—must have impressed our Grand First Principal just as his words of inspiration and advice made a lasting impression on the Companions present. The presence of R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, Grand Second Principal, and R. Ex. Comp. S. Forbes, Grand Third Principal, added to the pleasure of this occasion.

M. Ex. Comp. Gardiner was similarly recognized on November 29th by the Principals' Association of Toronto. Such evidences of esteem are but true expressions of the worth of the Grand First Principal and the high regard in which he is held by all the Companions.

The Annual Irish Night of the St. Patrick Chapter, marked by virility and enthusiasm—the Annual Grand Chapter Night of Beaver Chapter, suggesting loyalty and dignity—the Annual Indian Night of my own Chapter, Occident Chaper, portraying good fellowship and sociability—were social evenings of the highest order and which contributed in a marked degree towards the cementing of that bond of friendship between the two Districts.

To Right Excellent Companion W. S. M. Enouy the Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District, No. 8, for those acts of kindness and charity which marked his friendship and goodwill, and for his inspection of my own Chapter, I tender my deepest appreciation.

To the District Secretary, Excellent Companion W. H. Murchison, a most efficient officer, for his faithful services and support, I record my sincere thanks.

To all the Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, for their assistance and advice, to the First Principals, Past Principals and Officers of all the Chapters in the District, for their support and co-operation, for the opportunity of meet-
ing under such pleasant circumstances so many of those whom I have learned to respect and admire and from whom I am sorry to part, I am sincerely thankful. I have tried to promote constantly a better understanding, a fuller and more accurate knowledge, a genuine bond of sympathy and assistance amongst the Companions of our District.

"Farewell" is a word often lightly uttered and readily forgotten. But when it means the rounding off and completion of a chapter in life, the severance of ties many and cherished, of the parting, even if officially, with many friends, it becomes "the word that makes us linger". I go into the future freighted and laden with happy memories—inexhaustible and unalloyed—of measureless kindness.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BURDEN,
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 the Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It is with a heavy heart that I, at the command of the Most Ex. Z., take up the duties of our late R. Ex. Comp. H. C. Skinner, who passed away after a brief illness on Nov. 30th.

R. Ex. Comp. Skinner fulfilled, more nearly than any other Companion I know, the portrayal of "the ideal of a Free-mason", as given in our Blue Lodge installation ceremony, and it is, humanly speaking, a tragedy that one who was such an ornament to the Craft should be taken in the prime of life. As stated by our District Secretary, in notifying the Constituent Chapters, he left the world richer for his having lived in it, and Masonry poorer for his passing.

R. Ex. Comp. Skinner took his work seriously, and carried it out with purpose and resolution. All of his visits had been made prior to his illness. He brought rare ability and deep research to his task, and the meetings he conducted were high lights of inspiration and Masonic education. His addresses have left a lasting impression, and will be recalled by those who heard them for many years to come.

It was my privilege to make the entire circuit of Georgian District with R. Ex. Comp. Skinner, as I have done on three previous occasions, and in this way I have become well acquainted with the District and its conditions, and have learned to love it more deeply than I can express. Official visits were made as follows:

April 4th, Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton, Ont.
April 26th, Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, Ont.
May 17th, Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland, Ont.
May 21st, Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, Ont.
June 11th, Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie, Ont.
Oct. 11th, Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia, Ont.
Oct. 15th, Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge, Ont.
Oct. 31st, Macpherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford, Ont.

There have been problems and discouragements everywhere, where have there not? There is no cause for rejoicing apparent in the cold figures given in the Returns, and our officers have, in many cases, been sorely tried. Nevertheless, it is my firm conviction that much progress has been made in these trying times. What are trying times for? Sailors are not made on a mill pond, nor soldiers on a full dress review.
Trying times are just what we call them, times of trying and testing. We have lost nothing but superfluous numbers. Surely no Companion has been dropped because of mere inability to pay, certainly none that I know of. Those who have carried on have become such pillars of strength as they never dreamed of, and our Royal Craft is exerting an influence on the lives of the faithful, such as would have delighted its founders.

The Companions whom I meet in our Chapters are citizens who are taking honourable and leading parts in their respective communities, and I am optimist enough to believe that our calm contemplation of the beauty of wisdom and virtue, within our tyled portals, is having the steadying influence they so greatly need.

May all who read these lines be encouraged to look beneath the surface, and to realize that if our institutions are being shaken, it is by the wisdom of the G.A.O.T.U., so that those which have failed may pass away, and those which are worthy amy endure.

D. C. Patmore,
ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10.

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

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on Capitular Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Grand Z. and Companions for the distinguished honour conferred upon me at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter and I trust I have been able to discharge the duties incumbent upon me in such a manner as to justify the confidence reposed in me.

OFFICIAL VISITS

IONIC CHAPTER, NO. 168, CAMPBELLFORD.—On March 19th I paid this Chapter my first official visit, on the occasion of their 26th anniversary. I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Dr. Gardner, was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. L. B. Glover, and very warmly received by Ex. Comp. N. A. McCall.

The M.E.M. Degree was conferred in a very pleasing manner. This Chapter is very comfortable, equipment is in excellent condition and they are very hopeful for the future.

I again visited this Chapter on June 11th, also Oct. 21st, it being "Hydro" night, when the employees of the Hydro Commission, Eastern Division, assumed the chairs and conferred the H.R.A. Degree. Very deserving of much commendation.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, NO. 37, PORT HOPE.—On April 12th I visited this Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Denike, Gould and Williams. All present were highly honoured in having as a visitor the Grand Scribe E., Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, who presented Jewels to two Veteran Excellent Companions. The H.R.A. Degree was exemplified in a very able manner. At the close of the Chapter our Grand Scribe E. delivered a most interesting address. This Chapter is very comfortable and has good prospects for the future.

KING DARIAS CHAPTER, NO. 134, CANNINGTON.—On April 17th this Chapter was officially visited. I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. H. T. Mathison, L. A. Gould and Comp. Wilde. Was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Blanchard, received in true Masonic spirit by Ex. Comp. First Principal Hayes and the H.R.A. Degree was ably exemplified by the Chapter Officers. A wonderful spirit of harmony prevails among the Companions.
ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, NO. 139, HAVELOCK.—On April 22nd I paid this, my Mother Chapter, my official visit, being officially introduced by Ex. Comp. A. C. Denike, received in the usual manner by our First Principal, Ex. Comp. Dr. Gardner. No work being exemplified I had the pleasure of presenting to Ex. Comp. Henry Pacey a Veteran Jewel, also to Ex. Comp. H. R. Butterell a Life Membership. Having lost all of our equipment by fire a year last February, we are still carrying on with the essentials and gradually acquiring a new outfit, the Companions being very loyal and determined to attain the position held before our loss. On Dec. 30th I had the pleasure of installing our Officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. R. A. Buchanan.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 35, WHITBY.—On May 17th I visited this Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comp. F. Watson. I was officially introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Germyn, and warmly received by Ex. Comp. First Principal Bateman, when the M.M.M. Degree was very favourably exemplified by the Officers, the Third Principal as W.M., the Second Principal as J.W., and First Principal as S.W., thus showing the material this Chapter has available for its future officers. On this occasion I had the pleasure of meeting my predecessor of twenty-seven years ago.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, NO. 249, BOWMANVILLE.—On June 17th I officially visited the above Chapter. This being the “baby” Chapter of the District, I was amazed at their proficiency in the Ritual and floor work, the H.R.A. Degree being exemplified in such an impressive manner that a candidate could not help being impressed. I would be very much pleased for the Grand Z. or the Grand Scribe E. to commend the Officers of Palestine Chapter on their proficiency.

WARKWORTH CHAPTER, NO. 110, WARKWORTH.—On Sept. 9th I paid my official visit to the above Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comp. A. C. Denike and Comp. Rev. S. A. Kemp. I was introduced by Ex. Comp Buchanan, was received very warmly by Ex. Comp. First Principal Snooker. The H.R.A. Degree was very favourably exemplified. The Officers of this Chapter are very proficient. The Companions are very comfortable, having no liabilities and equipment up to standard, and a beautiful building of their own.

Stenhouse, received by Ex. Comp. First Principal Broomfield. The M.M.M. Degree was very satisfactorily exemplified.

The Craft in Oshawa have erected a beautiful Temple and R. Ex. Comp. Stenhouse showed us through the Temple on a trip of inspection from power room to miniature lodge room. I must admit that it is the most up to the minute Temple I ever had the pleasure of being in. The Companions and Brethren are to be complimented on this achievement. This Chapter is in a sound financial position with favourable prospects and complete paraphernalia.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 48, COBOURG.—On Oct. 22nd I visited this Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comp. H. T. Mathison, and was officially introduced by Ex. Comp. McNabb, very graciously received by Ex. Comp. First Principal Hardcastle. There being no work, the Chapter was closed in harmony, when the Companions adjourned to the banquet room and a social hour was enjoyed by all. On this occasion I was presented, on behalf of my Mother Chapter, with a beautiful set of Principal's robes and crowns to match, which was greatly appreciated by the Officers and Companions of our Chapter. St. John's Chapter being in very capable hands and having no liabilities, with good prospects, there is no cause for worry. On Nov. 26th I paid them a fraternal visit, it being Election of Officers and the Annual Chapter Dinner.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 36, PETERBORO.—On Oct. 25th I paid this Chapter my official visit, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Mathison, Gardner, Yuill and Comp. Wilde. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Cotton, very warmly received by Ex. Comp. First Principal Cornell. The M.M.M. Degree was very admirably conferred by the Officers. This Chapter has excellent quarters and complete equipment, in fair financial position and with good prospects.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 45, COLBORNE.—On Nov. 8th I visited this Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Denike and Buchanan. I was officially introduced by my predecessor in office, I.P.G. Supt. R. Ex. Comp. Rev. McKim, and warmly received by Ex. Comp. First Principal Cracknell. This Chapter is very hopeful for a brighter future. They meet in modern quarters surrounded by a harmonizing colour scheme seldom equalled in Masonic halls.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, No. 94, LINDSAY.—My last official visit was made, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Lancaster, Mathison and Comp. Anderson. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. L.
Davidson, warmly received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Johnston. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred on four Brethren in a very capable and impressive manner. These Brethren drove 65 miles to receive their degree, thus proving that distance is no barrier to those who desire greater light in Masonry, and to find that which was lost. This Chapter is in good financial condition, with good prospects for the future. They have very comfortable quarters and complete paraphernalia.

I personally inspected the records, minutes and ledgers of the several Chapters. Neatness and accuracy prevailed. Much credit is due the Scribes E. of the Chapters for the faithful discharge of the duties of this important office. Only one matter seems to have been neglected by several of the Chapters and that is their Book of Marks. In all the Chapters I stressed the necessity of the Companions registering their Mark before receiving the Royal Arch Degree.

I inspected the opening of each Chapter as well as the work. I regret I was unable to visit the Chapters more often. I had a very pleasant year and made many friends among the Companions who I would not have met otherwise. To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., who confirmed my election, I am sincerely grateful, and also to the Grand Scribe E. for his ready and kindly assistance. To the Officers and Companions of Ontario District, No. 10, for their hearty reception, kind hospitality and loyalty to Grand Chapter, I hereby express my sincere gratitude.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ANGUS GRAHAM,
Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.
PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11.

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

It is with satisfaction that I submit my report as Grand Superintendent for Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year 1935.

The past year has been one of earnest work and, while there is still much in evidence to occasion the most serious concern, the results achieved have been exceedingly gratifying.

An increasing number of applicants for Masonic advancement, and many inquiries from those who are considering such a step, afford foundation for the hope that better days are ahead for Capitular Masonry.

The amount of unpaid dues in the various Chapters is still a problem of the gravest import. The wise provision of Grand Chapter in relieving the local Chapters of the capitation fee for those in distress has alleviated a serious situation in some degree, but the problem remains a most disturbing one. By making an individual canvass some of the Chapters have discovered that many of those in arrears for dues have been careless and indifferent rather than unable to sustain the burden. A personal appeal to them by the high executive officers has resulted in many restorations to good standing. This commendable effort should be extended and earnestly continued.

For the first time in Prince Edward District, I have had cards printed giving a schedule of my official visits and had them mailed with the summons to each individual member. Supplementing the schedule were the following requests and suggestions:

"Please keep this card for reference. Be sure to attend the meeting of your own Chapter upon the occasion of the Official Visit. Also make every effort to be present when the other Chapters are visited. Interest in Capitular Masonry will, in that manner, be enormously stimulated. All the Chapters are located within convenient distances of one another. Every Chapter is delighted to welcome visiting Companions but especially so when the representative of the Grand Z. makes his annual inspection. Join with the District Officers to make the meetings happy, helpful and profitable and the year before us fruitful in beneficent results for Prince Edward District."
An effective means for stimulating interest in attendance has been adopted by several of the Chapters with gratifying results by having the chairs filled and the Chapter work carried out by those engaged in the same profession or occupation. A notable instance was a "Doctors' Night" arranged by Moira Chapter on the evening of November 19th. All the chairs were filled by members of the medical profession under the capable leadership of R. Ex. Comp. F. M. Dure, of Brighton, who filled the office of First Principal. The subsequent banquet was equally inspirational in character, with addresses by Most Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, by the Deputy Minister of Health for Ontario, and others prominent in Capitular Masonry.

It was extremely pleasing to me this past year to note how earnestly the officers in the various Chapters endeavoured to carry out their duties and master their work. There was a general ambition to attain to higher levels of excellence. An example of this was the almost faultless demonstration of the M.E.M. Degree by the Officers of Prince Edward Chapter upon the occasion of my official visit on the evening of May 20th.

The temptation is strong to give a resume of the noteworthy features connected with the individual official visits, but I have been reminded by the Grand Scribe E. that my report must be brief. I am compelled therefore to make this report more general in character than I otherwise would have done.

I appointed my good friend, Ex. Comp. W. M. Barlow, to be District Secretary. He accompanied me on all my official visits and has proved himself an exceedingly capable and obliging official. He has few equals in his mastery of the ritual.

Because of the unsolicited and effective assistance and support given me, assistance far surpassing the claims of fraternal courtesy, I must express my grateful appreciation to my near neighbour and valued friend, Most Excellent Companion Ponton; also to my immediate predecessor in office R. Ex. Comp. W. T. MacKenzie, to R. Ex. Comps. F. M. Dure, M.D.: T. W. Solmes, E. T. Cherry and to so many others of the former Grand Chapter Officers, as well as to those Excellent Companions, officers and members who have contributed a wealth of kindness and active co-operation, the memory of which will be to me an abiding happiness and enduring satisfaction. Such friendships are priceless.
The final official visit to my home Chapter, Quine Friendship, was to me a notable demonstration of loyalty and personal regard, a culmination of favour and affection, such as have never come to me in all my previous experience. To these devoted friends I return the homage of a heart filled with gratitude.

I have come to the close of my year and look back upon what has been to me a congenial and extremely happy period of my life. I look forward hopefully to better days to come.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. O. Herity,
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 the Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It is with very great pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 12, for the year 1935.

I have been most happy in my endeavour to warrant the confidence and support placed in me as Grand Superintendent, and while I have personally thanked the Companions of each Chapter on the occasion of my official visits, I still feel that I should place it on record. I also wish to speak of the warm and cordial reception accorded me at the time of my visits, which indeed has been very comforting and gratifying. I also wish to thank the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for confirming my appointment.

It was a matter of great pleasure and satisfaction to me when my very good friend and Companion, Ex. Companion B. J. Davis, consented to act as District Secretary. His support has been untiring, 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 has been helped a great deal by his efforts and devotion.

My official visits were in the order by dates as follows:

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT.—My first official visit was made to this Chapter on April 9th, in company with the District Secretary. We were very enthusiastically welcomed. Several Companions of Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters were present, which helped to make the evening most successful. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent manner, all the Officers showing real good form. This Chapter is in real good condition, its books are excellently kept by V. Ex. Comp. E. A. Cook, Scribe E., a most congenial and hard working Companion for the Chapter. When the official business was over there were several short addresses on Capitular Masonry and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

COVENANT CHAPTER, No. 113, CORNWALL.—Accompanied by the District Secretary, I visited this Chapter on the evening of May 15th, and again I must use almost the same words to emphasize our feelings. We were very graciously received. This Chapter evidently enjoys good attendance at all times, as this meeting seemed to bear out. A feeling of good Companionship and support seems to reign in this Chapter. The
H.R.A. Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, the Officers were well versed in their work, the behaviour of the Companions excellent. This Chapter is well kept up and the Scribe E. very capable, as his books show. The finances of the Chapter are very good. We closed with the satisfaction of having spent another successful evening.

**ST. JOHN’S CHAPTER, NO. 112, MORRISBURG.—**I officially visited St. John’s Chapter in company with the District Secretary, May 17th. A number of the Companions from Brockville were present on this occasion. We were very well received and introduced by our good friend R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Davy, who has long been connected with this Chapter and at all times is very active in Capitular Masonry, a man whose example is worthy of being copied by any young Canadian. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred at this meeting in a very efficient manner. All Officers were well able to handle the work, and although they have been without candidates for some time, the prospects of the Chapter look bright. It was my pleasant duty on this occasion to present a 25-year Service Jewel to a time honoured Companion in the person of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. G. M. Gorrell, who is and has been for some time Treasurer of St. John’s Chapter. R. Ex. Companion Dr. Gorrell has been for years a faithful and untiring worker, one of the Copestones of the Chapter. After closing we retired to the Club Room and a very enjoyable evening was concluded.

**MAITLAND CHAPTER, NO. 68, NORTH AUGUSTA.—**My official visit in company with the District Secretary to Maitland Chapter was accomplished on the evening of May 24th. We were well received by R. Ex. Comp. R. Cavanaugh, P.G.S., with other Companions of the Chapter. Several Companions from Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters were present and tendered their help towards making the meeting a success. There being no candidates I asked the Officers to exemplify the opening and closing of the Holy Royal Arch Degree, which was quite well done. The attendance of this Chapter is poor, but when one considers that this is the centre of a farming district and at times these men are too busy for regular attendance it is not to be wondered at. In the Winter the country roads are mostly blocked. I attended a meeting on December 13th, which was called to consider the moving of the Chapter to Bethel, which is nearer Brockville and the home of St. James Lodge, A.F. & A.M., which I think will furnish this Chapter with some new material which they badly need. The books of this Chapter are well kept by Ex. Comp. Bobier,
Scribe E. The prospects of this Chapter will be considerably brighter in their new home.

**Sussex Chapter, No. 59, and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville.—** This was a joint convocation, held on October 9th. I was received in a true spirit of Companionship and I must say that through the course of my term of office I have found the Companions from Brockville always willing to co-operate to further the true spirit of Capitular Masonry. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an efficient manner, the Degree work being shared by both sets of Officers. The books of Sussex Chapter are kept in a very up to date manner by V. Ex. Comp. Wm. Root. The books of St. Lawrence Chapter are also very creditably kept by Ex. Comp. Geo. Morrison. The evening was concluded with an enjoyable hour.

**Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.—** My official visit was paid to my Mother Chapter November 7th, and I was ably introduced by R. Ex. Comp. H. F. Ward and R. Ex. Comp. Dr. J. J Davis. There have been no candidates for some considerable time in this Chapter, the town having suffered with the loss of two industries during the height of the depression. Optimism still reigns and the prospects for the coming year look brighter. The books and records are kept in a very creditable manner, showing care and consideration on the part of both Scribe E. and Treasurer.

**Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.—** In company with the District Secretary, I made my official visit to this Chapter November 15th.

We were graciously received and introduced by R. Ex. Companion W. Y. Mills, Grand Second Principal. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified in a very able manner. This being the oldest Chapter of the District, it also leads in membership, of which it should be proud, although at the date of my visit the attendance was poor. The District Secretary reported the books in an excellent condition. Finances very good and prospects of Chapter look bright.

In conclusion, may I again thank the Officers and Companions of the entire District for their loyal support and co-operation during my term of office, also I wish to express appreciation of the manner in which I have been received when on official visits. The same has been impressed indelibly on my memory of a year well spent.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

**Albert Harris,**

Grand Supt. St. Lawrence District, No. 12.
OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13.

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

Permit me the pleasure of presenting for your consideration and adoption my report on Capitular Masonry in Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1935.

I wish to express my sincerest appreciation to the representatives of the different Chapters for having recommended me for the honoured position of Grand Superintendent, and to you, Most Excellent Sir, for having confirmed the appointment.

My first official duty was the appointment of R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Gardner, P.G.S.N., as District Secretary. His helpful suggestions and continued interest have been of great benefit to me.

Visitation

DOCHERT CHAPTER, No. 248, ARNPRIOR.—On May 6th I paid my first official visit of the year to this, the youngest Chapter of the District. This Chapter has laboured under very adverse circumstances in that out of the ten regular meetings six have fallen on holidays, but regardless of the fact that there had been a Silver Jubilee Celebration in Arnprior that day, we were greeted by Ex. Comp. Dr. McKerracher and fourteen loyal Companions. Your representative, with eighteen visitors, was given a most cordial welcome. There was no candidate available, but the different parts of the work were explained and proof was established that the officers were both willing and capable. More will be heard from this Chapter in future. Companion H. G. Gardner is to congratulated upon the manner the books of the Chapter are kept.

GRANITE CHAPTER, No. 61, ALMONTE.—Accompanied by twenty-six visiting Companions, I made my official visit to this, my Mother Chapter, on Thursday, May 9th. After the opening ceremonies I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Pollock. The H.R.A. Degree was exemplified in a most efficient manner by Ex. Comp. Barclay, V. Ex. Comp. Washburn and the officers of the Chapter. Granite Chapter has enjoyed marvellous success this year and prospects for the future are excellent. I had the pleasure of making presentations to V. Ex. Comps. Pollock and Washburn. I was assisted by Ex. Comp. Pollock, of Maple Chapter, son of V. Ex. Comp. Pollock. The
records of the Chapter are well kept by Comp. E. J. Lee, the Scribe E., and V. Ex. Comp. Washburn, the Treasurer.

OTTAWA CHAPTER, No. 222, OTTAWA.—On Monday evening, May 29th, I visited this Chapter, the home of R. Ex. Comp. Jackson, Past Grand Superintendent. Together with thirty some visitors from the District, I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Jackson and cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. Orr on behalf of the Chapter. I had the pleasure of witnessing a beautiful exemplification of the H.R.A. Degree. Ex. Comp. Orr and his officers are certain to uphold the honour of Capitular Masonry. They were assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Jackson, V. Ex. Comp. Anderson and Ex. Comps. Shaler Hill and John Meldrum. Steps were taken at this meeting to arrange for a celebration later in the year, of the fiftieth anniversary. The slogan for the anniversary was to be “Fifteen New Royal Arch Masons.” One must not pass up this opportunity to congratulate this Chapter on its selection of a Scribe E. in the person of V. Ex. Comp. A. H. McKee, whose untiring efforts add much to the success. After the meeting we retired to the Masonic Banquet Hall, where eighty-two members and visitors joined in a profitable hour which brought an excellent meeting to a happy closing.

MAPLE CHAPTER, No. 116, CARLETON PLACE.—From the time of my appointment as Grand Superintendent, I looked forward to my visit at Maple Chapter with a great deal of pleasure, because at the hands of some of these good Chapter workers I was made a Mason in St. John’s Lodge, in 1916. With representatives from Ottawa, Perth and Almonte I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Hooper and made welcome by Ex. Comp. Pye and his proficient staff of officers. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the M.M.M. Degree. This was carried out in the manner which has made Maple Chapter one of the leading lights in the District. One must mention that Ex. Comp. Sam Berryman was again occupying the chair of Scribe N. Ex. Comp. Berryman was one of the charter members of Granite Chapter when it came to Almonte, and the Companions in Almonte join with me in wishing him many years to continue in the work. R. Ex. Comp. Dr. McIntosh was one I sorely missed on the occasion of my visit, owing to illness. We are all pleased to note his return to health and continuance in Masonic service. The books of the Chapter are kept neatly and up to date by V. Ex. Comp. Harry Menzies.
Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell.—On June 7th, accompanied by Companions from Almonte and Ottawa, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. After the opening of the Chapter I was officially introduced and royally welcomed by the Companions. Owing to local conditions there was no "material" present, but the officers, wishing to prove their continued ability to confer the "work", exemplified the H.R.A. Degree in a most proficient manner. I had the distinguished pleasure of presenting a Past Z.'s Jewel to retiring First Principal. This Chapter, with its excellent quarters and efficient officers, should shortly make rapid strides. The books are well kept by their able Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Andy Walker. The toast to Grand Chapter was introduced by Comp. Latimer, who has since been elected as D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa Masonic District.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.—Monday June 17th, was the evening appointed for my official visit to this Chapter. I was accompanied by Companions from Arnprior, Pembroke and Almonte. After the Chapter was opened I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Morrison and received a cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. Thompson and his Officers. This Chapter has suffered greatly this year in the loss of their Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Loken, who was called suddenly to the "Great Reward" His duties have been taken over by R. Ex. Comp. Morrison. There was no degree work, but a "questionnaire" hour was spent profitably. Principally would I refer to that of Ex. Comp. Comba, of Almonte, on "Masonry as it affects present day life".

St. John’s Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill.—On May 3rd I visited this Chapter "unofficially" at the request of the Companions. It turned out to be a wonderful evening and I had the privilege of meeting many new Companions. The work of the evening was the H.R.A. Degree. On Sept. 6th I visited them officially, when I was heartily received by Ex. Comp. MacIntosh and his Officers and Companions. Since the furniture, etc., of St. John’s Chapter came from Ireland, as well as the "stone", the old work was used and proved very interesting, and was well done. This Chapter is prospering under capable and enthusiastic officers and much good work can be expected.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa.—The evening of Sept. 18th was chosen for my official visit to this great Chapter. After the opening ceremonies I was introduced by R. Ex.
Comp. F. G. Smith, and most cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. T. C. Millar on behalf of the Officers and Companions. The M.E.M. Degree was exemplified for inspection and the officers and those who assisted them ably kept up the esteemed reputation of their Chapter. The records and books are a model of neatness, and clearly manifest the ability and Masonic spirit of the V. Ex. Comp. George Powers, their Scribe E. In the banquet hall, after the meeting, a profitable hour was spent, with music and a delightful address by Ex. Comp. G. L. Comba, of Granite Chapter.

Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.—I visited this Chapter on Sept. 19th and after being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Bailey was extended a hearty reception from Ex. Comp. V. E. Ives and his Officers and Companions. No "material" was available for work, although a candidate was expected. An hour was spent in explanations and Masonic topics, after which we retired to the banquet hall, where some interesting and educational addresses were given, one of particular interest being on the "Higher Degrees", by R. Ex. Comp. F. G. Smith, of Carleton Chapter. With the able officers and the interest manifested, this Chapter should make rapid progress.

Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.—On Sept. 27th I journeyed to Maxville to visit this Chapter. This is the only visit during my term where I had not a single acquaintance—but not for long. I was most enthusiastically welcomed and a most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent. They have had difficulties in securing new members, but this is now past history. Two applications came in that night, with more in sight. I am sure that Ex. Comp. R. A. Sewart and his Officers are proud of the merited success of their untiring efforts.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth.—By request my official visit to Prince of Wales was changed to Oct. 21st. After the opening of the Chapter, I was introduced and heartily welcomed by Ex. Comp. MacLaren and the Companions. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified for inspection and I am sure that no candidate could have explained to him in a more proficient manner, the teachings embodied therein than by the officers of this Chapter. The books and records of the Chapter are most efficiently kept, and Ex. Comp. H. A. Dunne is to be congratulated, not only on this, but also in that he is the D.D.G.M. of the St. Lawrence District. Visitors
were welcomed from Brockville, Smith’s Falls, Carleton Place and Almonte Chapters. The main address was by Ex. Comp. R. E. Hicks, on “The History of Masonry in Perth”. This was given at my request and was much enjoyed by all.

**ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, NO. 133, SMITH’S FALLS.**—Owing to rebuilding and moving conditions, My official visit was postponed until Nov. 15th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. A. E. MacGregor, and royally welcomed by Ex. Comp. J. C. Dowsett on behalf of the Companions. This Chapter is to be congratulated upon their new quarters. The remodelling work has all been done by the members themselves, and too much cannot be said of these Companions for their energies expended in the interest of Masonry. Knowing the history of these faithful workers and the wise counselling of R. Ex. Comps. Gardiner and MacGregor, there is no gainsaying but that success will crown their efforts. The records of the Chapter could not be more efficiently kept than they are by V. Ex. Comp. McDonald. Several interesting addresses brought a very successful meeting to a close.

**THE ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH SERVICE** was held at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Almonte, on Sunday, June 9th, when over eighty Companions of the Royal Craft gathered at Granite Chapter Room and marched in procession to the House of God. R. Ex. Comp. Fred G. Smith acted as Director of Ceremonies. A most impressive address was delivered by R. Ex. Comp. Thos. McKimm, P.G.S. Ontario District, No. 10.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.**—On Thursday, Dec. 12th, I had the honour of installing the Officers of Granite Chapter. Assisting in the ceremony were V. Ex. Comp. Washburn and Ex. Comps. Lodge and Comba. Owing to illness I was unable to perform the installation ceremonies at St. Francis Chapter, but V. Ex. Comp. Washburn and Ex. Comps. Lodge and Comba assisted R. Ex. Comp. A. L. MacGregor in performing that duty.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.**—Special reference must be made to the 75th Anniversary of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa. The work of the three degrees was exemplified by teams composed of Carleton Chapter members only. The M.M.M. Degree, in the old form, by Past Z.’s of over twenty-five years standing. The M.E.M. Degree by a picked team of members of the Chapter, and the H.R.A. Degree by the present Officers of the Chapter. At this meeting the Most Ex.
the Grand Z. was present, and following the banquet delivered a most impressive and instructive address. Over two hun-
dred Grand Chapter Officers and Companions throughout the District gathered to pay homage to this, our oldest Chapter.

Also the 15th Anniversary of Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa, when the H.R.A. Degree was exemplified by the first officers of the Chapter

I had the privilege of being an honoured guest at both of these occasions.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Officers and Companions of the District for their hearty co-
operation during my year of office; to the members of Granite Chapter who were always ready to accompany me, and par-
ticularly may I mention V. Ex. Comp. Washburn, who only missed one meeting, and to R. Ex. Comps. J. T. Jackson, A. L. MacGregor, C. M. Forbes, Fred G. Smith and J. J. Gardiner, whose kindly counsel was to me a great tower of strength. May I ask for my successor your continued loyalty and support.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

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

I have great pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14, for the year 1935. First, let me express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the District as a whole in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Ex. Grand Z. for his confirmation of their choice. My first duty was to appoint a District Secretary in the person of Ex. Comp. Robert Jamieson, a Past Principal of Fort William Chapter, No. 140, who through the term has fulfilled his duties faithfully and efficiently, accompanying me on many official visits and assisting at various installations.

Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River, and Alberton Chapter, No. 150, Fort Francis.—It was a pleasure to have the Most Ex. Grand Z. accompany me on my official visit to these two Chapters, which took place at a Joint Convocation held at Fort Frances, on June 28th. We were well received and royally entertained. The Most Ex. Grand Z. gave a most inspiring address to the Companions. In view of the loss sustained by Atwood Chapter, whose premises were burned down early in the year, this address was particularly encouraging, and has had the effect of giving them renewed energy in their efforts to re-establish themselves in new quarters. As this was a Joint Convocation, the address of the Grand Z. was the outstanding feature of the evening. Alberton Chapter continues to function in an admirable manner and the records, I find, are well kept. The prospects are exceedingly good.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora.—Accompanied by Ex. Comp. Jamieson, District Secretary, I visited Golden Chapter on September 20th. We were well received and introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Brenchley and Whittaker, veterans of the Chapter, still in active service. I had the pleasure of seeing the M.M.M. Degree conferred on two candidates, the work being done in a most efficient manner. I had the honour of investing V. Ex. Comps. Stevenson and Tate with the regalia of Grand Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies and Grand Steward respectively. Golden Chapter is in a happy and prosperous condition, the books and records being kept in excellent shape by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Galloway, Scribe E. It is also fortunate in having a First Principal of the ability of Ex. Comp. Duncan,
who conducts the affairs of the Chapter in a very able manner. His capabilities as a host will long be remembered by both Ex. Comp. Jamieson and myself.

**Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William.**—I visited Fort William Chapter on December 6th, and was properly introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. E. Watkins, and welcomed to the East by Ex. Comp. Auld. As this is my own Chapter I am well acquainted with the able and efficient manner in which the ritualistic work is performed, and had the great pleasure of seeing the R.A. Degree conferred on a class of six. The interest of the Past Principals taking part in the work is most gratifying. At this Convocation the Officers for the year 1936 were installed in a most creditable manner by R. Ex. Comp. Cameron, assisted by a number of Past Principals, most of whom were Past Grand Superintendents. In R. Ex. Comp. Coles the Chapter has a most capable Scribe E. All the books and records are kept up to date, and in faultless condition

**Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur.**—Visited this Chapter on the 11th of December, with Ex. Comp. Jamieson, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. S. W. Ray, the Grand Old Man of Masonry in this District, in his most genial manner. Ex. Comp. J. W. A. Ferguson gave us a cordial welcome to the East. After the regular business of the evening I had the privilege of assisting in the Installation of Officers for 1936, which was conducted by a number of Past Principals under the leadership of R. Ex. Comp. Harold Stanworth. I found the books of the Chapter in excellent condition, and most ably kept by R. Ex. Comp. A. P. Freed, Scribe E. Having seen the M.M.M. and M.E.M. Degrees conferred on former visits, I have no hesitation in saying that the ritualistic work is all that can be desired.

Considering present conditions, I feel that most of the Chapters in District No. 14 are progressing favourably, and the outlook for Capitular Masonry is a good deal brighter. In closing I again tender my sincere thanks to all Companions for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my term.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

T. W. Love,
NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 15.

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

I have the honour and pleasure to submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in New Ontario District, No. 15, for the year 1935.

I desire, however, to preface my report by expressing, although having done so by letter and verbally during my official visits, my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Companions of the District for the honour conferred on me in electing me as Representative of the Grand Z. for the year now drawing to a close. As I stepped over the threshold of my official year, it was with a certain amount of fear and trepidation as to whether I would be able to merit the confidence reposed in me by the District. However, I soon found that before I had travelled far along the highway of my duties that my fears were mostly illusionary and what at first appeared to be a mountainous task became a most pleasant task. This magic change was largely the result of the unflagging loyalty and assistance of the First Principals and Scribes E. of all the Chapters, together with the loyal support of the Past Grand Superintendents, particularly those of later years.

One of my first duties was to appoint Ex. Comp. E. W. Hitchcock, Past First Principal of Algonquin, to the office of District Secretary. Ex. Comp. Hitchcock has been, and is still, one of the Soo's most active Masons in all branches of the Order, and he has been a very valuable and efficient assistant throughout the year.

I made a resolution on entering my year of office to hold a Chapter of Instruction, similar to the one held in 1933 by Past Grand Superintendent Wm. Rubenstein. It was largely by the loyal support of the First Principals and Officers of the various Chapters, that I was able to hold same in Sudbury on September 14th. I will give particulars in my report on Tuscan Chapter. I recommended the holding of a Chapter of Instruction for our District every year, as our District is one of the largest geographically in our whole Grand Chapter, and the Chapters being so isolated from each other, a Chapter of Instruction is practically the only means of them holding fraternal visits with each other and bringing together the Companions of the District for educational and social privileges. I extended a cordial invitation to hold the next one in Sault Ste. Marie.
Before reporting my Visitations, I wish to conclude this preface by mentioning the sterling worth of the Scribes E. of the various Chapters, who are all well skilled in their duties. I found their books and records to be in A-1 shape and rendering loyal support to their respective Chapters.

**Visitations**

**Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.**—I combined my official visit to Tuscan Chapter with the Chapter of Instruction held in that city on September 14th. In the afternoon St. John's Chapter, North Bay, in charge of Ex. Comp. Jas. Milligan and his Officers conferred the M.M. Degree, and was followed by the conferring of the M.E.M. Degree by Tuscan Chapter, Sudbury, in charge of Ex. Comp. C. O. Maddock and his Officers. These two degrees were conferred in a most efficient manner. Tuscan Chapter was host to the Companions of Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay at a 6.30 o'clock dinner. In the evening I was officially received by Tuscan Chapter. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. W. J. Warwick and H. M. Stevenson, and after being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Warwick I was extended a very cordial welcome by the First Principal and Companions of the Chapter. To Algonquin Chapter, Sault Ste. Marie, fell the honour of conferring the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The First Principal and his Officers excelled themselves in the exemplification of this degree. In all the degrees, the Officers were assisted by a number of Past First Principals, including the following Past Grand Superintendents: R. Ex. Comps. Dr. B. F. Nott, H. J. McAuslan, of St. John's; R. Ex. Comps. W. J. Warwick and H. M. Stevenson, of Tuscan, and R. Ex. Comps. J. B. Way, Geo. S. Cowie, Wm. Rubenstein, of Algonquin. After Chapter was closed, Tuscan Chapter was again hosts to the visiting Companions to a supper, which was followed by a short programme in charge of R. Ex. Comp. Stephenson. I wish to express my sincere thanks to Tuscan Chapter for their loyal support and kind hospitality in helping to make the Chapter of Instruction a success and I trust of much educational and social value for all who attended.

**St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay.**—On October 3rd I paid my official visit to these Companions, and from the moment I arrived until I left I was most royally entertained. It seemed that Ex. Comp. Milligan and my good old friend Doc. Nott couldn't do enough to make my stay a most pleasant one, even taking me out in the afternoon to see the world-famed
Quintuplets. In the evening I was officially received, having as my escort R. Ex. Comps. Foster, Nott, McAuslan and V. Ex. Comp. A. Torrance. After being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Foster, I was extended a most hearty welcome by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Milligan. It was then my privilege to witness the exemplification of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch by the Officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. Nott, McAuslan and Foster, and was exceptionally well done. The Mystical Lecture given by R. Ex. Comp. Foster was most impressive. Capitular Masonry in North Bay is in a good healthy condition at the present time and I look forward with confidence for St. John’s continued success.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.—I was much disappointed in not getting to Mattawa. I had planned to drive over during my stay in North Bay, but Ex. Comp. Betts, of Pembroke Chapter, was called to North Bay on business that day. I had a nice visit with Ex. Comp. Betts in Doc. Nott’s office, and he informed me that there were only two members in Mattawa that day and advised against me making the trip. There are only five resident members and it is impossible to hold any Convocations, without getting members residing elsewhere. They only held one meeting during the year. It is unfortunate that this Chapter has become more or less dormant, but Ex. Comp. Betts informed me that he has hopes of a revival in Capitular Masonry in Mattawa and increased membership in Pembroke Chapter on account of a large lumbering industry about to start operations. The financial condition of the Chapter is good, and I sincerely hope that Pembroke Chapter may not be disappointed in the anticipation and much desired increase in membership.

Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.—I deferred my visit to my home Chapter until the last, particularly at the request of the First Principal, as he wished to have a candidate for the M.M.M. Degree the evening I made my visit, which was on October 25th. Although no formal introduction was necessary, I was formally introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Dr. H. F. Goodfellow and Wm. Rubenstein, after which I was extended a most cordial welcome by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Waddle, in his usual well chosen vocabulary, and my reception by the Companions will always remain fresh in my memory. It being the evening of the regular monthly Convocation, I gave a paper on the “Traditions of the Holy Royal Arch”. After Chapter was closed, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the M.M.M. Degree was conferred by
the First Principal and his Officers, assisted by a number of the Past First Principals. The degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, and the candidate could not help of having been much impressed. On account of Keystone Lodge, A.F. & A.M., having celebrated their fiftieth anniversary a couple of nights previous, the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been, but what lacked in attendance was largely compensated by the spirit of Companionship that prevailed during the entire evening. At the regular Convocation in December, I was afforded the privilege and pleasure of Installing and Investing the Officers for the ensuing year.

I endeavoured to impress upon the Chapters, by letter and verbally, the paramount question confronting Masonry to-day—"The severe decline in membership"—and to use well the broad mantle of charity before letting the axe of suspension fall too often. The depression is still with us, and although we may be slowly getting around the proverbial corner, yet there is still the aftermath, which will take years to eradicate. Another serious matter confronting all branches of Masonry is the lack of attendance, and I left a parting injunction to the Chapters of New Ontario District to do all possible to increase the attendance by personal invitation and bright, interesting meetings, and thereby awaken a new interest in Capitular Masonry.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to my own Chapter for the loyal support tendered me throughout the year, and which was so tangibly expressed by 20 members accompanying me on the 205-mile motor trip to the Chapter of Instruction in Sudbury. I sincerely hope that the confidence placed in me, not only by the Companions of my own Chapter, but by the Companions throughout the entire district, has not been misplaced, and that my efforts, though perhaps feeble, may have been of some benefit to the Royal Craft.

I bespeak for my successor the same courtesy, kindness and loyal support as that bestowed upon me during my tenure of office.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. J. W. Johnston,
Grand Supt. New Ontario District, No. 15.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of Temiskaming District, No. 16, for the year 1935.

In the first place, permit me to express my deep appreciation for the honour conferred on me by the Representatives for the various Chapters of the District in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and by the Grand Z., for ratifying their choice.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. H. George Ginn as District Secretary. I am much indebted to Ex. Comp. Ginn for his loyal support.

Official Visits

I visited Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard, on October 2nd, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. Wees, Comp. C. Wood, and Comp. J. Preston. This is the Mother Chapter of Capitular Masonry in this District and has always been a very active Chapter.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the H.R.A. Degree, the chair being occupied by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. G. E. McKelvie. I was much pleased with the impressive manner in which the degree was conferred.

A very pleasant hour was spent around the festive board at the conclusion of the meeting.

Cobalt Chapter, No. 103, Cobalt.—This is my Mother Chapter and I regret that I was not able to arrange a visit until their Installation of Officers on December 3rd.

I was very warmly received by Ex. Comp. Wainwright and introduced by R. Ex Comp. F. H. Todd.

I will long remember the very pleasant time spent with the Companions.


About fifty Companions were present and my address to the Companions was received in a very enthusiastic manner.

The work of the evening was conducted by Ex. Comp. Beattie. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in a most exemplary manner. The officials of this Chapter all seemed efficient and enthusiastic in their work. The records are in
excellent shape, being in the hands of R. Ex. Comp. P. Ramsay.

ABITIBI CHAPTER, NO. 223, IROQUOIS FALLS.—I visited this Chapter on June 28th, and was very warmly received by Ex. Comp. Grunnett. This Chapter have not had a candidate for Exaltation for over a year, but they are keeping their work up, and are assured of a brighter future.

COCHRANE CHAPTER, NO. 244, COCHRANE.—I paid my official visit and presided at the Installation of Officers of this Chapter on December 10th. I was very warmly received by Ex. Comp. J. A. Foster in the absence of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. C. Roy.

This Chapter is handicapped by having a small local membership and some of the members on shift work. The Chapter is in excellent hands, and I was pleased to find all the Past Principals taking active part in the affairs of the Chapter.

KIRKLAND CHAPTER, NO. 251, KIRKLAND LAKE.—This is the Baby Chapter of the District, and I am particularly interested in its progress, as I was active in the formation of this Chapter in 1930.

I made my official visit to this Chapter on November 13th, and was introduced by Ex. Comp. H. George Ginn, and very cordially received by Ex. Comp. Goddard. The Officers were installed on December 11th, and it was my pleasure to act as Installing Z.

This Chapter is in excellent hands and has a very bright future.

In my addresses to the Companions throughout the District, I spoke on the very important connection, or affiliation, which should exist between the Church and Masonry, and appealed to the Companions to stick by their respective churches.

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

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

H. B. Hawley,
Grand Supt. Temiskaming District, No. 16.

Kirkland Lake, Ontario, January 8, 1936.
YUKON TERRITORY, No. 17.

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

In submitting this my report for the year 1935, I would first like to express my very sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the Companions of Klondike Chapter, No. 154, in electing me to the office of Acting Grand Superintendent for the Yukon Territory, and also for the confirmation of the same by the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

Having been away from the Territory during the greater part of this year I only had the opportunity of visiting unofficially at the last Convocation, and although there was no degree work, I know all the officers personally and know their ability in putting on the work when necessary. The opening and closing work was done in good form and in a very impressive manner.

I examined the books, which are under the supervision of Ex. Comp. T. A. Firth, and found them kept in an excellent and neat manner and in accordance with the constitutions. The paraphernalia is also kept in very good condition and is sufficient for all degrees.

Financially, however, I find that the Chapter is not in a very strong condition, but with careful handling, which the present officers are certainly capable of, and with brighter conditions always looming in the near future, this Chapter may still look forward to better prosperity.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN HALLIBURTON,
Grand Supt. Yukon Territory, No. 17.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, 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 and telegrams conveying fraternal greetings and expressing regrets for non-attendance were received from:


R. Wor. Bro. Wm. Logan, Grand Secretary.


R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, Chairman of Committee on Audit and Finance.


Most Eminent Sir Knight W. M. Archibald, Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.


R. Ex. Comp. Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

From the Principals’ Association, Mayor and others of the City of Toronto; Principals’ Association, Mayor and others of the City of Windsor; requesting the holding of the Seventy-ninth Convocation at their cities.

Most Ex. Comp. George Moore, our Senior Past Grand Z., conveying cordial greetings and expressing regrets.

All the above communications were ordered filed.
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. W. Y. Mills, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and—

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

NOMINATIONS

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

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

Grand Chapter was called at 10.30 p.m. from Labour to enable the Companions and their ladies to enjoy a social evening in the Ball Room of the Hotel Leonard, provided by the Companions of St. Catharines and District.

LABOUR RESUMED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1936,

At 10 a.m. the Grand Chapter was called on and resumed labour.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS—1936

R. Ex. Comp. Edgar Ashton McCubbin..........................St. Clair District No. 1
132 Rankin Boulevard, Sandwich, Ont.

20 Redan St., London, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Andrew Herbert Monteith ....................Wilson
Box 604, Paris, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Warren Rutherford......Wellington
22 Lansdowne Ave. S., Galt, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Russell Huxtable.................Hamilton
99 Balsam Ave., Hamilton, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Henry Baptist Montford Tichborne.....Huron
Trafalgar St., Goderich, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Frederick Frank Hays......................Niagara
Smithville, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Frederick James Johnson..............Toronto East
111 Lakeshore Blvd., Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Robert Hughes...............Toronto West
66 Dearbourne Ave., Toronto, Ont.
The newly-elected Grand Superintendents were subsequently given the necessary instructions as to duties pertaining to their office, by the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, and the Grand Lecturer, R. Ex. Comp. Morgan Griffith.

GRAND TREASURER’S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT


Received by Grand Scribe E. from Chapters on account of Dues, Fees, etc. $10,568.05 Interest on Investments and Bank Balances 4,083.05

Amounts paid—Cheques and Cash $11,592.05 Benevolent Grants 2,760.00 Excess Receipts over Payments 299.05 See below (A)

$14,651.10

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments — Feb. 1st, 1935, at cost per last accounts $89,791.45

Purchases

$89,791.45

Investments — Jan. 31st, 1936, at cost, as per schedule $89,791.45

$89,791.45
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, ST. CATHARINES, 1936

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

January 31st, 1936, Capital:
At Canadian Bank of Commerce—Current $128.03
—Savings 9,264.14
Incidental Account—Cash on hand 40.00

$9,432.17

Investments 89,791.45 $99,223.62

February 1st, 1935, capital:
At Canadian Bank of Commerce—Current $7,124.03
—Savings 1,966.26
Incidental Account—Cash on hand 42.83

$9,133.12

Investments 89,791.45 $98,924.57

Increase—see above (A) $299.05

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, JANUARY 31st, 1936

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$89,791.45 $88,500.00

(Signed) E. J. CARTER, C.A., Auditor. WALTER PRICE, Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the Statement of the Grand Treasurer for the year 1935 be received and adopted.
To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Companions: I herewith submit for your approval my seventh Annual Report as Grand Scribe E.

The following is a detailed account of the Receipts, Special Credits and Ledger Balances as of January 31st, 1936.

I am very sorry to report that it was necessary to keep the Ledgers open for some days after the end of our Grand Chapter year although the Constituent Chapter year ended November 30th, 1935; the following were delinquent as of January 31st, 1936.

No. 45—Excelsior, Colborne.
No. 86—Macpherson, Meaford.
No. 151—Laurentian, Pembroke.
No. 218—Prince Edward, Shelburne.
No. 240—Smithville, Smithville.

ANNUAL STATEMENT
Receipts and Ledger Balances.

YEAR FEBRUARY 1ST, 1935, TO JANUARY 31ST, 1936.

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**Grand Total:** $10,360.45

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**Grand Total:** $14,651.10

Chapter Returns received after January 31st, 1936, and not in the above statement:

- Chapter No. 45—Excelsior $17.50
- Chapter No. 86—Macpherson 28.50
- Chapter No. 151—Laurentian 37.50
- Chapter No. 218—Prince Edward 32.00
- Chapter No. 240—Smithville 32.50

**Total Dispensations:** $148.00

### DISPENSATIONS

Requests for Dispensations have been received and referred to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal as follows, they total ninety:
Eighteen for permission to attend Divine Service.
Twenty-four to change date of Regular Convocation or hour of Regular Convocation.
Three to hold Emergent Convocations.
Two permitting Chapters from Sister Jurisdictions to exemplify degrees.
Ten dispensing with Regular Convocations during summer months, not provided by their By-Laws.
Twelve for the advancement of officers, as required by Constitution.
Fifteen for the purpose of holding At Homes or Social Evenings.
Four for the Installation of Officers, other than the regular date provided by By-Law.
One for permission to consider application from Brother who had lost an arm.
Two requesting permission to hold Convocations in other than Masonic Hall, owing to the regular place of meeting having been destroyed by fire.
Two requesting permission to receive applications for consideration, not a resident for one year.
Four requests for Dispensations were received and considered by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and refused.

**BY-LAWS**

The Grand First Principal has been pleased to approve the amendments to the By-Laws of the following Chapters:—
Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston, Ont.
Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe, Ont.
Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, Ont.
Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, Ont.
Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby, Ont.
Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope, Ont.
King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington, Ont.
Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William, Ont.
The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto, Ont.
Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford, Ont.
The Northern Light Chapter, No. 203, Timmins, Ont.
Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill, Ont.
Aurora Chapter, No. 235, Aurora, Ont.
University Chapter, No. 241, Toronto, Ont.
McKay Chapter, No. 243, Stoney Creek, Ont.
Kirkland Chapter, No. 251, Kirkland Lake, Ont.
Exaltations and Losses

The following table shows the present membership of Grand Chapter and a comparison with the years 1934 and 1935:

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Membership, November 30th (1934) 21,931 (1935) 20,903 of which 3,512 are cummuted members.

The Jurisdiction embraces 159 Chapters, distributed as follows:

| Ontario | 158 | 20,806 |
| Yukon Territory | 1 | 97 |
| — | 159 | 20,903 |

The following Chapters show an increase in membership for the year of five or more:

- Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville, Ont. 7
- Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora, Ont. 6
- Humber Chapter, No. 246, Weston, Ont. 5
- Milestown Chapter, No. 247, Milestown, Ont. 5
- Thomas Peters' Chapter, No. 250, Windsor, Ont. 6
- Kirkland Chapter, No. 251, Kirkland Lake, Ont. 5

Twenty-two Chapters show an increase.
Seventeen Chapters show no change.
One hundred and twenty Chapters show a decrease.
During the year I have had the pleasure of visiting many Chapters and Districts, and I appreciate the many courtesies shown, also the great pleasure of serving the Grand First Principal, not only from my office but also along with him upon his many fraternal visits.

Fraternally submitted,

\[\text{signature}\]

Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1935 be received and adopted.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

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

Your Committee on Printing submits the following analysis of expenditure for the year ending January 31st, 1936:

Proceedings ......................................................... $ 943.57
Amendments to Constitution .................................. 4.77
Grand Chapter Officers’ Stationery and Electros ........ 47.70
Grand Scribe E.’s Office Circulars .......................... 77.29
Grand Scribe E.’s Office Stationery and Supplies ...... 170.95
Christmas Greeting Cards ...................................... 38.00
Circulars and Agenda re 77th and 78th Annual Convocation .............. 107.86
Rituals .............................................................. 1,053.64

$2,443.78

We would respectfully request that the following amounts be placed at the disposal of the Committee:

Proceedings and mailing ........................................ $ 950.00
Printing and Stationery ....................................... 450.00
Constitutions .................................................... 135.00

$1,535.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. F. MARR, Chairman.
W. J. W. JOHNSTON,
EDWIN SMITH,

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John F. Marr, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Printing be received and adopted.

THANKS TO CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. John F. Marr, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Rev. T. McKim, 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.
HISTORIAN ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, and—

Resolved,—That Most Excellent Companion Col. W. N. Ponton be re-elected Grand Historian.

SCRUTINEERS OF BALLOT

The Grand Z. appointed the following Scrutineers of the Ballot, who having been obligated by M. Ex. Comp. Walter Davis, assumed their office:—

R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Reid,
R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Summers,
V. Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick,
V. Ex. Comp. J. H. Teasell,
   Ex. Comp. R. A. McGeachy,
   Ex. Comp. L. H. Veale,
R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Duench,
V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Cooper,
   Ex. Comp. J. Taman,
V. Ex. Comp. G. H. Martin,
   Ex. Comp. W. G. Cowan,
V. Ex. Comp. H. E. Abell,
   Ex. Comp. G. Harrison,
   Ex. Comp. H. Baer,
   Ex. Comp. R. Law,
   Ex. Comp. L. Ingall,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

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

R. Ex. Comp. John Burden, Grand Superintendent, has given the following Notice of Motion, viz.:—

"That the following be added to section 140 of the Constitution: By adding after the word 'Dispensation' in the seventh line, on page 40, the words 'except that of Divine Service.'"
R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood has given the following Notice of Motion, viz.:—

The deletion of the whole section 142 and substituting the following:—

“Members of the Executive Committee or any Committee or Commission appointed by the Grand Chapter or by the Grand Z., shall be allowed travelling expenses as provided by resolution of Grand Chapter, but no allowance be made for expenses beyond the nearest point of entrance in Ontario, to the place of meeting.”

Most Ex. Comp. George Moore has given the following Notice of Motion, viz.:—

“That section 20 of the Constitution be amended to read ‘Third Wednesday in April’ in place of the ‘Fourth Wednesday in February.’”

This section will then read as follows:—

“The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held on the Third Wednesday in April at such place as may be selected by Grand Chapter at the previous Annual Convocation, at the hour of ten o’clock in the forenoon”.

Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith has given the following Notice of Motion:—

That the following be added to Section Eleven:—

“The Grand Superintendent of the Seventeenth or Yukon District.”

To be added to Section Fifteen:—

“The Grand Superintendent of the Yukon District shall be entitled to the temporary title of Right Excellent Companion during his term of office and to the past rank, provided he has served a period of three successive years.”

And to be added to Section Eighteen:—

“After the word ‘Companion’ on the eighth line, ‘except as provided in Section Fifteen.”

M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Chas. W. Haentschel has given the following Notice of Motion:—

Section 75. That the following be added after the words “select any Past Z.”, in the fourth line, “who either is a member of the Chapter or a resident of the District, except that the Yukon Chapter may appoint a non-resident of their District.”

Section 76. By adding after the words “and Scribe E. of the Chapter”, in the fourth line, “his acceptance as follows: “I accept the above appointment.”

Section 77. By adding after the words “more than one Chapter” in the first line, the following: “except in Algoma
District where any Chapter may appoint a Proxy resident in the District who is not a member of the Chapter, but such Proxy shall not represent more than three Chapters”.

Section 79. By changing the word “thirty” in the second line of page 19 to “fourteen” and word “sixty” in the fourth section to “fourteen”.

Delete the whole of Section 80. By the adoption of the amendment of Section 76 the proxy form on page 83 of the Constitution is automatically amended.

R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills has given the following Notice of Motion:—

That Section 281, page 73, of the Constitution be deleted, and the following substituted:—

“The Jewel and Keystone of the Order are to be worn by Companions on the left breast either separately, or conjointly, on a gilt (or gold) and enamel Circle, suspended by a narrow crimson ribbon; for Principals and Past Z.’s of Constituent Chapters crimson ribbon with a centre of light blue, one-third the width; and for present and past officers of the Grand Chapter it may be tricolor corresponding with the collar, all jewels to be of gold or gilt.”

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

K. J. DUNSTAN, Chairman.
WALTER G. PRICE,
WALTER H. DAVIS,
EDWIN SMITH.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, and—

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

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

At 12 o’clock noon Grand Chapter was “Called Off” to permit the Companions to cast their ballot for the elective officers and the next place of meeting.
GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON
at 2.15 o'clock P.M.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Scrutineers reported the following election of officers:

M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner .................................................. Grand Z.]
4 Dunloe Road, Toronto, Ont.
126 Princess St., Kingston, Ont. [Council
R. Ex. Comp. Sidney S. Forbes ................................................ Grand J.]
165 Sanford Ave., South, Hamilton, Ont.
Port Credit, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith .......................................................... Grand Scribe E.
582 Dufferin Ave., London, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. Colonel William N. Ponton .................................. Grand Historian
28 Bridge St., Belleville, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. James Pickard ...................................................... Grand Scribe N.
7 Woolfrey Ave., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Grove H. Davis ..................................................... Grand Principal Sojourner
9 Trafalgar Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Tom Welch .............................................................. Grand Registrar
573 Central Ave., London, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—ELECTED

R. Ex. Comp. John F. Marr,
329 Woolwich Street, Guelph, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey,
Mitchell, Ont
R. Ex. Comp. Ed. H. Brennan,
Johnson Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean,
247 Garden Ave., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens,
52 Markland St., Hamilton, Ont.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Fred G. Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. D. McIntyre, and—

Resolved,—That the action of the Grand Z. in appointing V. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel a member of the Committee on Benevolence to fill the unexpired term of the late R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon be sustained; and that R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner be re-elected a member 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. J. J. Gardiner retires in 1939.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH MASON'S WELFARE

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

Your Committee, appointed for the purpose of studying ways and means with the view of formulating some plan of activity along humanitarian lines, suggests that Grand Chapter should not sponsor any particular charity, but recommends that as soon as financial conditions permit an attempt should be made to increase our benevolent funds so that larger grants may be available for dependents of Royal Arch Masons. Your Committee suggests that the Committee on Benevolence be asked to report as to amount of funds required to adequately meet the requirements of all deserving cases brought to their attention.

Your Committee begs to further report that having studied the practical efforts of the Companions of the Toronto Districts, who, during the past four years, through their Welfare Committee, and without any financial assistance from Grand Chapter, or any Constituent Chapter, supplied transportation for children and wives of patients of the Samaritan Club from Toronto to Jackson's Point, which resulted in a saving of $700.00 each year thereby providing funds to assist undernourished children during winter months, is of the opinion that such practical co-operative efforts are interpretative and characteristic of true Royal Arch Masonry, are worthy of recognition by Grand Chapter and of emulation by all districts within the Grand Jurisdiction, and therefore recommends that Grand Chapter, through its proper officers, instruct all Grand Superintendents to urge the adoption of similar practical work or such efforts as may be most suitable for their respective districts.

All of which is respectively submitted.

K. J. DUNSTAN, Chairman.
M. R. GRIFFITH,
JOHN J. GARDINER,
W. S. M. ENOUY,
JOHN M. EMPEY,
WALTER G. PRICE,
JOHN M. BURDEN.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Royal Arch Masons' Welfare be received.
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, ST. CATHARINES, 1936

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

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

Your Committee on Audit and Finance has the honour to present its annual report as to the financial standing of Grand Chapter as at January 31st, 1936.

Your Committee considers it unnecessary to burden the Printing Committee with the cost of printing a voluminous report but recommend that the Auditor’s Report be printed in full, thus giving to Grand Chapter and the Constituent Chapters a comparison of Receipts and Expenditures for the years 1935 and 1936, the Summary of Cash Receipts and Payments, and the General Balance Sheet.

The Grand Treasurer’s Report will cover the schedule of Grand Chapter investments and does not require repetition by this Committee.

The following being the Auditor’s Report:—

CASH RECEIPTS

The Cash Receipts of Grand Chapter for the past two years have been as follows:—

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<th>Year ended January 31st,</th>
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$10,568.05
Interest on Investments and Bank Balances 4,083.05

$14,651.10

$10,625.70
$4,847.01

$15,472.71

$821.61 D.

$57.65 D.

$763.96 D.

The following Chapters did not make their returns before the end of the year:—

No. 45. Excelsior, Colborne
No. 86. MacPherson, Meaford.
No. 151. Laurentian, Pembroke.
No. 218. Prince Edward, Shelbourne.
No. 240. Smithville, Smithville.
Outstanding balances due from Chapters total $3,473.20 and in comparison with the total of last year, which amounted to $3,446.90, shows an increase of $26.30. Therefore, the net decrease in revenue for the year amounted to $795.31 after deducting special credits totalling $257.00.

**EXPENSES**

The expenses of Grand Chapter are shown below as compared with those of the previous year.

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<th>Year ended January 31st,</th>
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<td>681.05</td>
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<td>152.83</td>
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<td>109.59</td>
<td>33.20</td>
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<td>472.39</td>
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$11,592.05 $9,818.47

To which add:

| Benevolence | 2,760.00 | 2,805.00 |
| Pictorial History of Grand Chapter | 2,802.76 | |

$14,352.05 $15,426.23

Expenditures, exclusive of Benevolence and Pictorial History, were greater than those of last year by $1,773.58.

The Capital of Grand Chapter has increased during the year by $299.05 as shown below.

| Total Receipts, including Interest | $14,651.10 |
| Payments | 14,352.05 |

$299.05

The effect of this increase is shown by:

| Cash in Bank and on Hand January 31st, 1936 | $9,432.17 |
| Cash in Bank and on Hand February 1st, 1935 | 9,133.12 |

$299.05
INVESTMENTS

I have inspected the Investments and found them to be in order. Securities are lodged with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Queen Street Branch, Toronto, Ontario, in safety deposit box No. 101.

A detailed schedule of the Investments will be found attached herewith.

All interest due on Investments and Bank Balances has been received and deposited in the Bank. This Income for the year ended January 31st, 1936, amounted to $4,083.05 as compared with $4,847.01 for the previous year, a decrease of $763.96.

Satisfactory vouchers properly approved have been seen covering all disbursements as had 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.

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT
Year Ended January 31st, 1936

RECEIPTS

Balances, February 1st, 1935—

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Receipts from Chapters:

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Interest Received on Investments and Bank Balances 4,083.05

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|                                          | $23,784.22|
Payments

Benevolence .................................................. $ 2,710.00
  " Inspection of ........................................ 50.00
  .................................................. $ 2,760.00
Salaries .................................................. $ 4,630.00
Foreign Correspondence Report .......................... 300.00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc. .......................... 835.81
Premium on Guarantee Bond and Insurance ............ 16.70
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses, 1935 ........ 357.53
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses on Account, 1936 90.56
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses—Special .......... 50.00
Expenses of Executive Committee attending 1935 Convocation of Grand Chapter 681.05
Special Committee Expenses ................................ 128.15
Grand H. Expenses ........................................ 12.65
Printing, Engrossing, etc.:—
  Proceedings ............................................ $ 950.23
  Rituals ................................................ 1,053.64
  General ............................................... 380.12
  .................................................. 2,383.99
Audit and Financial Reports to January 31st, 1935.... 200.00
Grand Z. Expenses ....................................... 808.80
Flowers ................................................................ 12.00
Honourarium for I.P.G.Z. .................................. 350.00
Grand Scribe E.:—
  Office Incidentals .................................. $ 48.18
  Postage ................................................ 75.95
  Exchange .............................................. 14.65
  Express ............................................... 14.05
  Travelling Expense ................................ 109.59
  .................................................. 262.42
Regalia for Past Grand Z.'s ................................ 171.03
Veteran Jewels and Engraving .......................... 301.36
  .................................................. $11,592.05
Balances, January 31st, 1936—
  In Canadian Bank of Commerce—
    Current Account .................................. $ 128.03
    Savings Account .................................. 9,264.14
Incidentals Account in hands of Grand Scribe E. .... 40.00
  .................................................. $ 9,432.17
  .................................................. $23,784.22

Auditor's Certificate

I have audited the books and vouchers of Grand Chapter for the year ended January 31st, 1936, and found them to be 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 $89,791.45, and the par value $88,500.00.

(Signed) E. J. Carter, C.A.,
          Sharp, Milne & Co.,
          Chartered Accountants.
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, ST. CATHARINES, 1936

BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY 31st, 1936

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<td>Cash on Hand</td>
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<td><strong>Accounts Receivable (outstanding)</strong></td>
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<td>Investments—at cost—(Market Value $96,743.75)</td>
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<td>Stationery (estimated)</td>
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<td>Less Depreciation Reserve</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
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**Note:**—Stock of Pictorial History not included in above.

Your Committee desires to call your attention to the Auditor's Statement, that the Cash Receipts for 1936 show a deficit of $821.61 as compared with 1935, while the expenses of Grand Chapter in 1936 exceeds those of 1935 by $1,773.58 exclusive of Benevolence Grants and Pictorial History costs.

We, your Committee, hereby beg to call the attention of Grand Chapter, to the large sums of money outstanding, due from the individual Chapters to Grand Chapter, and beg to recommend that immediate steps be taken to reduce same by a considerable extent.

**Two Day Session**

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, to revert to
the Constitution when general conditions justify, or at the future pleasure of Grand Chapter.

**PER CAPITA TAX ON UNEMPLOYED**

That the Per Capita Tax payable by Constituent Chapters to Grand Chapter be revoked for the year 1936 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., that the Chapter has remitted its dues.

We submit for your approval the following budget estimate of expense for 1936-1937:

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$12,815.00

As compared with the actual expenses of 1935 and 1936 of $11,592.05

All of which is respectively submitted.

**OLIVER ELLWOOD**, Chairman.
**JOHN M. EMPEY**, Acting Chairman.
**WM. DOWING**,
**WILFRED G. LAING**,
**R. E. STRAIN**,
**FRED G. SMITH**

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance 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 have examined the applications for relief and we recommend that an appropriation be made in the estimates for grants to the following:

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Your Committee recommend that a further appropriation of $270.00 be made for Interim grants to cases of pressing need, which may arise before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee respectfully suggest that the Officers of many of our Chapters should more carefully peruse the Rules
respecting Grants for Benevolence before submitting applications for consideration of Grand Chapter. We regret to report that we have received several applications which are incomplete in many important details, and it will be necessary to file a new application which will comply with our Constitutional requirements before a cheque is issued to the beneficiary.

It would greatly assist the work of your Committee if the Chapters would send complete and detailed information regarding the circumstances of the applicant. We should all have one common aim to disburse the funds of Grand Chapter in order that we may bring a measure of comfort and consolation to the more needs of our dependants. Your Committee are of the opinion that it would aid the Chapters in giving us the necessary particulars if some changes were made in the form of the Application for Relief, and we therefore recommend that this Committee be authorized to submit for the approval of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., a revised form of Application, which will be used in the future in applying for relief to this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee appeal for a greater spirit of co-operation, and unification of effort so that in these trying days we shall share the misfortunes as well as the joys of our Companions. May we appreciate that in the final analysis true Masonic Charity is a personal matter. We have faith that the heart and soul of the Royal Craft is responsive to the call of the needy and distressed Companions, and we feel that the trials and vicissitudes of the past few years have evolved a more practical and constructive Freemasonry. We trust that this may prompt us to extend the horizon of our beneficent work, and with renewed enthusiasm we may fully discharge our responsibilities. If we but press forward with prudence and determination, we shall find in the province of to-day new fields of effort and endeavour.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL, Chairman.
JOHN J. GARDINER,
GEORGE W. SLACK.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by by V. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.
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:

In presenting the annual report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, your Committee is happy to say that harmony reigns supreme throughout the length and breadth of this Grand Jurisdiction, where the thoughts and the experiences of our membership are etched and moulded, and where the heart is fixed firm and stable in the belief, that although the clouds and mists have dimmed the view, yet ultimately the sunshine and the summer will again appear, and then with steady hand and unwavering eye mark the course anew, so that Royal Arch Masonry will shed its benign influence and manifold blessings with renewed fervence and zeal.

Again the Grand Superintendents have discharged their exacting duties with the fidelity which characterized those who have been charged with that responsibility in former times. They have been called upon to summons their fortitude, to hold communion with the soul and proclaim the higher understanding or reason which always through affections of pleasure and duty are enlightening and enobling. In the words of the eloquent John Rankin, "When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece", characterizes the excellent work of these indefatigable embassies of the Grand First Principal who have done their best; who have not magnified trifling troubles; who have looked resolutely, not at the bright side of things, but at things as they really are, and in so doing have enabled us to see more clearly that there are no moments like the present; that the man who will not execute his resolutions when they are fresh upon him can have no hope from them afterwards; they will be dissipated, lost and perished in the hurry and scurry of the world, or sunk in the slough of indolence. Who can conceive of a destiny in Royal Arch Masonry surpassing the glories and stability of the present and the past—a destiny which meets the responsibilities of to-day and measure up to the possibilities of the future, as pictured by the rulers in our Craft who are in touch with every phase of its activity. Strong and resolute we can face the future with courage undismayed and a will to appreciate that it is through grim energy and sometimes painful effort, we move on to better things.

"God with His million cares
Went to the left or right,
Leaving the world; and the day
Grew night.
Back from a sphere He came
Over a starry lawn,
Looking at our world; and the dark
Grew dawn.”
—Norman Gale.

Our numerical strength will be summarized in the report of the Grand Scribe E., and which tells us of increases in membership in at least twenty-two Chapters.

Benevolence

A careful analysis of the Grand Superintendents’ reports impresses your Committee with the fact, that the joys and sorrows of others are ours as much as theirs, and that Royal Arch Masonry is meeting this situation by its gentle influence and material help. In giving to those who once thought the lamp of life to be burning dimly, it weaves fresh garlands and places them on the altar of Sacrifice for those who are less fortunate.

Beneath all this, there lingers in the least reflective mind a consciousness of having been befriended by a beneficient hand which is real, and that it is not glass beads or frost-work, but the reflection of the Brotherly Love which binds the institution of Masonry to all mankind.

During the past year few Chapters have failed to give tangible evidence of their faith in this service and of helping the never-ceasing flood who have found this life, not a paradise, but who have felt the thumb-screws of present want, exercising a pressure which they, through their own efforts cannot release, thereby being forced to face the future with uncertainty.

As an example of true philanthropic work, may I be permitted to briefly mention the donation of $2,000.00 which endows a cot in the Toronto Sick Children’s Hospital by The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, of Toronto, also the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have disbursed Benevolence amounting to over $5,000.00, while Grand Chapter has augmented this sum by $2,760.00. This, your Committee is convinced, forms but a fraction of the total sum which might be well placed to the credit of this worthy work, which is going on and acts in obedience to the higher precepts of Nature. Charity speaks of the higher understanding or reason, and always through affections of pleasure and sympathy, and emphasizes the facts that life is but a fragment, a moment between two eternities,
influenced by all that has preceded, and to influence all that follows.

The work of the Benevolent Committee in the two Toronto Districts cannot pass without a word of appreciation and encouragement from this Grand Body. This Committee, may we remind you, provides transportation for mothers and children of families who are under the watchful care of the Gage Institute, to and from a summer rest home at Jackson's Point, Lake Simcoe. Many times, during the summer, could be seen the long ribbon of motor cars, filled with these hopeful people, wending its way under police escort, North and South on Yonge Street, fulfilling its mission of helpful kindness to those whose hearts throb for better times. To sum up the privilege which is ours, we quote from the report of a Grand Superintendent "in the transportation of these little tots and their mothers, the Committee receives unstinted praise from those benefited and the plaudits and admiration of all Companions of both Toronto Districts."

Your Committee is hopeful that this praiseworthy work may be contagious and spread to many other Districts.

So we say in the words of St. Paul to Timothy, which have echoed down the centuries:

"They that do good, they that be rich in good works,
ready to distribute, willing to communicate;
"Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation
"against the time to come, that they may lay hold
"on eternal life."

**GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

It is again with abounding satisfaction that we place on record the appreciation of this Grand Body for the splendid work of these faithful labourers in the quarries of Capitular Masonry. They have, one and all, exhibited true specimens of their skill and ability, and in their reports, which are compiled extremely well, show a breadth of vision and understanding which it would be well to emulate. Each indicates a keen sense of gratitude and appreciation for the honour conferred upon him and an understanding of the dignity and high importance of the trust placed in his hands. These great minds have had purpose where others have only had wishes, and while little minds are tamed and subdued by difficulties, the stronger ones rise above them and point to the kind destiny that has thrown them upon his service of proclaiming that Royal Arch Masonry is the never-varying friend of man and constant messenger of peace and love.
They tell of faithful services of Past Principals; the interest of the Companions; the upholding of the traditions of the past and point to the future with confidence, realizing as they do, that Royal Arch Masonry ranks high among the potent educating institutions of the world, in addition to constituting a bond that unites its members throughout the universe into one great and helpful Fraternity.

Some point to the commendable idea of opening punctually; of varying the degrees on regular meeting nights and of the renewed interest of many of our older Companions. One report tells of the Past Z.’s of twenty years standing, conferring the M.M.M. degree; another points with pride to the fact that a candidate travelled 65 miles to get his degrees; that there were four sons in one Chapter; that the candidate was 84 years young, while another relates his activity on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry, riding a bicycle. The enthusiasm does not stop here. One Grand Superintendent visited each Chapter in his District twice, some five times and presided at the Installation and Investiture of all of the Chapters in his District; while another tells of 20 Companions travelling 205 miles to attend a Chapter of Instruction.

These references are typical of the diligence of the Grand Superintendents and their reports reveal a zeal and zest for the performance of their duties which undoubtedly would be infectiously inspiring upon the Companions in their Jurisdiction.

Masonry is God’s crucible, the great Melting-Pot where all those who seek our privileges are melting and reforming.

The following are high-lights from District Reports:—

“Much progress has been made in these trying times.”

“The past year has been one of earnest work and while there is still much in evidence to occasion the most serious concern, the results achieved have been exceedingly gratifying.”

“May all who read these lines be encouraged to look beneath the surface and to realize, that if our Institutions are being shaken, it is by the wisdom of T.G.A.O.T.U. so that those which have failed may pass away and those which are worthy may endure.”

Many reports praise the good work of the Scribes E. of the various Chapters and tell of the faithful services rendered and the steadying influence of these toilers in Masonry. While this is true, there are still the few, who through over-work or neglect do not make returns on the year’s activity as promptly
as they should to the Grand Scribe E., and which naturally retards the compilation of his numerous reports. An improvement will be looked for.

We believe special mention should be made of the continued loyalty to this Grand Body of the Klondike Chapter, No. 154, of Dawson City, in the Yukon Territory. Although isolated from the Mother Chapter, she is gallantly toiling on and looking to the future with confidence and devotion which characterizes these Companions of the far north.

FINANCES

In reviewing the financial condition of the Constituent Chapters it is like taking one step up the mountain side which widens the horizon in all directions.

One cannot delve into the reports which come from the several districts without being convinced that some suggestions contained in the former reports of this Committee have had some effect. For some years, the potent factor in financial circles, the bringing into line of the Receipts and Expenditures has been advocated, and the reports now indicate that to a greater extent than in the years that have gone, this important step in administration is receiving wide-spread attention. We would, however, again direct attention to the yearly dues which in many cases seem to be too small. It is not the intention of this Committee to trespass or dictate the fights of the Constituent Chapters, yet we would urge that where the operating cost of your Chapter per member is in excess of the revenue per member, an effort should be made to correct the condition.

Serious inroads on reserves have been made in the last few years, and it is only by "balancing the budget" this financial strength will not be impaired.

While it is obvious that the future of our Fraternity rests in the hands of those who are at present serving within our ranks, it is similarly true that if there is laxity in the admission of unqualified candidates, the reception of whom is slightly tinged by money consideration, the Chapter acting thus, through their selfish and personal motives, will undoubtedly reflect upon the general membership to a degree which will ultimately rebound with dishonour upon the standards which have for so many years been upheld and supported.

The ghost which annually appears upon the returns of the Constituent Chapters is again very much to the front, yet it is quite apparent that many have failed to see the phantom,
but mistakes it for an active and positive substance, when in reality the signs of mortification have, in many cases, already set in, and what was considered worth one hundred cents in dues collectable, two, three or even four years ago, and still shown as good, must surely be discounted. The enormous sum of approximately $55,000.00 is shown in outstanding dues, and which if collected would meet the total liabilities of all Chapters by 200%; or in other words there is almost $3.00 dues outstanding for every member of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Many Chapters are grappling with this reality in a manner highly to be commended, either through special Companions or Committees appointed to this work, and to these Chapters which have not been so active, we suggest the admonition “go thou and do likewise.”

The condition of dues not collected is reflected in the figures under the heading “Liabilities” which are enlightening only by comparison. We quote figures from previous reports “1929, Liabilities, $14,825.00; 1934, $27,572.00”, while the latest compilation result show $30,000.00. Success is not always marked in dollars and cents, yet the possession of them makes the road easier to travel, and where there is courage and perseverance, which is the magical talisman, difficulties will disappear and obstacles vanish into air.

We have not reviewed the finances of Grand Chapter, as this is in the capable hands of our Grand Treasurer, but would assure you that our funds are administered carefully. It would seem opportune to say on your behalf, we are profoundly gratified that our Grand Treasurer, M.E. Companion Dr. Walter G. Price is steadily improving in health after his serious accident. Our ardent prayer is for his complete and satisfactory recovery.

INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION

Benjamin Franklin wrote, “Today is yesterday’s pupil.”

Royal Arch Masonry never occupied a higher plane of purity and progress than at the present time, and the indications point to an increased effort on the part of the Fraternity, to elevate its moral standard so high as to impress the better classes and kindreds, that its principles are sublime, its morals pure, and that its mission is nothing less than the inculcation of a better, purer, higher life among men.

Do we realize that every honest effort made in the earnest search for truth, is good?

We again suggest that Chapters of Instruction are the best means to a true interpretation of the “work”, and it is
with some gratification and reward that having advocated this form of Education, it is meeting with the approval of many.

The active Royal Arch Mason is a far happier man than his slothful companion. There is work for all, but you must lead them through self-interest. It is this alone that will keep them keyed up to their responsibility.

The Principals' Association are doing commendable work by inviting discussions on topics of vital interest to the Craft, but could well go still further and supply lecturers to the weaker Chapters on our esoteric work and the symbolism of the degrees, which we firmly believe would enliven the lagging interest where the spark of Masonry is but slowly smouldering.

It would seem opportune that timely reference should be made again to the necessity of having the Book of Marks kept up to date, and we recommend that the Grand Superintendents be charged with the responsibility of seeing that this regulation is enforced.

We are happy to report a widening interest in attending Masonic Church Services, although as yet far too few. Ten Districts report activity. The effect upon the Companions gathering together for this high purpose cannot but be excellent in its fruits. By this action the value of such public witness to the basic Landmark of Masonry; viz., faith in the great Jehovah, cannot but be impressive. The greater responsibility is therefore ours of carrying our Masonry through the seven days of the week, rather than dropping it on the door-step of the Chapter Room. While there is the danger that Masonry may be considered by the few, a substitute for religion, we would remind them that this is contrary to the spirit of the Order, which works in harmony with the Church as a testimony of its desire to stimulate and uplift the morale of the community.

Once more we put our stamp of approval on, and recommend, that all Chapters take advantage of any or all occasions of enlightening the Companions on the activities of this Grand Chapter as well as Royal Arch Masonry throughout the Masonic world, by reading and studying the Annual Proceedings, which embraces a wealth of Masonic thought and activity as found under the heading—"Reviews of Sister Jurisdictions." This interesting work is compiled by our genial and dearly beloved Historian, M.E. Companion W. N. Ponton, who has
just passed his eighty-first milestone. We wish for him a golden sunset after his plenteous harvest, the seeds of which he has scattered and sown abundantly with those whose privilege it has been to know him well.

**THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL**

For many years your Chairman has known intimately and has worked in the quarries of Masonry side by side with our Grand Z., and is therefore well qualified to give an account of his stewardship.

The reward for service well rendered is greater tasks and responsibilities. For many years as Chairman of this Committee he contributed to Masonry in general and Royal Arch Masonry in particular, a wealth of thought and inspiration which will live for many years in the hearts and minds of those who have heard and read. The genius of writing and putting words together which forcibly portray his subject and objective, places him in an envious position and one difficult to imitate. Not only is he a master of this art, but lives, moves and has his best being in the work he has in hand. Ready and anxious to demonstrate to the world in his retired but masterful way, that Masonry has found its best bulwarks in the purity of its aims, in the love and good-will which the Brethren bear to each other, and in their never-dying attachment to the principles which make men kin.

Confidence is in the minds of all, from the highest to the most lowly of our membership, that our Order will be guided through darkness and through storm, through the sunshine and through the shadows which may beset our path, with a steadfastness of purpose which will be as a beacon, charting the course for all to follow. His guiding hand and wise counsel will be like the sun across the firmament, giving life and health and strength to our aims and objects; and upon a searching survey of his administration your Committee feels, there will be no great act which our Order would annul; no word spoken, no line written, no deed done by him, which justice would reverse or wisdom deplore.

As dew upon the tender herb,
Diffusing fragrance round;
As showers that usher in the spring,
And cheer the thirsty ground.

These are not the idle words of one, but the proclamation of many, sounded throughout the length and breadth of this
Grand Jurisdiction and confirmed by the written reports elsewhere printed in this Book of Proceedings.

His creative ideas and ideals will lend their fiery stimulus to the thousands who have and will pledge their loyalty to Royal Arch Masonry, and who following his example will gather new strength with every difficulty and fortify the kindlier spirit against the inroads of our baser nature.

Much could also be said regarding the faithful services of the officers of Grand Chapter, whose never-failing devotion to the Royal Craft has placed them in the fore-front of Masonry, to inspire and encourage all with whom they come in contact.

CONCLUSION

The focus of our receptive minds may have been perverted because of the fantastic delusion of the boom days, to which our minds unwilling turn, but only in contrast with the gentler influence of to-day, which enables us to see more clearly the open road which is widening before us.

Within the sacred precincts, Royal Arch Masonry with its unchanging traditions and unfaltering influences, maintains a calmness and harmony and wields an influence for good which is durable, because of its original purity and force. Who therefore can predict its greatness or its good upon man?

May we, by our unflagging devotion and quickened loyalty, keep our great Institution in the fore-front and reconsecrate it to the purpose of uplifting manhood, and the ennobling ideals which throb in every heart.

In the marathon of life many stalwart runners in Royal Arch Masonry having completed their course, now throw to us the "baton" that we may still pursue the race which they doggedly and with determination ran in the heat of the day and against many handicaps. It is our rare privilege to patiently but hopefully continue the course and endeavour to carry out the design left by them on their Masonic Trestle Board. Not among the least of these was Right Excellent Companion James B. Nixon, who ran his course in Masonry for over sixty-five years, fresh to the end, and who was with us but yesterday. Our hope lies in the higher Lodge to which we are advancing, and to which he has attained.

And finally, to use the words of Richard Jefferies: "My hope becomes as broad as the horizon afar, reiterated by each
leaf, sung on every bough, reflected in the gleam of every flower.” There is so much for us yet to do, so much to gather and enjoy.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK G. McLEAN, Chairman.
W. S. ENOUY,
D. C. PATMORE,
J. O. HERITY,
W. M. JOHNSON,
ALBERT HARRIS.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, and—

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

Our Departed Companions
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

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

With deep regret we, your committee, reports 391 deaths in our Grand Jurisdiction since our last annual convocation. Many whose active lives and tireless devotion in the interest of Royal Arch Masons, brought honour and success to our beloved Craft. Only those who were intimately associated with them realize the great loss this Grand Body has sustained and to those left where the home ties are broken we extend our sincere sympathy.

Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
We build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies
And we mount to the summit round by round.

To our Sister Jurisdictions our sympathy goes to them in the loss of over 50 Grand Officers.

Grand Chapter of Alberta—Frederick S. Selwood, P.G.Z.
Grand Chapter of Alabama—John B. Bethea, P.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of Arkansas—George H. Parsons, P.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of Colorado—Lee. R. Horn, P.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of Florida—Wilber P. Webster, P.G. Secretary.
Grand Chapter of Iowa—Chas. H. Haney, Louis Block, Wm. H. Hart, Harry M. Bradley, P.G.H.P.’s.
Grand Chapter of Indiana—Renwick W. Crockett, P.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of Louisiana—Lee E. Thomas, P.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—Curtis Chipman, P.G. H.P.
Grand Chapter of Mississippi—George D. Riley, Irwin M. Moody, P.G.H.P.’s.
Grand Chapter of Minnesota—Charles L. West, P.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of Maine—Hugh R. Chaplin, P.G. Scribe.
Grand Chapter of Nevada—Chas. L. Fulstone, Frederick M. Schadler, Adams F. Brown, P.G.H.P.’s.
Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia—William W. Dillon, P.G. H.P.
Grand Chapter of North Dakota—Eben G. Guthrie, George H. Keyes, P.G.H.P.’s.

Grand Chapter of Oregon—James K. Weatherford, P.G.H.P.


Grand Chapter of Ohio—Frank L. Beggs, P.G.H.P.; Henry W. Young, G.M. of 2nd Veil; Frederic J. Crane, P.G.H.P.


Grand Chapter of Tennessee—Albert G. Kimbrough, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Vermont—David A. Elliott, P.G.H.P.; Herbert T. Kelly, G.C. of H.

Grand Chapter of West Virginia—William T. Rittenhouse, P.G.H.P.


“One by one we miss the voices
That we loved so well to hear;
One by one their kindly faces in the
darkness disappear
No one knows the door that opens
Through which they pass beyond recall;
Soft as loosened leaves of roses,
One by one our loved ones fall.”

DEATHS

Chapter.
No. 1. C. C. Reed, C. W. Babcock, Wm. Jackson.
No. 2. A. Barclay, W. F. Mather, F. J. Miller, J. E. Gorman.
No. 15. G. E. Morrison, T. J. Irwin.
No. 18. Wm. Corlett, C. E. Rapson.
No. 22. Wm. J. Lawson.
No. 23. Robt. E. Gunton.
No. 35. E. M. Deverell, W. M. Lawrence, E. E. Patterson, H. Robinson, F. G. Erskine.
No. 37. F. H. Brown.
No. 40. Donald Stewart.
No. 44. H. G. Whiting, W. J. Shannon, J. Walters.
No. 46. A. McVittie.
No. 47. J. A. Aitken, M. W. Shaw, R. G. Somerville.
No. 53. O. E. MacIntosh, J. W. Sutherland.
No. 55. J. Lutz.
No. 56. C. Butterworth, G. Griffin.
No. 58. T. J. Harwood.
No. 61. L. Naismith.
No. 63. J. Welsh, J. Munn, J. Bowie, A. Harvey.
No. 64. G. T. Cook, J. L. Bordie, A. W. McNeal.
No. 67. M. Yeo.
No. 71. A. C. Callam.
No. 72. H. R. Boulton, R. Reynolds, W. M. Chandler.
No. 75. G. Gowling, H. F. Rykert, Wm. Panton.
No. 76. A. E. Davies, H. D. Bannatyne.
No. 78. O. A. Griffith.
No. 81. L. Cascadden, E. A. Richards.
No. 82. A. Hamilton, H. Stanworth, E. N. Johnson, A. Rome, A. A. Allen.
No. 83. A. E. Annis, A. Connell.
No. 84. J. A. Mills.
No. 88. J. French, J. H. McVean.
No. 90. W. E. Long, H. Hill.
No. 94. L. H. Jackson.
No. 100. F. B. Curton.
No. 110. Wm. Drewry.
No. 117. F. C. P. Davey, E. E. Reicheld.
No. 119. R. Davidson, H. Richardson.
No. 129. C. Werner, H. E. Wilson.
No. 131. A. A. McKenzie.
No. 132. B. Heaslip, W. S. Bowden.
No. 133. G. W. Fluker, J. A. Houston, R. Craig.
No. 134. W. H. Sparks, N. Patterson.
No. 138. C. Woodburn, W. J. Wadsworth.
No. 144. A. Gringo.
No. 145. S. A. Bell, E. C. Berkinshaw, E. Kenward, J. R. Leslie, W. Marks, R. J. Whitlock.
No. 146. F. McAllister, N. Blackmore, J. Roger.
No. 147. T. S. Reid.
No. 148. C. H. Reasback.
No. 152. W. J. Clark.
No. 155. A. W. Smith, H. Davies.
No. 163. F. Gardner, E. C. Berkinshaw, A. Brooks, E. Blundell.
No. 167. E. Abbey, G. W. Smith, A. Gray.
No. 169. D. McLellan, E. S. Scott.
No. 175. H. W. Root, J. R. Moodie, W. J. Westaway.
No. 195. H. Peacock.
No. 205. R. S. Thompson.
No. 212. J. D. Bland, C. E. Garrard, B. Siegler, E. Palter.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

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

We congratulate our Most Excellent Grand First Principal on his happy and appropriate remarks regarding the Masonic, Historical and Commercial importance of the St. Catharines District.

We unite with him in his expressions regarding the motives which prompt nations to endanger the peace of the world to satisfy their narrow national ambitions and share in his hope that the efforts of the Motherland, supported by the Empire
as a whole, and assisted by other peace loving powers, will stem the tide and eventually the nations will settle their differences by peaceful arbitration.

We regret, with our Grand First Principal, the reductions in our ranks, but are pleased to note that our losses are less than those of the preceding year.

With him, we deplore the death of distinguished Companions of Sister Jurisdictions and the exceptional loss we have sustained in the passing over of Right Excellent Companions Edward B. Brown, K.C., Herbert C. Skinner, James B. Nixon, and R. J. Reade.

There, perhaps, never has been a Sovereign of this great Empire who, to the same extent, commanded the respect, esteem, confidence and love not only of every citizen of the Empire but of the whole world as did our late King George V, who celebrated his Silver Jubilee last year, only to be followed in a short time by his lamentable death.

With the Grand First Principal, we pledge our loyalty to His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VIII who, as Prince of Wales, in times of peace and of war endeared himself to the citizens of Canada as well as to all other inhabitants of the far-flung Empire. He has especially endeared himself to us as a Mason of distinguished rank who has always taken a keen interest in the Craft.

We concur in the words of commendation of the Grand First Principal with respect to the excellent results accomplished by the organized effort on the part of individual Companions in the Toronto Districts and heartily commend their work as an example which all Districts throughout the Jurisdiction might follow with profit.

We applaud the remarks of our Grand First Principal regarding the efficiency of our Grand District Superintendents.

We agree with our Grand First Principal in respect to the obligations of those Companions who have the honour of representing Sister Jurisdictions.

We congratulate those who have been the recipients of Jewels for long connection with the Royal Craft.

We concur, in strongest terms, with the recommendation of the Grand First Principal that, at the earliest practical date, we carry out the requirements of the Constitution of the Order with reference to a two days' session of the Grand Chapter in order that sufficient time be given to a full discussion of all matters of importance brought before the Grand Chapter.

We approve the suggested grant for purchasing books containing information with respect to Royal Arch Masonry.
We appreciate the reference to the valuable services rendered by those who have been of such great assistance to the Grand First Principal and especially the excellent work of our Grand Scribe E.

We commend most heartily the high literary merit of the excellent and inspiring address of our Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner.

W. N. PONTON,
KENNETH J. DUNSTAN,
EDWIN SMITH,
W. G. PRICE,
C. W. HAENTSCHEL,
ALEX. COWAN,
W. H. DAVIS, Chairman.

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

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

THANKS TO COMPANIONS OF ST. CATHARINES AND DISTRICT

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Canada be tendered to the Companions of St. Catharines and District, for the splendid manner in which the arrangements have been carried out by them for the reception and entertainment of the delegates in attendance. Especially are we pleased with the courtesies extended to our guests, as well as to the ladies who accompanied the delegates, and the Convocation will be remembered by those who had the pleasure of being present, and that an amount of $100 be granted to the local committee to assist in defraying their expenses.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

It was moved by V. Ex. Comp. Ernie Barber, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Laing, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to R. Ex. Comp. John H. C. Woodward and the other Companions who acted as Scrutineers for the services rendered in the election of the Officers of Grand Chapter.
REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE RECOMMENDATION THAT GRAND CHAPTER CHANGE THE TIME OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, in the absence of Most Ex. Comp. George Moore, presented the following:

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

The Committee are in general accord with the suggestion of Most Excellent Companion Lt.-Col. Alex. Cowan, Past Grand Z., that Grand Chapter should select a time more suitable than the month of February in which to hold their Annual Convocation. We concur that during the month of February the highways and railways are often snow-bound, and motoring, the popular means of transportation, is almost impossible in many parts of our Jurisdiction.

The Committee after mature deliberation and taking into consideration the necessity for the avoidance of any confliction of date with other Sister Organizations, therefore recommend the third Wednesday in April as a time most suitable for the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

At this time weather and road conditions lend themselves to motor traffic and all the objectionable features of the month of February are past.

We believe that this date will meet the best interests of our Companions from the rural districts as well as those in the urban centres. Almost any other month carries a definite objection by reason of conflicting with other Grand Bodies, Vacations, Fall Fairs and Exhibitions.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE, Chairman.
K. J. DUNSTAN,
WALTER G. PRICE,
W. N. PONTON,
WALTER DAVIS,
CHAS. W. HAENTSCHEL,
EDWIN SMITH.

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by Most Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the time of holding Grand Chapter be received.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YUKON TERRITORY BE MADE A RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

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

We endorse most fully the recommendation of the Past Grand Z.’s, Most Excellent Companions Dr. Chas. W. Haentschel and Lt.-Col. Alex. Cowan that the representative of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal should have the official title of a Right Excellent Companion. However, in view of the fact that there is but one Chapter in the Yukon Territory—we recommend that the Acting Grand Superintendent be given the official title of “Right Excellent”, that his term of office be three years, and upon the completion of this term that he be entitled to retain his rank as a Past Grand Superintendent.

All of which is respectively submitted.

WALTER G. PRICE, Chairman.
K. J. DUNSTAN,
EDWIN SMITH.

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by Most Ex. Comp. Chas. W. Haentschel, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the recommendation that the Acting Grand Superintendent of the Yukon Territory be made a Right Excellent Companion be received.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON “CHANGE OF NAME”

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the question of a change of name of our Grand Chapter, desire to report, that, after careful consideration, we feel that we should recommend no change in the name by which we are known in Sister Jurisdictions and which is ours by historic right.

L. J. STEPHENS,
W. Y. MILLS,
W. H. DAVIS, Chairman.
It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the "Change of Name" be received and adopted.

CONSIDERING NOTICE OF MOTIONS

R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, Grand H., having given the following, Notice of Motion, that he would move or cause to be moved, that Section 281, page 73, be deleted, and the following paragraph substituted:

"The jewel and Keystone of the Order are to be worn by Companions on the left breast either separately, or conjointly on a gilt (or gold) and enamel Circle, suspended by a narrow crimson ribbon; for Principals and Past Z.'s of constituent Chapters crimson ribbon with a centre of light blue one-third the width; and for present and past officers of the Grand Chapter it may be tricolor corresponding with the collar; all jewels to be of gold or gilt."

He asked permission to withdraw the same, and requested the Most Ex. the Grand Z. to appoint a committee to consider the motion and report at the next Annual Convocation.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—"Section 140 of the Constitution, re fees, dues and compensation"—be amended "by adding after the word 'Dispensation' in the seventh line on page 40 the words 'except that of Divine Service, for which no fee shall be payable.'"

In the absence of R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, it was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—To delete Section 142 of the Constitution and insert the following:

"Members of the Executive Committee or any Committee or Commission appointed by the Grand Chapter or by the Grand Z., shall be allowed travelling expenses as provided by resolution of Grand Chapter, but no allowance shall be made for expenses beyond the nearest point of entrance in Ontario, to the place of meeting."

In the absence of Most Ex. Comp. Moore, it was moved by Most Ex. Comp Edwin Smith, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp W. Y. Mills,—

"That Section 20 of the Constitution be amended to read the 'Third Wednesday in April,' in place of the 'Fourth Wednesday in February.' This Section will then read as follows: 'The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held on the Third Wednesday in April at such place as may be selected by Grand Chapter at the previous Annual Convocation, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon.'"
An amendment by R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Downing, and carried, that the word Third be changed to Fourth.

The motion being submitted was declared lost.

It was then moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, and—

Resolved,—That Section 20 be amended to read, "The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held on the Fourth Wednesday in April, at such place as may be selected by Grand Chapter at the previous Annual Convocation, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon."

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and seconded by Most Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, and—

Resolved,—That the Constitution be amended by adding to Section Eleven:—"The Grand Superintendent of the Seventeenth or Yukon District."

By adding to Section Fifteen:—"The Grand Superintendent of the Yukon District shall be entitled to the temporary title of Right Excellent Companion during his term of office and to the past rank, provided he has served a period of three successive years."

By adding to Section Eighteen:—"After the word 'Companion' on the sixth line, 'except as provided in Section Fifteen.'"

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, Seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, that the Constitution be amended as follows:—

Section 75, by adding after words "select any Past Z.", in the fourth line, "who either is a member of the Chapter or a resident of the District, except that the Yukon Chapter may appoint a non-resident of their District."

Section 76, by adding after the words "and Scribe E. of the Chapter" in the fourth line "his acceptance as follows: I accept the above appointment."

Section 77, by adding after the words "more than one Chapter" in the first line, the following "except in Algoma District where any Chapter may appoint a Proxy resident in the District who is not a member of the Chapter, but such Proxy shall not represent more than three Chapters."

Section 79, by changing the word "thirty" in the second line of page 19 to "fourteen" and the word "sixty" in the fourth line to "fourteen."

Section 80, the whole section to be deleted.

By the adoption of the amendment of Section 76 the proxy form on page 83 of the Constitution is automatically amended.

Most Ex. Comp. Haentschel with the consent of his seconder withdrew his resolution and at the suggestion of R. Ex. Comps. John Burden and John Empey that a committee be appointed by the Grand Z., to report upon the same at the next Annual Convocation.
NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Seventy-Ninth Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Toronto, Ont., on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27th and 28th, 1937, commencing on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o’clock (by adoption of resolution of the Committee’s Report on Audit and Finance).

GRAND Z. VACATES CHAIR

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. vacated the chair and requested Most Excellent Companion Walter G. Price to assume the Sceptre.

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.

THANKS TO INSTALLING BOARD

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. James Pickard, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Grove Davis, and—

*Resolved,*—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to Most Ex. Comps. W. 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.

APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE

The following appointments having been made by Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp. Marshall E. Sherwood,
40 Wellington St., Woodstock, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. A. D. McIntyre,
c/o Bank of Montreal,
King and Bathurst Streets, Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. L. Stewart,
266 Egerton St., London, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Fred G. Smith,
146 Broadway, Ottawa, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Reg. V. Conover,
Box 802, Brampton, Ont.
ASSISTANT OFFICERS—APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp. Morgan Griffith ........................................... Grand Lecturer
55 Constance St., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Wm. B. Milliken, K.C. ................................. Grand Senior Sojourner
170 Douglas Drive, Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Robert Neill Bissonnette......................... Grand Junior Sojourner
157 Church St., Stratford, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Wm. J. Douglas ........................................ Grand Sword Bearer
Caledonia, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. William Calvert ..................................... Grand Master 4th Veil
182 Mississauga St. East, Orillia, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. George Alexander Bowden ...................... Grand Master 3rd Veil
86 Port Street, Brantford, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. George M. Binks ...................................... Grand Master 2nd Veil
161 Arlington Ave., Ottawa, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. James Dickie ............................................ Grand Master 1st Veil
72 Chapman Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Alfred H. Jones ....................................... Grand Standard Bearer
380 Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Andrew Alexander Kinghorn .................... Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
2 Highland Ave., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Tudor C. James................................. Grand Asst. Director of Ceremonies
23 Duart Park Road, Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. J. H. Newns ......................................... Grand Organist
2386 Barker St., Niagara Falls, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. William Henry Murchison ......................... Grand Pursuivant
6 Starr Ave., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Alex Bruce ............................................. Grand Steward
106 Elgin Street, Wallaceburg, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. John Herbert Teasell ............................. Grand Steward
374 Confederation Street, Sarnia, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. John Hamilton Lee ................................... Grand Steward
Stoney Creek, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. William Culligan .................................... Grand Steward
132 Douglas Street, Stratford, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Robert Alexander Buchanan .................. Grand Steward
Box 472, Havelock, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. William Montgomery Barlow .................... Grand Steward
285 George Street, Belleville, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. James F. Patterson ................................. Grand Steward
Almonte, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Robert Jamieson .................................... Grand Steward
3 Lakehead Block, Fort William, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Bert John Davis .................................... Grand Steward
Box 447, Gananoque, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Edward Wickerhagen Hitchcock ............... Grand Steward

V. Ex. Comp. Henry George Ginn ................................. Grand Steward
Swastika, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Arthur Beetlestone ................................................. Grand Steward 
Palmerston, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. William Clayton Johnston ................................. Grand Steward 
Inwood, Ont.

CLOSING

The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter 
was closed in ample form at 3.55 o'clock p.m., St. Catharines, Ontario, 
Wednesday, February 26th, 1936.

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.

GRAND Z.'S DINNER

On Tuesday evening, February 25th, the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, joined with his Executive in holding 
a "Get-to-gether" 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.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, Grand H.................................................Kingston

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, Grand Z. .................................Toronto
M. “ “ George Moore, Past Grand Z............................................Hamilton
M. “ “ Col. W. N. Ponton, Past Grand Z........................................Belleville
M. “ “ Walter H. Davis, Past Grand Z.............................................Hamilton
M. “ “ Kenneth J. Dunstan, Past Grand Z......................................Toronto
M. “ “ Walter Price, D.D.S., Past Grand Z..................................Port Credit
M. “ “ Chas. W. Haentschel, M.D., Past Grand Z.......................... Haileybury
M. “ “ Alex. Cowan, Past Grand Z..................................................Barrie
R. “ “ Sidney S. Forbes, Grand J....................................................Hamilton
R. “ “ James Pickard, Grand Scribe N..............................................Toronto
R. “ “ Oliver Ellwood (Honourary Member) ....................................London
GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Edgar Ashton McCubbin.................St. Clair District No. 1
R. " " Reginald Joseph Cushman ......................London " " 2
R. " " Andrew Herbert Monteith......................Wilson " " 3
R. " " Thomas Warren Rutherford....................Wellington " " 4
R. " " Thomas Russell Huxtable......................Hamilton " " 5
R. " " Henry Baptist Montford Tichborne........Huron " " 6
R. " " Frederick Frank Hays.........................Niagara " " 7
R. " " Frederick James Johnson.................Toronto East " " 8
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R. " " Frederick Charles Bendell..............Georgian " " 9
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ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr.................................Guelph
R. " " Edward H. Brennan..........................Niagara-on-the-Lake
R. " " Frank G. McLean.............................Toronto
R. " " John M. Empey...............................Mitchell
R. " " Llewellyn F. Stephens......................Hamilton

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND Z.

R. Ex. Comp. Marshall E. Sherwood......................Woodstock
R. " " A. D. McIntyre...............................Toronto
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R. Ex. Comp. Bernard Cairns (Chairman).

SCRUTINEERS
R. Ex. Comp. John H. C. Woodward (Chairman).

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R. Ex. Comp. A. Art Gray (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. Reg. V. Conover, Morgan Griffith and John M. Burden.
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Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Henry Baptist Montford Tichborne, Trafalgar Street, Goderich, Ont.

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- Number of Chapters: 159
- Number of Members to November 30th, 1934: 21,931
- Number of Registrations to November 30th, 1935: 278
- Number of Joinings to November 30th, 1935: 46
- Number of Restorations to November 30th, 1935: 34
- Number of Withdrawals to November 30th, 1935: 307
- Number of Suspensions to November 30th, 1935: 688
- Number of Deaths to November 30th, 1935: 391
- Net Loss: 1,386
- Total Membership to November 30th, 1935: 20,903
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Speculative—Texas.
Spring—Texas.
Spiritual—Oregon, Saskatchewan.
Sanity—North Dakota.
Slides—Maine.
Square and Compass Club—Louisiana.
Service—Louisiana.
Synthetic Mason—New Jersey.
Sun—Washington.
Social Credit—Alberta.
Seed—Wyoming.
Sojourner—Wyoming.
Sire and Sons—Wyoming.
Side Lines—New York.
Scottish Rite—Connecticut.

T—Triangle—West Virginia.
Temple—West Virginia, Texas, Oregon, Washington, Georgia, Ohio, Delaware, Iowa, Queensland, Pennsylvania.
Time—Kansas, New Zealand, Massachusetts, Michigan.
Testing—South Carolina, Ohio, New York.
Talent—Saskatchewan.
Travel—New South Wales.
Trust—New Zealand, Connecticut.
To-morrow—Virginia.
Tools—District of Columbia.
Tribute—Massachusetts, Washington, California, England, Scotland.
Task—Minnesota 1933.
Thumbs—New York.

U—Unity—Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota 1934, Queensland.

V—Verities—Missouri, West Virginia.
Valley of Decision—Montana 1934.

Wake up—Georgia.
Will to do—Oklahoma, Ohio.
Way of Life—Minnesota 1934.
Winsor, Lou B.—Michigan.

Y—York Rite—California.

Compiled with a view to helping others to help themselves in purposeful progress and in stimulating interest in a Review of Reviews.

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON,
Belleville, February, 1936.
ALABAMA

James J. Douglas, Grand High Priest.
Guy T. Smith, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Eighth Annual was held in Montgomery, December 3, 1934.
Eleven G.H.P.’s were honoured in the East.
Canada’s Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.
The G.H.P. begins optimistically:—
“Existing conditions in our economic affairs, so in many parts of our State our leaders are reporting an improvement in Capitular affairs. There is a clarion call for action which is being nobly responded to by our Companions.”

He mourned the loss of two Past Grand High Priests.
With regard to the Masonic Home he said:—
“While we are assembled in this annual meeting, let us remember the one hundred and sixty residents of the Masonic Home, and the necessaries of life. In addition to the foregoing there are one hundred and forty-two applicants on the waiting list to enter the Home, but cannot be admitted because there isn’t sufficient to take care of them.”

William B. Clemmons, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported no recommendations for recognition of other Grand Chapters.

From the Committee on Necrology the following:—
“It is said when the life of Daniel Webster—that grand drama—was drawing to a close, he is represented to have said, ‘Life-Life-how curious it is!’ How curious it is that the realities of the immortal world should be based upon the crumbling vanities of this, and that the path to infinite life should be through the dark shadow of the grave!”

Under Masonry and American Citizenship we read:—
“A nation, or a commonwealth, or even a community, is no greater, no matter what its wealth of natural resources, than the mass level of intelligence of its citizens.”

Edward Houston Wills was elected G.H.P.
Membership 4,693. Net loss 1,161.

Lew Lazarus, of Birmingham, is the Grand Representative of Canada, and John W. Lawrence, of Toronto, a veteran Mason, is the Grand Representative of Alabama.

ALBERTA

Andrew Davison, Grand First Principal.
Cyril A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E.
The Twenty-first Annual Convocation was held in Calgary, 20th March, 1935. Ten Past Grand Z.’s were present doing duty and receiving honour.
Visitors from Manitoba and Saskatchewan were welcomed.
In his reply Companion Irwin said:—
"Your personality, good-will and ability have succeeded during the year.

"We in Saskatchewan and Manitoba were instituted in the same year and you are a little older than we. Which reminds me of the story of the man who married a twin sister, one of a pair who were so much alike that it was impossible to tell them apart. (As twins we are visiting with you this morning.) The story has it that the other twin went to live with this man and his wife, and one day a friend asked him how he could distinguish between the sisters. 'I don't,' he said, 'I just let the twin take care of herself.'"

The Grand Representatives were cordially received.

The Grand First Principal is also the Mayor of Calgary, "the sunshine City of the Foothills". He noted that Grand Chapter became of age on that day and contrasted the origin in 1915 with 22 Companion representing 7 Chapters who constituted the Grand Body.

"When I have gathered all the fresh, sweet bloom of youth, 
And stand upon life's hilltop, looking back; 
When I have sounded deeps of clear unfettered truth 
Have left some hopes, some dreams, along my track; 
May Peace her cloak of white about me fold, 
And Love hold fast my hand as I grow old. 
When down the western slope of time I take my way, 
And leaves of autumn rustle 'neath my feet; 
May I recall with quiet joy life's glad young May, 
When dreams were real, and days were long and sweet, 
Keep me, O God, from growing hard and cold, 
For, oh! I would be young when I grow old."

His reaction to the District meetings is thus expressed:—

"Even in districts where crop failures have been the rule rather than the exception, the Companions displayed a never-say-die attitude which was commendable and which augurs well."

At the meeting in Kitchener he had been represented by R. Ex. Comp. Empey, who duly reported.

The following is worth reproduction—especially in view of Alberta's recent vote establishing Social Credit. The idea is evidently "on the air."

"Companions, to-day we are living in a topsy-turvy world—in an age of paradoxes. For five years this old earth of ours has been in its most chaotic state in modern times. Discontent and confusion have been, and still are, rampant in every civilized land. Experiments of one kind and another have been, and still are being tried, governmentally, financially and industrially, to alleviate the conditions, but all, up to the present, have failed, so that at the end of five years our political, financial and industrial leaders stand nonplussed and confused at the conditions which confront them. We see on all sides a state of poverty and want in the midst of plenty. We observe in this so-called democratic age in many countries a rapid and alarming increase in dictatorships, where certain individuals, such as Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini, have arrogated to themselves powers and prerogatives that even exceed those that were possessed by kings and potentates of less enlightened times, and with no
particular protest from the classes and masses of their respective countries, for the time being at least.

"There is no doubt about it, Democracy is now on trial. The general breakdown in our economic machinery, the existence of paradoxical conditions. In this day and generation there is no such thing as complete national isolation. With advances in transportation methods, with the ever-increasing circulation of the daily newspaper, and with the perfecting of wireless and radio and their universal use, the various integral units of this old world have been brought into such close contact that any happening, untoward or otherwise, in some leading country, has immediate effects in other lands, no matter how far removed."

Anent the Peace Memorial:—

"Thousands of Masons, many of them prominent in national and international affairs attended this remarkable gathering from the four corners of the earth. And peace and amity prevailed.

"Why could not a similar gathering be held to give thought to worldwide problems?—problems which unless they are speedily solved, may imperil the very existence of our present-day civilization.

"The viewpoint and outlook of Freemasonry to-day are entirely different, I believe, to what they were two or three generations ago. More and more we are beginning to realize that we can and should be a beneficial factor in the life of our country and of the world generally, and not live entirely unto ourselves. If we could only use the Golden Rule as the yardstick by which to measure and regulate our lives and conduct, what a wonderful world this would be!

"What makes a country really great?
Not lands, nor forts nor gold nor dress,
But citizens whose lives are set
To service and to righteousness.

"A mansion cannot make a home,
Nor Nature's dower make a state;
The greatness of her sons alone
Can make a country really great.

"That is, indeed, a goodly land,
Happy and strong and beautiful,
Where each promotes the public good
And all are brave and dutiful.

"A faithful friend is a strong defence, and he that found him hath found a treasure. There is nothing that can be taken in exchange for a faithful friend, and his excellence is beyond price."

Canada's Grand Representative was not present.
The Six Districts reported briefly and comprehensively.
From the Report of the Committee on Masonry we take the following:—

"We commend those Chapters who were willing to compromise with their Companions in the payment of dues.

"We recommend: That the duties of the Grand Superintendent be put in printed form, and that each Grand Superintendent be supplied with a copy by Grand Scribe E., when he is installed."
The Committee on Fraternal Dead quote:—
"With thy rude ploughshare, Death, turn up the sod
And spread the furrow for the seed we sow;
This is the field and Acre of our God,
This is the place where human harvests grow."

A motion to change the date of meeting of Grand Chapter from March to May was tabled for one year and Grand Scribe E. was instructed to communicate with each Chapter asking for an expression of opinion.

W. E. Mercer was elected Grand First Principal.
J. M. Empey, of Mitchell, represents Alberta, and F. S. Watson, of Edmonton, represents Canada.

From the Foreword of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:—
"Many members were Masons in name only; they were not a help but rather were they a hindrance. We have, however, lost some who were a real asset. Let us endeavour to bring these back to the fold. And last, but perhaps most important of all, let us strive to consolidate our present membership."

Canada at Brockville is briefly reviewed. M.M.D., well known initials, referring to the following:—
"The Grand Z. during his term of office was also Supreme Grand Master of Great Priory of Canada. He took the opportunity of visiting the Yukon. We were glad to see him in Alberta.
"R.E. Companion Ault, in welcoming the delegates, expressed his regret that Grand Chapter was convened at this season of the year, otherwise he would have arranged a trip through the Thousand Islands.
"Grand Scribe E. reports cash receipts $15,499 and expenditures (including benevolent grants) $19,509. Total assets amount to $104,000.
"The report on Fraternal Correspondence is again by Companion Ponton. The topical review with which he prefaces it is of great assistance to the reader."

This from the Review of Delaware:—
"The prime function of Masonry is the building of MANHOOD. For this work Masonry provides the specifications. Specifications, however, are but worthless paper unless they are made to live in tangible form.
. . . Ours is a rich heritage. As guardians of this heritage we are bound by solemn obligations."

This from the Review of District of Columbia:—
"It is more important that the Chapters work than that they do the work well. Companion Karsner bitingly remarks: 'Remember, petitions, hand-shaking, back-slapping, pussy-footing, hard work, but Petitions. Just, Go get 'em—for what?'
"Karsner comments: 'The Chapters are not the only thing that is asleep. Things never right themselves. Who will arouse them if it is not the Grand High Priest?'

From Illinois:—
"We find this statement repeatedly: 'We paid too much attention to the perfection of the ritual and manner of conferring degrees, and not enough to brotherliness, social entertainment and education.'"
This from Massachusetts:—

"The Grand Master presented Companion Lowe with the Henry Price Medal, 'Companionship was a better word than Brethren, it simply was a continuance of the Great Adventure in Fraternalism; brotherhood opens the door—companionship continues and completes the journey.'"

**ARIZONA**

Clement Henry Colman, Grand High Priest.
Harry Arizona Drachman, Grand Secretary.
The Forty-fifth Convocation was held in Prescott, March 12, 1935.
Canada's Grand Representative was not recorded as present.

Twelve Past G.H.P.'s buttressed the Grand East.
General G.H.P. O'Hara was heartily welcomed and in his reply said:—

"It is always pleasant to hear from others words of encouragement and praise. By your kindness you have made me feel that it is my privilege and duty to assure all those present of my hearty accord with a true friendship.

"Numerically, General Grand Chapter is the largest sovereign grand body of Masons in the world.

"The Grand Chapters of many states of our union owe their beginning and existence to the General Grand Chapter. It has subordinate Chapters outside of the United States in China, the Philippine Islands, Sandwich Islands. Capitular Freemasonry has been a very quiet but a very great moving force. It has been really too little understood by its membership in general, and grand jurisdictions everywhere are beginning to realize this and are putting forth their best efforts to dispense light and information to their companions. Educational programs have been adopted. Good speakers, well informed in the philosophy of Royal Arch Masonry, are spreading the light. The desire for unity and accord between every branch of Freemasonry was never so prominent and manifest as to-day. Never were we in closer union."

The G.H.P. in submitting his annual address said:—

"It was my first introduction into Masonic Grand Lodge Affairs and I never visit this Mile High City without arousing in me memories of the past.

"I recommend that this Grand Chapter provide the incoming Grand High Priest with regalia of similar character, to be worn by him in visiting foreign jurisdictions and also when officially visiting his local Chapters.

"I am deeply impressed with the exchange of courtesies between our neighbouring jurisdictions, as it has a very salutary effect in arousing enthusiasm and interest of our Companions, and I recommend that this jurisdiction continue to participate in this annual exchange of courtesies.

"I took particular note of an attempted invasion of our jurisdiction by another organization which is coupling its activities with Masonry and have been endeavouring to have their cause sponsored by prominent Masons. While we cannot approach the situation in a selfish manner,
until such time as our membership should warrant it, I feel that this invasion should be resisted.”


The Grand Lecturer said:—

“Blue Lodge Mason’s education may be made to make a deep and lasting impression upon the mind of the candidate.”

The Gen. G.H.P. was presented with a beautiful Navajo Indian Rug and expressed his very sincere thanks for the gift.

James Whetstine was elected G.H.P.

James H. Barrett, of Douglas, is the Grand Representative of Canada, and Alexander Saunders, of Sarnia, is the Grand Representative of Arizona.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests convened and the supply of Bibles being exhausted, the Recorder was authorized to order more.

CALIFORNIA

Arthur M. Abbott, Grand High Priest.
Thomas A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-first Annual was held in Pasadena, April 9, 1935.

The United States Flag was presented at the altar, saluted, and the National Anthem sung.

Public Grand Honours of Masonry by Three Times Three were given distinguished visitors.

The Grand Treasurer read a tribute to three Companion Officers deceased:—

“Life at its best is but a vapour that passeth away. The glories of our birth and our state are as shadows rather than substance. But when we leave this world, what nobler epitaph can we have than that, having rendered good service to our fellows, by the will of God we fell asleep?

“Cyrus the Elder, King of Persia, in whose reign the Jews, under Zerubbabel, returned to Jerusalem from the Captivity, said to his sons when about to pass away

“‘Never yet, my sons, could I be persuaded that the soul only lives as long as it dwells within this mortal body, and falls dead as soon as it is quit of that. Nay, I see for myself that it is the soul that lends life to the body, while it inhabits there. I cannot believe that the soul must lose all sense on its separation from the senseless body, but rather that it will reach its highest wisdom when it is set free, pure and untrammeled at last.’”

Angus L. Cavanagh duly represented Canada.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the East.

384 Companions were present.

From the address of the Grand High Priest the following:—
“Masonry, to me, is a code of ethics by which we model our lives and our living. Masonry is a way of life. Masonry is a means whereby its devotees are endeavouring to raise their standard of living by helping others to live better. Masonry is a great force for the social up-building of ourselves, our companions, our brethren, and those with whom we are privileged to come in contact. Masonry is dynamic. Masonry is activity. Masonry is doing. The very act of carrying into practice the great ideals and principles we recognize in Masonry makes it a great force for good. Masonry is character building. We build character by recognizing fine principles and high ideals and in striving to bring them into active practice in our lives. Masonry does not contemplate any attempt to bring about a reform in any of its candidates. We are not in any wise running a reformatory. We are pleased to invite the finest men in our communities to join our fraternity and to participate with us in studying and carrying out the finest ideals that ever come into the lives of men. We are hoping that their association with us will inspire in them a desire to help those who are less fortunate than they are themselves. We want them to go out in their daily vocations and so live among others that the radiation of their influence will reach out and become a force for good in their daily walks of life. Others coming in contact with such personalities will realize the character of the men and be influenced for higher and better living.

“Masonry offers this splendid opportunity.

“The finest examples of sculpture that came from the hand of a Michelangelo were the result of the emotional expressions of his deepest feelings.

“Leonardo Da Vinci spent 20 years storing his mind with portraits of individuals he wished to paint in that great picture, ‘The Last Supper.’

“If a man does wrong, he does so because he wants to do wrong, not because he does not know the act is wrong.

“At the present moment we have the president of the U. S. a Mason. Some of the members of the U. S. Supreme Court are Masons. Within are to be found many Masons. Many of the governors of our great are to be found many Masons. Mony of the governors of our great commonwealths are in our ranks. The greatest ministers, the foremost educators, our greatest social leaders of to-day belong to the Masonic fraternity. Yea! You may go into any community and have the outstanding citizen pointed out to you and you will find that he is a Mason.

“Insidious influences are at work on every side in their attempts to undermine our great Republic. It is our duty as citizens and as Masons to see to it that these hydra-headed monstrosities shall be driven out of our country.

“If the Reds don’t like our country, let them move out. Let them go to some other country where they may find others of like ilk and let them feed upon one another. The deplorable part of this whole picture is to be seen in the utter indifference of our people.”

The G.H.P. attended no less than 85 official Receptions, a wondrous year’s work in itself.

Membership 21,147. Net loss 1,671.

Regarding part of the ceremony this item:

“In Re Elimination of Trip to Vault to take the interest and attention of our officers from their present endeavours in maintaining the business
and uplift of their Chapters, in order to take up at this time any material or drastic change in our present accepted ritualistic work, even though it were desirable."

The Committee on Capitular Education reported:—

"Capitular Masonry," mimeographed and sent to all District Representatives. Several sets were sent to others who requested them. About a dozen sets are still available for distribution. The titles are as follows: Historical Backgrounds, Biblical Allusions in Masonry."

What's in a name?—

"Whereas, Royal Arch Masonry is of early English origin, being first mentioned as practiced at York prior to the year 1744 and has been, for over a century and a half, referred to, throughout the World, as part of the York Rite of Freemasonry, and,

"Whereas, the term 'American Rite,' which has sometimes lately been applied to Capitular Freemasonry, is misleading and not truly indicative of the derivation of such working,

"Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California that the ancient and long used name of 'York Rite' is hereby recognized and approved and directed to be used to designate the rites of Capitular Freemasonry as practiced under this Grand Chapter."

Regarding Communism the Committee on Jurisprudence give an outspoken and reaffirming Report:—

"Whereas, nationwide activities of unpatriotic organizations disclose carefully designed plans to undermine and destroy our American democracy and to substitute therefor communism, fascism, or other alien forms of government,

"We reaffirm our belief in God and the churches organized for His worship.

"We reaffirm our allegiance to the flag of our country, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of California and of the United States.

"We commend and earnestly advocate the ideals of the American home and family and the institution of marriage.

"We declare our unequivocal support to our superior educational system.

"We advocate the continuance of the civic, social, fraternal and patriotic institutions that are typical of our American traditions.

"We earnestly advocate the exclusion and/or expulsion of all aliens antagonistic to or unsympathetic with the Constitution of the United States, its ideals, principles and purposes.

Franklin R. Haley was elected G.H.P.

This verse from the Memorial pages:—

"List to the strokes of the bell—

High Twelve!

Sweet on the air they swell
To those who have laboured well—
And the Warden's voice is heard;
From the South comes the cheering word,
'In the quarries no longer delve'."

Pax Vobiscum.

Charles H. Burgess, of Toronto, is the Grand Representative of California.
COLORADO

Joseph H. Price, Grand High Priest.
William W Cooper, Grand Secretary.
The Sixtieth Annual Convocation was held in Denver, September 20, 1934.
Sixteen Past G.H.P.'s gathered for duty and honour.
Distinguished visitors were received from Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, and the Heads of Grand Lodge and other Bodies in Colorado.
The Roll of deceased P.G.H.P.'s was called by the Grand Secretary. The G.H.P. responded to each name with the date of death.
Canada was duly responded to by Stanley C. Warner.

From the address of G.H.P. Price we take the following extracts:

"We are here to renew and add strength to the contacts our capitular membership affords.
"These conditions are common. The economic and financial depression is reflected in the reports we receive from all other fraternal organizations. Evidences of depression in which Capitular Masonry finds existing conditions, viz., loss of membership, depleted treasuries, incurred indebtedness.
"Difficulties confronting us are not insurmountable.
"It is in this spirit of optimism, courage and fraternal greeting, that I submit this summary of my work, personal visitation of forty-five of the fifty-one constituent Chapters of this jurisdiction.
"On my official visits I have stressed the importance of careful, sympathetic and charitable disposition relative to suspensions, recommending an extension of time for payment of dues or a total remission.
"A determined effort on the part of our Masonic affiliations will unquestionably bring about a different psychology.
"The best remedy yet discovered is individual, personal work."

John H. Gabriel was elected G.H.P.
The Committee on Memorials report:

"The scythe in the hands of time becomes but a key swiftly unlocking the door to that mysterious, intriguing realm of eternity which we know surely exists.
"By their passing they have left vacancies which shall be filled well because of their splendid accomplishments, and the standards which they raised."

Albert E. Bryson is the Grand Representative of Colorado.
Edwin H. Snyder again ably and vigorously presents his Correspondence Committee Report. In his Introduction he says:

"Grand High Priests continue to irritate my tender sensibilities by assigning the little incidents of golf, radio, picture shows, dinner clubs, etc., as the cause of slaughtering members by the thousands for non-payment of dues. Why the clumsy effort to sidestep the issue? Why shut
their eyes to facts so clear as to be unmistakable? Why blame golf except that there is not any real work to do? Why complain of dinner clubs when of them only memories remain?"

In the Alabama Review we read:—

"The end of the slaughter is not yet: another amendment requires the Secretary 'to read the names of all members whose dues are not paid to that date, and it shall be the duty of the High Priest to declare such members suspended until such dues are paid in full.'

"Line them up and shoot them down."

Canada at Brockville is well reviewed and we note with pleasure the following:—

"The cash and bank account amounted to $12,004; the investments $96,358.

"This jurisdiction has 159 Chapters, and 23,021 members.

"By the reading of a report of the Grievance Committee it appears that expulsions are not by the Chapters, but by the Grand Chapter.

"All reports are examples of care and thought in their preparation.

"The Correspondence Report is by William Nisbet Ponton. My, but the labour required! It is better than good; it is excellent; and that does not begin to tell it. Once begun, one hesitates, regrets, to lay it aside."

This from Georgia:—

"He made few visits, but did record joint meetings of ‘BLUE’ Lodges, Chapters and Eastern Stars. He deplored the use of ‘old rough work.’

And this touch from Ireland:—

"Chapters indicate deep interest in the work, though in some places it is carried on under conditions of great difficulty."

CONNECTICUT

William L. Cort, Grand High Priest.
George A. Kies, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual was held in Hartford (of happy memories), May 14, 1935.

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the East.

George N. Delap, Grand Treasurer, faithfully represented Canada.

Distinguished visitors were welcomed from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, D. of C., Massachusetts and Quebec.

The address of the G.H.P. was searching and able. We quote:—

"To a scrupulous trustee, the surrender of a trust is a thoughtful and impressive act. He must first appear in the tribunal chamber of his conscience for his accounting, and if the judgment of approval is there rendered, he is relieved of anxious thought of open and public sanction.

"Reports which appear to indicate the sky is brightening.

"Companions quite generally appeared to have lost their grip on things, and to have reached a point where they seemed disinclined to
make a determined, consistent effort to improve the situation—with results familiar to us all.

“Composite teams formed by the officers of several Chapters have shown excellent exemplifications, and the interchange of visits has added much to the welfare of the Chapters visited, not only in the attendance but in the morale of the officers participating.

“Our Chapters to be successful must be dual in their activities. Spiritual and material, neither can be ignored.

“Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite goodness, has been pleased to preserve our official family during the year, and our ranks remain unbroken.” WHY SINGLE OUT THE OFFICIAL FAMILY?

He visited many other Grand Jurisdictions and derived and gave great pleasure therefrom.

He acknowledges an invitation from Canada but was unable to come.

He thus concludes:—

“Every Chapter in the State has been visited by me, many of them several times.

“Delightful friendships have been made with lovable companions in every Chapter.

“My Creed

“To live as gently as I can;
To be no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill,
And cling to faith and honour still,
To do my best, and let that stand
The record of my brain and hand;
And then, should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory.

“To have no secret place wherein
I stoop unseen to shame or sin;
To be the same when I’m alone
As when my every deed is known;
To live undaunted, unafraid,
Of any step that I have made;
To be without pretense or sham
Exactly what men think I am.”

Membership 13,169. Loss 1,036.
John C. Stanley was elected G.H.P.

The Committee on Custodians report:—

“We find a desire in some Chapters to be permitted to use the vault in the Royal Arch Degree. We have never had any objection to the vault when used properly and in a decent manner. The reason its use was forbidden by the Grand Chapter was, that there was a general tendency to resort to humiliating, disgusting and degrading practices which should have no place in a Masonic meeting. At a joint meeting of the Grand Officers and the Committee of Custodians it was decided, that any Chapter desiring to use the vault be permitted to do so under the supervision of the Custodian, and it shall be the duty of the Custodian to report to the Grand Chapter any abuse of this privilege in any Chapter in their jurisdiction.”
In accordance with custom, the Roll of Chapters was called at the close of the meeting and all Chapters were found represented except a few who had previously been lawfully excused. Harvey J. Milne, of Kingston, is the Grand Representative of Connecticut.

George A. Kies, P.G.H.P., veteran if not venerable, gives a brief Foreword to his 27th Annual Review. He finds that only one Reviewer, W. W. Clarke, of Kentucky, is still in the field. Most have passed on.

From the Review of Alberta the following:—

"Non-contribution of Chapter funds for public campaigns; and also with his idea of Grand Scribe E. being in close touch with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of being informed of those members who have been deprived of their standing in Craft Lodges."

From British Columbia:—

"It consists largely in quotation of the District of Columbia reviewer's reaction to our remarks on over-zealous competition of the Scottish Rite in parts of the United States. The burden of that reviewer's 'special pleading' consists in an over-laudation of the S. R. and praise for its fine work, etc. But he misses our main point—our disapproval of their zealous solicitation of candidates immediately after they are raised. Masonic law and usage teach us that advancement into Masonry must be voluntary. Hence we shy at any solicitations."

From California the following:—

"While our condemnation of Communistic and other red policies is strong, we do not share the fear of this committee that their destructive aims will ever gain the smallest foothold in the U. S.

"In the foreword is an apologia for 'The Allied Masonic Degrees.' Apparently the degrees were running around loose and, Scotland abetting, they have been corralled. Are there other degrees at large? Where shall we halt?"

Canada at Brockville is reviewed in friendly fashion. We quote from his comments:—

"He notes that a Welfare Committee of Toronto, reinforced by the Companions of that area, are doing continuous work in relief.

"Dictates to the very fullest, and endeavour to add sprout after sprout to the wonderful garden of roses.

"The detailed report of Committee on Conditions, etc., lays stress on the unfavourable economic status.

"Committee on Benevolence recommended payment of $2,740 in relief.

"Again, William Ponton writes the review. He prefaces with a topical analytical index, a boon to the hurried reader. If the Canadian Companions will read this admirable newsletter, they will get a thorough knowledge of what is happening in the outside Capitular world."

Under Colorado this commendation:—

"While new to the round table, he sweeps exceptionally clean. His entrance adds another Damascus blade to the company.

"We imagine he laughed aloud when writing 'of course he knows better' of a Grand High Priest in whose address he found: 'Help the DeMolay, a Masonic organization.'"
REVIEWS

From England and Wales Mark Masters:—

“It should be remembered that the Mark Lodges confer the Mark, and Chapters confer the R.A. Unlike us, there is no P.M. or M.E.M. degree. It might be added that in England, there is close connection between Craft Lodges, Mark Lodges, and Chapters.”

This from Idaho:—

“Under D.C. a stalwart but sensible view:

“Why then—in God’s name—a constant sneering reference to use of the Chapter, or the Commandery, as a ‘stepping stone’ to the Shrine.

“Stepping Stones! No more ridiculous phrase is found in the catalogue of Masonic complaints! A Master Mason finds before him the ‘stepping stones’ and upon every stone ambitious officers and well meaning friends stand importuning him to take this step, and that step.”

Louisiana gives something substantive:—

“The Vermont Correspondent comments favourably on the writer’s suggestion that some form of insurance be worked out to prevent loss of members on account of non-payment of dues. There are a number of ways that this can be worked. There are all kinds of possibilities. Group insurance by a Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery would insure the dues of all the members.”

A touch from Saskatchewan:—

“Life is made up of light and shade. Uninterrupted gains generally lead to enervation.

“‘Let us all be up and doing.’ ‘Labour is life.’”

With this from Washington we conclude:—

“He notes that atheism is trenching into our schools and colleges, and cites as one reason the abolition of the Bible.”

DELWARE

Henry S. Young, Grand High Priest.
John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary.
The Sixty-seventh Annual was held in Wilmington, 16th January, 1935.

A fine gathering of Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the East.

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia and the Grand Master of Delaware were received with grand honours.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

“Materially aided me to spread the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection which unites us all the more solidly in our work.

“The friendships I have established in the various contacts with Companions at home and abroad have been my reward.

“Nothing is to be gained unless we have an objective. We must set our faces towards it, work hard and in due time we shall reap the reward. The material is before us. Let our zeal for this Institution be as leaven to stimulate us to work.

“Decrease in membership of about one-twelfth of last year’s total,
but Masonry will be built up in our Lodges and Chapters where the members have the Spirit of Masonry at heart.

"Behold how swiftly the sands run and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close.

"On Saturday afternoon, June 16, I attended a picnic given by Excellent Companion Albert T. Hanby, Grand King of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, to the Joshua Association of Pennsylvania at his farm in Brandywine Hundred, Delaware. This affair is an unusual one. About one hundred and twenty companions from Pennsylvania and fifteen invited guests from Delaware were present.

"On Thursday evening, June 21, I attended an entertainment given by St. John's Chapter to the guests of the Masonic Home of Delaware on the Lancaster Pike near this city. This entertainment was given on the lawn of the Home."

Canada was duly represented by George S. Scott.
Membership 1,544. Net loss 141.

From the Committee on Memorials Report:—

"If thought must backward run
To those who, one by one,
In the great silence and the dark beyond
Vanished with farewells fond,
Unseen, not lost; our grateful memories still
Their vacant places fill."

And with these striking verses they conclude:—

"They were our Companions.
Long years they wrought with us
Upon the Temple.
Some cleared the ground
And dug the trenches deep;
Some laboured in the quarries;
Others shaped the marbles
For the walls,
Or fashioned skillfully the vessels and the ornaments.
And some were leaders,
Masters of the craft,
Well skilled to oversee the work;
While others, still, more humble stations filled.
What e'er their part 'twas well and nobly done,
For, though the humble part be formless, crude and deeply hid from sight
Beneath the marble walls that please the eye,
Tis none the less a worthy task.
Their work is done.
And we must carry on.

Calvin E. Afflerbach was elected G.H.P
George Slack, of Toronto, is the Grand Representative of Delaware.

Standing Resolutions of Grand Chapter are printed in full for ready reference.

Thomas J. Day is the veteran Chairman of Foreign Cor-
respondence. He reviews 56 Jurisdictions, five of them being for two years. General Grand Chapter introduces the Reviews.

Canada at Brockville is briefly but comprehensively referred to, many important points being noted:

"In his address the Grand Z. notes the activities of the office during the past year. He reports the Grand Chapter in good financial condition. Ninety-four dispensations were granted. Twenty-nine of these were to change date and hour of Regular Convocations. Twenty more of the Royal Craftsmen were decorated with the Long Service Jewel.

"The report on membership gives a total of 23,021. An interesting report was submitted by the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

"The report on Correspondence is by Companion Ponton. The Proceedings of Delaware for 1933 get two pages of fraternal review, liberal selections from the address of Grand High Priest are reproduced."

From the Review of British Columbia the following:

"Visits to the several Chapters. More than ten pages of the address are devoted to these accounts. We note the following paragraph from the address: 'Companions, the effects of Masonry are indisputable and historical. It has expelled cruelty and cured passion. It has rescued the gladiator, freed the slave, protected the captive, nursed the sick, sheltered the orphan and elevated woman. It has created the very conception of charity and broadened the limits of its obligations from the narrow circle of a neighbourhood to the widest horizons of the human race. While it has thus evolved the idea of humanity as a common brotherhood, it has cleansed the life and elevated the soul of each individual man. The great need of to-day is for men. Men who will stand true to the test and never lose that superb individuality which the Great Creator has meant them to possess.'"

This from the Review of New York:

"A dispensation was granted to permit a Chapter to exemplify the Mark Master Mason according to the ritual of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, for a Chapter in the City of Port Colborne, Ontario."

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1934**

Andrew Clifford Wilkins, Grand High Priest.
J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

A Special Convocation was held October 11, 1933, to receive and welcome the Officers of the General Grand Chapter at their Triennial.

The Sixty-seventh Annual was held in Washington, February 14, 1934.

Seven Past Grand High Priests were honoured.

Lucien G. Yung duly represented Canada.

A cordial greeting was extended to distinguished visitors from Canada, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

In his introduction the G.H.P. said:
"The niche which any portion of time, any term of office, shall occupy in history will be determined by the importance of its happenings and its record of achievements. In a large way, the former may properly be said to be beyond the control of those who are affected by them, as they are determined and allotted by Divine Providence. How we meet them, how we shape them to particular needs, with what ability we accommodate them and ourselves to the times in which they befall—these are largely matters within our own control. Upon them depends in a great degree the measure of success which we shall attain. Out of these elements, which are really the tests of our fitness for leadership, will come the judgment the world will render on the record which any individual or any group presents."

Under the Condition of the Fraternity he said:—

"Inactivity is as much to be deplored as over-activity in this respect and we can look for additions to our ranks only when Royal Arch Masonry is made so attractive that the interest and loyalty of our present members are strongly in evidence and the desirability of becoming a Chapter Mason made apparent to all who are eligible to membership.

"I think we may well take to our hearts the consolation that, if these efforts had not been put forth, the losses would have been much larger.

"I call attention to the fact that this method of operation increases the importance of the liaison officers which each body was requested to appoint."

The Correspondence regarding the proposed establishment of the Council of Allied Masonic Degrees is printed at length. The petition was held in abeyance by Grand Lodge.

It was held not to be in the best interests of the Fraternity to serve "legal" beer.

In his conclusion, the G.H.P. said:—

"The real achievement during the past year has been the genuine friendly fellowship shown among all our Companions. It is this spirit of co-operative effort, I confess that I naturally like folks. But I want to say to you, that our own folks could not be finer, nor more-friendly.

"People who have warm friends are healthier and happier than those who have none,
All the wealth of the world could not buy you a friend or pay you for the loss of one."

Membership 5,158. Net loss 524.
Robert L. Kause was elected G.H.P.
Robert W. Clewlo is the Grand Representative of D. of C.
J. Walter Karsner gives an excellent Foreword to his Reviews:—

"A spacious hall, the great Round Table, the 'goodly company, the flower of men'—and Gareth-like, a novice new-comer assumes the seat assigned to him, in humility and awe.

"Platitudes about seeking 'quality,' coupled with frantic demands for more petitions; at the same time denouncing an era in which petitions were plentiful, and in which Chapters were enabled to fill their treasuries beyond their fondest hopes."
"A delicate, beautiful watch remains a watch, its beauty to enrich the senses, its mechanism to mark the time, no matter how badly there is need for a nail to be driven. A centuries-old fraternity is not to be changed.

"Why do men join a fraternity? For instruction? No! Fraternity means 'the relation of brotherhood' or 'a body of persons associated by common interests and characteristics.' And men join because they want the association of brotherhood with men of common interests and characteristics.

"The vast majority of men, whether because of temperament, occupation, or character of education, are not mystically-minded. They have neither the inclination nor the capacity for abstract thinking and to them throughout their natural and fraternal life symbolism and its fruits remain a tight-closed book.

"Why then—in God's name—a constant sneering reference to use of the Chapter, or the Commandery, as a 'stepping stone' to the Shrine.

"Stepping Stones! No more ridiculous phrase is found in the catalogue of Masonic complaints! A Master Mason finds before him the 'stepping stones' and upon every stone ambitious officers and well meaning friends stand importuning him to take this step, and that step—many times almost against his will, without opportunity to inform himself and judge wisely, and sometimes at great sacrifice to himself and family. And then, when he has 'attained the topmost round' those who have urged him on, and whom he has obliged, turn their faces upward and in one grand full chorus damn him for using 'stepping stones'! From the dawn of time there has been the Quest for the Ideal—of which the search and the discovery of the Word is but a symbolical variation. The intelligent observer of the Royal Arch degree is again and again stimulated in his search for the Better Thing—whether in religion, personal life or vocation—and if he searches and finds that Masonry's work is the proper presentation of its truths to those who seek them—however small the number. The transmutation into the general good is in the hands of God!"

Under Canada at London we read:—

"Like the Holy Grail and all those things we seek afar—right at hand the solution we seek in so many fields. Just to do and be the things expressed in the rituals of our Order, to the best of our ability; then patiently and confidently await the inevitable better day.

"The Grand Z. decided that a member suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of dues, or having taken a demit from his Lodge, is still in good standing in his Chapter! ! ! To us this appears like declaring the second storey of a building 'ok' after the first has floated away. Sort of a Mahomet's coffin!

The report on condition of the Order says:—

"Royal Arch Masonry should prove to our worried companions a bright spot in an otherwise cloudy sky—a haven or rest and comfort—a sanctuary where they may lay aside their daily cares and ease their troubled minds.

"Not while you are raising that $100,000, companions—we know."

This from the Connecticut Review:—

"Courage is
'the highest gift, that scorns to bend
To mean devices, for a sordid end.'
"There is no more cowardly, contemptible act than the improper use of the black-ball. The man who subscribes to the principles in the paragraph above quoted can little afford to speak of 'questionable methods.' He has missed the lessons of both rites.

"The man who casts a black-ball for the purpose indicated is false to his obligation as a Master Mason, which underlies all rites."

The striking Review of Quebec gives us the following:

"Men learn of God through Beauty. We Builders who Hold Beauty in our fingers have the key. We could create it only as we loved enough. We chose God as our partner; He chose us. So was this cathedral builded stone on stone; Each carved with the beauty of a soul and God.

"Wars may come, or raging fires, my son, But yet these towers and walls will ever stand; For they were built unto Eternity, And even if crushed down would rise again; For eager hands and hearts would catch the vision then, And build them into Beauty that is God.

"Men learn of God through Beauty! How many of those who accept the responsibility of portraying our degrees, of imparting their lessons, approach the task with a sense of creating a Beauty through which men may be led to God? And if we entrust an etching tool to hands habituated to a sledge—where lies the blame?"

This from the Wisconsin Review:—

"We cannot fail to entertain a high respect for the man who demits, rather than merely 'drops out.' From any angle one considers the matter, one comes inevitably to an appreciation of the dignity of the man who in severing his membership in a body does so with his head up, able to come back or go where he will without apology or embarrassment."

ENGLAND

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, Grand First Principal. Sir Colville Smith, Grand Scribe E. Herbert F. Manisty, President of General Purposes. Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons’ Hall, 6th Febrary, 1935, Lord Ampthill and Lord Cornwallis presiding. There was a large attendance, very well known names in State, Church and Royal Craft being recorded. Sydney A. White is the Assistant Grand Scribe E.

Lord Ampthill paid a wonderful tribute (prescient of his own passing) in memory of M. Ex. Comp. Sir T. Courtenay Warner, Bart., C.B., which we transcribe:—

"Comp. Rt. Hon. The Lord Ampthill, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.: Companions, you must all be sorrowfully reminded this evening, that he whom you have been accustomed to see in the chair of the Third Grand Principal, will never again occupy that seat.

“Our late Brother and Companion, Sir Thomas Courtenay Warner."
passed away very unexpectedly, very soon after our last Convocation. It may truly be said that he died in harness, for he was engaged in his multifarious public duties and beneficent activities up to his last brief illness. Few of us realized that he had passed the allotted span of man’s life by seven years, because of his joyous and active temperament. I daresay that many of you remember the gay courage with which, only last year, he undertook the duties of First Principal in the new Chapter of Installed Principals in Essex, of which he was a Founder. The formation of that Chapter was an entirely new departure, as no Royal Arch Chapter corresponding to Past Masters’ Lodges in the Craft had previously existed.

“It was thus, and in many other ways, that Comp. Sir Courtenay Warner set a bright example of constancy and faith in Freemasonry which was of the greatest value to the rising generation of Brethren and Companions.

“In public life his activities were very numerous, and ranged over a wide field. He was a fine specimen of those English country gentlemen, whose motto is ‘noblesse oblige,’ and who hold that to possess the external advantages of rank and fortune is a call to duty, which obliges the possessor to use all his energies and opportunities to render himself more extensively serviceable to his fellow creatures.

“I had a particular regard for him as an old oarsman, and as a fellow Etonian and Oxonian, but his genius for friendship endeared him to all with whom he came into contact. We shall all remember him with affection, and with gratitude for his services to our Order.

“Companions, it has been well said, that music is the Mother of sympathy and the handmaid of religion, and we have, of course, in this Temple, the means of invoking music to express and concert all our emotions and deepest feelings.

“Let us, therefore, be upstanding, and let us listen for a few minutes to those immortal harmonies, which speak first of lamentation and sorrow for the departed, and then remind us that the tomb is but the doorway to a glorious resurrection, and the passage to life and bliss eternal, for those who have faithfully performed their allotted task, during their mortal existence here on earth. Thus shall we be able to think together, as Brethren and Companions, of him whom we have loved and lost.

“The Dead March in ‘Saul’ was then played, all the Companions standing.”

Five new Chapters were warranted.

Lord Amphill gave an interesting account of his recent visit to Sweden. At the close the National Anthem was sung. Quarterly Convocation held at Freemasons’ Hall, 7th August, 1935.

Rev. Canon Hubert Curtis, M.A., Third Grand Principal, presided.

Such well known names as Songhurst, Carpenter, Greenwood and others appear in the record.

This worthy tribute was paid by the Third Grand Principal to the memory of the late Lord Amphill:—

“Comp. The Rev. Canon Hubert Curtis: Companions, we meet together this evening under the shadow of a great loss. How unexpected
are the ways of Providence! The last time we met in Grand Chapter he whose death we mourn installed me in the Chair of Third Grand Principal and to-day, owing to unavoidable absence of the Second Grand Principal, I have to take his place.

"It is difficult to realize that he has left us. When I saw him a week or two before he died, he seemed so well and strong, I thought he might preside over us for many years to come, but it was not to be, and we can only hope and believe that he has been removed from this sublunary abode to exercise his talents in that other world where perchance he may serve with a grander service and worship with a loftier homage.

"I have heard it said that Lord Ampthill was pontifical in manner. Perhaps he was, but he was a leader, and a leader must, of necessity, be somewhat of an autocrat, yet those who had the privilege of knowing him more intimately will, I am sure, confirm what I say, that he had a very simple nature illumined with a sincere love for God.

When I came out from the Memorial Service at Westminster, a Brother said to me, 'We have lost a great man,' and, when I was sitting next to a member of the House of Lords a week ago, he said, 'Ampthill was a great man.' Yes, he was great, great politically, socially and masonically, but there is a greatness higher than any of these to which I humbly think he attained, namely, the greatness of goodness, the greatness of being good, the greatness of conscience and duty, the greatness of doing good to others.

"Lord Ampthill seemed to me to have two qualifications essential for the great position he held for so long—a firm belief in Freemasonry and a stern sense of duty. He believed in the principles of Freemasonry and thought that if they were disseminated more the world would be better than it is.

To that end he visited every Province in England and made long and arduous journeys to far-off countries to represent Grand Lodge and unfurl the banner of Freemasonry. And now he has gone and we shall see his face no more, but, if it be true as the poet sings, that 'to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die,' then our Brother, in this sense is not dead.

"We shall often think of him, perhaps more especially in this Temple, in the days to come. We shall recall his stately presence, his commanding voice, his administrative ability, and we shall try, each one of us, shall we not? to write some tribute to his memory, a tribute inscribed not on stone or metal, plinth or plaster, but on the fleshly tablets of the heart, striving to emulate his example in living good lives in the sight of the T.L.G.M.H., and endeavouring to advance that cause for which he worked and strove so long.

"That this Grand Chapter, moved by profound regret at the death of the Right Honourable Lord Ampthill, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., who for a period of over twenty-seven years held the office of M.E. Pro First Grand Principal, desires to place on record its grateful appreciation of the eminent services which he rendered to Royal Arch Masonry during that time. Grand Chapter will ever remember that the late Pro First Grand Principal worthily maintained the dignity of his high office and the prestige of the Order by his conscientious devotion to duty, his high sense of justice, his unfailing kindness and courtesy, and the example of his public life.

"That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Lady Ampthill, with the expression of the deep sympathy of Grand Chapter, and the condolence of all the Companions in her sad bereavement."
'The Dead March in 'Saul’ was then played, all the Companions standing.'
His death was a loss to the Royal Craft universal.

MARK MASTER MASONS, ENGLAND AND WALES
Pro Grand Master, The Earl of Stradbroke.
Deputy Grand Master, Lord Aldenham.
Grand Secretary, Major Thomas Gabriel Lumley Lumley-Smith.

Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, London, 4th June, 1935. There was a large attendance of officers and members.
Names of Officers and rank are given in full.
The Grand Stewards of the year were present and reported satisfactory results.
During the past three months 983 Mark certificates and 250 Royal Ark Mariner certificates had been issued, also six warrants.
Deaths of distinguished Grand Officers are recorded.
The granting of Jubilee Medals is reported.
A discussion took place with regard to Past Rank and the Jubilee Fund, carried out in proper Masonic spirit.
The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and saluted.
Sir George Menteth Boughey, Bart., was appointed Grand Senior Warden.
Many promotions are recorded and it was announced that some Lodges had doubled their quota of contribution, including Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge.
Lord Ampthill spoke felicitously. It proved to be his last address to the Mark Master Masons. His lamented death followed shortly after.

FLORIDA
Archie Aitchison, Grand High Priest.
Cary B. Fish, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-ninth Convocation was held in War Memorial Building, in Ocala, May 7th, 1935.
Twelve Past Grand High Priests buttressed the Grand East.
Chester DeRocher duly represented Canada.
G.G.H.P. O'Hara made his official visit and was duly honoured.
The G.H.P. in the opening of his address said that they desired to make the stay of guests and visitors one that will have associated with it most pleasant memories.

He paid a fine tribute to the late Grand Secretary Webster, whose personal kindness to a relative, this Reviewer gratefully acknowledges. To fill the vacancy Cary B. Fish was appointed and was afterwrds elected.

Membership (not including Kissimme Chapter) 3,723. Net loss 393.

From Grand Lecturer Greer's Report we quote:—

"I hear from some sources that there is a demand on the part of some to abolish the office of District Deputy Grand High Priest. This would be 'saving at the spigot and wasting at the bung.' Before this Grand Chapter had the District Deputies, I often heard from the Chapters: 'What does Grand Chapter care about us except to collect dues'? and without the District Deputies as contacts between this Grand Chapter and its constituent Chapters this query was well founded. I had the great honour of being the guest speaker at the joint installation of officers of eight Blue Lodges of Jacksonville on the evening of December 27th, 1934. I have done my very best to carry the message of the Royal Craft to the more than 2,500 who have composed the audiences during the year.

"As Royal Arch Masons we know one higher than ourselves and consequently in the stress and strain of life we are not exhausted. Let us then go on, for he who travels with that One most certainly reaches a safe and certain goal.; and let us pray on for whoever talks with God wastes no words."

$75 was appropriated towards a monument to the late M.E. Comp. Webster.

The Committee on Correspondence indefinitely postponed consideration of the dispute between Scotland and N.S.W.

The Committee on Memorials beautifully wrote:—

"Personal identity shall be retained in the future life. At the Burning Bush, God came to man and said, 'I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob' even though these men had been dead for many centuries. But Abraham was still Abraham and Jacob was still Jacob, and the 'Great I Am' was still their God. Fifteen hundred years after the death of Moses, he appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration and talked to our Lord. Moses was still Moses, and he conversed with the Greater Prophet and the Greater Leader, who would redeem men from all nations and weld them into an eternal brotherhood.

"He has left the inspiration of a noble life,—sincere, gentle and courteous, but firm in conviction and consecration to duty."

Unity of action all along the line is being suggested in many Jurisdictions. This Resolution was passed:—

"That this Grand Council of Florida solicit the Grand Chapter of Florida and the Grand Commandery of Florida to enlist the High Priests and Officers of Subordinate Chapters and the Commanders and Officers of Subordinate Commanderies to co-operate with the Masters of all subordinate Councils and their Officers in a movement for the upbuilding of the several York Rite organizations wherever chartered."
An increased interest in School affairs and the proper education of youth was urged in another resolution.

George A. Dame was elected G.H.P.
James H. Cowan, of Galt, is the Grand Representative of Florida.

GEORGIA

John B. Russell, Grand High Priest.
W. J. Penn, Jr., Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual was held at Macon, April, 24, 1935.
The entire audience joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation."
Some new adjectives in the biography of John B. Russell:—
"Was created and dubbed a member of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple."

Twelve Past Grand High Priests strengthened the Grand East.

Canada was duly represented by Charles R. McCord.
Distinguished guests from New York, Grand Master Woods and General Grand High Priest W. T S. O'Hara were welcomed.

The last named delivered one of the most inspiring messages ever heard in Georgia.

From the G.H.P.'s address we take the following:—
"To the rank and file of our Order all over this great state who have enriched my life for a number of years by their expressions of love and confidence, as I have gone in and out among them and have from time to time showered honours upon me, crowning my years of service with the highest honour in their power to bestow.

"Why should anything beautiful in this world be lost?"
"Is it? Man does not want a world beyond for himself alone.
"Heaven would not be heaven without Companionship.
"DEATH IS THE GATE OF LIFE."

The Committee on the address quoted:—
"So not by Eastern windows, only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light,
In front the sun climbs slowly, how slowly
But westward look, the land is bright."

F. A. Johnson was elected G.H.P.
Membership 7,192. Net loss 647.
The Grand Secretary visited 98 Chapters, some of them several times, 85 Craft Lodges and other gatherings, travelling nearly 28,000 miles in his old Plymouth. He certainly is the embodiment of activity and we are glad to be able to sum up as follows:—
"I am confident that it will be only a short time before they will all be in a healthy condition, provided we as Royal Arch Masons show the proper co-operation."

The Committee was justified in recommending:—

"We recommend that the Finance Committee appropriate a liberal amount for Grand Secretary's travelling expenses as we feel that this is not a liability but an asset to the Grand Chapter."

The Grand Master was introduced and spoke.

We are glad to note a portrait of General Grand High Priest O'Hara which adorns the Proceedings.

In addition to his salary the Grand Secretary is paid 10% on all per capita dues collected.

In the presentation of a Jewel to P.G.H.P. Russell we read the following graceful words:—

"Fidelity is the chief glory in the crown of manhood—fidelity is the brightest jewel in the diadem of a monarch. Without fidelity between man and man the whole social structure of the world would fall and become utter chaos.

"I don't know whether he has accumulated much of this world's goods or not, but, I do know he has accumulated that higher treasure, the love of his fellowman.

"And when you shall have crossed the Great Divide and shall stand in the presence of the Great and Blessed Master whom we all adore, then will that jewel bear witness of your fellowmen."

This Reviewer is proud to be the Grand Representative of Georgia.

An old friend, Pleasant T. McCutchen, presents his eleventh Report and from his Foreword we take the following direct thoughts:—

"These reports are short—have to be—but it is easier to write a long report than to hunt out the cream of the Proceedings and pack it into a short report.

"One Jurisdiction alone has made a small gain, and that jurisdiction is too small for the gain to count much.

"Education, regular inspections by trained deputies, and contact of membership by active officers, who are awake to their duties, are making great inroads on apathetic membership in the Grand Jurisdictions that are going back to the fundamentals and sound principles of the ancient Craft.

"I trust that what others are doing will inspire Georgia Companions likewise to wake up and do things."

Under Arizona Review we read:—

"He urged that Companions acquaint themselves with the history and background of Capitular Masonry. And we agree with him on this great need."

From the Review of Delaware we take these sentences:—

"There is Gold, richer than the Gold of Ophir, in your Chapter. One must labour and dig for gold, as the ancients laboured and dug.

"What has become of the Companion who pays his dues, yet never comes to Chapter? THERE IS YOUR GOLD. Dig for it. You can
find it in chunks. Try this plan: Organize your officers and old stand-bys into a Committee of Gold Diggers. Divide your absentee list among them and ask each one of your committee to dig up at least one of these ‘Chunks of Gold’ for each convocation. Keep on digging until you have covered the list, and then go back and do it again and again,

“Your first and greatest obligation is to your old members. BRING THEM BACK.”

Canada is briefly reviewed. He cites our distinguished visitors, the cordial addresses of welcome given and acknowledged, the active year of the Grand Z. and the inspirational reading afforded by Comp. Gardiner’s Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

Of this Reviewer and of Grand Z. Cowan he kindly says:—

“Companion Ponton submits fine reviews, selecting the best sayings and most interesting topics from all of the Grand Proceedings, with very cordial references to Georgia.

“Alexander Cowan elected Grand Z. and we are sure he will not prove an eavesdropper.”

Kansas Review furnishes something worth while:—

“Masonry is a voluntary association, and the things for which we stand do not rest upon statutes or regulations. We have no law to say to what degree a man shall love his neighbour; to what extent he shall assist in the promotion of brotherhood. We rely entirely upon the character of the individual. The conferring of our degrees is but the processing of raw material in the form of human nature into what we hope will be a just and upright Mason. In all such operation there is always a certain amount of dross, the result of inferior material or poor workmanship. It has been well said that ‘Our ancient brethren endeavoured to build Temples fit for Worshipers’ but that ‘Our mission is to make Worshipers fit for Temples.’”

Our colleague was greatly struck by the Review of Quebec and the address of the late Grand Z. Shatford, from which he makes long extracts. We reproduce:—

“All our principles are concerned with discovery and completion. Chapter Masonry is the recovery of something lost and the completion of an unfinished structure. Certain it is that humanity has lost something precious. The call that issues from the very throne of God. Let each of us answer in the words of the old prophet, ‘Here am I, send me.’ Thus we shall have a part and share in the building of the new Temple.”

IDaho

Albert E. White, Grand High Priest.
Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.
The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation convened at Payette, 15th May, 1934.
From the invocation by the Grand Chaplain the following:—

“We thank Thee, who art Life, for the gift of life and what it has brought to us; we thank Thee, who art Love, for the gift of love and human friendship; we thank Thee, who art Light, for the gift of light,
which hath shined into our minds with a spark of the divine ray. Lighten our darkness, O God."

Flowers were presented from the Scottish Rite of the Valley of Boise.

Robert A. Woods, P.G.H.P. of Indiana, was welcomed, the G.H.P. saying:

"There is something in Masonry that attracts the attention of the leading men of our nation—men who are so busy in other affairs that it seems impossible for them to devote any time to the human side of life. It must be so worthwhile and valuable when it brings such men together in such close harmony to work for the welfare of others, in an unselfish endeavour to promote perfect unanimity and concord among men and nations."

From the address of the G.H.P. we quote:

"In my travels over the state and on my trip to the Eastern coast to Washington and Philadelphia I have met so many wonderfully big men. Men who are doing things in a big way, wen who have reached high places, yet have not lost the common touch. It is a very encouraging sign that we realize and are facing the conditions as they are, instead of making lame excuses for inactivity.

"To have a good friend is one of the highest delights of life, to be a good friend is one of the noblest and most difficult undertakings.

"Out from the hill of God it flows,
And on to the shoreless sea,
Where the noon-tide sun, no shadow throws.
And Time is Eternity."

Charles Hartung duly represented Canada.

From the Grand Secretary's Report:

"In fact, if one could have divided one's self into several parts they would still have been unable to accept all that was provided by the Companions of the District of Columbia for our entertainment."

The Eastern Star also presented flowers.
The Correspondence Committee reported:

"Your Committee takes the same view as most of the Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter, which position is one of masterly inactivity."

John W. Shore was elected G.H.P.
A joint Memorial Service was held, the Grand Chaplain expressing the following thought:

"Light the flame upon our altar, call forth the incense of our hearts, bend our knees to adoration, and make it easy for us to pray."

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests were present in the Grand East for duty and honour.
The retiring G.H.P. was presented with a Past Grand High Watch. We are not able to identify this brand by its description.
The In Memoriam pages are introduced by:

"God’s finger touched them and they slept."
W.H.G. Garrioeh, of Ottawa, is the Grand Representative of Idaho.

The Fraternal Review is in the capable hands of Frank G. Burroughs, of Boise. From his editorial notes we take the following:—

"Great topic in the annual reports was, of course, the losses being sustained by Capitular Masonry everywhere.

"Grand First Principal of Alberta coins a new phrase to describe an old situation. He calls it the 'Depression Complex.' Which certainly should solve the problem.

"Grand High Priest of Illinois issued an edict prohibiting the use of 3.2 beer in any Chapter room. Washington, D.C., also forbade.

"California Grand High Priest wants all the Chapters to sponsor De Molay and Texas absolutely forbids anything of the kind.

"Are we discouraged? Not any. Believe in God, fear no man and go after the infidels."

From the California Review the following:—

"He thought that we, as Masons, too seldom attend Blue Lodge. We should manifest more interest in the work and fellowship of the 'Great Mother.'

"Capitular Education thought it odd that 'Attendance committees nearly always do anything but their obvious job, which is to say something like this, by mouth, postcard, or transmitter: 'Come over on Monday; we've got a good speaker, a good gang, and a little to eat, and maybe something cool to drink; we've missed you, come.' The reasons and causes of losses still provoke opinions. Sepulchral comments are made by some Grand High Priests, possibly because they associate the subject with necrology.

"He refused permission to advertise a dance by means of radio.

"And he refused a Chapter permission to hold a bridge and euchre in their Chapter room.

"So there!

"The Chapter approved."

From the Colorado Review the following:—

"Finance was generous to the entertaining Chapter. Recommended $200 as 'partial reimbursement of expense entertaining the Grand Chapter members Wednesday.' Must have had a gay time.

"Idaho is reviewed briefly. I smell a trifle of sarcasm in this."

This from Connecticut:—

"Grand Secretary mourned the 'patchwork constitution' of Connecticut and said that the entire code of by-laws should be carefully scanned.

"Another Grand Chapter, which obviously had suffered from overcharges, adopted a drastic regulation prescribing that travel charges should be gauged by the shortest mileage and the cheapest method. 'No Pullmans.'"

An idea from Kentucky:—

"I am of the opinion that the Chapter acted hastily. The Masonic organization is not a criminal court, and its members should not be treated as criminals."

This from Manitoba:—

"Democracy has been challenged in our time. Lenin called democracy 'A mere bourgeois superstition.' Mussolini has expressed himself thus:
'Democracy is the more or less putrescent corpse of the Goddess of Liberty.'

"Property does bear burdens, but they are those which can most easily be borne. But there are others who also say 'Poverty pays with its person the chief expense of war, pestilence and famine.' Almost half a century ago, the great poets thus philosophized."

A Nugget from Quebec:—

"He thinks that constitutional requirement neither sound in principle nor effective in practice, and goes on to say that 'I have observed more than one Companion whose record as Master of a Symbolic Lodge served only to prove his incapacity; and yet such a one stands qualified in the eyes of our Constitution.'

ILLINOIS

O. H. Woodworth, Grand High Priest.
James E. Jeffers, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation opened with music, described as a beautiful programme of song, in the Great Northern Hotel of Chicago, 25th October, 1934.

From the invocation by the Grand Chaplain the following:—

"Ennoble and enrich our lives and help us to express Thee in our daily living, in our work as artists, musicians, builders, craftsmen, toilers in the soil, leaders in business and finance. May our lives always bring honour to this great institution."

Fred W. Soady duly represented Canada.
Twelve Past G.H.P.'s were honoured in the Grand East.
Distinguished guests from Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Officers were welcomed.
The G.H.P. advocated the consolidation of Chapters to merge with stronger neighbouring ones, thus saving many whose interest in the Craft is ebbing away.

"We lost many good members whose loss means much to us.
"Show that real fellowship and that friendship we like to profess but so rarely perform. Our ritual is the frame work of our order. the ground floor of our associations.
"Companions like sociability and like to go where it is found. Where such places are known to exist they will go."

Delinquent Chapters took advantage of the liberal offer to discharge their obligations by giving notes.

Of the fine Home maintained by Lodge and Chapter he comments:—

"Every member of the Home is being cared for in a pleasing manner. There was a total of two hundred and forty-eight in the Home, and eighty-six of them were receiving treatment in the Royal Arch Hospital."

He makes this recommendation:—

"If some means be devised whereby the members of such Chapters could be transferred to other Chapters without acition on their part the net loss would be greatly lessened."
The Report of the Grand Secretary says:—

"The activity I can tell you about is the speeding up of the suspension machinery and other losses in the amount of 8,361. In these seeming adverse figures there is little of a cheerful nature but there may be found a reason.

"Some of the Chapters could and should have paid something and it is an absolute affront to ignore letters written to them by their superiors. "When will the tide turn? When will the loss turn to profit? No man can say. I predict it will be several years. Deaths and dimits are inevitable and there are long lists yet to be suspended. No Grand Chapter, however well fortified, can stand up under these enormous losses very long and live. Chapters must learn to live within their incomes; they must economize and work for their very existence. Cheer up, take heart, and with renewed determination.

"Every true Mason should lend a strong helpful hand and assist in maintaining its proud and rightful position, the premier Grand Chapter of the world."

Membership 63,212. Net decrease 8,361.
William C. Rapp was elected G.H.P.
The Committee on Obituary reported:—

"While they may not have borne the mark of distinction, conferred by the purple robe, yet their fealty for the order and their devotion to the cause, happily were not thus confined.

"Job had just stated that 'There is hope of a tree if it be cut down, it will sprout again, and the tender branch thereof will not cease.'

Grand Chaplain Bachelor delivered the oration, from which we take the following striking extracts:—

"The man who conscientiously, carefully, earnestly is engaged in building the greatest of all structures, human character, strong personality, is the happiest of men. Character is true, sets a man apart from the rest of the world. Character is human worth, human value, human merit.

"The noblest contribution that anyone can make for the benefit of posterity is a good character. In this, every man is in a certain sense his own builder. Personalities that no evil will destroy. Character then, is our biggest job as Royal Arch Masons. The type of men that you are will either make or break this splendid order of which we are so proud to be a part. No amount of planning, no well arranged programs can ever take the place of strong, stalwart, true men, engaged in the world of business, and yet who remain unsullied, unstained.

"The first force is that of heredity.

"'The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

"The second force that plays a part, in many ways, a much larger part, in the development of character, is environment.

"Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by.
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are sad.
Wise, foolish, so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorners seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in the house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man."
“There is one other point in the formation of character that must be briefly considered. That is the will.

“Visiting his native town of Kirriemuir, Sir James Barrie told a friend this lovely story. Sir James had been calling on the most gracious lady of the land. She was celebrating her third birthday. It was little Princess Margaret. She was looking with delight at her gifts—a tea table, with two painted flower pots on it, each about the size of a thimble. ‘Is this really yours?’ asked Sir James. With the sweetest smile she answered at once, ‘It is yours and mine.’ Would not the little lady’s spirit make our world over to-day?”

Joseph J. Shelley, of Toronto, is the Grand Representative of Illinois.

Everett R. Turnbull, well known throughout the Continent as a thorough and skilled Reviewer, has these thoughts and comments in his Introduction:—

“There are twenty-nine Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and eleven in other countries that do not have that many members on their roll. Think what that means. That loss would abolish Capitular Masonry in forty jurisdictions. Our guiding star is the ritual. The ceremonies occurred at the lowest ebb in the national existence of Israel. The nation had, apparently, been blotted out but, strange to say, future historians called the captivity the golden age of Israel and who knows but historians to come will say the same of the years 1928-34. Israel did come back and re-establish their nation under almost impossible conditions. Like those of old we make the journey.”

From the Review of Alabama:—

“‘Masonry and Anti-Masonry’. It details the persecution of Masonry in the Pennsylvania Legislature. For two years a petition was filed every week calling on that body to investigate the evils of Masonry and to prohibit its activities. When we read of these things and then turn to the reports a few years later we find that Masonry lived through a time of severe trial and came out stronger than ever. Now we are only going down with the rest of humanity.”

Canada at Brockville is reviewed in friendly spirit. He makes the following references:—


“Ninety-four dispensations were granted, all in accordance with their law. Those for holding At Homes and Social Functions and for Emergent Convocations would not be needed in Illinois; neither would the one to change place of meeting if jurisdiction lines were not involved.

“The report on ‘Reviews’ was again from the able pen of Companion Ponton.”

From Manitoba Review the following:—

“The Scriptures merely tell us that ‘Now we see through a glass darkly, but then, face to face.’ ‘Now we know in part, but then shall we know even as we are known.’ Our belief in the resurrection.”

From the Review of Saskatchewan we read:—

“The popular Masonic speaker still talks about the glories of our Institution, our traditions, and eternal principles, as being capable of
withstanding the problems of maladjustment in material affairs. By the same token it is unpopular to refer to such mundane and distressing things as depressions, unemployment, lapsing membership, and human suffering. But the cold facts remain. Masonry is a human institution. Economic stability is an essential necessity.

"Life is made up of light and shade. Uninterrupted gains generally lead to enervation. Throughout the Capitular world there is evidence that the Companions are arousing."

This under Scotland:—

"I visited the Lodge, which meets in an upper room over a stable. The light is given by paraffin lamps, and especially in the ante-room the dim light. But the point I wish to make is, that there you have equally the spirit of Masonry. It is not confined to temples made with hands, magnificent though they may be, but the principle of Scottish Masonry is built up in these humble Lodges and humble Chapters."

INDIANA

Stanley Gordon Myers, Grand High Priest.
Robert Archer Woods, Grand Secretary.

In the Proemial it is written:—

"The occasion of the 89th Annual Convocation at Indianapolis was in all respects delightful and satisfying. There were luncheons for the visiting ladies at the Scottish Rite Cathedral and at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, an organ recital at the Cathedral, a visit to the World War."

The Eighty-ninth Annual was held October 17, 1934.
A splendid and record gathering of 22 P.G.H.P.'s were honoured at the altar and in the East.

Canada was duly represented by William H. Baugh.
Distinguished guests from Wisconsin, The General Grand Council and Indiana Bodies were welcomed.

From the G.H.P.'s address the following:—

"You are entitled to voice your desires or your objections, and your Grand Chapter is desirous of your helpful suggestions and constructive criticisms.

"Made largely through the Fletcher American Co., which is now in receivership. From the present report, we may possibly realize something like 40% on these investments and that, probably, not until some future date.

"If a Chapter hopes to remain alive or increase in strength, I feel that this matter should be given consideration by the Subordinate Chapters concerned.

"There are a number of our Chapters which are holding only a few stated meetings during the course of the year, and should have ample available time to dispense true Masonic light and knowledge.

"Death cannot come to him untimely, who is fit to die;
The less of this cold world the more of heaven.
The briefer life, the earlier Immortality.

"Death Terminates the Labour of a man."
“Death comes equally to us all, and leaves us all equal when it comes.”

“The Prince who kept the world in awe,
The Judge whose dictates fixed the Law;
The Rich, the Poor, the Great, the Small,
Are Levelled. Death Confounds them all.”

Membership 26,440. Net loss 1,626.

The Grand Lecturer says:—

“Success in any walk of life is not easily attained. I do not measure success in the Chapter by the number of initiates which may be received, but by the interest which the officers may instil in the membership.”

From the Memorial to “Our Own Fraternal Dead” the following:—

“Let us now praise good men and our fathers that begat us.
The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through His great power. Such as did bear rule in their convocations, renowned among us, giving council by their understanding, their knowledge of learning, meet for their brethren. These were merciful men whose righteousness shall not be forgotten. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth.

“The destroyer of the human race has wounded, but not disheartened. ‘We listen and hear a faint echo of a song among the stars.’”

John Harold Bassett was elected G.H.P.

John Stevenson, of Stratford, is the Grand Representative of Indiana.

A condensed History of the Grand Chapter fills several interesting pages. Other Jurisdictions should go and do likewise.

IOWA

E. W. F. Holler, Grand High Priest.
George E. Masters, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-first Annual was held at Waterloo, October 11. 1934.

Public exercises consisting of harp music, invocation and addresses preceded the opening.

From the Grand High Priest’s able address the following:—

“That intangible temple not seen by the human eye but yet one of the most vital forces in the world, in the midst of the most adverse circumstances. And when breaches occur in it through negligence or wilful error to clear away the rubbish and rebuild and rededicate it to God.

“To me ‘the immediate need of the world is not more of us but a better brand of us.’ This calls for searching our own hearts first of all.

“Somewhere in my reading I came across this, ‘We’ve got to swear off thinking negative thoughts if we want to accomplish positive results.

“I found the silver lining
   To the cloud they talk about,
   And I stepped up very boldly
   And ripped the lining out!
"And from that silver lining
I made two wondrous cloaks—
One to wear myself, and one
To lend to other folks.

"To me the sad part is that we have lost many good men—men who have been deeply interested.

"The world is what you make it,
    Then make it bright and true;
And when you see it's gloomy,
    It isn't the world, IT'S YOU."

"After this sectional meeting your Grand High Priest was entirely convinced that it is more important to have all of the degrees conferred in the one day and thus make momentum for the Triple Tau dinner and the Royal Arch Degree in the evening. The very fact that the ideals and goals of Royal Arch Masonry are so thoroughly called to attention of the Companions cannot help but have a quickening influence."

This among his rulings:—

"That any R.A. Mason who has not been formally suspended is entitled to all the rights and privileges of any Royal Arch Mason."

Delinquent Chapters and Banks still give trouble.
The G.H.P. says:—

"However, many of the banks have been opening on partial payment to depositors, and several of the Chapters have been seriously embarrassed."

This is interesting as indicating the trend of the times in certain Jurisdictions:—

"There have been growing up in the Grand Chapter boards and commissions that apparently do not seem to feel any responsibility to the Grand High Priest and who are interpreting their position as that of being entirely apart from the direction and suggestions of the Grand High Priest and his corps of officers. In this manner there seems to be a growing position of scattering the powers and duties of the Grand Chapter in such a way as to weaken and hinder any forward movement that the Grand High Priest and his fellow officers would like to put into effect for the good of Capitular Masonry and thus tend toward pulling apart and hindering the efficiency of Capitular Masonry.

"Even in our state government this matter has been called very energetically to the attention of our governing bodies.

"Like every good undertaking without a definite head or under definite supervision, some of them have failed to function entirely during the past year."

The G.H.P. concludes with this verse:—

"A living faith
I found in one to-day
Whose life is toil and grind.
And I give thanks to One
Who helps me seek and find
A living faith."

The Committee on Necrology quote:—
“Death is a dialogue between
The spirit and the dust.
‘Dissolve,’ says Death; the spirit, ‘Sir,
I have another trust.’
Death doubts it, argues from the ground,
The spirit turns away,
Just laying off, for evidence,
An overcoat of clay.”

This under the In Memoriam features:—

“Four things a man must learn to do,
If he would make his record true,
To think without confusion clearly,
To love his fellow men sincerely,
To act from honest motives purely,
To trust in God and heaven securely.”

Membership 15,868. Net loss 1,892.
Fourteen G.H.P.’s were present doing duty and receiving honours.
Canada was duly represented by E. W. F. Holler, G.H.P.
Comp. C. C. Hunt reported for the Service Committee:—

“Lethargy and indifference have prevailed rather than zeal and effort.
The result is little, if any, worthwhile achievement; little, if any, real progress.”

The Committee on Capitular Education made a striking Report:—

“Some one has said that it takes brains to appreciate Masonry. Brains is an indiscriminate term which does not mean anything. So let us say that it requires understanding. A man can go through the ceremonies of the several degrees and satisfy himself with the idea that he is a Mason, but he will never know why until he commences to think about the things through which he has passed and understands the reason.”

Distinguished visitors were welcomed and the exchange of courtesies was emphasized as one of the strongest links that bind Capitular Bodies into one common mass of friends and Companions.
The late lamented Louis Block was there representing the Scottish Rite, also the Representatives of Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and the active Head of every Masonic Body in the State.
Earl E Dusembery was elected G.H.P.
Ed. Lankin, of Toronto, is the Grand Representative of Iowa.
Biographical sketches, which conclude the main volume, are most interesting. Under E. W. F. Holler’s biography we read:—

“The same year he was licensed and ordained to the Presbyterian Ministry by the Presbytery of Cimarron, Oklahoma. His qualifications
as a Minister of the Gospel, and the appreciation of his sterling qualities and character, can best be emphasized in stating he is rounding out his Fifteenth year as pastor at Brooklyn, Iowa, and especially so, during this period of unrest, when even Ministers jump from pillar to post for one reason or another."

The Report on Correspondence is in the friendly hands of C. H. Eckles, P.G.H.P., who succeeds E. M. Willard in this important post. He makes a naive introduction:—

"A very successful organizer once told me that there were three things necessary to make any organization progressive:

1st. Explain your objects in language that the listener will understand, omitting flowery oratory.
2nd. Tell the truth.
3rd. See enough people and you can't fail.

"What we need is Companions who are not afraid of a little actual work, some who do not wait, but go out and make the opportunity.

"Private enterprise is not so far wrong in the theory that it pays to spend money in a territory that is apparently 'slipping,' and use every legitimate means for its revival before it is considered dead.

"The spirit of cheerfulness in the face of adversity is the true characteristic of the people of this great country of ours, and barren indeed of faith and vision, is he who lacks imagination and confidence to foresee the growth of better times."

Under General Grand Chapter referring to the late C. C. Davis:—

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

Other references in this Review are as follows:—

"A few sincere friends, who understand and remain true
A work to do which has real value,
The will to go forward, even though the trail be unblazed,
Wisdom, tempered with mercy,
A sense of humour, the power to laugh and a little leisure
with nothing to do.
A few moments of quiet—the sense of the presence of God,
And the patience to wait for these things, that the sunset
shall not be darkened by the clouds of my haste."

"I am one who believes in saving; but to refrain from making the necessary outlay, when necessary to strengthen and preserve our hold on life, is a mighty poor saving."

Canada at Brockville is briefly reviewed. We note the following comments:—

"Quite a large number of visits were made throughout the year, and particular mention was given to Klondike, in this report.

"We find that the Grand Superintendents give much time and study to their respective districs, and with just a little let up of the present conditions, the Royal Craft will again flourish.

"The Grand Chapter now has securities totaling $88,500.00; and looking at it from this distance, we would say that they are gilt edged, which must be highly pleasing to the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Iowa received recognition of almost two pages, and we appreciate it."
KANSAS

Holmes W. Haviland, Grand High Priest.
Elmer F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

The Seventieth Annual convened in York Rite Temple, Wichita, February 18, 1935.

Distinguished visitors from Missouri, Texas, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska and the General Grand Council were present.

The lines were then formed and G.G.H.P. O'Hara was formally received and greeted and extended the Gavel of authority.

A fine array of seventeen Past G.H.P.'s were honoured in the East.

Roy H. Clossen duly represented Canada.

From the address of the G.H.P. we take the following striking passages:—

"Our fundamentals are the same to-day as with the generations which have passed on. Our ideals are lofty and worth striving to reach. Our foundations are sound. Our work and ceremonies should inspire you to nobler deeds and higher thoughts; to look with compassion on the widow and fatherless in their desolation; to be helpful to those round about us; to obey the Law and constituted authorities to abhor disloyalty or rebellion; to be good citizens in thought and deed.

"Royal Arch Masonry is just as vital to-day as it has ever been in the past. Its work should be conducted after the manner so faithfully transmitted to us by our fathers, regardless of the changing attitude of men.

"We should be concerned, therefore, when change and modification of our chart and compasses is proposed. The heart of Masonry includes its vital principles. The need of the hour in this effort for man's good is collective activity and individual living.

"Neither shall they say, 'Lo, here! or Lo, there! for behold, the kingdom of God is within you.' Since our highest objective is the kingdom of God, the task is ours as an Institution and as individuals. Will we meet it and solve it, or shall we fail? Let us first restore the kingdom of God in our own hearts, and we can then build temples in the hearts of men.

"The suspension, expulsion, restoration or reinstatement by the Lodge, shall, upon the declaration of the High Priest automatically become effective in the Chapter. Dues will accrue from the date of the High Priest's declaration.

"A visit from the head of the Royal Craft to any chapter is probably the most valuable contact established. The benefits apply equally to the executives and to the officers and companions of the subordinate body. Fraternal conditions naturally follow economic affairs. One of the principal efforts of the year's work has been to meet our companions in their own field so that there might be mutual understanding of our relations and problems.

"They were unable to pay the small amount of dues necessary. Through this channel we have lost many fine Royal Arch Masons."
Under Educational we note the following papers were prepared and presented:—

"'King Solomon’s Temple; M.E.M. Degree',
"'The Tetragrammaton and the Lost Word',
"'Searching for the Lost',
"'The Word, and its Proper Application'.

The Committee on Necrology report:—

"After all, it is Life which demands our effort and to that end let me give to you the following creed:

"Help me to build my house of life stronger, safer, purer. Take not away my illusions.

"Courage in humility. Make my New Year a memorable one for me. Whether it bring failure or the ripe fruit of my hope, let me not be discouraged—let me fail, if fail I must, still faithful to the Task.”

Membership 12,899. Net loss 1,551.

Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary Emeritus, presented his Report on History in which he said incidentally:—

"Labour is endless; the research work is unlimited.

"Time is fleeting and 'years steal fire from the mind as vigour from the limb,' and therefore the work of writing the second volume should not be delayed too long.”

Asa T. Hoge was elected G.H.P.

A. P. Goering, of Hamilton, is the Grand Representative of Kansas.

The biography of G.H.P. Haviland will be read with interest.

The In Memoriam pages are prefaced by:—

Fraternally
Dedicated to the Memory
of those
Companions
who, during the past year,
have passed through the Fourth Veil
into the presence of the
Eternal Grand Council.

Albert J. Wilson, a veteran hand, introduces his Correspondence Report with the following depressing information:—

"The net loss in membership in the Chapters of the United States as shown by the Proceedings reviewed, is 60,129.”

This from the California Review:—

"There is not now so much talk about leaders, but there has been a dogged determination to work. Would that all Grand High Priests were included in the roll of such! If they were, many a loud plaint or artful alibi would be silenced.”

Canada at Brockville is briefly reviewed in friendly fashion. He gives extracts from the address of Grand Z. Haentschel and appears to be specially pleased, as he might well be, with M.E. Comp. Gardiner’s Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, quoting:—
“Once they are admitted, we assume the responsibility. Precept and Example are the best means of development.”

He kindly calls our Review a splendid report.

From the Review of Texas the following:

“To the notion of the writer it matters not how many members are on the Finance Committee or how long they serve. It resolves itself into purely a cold-blooded business proposition.”

And this from Wyoming:

“The card accompanying the Gavel reads:

“THE GAVEL OF TIME”

“Presented to the Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming by

WILLIAM HUTTON,
Past High Priest of Baalbec Chapter
of Green River,
June 19, 1934.”

The name of this Reviewer’s grandfather was also William Hutton.

KENTUCKY

W. D. Cannan, Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Convocation was held in Louisville, October 16, 1934.

The record number of Past G.H.P.’s, twenty-one in all, were honoured in the Grand East.

From the Grand High Priest’s address the following:

“We will be able ‘to Brave Every Danger, Endure the Hardships, Surmount Every Obstacle’ and at last arrive at the journey’s end with great joy and satisfaction of having faithfully performed our allotted tasks, and hear the approval of the Master Overseer saying—Good Work, Square Work, True Work, just such as is needed for this magnificent edifice you have been building.

“The time is now here for us to plan for the future sanely and conservatively, to get back to a real basis of prosperity. Of vastly more importance is the duty of the inspecting officer to enthuse the companions and inspire them with a greater zeal that will not cease until every Master Mason shall have found that which was lost and been exalted to the AUGUST DEGREE.”

Distinguished visitors included John H. Cowles, of the Southern Jurisdiction and Representatives of Ohio, West Virginia and General G.H.P. O’Hara.

The Grand Secretary reported:

“It has not been a bulging, enthusiastic year in the ranks of the Royal Craft, but it has been a steady year, the Craft itself doing well.”

His eager vivid face adorns the Proceedings in portrait form.
He reports a number of letters received from Grand Representatives.

Membership 10,668. Net loss 1,141.

This from the Necrology Report:

"I think of death as 'Change of Circumstance.'
Enraptured as a bird upon the wing,
The sick raised up, will laugh and shout and sing;
The cripple, freed, will run and swim and dance;
And those who have been thwarted in life's chance
Shall see their hopes come to their blossoming.

"For them no dimming eyes, no palsied hand, no tottering step. For they have passed from sin to sinlessness; from weakness up to perfect strength."

John M. Cochran was elected G.H.P.

From the Report of the Committee on Our Homes the following encouraging item:

"Our school, under the leadership of Miss Belle Ford and her capable assistants, is unsurpassed for efficiency. Many of our graduates are making outstanding records in their chosen professions."

A. S. H. Cree, of London, is the Grand Representative of Kentucky, and A. Gordon Sulser represents Canada.

Our veteran friend, William W. Clarke, meets us again in friendly and fraternal charge of the Doings of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

This under Alberta:

"Call their attention to the danger of acquiring, using his term, a 'depression complex.' In other words, he thinks that many chapters thinking that dues cannot be collected, are making no effort."

Canada receives fraternal attention:

"There were present 14 grand officers, 15 grand superintendents, and the representatives of 136 chartered chapters. Kentucky was represented by R.E. Companion John Graham.

"Demitted from his Craft lodge, he ruled that such a Mason was still in good standing in the chapter. This last ruling he evidently did not approve as he says that it has been ruled by the Grand Chapter and he has no power but to sustain it. It would certainly seem that the two rulings are hardly in accord.

"The capitular reviews are again written by that capable reporter Companion Ponton. He gives about as complete and comprehensive review of the doings of other grand chapters are we have read. Kentucky is given capable and fraternal attention."

This from the Review of New York:

"One reads with some amazement the amount of work done by the Grand High Priest of this Grand Jurisdiction. His address covers some 94 pages and is packed full of activity from start to finish."

And this from Washington:

"Anyhow, they are just the 'joiners' getting tired and quitting. We wonder if by chance that it just so happened that one real honest-to-goodness good Royal Arch Mason were included."
LOUISIANA

D. Peter Laguens, Jr., Grand High Priest.
John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.
Charles C. Brown, Acting Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-eighth Convocation convened in New Orleans, February 5, 1935.
Thirteen Past Grand High Priests honoured in the East.
Canada’s Grand Representative, John W. Armstrong, was duly present.
In addition to the General G.H.P. O’Hara and M.P. Comp. Woods, distinguished visitors from Virginia and Tennessee were welcomed.
From the address of the G.H.P. we take these informative extracts:—

“Our dearly beloved Companion John Antonio Davilla, Grand Secretary, passed through the white veil into eternity.
“A cordial invitation to join the Order of High Priesthood.
“In as much as no law is evident to govern this case in question, I ruled: ‘It is evident that the Companion’s legal name is Philip N. Haddad and although he may have adopted the name of Smith nevertheless it is necessary that the State Legislature authorize such a change and Pontchartrain Chapter is hereby ordered to correct the name and carry him on their rolls according to his legal status which is Philip N. Haddad.
“Dual office-holding in several of our Chapters. I ruled that this was strictly against our law and the offending Chapters must discontinue this practice.

“Attended Masonic York Rite Festival at Alexandria, fostered by the Square & Compass Club of that city, which later developed to have a membership of seven Masons. This has developed into very large proportions and they had prepared for an attendance of 1200. Due to inclement weather, about 800 appeared at the banquet.
Time and space will not permit the enumeration of many pleasant visits to Blue Lodges in New Orleans and elsewhere in the State with our M.W. Grand Master, Milton W. Boylan. These visits were made in my official capacity as Grand High Priest. and in each instance I was invited to talk to members on Capitular Masonry, which I did without offense to any other Rite.

“It is our duty to try and correct and rehabilitate Masonry.
“Am asking Chapters to reinstate every suspended Companion who is in good standing in his Lodge on payment of current year’s dues. A suspended Companion is no longer a Royal Arch Mason.
“The time will come when we must face another front.
“Many internal conditions await solution, but no condition is as important as reinstatement and stoppage of suspensions.”

Membership 5,007. Total loss 604.
The Acting Grand Secretary included in his Report this verse:—

“To Love some one more dearly every day,
To help a Wandering Child to find his way,
To ponder o’er a noble thought, and pray,
And smile when evening falls,
This is my task."

A portrait of a great Mason who has passed, John Antonio Davilla, precedes his memorial:—

"But at its entrance, a few leagues beyond
Opening to kinder skies and milder suns,
And seas pacific as the soul that seeks them."

George J. Ginsberg was elected G.H.P.

Edwin F. Gayle presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence in which he said:—

"The most that Capitular Masonry can do is to co-operate with the work being done by our Grand Lodges. There are a few instances where Grand Chapters have held themselves aloof from Grand Lodge activities and have declined to lend financial or moral support to the Grand Lodges of their jurisdiction and some indeed have even taken an attitude of superiority to the Grand Lodges, which has resulted to some extent in estrangement between Capitular Masonry and Symbolic Masonry. They are adjuncts of and dependent for their very existence upon Blue Lodge Masonry, in the proportion that they withdraw their support from and divert their interest from Symbolic Masonry and its activities, they lessen their own usefulness and impede the general progress of Masonic work and education.

"In their origin, the so-called higher orders of Masonry were nothing more than appendages of Symbolic Masonry."

R. Ex. Comp. William Y. Mills, of Kingston, is the Grand Representative of Louisiana.

In the Review of General Grand Chapter we find the visit of the Earl of Cassillis recorded and also that of George A. Howell, Grand Scribe E. of Scotland. John H. Cowles, well known in the Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite, was present.

Joseph H. Milans says in his address:—

"I have many things that mortal man may not take away from me. So have you. All those things I would willingly give to all of my fellows. We have a scriptural injunction: 'Prove all things and hold to that which is good.'"

This verse was quoted from the address of General G.H.P. O'Hara:—

"Fear not each sudden sound and shock,
'Tis of the wave and not the rock,
'Tis but the flapping of the sail,
And not a rent made by the gale!
In spite of rock and tempest's roar,
In spite of false lights on the shore,
Sail on nor fear to breast the sea!
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee—are all with thee!
"Our Order, like our country, is not without its detractors, those who would rejoice to see it perish.

"If enthused, we have perused the doings of the founders of our country and become imbued with their profound and undying devotion and love of liberty, equality and justice for all. If inspired and with ardor fired by a zealous study of our Great Light.

"Let Freemasons, one and all, and Masonic organizations of every degree and name, stand united on an equal level plane, shoulder to shoulder for God, our country, our government, an equal opportunity for all, and the unity and perpetuity of Freemasonry."

From the Review of Indiana the following:—

"She taught Freedom of Conscience and the pure principles of Religion and the right of every man to approach his God without an intercessor, and the Reformation flamed into being.

"She taught a love of the Arts and Sciences and their application to the affairs of the world for the uplift and betterment of men, and the Renaissance flowered forth with Literature and Arts and Science as the common heritage of every man.

"She looks on while the church talks of the things of the Past and neglects the things of the Present; she looks on while Invention produces marvelous machines.

"I confidently believe that Masonry still has a God-given mission to perform. She must still teach men obedience to orderly government until the Gangster, and the Criminal are banished from our midst forever. She must still teach men submission to proper Government forms until the Communist and the Anarchist leave our shores never to return."

We excerpt this from the Oregon Review:—

"Like Cervantes' creature Don Quixote, I buckled on the armor of a crusader. I resolved to echo and re-echo the slogan in this jurisdiction, 'Support the Whole Masonic Structure.'

"When I returned home, I began to emerge from the dream. I saw the wisdom and felt the remorse of the poet who said: 'Help men to enjoy, not to think.'

"Find something to do, find a boy or a girl to educate, an old Companion to care for, a library to endow, something, anything, with which one may exercise the love, the tenderness, the desire for service that God has planted in the heart of each of us."

In the Review of Canada at Brockville special attention is paid and quotations made from M. Ex. Comp. Gardiner's Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, which they find full of encouragement. Our benevolence is also spoken of and the following closes the Review:—

"The Reviews are presented by Ponton, and are equal to the high standards which characterize his work. He seems to have missed nothing of beauty and vital interest.

"There has also come to our desk a Pictorial History of the Grand Chapter of Canada. This is a work of which our Canadian Companions may well be proud."
The address of the G.H.P. contained food for thought:—

“It is only through such participation that the sentiment of the membership at large concerning the condition of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction can be gauged and from which a constructive program can be formulated.

“I said I was disappointed, not discouraged.

“Never allow the organization to disintegrate or fall into a state of utter decay.

“We need to develop some sort of fraternal revivifier.

“Cement the bonds of fraternal brotherhood between states and nations. Provide a medium for the exchange.

“He is much more likely to seek reinstatement when he is in debt for only two, three or four dollars than he is if he owes eight, ten or twelve dollars. Some sort of control must be set up to halt this wholesale suspension.

“A basis for the possible consolidation of some of the weaker chapters with nearby larger chapters.”


John C. Arnold was elected G.H.P.

In Maine the names of Grand Correspondents are listed with the addresses of other Grand Officers in the various Jurisdictions.

Marshal E. Sherwood, of Woodstock, is the Grand Representative of Maine. Canada is represented by J. Blaine Morrison.

Our old friend and colleague, Thomas H. Bodge, has within his friendly and fraternal care the Report on Correspondence.

We take this from the Review of Alberta:—

“The Grand First Principal expressed the opinion the custom in one chapter of having the Second and Third Principals sitting in the First Principal’s chair and conferring the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees was unjustified. I found no further comment.”

This from the Review of Arizona:—

“I have long felt that the day must and will come when instead of erecting a barrier of dollars between our Blue Lodge brethren and the beautiful lessons which we exemplify in our Capitular Degrees we shall be able to invite and accept into our ranks those of our Blue Lodge
brethren who have demonstrated in their activities a love for Masonry. I for one would like to see the Chapter an organization of active Masons whose time and attention is devoted to the education and training of Blue Lodge Masons along Masonic lines, Brethren who are truly interested in a Masonic life and philosophy.”

This from the Review of British Columbia:—

“History may be little more than a pageant of shadows, but we must take life as it is, and play our part in it to the fullest extent. Think of the continuity of life; we are links, each of us in an endless chain. The life of man is a corporate affair; the dead and the living united in a cooperative movement.

“Freemasonry was never meant for cold souls and narrow minds that do not comprehend its lofty teaching and sublime Apostolate. To comfort misfortune, to popularize knowledge, to teach.”

Canada 1934 is well reviewed. We make the following extracts:—

“As to granting dispensations I think he passed all records I have observed, ninety-four being reported.

“There are eighteen Grand Superintendents and their reports cover about sixty pages, giving a clear conception of conditions. Many offer constructive suggestions and I am impressed with the apparent seriousness of the craft composing the inspecting officers.

“One mentioned a convocation, ‘Like a breath of the Scottish Highlands. If someone had spoken Gaelic it would not have surprised me. An earlier form of the Royal Arch was presented, but in an effective way that could not have been surpassed by its younger competitor.’

“A nine page report on conditions is altogether out of the ordinary. Aside from its strictly informative character it presents many ideas worthy of careful thought. Perhaps I can best express the conclusion by repeating a quotation from John Oxenham:

“Watchman, what of the night?
The ways are dark.
Faith holds her wings and Hope, in piteous flight
Has dimmed her radiant lamp to feeble spark.
Love bleeding lies,
But—I see the morning light.”

“William Ponton again prepared one of his incomparable reviews, but for the sake of economy it was decided not to issue it in separate form for general distribution; a mistake, I say.”

“As ever, he carefully covered every proceeding and for the convenience of his readers prepared a “Topical Analytical Index” that any matter of interest may be readily referred to. He culls the best from each, and any one wishing to find a topic on which to base an address cannot do better than read his work.”

Under England we read:—

“There is not much of interest I was able to glean from the little folders received from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England. Each starts off with a list of Grand Officers present.

“The Quarterly of May was in similar vein. Fifteen new chapters were authorized. Just to show how they line up I will mention one of the last two petitioning. The first three officers named were respectively: Kasargod Patnesetti Janardhan Rao as Z., Ciriyam Suryanarayanarow Basker as H. and Sikamani Ramachandra Naidu as J.”
This from the Review of Illinois:—

"Writing of what happened Turnbull mentioned the use of slides to explain the key in the Royal Arch degree but said he would recommend the use of a black-board as that was found very satisfactory in Illinois."

A touch from Ireland:—

"One each in India, Gibraltar, Western Australia and New South Wales, and another is maintained by the Eighth King's Royal Irish Hussars.

"The various ruling bodies recognize one another as Masonic, there being no such thing as parallel systems."

From the Review of Scotland these interesting paragraphs:—

"'The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland' was ably handled by M.E. Comp. J. A. Grantham, from Tangier, Morocco.

"He bore witness that 'In the Western Mediterranean, all three Constitutions—Scottish, English and Irish—are living together in amity and peace.' They appeared reluctant to give up their charters so long as there was hope of surviving. He spoke of the experience of finding 'men of all creeds—Christians, Jews, Moslems and Greeks—working together.' He was profuse in his appreciation of the welcome accorded himself and Lady Casillis when at the General Grand Chapter. He spoke of the splendour of the American Temples and in contrast he had recently visited in North Scotland.

"I believe in these days when there is so much about pride of race—and all that talk of the Nordic race in Germany—there is more need than ever of the doctrine of Freemasonry, which begins with the fear of God. We have the love of God which casteth out fear, and then we have the love of our fellow man; and it is by these weapons we fight and not by the sword or the mailed fist."

Our friend's conclusion is always good:—

"My nineteenth ramble over the capitular jurisdictions has given me much pleasure.

"The process of segregating the members unable to pay dues from those who are indifferent is still going on. Chapters find it is a kindness as well as business proposition to take action against those who allow themselves to become subject to suspension for non-payment of dues before the debt to the chapter has grown so large there is no likelihood of its ever being paid. Nearly all jurisdictions provide that members suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated."

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Ralph Lowe, Jr., Grand High Priest.
Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.
Quarterly Convocation held in Boston, March 13, 1934. Six Past Grand High Priests present, all bearing well known names.

Canada's Grand Representative duly present.
The Gen. G.H.P. was welcomed and spoke.
A Memorial Resolution closes with this verse:
"Nay, but as one layeth
His worn-out robes away
And taking new ones sayeth,
'These will I wear to-day,'
So putteth by the spirit
Lightly its garb of flesh
And passeth to inherit
A residence afresh."

The Order of High Priesthood was well attended:—
"It is the Anointing after the Order of Melchisedec of one who has
been elected to preside over and govern a regular and duly constituted
Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

Quarterly Convocation held June 12, 1934. Memorial
Resolutions were passed.
M.W. Bro. Curtis Chipman, Grand Master, was greeted
with long applause. We quote the following:—
"He informed Companion Lowe that he had nothing upon his breast
that he had not earned, and that it was a great privilege and pleasure
to confer upon him at this time the Henry Price Medal.
"His experience throughout the state thus far as Grand High Priest
was, that it exemplified true companionship, and that companionship
meant more to him than anything else. It simply was a continuance of
the Great Adventure in Fraternalism; brotherhood opens the door,—
companionship continues and completes the journey. No man should
join the Fraternity for what he can get out of it. Let their slogan be
'Worthy and Well Qualified.' His enlistment in the Fraternity had
brought much happiness into his life.
"A Companion brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of Panama"
Quarterly Convocation September 11, 1934.
From a Memorial the following appropriate verses:—
"Such was our brother. Formed on the good old plan.
A true and brave and downright honest man.
He blew no trumpet in the market place
Nor in the church, with hypocritic face,
Supplied with cant the lack of Christian grace.
Loathing pretense, he did with cheerful will
What others talked of, while their hands were still.
His daily prayer, far better understood
In facts than words, was simply doing good.
So calm, so constant was his rectitude.
That by his loss we know his worth,
And feel how true a man has walked with us on earth."

The Paul Revere Medal was presented to M.E. Comp.
Battle.
The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation,
Boston, December 11, 1934.
The Exemplification Team presided at the work of the
Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees.
The Royal Arch Degree was afterwards exemplified, the
Grand Secretary presiding.
Canada’s Grand Representative was duly present. 

Distinguished guests from Quebec, New Jersey, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania and other local Dignitaries, including Melvin Maynard Johnson, M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, were introduced.

We quote from the reception to Curtis Chipman:

“Grand Master must necessarily grow in richness and gladness with the passing years.”

From the address of G.H.P. Lowe we make the following extracts:

“In the dutiful deliberations of this great body, and Gladness because of the satisfaction that must come with our arrival at this, another milestone in the history of the Capitular Rite, with a degree of harmony, persistency and faith prevailing which cannot be excelled.

“May our association, one with the other, build well for time and eternity.

“Oh, thou of strong and gentle mind,
Thy thrilling voice shall plead no more
For Truth, for Freedom, and Mankind—
The lesson of thy life is o’er.

“These factors of life, accelerated by abnormal economic conditions of an unusual character came upon us and acted against us like ‘a minnow attempting to swim against a strong gulf stream.’

“The range and purpose of our educational endeavour is familiar to all of you.

“When Grand Lodge votes on this matter, it votes ‘To suspend or expel (whichever the case may be) the brother in question (our companion) from the Rights and Privileges of Freemasonry.’ When Grand Lodge so votes it acts upon the basis of common and fundamental Masonic Law. It says to the Mason in question, in the language of the supreme authority of the Jurisdiction, ‘You are suspended or expelled from all the Rights and Privileges of Masonry.’ No one will deny that the Capitular Rite is strictly and truly Masonic.

“No one will hesitate to admit that each and every one of us in our Masonic degrees pledges ourselves ‘to support and maintain the Laws.’

“A vote by Grand Lodge ‘excluding a Mason from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry’ can only mean what it says. These facts are borne out in our ritual, obligations, custom and usages.

“In view of the well-defined basic and fundamental Masonic Law to which this query applies, I have ruled that A Mason suspended or expelled by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from all the Rights and Privileges of Freemasonry is not and cannot be considered in good standing in the Capitular Rite. His privileges and rights therein cease automatically when his rights and privileges as a Mason are suspended or taken away from him by his and our Grand Lodge.

“Leadership to-day calls for projected planning and determined effort. These in turn mean that we must ‘Find the Facts,’ ‘Fix the Facts,’ and ‘Face the Facts.’ The first two will be fully revealed and detailed in our records.

“We contact our Companions in three ways. At Chapter meetings, in
every-day life and by Chapter notices. Some Companions are not regular in their attendance at Chapter meetings.

"Such a medium should be made by every High Priest one of his greatest aides for the administration and leadership of his Chapter. It will pay to put plenty of thought into its composition as well as its contents. It will be worthy of a selected place in his kit of tools. It deserves at all times his preferred thought and attention.

"Consult the Grand Secretary from time to time on the matter of general data for your notices and suggested programs for your members and Chapter.

"In conclusion, my Companions, I ask you all by your individual and collective vision to look to the future with Faith, Courage and Determination. Our work ahead demands deliberation coupled with optimism constructively displayed."

M.W. Bro. Chipman said:—

"The greatest ambition to which any man may aspire is that he may work with his brethren for the accomplishment of great things."

M.E Comp. Prince and M.E. Comp. Cushing installed Ralph Lowe, Jr., as G.H.P. for the ensuing year.

Many In Memoriam pages follow.

D. Henry Childs, of Canton, is the Grand Representative of Canada, and D. H. McIntosh, of Carleton Place, is the Grand Representative of Massachusetts.

The membership, strength, and names of Officers from the Annual Proceedings of each Grand Jurisdiction are given in full.

MICHIGAN

Orrin George Bickford, Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.

From the biographical notes on M.E. Comp. Bickford the following striking paragraphs:—

"He has travelled thousands of miles by the headlight rays of the automobile in order to reach 'a date' of a a chapter meeting; a conference with chapter officers; to call upon the sick and administer comfort and advice; to reach the next meeting place, or to help save a charter to a delinquent chapter and urge the adoption of business principles in its financial affairs. He has always been ready to respond to the cry of 'Help!' and has taken the burden and trials of others upon his own heart. He has been deeply interested in the well being of the Order of DeMolay.

"Feeling that the existing Masonic Lodges were not giving the necessary encouragement and opportunities to the Alumni members of the Order of DeMolay, he withdrew from one of the largest lodges in Detroit and joined in the organization of a new lodge titled Jacques DeMolay Lodge. It is the central idea of this lodge to furnish welcome opportunities for the graduate DeMolay member, where he will be surrounded by his former mates and also be permitted further development of his manhood and character, unhampered by deep seated precedent in the selection of officers and by too conservative ideas of the proper functions and opportunities for doing good in the world of trials and difficulties.
“On leaving the executive position of Grand High Priest his next self-imposed duty is ‘to see that two hundred under-privileged boys get the benefits of Camp Rademaker.’”

The Eighty-seventh Annual was held in Lansing, May 15, 1935. This paragraph describes the opening:—

“After purging Grand Chapter and before completion of the opening ritual, the distinguished guests and honoured visitors were received, that they might witness the full ceremony of opening Grand Chapter.”

Distinguished guests from Illinois, General G.H.P. O’Hara and our own M.E. Comp. Gardiner and M.E. Comp. Edwin Smith were welcomed.

Seventeen Past G.H.P.’s were assembled, presented, and aided in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his attendance at Grand Chapter of the veteran Lou B. Winsor, who was presented with flowers.

In an address of welcome Comp. Fead, Justice of the Supreme Court, said:—

“He wittily enumerated by ‘Alphabetical list’ the many attractions of the City of Lansing. He particularly stressed the cordial relations existing between our own country and our neighbour, Canada, by the display of the colours of both countries side by side.”

The Roll of Honour of Deceased P.G.H.P.’s was read.

Canada was duly represented by Charles A. Conover.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

“Economic conditions have dictated the wisdom of conserving our limited finances by confining this convocation to a one day session.

“The devastating effects of the serious economic upheaval that we have been passing through has continued to take its toll upon our membership and to curtail activities in our subordinate bodies.

“During the year 691 of our companions have passed on.

“A letter was signed and mailed to each of the High Priests of the Upper Peninsula chapters by the Grand Secretary. I give it to you in place of a list of visits, and to tell you that during the year 17,785 miles were traveled, which included many visits not in chapter rooms but in the homes, fields or streets.

“During the summer I made an effort to contact the chapters from whom I had received no reports and found that an alarming number of them were not holding meetings, no effort being made to collect dues nor to secure new members. From that time I spent every effort to endeavour to instill in these dormant chapters a spirit to do something for themselves.”

Companion John Rademaker, in presenting to the Grand Chapter of Michigan beautiful “Camp Rademaker,” on Bear Lake, had in mind a place which would be available for Royal Arch Masons and their families, and the Grand Chapter dedicated it in part to DeMolays, who have been enjoying its facilities for the last ten years.

“If you want something done get a busy man to do it.
“In the hope of a leadership, conscious of these problems and inspired with a desire for help a meeting of the Kings, Scribes and Secretaries has been arranged for this convocation.”

The Grand Lecturer is termed the Ambassador of Good Will.

The G.H.P. thus concludes:—

“One of the greatest sources of satisfaction will come to those who can feel that they have given a helping hand to a kindred soul who has been unfortunate. Help the boy thus cruelly penalized, and you will be rendering a service sublime in its aspects of doing a kindly deed and will be sacred from the standpoint of making a good citizen out of a youth who, neglected, might become a possible liability from our neglect to help him in his younger years. Of all the flowers that blossom in the human heart, gratitude is the most fragrant and it is unthinkable that a boy having received kindness will repay you otherwise.”

From the Grand Secretary’s Report:—

“Here beginneth the 32nd Epistle of Charles to the Royal Arch Masons. As I sit down to start another annual report to this Grand Chapter I am forcibly reminded of the words of the Persian Poet-Philosopher,

“Like wind flies time ’tween birth and death;  
Therefore, as long as thou hast breath,  
Of care for two days hold thee free;  
The day that was and is to be.”

Membership 32,971. Net loss 3,210, a tragedy indeed in such a splendid Jurisdiction as Michigan.

The Grand Lecturer in a comprehensive address reported on delinquent dues, on non-attending members and on lack of leadership:—

“We need a revival of the old order Masons who are willing to give that precious thing we call time to the philosophy of Masonry. We need fewer architects, more workmen.

“It is the human contacts, the knitting of the hearts, that will outlive all the statistical data that were ever recorded.

“Guard against our ritualistic work becoming merely a beautiful form. The teachings so live in us that they are translated into a program of uplift for the community. Real spirit of love for God and man. If Masonry is to continue to be a vital force in this rapidly changing world, we who have enlisted under its sacred standard must be Masons, in heart and life.”

General G.H.P. O’Hara spoke:—

“He gladdened the hearts of all present with his comforting words of good cheer and encouragement, strongly emphasizing the fact that the best part of the energy, interest, and progressiveness of the Order was still connected with the present membership and had not all been lost by lapses. He brought messages of good will and greetings.”

William Nicholas Senf was elected G.H.P.

Grand Z. George Lawrence Gardiner was honoured at the Convention of Anointed High Priests:—
"By order of the Most Excellent President these companions were thereupon admitted, received, set apart, anointed and solemnly consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

"Most Excellent Companion George Lawrence Gardiner, Grand Z. of Canada, Province of Ontario, who had been conducted through the ceremonies of the Order as the active candidate, expressed to the Grand Council for himself and his Excellent Companions of the class, sincere thanks for the courtesies extended to them."

M.E. Comp. Walter G. Price, of Port Credit. is the Grand Representative of Michigan.

A list of Masonic Publications is recommended, including our two Ontario Masonic periodicals, "The Sun" and "The Freemason".

MINNESOTA, 1933

Wylie R. Riddle, Grand High Priest.
John Fishel, Grand Secretary.
The Seventy-second Annual was held at St. Paul. November 14, 1933.
Eleven Past G.H.P.'s as permanent members, were honoured in the East.
The Grand Z. of Manitoba was welcomed.
Canada was duly represented by J. Arthur Jensen.
From the G.H.P.'s address the following:—
"I believe the two causes that contribute most to the condition are: first, loss of interest in the Fraternity; and second, insufficient effort to collect dues. The remedy for the first rests with the Chaper and in a great measure, the High Priest."

The Grand Lecturer reports:—
"It has been said that 'it takes adversity to make character,' and what is true of an individual life is also true of our Chapters. Many of them have rallied nobly.
"Th has been written 'Your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions.'"
The Committee on the State of the Rite quote:—

"A good philosophy to bear in mind is one by Edward Everett Hale:

"To look up and not down;
To look forward and not back;
To look out and not in;
And
To lend a helping hand.

"You say the world looks gloomy;
The skies are grim and gray,
The night has lost its quiet,
You fear the coming day."
The world is what you make it.
The sky is gray or blue,
Just as your soul may paint it.
It isn't the world, it's you.

"To be a little kindlier
With the passing of each day;
To leave but happier memories
As I go along the way;
To use possessions that are mine
In service full and free;
To sacrifice the trivial things
For larger good to be;
To give of love in lavish way
That friendships true may live.
To be less quick to criticize,
More ready to forgive;
To use such talents as I have
That happiness may grow,
To take the bitter with the sweet
Assured 'tis better so;
To keep my faith in God and right
No matter how things run;
To work and play and pray and trust
Until the journey's done.
God, grant to me the strength of heart,
Of motive and of will,
To do my task and falter not,
This purpose to fulfill."

Milford Nelson was elected G.H.P.
Oliver Elwood, of London, is the Grand Representative of Minnesota.

MINNESOTA, 1934

Milford Nelson, Grand High Priest
John Fishel, Grand Secretary.
The Seventy-third Annual was held in St. Paul, October 9, 1934.
Fifteen Past G.H.P.'s graced and strengthened the Grand East.
J. Arthur Jensen duly represented Canada.

From the brief address of the G.H.P. we quote.—

"If the entire York Rite, aside from the Blue Lodges, could be merged in our jurisdiction, I believe it would be a forward step for our branch of Masonic endeavour. We do not need 84 Chapters in Minnesota. Six or eight York Rite Temples.

"Unite branches into a more efficient organization than they are at present. A house divided against itself can not endure.

"Another point which our Grand Chapter might well consider is the sponsoring of some project helpful to humanity, which would give our
members an incentive and would instill pride in our organization which all of our members do not at present enjoy.

“Our ritualistic and social features should be augmented by the adoption of some worthy practical purpose.”


From the comprehensive Report of Grand Lecturer Pool we quote:—

“I was much pleased to see the King step forward and nobly march into line and do much for our cause in his community. I want to commend men of that type who are ready and willing to shoulder other men’s responsibilities when they fail us, and who will step out and carry on in the face of adversity.

“Royal Arch Masonry is far more than repetition of a ritual; it is a Way of Life, real in the every-day lives of our several communities.

“It has been said that Freemasonry came into being to satisfy a definite need in human life and has prospered because it has satisfied that need, and it will continue to exist and prosper only so long as it satisfies the needs of man.

“My Companions, the old year with its mistakes is gone forever, and the new year, with its challenge, is standing on the threshold. Are you willing to accept its challenge to service?”

The Committee on the State of the Rite say:—

“Those Chapters which are blessed by a High Priest and a Secretary who between them possess the qualities of enthusiasm and leadership are truly fortunate, for upon these officers devolves full responsibility for every activity of their Chapter.”

William S. Vercoe was elected G.H.P.

J. Arthur Jensen is also President of the Order of Anointed High Priesthood.

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Elwood, of London, is the Grand Representative of Minnesota.

MISSISSIPPI

James L. Williams, Grand High Priest.

E. L. Faucette, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Grand Convocation convened in Meridian, 13th February, 1935.

Distinguished visitors in the persons of Most Puissant Robert A. Woods, of Indiana, General Grand High Priest O’Hara and the Grand Representative of Alabama, were received

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the East.

Canada’s Grand Representative did not respond to Roll Call.

The Proceedings are preceded by a Foreword from the General Grand High Priest, which we reproduce in full:—

“If in love and kindness we always greet our families, friends and
brethren, and with hearts swelled with sympathy and benevolence we always minister to the sick, the suffering and the destitute; if we follow the sacred law and keep it and by our example win the esteem of our neighbours and all good men and true, and so instruct those who unite with us that they will follow in our footsteps, as we have followed in the footsteps of the founders, then Freemasonry will continue so long as time shall last, a benediction and blessing to mankind.”

From the brief address of the G.H.P. we take the following:

“That we have so many loyal and true Masons in the Chapters, let us thank God and take courage.

“Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love,
Each pearl that leaves the string
Is set in friendship’s crown above;
These are our treasures that remain,
But those are stars that beam on high.

“There is so much to learn from the meetings of the General Grand Chapter, and it is so essential to the welfare and progress of this Grand Chapter to be properly represented.

“Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men, who for truth and honour’s sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.”

Membership 3,079. Loss 175. Chapters 57.

The Grand Lecturer said:—

“They afford an opportunity of interesting a number of Chapters in the shortest time possible and with much more certainty than any other plan.

“They provide a motive, and an efficient one, for each team to strive to reach its best approach to perfect work.”

From the Report on Necrology this:—

“He took his part with the best of men in the best of their actions, and after what he had thus done and done so well, he might in the language of a great man, ‘be well content to shut the book’, even if he wished to read a page or two more.”

George D. Riley was elected G.H.P.

Leon S. Lippincott is the Grand Representative of Canada, and Adam Arthur Gray, of Toronto, is the Grand Representative of Mississippi.

H. C. Yawn presents his tenth Report as Capitular Reviewer and we catch a note of the subject in the man in his introduction:—

“I have selected such items, for excerpt and comment, as I thought would be interesting and edifying to my Companions.

“My effort has been to strike a happy medium, if I could, between the pessimist, who dwells in the low ground, seeing nothing but encircling gloom, low vales and miasmic fogs on the one hand, and the optimist on the other, whose head is above the clouds, always bathed in perennial sunshine, and whose eye is forever set upon the star of hope anchored
in the skies. In other words, I have tried briefly to present both sides of the picture as painted by these two schools of psychology, so that my Companions, who will really serve as the jury, may reach a just verdict as to the real situation, and the part they must play in bringing about a just equilibrium so that the world again may resume its orderly cycle among its sister planets."

From British Columbia Review:—

"Each of the principal Grand Officers renders a complete account of their visitations to the Group Chapters assigned him. This plan assures a visit to each subordinate chapter.

"The information he provides for his readers will keep them from groping along in the dark."

Canada at Brockville is briefly reviewed.

He comments on our welcome, upon Grand Representative Gray being present, on the Grand Z.'s appeal to the members to return to their respective Chapters with renewed energy, on our securities amounting to nearly $90,000, and on the interest and activities shown among local Chapters. He kindly calls our Reviews comprehensive and of interest.

This from the Review of the D. of C.:—

He describes himself as being in a spacious hall with a great Round Table and a 'goodly company, the flower of men'—and Gareth—like a novice assumes the seat assigned to him, in humility and awe."

This cumulative admonition is of interest in Illinois:—

"Poor Secretaries, radio, golf, automobile, picture shows, dinner clubs, and whatnot are mentioned."

Showing his powers of observation we quote the following from Queensland:—

"A very painful and distressing scene was created, in the midst of their Proceedings, by an ex-Companion, who, despite continuous warnings persisted in referring to irrelevant matters and reading abusive and insulting correspondence addressed to the First Grand Principal and Grand Committee."

MISSOURI

Willis J. Bray, Grand High Priest.
Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-ninth Convocation was convened at Moberly, April 23, 1935.

The G.H.P. is Professor of Chemistry in the State Teachers’ College and a member of the National Association for Research.

From the invocation of the Grand Chaplain, this thought:—

"Like mind and common aspiration for that which is good. May the beauty of the day be reflected in the beauty of our fellowship and in the significance of this communion we have together, we pray in Thy name."
The Grand Masters of the First, Second and Third Veil presented the respective distinguished visitors from Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma and Illinois.

The Past Grand High Priests were thus introduced:—

"Immediately following the reception of the distinguished guests, an unique event occurred in the history of the Grand Chapter of Missouri—the introduction of each living Past Grand High Priest who was present, the presentation to him of the gavel of authority and the yielding of the gavel by him to his successor, until the ceremony was completed by the Junior Past Grand High Priest relinquishing the emblem to the Grand High Priest."

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

"Only three times before has a member of my profession presided over this Grand Chapter. Let it be our earnest endeavour to transmit it undimmed by age, and untarnished by neglect, to our posterity, with such enrichment as our labours may be able to add.

"'Freemasonry is a progressive science.' We had little time to stress Masonic growth. We, through the ritualistic ceremonies, helped the candidates to lay a good foundation, and then, through our own neglect, permitted them to build their spiritual Temples elsewhere.

"Thinking men are seeking for eternal verities. I have been very much impressed with the eagerness with which the Masons of Missouri and neighbouring states grasp at enduring truth, the highest concepts of Masonic philosophy.

"'Great is truth, and it will prevail.'

"We meet upon the Level
though from every station come,
The rich man from his palace
and the poor man from his home;
For the rich must leave his wealth and state
outside the Mason's door,
And the poor man finds his best respect
upon the Checkered Floor.

Under Necrology he quoted:—

"Thrown aside are his Tools now forever;
From earth's toiling and worry and strife
To the Starry Sanctorum Exalted
To that Higher and Holier Life.

"No Substitute Word will avail there;
In that Realm he'll find out the Right;
By the Signet of Truth must he enter
The abode of Perfection and Light."

"The Chapter has a foundation of its own upon which to stand, and was not merely an alley-way through which to reach the Commandery."

This from his decisions:—

"They planned to pattern the affair somewhat after the general plan of similar events conducted under the auspices of the Shrine. I ruled that anything which partakes in the least of the nature of a lottery is thoroughly out of harmony with the spirit of R. A. M."
Under Corporation Tax we learn that Grand Chapter finally secured a ruling exempting Grand Chapter from the filing of annual returns.

He thinks well of General Grand Chapter and says:

"If there had ever been any doubt in my mind as to the splendid work which these General Grand Bodies are doing, that doubt would have been completely dispelled by my experiences with the leadership of these organizations during the past year."


From the In Memoriam pages these verses:

"Friends, love and happiness;
Dreams, too, have I, that reach as high
As any summer-tinted sky.

"But best, when dreams are lost
Sometimes, as tracks in summer rain,
A faith is mine to dream again."

The Committee on Grievances reported:

"The eradication of disruptive friction in social organization is a function of executive authority, but even this undiplomatically exercised may aggravate rather than alleviate misunderstandings."

The G.H.P. of Illinois spoke:

"Doctor, you beat me to it. I was going to say that it was not confined exclusively to the legal profession, however, because there is another profession that frequently indulges in polysyllabic periphrastics.

"Masonry unifies the Christian, the Hebrew, the Mohammedan and the heathen." But query?

The G.H.P. of Iowa retold the celebrated story of the embarrassed father and the cards, ending thus:

"His good wife, seeing the predicament he was in, turned to the son and said, 'For God's sake, son, do something to help your father!'

"He said, 'Mother, with a hand like that he doesn't need any help.'"

He spoke seriously of Dictators:

"When a Grand Master of Masons of one of the larger countries of the world is thrown in prison, dying there because he was the Grand Master, and when a dictator with a stroke of a pen can abolish Masonry from another great country, it is time for us to take notice." (Applause.)

The Grand Master said:

"So I think when I go back to Iowa I will be a foot and mouth specialist by my work here. (Laughter.) I think that evens up."

From the address of the G.H.P. of Oklahoma the following:

"The main thing I would say to you is that we Masons talk too much and live too little Masonry." (Applause.)

The G.H.P. of Illinois said:

"I spoke last night on Frozen Assets of Masonry. Over at the hotel later on a Companion came to me and said, 'That was a good thought, but we overlooked one of the best parts or most serious parts of it.' 'What was that?' I asked. 'Our assets are frozen,' he said, 'because we ourselves
have not attempted to interest, educate and inform our Companions as they come in.'"

Dr. Frederick M. Smith pinch-hits for an absent Companion:

"If Masonry is to take the place of the force that has waned in the pulpit and the editorial room, then Masons must not be amenable to any such order as that.

"But, brethren, I haven't yet become convinced—far from it!—that the pulpit is an entirely emasculated power; and I haven't yet become convinced that the editorial room is entirely out of the running."

From the Grand Lecturer's Report:

"'It is marvelous to me that you put as much feeling and expression into the third rendition as you did the first.' The singer said, 'Why should that be marvelous?' The brother replied, 'You are singing the same thing the third time to the same audience.' 'Oh, no, my brother,' the singer replied, 'you are mistaken. I had a new audience each time. I didn't sing to the brethren seated in the lodge room; I sang each time to the candidate.' Let our chapters get that viewpoint."

Guy C. Million was elected G.H.P.

Orson H. Swearingen is the Grand Representative of Canada and William J. Tow, of Toronto, is the Grand Representative of Missouri.

The Capitular Year is reviewed by Ray V. Denslow, whose experienced and sympathetic touch is apparent throughout:

"Again, how does he member who is in, feel about the reduction in fees? He feels that he has been held up; that here are some who come in at the eleventh hour who are not receiving the same, but more than those who have borne the burden and heat of the day.

"There was good cheer and good fellowship, and the cohesive power of our brotherhood was beautifully illustrated by the perfect harmony which prevailed."

The Kuhn Memorial is reproduced and thus spoken of:

"Time cannot efface the memory of a well-spent life."

A tribute from John W. Neilson, who quoted:

"Though he grew old he never lost life's zest,
For to him the road's last turn was still the best."

From the biography of our own Grand Z. Cowan we take the following:

"CANADA: Lieut. Col. Alexander Cowan was born March 16, 1867. His parents were natives of Scotland and he was educated in the public schools and in a collegiate. His life has been spent in teaching and the study and practice of law."

Under Condition of the Rite we read:

"We find our present-day life top-heavy with numerous organizations demanding an undue amount of work and attention from the few who devote their attention to fraternal or community work."

Under Canada this:"
"That the United States is not the only country suffering from depression is evident from the report of a committee on condition of Capitular Masonry:

"The financial status of Grand Chapter is not reflected in the subordinate units of our organization."

Our commemorative pictorial history is also referred to.

It is said generously that this Reviewer was kind to his readers and offers a topical, analytical index.

With this from the Review of Texas we close:

"Nothing compares with the review of Sam Helm. He acknowledges:

"'After rambling around in the highways and byways of commercialism for a decade, Grand Chapters are discovering that they are not a success as capitalists, caterers, orchestra leaders, bartenders or recruiting officers.'"

MONTANA, 1934

Russell D. Miller, Grand High Priest.
Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.
The Forty-fifth Annual was opened at Helena, 12th June, 1934.

We extract this item from the biography:

"America found both types of his ancestors amalgamated in the crucible of American citizenship, and Companion Miller's immediate forbears came into being under the Stars and Stripes."

The General Grand Master of the Second Veil Spottswood responded graciously to his reception.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:

"In the 115th Psalm of the Great Light of Masonry we read these words: 'Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory.'

"We have had occasion to stop and ponder as to whether or not some of the conditions confronting us are not, in a measure at least, the result of our own actions, or, rather let me say, the result of our lack of united and concerted effort.

"The prophet Joshua, after he had assembled the children of Israel at Shechem, and had given them a brief history of God's benefits, said to them: 'Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.' We, as a Masonic Fraternity, are now in the Valley of Decision, and it is up to us to decide whether we shall stand for Righteousness, Justice and Tolerance, or whether we shall give our support, be it active or passive, to those who would break down the foundation stones on which those tenets are inscribed.

"Of all the solemnities of which the mind can conceive, death is the greatest. There may be here and there an empty heart and a thoughtless brain, across which no churchyard meditation passes.

"Situated, as it is, in the center of the Helena Valley, surrounded by the beautiful sky-line of the Rocky and Bear Tooth Mountains, the view is most pleasing. The Home is well equipped, and its management is such as to evoke words of commendation.

"The first thing to be accomplished is to arouse interest among the members; the next is to furnish the material from which information
may be gathered, and the third objective is to get the lay-member to express himself.

"R. E. Companion Halterman reports that his schedule was fast and furious, as indeed it must have been for him to be able to make nine visitations in ten days. His schedule required all night traveling, sleeping days and eating about six meals in every twenty-four hours, and yet he enjoyed it."

Montana's delegation to General Grand Chapter numbered seven.

Further extracts from his conclusion are:

"The situation in which we find ourselves at the present time brings to my mind the words of James A. Garfield,

"'I have seen the sea lashed into fury and tossed into spray, and its grandeur moves the soul of the dullest man. But I remember that it is not the billows, but the calm level of the sea from which all heights and depths are measured. When the storm has passed and the hour of calm settles on the face of the ocean, when the sunlight bathes its smooth surface, then the astronomer and the surveyor take the level from which to measure all terrestrial heights and depths."

"Without you I should have been as a ship at sea without a pilot. To work with you is a pleasure, and to know you intimately is to love you dearly."

The Grand Representatives were received and honoured:

"As Royal Arch Masons we belong to the largest consolidated body of Masons in the world and I believe that a great good can be accomplished if we do come closer in contact with our sister Jurisdictions.

"The great fundamentals, not only in Masonry, but the great fundamentals of government, the fundamentals which concern us now more deeply than they ever have. . . . We pledge to you that we will do our Royal Arch duty."

H. T. Cumming represented Canada.
Seventeen Past G.H.P.'s were present.
J. Earl Halterman was elected G.H.P.
From the Memorial Page:

"Be it ours then, Companions, then to hear
From the Master's lips these words of cheer,
'Your work is found both True and Square—
PASS ON.'"

"Their doubts and fears are over,
For they know as they are known."

Membership 3,740.
William M. Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, represents Montana.

MONTANA, 1935

J. Earl Halterman, Grand High Priest.
Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.
The Forty-sixth Annual was held at Havre, May 18, 1935.
This from the biography of the estimable G.H.P.:—
"He is stalwart, outspoken, direct and most honourable in all his contacts. Somehow, men who follow the railroad business, that is, its operating department, develop a peculiar personality; they seem more independent of spirit, more virile than the average man; their hazardous occupation breeds into them a daring, a dash, an enthusiasm which most men do not possess."

The reception to thirteen P.G.H.P.'s of Montana is recorded:

From the brief address of the G.H.P.' we take the following:—

"If the splendid fellowship continues, I do feel our growing pains will soon be a memory.

"Farewell, friends. While life is good to give, I give and go To seek deliverance and that unknown light."

"There were no dispensations issued, so I suppose all Chapters went through the usual routine, with peace and harmony prevailing."

The Grand Secretary reports the membership as 3,482, with a net loss in membership of only 3, a splendid showing in these critical times.

The Jurisprudence Committee answered a Canadian query thus:—

"May Companions hailing from Canadian Chapters be received in Montana?"

"Committee on Jurisprudence informed the inquirers that any Companion hailing from any Chapter under the Jurisdiction of any Grand Chapter in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Chapter may visit any Montana Chapter; and that not more nor less than three could be exalted at one time."

Canada was duly represented by H. T. Cumming.
Charles A. Rasmusson was elected G.H.P.

Attention being called to delinquent Committeemen and Grand Representatives, this is recorded:—

"Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the incoming Grand High Priest with a list of the members of committees and Grand Representatives who have failed to attend two consecutive sessions of the Grand Chapter without adequate excuse."

Under Fraternal Dead:—

"Gentle the words they said, Brightening the path we tread, Blest are the hallowed dead, Why should we mourn?"

"I have friends in spirit land— Not shadows in a shadowy band. Not others but themselves are they, And still I think of them the same As when the Master's summons came. —Whittier."
R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, is the Grand Representative of Montana.

The Correspondence Report is in the capable and experienced hands of H. S. Hepner, P.G.H.P.

Under Alabama Review we read:—

"A nation, or a commonwealth, or even a community, is no greater, no matter what its wealth of natural resources, than the mass level of intelligence of its citizens.

"Masonry and education, almost synonymous terms, must take a stand for a genuine intelligent education of all."

This from Arizona Review:—

"We find our present-day life top-heavy with numerous organizations demanding an undue amount of work."

This from the Review of California:—

"Gleams of hope, faith and a will to serve seem to portend another day. Already the call to labour is being heralded. It is time to cease idling. Hasten into the Quarries, but be sure that you put the mark of your very self on your work."

Delaware is much quoted:—

"My parting message is 'Be up and doing.' It is time to stop using the depression as an alibi for doing nothing. The future beckons with promise. It is in our own hands."

Illinois always has something interesting:—

"Grand Chaplain Batchelor delivered an oration. He said that there were three forces that have to do with the formation of character and the building of a life and they were heredity, environment and the will. "Our guiding star is the ritual. The ceremonies occurred at the lowest ebb in the national existence of Israel."

A touch from Iowa:—

"Three things necessary to make any organization progressive:

"1st. Explain your objects in language that the listener will understand, omitting flowery oratory.

"2nd. Tell the truth.

"3rd. See enough people and you can't fail.

"What we need is Companions who are not afraid of a little actual work, some who do not wait, but go out and make the opportunity."

From the Review of Louisiana the following:—

"The Correspondents are a sort of clearing house of Capitular information, and the channels of information."

From the full Review of Texas we make the following extract:—

"We wish that we had space to give the spicy, pithy comment of Sam in his reviews.

"You have to read them in full to enjoy the dainties.

"The remark of the ancient gourmand comes to our mind when he said that he wished that he had the neck of a giraffe so that he could enjoy so much longer the dainties of which he partook; we are not quite sure now if it was the neck of a giraffe or an ostrich he wanted; anyway, either would do in reading Sam's delectable repast in the shape of a Correspondence Report."
In his conclusion our colleague sums up the whole matter:—

"Once more we lay down our pen at the end of our story of travel in Capitular foreign climes.

"A compact membership, unified in strong purposes, is worth more than a vast mob, pulling in all directions.

"To help others is the unknown quantity with most of such applicants.

"Somehow, our heartstrings and pulsebeats are attuned to the belief that the Capitular Rite and Masonry will outlive the petty worries and trials of our times, and that the Royal Arch will span our lives and we will put our faith in its strength to care for us."

We regret that the Proceedings of Canada did not fall within his kindly ken.

NEVADA

Harold R. Amiens, Grand High Priest.
L. Wm. Semenza, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-second Convocation was opened in Elko, June 11, 1935.

The General Grand High Priest, who appears to find time to attend all Jurisdictions (no matter how small) within his ken, was present, also the Grand Master, Robert A. Woods, of Indiana, and a large delegation from Utah.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.

Again under Necrology the G.H.P. differentiates between the official staff whom he thanks the loving mercy of the Great I AM in preserving intact. Surely death, the Great Leveller, should make all one.

We make the following extracts from his address:—

"I do not find that the unavoidable necessity of some of the Companions having been compelled to relinquish their active membership for a time, has dampened the ardor or shaken the confidence of the Companions in their belief and faith in the great truths and principles of the organization.

"More blame, I think, attaches to our own lack of active practice of our Masonic principles than to the influence of outside conditions. A Chapter of twenty members who carry the Spirit and practice of Masonry into their daily lives will do more for their community and their fellowmen and for the advancement and glorification of the institution than two hundred who merely retain their membership and let it got at that.

"One of the great lessons taught by our Royal Arch Masonry is the rebuilding of that which had been destroyed, and the regaining of that which was lost."

Under Students' Loan Fund we learn that $1,325 are outstanding.

Membership 564. Net loss 52.
Nine Past G.H.P.'s were introduced and welcomed to seats in the East.
Andrew Ruckteschler, of Winnemucca, was elected G.H.P. The Order of High Priesthood met.
The Memorial page was devoted to the portrait of William Sutherland, P.G.H.P., who was born in Quebec in 1849.
Charles L. Fulstone is the Grand Representative of Canada, and John F. Marr is Grand Representative of Nevada with us.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Frank E. Brooks, Grand High Priest.
Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual was held in Concord, May 14, 1935. Ten Past Grand High Priests strength-ened the Grand East.
Arthur M. Dunstan duly represented Canada.
Visitors and a distinguished guest from Maine were greeted.
From the G.H.P.'s address and correspondence embraced therein, we take the following:—
"We find that many of the problems that we hoped to solve are still in evidence.
"The Grand Chapter Officers have worked together in close harmony and with definite objectives in view.
"Three hours and then normally to our homes without any definite contact until another year rolls by. Your grand officers carry on individually their respective duties, without much opportunity to make any concerted effort to solve or assist the Chapters in their various problems. This year, with the consent and co-operation of the officers actively engaged in contacting the Chapters, we have changed this condition. Meetings were arranged approximately every two months. The results were gratifying. The Grand Chapter ceased to be a one-man affair. We had the benefit of the knowledge and experience of this larger group of Companions. We became intimately acquainted with each other and the interest in our work was intensified.
We feel that co-operation between Chapters will work to the benefit of all concerned.
"A rehearsal, in conjunction with some other feature such as a speaker or some form of entertainment would be of interest.
"Build up the interest and quality of the rendition of the ritual work with some system of holding periodic meetings.
"Officers of Chapters complain of club activities cutting into attend ance of meetings.
"To put it another way, if they were sufficiently interested in their Chapter to sacrifice two or four dollars a year from their movie expenses or any of the other forms of entertainment that we all indulge in.
"Remitting dues is a nice, easy way out that is becoming quite popular in lieu of the harder but better way of separating the unfortunate from those who should be able to stand on their own feet.
"Giving Masonry away free of charge comes in the same category as rendering ineffectual and sloppy ritualistic work.

“We suggest that they never allow Chapter Masonry to become merely a stepping stone to be hurried through and taken lightly to arrive at some other destination.

“We feel that it would be beneficial to all concerned to have one Chapter be the guest of the Grand Chapter and participate in the opening ceremonies or possibly to exemplify a degree at the afternoon session. This would give the opportunity for all the officers of one Chapter a year to attend the convocation of the Grand Chapter.”

The G.H.P. described his pleasant visits with outside Jurisdictions, including Quebec. All the Officers of Grand Chapter made similar Reports of their Stewardships during the year.

Membership 4,405. Decrease 237.
This expression of appreciation is recorded:—

“It was announced that the Grand Secretary had spent much of his time during the past year in preparing a manuscript that presented the origins of Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, and bodies of the Scottish Rite, in New Hampshire, which now seems likely to be published.”

Frand Norris Graves was elected G.H.P.

M.E. Comp. Walter H. Davis, of Hamilton, is the Grand Representative of New Hampshire.

This Jurisdiction still keeps the honoured name of Henry T. Smith as our Grand Secretary, to which no doubt our own M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith makes no personal objection.

A full meeting of Anointed Grand High Priesthood is recorded.

NEW JERSEY

Donald J. Sargent, Grand High Priest
Charles D. McCracken, Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-ninth Annual was held in Trenton, N.J., May 15, 1935.

The invocation of Grand Chaplain Naylor was worthy.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the East.

Canada was duly represented by our ever faithful Godfrey Pittis.

Distinguished visitors from West Virginia, Quebec, Delaware, District of Columbia, Vermont, Rhode Island, Virginia, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, with the Grand Master, were welcomed to this very hospitable centre, of which this Reviewer has many kindly remembrances.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

“We appreciate the real worth of our Companions in whose honour we pay this tribute of affection and esteem. They have entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God, and their works do follow them.
"I shall give a brief account of my stewardship which, always avoiding the spectacular, devoted in the main, to reconstruction, and to quietly replacing the jarred and loosened stones of the structure, even to the Foundation Stones.

"In its wisdom, Grand Chapter discontinued the Good and Welfare Committee, thus smothering the only organized activity on the part of Grand Chapter to assist our Chapters in solving their problems and educate our membership in the great principles of our Order and the wonderful lessons it teaches.

"Knowledge and understanding is the crying need of civilization in this day.

"This circular bore the names of the High Priests and a Past High Priest of the District served by the District Deputy, whose name was advanced and as I considered the District Deputy Grand High Priest derelict in his duties in permitting this grave breach of Masonic law and procedure, I immediately removed him from office."

The G.H.P. speaks of his visit to Canada, and of the Traveling Keystone, an appealing messenger of the spirit of the Royal Craft.

Membership 14,894. Net loss 1,244

From the Report on Grand Officers the following:—

"Some of our griefs we have cured,
And the sharpest, we still have survived,
But what torments of grief we've endured,
From the evils that never arrived."

The Report on Necrology closes with this verse:—

"Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and Man;
Beautiful calm when course is run;
Beautiful twilight at the set of sun;
Beautiful death with a life well done."

John G. Crawford was elected G.H.P. and addressed Grand Chapter:—

"I have requested the privilege of addressing a few remarks to you at this time because I have noticed after the election is over a large majority of the Companions leave and the new High Priest is unable to state his plans and ideas to a large number of the members and the next year, when he reads his message it is a swan song. I do not think my suggestions are so extensive or different, but just that I want to get them over to you.

"My slogan this year is going to be 'Help build up your home Chapter.'

"I sometimes think our system is wrong and Companion should be rewarded for the attention they give to their own and other Chapters, rather than appearing here and then forgetting Royal Arch Masonry for a year.

"I shall endeavour to leave the Companions who are not Right Ex. as Grand Representatives so they can retain the title, and placing the Companions who are Right Ex. I may say double as a committee. In this way more Companions are given honours, more Chapters can be represented in Grand Chapter and create more interest for our slogan."
255 Companions died during the year and of them this memorial tribute:—

"Gentle the words they said, brightening the path we tread,
Blest are the hallowed dead—why do we mourn?"

M.E. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan is the Grand Representative of New Jersey.

Richard C. Woodward presided over the Convention of Anointed High Priests. The Degree was conferred on this Reviewer in Trenton.

First Grand Z. O'Neill, of Quebec, was received and Anointed at this annual meeting.

David McGregor has the outspoken urge and thus expresses it in his Introduction to the Review of Sister Grand Chapters:—

"The net loss in membership in the U.S.A. for 1933-34 was 8,526 in excess of the losses of the previous year, being an increase of from 6.3 to 9 per cent. of the membership.
"Tabulating the net losses for the last seven years we find they amount to the staggering total of 260,160.
"The Southern States have suffered the most, twelve of them showing a loss of 81,514 or 46.8 per cent. during that period.
"The Companions of Utah are the first in several years to show an actual net increase in membership.
"It is of interest to note that the percentage of net losses sustained by our Sister Grand Chapters in Canada and Australia are a little over one-half of that of the United States. This may partly be accounted for by their having been more conservative in their exaltations during the years of abnormal prosperity.
"Approximately one-third of the total number of Grand Representatives was missing.
"I ask you all by your individual and collective vision to look to the future with Faith, Courage and Determination.
"Our work ahead demands deliberation coupled with optimism constructively displayed.
"Companions, FORWARD AND ONWARD."

We quote from Arizona Review:—

"There is a wide-spread feeling that the purely mechanical work of maintaining a number of separate Masonic organizations, with their problems of maintaining interest, securing members, and raising finances, is detracting from our purely Masonic effort . . . leaving little, if any, time to give to the study and reflection which true Masonry demands."

From the California Review the following:—

"At the most only a small percentage have the opportunity of seeing or reading the Proceedings as a whole, but these few are the vitally interested ones, the officers past and present, who are no doubt as anxious to know how the companions in other jurisdictions are faring, and what they are doing to keep things going, in these times of stress, as they are to learn how sumptuously the Grand Lodge Officers had been treated in their visitations with '6.30 dinners' of steak, chicken, venison, etc.
"We are a national and in a fuller sense an international body, and it is a long step backward to limit our outlook by our own State lines, and sacrifice this hitherto important feature for the sake of a saving of less than two per cent."

From Illinois this ideal:—
"To help men build and measure up to life's highest and best, is a task worthwhile. For this Masonry exists . . .

A little touch of irony under Maine:—
"No Schools of Instruction were held since none were requested, and the Grand Lecturer expressed his thanks to the Grand High Priest 'for the appointment which during the year has called for no particular activity.'"

Nebraska gives this opportunity:—
"A proposal to limit membership in the Chapters to those who were members of a Blue Lodge under one of the Masonic Jurisdictions of the United States was disapproved, and that rightly, on the ground that it would result in general bad feeling and general reprisals, possibly even the severing of friendly relations with the rest of the world."

Under Canadian and Overseas Grand Chapters this introduction:—
"With the exception of Nova Scotia, which has Prince Edward Island under its jurisdiction, the title of the three leading officers of the Grand Chapters in the Canadian Provinces and those overseas are different from those in the United States.

"The Grand High Priest is known as Grand First Principal or Grand Z.; the Grand King is known as Grand Second Principal or Grand H., and the Grand Scribe is known as the Grand Third Principal or Grand J. Nova Scotia uses the nomenclature in use in the United States."

Canada at Kitchener is briefly reviewed, our colleague saying:—
"The death of Past Grand Z. Malone is noted and the fact recorded that he had installed the officers of his Mother Lodge for the 48th time shortly before his decease.

"The name 'Grand Chapter of Canada,' which is at the present time virtually a misnomer, since the other Provinces that were originally under its Jurisdiction have established Grand Chapters of their own, each bearing the name of the Province they represent. It is therefore no longer the Grand Chapter of Canada, but of the Province of Ontario." NOT YET!

"Amusement and entertainment are in demand.

"To the credit of this Grand Chapter be it said that it donated $2,540 toward the relief of widows and indigent Companions."

Under Victoria the following:—
"Installed for the fourth time in office. 'Having found a good leader they stick to him.'"

From one of the Scottish speeches the following:—
"Comp. J. A. Grantham, M.E.Z., of Tangier, in proposing the toast to 'The Grand Chapter of Scotland,' described himself as a 'Synthetic Scottish Mason,' being an Englishman by birth and at the time High Priest of a Chapter under the Scottish Constitution.

"Lord Cassilis at General Grand Chapter Convocation at Washington was struck with the spirit of friendship and brotherliness which prevailed."
NEW SOUTH WALES

Albert Chandler, Grand First Principal.
F. R. Sinden, Grand Scribe E.
The Supreme Grand Chapter was inaugurated 30th September, 1889.
Quarterly Convocation was held at Castlereagh Street, Sydney, 14th February, 1934.

In the address of the Grand First Principal we read:—

"The suggestion that the policy of this Supreme Grand Chapter appears to be that 'Might is Right,' and elaborating what is thereby intended to be conveyed by instancing the atrocious conduct of Germany in causing the Great War, is surely most ineptly made."

More correspondence with Scotland is printed and they still write about the long wished for union.

He says that they are the poorer by the passing of many distinguished Companions.

The Grand Inspector of Workings urged upon all Chapters the necessity of holding rehearsals between the conferring of Degrees so as to impress solemnity and dignity.

Quarterly Convocation 9th May, 1934. Five M. Ex. Companions present and Canada was duly represented by Comp. H. B. Mathews.

A letter from the Grand Chapter of Canada is acknowledged.

R. B. Dargavel was issued his commission as Grand Representative of New South Wales.

Regarding a meeting on the 26th of April, 1934, we read with sympathetic interest:—

"Unfortunately, it was a bitterly cold night, and, in consequence, the attendance of Companions was somewhat marred."

Quarterly Convocation 8th August, 1934.

The following is impressively put by the Grand First Principal in reference to the issuing of new Rituals:—

"In the new issue of our ritual on the opening page are these words, 'Issued on express condition that it is not to be used in the Chapter.' I need not stress this matter as I am sure that it only requires attention to be directed to it to insure that steps will be taken to remedy the defect."

Quarterly Convocation 14th November, 1934.

Seven M. Ex. Companions were present.

Many apologies for non-attendance were received, a courtesy never neglected in Australasian Jurisdictions.

The Grand First Principal says that Masonry appears to be "gathering up its strength".
M. Ex. Comp. H. B. Mathews, Canada's Grand Representative, was elected Grand First Principal.

A special Convocation was held in Sydney, 7th December, 1934, eleven M. Excellents being present. This was the Forty-fifth Annual Installation and Convocation.

The Grand First Principal said:—

"All Chapters in the jurisdiction have been visited—in all, 281 visits were made—which necessitated over 63,000 miles of travelling.

"The District Grand Chapter declined to take a referendum; consequently the position regarding a union of the Royal Arch bodies is still at a dead end.

"The work of guiding this Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch in its beautiful character is a big one. 'It is no sinecure', he adds."

Membership 3,118. Net loss 66. Total Chapters 76.

F. H. Farrar is Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, who say in their Foreword:—

"The following pages are the results of that patient perusal of those Proceedings which have been placed before us. We hope our work may be found helpful.

"Losses may, in effect, be actual gains. For is it not better to have a restricted number who rightly understand and can assimilate the rich truths symbolised in the beautiful Royal Arch Degree than to have large numbers who do not.

"Increase and quicken their interest. Certain losses come from the ranks of those who have lost interest; therefore, educational activities may be viewed in the light of an insurance scheme.

"The strength of our position is unassailable, and we go forward with love and courage to the work ahead as an accredited member of the worldwide family of sovereign Royal Arch bodies."

Under the Review of Alberta we read:—

"The supreme honour of Capitular Masonry in Alberta is given to men whose mental qualities, upright character and moral worth fit them to use the gift in the service of mankind and to the glory of the Order, based firmly on a foundation of human brotherhood and Divine love."

Canada at Brockville is well reviewed. We make the following extracts and thank our colleague for his kind words:—

"The Masonic Temple was the pride of the citizens. Brockville was the centre of historic interest, civically, clerically and Masonically.

"20 long service jewels were presented to a number of old Masons—quite a gesture of love and esteem."

N.S.W. puts its case thus:—

"The local District Chapter of Scotland failed to submit the agreement entered into to a referendum. We ask why, and Echo answers—Was it because a few leaders discovered that the said referendum would be carried? Again, during the period covered by these proceedings the opening of new Chapters by Scotland would cease. This compact was flagrantly disregarded. It was not till then that New South Wales severed friendly relations with Scotland, and made an appeal to the 60 odd R.A. jurisdictions for active and practical sympathy. Apparently the misrepresentations of Scotland have swayed Canada in her favour. When, oh, when will this unpleasant situation end? It began in 1889.
The G.H.P. concludes his address thus:—
"May those roses be unencumbered with thorns which might in the future cause dissent and disagreement among you."

Of Companion Gardiner's Report this worthy appreciation:—
"This report is good reading. He quotes John Oxenhame on advantages of the 'Sweets of Adversity,' and sums up the condition by—'All's well, God's in His Heaven.' This report is informative in its subject matter, friendly in its criticism, and constructive in its suggestions.

"Previously the Fraternal Correspondence Report was published as a separate volume. Now it is incorporated with the general Report of Proceedings. As usual, it is prepared by the incomparable King of the Knights of the Round Table. We have always admired these Reports of Canada.

His excerpts from the several Proceedings that he has reviewed are full of meat, and indicate a wise selection."

The Review of Delaware is excellent. From it we make the following excerpts:—
"The Committee on Memorials has the following appropriate lines:—
"They were our Companions,
Short days ago we gave them speech,
We heard their voices,
Walked with them in busy streets;
Mayhap, like us, they had their faults;
Mayhap, like us, they erred;
If so, we do not now remember.
We only call to mind
That they were just and true and kind.
They were our Companions."

"The importance of any Masonic Review is, in this Scribe's humble opinion, the Fraternal Correspondence section. Usually relegated to the back of the Report, it nevertheless provides mental pabulum of highest nutritive quality, and tends to broaden those who diligently study the pages devoted to the printing of this Report. Here we find such an one, brief and concise, yet pithy and informative.

"'I think it shows you what we ought to be striving for—the essential unity of the whole human race.' Chaste and commendable words. Oh! that the Earl would practise this in his Grand Chapter's dealings with the sorry position of Capitular Freemasonry in New South Wales!"

This from the able Review of the District of Columbia:—
"The mission of Masonry is to the individual—its contribution to the world's good is made by masonically influenced men.

"'Masonry's work is the proper presentation of its truths to those who seek them—however small the number. The transmutation into the general good is in the hands of God.' A remarkable and semi-philosophical dissertation."

We read under England:—
"Pro First Grand Principal congratulates the members on the courtesy they had displayed and the zeal for Royal Arch Freemasonry which had brought them, was warmly appreciated. The absentees were composed of those abroad, or prevented by illness. Surely a fine record."
This from the Review of Louisiana is interesting:—

"Surely, Companion, you did not think America possesses all the intellectual and review capabilities? The youngest of the continents, Australia still boasts of a few excellencies, if they be only 'our Bradman,' 'our Harbour,' and 'our Bridge.' In other words, excellence in sport, in natural beauty and engineering skill. To these we would add excellence in learning."

Scotland's invasion of America is spoken of under the Review of Massachusetts, and we reproduce from the Review of Michigan the following:—

"Master, I've filled my contract, wrought in Thy many lands: Not by my sins wilt Thou judge me; but by the work of my hands. Master, I've done Thy bidding, and the light is low in the West, And the long, long shift is over—Master, I've earned it—Rest."

**NEW YORK**

Adrian A. Pierson, Grand High Priest.
Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation convened in Albany, February 5, 1935.
Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the East:
Edward F. Rolle, an outstanding and royal man and Mason, faithfully represented Canada.

Chaplain Broughton delivered the invocation:—

"Grant to Thy humble servants that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by Thy merciful guidance may perform the same.

"Trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal."

Total in attendance numbered 525.

In welcoming the Grand Representatives the G.H.P. said:—

"You extend to the outer court of the Tabernacle. I know I can say this, that I have never seen more Grand Representatives than are in attendance this morning. I commend you for your zealous work and for your fidelity."

Introduced by C. Tracey Stagg, Charles H. Johnson, G. L. Grand Secretary, was welcomed.

Distinguished visitors from Quebec, Delaware, District of Columbia, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Ohio, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Virginia, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania were welcomed to this old and hospitable centre.

The G.H.P., when M. E. Henry DeWitt Hamilton had been escorted to the dais, spoke on his scholarly attributes and
wisdom and of his many activities. In his response Companion Hamilton said:—

"Perhaps a fault of Masonry is an excess of conservatism. Yet that fault is less harmful than an excess of zeal. So far as the spirit and the structure of Masonry are concerned, the less we change the better.

"The things which they left behind them have preserved the atmosphere—I mean the Masonic air—of this Grand Chapter, which remains, as it has always been, a Senate of Masonry, a most dignified and high-minded body of Masons."

Grand Secretary Johnson said:—

"We cannot withdraw our interest in one without harm to the other. I would urge that while you have this great interest in your Chapter (and I am also interested in the Chapter) that we see to it that the source, namely, the Lodge, is not too much neglected.

"It requires that the captains of the various ships of Masonry, the commanders-in-chief of the various organizations, must keep a very level head.

"I ask of you, while you have your interest in the Grand Chapter and local Chapter, that you do not forget to give help to the organization that needs you so much, namely, your own local Lodge."

The G.H.P. in his address spoke words of wisdom:—

"May each one of us who participate in these deliberations find food for thought and something which he may take away with him to serve as inspiration.

"Mourn the passing of Companions who have ‘presided over and governed the Chapter with fidelity, officiated in the Tabernacle, read and expounded the law to their Companions and offered up the incense of a pure and contrite heart to the Great I am.’

"In one particular instance ‘Up State’ an association was formed under the name of ‘The Triangle Club.’

"We have much to justify our existence, and of real value and service to mankind, if we only ‘apply our hearts unto wisdom.’

"If we cannot endure the test and emerge victorious, we are not worthy of the heritage which has been handed down to us by our Masonic forbears.

"One of the acts which any Chapter should zealously try to do is to welcome the strange Companion, who is temporarily sojourning in the jurisdiction.

"We are apt to forget that Masonry is still a vital force and is quietly and unostentatiously performing its part in bettering mankind, as it always has.

"While I appreciate that without vision much will be lost, yet I believe that the Brother can become a good Companion, and certainly the service which he has rendered to his country and the physical disability resulting from that service, I believe, entitle him to the benefits of full membership in our Order.

"May we bring to light ‘valuable treasures’ which may have lain buried in the darkness beneath our very feet.”

He spoke of Tuberculosis relief as a “noble humanitarian cause”.

A word of admonition among his decisions:—

"May I strongly emphasize and point out the moral that the Companions of every Constituent Chapter should see to it that their Officers
are in good standing in the Symbolic Lodge and 'clear on the books' of the Chapter.

"Masonry already is considered by many as 'top heavy' from too many collateral branches having been added to the system.

"Charter in the Chapter room is not necessary providing it is in the custody of the High Priest and he knows where it is."  We rule otherwise!

"I received a letter from the Secretary of ELMIRA CHAPTER, asking if he might use a loose leaf book for the minutes of the Chapter.

"I disapproved of the use of such a book as requested."

From his conclusion the following:—

"Among those who faithfully labour year after year to promote the best interests of Capitular Masonry and whose labours receive inadequate comment, is the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. One of the most valuable parts of our Proceedings is the report of this Committee printed in our Annual.

"It is true that the student of Capitular Masonry peruses these pages with interest. They should be read by every High Priest and Companion in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"GEORGE E. BRIGGS brings to this task a scholarly and trained mind, and I personally know that his reports are eagerly looked forward to with interest by every Grand Jurisdiction which receives them. I feel that this Grand Chapter has reason to be proud and grateful for the work."


The Memorials to the Dead were presented by Chaplain Broughton and from his admirable Report we take the following:—

"No supreme artist ever reached the climax of his power until there was added the final touch of poignancy from the personal experience of grief. Tribulation, as the etymology of the word suggests, is 'threshing,' and some fine grain of the spirit, in great music, great poetry, great art, as well as great character, would have been impossible without that painful experience.

"It is not death to die,
To leave this weary road,
And midst the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.

"Listen to what Cardinal MERCIER had to say: 'Suffering accepted and vanquished will give you a serenity which may well prove the most exquisite fruit of your life.'

"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die . . . . but they are in peace. For God proved them, and found them worthy."

Frank E. Woodruff was elected G.H.P.

Charles W. Haentschel, of Haileybury, is the Grand Representative of New York.

Again the star of Peekskill in the person of our friend and colleague, George E. Briggs, shines brilliantly in the Foreign
Correspondence with felicity and grace. From his striking introduction we take the following:—

"Time rolls his ceaseless course.

"Another year hath gone and added to your age?
Nay, 'tis not so, my friend—you've turned another page
In Life's great story book, and now before your eyes
Another chapter lies,
To tell us all alike, the patriarch and youth,
How run the blessed paths that lead us on to truth!

"We have enjoyed this eighth trip as we have the previous ones, gathering facts, figures and fancies as we have journeyed from State to State and in domains abroad.

"A perusal of the addresses of the Grand High Priests has furnished us not only with information but much delightful reading and inspiration.
"There was one bright spot in the leaden sky. Utah, in its 1934 report, showed a net gain of forty—most heartening.

"'JAMES' instead of 'JANES.' It is an old saying that fame consisted of either being killed in battle or having one's name spelled incorrectly in the newspapers. Assuming that, in this case, Grand Chapter Proceedings are in the same category with newspapers, we opine that our popular 'Bob' has become famous.

"Criticism, not carping but constructive, is always in order.
"It may be noted that in the following pages there is an entire absence of quotations in Latin and French which have characterized these offerings for some three years. We had quite a kick out of them but some of our contemporaries made a lot of fun and furnished 'comebacks,' consequently 'we quit.'

"Let us leave a parting thought gleaned from another volume:
"The woof and warp of 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."

This from Alabama Review:—

"Evidently referring to the Scotland-New South Wales controversy.
"We believe it is in Coriolanus, Act II, Scene I, we find this:
"You who wear out a good wholesome forenoon in hearing a cause between an orange-wife and a fosset-seller; and then rejourn the controversy of three pence to a second day of audience."

In each Review is a poetic gem, an anthology which makes one wish for more. This from British Columbia:—

"With Canada's marvelous production of paper it seemed there ought to have been a few sheets of parchment somewhere around the Dominion.

"SWINBURNE wrote:

"I shall remember while the light lives yet
And in the night time I shall not forget."

From California:—

"May we quote WILLIAM WATSON in his 'Tribute to MATTHEW ARNOLD':

"'He set his heart upon the goal,
Not on the prize.'

"We have heard and read the word 'depression' so often it was negatively refreshing when he said 'Compression has been necessary.' Quoted:
'We have continued to act on the belief that what has been done is even more important than what has been said... Gleams of hope, faith and a will to serve, seem to portend another day. Already the call to labour is being heralded. It is time to cease idling. Hasten into the quarries, but be sure that you put the mark of your very self on your work.'

Canada at Brockville is well reviewed. He makes the following comments and judgments:

"A perusal of them really gave one a vivid picture of the activities and condition of all the constituent units."

"The Committee on Pictorial History, covering the matter up to date."

We blush with pleasure as we read:

"The reviews were again from the pen of the eminent, incomparable, matchless, peerless, transcendent reviewer of all reviewers, well known in our State for his many visits to our Grand Chapter meetings.

"He does what no other Correspondent attempts. He furnishes a 'Topical and Analytical Index' under letters of the alphabet, which occupies four pages, beginning under 'A' with Asleep—Awake—South Carolina, and concluding with 'Y'—Youth—Tennessee, 1932, Massachusetts. We often wondered where under the sun this gracious Companion found time to write these many marvelous reviews."

From the Delaware Review:

"HERBERT, in 'Jacula Prudentum,' wrote, 'That is gold which is worth gold.'

This under Mark Masters of England:

"KIPLING wrote:

"Winds of the World, give answer! They are whimpering to and fro,
And what should they know of England who only England know?"

From way down south in Kentucky:

"In 'Much Ado About Nothing;' Act V, Scene 1, you will find:

"But greatly to find quarrel in a straw
When honour's at the stake."

This under Nova Scotia Review:

"It was MAZZINI, in 'Life and Writings,' who said, 'Every mission constitutes a pledge of duty. Every man is bound to consecrate his every faculty to its fulfillment. He will derive his rule of action from the profound conviction of that duty.'"

A gem from Wisconsin:

"J. G. SAXE said, 'Long pains are light ones, cruel ones are brief.'"

New York's Correspondence is a treasure house.

Grand Chaplain Broughton delivered a splendid address, the subject this time being "The Fine Art of Being a Helper."

"The sixth verse these words recorded: 'They cut off his thumbs.' It has reference to the punishment meted out. It appears to me that there are two great lessons in that little act when we come to think about it: The importance of insignificance and the insignificance of importance. What is the thumb? It is simply a 'helper,' a power all its own. Further-
more, it is the only instance in the human body where the joints are so saddle-formed as to enable the member to move in all directions, thus bringing it opposite each finger when required.

"I am the brother of CHARLES SPURGEON. I am his assistant, and I rejoice to be just that and nothing more; for long ago I learned that when two people ride on horseback, one of them must ride behind.' Wise man that! What JAMES SPURGEON may have contributed to the success of his brother CHARLES who can tell? We need the application of this in the fraternity. More Companions on the 'side lines' realizing their importance to the success of the Chapter. Too much cannot be left to the officers of our bodies. No preacher ever yet succeeded grandly in his work except him who had learned to appreciate and to use his 'thumbs.' And what shall we say of our organization? No high Priest ever succeeded in the conduct of a Chapter who had not learned to value the contribution made to the organization by the subordinate officers and the Companions on the 'side lines.' What would your leadership of the Chapter be worth to-day if your 'thumbs' had been cut off?

There is a strange analogy in this, to the etymology of poltroon. Look it up, Comp. Broughton!

"What was the secret of the success of those builders? We find that secret in Nehemiah's description of the work: 'So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together; for the people had a mind to work.'

"And there must also be a place for everybody.' As the prophet said of the builders, 'Everyone built over against his own house.' And so their task was successfully completed. A careful division of the labour and an efficient organization of the labourers is the secret of success.

"Capitular Masonry must be able to put all in its 'vineyard' at work. "The friendly Chapter makes the stronger Chapter. People always like to go where 'Love lights the fires'.

"Boost for every forward movement,
Boost for every new improvement
Boost the man for whom you labour,
Boost the stranger and the neighbour.
Cease to be a chronic knocker,
Cease to be a progress blocker,
If you'd make your Chapter better
Boost it to the final letter."

We greet our neighbours!

**NEW ZEALAND**

J. McAllister, Grand Z.
C. W. Nielsen, Grand Scribe E.
The Forty-third Annual Convocation was held in Wellington 20th March, 1935.
Seven Past First Grand Principals were honoured.
The valedictory of the First Grand Principal gives food for thought. We quote:—

"Determined, honest, level-headed, just,
Who broke no promise nor betrayed a trust.
His genial face with courtly kindness beamed—
By friends beloved, by all the world esteemed.
"We are too apt to accept services such as have been rendered by the Chairman of Sup. Com., and in almost equal degree by the other members of the committee, as a matter of course.

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

J. Rod, of Wellington, was elected First Grand Principal Z.
The Supreme Committee in the Memorial part of their Report write:—

"To the relatives, sympathy.

"Time goes, you say? Ah, no!
Alas! time stays, we go."

They report a forward movement rather than a further retrograde tendency.
The rank of Past Second Grand Principal was conferred on the Past Grand Treasurer, Honoris Causa.

The Reports concluded:—

"Supreme Committee, by having such an experienced companion in the office of Grand Scribe E., was well and most happily served.
"Working together for good, may we so build that, come what may, trial or adversity, the product of our united endeavours will stand firm, even as a house built upon the firm foundation of a rock."

The Supreme Committee urged all Chapters to take all possible steps to persuade unattached Companions to join; and to persuade Companions living in places where they cannot attend their own Chapters joining Chapters that they can attend, at a nominal fee.

A long discussion took place with regard to the Cryptic Degrees, of which we can only make a few quotations:—

"In seconding, pro forma, M.E. Comp. Russell considered that Supreme Committee had erred in introducing the proposal, and they were getting away from the spirit of R.A. Masonry. As a Grand Chapter their principal object should be to make R.A. Masons, and make them efficient. There were plenty of other avenues.

"They had been told that they were good for intellectual food, and he asked whether the degrees at present specified did not provide good intellectual food? It could not be established that these side degrees offered any intellectual food they had not already got.

"Another speaker regretted that we had heard nothing about the beauty of the cryptic degrees, and the way they simplified the Royal Arch story. The ballot resulted in 128 votes being recorded against the motion, and 137 for. The motion was declared to be negatived by 1 vote."

The Installation was carried out with sound of trumpet and proclamation.
The First Grand Principal's inaugural address was excellent. We quote:—

"Masonic giants laid the foundations of this Institution some 43 years ago. They laid them securely. The principles of our Order—Truth, Honour, and Virtue. Truth is not a gift, it is a trophy, to know it we must be true, to find it we must seek it, to learn it we must be humble, and to keep it we must have a clear mind, a courageous heart and brotherly love to use it for the benefit of our fellow companions.

"Truth admits no compromise, it is a conviction of right.

"We speak of reputation and character. Reputation is what we are behind the footlights, but character plays a very important part in our individual and social lives, to build up a noble character by prudent and well-regulated course of discipline, it takes courage to do the right things when you know it is in opposition to others. The world to-day is a jungle, we are ruled by fear. Nations and individuals fear each other. Self has become life's potent factor. This is retrogression, it takes us back to pre-civilized times.

"The voice of Conscience is so delicate that it is easy to stifle, but it is also so clear that it is impossible to mistake it. There never would be any photographs unless there were shadow and light. So we need reverses in our lives to make us appreciate our blessings. One writer has said, 'I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, and a funeral without eulogy, than a life without love or sympathy.' Let us then be up and doing.

"'Let us then be what we are, and speak what we think, and in all things keep ourselves loyal to truth, and the sacred professions of Friendship.'

Canada was duly represented by M. Ex. Comp. J. H. Harkness.

Membership 3,730.

Dr. J. Austin Evans, of Toronto, strong in research, is the Grand Representative of New Zealand.

NORTH DAKOTA

Frederick J. Cummens, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

The Forty-sixth Convocation was held January 22, 1935.
Nine Past Grand High Priests, all active in Grand Lodge affairs, received Grand Honours, as was most fitting.

The Grand Principal Sojourner, a Justice of the Supreme Court, emphasized public duty.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

"We of to-day must not abandon faith or lose hope. We must help rebuild our material and economic structure on a more enduring foundation. In our political life we must strive to allay prejudice and strife. We must learn that it is our responsibility to support the government rather than be supported by it. We must have confidence that our Royal Craft still has much to contribute to the character, happiness, and higher life of men who will but learn its lessons.
"We must hold our lines, redouble our efforts to create interest, and emphasize the social and educational side."

North Dakota was represented at Saskatchewan

We excerpt the following:

"There are so many things we can do if we set to work in real earnest. Results always come with well directed effort."

He concludes thus:

"To you, my Companions, there is but one order. It is FORWARD, never Retreat. Let us go forward with renewed vigour, more resolute courage, and entire faith in the future."

Grand Secretary Stockwell's report, as usual, is full of important matter. We quote:

"There must of necessity be readjustments. We must admit that there are areas in North Dakota where we cannot hope to raise crops successfully year after year. We are grappling with these problems of soil and moisture, and we believe in the end we shall master at least some of the adverse conditions which have beset us so sorely in the recent past.

"This spirit is most admirable but we cannot help feeling that it is doubtful wisdom to try to keep going if there is no prospect for the future. It is not sufficient simply to pay dues. We must do more than simply belong and maintain our organization, however worthy that may be.

"As we view the present confusion our greatest need is sanity and some opportunity to relax the terrific nervous tension of the past few years."

The Order of the Eastern Star was formally received.

Grand Lecturer Murfin reported:

"Frankly, the lack of competent leadership in some of our chapters is such as to compel us to doubt if it is going to be possible to save them, and to question if, in one or two cases, it is really worth while."

Comp. Guthrie introduced the Fraternal Correspondence as follows:

"In presenting a message that can be construed as a continuation of my long service as Fraternal Correspondent, my twentieth, I must explain that I have refrained from making my usual survey.

"Fortunately for me, my rabbit's foot has saved me in all conflicts from ill effects.

"We can develop an enthusiasm that will prove our ability and confidence, wherever we may have contacts with our companions."

From the Report of the Committee on Necrology:

"Justice—Mercy—Righteousness.

"We are certain that the life which is motivated by these three cardinal principles will be in tune with the Infinite, and will be dedicated more to 'giving' than to 'getting.'

"Life is short at best. It is made up solely of 'to-days.' Let us use them—not waste them."

The morning after describes the Grand Chapter dinner of the evening before:

"Companion Arvold had arranged for the first course to be served in the smaller room of the Cabin and then each man was passed through the 'make up' room and emerged with a 'transformation' quite remarkable. It must have been seen to be appreciated."
The Grand Z. of Manitoba was received.
Albert G. Johnson was elected G.H.P.
Membership 2,640. Decrease 262.
Canada’s Grand Representative, George H. Keyes, did not respond.
North Dakota is honoured by having as its Grand Representative with us, our Grand Z. himself, M. Ex. Companion George L. Gardiner, an outstanding man and Mason.
The annual concourse of the Circle of Elders was held Robert Archer Woods and J. Fred Dart were received
North Dakota is great on Circles. In the Nineteenth Annual Assembly of Royal and Select Masters we read:—
"At the close of this degree the Circle of Friendship was formed with effect.
"The address of M. P. Companion Robert A. Woods was the main feature of this occasion."
We quote from his address:—
"‘What of the Hour?’ This is the question that is uppermost in the hearts of all who are anywise interested or concerned in this particular field of Masonry.
"But inasmuch as we recovered most gloriously from that early period of darkness, and from later periods of like but lesser evils, let us take courage and do our part towards a speedy recovery from the ills that now beset us.
"If we do not strive thus to build we are Masons only in name.
"Cryptic Masonry can be painted in glorious and oriental colours, but however beautiful the design, it will not grow of itself. Hard work is the condition whereby we bring anything to a consummation."

NOVA SCOTIA

Henry Starr Theakston, Grand High Priest.
Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary.

Five Past Grand High Priests were honoured at the Sixty-sixth Annual which met at Lunenburg, 11th June, 1935. Nova Scotia has jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, and follows the official nomenclature of officers of the United States’ Jurisdictions, probably reflecting the continuity of proximity. There was a movement some little time ago to change to the Canadian and British form.

This telegram was sent by Grand Secretary Porter to Canon Shatford, then ill and since deceased. He is a loss to Masonry universal:—

"Grand Chapter Nova Scotia send most affectionate and sympathetic greetings, sincerely regrets your absence and prays God for your speedy recovery."

The G.H.P. said in his address:—
"Changes in the personnel are ever recurring. Never twice does the record of those attending read the same. New faces appear, old friends drop out of the picture.

"I regret to have to state that some of our Chapters made no attempt to get together. When Chapters ignore the mandate of Grand Chapter, the idea behind the Service, that the Companions all over the jurisdiction are engaged in the renewal of our vows at one and the same time, is frustrated.

"Presentations of necessary paraphernalia by members of the Chapters is highly to be commended.

"Invitations were sent to M. E. Comp. Canon Shatford, Past Gd. Z. of Quebec, and M. E. Comp. A. B. Andrews, Past Gd. H.P. of North Carolina to be with us.

"It came to my knowledge that there are cases where the Chapters hold their Regular Convocations on the same nights as some of the Lodges in their territory hold their Communications.

"It would seem that we have failed to impress the younger members with the beauty and merits of our Royal Craft.

"When we separate we will go our various ways but I hope that for many years these ways will converge to the meeting place of Grand Chapter at its annual convocations.

"We all have a road to take.
That Road is the Road of Life.
We each of us have a share of Joy
And each a share of strife,
But since all must travel that road.
In sunny and stormy weather,
We each may lighten each other's load
If we pull along together."

Membership 1,877.
The Committee on Grand Superintendents' Reports said:—

"It is to be hoped that this kindly meant, but we think necessary, criticism may help to inspire all who in future accept this responsible office with a determination to devote to the duties involved therewith, much interest and energy for the welfare of the Royal Craft."

This Motion was carried:—

"Any member of a Chapter who having been suspended from any Craft Lodge of which he is a member and who shall not fully reinstate himself as a member thereof within two years from such suspension, shall at the end of two years after such suspension, stand suspended in all Chapters of which he is a member."

George S. Wright, representing Canada, was received with other Grand Representatives at the Altar.

Rev. Herbert Leonard Haslam was elected G.H.P.
M. E. Comp. R. V. Harris was appointed Grand Archivist.

These verses are interleaved:—

"Dear friend, I pray thee, if thou would'st be proving
Thy strong regard for me,
Make me no vows. Lip serving is not living;
Let thy faith speak for thee.
“Swear not to me that nothing can divide us,
So little such oaths mean,
But when distrust and envy creep beside us,
Let them not come between.”

In the In Memoriam pages we read this verse:—

“Thy word is true,
Thy Will is just;
To Thee we leave them,
Lord, in trust.”

M. E. Comp George Moore of Hamilton, an outstanding and upstanding Royal Arch Mason, is the Grand Representative of Nova Scotia.

The tabular history of Chapters is very interesting.

The Order of High Priesthood held their annual meeting, having been organized in 1870.

**OHIO**

Royal A. Walkup, Grand High Priest.
Mont. C. Hambright, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual was held in Akron, September 19, 1934.

No less than seventeen Past Grand High Priests, including General G.H.P. O’Hara, were received and honoured.

Grand Chaplain Fessenden offered the following invocation:—

“Our Heavenly Father, author of our beings, keeper of our souls, counselor of our minds and abiding guest of our hearts, with united need and voice we lift our prayers to thee. As in the breasts of thine ancient prophets the fire once burned so may it burn to-day in the hearts of us their sons. Empower us to behold and choose that which is good, to recognize and turn from that which is evil. Enable us to be self-reliant without being self-sufficient, courageous without being boastful, efficient without being vainglorious, strong without being arrogant. In the forefront of our vision hold thou, we beseech thee, the designs of thy kingdom. Vouchsafe unto us freedom from lethargy, from ordinariness, from laziness of mind and sluggishness of heart. Kindle fresh enthusiasm and quenchless yearnings. Increase our love for all its ways, its treasures of light, its priceless heritage, its invaluable truths, its ennobling, recreative fellowship, its purifying influence.”

Distinguished guests from Canada (our own Alex. Cowan and Edwin Smith), from Pennsylvania, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Iowa, Michigan, Virginia and General Grand Chapter were welcomed and honoured.

Akron Chapter said in their welcoming address:—

“But because we are a progressive city we have always kept pace with the affairs of Masonry, for Masonry and industry have a genuine relation to each other.”
We make the following excerpts from the business-like address of the G.H.P.:—

“All of the statistics that will be presented at this meeting will be a review of the success or failure of the Constituent Chapters. Condensed into a consolidated return they represent our progress as a whole.

“M.E. Companion Gruen was very courteously received and entertained by the good Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and reported the visit as having been a most pleasant one.

“The rank and file of our membership know entirely too little of what is being done by the Fraternity and for the Fraternity at the Masonic Home in Springfield, and would urge every Companion who has an opportunity to visit this institution and become better acquainted with it.”

He visited the Masonic Home and the “get-together” meetings, travelling in all 13,456 miles.

A feeling reference is made to the death of the late Orion P. Sperra and to Robert E. Lee, Past Grand High Priests. The Grand Chaplain offered the prayer, from which we take the following:—

“Thou hast put foreverness in our hearts. We dwell in time, but we live for eternity. We love in time, but we love for eternity. Thus to-day these departed Companions have not departed from our hearts, nor from the eternity of love. Help us, by thy grace to follow where these Companions have led, to profit by their wisdom, to emulate their skill, to match their devotion, to seize the tools from their inspired hands, to hear for always their ringing challenge in our souls, to finish and perfect their labours.”

Necrologist Fessenden says of Comp. Sperra that “he pitched his tent toward Masonic perfection”, and thus concludes:—

“Death is only an old door
Set in a garden wall.
On gentle hinges it gives ,at dusk,
When the thrushes call.
Along the lintel are green leaves,
Beyond, the light lies still.
Very willing and weary feet
Go over that sill.
There is nothing to trouble any heart.
Nothing to hurt at all.
Death is only a quiet door
In an old wall.”

Of payments in lieu of cash we read:—

“A certain Chapter had passed a resolution, authorizing the Secretary and Treasurer to accept scrip or some similar issue in lieu of cash in payment of fees and dues. Again we have a case where the Code of the Grand Chapter is silent and we must have recourse to the Code of the Grand Lodge. The matter was referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence for an opinion. The opinion as rendered, based upon the Code of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was that only actual money of the United States would legally be used.”
This consolatory word:—

“As the metallurgist removes the dross from the base metal, the resulting residue becomes finer and finer. And so it is with our belover Fraternity.”

Membership 60,578. Net loss 5,373, a tragedy!
Roscoe R. Walcutt was elected G.H.P.

The following Resolution was adopted:—

“We declare our belief that these unfortunate conditions are very largely the result of insidious propaganda by individuals and organized groups who seek the destruction of constitutional forms of government here and elsewhere.

“We solemnly protest against such agitation, in whatever manner or form it may appear, and we appeal to all members of the Masonic fraternity to be ever alert and watchful, and to combat these agencies by every means in their power.”

Henry Gruen faithfully represented Canada
Many distinguished guests delivered addresses, G.H.P.
Sargent saying:—

“The fundamental principle underlying our civilization is man’s responsibility to his fellow-men. The lack of confidence of one man in another is the great trouble that is upon us to-day, not merely as citizens of Ohio and New Jersey or the United States of America, but as members of the human family throughout the world.”

G.H.P. Pierson said:—

“Counted among those Royal and Select Masters for that particular resolution on Communism, Facism and the other “isms” which are striving to destroy our faith in government and God.

“You remember in classical times there was a great Roman who in thunderous cries shouted ‘Delenda est Carthago’. ‘Carthage must be destroyed’. I want to say to you, even though I might be guilty of plagiarism in using those words, that ‘Communism must be destroyed’.”

Bradley, of Iowa, concluded his address thus neatly:—

“When I left home my wife said to me,—and I have learned to rely on her judgment in the years together—‘Be sure and don’t overlook any opportunity’. I said, ‘Opportunity for what?’ She said, ‘Opportunity to sit down’. I thank you.”

Weaver, of Pennsylvania, said:—

“Yes, we have lost a lot of things. We haven’t lost our integrity and God grant that we haven’t lost our will to do. If you and I continue that ‘will to do’ we will right this condition.”

Snodgrass, of Tennessee, delivered a wonderful address at the banquet from which we make the following brief selections:—

“There was an old Jewish Brother occupying the First Veil, and as they proceeded on their journey they finally reached the end and approached the First Veil, gave the usual alarm. A voice inside said, ‘Who is dis vot come here?’ One of the candidates slapped the other on the back and he said, ‘Thank God we have reached Jerusalem.’

“And if we may ever hope for an era of peace and harmony between men and nations, it will only be attained through a philosophy that is founded upon the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.
"I believe all thoughtful men will agree that we are living in an interesting but dangerous age of philosophic experiment. Europe is testing the socialistic theories of Fascism and Communism.

"Let us analyze for a moment one of the great symbols of Masonry. The cube is that great symbol, the symbol of perfection, because it demonstrates the symmetry of all dimensions, length, breadth and height, which is also a symbol of the universe.

"The land is lit as far as Hebron,' and, Companions, I bid you take up this cry and send it throughout your respective jurisdictions and set the Royal Craft to work."

Edwin Smith, our indefatigable, energetic and highly esteemed Grand Scribe E., is the Grand Representative of Ohio.

Carl W. Sperling presents his Fourth Annual Review of activities. From the Foreword the following:—

"Losses in membership are reported by every Grand Jurisdiction and exaltations have greatly decreased. As someone has well said, 'we are suffering at both ends of the line.'

"Apparent conditions in the whole world have changed, but Masonic principles have not and will not change. Capitular Masonry will continue to strive for companionship in an effort to build a Temple of personal manhood.

"Some Chapters suggest as a cure for our ailment, shorter rituals, lower fees, less dues and more entertainment, to none of which, this reviewer would subscribe, but would rather recommend 'higher quality at a fair price.'

"I have always been a strong believer in quality rather than quantity. Just as large committees, numbers are sometimes weakening rather than strengthening. Lead them in paths they have not known.'"

A sage observation is found under tse California Review made by Comp. Bodge, of Maine, who suggests a test:—

"A test is worthy of consideration when he says, just write something entirely against Masonic tradition and learn how quickly those you think least observing, will let you know the error of your way.'"

Canada at Brockville is briefly reviewed. He speaks of our distinguished guests and of Ohio's faithful Grand Representative being on the job. He analyzes Grand Z. Haentschel's address and speaks of the twenty Long Service Jewels distributed. After touching on our statistical and relief activities he kindly says of this Reviewer that he presents a comprehensive and well written Review of the activities of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Under Colorado we read briefly but comprehensively:—

"It's the old story; the officers make or break a Chapter."

Like other Reviewers he falls in love with the late Grand Z. Shatford, whose lamented death is a loss to Masonry universal. From his address he quotes:—

"The spirit of hope is strong. When confidence is established, half the victory is in our hands. It is despair that defeats us. So long as man retains his faith all things are possible.
"There is a sentence in the volume of the Sacred Law that speaks of 'building in troublous times.' It bears directly upon the history of our Order and equally upon our present circumstances."

OKLAHOMA

Edson Angus MacMillan, Grand High Priest.
James A. Lathim, Acting Grand Secretary.
Ira B. Kirkland, Grand Secretary.

Of the Grand High Priest his Biographer says:—

"The year just past is a living tribute to his zeal and fidelity and marks a new era for the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. Though well past the three score and ten allotted to mortals, his tireless energy, excellent plans and splendid execution will become an incentive to those who are to come after him.

"He has been a teacher his entire life."

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Claremore, April 17th, 1935.

The Grand Secretary was ill and we regret to note at the close of the proceedings, that he passed away after the meeting of Grand Chapter.

Distinguished visitors from Kansas and Missouri were welcomed. Canada was duly represented by William Noble.

The Grand High Priest said in his able address, from which we make the following extracts:—

"What heartaches as we learn of the passing of friends? The pleasures and tragedies alike flit across our memories. The successes and disappointments are alike discussed and withal our lives are bettered and our characters embellished by our contacts one with another. We always close our labours with forgiveness and kindness in our hearts and return to our homes better husbands and fathers. To my way of thinking, in no other human activity has life's battle reached a higher plane.

"Exaltations will follow if we can again interest those who have been lost, or are about to be, to our rolls. Exaltations result largely from revived internal conditions. We may endeavour to apply pressure but in the end it is wholly our internal problem to be solved.

"At Guymon, in the 'Panhandle' of our state, is a Chapter which has demonstrated, without question, that environments play only a small part in a living, virile Chapter. No Chapter every worked under less favourable conditions. Drought has scourged that section. 'WHAT A RECORD!' I believe that record can be equalled by ANY Chapter that has the will to do.

"A number of Chapters refused to suspend any Companions, but we had no control of those who lost membership in Symbolic Masonry.

"Of our seventy Chapters, twenty-eight never answered a singue communication. I have no explanation for such conditions. Common courtesy should have brought replies.

"Far too often present dormant conditions can be traced to inefficient officers. That condition is a local one, and until greater care is shown in making a choice of officers, there seems nothing to do but await a better condition."
In "Observations" the G.H.P. Says:—

"In the hope that financial conditions will improve so that Chapters can begin to confer degrees and collect dues as they have done in the past. Heavy indebtedness hanging over them stultifies their will to work and throws on them a burden which I fear several will not and cannot bear. Why not remit all delinquent dues?

"I would be unappreciative not to mention the active support given our efforts by the Masonic Review.

"Would it not improve Capitular affairs over the state if we adopted a plan involving a Capitular school?"

Membership 7,045. Loss 407.

Oklahoma boasts of a fine educational fund, total amounting to $11,662.00.

From the Memorial Service addresses to two Companions whose portraits adorn the proceedings, we take the following:—

"I knew them as Masons. I knew them as friends, as citizens. They meant something. I hope they meant something to you."

Edward M. Washington was elected G.H.P. and afterwards James A. Lathim was appointed Grand Secretary.

A memorial was presented and adopted suggesting the appointment of a Committee to consider a closer contact in work during the Cryptic and Capitular year.

The history of Freemasonry was ordered to be published and $2,000.00 was appropriated for that purpose.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the Grand East. From the report of Committee on Necrology we take the following:—

"Companions, since we as Masons are taught and believe that there is a Blessed Immortality, a higher life beyond the grave, I am closing this report with the words of an eminent Mason delivered on Easter Day:

"Once more the season of triumphant Life draws near. Seeds which have been imprisoned in the cold earth of winter are about to assert again that life is stronger than death. Spring is one answer to man's hope and need that life shall not be defeated. Everywhere the earth is fairly shouting, 'Make way for life.'

"And all this is but symbolic of triumphant life in the higher spiritual realms. We dare to say, 'Thou madest man, he knows not why.'

"Still we believe and still we hope
That in a world of larger scope
What here was faithfully begun,
Will be completed—not undone."

The Grand Chapter supports the Masonic Charity Foundation with Grand Lodge.

Ed. Worth, of Chatham, is the Grand Representative of Oklahoma.
OREGON

Percy R. Kelly, Grand High Priest.
D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary.
The Seventy-fourth Convocation was held in Astoria, April 9, 1934.

Grand Master Scott was accorded Grand Honours. He said:—

“There are groups in our country that do not want personal liberty; they want to exchange it for individual and group advantage, so as to get political concessions or bonuses for their group, at the expense of the general liberty. Now, is the 20th century going to go down as a period of the loss of personal liberty—the individual liberty that Masonry has always stood for?”

The G.H.P. of Washington was welcomed.

In his address acknowledging the reception of the Grand Representatives we read:—

“A symbol accomplishes nothing of itself.
“What it stands for; what it brings to light, that constitutes the accomplishment.”

If explanatory monosyllables can catch the attention then certainly that attention must have been focussed by the unusual commencement of the G.H.P.’s literary address, from which we make the following striking extracts:—

“DAMN a dreamer anyway! A year ago, I saw a dream walking, I heard a dream talking, I heard a dream dancing—a dream, oh! so entrancing. It was the object you had placed in my arms for a year. Capitular Masonry.

“Like Cervantes’ creature Don Quixote, I buckled on the armor of a crusader. I resolved to echo and re-echo the slogan in this jurisdiction, 'Support the Whole Masonic Structure.'

“This is not restricted to ritualism. It has a deeper significance. It reaches to the fundamental support of the social system. That support can no longer be deemed to depend upon materialism. That base has crumbled. That temple is in ruins. We must rebuild with fraternalism—not a narrow, tribal, racial brotherhood.

“My plea, therefore, shall be to the craft at large, first, to revive an active spirit of Masonic fraternalism which supplies a guardianship on the part of the fortunate and prosperous over those less fortunate.

“Yet oh! the confident spirit once mine to dare and to do!
Take the world into my hand and shape it and make it anew;
Gather all men in my purpose, men in their darkness and dearth,
Men in their meanness and misery, made of the dust of the earth.
Mould them afresh and make out of them man, with his spirit sublime.

“Olive Schreiner tells of a quest up precipice and crag and mountain height for a bird—the bird of knowledge or truth; and after years and years of striving and climbing and searching, at last in the twilight of expiring life, the small shaft of a feather fluttered down and became visible for a few moments. I am and probably always will be awaiting the feather.”
Among his decisions:—

"This duty rests upon the Chapter in the absence of any action in the Blue Lodge as well as when action is taken by the Blue Lodge.

"My personal opinion is that the Chapter through any appropriate committee, should first apprise the Blue Lodge of which the accused is a member, of the information it has with reference to the charges and give the Blue Lodge opportunity to take appropriate action.

"I declined to approve a sponsorship by one of the constituent chapters of the operation of a series of weekly card playing parties for profit."

In a Memorial tribute he said:—

"His was a personality of charm and culture. A spirit of true brotherhood attended him always."

We learn from his biography that G.H.P. Kelly was appointed Supreme Judge and afterwards re-elected. This tribute is paid him:—

"Of brilliant mind; of sound judgment; of an understanding heart, and of keen wit, our Most Excellent Companion has meant much to all branches of Masonry."

He describes the Grand Secretary as a great Masonic Institution.

Of Legislation he well says:—

"I have no recommendation in the realm of legislation. We need no more laws. We need no more discipline than we have."

His style is all his own as he details the Spanish fable of The Mule and the Wolf:—

"Capitular Masonry is limping away. Annually, there is more or less of a direct appeal to its titular head to take away the cause of the limp.

"I mean the nail of prolixity. Now lam away and kick me in the face for tugging away at that nail. I know it will serve me right. I never was a ritualist. I never wrote a ritual, and, of itself alone, I never had any great admiration for one. The letter perfect, spirit suppressing, lesson obscuring technocrats of ritualism irk and annoy me. As a means of indelibly impressing fundamental and basic truth upon the minds and consciences of men, I join with all of you in giving ritualism homage, gratitude, and praise.

"It is not erudite or encyclopedic, but esoteric and ethical instruction that our degrees are intended to supply."

Under Masonic Education this exceptional comment:—

"It is one thing to prepare addresses, pamphlets and books and quite another to get the companions to read them. I am committed to the view that much could be accomplished by explanatory lectures given as the respective degrees are conferred.

"The spiritual lessons in our ceremonies, so obvious to the student, seem to be all but entirely hidden from the novitiate. Why not reveal them more plainly while the candidate is receptive?"

We read further under "Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of:—

"In nearly every locality throughout this jurisdiction sound and motion reproduction equipment is available easily."
"These are not yet to be had; but, in my opinion, the day is near, very near at hand when they will be offered.

"A story not only of memories of good men and true; but a story of transformation from sordid indifference to a quickening and sustaining faith and hope, a story of an open door to a path of pleasantness and of peace, a story of sadly needed reassurance that in this mundane pilgrimage may be found much, very much that is of true and abiding value; a story of a continually growing effulgence of light, Masonic light, guiding, directing, inviting my steps upward and onward, not to financial or material aggrandizement, but to better, truer and nobler environs."

And this verse sums it all up:—

"Because of the light of the moon, silver is found on the moor,
Because of the light of the sun, there is gold on the walls of the poor.
By the light of the stars, planets are found in the stream,
And by the light of God's love, my soul finds its goal supreme."

The Grand Secretary reports:—

"The past year has seen a number of material changes in our country. The greatest of these is the change from a psychology of doubt and despair, to one of hope and confidence."


Grand Orator Carleton delivered a striking address on "Think Ye We Have Created Them in Jest?" This he quotes from Wilder's great novel of "The Bridge of San Luis Rey". These are extracts:—

"The Abbess says, 'But soon we shall die and all memory of those five will have left the earth, and we ourselves shall be loved for awhile and forgotten. But the love will have been enough; all those impulses of love return to the love that made them. There is a land of the living and a land of the dead and the bridge is love, the only survival, the only meaning.

"As we ponder the meaning of the book, we are reminded of the passage in the Koran which contains the thought for our consideration to-day: "'The Heavens and the Earth and all that between them lies, think ye we have created them in jest?'

"First, we should make some attempt to grasp the meaning of time. The New History tells us that 240,000 years is a very conservative estimate of the time that man has lived.

"Early in the history of our race men banded themselves together into brotherhoods in order that they might assist one another in finding the true values of life and so to make this world a purer, happier, better place for themselves and for those who were to come after them.

"He drinks the hemlock so calmly that his disciples are convinced that Socrates must have known that our lives are immortal.

"Plato comes next, setting three standards, Truth, Beauty and Goodness.

"It is not 'a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.' Then shall we have courage to take up the day's work."

Walter O. Haines, Capitular Reviewer, says:—

"Routine procedure remains about the same but there are many expressions of the Grand High Priests and the Reviewers, which show that Capitular Masonry is coming to the realization that our troubles have been the result of our desire for numbers instead of spiritual things.
"Herein is hope for the future for Masonry, in whatever branch, is essentially spiritual."

Carl W. Evertsen was elected G.H.P.
Six Past Grand High Priests were present.
Canada was duly represented by John G. McIntosh.
John G. Gardiner, an outstanding member of the Royal Craft, is the Grand Representative of Oregon.

PENNSYLVANIA

Charles H. Weaver, Grand High Priest.
Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Secretary.
Quarterly Communication was held in Philadelphia, March 8, 1934.
Seven Past G.H.P.'s, all well known names, were present.
Quarterly Communication June 7, 1934.
The death of several distinguished Companions is recorded.
Grand Chapter "closed in peace."
Quarterly Communication December 6, 1934.
Distinguished visitors from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Virginia, Ohio, North Carolina, District of Columbia, Delaware, West Virginia, Colorado, Quebec, and our own Kenneth J. Dunstan, P.G.Z.
Samuel Shaw duly represented us.
Albert T. Hanby was elected G.H.P. and Thomas McConnell, Jr., Grand Treasurer.
The Committee on Finance reported fully.
Addresses were delivered by distinguished visitors, including M.E. Comp. Dunstan.
Annual Grand Communication was held December 27, 1934.
Seven Past G.H.P.'s present and Samuel Shaw representing Canada.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:

"Due to the many demands upon our membership for activity in different directions, our Officers are planning their Chapter meetings in a way that has resulted in increased attendance and interest.
"Let us be confident and courageous and if faithful we shall conquer all earthly things."

Many visitations are recorded.
We make this reference:

"Companion Wooda N. Carr, whose masterly handling of the subject, 'I am that I am,' revealed to us many truths not heretofore dreamed of."

As to our own meeting the following:
"Received an invitation to be present at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada to be held in Brockville, February 27th. Had already started when word was received that the railroads were tied up with a severe snow storm and I had to return home.

"Massachusetts. With other distinguished guests we were received by the Grand Master and each extended words of welcome and cheer that will live throughout the years.

"In my observations, while I was being schooled in the Capitular work, I discovered that Grand Chapter has been so efficiently organized by my worthy predecessors, that all your Grand High Priest needs to do is to climb into the driver's seat and guide the Organization to the accomplishment of its purpose."

He suggested a change in Masonic dress:—

"I am firmly convinced that the wearing of crowns has outlived its usefulness."

And speaks of indifference in membership.

As to "Frozen Assets of Friendship" he says:—

"During the past few years many of our banking institutions have closed their doors, with the statement that their assets were frozen.

"My portfolio of friendship has been enlarged by coming in contact with those who were to become new friends. If we all can increase our friendships, we shall add to our assets of life. Do not let your friendship assets become frozen assets."

The Committee on Correspondence divides the work, Canada falling as usual to the friendly attention of John M. Core, P.G.H.P., an old friend.

This from Arizona Review:—

"M.E. Companion James R. Malott reports, 'while a number of joint meetings were held, it was my privilege to get in touch with and visit the membership of every Chapter.

"We find our present day life top-heavy with numerous organizations demanding an undue amount of work and attention from the few who devote their attention to fraternal community work."

This from British Columbia Review:—

"The story must be told as fully as possible if it is to have effect in becoming informative to the readers, and those jurisdictions which fail in this way may readily be forgotten.

"The Book of Proceedings indicates an existence and is the best advertisement the organization can secure."

Canada 1934 is well reviewed. The absence of Pennsylvania's Representative is noted. As to Dispensations we read his comments as follows:—

"It really seems to an outsider that the Dispensing power of the Grand Z. is used entirely too freely, and for many things which might be much better left to the by-laws and constitution. For instance we do not think that attendance on Divine worship is so rare a thing among the Companions of Canada as to require a Dispensation therefor. Changing the date and hour of meeting of a subordinate Chapter, by Dispensation, it seems to us leads only to confusion. After Grand Chapter adopts or approves a set of by-laws, that is the law, and we very much doubt the right of a Grand Z. to change it."
Other remarks are:—

"The superintendents of the 17 districts made comprehensive reports. They are surely of much interest.

The Committee on Capitular Masonry, in which Companion Gardiner says in his closing:

"Finally may we express the opinion that the Royal Craft within our boundaries is buoyantly riding the stormy seas.

"No grant was over $100.00 and none under $40.00."

"Of our Review he kindly, generously and encouragingly says:—

"The real Prince of correspondents. We know, for we have followed him these many years. He has been at once our delight and despair. No review of his work can do it justice, and no one can read it without supreme satisfaction.

"If any of the Companions wish to see what a correspondence report should be, let them read this. They are priceless."

Under District of Columbia:—

"Every High Priest before taking office is installed in that manner, and only Past High Priests who have received the Order of High Priesthood are permitted to be present.

"There is no answer to the statement which I made. Washington is largely supported by taxpayers of the country at large."

From General Grand Chapter Review:—

"When all is summed up and an inventory taken we can say 'we are here', 'we have survived and will continue.' Masonry has passed successfully through vastly more trying times . . . To-day, self glorification in beautiful and massive Temples, but plastered with defaulted bonds held by those who had been taught that 'Masonry never defaults on its obligations' . . . is an object lesson on smug comfort of self.

"Could not Royal Arch Masonry benefit by more specific attention to some definite welfare work among those under its present membership?"

This from the Idaho Review:—

"Are we discouraged? Not any. Believe in God, fear no man and go after the infidels."

New York gives food for thought:—

"The Correspondence Report of M.E. Companion George E. Briggs is again unapproachable and beyond imitating by any of the Reviewers in the Perennial Parade. There are no other entries in his class. For Versatility, Vocabulary, diction and completeness it is unsurpassed.

"Companion Briggs leads—all others follow. Would that 'round and round the Oval Room' might some time be a reality.

"Why not an 'Association of Reviewers?'"

QUEBEC

Charles O'Neill, Grand Z.
W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

The Fifty-eighth Convocation was held in Montreal 27th of March, 1935. Seven Past Grand Z.'s (including our own C. W. Haentschel) were honoured in the Grand East.
Duncan McLellan duly represented Canada.

From the comprehensive address of the Grand First Principal we make the following extracts:—

"Normalcy will return in due season and the shouldering of additional burdens, when necessary and it is possible for us to do so, may hasten return to prosperity.

"There are necessary preliminaries to achievement, so let us one and all close our hearts to fear and pessimism and open them to confidence and faith. That way lies our salvation, both as individuals and collectively.

"Their labours added something to the richness of human life.

"Loyalty to Grand Chapter and faith in Capitular Masonry were universal. My personal attitude in the matter of these visitations is favourable.

"This Grand Chapter was ably represented by the Grand 2nd Principal and the Grand Scribe E., and we are indebted to them for undertaking it. The principle of Companionship and friendly interest in the activity of others is in conformity with the teachings of our Order.

"Impressed with the amount of sterling character contained within the rank and fyle of our institution.

"Companions, I close with the exhortation from the Book of Common Prayer to 'So Let Your Light Shine Before Men That They Will See Your Good Works.'"

The Grand Scribe E. presented his fifteenth annual report showing a total membership of 3,148, net decrease 154. The revenue, however, showed a decrease of $73.70 only.

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, M.E. Companion F. E. Woodruff, and Canada (Most Excellent Companions G. L. Gardiner and K. J. Dunstan), were severally introduced and welcomed and during the course of the session expressed fraternal good will.

The Committee on the State of the Order reported:—

"A closer attention to duty and more co-operation on the part of all concerned might have assisted materially.

"In conclusion may we say that we are impressed with the evident loyalty of those who have stuck by the ship through the stormy times."

Grand First Principal O'Neill was re-elected.

The late Edward B. Brown, K.C., of Toronto, was the Grand Representative of Quebec. His death we deeply deplore. He was in every sense a Mason and a man.

W.J. Edwards, P.G.Z., ably presents the review on Foreign Correspondence, saying in his foreword:—

"For the fifth time it has been my privilege to discharge this task, which is indeed one of absorbing interest. I sincerely hope that something of the inspiration, as well as information, gained by the perusal of the sayings and writings of so many distinguished Masons may be found helpful by those who read this Report."

The British Columbia reviewer receives worthy praise:—
"Correspondence prepared with care, enriched with many beautiful quotations both of poetry and prose, and, we would add, adorned by the photos of Grand Representatives.

In California this gem:—
"Royal Arch Masonry should live to help, and help man to live. It has heart values that are paramount. It exalts the thought."

Canada in Brockville is reviewed in friendly fashion. He lists our distinguished guests, including Companions O’Neill and Williamson from Quebec. He cites from the address of welcome something worthy of re-production:—

"In this town and district are to be found the oldest Chapter, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, at Kingston; the oldest Sunday School in Canada, the First Presbyterian in Brockville; the oldest Orange Lodge; the oldest Odd Fellows’ Lodge and the third oldest Masonic Lodge on the present register of Grand Lodge."

He says that Grand Z. Haentschel delivered some sage advice.

He speaks of the exceedingly fine and comprehensive report of Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner, and says that this reviewer supplied an interesting and instructive description of the happenings of sister Grand Jurisdictions.

In the Colorado Review we read:—
"It is my observation that active work is a paramount requisite. The best remedy yet discovered is individual, personal work. Giving them work to do will increase their interest and develop ability."

This from Delaware:—
"My parting message is ‘Be up and doing’. It is time to stop using the depression as an alibi."

"WALK
Boldly and wisely in that light thou hast;
Hhere is a hand above will help thee on."

This from the Georgia Review:—
"He has met every problem with characteristic caution and solved them with profound wisdom and economic judgment."

Massachusetts gives this opportunity:—
"What we are to-day, what we will become to-morrow, is guided and influenced by our association as we travel, and our present is the product of a past reaching back into the unknown."

"IT IS FOR US TO KEEP THE FAITH."
"There are some things beyond the gift of gold,
A Richer Treasure needed now and then.
Some things life needs which are not bought or sold,
The high occasion often calls for men.
Some for relief from service give their pelf,
But he gives most who freely gives himself."

Saskatchewan always furnishes meat for comment and we read:—
"On the inside of the cover is found a short article on the people of Saskatchewan, whose census report reveals there are more than three
dozen different origins. These people brought their creative national characteristics and are contributing their share in the building of a finer and better Canada.”

**QUEENSLAND**

R. N. F. Quinn, First Grand Principal.
J. A. Fraser, Deputy First Grand Principal.
R. W. T. Kendrick, G.S.E.
The regular Bi-ennial Convocation met at Brisbane, 4th April, 1934.

The Armorial Bearings of Grand Chapter, with their elaborate detail of symbolism, is printed on the cover, and the motto “Nil Nisi Clavis Deest” is striking.

The First Grand Principal is Director of Public Works of Queensland and had to leave for the northern part of the State.

Under Obituary the following verses:

“Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light
Still travelling downward from the sky,
Shine on our mortal sight.

“So when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.”

References are made to the Royal Arch, to the Lodge and Council and Cryptic Council together.

The Deputy First Principal said:

“Wondai is in the midst of a very fertile and prosperous district, where things are moving forward fairly rapidly, and there is every reason to hope and believe that the future of the Royal Arch Chapter in that centre is assured.

“I consider it a very deplorable state of things indeed that so many of our Chapters should be behind in the rendering of their returns.

“It is indeed deplorable that so many of our Chapters are ‘not playing the game.’”

Canada was duly represented by J. C. Knox.

The address of First Grand Principal Quinn (who is also noted as 33°) is interesting:

“Surely, in a world divided by every imaginable discord, and torn by strife, we have a right to rejoice in a fellowship which is at once free, fraternal and refining. In the knowledge that they have with us an identity of interests, aims and ideals, the practice of which will make this world a better place for freemen to live, and where the spirit of goodwill will flourish and be glorified, we give them welcome.

“If correct, all is well; if not, we have the power to amend. In all and every circumstance Unity and Concord must prevail.”
"Discipline—knowledge and truth.
Continue to respect chastity, straight dealing and co-operation for the common welfare.
Utilized in the cause of Liberty, Justice, Peace and Goodwill.
Practice sincerity, industry, charity, reverence for sacred things, and the application of the Golden Rule.
Live as though to-morrow you may pass hence; Work as though you have here an abiding city.
Our Temple—not made with hands—rises slowly—composed of thoughts—hopes—prayers—dreams, and good actions—directed by Truth, cemented by the love of God, irradiated by service and loyalty to one another; its builders a league of noble men, bound together in the radiant enterprise of working out in time and love the will and purpose of the T.A.L.G.M.H."

The Grand Inspector of Workings said:—
"It is gratifying to report that our Country Chapters have made good progress, and as it is a natural tendency in this State that continued prosperity in the country usually follows with a similar state of affairs in the city—let us hope that this will eventuate."

First Grand Principal Quinn was re-elected.
Fees of Honor are scheduled according to office.

A notice of motion to the following effect was introduced:—
"Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Queensland recently formed from Lodges under the English jurisdiction coming forward as candidates for exaltation in Chapters under this Constitution shall be recognised as fully qualified Mark Master Masons and their certificates as such accepted."

In the keen discussion it was said:—
"I feel that the Committee are also inspired with these same ideals, and trust they will withdraw their objections and let us work for that love, peace and harmony which we all desire.
That newly formed Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons by an accredited Representative.
Your motion is nothing more nor less than Recognition. Recognition of a body who has not asked for it; who as a matter of fact, has not communicated with this Grand Chapter either before or after their formation."

J. Boyd is the Grand Representative of Queensland.

SAKATCHEWAN

E. J. Coster, Grand Z.
F. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E.

From the biography of the Grand Z. we learn that he was born of Cornish parents, and this tribute is paid to him:—
"He is one of the most zealous and indefatigable workers in the Royal Craft. Although he left England when quite young, he brought with him as a legacy from his ancestors some of John Bull's dogged persistency and this characteristic, coupled with the training in the hardships he passed through in his pioneering days (hardships unknown to the present
generation), undoubtedly carried him over the many difficulties pertaining to his year of office."

The Twelfth Convocation was held in Saskatoon, February 27, 1935.

Eight Past Grand Z.'s were honoured.
His Honour Judge Wylie acknowledged the kindly welcome extended to Grand Chapter.
Grand Z. Irwin, of Manitoba, was accorded Grand Honours. Canada's Grand Representative was not present.

From the address of the Grand Z. we make the following excerpts:—

"While some of us may consider we are badly used, there is none in this beautiful temple to-day but has much for which to thank our Heavenly Father.
"I greet and welcome you to this Convocation in this thriving City of Saskatoon, the site of which, when I first arrived, was only a bare plain, without a single building.
"It is being held twelve years since we separated from the Mother who reared us, and while we were not strong to start with, our Mother Grand Chapter gave us a good send-off. It is encouraging that we are still holding steady.
"It is with deep thankfulness that we note that there have been no breaks in our official family through death during the past year."

Why single them out?
"Companions who have been keeping their Chapters alive through the years of depression are being heartened, and now see the reward of their faithfulness. Many Companions travel thirty miles and more to attend their Chapter meetings. I concluded, therefore, that the only way I could meet my Companions was to go to them. It was then that I realized the vast area of this jurisdiction. I have visited each Chapter in this jurisdiction during the past year, and some of them twice. I attended the Grand Chapter of Alberta, of Manitoba, and of Michigan. In 1938 your Grand First Principal shall hold office for two years instead of one.
"I tried, repeatedly, to convince our membership of the advantages of intervisitadon whenever possible, exemplifying the floor work on each other's candidates, installing officers jointly, and in other ways mingling with each other. Encourage the Chapters on each side of the boundaries to visit each other. Let us not be self-contained; we are all one big family, anyway.
"Across the line, nearly every Grand Chapter has some plan for the betterment or care of its members, its widows and children, or mankind in general. I ask you, Companions, what are we doing?"

Alfred F. Webster of Toronto is the Grand Representative of Saskatchewan.

In one of the District Reports we note the expressive term that one of the Chapters has "fallen from grace".

Greetings from Edwin Smith and A. F. Webster were read:
The Grand Scribe E. said in his report:—

"We miss some old faces and we greet new ones. It is a pleasure to be with you and to serve you. Conditions make difficulties for us all. 
“This is a good province to live in. We think we have difficulties, but if we read about what is going on in other portions of the world, we should be contented.”

Membership 2,090. Net loss 119.

Rev. J. A. McKenzie gave a very inspiring address on “Essentials”, which he listed as Equilibrium, Liberty, World Consciousness and Cheerfulness.

The Committee on Capitular Masonry said:—

“The Spirit of Fraternalism and Brotherhood is better than usual, and there is an earnest effort being made by officers.

“Harmony, good-will, enthusiasm and a desire to serve characterize these reports and may be accepted as the keynote of the year’s activity.

“As the Prime Minister of Canada said in New York a few days ago: ‘We have been fortunate, whatever may be the cause of our comparative well-being. We thank Divine Providence for it—and go forward with humility and gratitude to reap the harvest of prosperity which we believe, is being prepared for us.’

“Blessings very often come disguised as calamities.”

This from the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead:—

“Add thereto the hope that the Great Physician will, in His own good time and in His own incomparable way, heal the wounds of those who mourn.

From the Report on Education and Research the following:—

“After browsing around in several fields, we decided to send out to each of the Constituent Chapters a series of pamphlets issued by the educational Bureau of the General Grand Chapter of U.S.A.

Judge E. R. Wylie was elected Grand Z.

The Grand Z. of Alberta and Mayor of Calgary thanked the Companions for the welcome extended.

Arthur S. Gorrell is the Grand Representative of Canada.

Papers prepared by Companions on Education and Research included one on the Ancient Mysteries from which we make the following interesting extracts:—

“Evidence of customs now prevailing by no means proves that they are of very old standing. If the ceremonial of the Craft to a certain extent finds parallel in the present day observances of the sectaries of Mount Lebanon, the Druses and Ansarceyl, the Begtaschi of Turkey, the Yesidis of Armenia and Asia Minor, then it is possible to believe that these sectaries adopted some of the practices of the Freemasons.

“At the same time, what has been called ‘the doctrine of chance coincidences,’ may possibly be held to apply in some of these cases, and certainly would appear to account for most of the stories related of so-called ‘Masonic Signs’ having been exchanged.

“Going then to the records we possess of the earliest historic times in China, I find clear evidence of the existence of a mystic faith expressed in allegorical form, and illustrated as with us by symbols.
"The hierarchy of this religion were distinguished by the symbolic jewels held by them during their term of office, and, as with us, at the rites of their religion they wore leather aprons, such as have come down to us, marked with the insignia of their rank. I find in the earliest works which have come down to us—the compasses and square used as the symbol of right conduct. The ancient names by which the Deity is spoken of in China is that of the First Builder, or as Masons say, the 'Great Architect.'

"Sir Charles Warren, in his review of Military Lodges, points out that in the Army, Masonry banishes class and even rank distinctions, without in the least endangering discipline, quoting instances where even non-commissioned officers have controlled Lodges in which superior officers were sitting as ordinary members.

"Count D'Alviclla says there are cases exactly parallel in the Mithraic Mysteries under the Old Romans.

"There was a third rank or degree called disciple or companion, in which there was a still closer union. Those who were admitted to this highest grade received a threefold rule for the conduct of their life:—Love of God, of Virtue, and of Mankind—and they were bound by a solemn oath to practice charity, maintain truth and to conceal the secrets of the society."

Francis B. Reilly presents the able Foreign Correspondence Report and says in his Prologue:—

"Some reviewers object to the word 'foreign.' We like it. We like to wander in the great 'out of doors' and as we pass along, if we are permitted, to enter the doors of other lodges.

"Loss of membership. It seems to be a hardy annual; it may not be such a bad weed after all.

"Urges the Masonic fraternity to redouble its zeal and devotion to the cause of the rehabilitation of their crippled public school system throughout the land."

This from the Review of British Columbia:—

"From the great teachings of the Old Testament Bards on down through the ages Masonry has not identified itself with particular systems of reform. Such a system could not exist merely to teach men the symbolic meaning of a few Builders' Tools. Behind all movements, as St. Paul says, are 'Keepers and Stewards of the Mysteries.' By training good citizens it influences public life."

This from California:—

"Ritualistic perfection is essential to successful Chapter activity. It is a means to an end, and the vital factor in all Chapter work is the interest of the individual Companion."

Canada at Brockville is well reviewed. He speaks of the many visitations of Grand Z. Haentschel, and repeats, as so many Reviewers do, his admonition "please take your Capitular work seriously".

The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry is praised and this extract was taken therefrom:—

"A reduction in man-power does not of necessity mean a lessening of the usefulness of the organization. On the contrary, it merely suggests
a further distribution of labour among those who remain. We may increase the burden.

"Wm. N. Ponton, the veteran reviewer, again presents the review, curtailed a little from that of former years. He is very generous of space to Saskatchewan. To commemorate their 75th Anniversary they publish a booklet giving a short historical sketch, with portraits and biographies of all the Grand Z.'s from organization to the present."

Under Delaware the following:—

"Use talent where you can find it, but don't fail to make your own members work. Make talks brief, but plan something different and social for each meeting."

This from England:—

"A Master Mason had to wait twelve months until he could receive the R.A. Degree. This was shortened to four weeks in 1893. Each Chapter is attached to a lodge and this has frequently caused friction with other Grand Chapters, as with Canada and Quebec, years ago. But these differences have been cleared up."

This from Iowa:—

"To-day we are menaced by a foe more insidious, more baffling, and more dangerous to our future than any from without, and that is the apathy and indifference within our own Order. Thought all Chapters might well ponder."

A touch from Scotland:—

"Several of the office-bearers are far more familiar with Gaelic than they are with English. The First Degree was exceedingly well worked, and afterwards we had the most pleasant harmony at the hotel. But the point I wish to make is that there you have equally the spirit of Masonry. It is not confined to Temples made with hands, magnificent though they may be, but the principle of Scottish Masonry is built up in these humble Lodges and humble Chapters, where the members have the spirit of Masonry at heart."

In the inside page of the cover we find one of Bliss Carman's fine poems, "A Mirage of the Plains", from which we quote two verses:—

"As I stood on the bank of the river that runs by Saskatoon,
I saw the incredible happen in the sober light of noon.

I looked out over the prairie as far as the eye could see,
And never a stone as big as your hand, and never the sign of a tree;
Only the golden stubble with the first light snow between,
In the fairy light of a primal world where beauty first was seen.

And over the whispering snowdrift a clear-off voice said,
'No man shall injure his neighbour, and none shall make you afraid.
Lo, I am with you always unto the end of the world.'
Then, as the vision faded, the sails of the clouds were furled.

"And there, all round about me, real in the noonday sun,
Stood Houses of Learning and Beauty—the vision's fulfilment begun."
SCOTLAND

Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal.
Major-General McLachlan, Depute First Grand Principal.
Peter MacAuslan and William Rennie respectively Second and Third Grand Principals.
George A. Howell, Grand Scribe E.

Then follow pages of Office Bearers embracing such well known names as Conquergood, Moncreiff, Nisbet, Turnbull, Gibb, Constable and Watson.


W. J. Armstrong, Toronto, represents Sister Grand Councils.

The Grand Superintendents of South Africa, India, New South Wales, New Zealand and other widely scattered divisions of the globe are recorded.

No. 1 Chapter is Edinburgh, No. 2 Stirling Rock, No. 3 Enoch, Montrose. The last Chapter No. recorded is 679 of Beirut, First Principal Khairallah, Second Principal Robert Urquhart, Third Principal Haddad.

The Royal Arch Chapters under Scotland in the Eastern Mediterranean at Aden, Alexandria, Jaffa and Port Said; in the Western Mediterranean at Gibraltar, Malta and Tangier, Districts which are at present the centres of the world’s anxious thoughts.

Quarterly Convocation at Edinburgh, 21st June, 1935.

Obituary notices were read (the Companions remaining upstanding) regarding M. Ex. Companions Sime, Carter and MacVey.

Apologies for absence were read. This is a courtesy never neglected in Scotland.

Some minor changes in the Constitution were passed and gratuitous affiliation is prohibited.

The Supreme Committee held its quarterly meeting 6th September, 1935.

The Grand Superintendents reported.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Frank E. Harrison, Jr., G.H.P.
Joseph E. Hart, Acting G.H.P.
O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual was held in Columbia, April 17, 1935.

Canada was duly represented by William W. Wannamaker. Nine Past Grand High Priests were present doing duty. Membership 2,218. Net loss 361. The G.H.P. was unable to attend on account of illness of his mother. From his suggestive address to the Royal Craft of the old Palmetto State we take the following:—

"There are still obstacles to overcome, difficult tasks to confront, perplexing problems to solve.

"There is an interesting relation between the great republic and the great fraternity. They have enjoyed prosperity and suffered adversity together for more than a century and a half. Our institution is not one that thrives upon the misfortunes of others. When economic hardship and financial depression affect the welfare of the Nation, we may expect a corresponding effect upon our Ancient Brotherhood.

"There is much in life, even in the absence of all the luxuries, many of the comforts, and some of the necessities.

"‘These are the times that try men’s souls.’ But why shouldn’t men’s souls be tested? How, otherwise, shall we know the mettle, the good faith, the ultimate worth of a soul? And if an omniscient and merciful God pleases, we shall yet come out of this awful ordeal with dross consumed and gold refined.”

Among his decisions the following:—

"The petitioner in the case presented is not a Royal Arch Mason at all. His standing is that of a Master Mason, and having ended his membership in the spurious and unlawful degree-peddling agency, he is now entitled to apply to your Chapter, as a Master Mason, for the degrees, which it is obvious that he has never received. It would be entirely improper and un-Masonic for your Chapter to try to remedy a situation like this by an attempt to ‘heal’ an unwary brother who has been fleeced by the counterfeit organization.”

"The Grand Lodge Constitution provides that there cannot be an election to fill a vacancy in either of the three principal offices of a Lodge,—so long as one of the three survives. So you may not elect or install the successor of High Priest, King or Scribe, so long as one of the three survives, but must fill the vacancy by pro tempore appointments from time to time. It is also clear that an installed officer can neither resign his office nor demit from his Chapter.

"A Companion erased from the roll for non-payment of dues has no lawful right to visit a Chapter. Therefore he could not serve as acting Secretary. There would be no objection to his acting as assistant to the Secretary in the clerical work, provided that work was not done in open Chapter.”

This from his conclusion:—

"Youthful and inexperienced, you took me from the ranks of the brotherhood, and conferred upon me honour, dignity and responsibility. I have tried to wear the ring and wield the gavel for the glory of God and the service of the brotherhood.

“I shall build my house anew,
   With sturdier roof and walls and floor,
A fairer dwelling and more true
Than served my soul before.

"This masonry of little worth,
These rooms unfit for His degree.
The cheap penates on my hearth
I cannot let Him see."

From the In Memoriam of the late M. Ex. Comp. Harmon
we take the following striking thoughts:—

"He was devoid of narrowness and had no sympathy for the crazy
fanatic or frenzied bigot. He had no patience with sham, make-believe
or hypocrisy. His mind was open to all truth whether old or new.

"But above and beyond his intellectual gifts and his enthusiastic ser-
vice, his capacity for friendship endeared him to his friends. It is a
plant that thrives and flourishes in a soil and atmosphere of sincerity
and unselfishness. Friendship will not grow in the midst of self-seeking
vanity and egotism. The road of life is marked by wrecked friendships.

"His sense of fun and humor made him a most charming and fasci-
cinating companion. His humor was not cutting or injurious but harm-
less and sympathetic towards the weaknesses and foibles of men. His
conversation was never tedious or tiring but always fresh and interesting.

"George Harmon had an unusual mind. His powers of recollection
were extraordinary. He was able to quote, instantly, long passages from
the undeniable masterpieces, that is to say, from 'the greatest books of
mankind.' He recited the ritual and the scripture lessons entirely from
memory."

Edward H. Pinkney was elected G.H.P.
James B. Little, of Trenton, is the Grand Representative
of South Carolina.
Henry Collins is the Fraternal Correspondent.
We regret that Canada is not included in his Reviews, which
are able.

Under Alabama we read:—

"The Committee on 'Masonry and American Citizenship' point to the
public schools as a stabilizing institution and as the cornerstone of our
progressive civilization."

This from British Columbia:—

"Other hope there is none, save in the spirit of friendship and fair-
ness, of democracy and the fellowship of man with man. Surely, Com-
panions, the way of Masonic is wise. . .

A point from California:—

"A resolution was adopted urging the passage of legislation by the
Senate and Congress tending to curb the activities of the Communist
Party."

This from the Review of England:—

"We regret that the proceedings from England and Scotland are so
brief that it is practically impossible to gather intelligible information from
them. They list those present, those who have died, charters granted,
removal of Chapters, tell you they had an address but seldom include it.
We hope they are good. We believe they are. But we want to read them."

This from the Kansas Review:—

"Masonry cannot afford to needlessly lose a worthy Companion; neither can it afford to retain an unworthy one."

A touch from North Carolina:—

"The hacked look of defeatism is not prevalent or epidemic. Men have come to realize that there is really a place for Royal Arch Masonry in their lives."

Oregon gives food for thought:—

"We think we know what M.W. Brother Scott had in mind, and we do not wish to take issue, except to say that individual liberty may become a most damnable curse to civilization when followed as it has been followed by certain individuals and groups of individuals in this and other countries. The highest individual liberty we know of is that liberty which makes an individual sacrifice personal privileges for the common good. Either can be carried to extreme."

SOUTH DAKOTA

Roger K. Humphries, Grand High Priest.
George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.
The Forty-fifth Convocation met in Sioux Falls, June 14, 1934.

Officials from Minnesota were welcomed.
Fifteen Past G.H.P.'s were welcomed with Grand Honours.

From the address of the G.H.P the following:—

"As ever near us though unseen
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is Life—there is no dead.

"A most difficult one for Masonry in this jurisdiction, the economic condition of our country and particularly our own state being still on the downward path. Probably no other jurisdiction has been called upon to face such trying conditions as have existed in our own during the last two years. The extreme drought, coupled with the terrific dust storms and the Egyptian plague of old—grasshoppers, have all but ruined a vast section of the most fertile part of the state. Many of our Companions have lost everything and so many are unable to pay their Masonic dues that I think it wise to deal most leniently.

"Leaflets entitled 'A Word to Master Masons' and 'Why a Royal Arch Mason' were left with each Chapter visited and they were urged to make use of the questionnaires.

"This Grand Chapter has also purchased a number of copies of the book entitled 'Light From the Sanctuary of the Royal Arch' for presentation to the Royal Arch Masons at the time of their Exaltation.

"The matter of concurrent jurisdiction between this Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, over applicants for the Chapter degrees, residing in Wyoming but at points nearer or more convenient to Chapters located in South Dakota, was taken up by the Grand Chapter of Wyoming."
"As we do not have the funds to keep a lecturer in the field, I wish to recommend that the state be divided into districts."

The Grand Master was received.
L. M. Simons duly represented Canada.
The Committee on Necrology reported:

"Man is a seeker, an adventurer. Aware of his God-likeness, a Mason is never content with signs or symbols, secrets or sentiment. As deep as his soul and as far-flung as his thoughts, a Mason becomes a co-creator in linking life here with life to come.

"Death is not an end; it is a beginning. As childhood is the dawn of youth, and as youth is a dawn of a man's wisdom, so Masonry assures us that physical death is but the dawn of spiritual life.

"The child is often fearful and cries out with pain, afraid sometimes of the tasks and responsibilities of youth and manhood. But the child finds youth is good; youth finds that manhood is better, and immortality shall be revealed to us as best of all."

Roger S. Brown was elected G.H.P.

From the In Memoriam pages this verse:

"Death, I will have the last word
In our argument.
Thou hast not heard
The still, small voice
From heaven sent
That makes my heart rejoice,
When thou shalt chant a requiem
Over my grave,
I will be brave
And sing an exultant hymn.
When my body lies under the sod
And your last word is said,
I will say: 'I live with God;
Only my body is dead.
The husk alone is thine;
The kernel is divine'."

And this from the memorial pages to their own dead:

"Men buy and sell by faith; the forges burn,
The drays are laden, countless mill-wheels turn,
Great ships are chartered, trains run to and fro;
Though faith directs them all, they scarcely know
This spirit of the life of every day.
Will she desert them when they seek to pray?

"A day, a single day, if faith were dead,
No field were sown, no oven fired for bread.
Faith is the hand-maid in a toiler's guise
Of all the world of workers. To tired eyes
With solace she appears at close of day
To lift their burdens when they seek to pray."
William Downing, of Kitchener, is the Grand Representative of South Dakota.
The Grand Council of High Priesthood held a successful meeting.

TENNESSEE

Maurice L. Hester, Grand High Priest.
Thomas Earl Doss, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Sixth Annual was held in Nashville, January 28, 1935.
Twelve Past Grand High Priests honoured.
Grand visitors from General Grand Chapter, Indiana, Missouri, Virginia, Mississippi and Nebraska were welcomed.
The G.H.P. says in his address:

"As we give thanks for the privilege of meeting here again, may we have faith in the wisdom, power, and goodness of the God of our fathers.
"If Masonry, as taught and practiced by the founders of this country, is to survive and continue to hold the admiration of the world, we as individual members must continue with that fervency and zeal with which we have worked while facing so many difficulties.
"I ruled that he was not entitled to serve as High Priest during the time of his suspension from his Blue Lodge.
"Much of the activity of our Chapters this year was the result of the visits made at the proper time by Companion Doss.
"I visited all the Chapters in the State.
"If the line officers will arrange for reunions at convenient places, and select teams with care, each Chapter in the State can have work next year, and the new Companions will understand and appreciate the degrees. If the reunion plan is properly developed, we will have active Chapters and enthusiastic Companions.
"Furnish them with a list of the names of the boys and girls who have completed their work at the Home, giving the education and training of each boy and girl, and this committee endeavour to have the Subordinate Chapters secure employment for these boys and girls."

The Educational Committee reported:

"We see the need of more personal work, by interested and well-informed Masons."

W. H. Blackwell was elected G.H.P.
John H. C. Woodward, of London, is the Grand Representative of Tennessee.
W. H. Goodloe is the Grand Representative of Canada and was duly present.
The Memorial to the late Grand Chaplain Walters closes with this verse:

"As day to night replies; as light to shade,
As summer to rough winter; death to life—
Death not a closing but an opening door,
A deeper life, a prophecy fulfilled."
The Capitular Review by J. L. Walker commences with that of the General Grand Chapter, from which we take the following:

"Kansas was at her best in honour of her own distinguished Companion Neilson.

"The meeting and banquet of 'The Guild' comprising the Grand Secretaries and Grand Reviewers was an interesting affair.

"Three Grand Chapters, i.e., Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia, do not pay allegiance to the General Grand Chapter."

California always gives ample material:

"Royal Arch Masonry should live to help, and help man to live. It has heart values that are paramount. It exalts the thought.

"How shall we get Comp. William T. Paullin's views on questions of vital importance to the Royal Craft except through his Reviews?"

Canada at Brockville was briefly reviewed. We quote:

"With beautiful words the Grand Z. tells of his work in the interest of Capitular Masonry in Canada.

"Reports of Grand Superintendents give an encouraging picture of the condition of the Craft in Canada, apparently they have everything needed: enthusiasm, finances, and a spirit to work; so we predict a bright future for Canada. The Review is truly an example of excellence. It is written by Comp. Ponton."

This from the District of Columbia:

"Masonry's work is the proper presentation of its truths to those who seek them—however small the number. The transmutation into the general hands of God."

This from the Review of England:

"It is good to see efficient work recognized.

"They to take a Past Rank after five years service.

"We are glad to see Capitular Masonry spreading to the four corners of the earth. Petitions for fifteen new Chapters received."

We make this extract from the Massachusetts Review:

"It is interesting to note that four hours and thirty-six minutes were consumed in exemplifying the four degrees of Capitular Masonry. This scribe offers congratulations on this procedure. We should all be able to do the work, but some are not."

From Saskatchewan our colleague quotes:

"Men took on a multiplicity of Masonic connections yesterday without much exploration of what these connections really meant or could do for them. In this they were simply acting in conformity with the spirit of a reckless day, but that day has passed, and may not return in this generation. Be that as it may, life's stern necessities are curtailing men's activities."

This from Scotland:

"There are very few cities to be compared with Edinburgh. Edinburgh thoroughly understands that, but has forgotten about it. Edinburgh is not conceited. She may be insolent with the quiet unconscious insolence of a city whose superiority has been so long unchallenged in essentials, and whose excellence is so often hymned, that she has even forgotten to talk about it or think about it—she only lives it. But if one must admit so much, behind all her coldness there is the warm, pulsating heart of a
great generosity, and much of her coldness is the disguise of her shyness."

From West Virginia the following:—

"The mythical Goddess, Pandora, bequeathed to mankind the heritage of Hope—The last to leave when eyes grow dim and life fades into the unknown.

His conclusion is interesting:—

"It is truly an inspiration to read the sayings and writings of so many distinguished Masons—intellectual giants—who are giving so freely of the best they have that the flag of Capitular Masonry shall not be trampled in the dust, but shall hold its place among the other agencies making contributions to the aid of humanity.

"Bring about better conditions—to rebuild the House of the Lord.

"While we recognize the evils approaching, we have ceased to worry over our 'delirium trimmings' and are beginning to guard and nurture all that we have left.

"Companions, we have earned to-morrow; let's use it to promote the welfare of the Royal Craft."

TEXAS

J. Lee Zumwalt, Grand High Priest.
T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.

Special Convocation held at Arlington, October 3, 1934, dedicating the Home for aged Masons.

A musical programme by School Orchestra was enjoyed.

Grand Orator Looney delivered a thoughtful address on "Old Age and Its Associate Virtue, Friendship." He speaks of the philosophy of old age, and other ideals, as follows:—

"At such a time as when my living becomes a burden, a weight to myself or to my family or to friends.

"Physical weakness is not peculiar to the old.

"This inevitable decline of physical strength may be more happily met and somewhat countered by assuming a cheerful and courageous attitude toward such a time of natural physical inability.

"Let my strength uphold thee
As thine own strength fails,
As the way grows steeper
And the night prevails.
Drink thou of my wine—
Lo! the cup I bring thee
Holds a draught divine.

"The aged despise dependence. They feel a sense of unhappiness because they must withdraw from active service. But the aged retain their memory and reasoning power if only they keep their minds active and fully employed. Immortality is a racial urge as well as an individual urge.

"For the journey is done and the summit attained,
And the barriers fall.
Though a battle's to fight ere the guerdon be gained,
The reward of it all.
I was ever a fighter, so—one fight more,
The best and the last!
“The aged need not lack a pleasant living so long as the mind is whole, so long as the heart is true.

“But what can be more comforting to the aged than that repose which is to be found in the assurance of the mutual good will of a friend?

“Men find in such relations a satisfaction in the enduring principle of friendship toward one another. Thus has come this beautiful haven for the aged companions and brethren.

“Therefore I summon age
To grant youth’s heritage
Life’s struggle having so far reached its term;
Thence shall I pass, approved
A man.”

A portrait of G.G.H.P. O’Hara adorns the Proceedings.

The whole Transactions of the Eighty-fifth Annual held in Waco, December 3, 1934, prepared by the Department of Printing of the Masonic Home and School of Texas, Fort Worth, do infinite credit to the boys and girls thus trained.

Distinguished visitors from Indiana, Missouri, Colorado, Mexico, Oklahoma, and G.G.H.P. O’Hara were honoured.

Greetings were received from our own Edwin Smith. Canada was duly represented by E. R. Glover.

From the able address of the G.H.P. we take the following:—

“Labour so wisely and well and contribute towards the perpetuity of our noble fraternity of which they were leaders and members. May we be blessed with some share of the wisdom and devotion they so abundantly possessed.

“I tried to visit Chapters where dispensations had been granted and by so doing assure them my desire to assist.”

He attended the Order of the Rainbow meeting.

Other remarks are:—

“It was a special pleasure to grant dispensations when so many Chapters were about to demise.

“I regard the Home as one of the greatest institutions in this State and of Masonic service or work it ranks above all others.

“I ruled that post-dated checks could not be received and that remittance should be made of one-half of the fees.

“Under the Grand Lodge Laws the Secretary can not resign and these laws governed the case.

“I am not in favour of the Grand Chapter placing any further restrictions upon its power to legislate and I can see no good reason for such restriction.”

He made many recommendations, 37 in all, showing careful study of present problems.

He thus closes:—

“I wish health, happiness and length of days, and that you may devote yourselves to a life consistent.

The following is part of the preamble to a Resolution referred to the Committee:—
"Greetings to and felicitate Holland Lodge, No. 1, A.F. & A.M., of Houston, Texas, on the fact that on a day in March, 1835, in a small grove of wild peach and laurel, fit and happy emblem of the noble and glorious purpose they had in view, was held the first formal meeting of Masons in Texas."

Present membership 30,293. 274 Chapters.

Grand Orator Looney delivered an address on "Some Thoughts on Speculative Masonry", saying:—

"Yes, many such hundreds joined the craft to satisfy a yearning to become known among their fellows as a select individual, to satisfy a pride to be pointed out among men as one worthy of a peculiar mark of preference.

"Mere secrecy, mere pride in ceremonial beauty, mere satisfaction of attainment of place among a select group are not sufficient causes for his fealty. But we may even find a more basic reason for men of all ages to set up some sort of mystic institution to give expression to his innermost emotions and urges. This is his innate sense of and belief in God.

"The two positive and fundamental fraternities of the world: the Church and Masonry; the one a distinctive and more informal religious institution which carries out its tenets and symbolism openly before all men and offers to whomsoever will a haven of worship and a philosophy of divine life which concern the salvation of the soul and its future existence; the latter as specific but a more formal divine institution that through a definite, systematic series of formulae, symbols, and ceremonies, set up under strict rule and secrecy, offers a philosophy of life which embodies a system of morals relating to right and wrong in human conduct together with the abiding hope of the eternal destiny of the soul only to him who may, under a careful scrutiny as to physical fitness, moral integrity, mental soundness, and belief in a Supreme Being, be accepted as worthily fit and duly qualified to learn, to profit, and to enlarge his life under the teachings of the fraternity.

"These two foundation fraternities are in no wise conflicting, rather supportive each of the other, each having its own place in the scheme of human relations, each becoming when thoroughly understood an indomitable power in the affairs of men.

"Three are characteristic possessions of man; three of God; and one representative in its peculiar form and beauty of that perfected structure which man and God are together building.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?—If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and follow after faithfulness.
A man's goings are established of the Lord;
For the Lord upholdeth him with His hand
I have been young, and now am old;
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth;
Time's wheel runs back or stops. Potter and Clay endure.

"Lofty designs must close in like effects:
Loftily lying,
Leave him—still loftier than the world suspects,
Living and dying.
"You in your work over there in your printing plant, are doing a wonderful work there in fitting those young men to go out and hold down responsible positions, and I learned in the talk this evening how you are providing positions for your graduates from your school. I don't know of anything more constructive."

The G.H.P. of Missouri said:

"'Place our children in barracks to be raised by the State! The Masonic Fraternity cannot be unconcerned about such a threat, and neither can we be unconcerned about the threat of dictatorial power.

'Our job is not complete with the birth of a nation; our job can never be complete until every enemy of the sacred institutions of America has been crushed, and chiefest among those enemies is communism, and wherever and whenever we see it, it becomes our sacred duty to strike it, whether it be found in the pulpit, as it sometimes is, under a guise of religion; whether it be found in the school, as it sometimes is, strike the ugly thing, and strike to kill (applause).

'You can't find the Master's Word in the dictionary, my Companions. It isn't there. The Master's Word is Eternal Truth.

'Mother, this is no place for you. Go on home. I will be there directly.' But this wise mother said, 'Any place that is good enough for my son, is good enough for me. I will stay here until you are ready to go home, and then we will go home together.' Pretty soon the young man arose, took his mother by the arm and said, 'Come on, Mother, let's go home.'"

The Grand Representative of Mexico said:

"'Now, as to the future. Not very bright. No more foreigners are allowed in the Republic of Mexico. You may go there on a visit. It is a good law, and we should have more such laws in the United States. I approve of it. Mexico for the Mexicans.

'Brethren here in Texas, in Missouri, California, and the other border States, and until the last drop is in the candle, or the wick of the candle has burned out, that light shall burn, and if it does die, it shall die a natural death, and not because we are afraid to live.'"

G.G.H.P. O'Hara said:

"'Telegram for O'Hara! Telegram for O'Hara!' Quicker than you ever heard a retort from the bleachers of a baseball diamond came this: 'Wrong ball, take it to the K. of C.'

'When I was a boy—and many of you the same—we were to be seen and not heard. Now, the scene has shifted, and the old folks are to be seen, often very touchingly, and not heard.

'Not long ago I heard this narrative: Three young mothers, members of the same bridge club, were in the habit of taking their babies with them to the club. Upon their arrival, they would leave their babies in their cars or on a divan or settee, or whatever it might be, put them to sleep and the game would start. Of course, you know such games are not noiseless. On one occasion, the noise awakened the babies and one of them, looking at another, said, 'Say, brother, I'm getting tired of this stuff, being trundled out every afternoon and laid down on a big chair or divan, and when I make any kick about it, they come over and poke a bottle into my mouth and put me to sleep again. What do you think about it?' 'Well,' the other one said, 'I have had about the same thoughts. I have, however, one more grievance than you. In addition to what they do to you, they make me take enough orange juice every day to float in.'
The third one had said nothing, so they looked at him and said, 'Well, have you anything to say, Sport?' He said, 'Well, yes, I am sure I would rather be a bottle baby.' 'Why?' they asked him, and he said, 'Well, my kick is that when I am getting my dinner, I have to hang on like the devil with one hand and brush cigarette ashes out of my eyes with the other.'

'Now, we give you your final warning. You must get together and unite this church if it is to be saved.'

'The two old deacons went out to confer and one of them said to the other, 'Well, brother, you see how it is; one or the other of us has got to give in, and being as how I can't, you will have to.'

'Let there be peace and harmony, Companions; no word of disrespect for any other branch of Masonry, and nothing but love for all!'

'Speed up, speed up, speed up!'

'The ancient Master's Word is not a polyglot, but in and of itself is an entity alone and without equal. The one and only dogma of Freemasonry is a belief in God and the immortality of the soul.

'And thus the symbolism of the Temple is on an equal plane with that of the Cross.

'Recall these words of Solomon's prayer: 'Behold, Heaven and the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain Thee. How much less this house which I have built for Thee!'

'Remember that emotion and sentiment in the cause of Freemasonry govern my heart as they do yours, and that 'Tis the heart and not the brain, that to the highest doth attain; and he who follows love's behest, far excelleth all the rest.'

'And clasp our hands in friendliness. Our thoughts would pleasantly agree, If I knew you and you knew me.'

Comp. Nelson Williams said:—

'I believe that the spontaneous answer to these questions should be, because it is the spontaneous response of eevry human heart to the aspirations of fraternal fellowship, the fundamental stone.

'Arm in arm point out to man the means of acquiring human happiness below and eternal happiness in the world to come; they don't know that Freemasonry does not seek to usurp the field of the church, or offer itself as a substitute for the church; that it leaves to the church the higher and more sacred commission of pointing out to man the way of eternal life, and contents itself to aid religion in her divine work by teaching fraternal fellowship, opening up the fountains of men's souls to a higher realization of life, and to a clearer conception of the divine teaching of charity and brotherly love.

'I never believed much in perpetual motion, but I have learned since I came to Texas that there is a spring, a sort of main spring, that can be put into an instrument, and that it runs on perpetually, and they tell me they call it, 'The Tom Bartley Spring' (laughter).

'I read the pledge, that if, perchance, a time shall come
When dire misfortune or distress shall be my lot;
My sky of hope by somber clouds be overcast,
And faith grow faint within me, you will most freely give
To me and mine your love and words of true encouragement.
And so, dear friends, my heart, responsive to this pledge, now speaks,
And bids me greet you all as 'My Beloved.'
The Committee on Necrology state:—
“What of the future? No one can say emphatically, I know; but Masonry, in concord with the church, gives hope.”

The Chairman of Foreign Correspondence receives $400 annually and well earns it.

Thirteen P.G.H.P.’s buttressed the Grand East.

Canada’s Grand Representative did not respond to Roll Call.

George W. Clampitt was elected G.H.P.

The late lamented E. T. Malone, K.C., was the Grand Representative of Texas. The present Representative is Wilbert L. Stewart, of London.

S. J. Helm again with all his personal characteristics establishes contact at once under the Capitular Review. From his introduction we quote:—

“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord.”

“I am glad to say unto you, Companions, that there is a noticeable tendency among Grand Chapters this year to say, let us go into the House of Masonry.

“Masonic ideals have, now and then, been given precedence over Treasurers’ reports; the loyal, zealous Companion Royal Arch Mason has received a bit of attention. There is a gradual concession that the fundamentals of Masonry mean more than the pittance of dues which can be expected only in times of prosperity, when least needed.

“A Mason, above all men, should realize that the cement, which holds Luncheon Clubs together, is a Masonic product. When a Rotarian attends his Club, always at a convenient hour, he knows that he will meet . . . who will he meet? That is the secret which Masonic bodies have forgotten in lust for money and members. He will meet picked men, one or two from each profession, trade or avocation, men who have been selected as the best in each particular line. Quadruple the membership of Luncheon Clubs and they would begin to decay; quadruple again and they would be ruined.

“When none but genuine Masons are met in the meetings, all genuine Masons will want to be present every time possible.

“Heartily approving the upward trend, this review will join St. Matthew in the statement that the last shall be first and the first last, so we start at the bottom and work up, just as every Masonic body on earth will have to do.”

The Reviews are in reverse order, commencing with Wyoming.

Each Review is a piece of literature in itself. Under New York we read:—

“Grand Chaplain Broughton delivered an address on ‘Words to Underline.’ What are the big words in life? Grand Chaplain gives particular attention to that big, little word ‘if.’ He calls upon us to meet the challenge of the times with a Strong Mind, a Stout Heart and an Unspoiled Disposition.
"Review is the seventh make-up of Geo. E. Briggs and as usual, he
criss cross Euripides and socks it to Socrates ,using quotations from every-
body from Paradise Lost to the Chambermaid’s Journal, giving his wife a
headache when she types what he has scrawled off in longhand; he
admits it. Perhaps, his chirography as well as quotations super-induces
eye-strain, resulting in headache.

"Briggs is ag'in what he calls ‘Masonic trailers.’"

Canada for 1934 is briefly but satisfactorily reviewed. He
summarizes Grand Z. Haentschel’s address with its historical
and geographical reference as follows:—

"Being Grand Z. in Canada is such an easy job that the incumbent took
on the leadership of Knights Templar also, the Templar domain extending
from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In the latter work, he went as far west
and north as Dawson City in the Klondike, a 13-days journey from his
home, and visited the Chapter there, being the first Grand Z. to do this
during the twenty-seven years of the Chapter’s existence. Of the visit, he
says: ‘Their loyalty knew no bounds, and their fealty to this Grand
Chapter was given an impetus, which I feel will continue for many years.’
Klondike Chapter was twelve years old when Grand Chapter of British
Columbia was organized. It seems to me that the best interests of
Capitular Masonry in the Klondike would have been served if Grand Z.
had advised the Chapter to ask British Columbia to look after it, but
remote control may be the desire of both Yukon and Canada.

"Twenty-nine Dispensations to change date and hour of stated convo-
cations would, of course, be unlawful here.”

He speaks of the urging of the Grand Z. for substantial
grants.

As to our Review he generously says:—

"Another great review by Comp. Ponton. Texas is honoured with
three pages, three characteristic Ponton pages, which means that nothing
is overlooked and everything is served in literary style."

Under Alabama Review we read:—

"To bring out the thought that a Grand Chapter’s endorsement means,
or should mean, something; its endorsement on a note would mean some-
thing ,and its endorsement of anything should.

"Recognition of a new Grand Chapter is endorsement of it to the
world, supposedly after a careful examination of its pedigree.

"The regularity of the Chapters themselves, and the regularity of the
action in organizing the Grand Chapter are gone into thoroughly, if an
honest and competent committee is handling the matter, and recognition
is not given unless that committee reports regularity in every respect and
the ability of the new organization to govern its jurisdiction in a manner
becoming the Fraternity.”

"If ever a Grand Chapter gave the sign of distress, New South Wales
did. Have you observed any truly Masonic response to it?”

**VIRGINIA**

Ollie C. Hope, Grand High Priest.
James M. Clift, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation convened in Richmond, October 23, 1934, in solemn form.

The entire Proceedings are the result of the work and skill of the Masonic Home Press Print. We congratulate the boys and girls who have chosen this vocation.

Distinguished visitors from District of Columbia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, South Carolina, Pennsylvania and General G.H.P. O'Hara honoured Virginia with their presence. Each was called upon, the Representative of New Jersey saying:—

"Our Royal Craft is not just an organization local to New Jersey, but a great Universal Institution whose teachings appeal to the good and great of the manhood of the Old Dominion State as it does to the manhood of New Jersey.

"It matters not what the mechanics by which the solution is accomplished, solve them we will and our great Institution will go on and continue to aid and solace all who pass the veils.

"I am not at all in accord with those who hold that the 'purging' through which we are passing is good for us."

Twelve P.G.H.P.'s were presented.

Canada was duly represented by Arthur L. Mattern.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

"If a Chapter does not have at least six meetings in the year that the High Priest shall not have the honour of the title of Past High Priest.

"No organization is stronger than the membership that compose it, so if we are to succeed we must get our membership interested. One of the great crimes which shorten life is indifference.

"Don't put off the fun of doing things for other people. It is a life renewing habit. The spirit of a man needs exercise as much as the muscles.

"Lord help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers shall be for—others.

"Grand Treasurer has turned over $1,000.00 to the Educational Committee this year.

"They have sacrificed their time from their businesses to see that your children are taken care of in the best manner possible from the standpoint of health, food, housing, and education. We have at the Home at this time two hundred and twenty-five children.

"Did you waste the day or lose it, was it well or poorly spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent? As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say, 'You have earned one more to-morrow by the work you did to-day'?

"It is a God-given privilege, and I will wish for no greater reward from the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth, when my time is come."

Membership 13,191. Net loss 1,422.

The Memorial Loan Fund Committee reported:—
"We wish to report that we have awarded the Hubard Memorial Scholarship at the Virginia Military Institute to Cadet Zimmerman, for the third consecutive year."

Delamater Davis was elected G.H.P.

Dr. W. J. McCollum, of Toronto, was the Grand Representative of Virginia. We lament his passing.

This from the Memorial to the late G.H.P. Bloomberg:—
"Ability and character and never the fruit of eager self-seeking; these honours he bore with modesty and poise of the surety of inner power."

E. Fenno Heath, P.G.H.P., presents his Eighth Review and gives an interesting introduction:—
"Masonic workers and writers little in evidence in recent years. Younger men have appeared in leadership roles, and their services as a whole have been meritorious.

"It takes more than a single swallow to make a summer, but it is a relief to be able to report one, just one, new Chapter instituted in the United States, Wisconsin.

"Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing to do, in America.

"Several Grand High Priests studied the stagnated Grand Representative situation, with resultant extensive changes in personnel, and numerous notable increases in attendance at Grand Chapter, by those worthies.

"Will not fee reduction encourage a repetition of the cycle which has been so much deplored?"

From the Review of Alberta:—
"During the past three years many copestones, which we fancied were solid foundation-stones of our present economic structure and modern civilization, have been removed and we have descended."

Canada at London receives favourable attention:—
"Virginia not represented.

"Granted 123 dispensations, nineteen of them permitting attendance on Divine Service. Forbade wearing Royal Arch Regalia at Divine Service in conjunction with a Craft Lodge, it being a Craft function.

"Companion about to be suspended for n. p. d., though not notified to that effect, could vote legally.

"District Deputies were optimistic as to the future.

"It was voted to confine the Annual Convocation to two days, instead of three, and reduce per diem from $6.00 to $5.00; new budget contemplated $2,550 for benevolence.

"In his best style Companion Ponton contributed fact, comment and quotation from fifty-four Proceedings."

Under England the following:—
"Twenty new Chapters were chartered; two Chapters attained their 100th birthday and were allowed to issue centenary jewels to members."

From the Maryland Review:—
"Help in your daily lives, for solace in time of trouble, from the true Companionship to be found in your Chapter Rooms."

From the Oregon Review the following:—
"A complete questionnaire was adopted for use of committees examining visitors."

This from Washington:—

"Mother is the world’s most precious possession. She is God’s noblest handiwork. Without her the human race must long ago have perished forever. Nurtured by her tender and loving care it still lives, and is striving to emulate the Master."

WASHINGTON

Albert P. Ryan, Grand High Priest.
Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary.

The Fifty-first Annual was convened in Vancouver, 16th May, 1935.

A fine array of eighteen Past Grand High Priests were greeted by the Companions.
Robert L. McCroskey duly represented Canada.
The G.H.P.’s of Idaho and Oregon were welcomed.
General G.H.P. O’Hara wrote to the Grand Chapter pointing out the great distances and length of time travelled in order to reach the three Grand Jurisdictions on the Pacific Coast at different times.

A letter was read from the Grand Z. of British Columbia.

146 Companions were called during the year to their reward.

"I consider at this time when there are so many things that have come in our every-day life to draw us away from our Masonic Ideals, that the opportunity for our advancement is greater than ever before, and if we will stand firm and work hard to keep things going, we will go forward."

Under Visitations he wrote:—

"I accepted an invitation from Grand Z. of British Columbia, extended to myself and the officers of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter and companions of Washington.

"I requested the King County Chapters to arrange this meeting, which they did in a very creditable manner. A boat was chartered and more than 400 companions and their ladies made the trip. The boat left Seattle at 1.30 p.m. The weather was delightful and a more successful and enjoyable trip could not have been possible."

He took great delight in instituting a new Chapter in Spokane.

The financial situation was not encouraging:—

"November 28th, the Grand Chapter funds were exhausted. No money to pay outstanding warrants. I reported the following to Grand Secretary. Regarding borrowing money I do not find any provision in the chapter code for such action in an emergency like this, but in Grand Lodge Proceeding, with the approval of majority of the Committee on Finance and the Grand Master, money may be borrowed to meet emergencies. So I instructed the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to
proceed in a legal manner and I would approve same. So the necessary money was borrowed until returns were in in March."


An address was given by M.E. Comp. VanPatten which was full of information. He was “pinch hitting” for another and did it admirably:—

"Julius Caesar dead and turned to clay
Might stop a hole to keep the wind away.

"Although I do not intend to compare myself with Caesar, yet I find myself used as a stop-gap once more.

"The mind of man moves slowly in its advancement, and is prone to accept and reproduce ideas that have the sanctity of age. The student of history is continually finding old ideas revamped and handed down.

"Some time ago I was asked by a newly initiated companion, why it was that we did not use plain English to express our ideas rather than use so many symbols?

"I called his attention to the evident fact that even the letters of our alphabet were but the symbols of sounds, and that words were symbols of ideas, and that it was impossible for us to communicate with each other without the use of symbols.

"It is evident to the student that, before articulate speech could have been born, men must have used signs and gestures to impart their knowledge.

"By interpretation of the hieroglyphics men have learned to read a partial history of the past, and it is from this history that we are enabled to understand whence have come some of our more easily understood symbols.

"This crude weapon became a symbol of power, and eventually resulted in what we call a double-headed axe. In the course of time this axe would be recognized as a type or symbol of supernatural power, and hence became a symbol of God. Hence we find this very thing in the hieroglyphics of ancient Egypt, for the double-headed axe is found and interpreted as meaning God or when doubled it represented the Gods.

"While it may seem far fetched, yet we have the same symbol in the double-headed gavel used by our presiding officer, and its meaning is the same now as that it ages ago, namely power.

"As the Sun was worshipped as a God, and man wished to be near Him after death for the blessings which they might receive from Him, it was but another step for them to conceive of the soul of the dead going west also in order to get into the Boat of the Sun as it passed through Amenta, and to thus escape to their Heaven which lay about the North Star. However it was necessary for each individual to be examined.

"Another strange thing connected therewith was the names of these columns; they were called ‘Tat and Tatu’, and that meant strength and establishment, just as we have it to-day.

"Not only did the Egyptians image these pillars, but they set up twin columns or pylons at the entrance to their Temples, probably as a reminder to those who entered, that they should do so in spirit only.

"However the emblems used for the Jewel of the Grand High Priest are not only found in Egypt, but also in the emblems of Assyria and of Mexico, which makes us wonder the more at them.

"I wish to call your attention to a definition of a symbol, which I heard recently. It was said that, ‘A symbol is like a pane of glass through
which we may see objects far beyond. But that when the glass becomes obscured by dirt or grime, we can only see the glass’.

"How well this emphasizes the idea that the mere ritualist is likely to allow the pane to become so cluttered up with formality that very little of the real objects of Masonry can be seen.

"Companions, if we are to understand Masonry, we must strive to keep the glass clean and to look through it to what lies beyond."

The Committee on Obituaries reported:—

"May we all so employ our remaining span of life that we may, as the poet so aptly says, 'Go not like the galley slave scourged to his dungeon, but as he who wraps the draperies of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.'"

In the Memoriam to the late Grand Chaplain this thought:

"Out of the shadows he came and into the shadows he has gone, but his memory still lingers like the golden glow of a setting sun. His work while here was that of a true brother, giving aid and goodly counsel. Characteristic was his friendliness. He met all men on the level, and never talked cant to any one. He probably knew more people about Dayton than any man living there, because he was so beloved."

From another Memorial the following:—

"Each of us can so live and act to deserve the title of a man who did his best. Nothing but the best in him is proper and fit for the true Mason to give."

Lewis A. Bender was elected G.H.P.
Wesley C. Stone, Grand Correspondent, prepared a Review of the Proceedings of 46 Sister Jurisdictions.
Sidney S. Forbes, of Hamilton, is the Grand Representative of Washington.
The Order of High Priesthood held an interesting meeting.

WEST VIRGINIA

Robert S. Lemon, Grand High Priest.
G. M. Ford, Grand Secretary.
The Sixty-fourth Annual was held at Parkersburg, 8th October, 1934.
Many distinguished visitors were introduced and accorded Grand Honours. Among them from Ohio, Virginia, Indiana and the G.G.H.P.

On the occasion of the presentation of a Gavel made from wood from Mount Vernon G.G.H.P. O'Hara said:—

"The gavel, we are told, symbolizes many things. In Masonry not only is it a symbol of authority and power, it is a symbol of well regulated regard to purification and perfection of heart."

Comp. Gruen said:—

"Grand High Priest of West Virginia. He is a real fellow, a real
companion, true blue all the way through. Courtesy, I believe, is his middle name and his last name is Lemon.

"Companions, as I was driving over here and meeting myself going back a great deal of the time around these curves, I began to think about these grand old hills of Southern Pennsylvania and West Virginia. There is nothing sham about them.

"The symbols we understand are symbols of the real things in life. It is pure, and as we go out in the world we should be careful not to show ourselves as veneer Masons."

Comp. Pocock said:—

"I am really wondering if that is the only excuse for Royal Arch Masonry to perpetuate itself, by conferring the degrees on some one else. If we had no other reason for existence than conferring degrees, we have lived too long now."

This among the remarks of Comp. Hope:—

"It is well to know your members. We don’t know them well enough. I have asked many of our chapters, half sitting on one side and half on the other, How many on this side could call the names of those on the other side? It is not as Masonry should be.

"They should join for that touch by bringing each other together. The busy man usually has time for many things. When you are going to get people together and rub shoulders with them, they will want to come in. He doesn’t always need your financial help, but he needs your smile."

From the address of the G.H.P. we take the following:—

"The future of Masonry depends, not on the comparative few officers, but on the rank and file, who must shoulder the burden of responsibility.

"We know that their fate is secure. Masonry is inflexible as Fate, as exacting as Justice and as imperative as Destiny. Help us all to perform our duties—those who are left—that we may receive the Heavenly plaudit of Well done."

The Grand Secretary presented an interesting report:—

"During the year, we received a number of letters from our representatives near other Grand Chapters. These communications are very much appreciated, not only for the interest shown by the Companions, but a closer relationship is established between sister Grand Chapters, and it would be a great thing, if all representatives were to take their appointment seriously.

"When care is pressing you down a bit, REST—if you must, But do not QUIT."

Membership 9,556. Net loss 768.

This from the Report of the Education Committee:—

"Only one of the proposed three Lectures was sent out, viz., the one prepared by the Chairman on ‘The Half Shekel,’ covering one phase of the general ‘Symbolic and Mystic Capitular Masonry.’"

Walter O. Coover was elected G.H.P.

The General G.H.P. again spoke appealingly:—

"May He who doeth all things well, put it into your hearts, and may they uphold your hands in the Royal Arch affairs of this Jurisdiction."
"Upon it you will notice the circle and triple cross. No doubt you are familiar with its meaning. The circle being without end is symbolic of the Kingdom of Heaven and our Heavenly Father. The Triangle, not of Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence as much as it is of the triune God, the creative, the productive, and the preservative—Father, Mother, Offspring—all in one—a wonderful thought. That in the one man lies all that that is on earth and in heaven. Doubtless, the triple cross is most properly placed. It was always a mark of esteem given as a reward for meritorious service.

"The scarlet of the seal of fidelity. The yellow represents the golden chain of virtue which should bind each."

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were assembled.
Fred C. Steinbicker duly represented Canada.
This from the welcome they received:

"Always exhibit that Fraternal love which is given from one Mason—from one Masonic body—to another. You will do these things; if you do not you will not only grieve that body, but this as well.

"Tradition tells us that after the temple was completed the craft were declared free, and they were permitted to travel in foreign countries."

Committee on Necrology report:

"Hope never grows old. Good men and true are led by vision. Salvation is as young as it ever was. In strength it is as firm and as sound, facing its foes with militant enthusiasm."

By request Comp O'Hara made another inspiring speech:

"Wherever two or three or a few Masons are gathered together in the holy name of Freemasonry there I want to be. Despise not the day of small things, nor yet consider yourself small when you are earnestly engaged in the great cause of Freemasonry.

"These are days when everything has something to say about every-thing. Our eyes and ears are open, we are listening, listening. All of Masonry lies not in the ritual. I have come to realize that the ritual is a very important part. But after all it is just a primer, a beautiful introduction to the thing, to the philosophy which underlies Masonry. He who settles on the ritual becomes stale.

"In your journey through life, you are going to discover right along something you have cast aside on your pathway through life, something that was the keystone and foundation, something that would have been for the benefit of society. And so, young man, you will discover that you have presented—probably before you have reached the path of conservatism, you have discovered something.

Another great symbol in the degree is that of labour.
When we interpret the mark master's degree, which is the most practical in all Freemasonry, we are found in the full use of our knowledge in the execution of our work, and take the mark—and to the prospective Mason, that mark is character.

"What is a Masonic symbol? It is that which we use in Masonry to promote a spiritual thought—a proper thought—a moral or spiritual emotion. Have we discovered them, as we passed along? I doubt it.

"May I say to you that the temple of Solomon is the most highly instructive of any and all Masonic Symbols put together, because of the spiritual realization of that temple. It stood as a living proof brought down to us through the ages of such workers.
“Take out of Freemasonry the temple and the legends, and we have only a skeleton left. We have a structure and superstructure so weak it is bound to totter.

“It is needless to talk about the bee-hive. Without Royal Arch Masonry the story of Blue Lodge Masonry is, as I have said, a song half sung. My greatest loyalty is to it, because it put me in the road to find out the greatest influence that ever entered my life. Oftentimes a man of humble origin and limited education will become your truest friend.

“How many stand up and say, ‘I love my Royal Arch Masonry?’ Many times you hear a man say, ‘I love my Blue Lodge, my Commandery or my Scottish Rite Masonry.’ But have we brought real Royal Arch Masonry to say, ‘I love my Royal Arch Masonry?’ It is because you don’t understand it. Learn something about the symbols. The craft are told to go and find light. That will save your Royal Arch Masonry and all the rest of the things are only matters fleeting and casual.

“Masonic bodies are not a place to make bad men good. They are place to make good men better. In the Masonic rites there is truth, and in Masonic truth there is always and forever the imperishable.”

From the many Memorials recorded this:

“‘The meaning of death’

“The real truth is, dying does not make a void in the world, all are familiar with the scientific theory, that nothing physical can be destroyed.

“Though the warrior’s sun is set,
It’s light shall linger round us yet,
Bright, Radiant, blest.”

Alex. Cowan is the honoured Grand Representative of West Virginia.

From the Foreword to Fraternal Correspondence of G. M. Ford, whose portrait we are glad to see again, we take the following:

“Our travels around the world, in the reading of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters, one can discern a bright spot occasionally.

“The one outstanding bright spot was Utah, the only Grand Chapter that reported a gain.

“We believe we can see a rift in the clouds. There is a feeling of optimism.

“Of the proceedings we have covered this year (America), the net loss is 60,342, approximately 4,000 greater than last year. But with our large membership we should be able to wipe this out the coming year and start on the upgrade.

“The number that are on the side lines. These latter are the ones that must do the real work.

“If we will all put our shoulder to the wheel, we can make the wagon move forward.

“Come on, let’s go.”

This from the Review of Alabama:

“We doubt finding any Grand Chapter whose loss of membership will be as large a proportion as Alabama, which is 20 per cent.

This from California Review:

“If the Chapters are sound financially so will they be ritualistically.
“This feature of the proceedings is, we believe, of great interest to the Capitular world.”

Canada at Brockville is briefly but kindly reviewed:—

“M.E. Companion Alexander Cowan represented West Virginia, and is now Grand Z.

“Where are the teachings better for the uplifting of mankind, where are lessons better or more beautifully portrayed than in our lectures?

“An exhaustive report is rendered by the Committee on ‘Condition of the Craft’ and it is full of interest.

“The proceedings of 51 Grand Chapters are covered in his usual efficient manner.

“We note he ignores the suggestion that his portrait preface the reviews.”

WISCONSIN

Ward A. Rowbottom, Grand High Priest.
William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.

Prior to the opening of the Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation a musical entertainment was given by Comp. Clitheroe.

Convocation opened in the Royal Arch Degree in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Milwaukee, February 19, 1935.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests out of sixtten living were honoured.

Distinguished guests from Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan and the General Grand Secretary were welcomed.

The G.H.P. delivered an address full of fine thoughts and good records. We quote:—

“A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.

“I trust that you will carry back to your Companions a message of fidelity and zeal which will inspire all to adopt the slogan ‘PRESS ON,’ which has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

“There will be time after the first session for the making of new acquaintances and renewing old friendships.

“I urge all present at this Convocation to be present at this evening’s presentation of this marvelous, beautiful Capitular degree.

“While we show a loss in membership, to fight harder for the right, and boost rather than knock our wonderful Order.

“We need a real, constructive program which will cover a space of time much more than just one year. Grand Chapter can help but will, of their own accord, start the guns of education booming which will tear down the walls of discouragement and despair and build up in their place bulwarks of fidelity, zeal and accomplishment.

“Thirty-five thousand symbolic Masons in our Jurisdiction have not as yet received the Royal Arch, and then take into consideration the fact that the second Landmark of Symbolic Masonry specifically states that the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry include the Holy Royal Arch, there
is not much argument against the statement that we, as Chapter Masons, have been negligent or taking a vacation from our regular defined duties which are explained in one of our outstanding degrees—that we will dispense Light and Truth to our less informed brethren. The time has come. We are doing every Symbolic Mason a good deed when we explain to him that he, of necessity, must have the Capitular degrees to finish his course in Symbolic Masonry.

"There will emanate from that man the vital sparks of truth which will never perish. Pour out the power of Masonic Light.

Many of our Chapters have successfully solved this problem to the end that no Companion who desired to retain his membership has been deprived of it. In many instances this gesture of charity has brought back to the meetings many Companions who were thought to be lost to the Fraternity.

Where Chapters are lacking in attendance and enthusiasm, the real cause is lack of leadership. We have real leaders among our members. It is up to us to ferret them out; put them to work; then watch."

He is a great admirer of De Molay but gives both encouragement and warning. He says truly:—

"Companions who make up the various advisory boards of the De Molay Chapters sponsored by our Chapters are to be highly commended for having willingly given up much of their time and effort to this work; but, after all, this type of work tends to keep men from growing old because of their contact with youth, and that is pay enough for any man—if he can keep young in his mental attitude."

The Triple Tau Association work is appreciated.

Under Instruction we read:—

"I do not believe that the individual visitation should be entirely done away with because of the location of some of our Chapters.

"Abolishing the office of Grand Lecturer! My answer is emphatically NO, because he is, without doubt, the contact man between the Grand Chapter and the Chapters."

He speaks favourably of the Masonic Home, recommending the granting of $500 and urging that Grand Chapter take an active interest in some work without duplicating.

Of Music he well says:—

"Music is a much needed item in the proper proceeding of any Masonic body and therefore I recommend that we add to the list a Grand Organist."

Canada was faithfully represented by Elmer S. Owens.

The Committee on Problems, a suggestive title, present a striking Report, from which we take the following:—

“Our duly appointed committees made very little, if any, investigation, in other words we were as one with the Spirit of the World and of the times, 'GET THE MONEY.' We made many members and all too FEW Masons.

"Masonry must wake up to the fact that it has something worth while to offer. A beautiful rendition of the ritual is well and good but that is not the ALL of Masonry. It is the firm belief of your committee that the vast majority of our membership are sick and tired of ritual as such
and would welcome an explanation of symbolism, the deeper meaning, the so-called secrets, must be brought back to our membership. In the language of the street, all too long have we ‘kidded ourselves.’ The membership is hungry.

“We hear the cry for Leadership. Well and good, but recollect, Companions, a successful army is not made up of officers, there must be followers.”

Fred S. Thompson was elected G.H.P.

An unusual deliverance was that of the Committee on Necrology from which we cannot resist quoting:—

“We share confidence in the immortality of the soul as a fit climax to a creative work that has been ineffably beautiful and marvelous. In the hours of our clearer, stronger vision, when we are at our best intellectually and spiritually, we have our most assuring confidence in immortality, in the wonder and victory of personal permanence. We hold with Victor Hugo that ‘the tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight, opens on the dawn.

“But the truer life draws higher,
   Every Year;
   And its Morning-Star climbs higher,
   Every Year;
   Earth’s hold on us grows slighter,
   And the heavy burden lighter,
   And the Dawn Immortal brighter,
   Every Year.”

Membership 21,336. Net loss 1,460.

The three pamphlets handed to all members of Grand Chapter that were registered were “A Word to Master Masons,” by C. C Hunt; “The Necessity of the Royal Arch to the Master Mason,” by William F. Kuhn, and “Why a Royal Arch Mason?” issued by General Grand Chapter.

The Education Committee give details of interesting lectures presented and close their Report with the following:—

“Square, Triangle, Circle! These figures three
   Represent what you were, where you are and can be—
   A building in Time for Eternity!”

The address on De Molay on which apparently some members of Wisconsin specialize, is most interesting. We quote:—

“For the young man this period in his life is a stage of confusion—a casting about for a code of morals to help him in his conduct. Though a boy’s most intimate companions may be passing through the same stage, it is a time when each individual stands alone, striving to find in the maelstrom of human activities around him some secure and permanent set of values. It is the time when the church holds out its symbol but can only wait and pray; a time when the school can widen intellectual horizons to facilitate greater wisdom in choice but cannot participate actively; a time when parents watch with bated breath trying gently to guide, but being unable to furnish that security.”

$800 was paid for De Molay.
Addresses by distinguished guests are thus commented on:—

"We feel inspired always to have men of such high caliber with us. They bring to us of their best thought, backed by years of practical experience and a wealth of highest intellectual thought essential to the welfare and upbuilding of our Masonic Craft."

The Grand Chaplain made, as in so many Jurisdictions in the U.S.A. other Grand Chaplains make, a fine thought-inspiring talk, from which we quote:—

"It is an interesting fact that the advancing line of civilization in our new country, starting from the Atlantic coast line, did not plow straight ahead westward over mountains and valleys and seas, but followed the line of least natural resistance, advancing along the valleys and rivers.

"There's a legion that never was listed
That carries no colours nor crest,
But split in a thousand detachments
Is breaking the road for the rest.

"Have you at times wished you had some physical force that you could bring to bear on the hesitant and the unresponsive?

"A small boy asked his father, 'Dad, what is a Board of Education?' The father replied, 'In my day it was a large shingle.'

"Greater credit is due your leadership that, having good will alone to work with, you have achieved some of your objectives and have kept the holy light burning in your home Chapters.

"Your tasks have been important in setting forth our continuing faith in mankind. Albert Pike said, 'I know of nothing so odious in an old man as an ill opinion of human nature.' Tl is odious in young or old.

"In one of the European galleries there is an old Greek statue of Apollo, a beautiful study of physical perefection. Observers say it is interesting to watch the crowds. If any casual visitor stops and stands long enough before the statue almost invariably he begins to straighten his shoulders and stand erect."

Wisconsin's Grand Representative is W. J. Wadsworth, of Toronto.

The Foreign Correspondence is in the able hands of the Grand Secretary, William F. Weiler, who says in his Foreword:—

"More optimism prevails and we believe we have turned the corner toward better things. We look forward."

Canada at Brockville receives special and favourable attention. He quotes from the Grand Z's address and fully from Companion Gardiner's work on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, especially the verse:—

"Watchman, what of the night?
I see the morning light."

And the following sentence worthy of being reproduced:—

"We are hopeful that out of the vicissitudes shall rise a new generation of builders who, upon the ashes of the past, shall establish a new condition among men—a condition in which we trust generosity and kindness shall dispose of greed and selfishness."
With reference to our instruction and education he says:—
“We are learning that Masonry is more than a formula. In the adytum of our Masonic Creed there is revealed some portion of the eternal verities.
“Behind our Institution is a ‘divinity that shapes our ends’ and assists us to turn the rough ashlar into the finished stone.”
And adds that Wisconsin is well reviewed.
In the Review of Ohio we are pleased to read:—
“A man who is solicited, or high pressured into buying something that he later finds he did not want is no asset to either the commercial or the fraternal world.
“Certainly a very true statement and one which many of our membership are realizing more and more.”
He quotes from “The Parish Priest of Austerity” and gives a verse:—
“And in sermon and script he daily wrote
What he thought was sent from heaven.
And he dropped it down on the people’s heads
Two times one day in seven.”

The Reviewer strikes this note of warning under Tennessee:—
“In looking over their disbursements we wish to compliment them on not making their Masonry so cheap as some Jurisdictions. When we do ‘chisel’ down our expense to a point where the Grand Chapter cannot function properly, it is hardly consistent to expect satisfactory results.”

WYOMING

Walter B. Saunders, Grand High Priest.
Richard H. Repath, Grand Secretary.
The Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation was held in Buffalo, Wyoming, July 9, 1935.
The following is a brief extract from the sketch of the life of the G.H.P.:—
“He has served two terms in the lower House of the Legislature of Wyoming and is now serving his second term as State Senator. He was elected President Ad Interim of the Senate, and is undoubtedly in line for higher honours.”
Nine Past Grand High Priests were greeted in the Grand East.
Walter E. Mercer, the Grand First Principal of Alberta, was given a cordial welcome. He modestly deplored that he lacked the eloquence of his American cousins to express in appropriate language his appreciation of the reception tendered him, but at a later hour proved his worth was warrant for his welcome.
Canada was duly represented by Richard H. Repath, whose deceased brother is well remembered among us.
From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

"The friendly attention shown us by the Masonic Brethren and the citizens of this wonderful little city nestling in the valley under the lee of lovely Cloud's Peak, pointing her head skyward on the crest of, and resting like a majestic crown on the beautiful Big Horns, we meet to renew our faith in the Order we love and which has meant so much in the past to our forefathers and country, and our determination to carry on well the work so nobly done by the founders, that those who follow may look back on our labours with veneration and as much satisfaction as we now look on theirs.

"I wrote many personal letters to the officers of the various Chapters and visited them personally.

"All we in one long caravan
Are journeying since the world began;
We know not whither, but we know
Time guideth at the front, and all must go.

"It is not enough that we meet, transact the routine business, return home and wait a year to do the same thing over again. We should, if possible, not only do that, but in some way, try to get an inspiration, united inspiration, unity of thought, of purpose, and action. We should be so imbued with the idea ourselves that when we return to our respective Chapters, we will impart it like the transmission of a contagious disease to the membership. We must arouse the membership to the need of thought and action. We must have them realize that we cannot continually draw from this reservoir of good without its being replenished. We can not reap without we sow. Even if we sow, we can not hope to harvest bountifully unless we prepare the soil carefully and sow clean, fertile seed.

"Capitular Masonry to-day needs that kind of thought and action. It needs cultivation. Such weeds, as the thought of its being a mere stepping stone, should be eradicated.

"On the other hand, with a competent set of officers and a group of sincere members, a Master Mason is received and is given possession of their true word, he will go forth satisfied and pleased as having acquired something. A job well done, he goes forth as good seed and the Order will be rewarded accordingly in the harvest.

"No sooner do we cease to grow than we begin to decay. We either go forward or step backward.

"Companions, this work is worth while. It is doubly worth while, not only when honestly, unselfishly, and cheerfully given does it make for a better civilization, for better humanity, for a better nation, but the work itself makes us better men and better citizens for having done it.

"Let us do our work well,
Both the unseen and the seen;
Make the house where gods may dwell
Beautiful, entire, and clean.

"Build to-day, then, strong and sure.
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find its place."

Membership 1,884. Net loss 64.
Walter E. Mercer, Grand Z. of Alberta. "clad in the full Regalia of his high office, characteristic of Masonic Officials of the British Dominions, was an imposing figure." He made an impressive speech from which we take the following sentences and thoughts:—

"There is nothing that will so effectively increase the prestige of Masonry in the eyes of the world as the living witness to be found in every upright Mason.

"Companions, if the forming and cementing of friendships and the extension of fraternal intercourse were all that we have accomplished. But there is more, for we form an association of men, law-abiding, virtuous and patriotic, living and advocating those ideals which will ultimately restore world sanity and more equitable conditions.

"For, he has not served who gathers gold.  
Nor has he served whose life is told  
In selfish battles he has won,  
Or deeds of skill that he has done,  
But he has served who now and then  
Has helped along his fellow-men.

"Masonry is neither dead nor dying. Into the eternal soil of its spiritual principles it sends forth its roots, in the pure sunlight of Divine favour it spreads its branches, and by the co-operation of human effort and divine favour.

"The world needs to-day keener, better informed minds and more generous hearts than it has ever needed before. We are now paying the penalty for stupidity and unrestrained selfishness. We did not have sufficient self-restraint or courage to stop our headlong flight. To-day the world needs a man's mark upon his work, upon the structure that is being erected for future generations to guide and encourage them to press forward.

"The same may be said of the reward of the sojourner. Mystical literature abounds with the expression of this strange and satisfying experience which dawns on the spirit of the earnest seeker after truth and henceforth illuminates his life's course.

"Such is the reward hinted at times out of number. It sings out in two wonderful lines:

"Consume me in the ardour of Thy Flame  
And grant, O Lord, the Mystery of Thy Name."

The Committee on Necrology quote:—

"Heroic spirits! take your rest!  
Ye are richer; we are poorer,  
Yet, because ye have been with us,  
Life is manlier, Heaven surer."

Here was an interesting interlude. It would be hard to find a precedent or a successor to this cumulative circumstance:—

"Rising in his station, the distinguished Grand High Priest called in succession the names of 'Dan,' 'Don,' 'Harold,' and 'Robert,' and directed them to appear at the west of the Altar, and with visible pride introduced them as four of his sons who had attained the rank of Royal Arch
Masons, with more coming up. The thunderous applause following the introduction subsiding brought most of the membership to their feet with congratulatory remarks, some adding regrets that Mrs. Saunders could not be present to share in the ceremony.

"Arthur C. Jones, who, ever ready to point out the good deeds and accomplishments of others, had the temerity to suggest that if other members of the Craft would duplicate Companion Saunders' achievement the present decline in membership of the Order would be effectively checked. It is unnecessary to say that this was an opening too good to be overlooked and the expressed opinions were that Companion Jones should be the first to follow his own suggestion."

Henry G. Watson was elected G.H.P. It takes two pages to record the wonderful entertainment which the Companions enjoyed at Buffalo:

"The imposing new Masonic Temple recently erected is a fine monument to the optimism of the Masonic fraternity and the civic pride of the builders.

"Although taxing the capacity of the Inn, were all comfortably seated at a banquet quaintly described by Companion Mercer, our distinguished guest from Canada, as of 'excellent parts and well purveyed.'"

Howard E. Meadd, of Cornwall, is the Grand Representative of Wyoming.

The Report on Correspondence is for the eighth time in the capable hands of Henry G. Watson, now G.H.P. We quote from his introduction:

"The writer's eighth foray into the Capitular quarries for some well squared stones has been disappointing in many respects.

"Many a Grand High Priest has been inducted into office with resounding promises of what he hoped to do to improve conditions. A few have outlined programs. Generally the results have been the same.

"Utah, with only a few Chapters, was probably the ideal location for an intensive drive, which resulted in an increase in membership.

"A number of the jurisdictions clarified and simplified the procedure for consolidating Chapters.

The number of exaltations dropped off from 5,942 in 1933 to 4,571 in 1934; affiliations fell off from 4,035 to 3,417."

This from the Review of California:

"Wyoming showed the smallest percentage of loss, a mere 2.93%, as compared with an average for the United States of 8.03%. Wyoming is weathering the depression in rather good shape."

And this from Colorado:

"And here we are pleased to note a pleasing reference to Wyoming's Representative, Verne A. Lewis, for letters and kindly attention to one of their members while in a hospital here in Denver, and we will just add that such conduct on the part of Companion Lewis is not news to us —just a way he has of attending to duty."

We make this excerpt from Idaho:

"Are we discouraged? Not any. Believe in God, fear no man and go after the infidels."

Kansas Review gives us this:
"Masonry is a voluntary association, and the things for which we stand do not rest upon statutes or regulations. We have no law to say to what degree a man shall love his neighbour; to what extent he shall assist in the promotion of brotherhood."

A touch from Oregon:

"... I realized that Capitular Masonry is only a part—an important part it is true—but only a part of the great structure of Masonry.

"... I buckled on the armor of a crusader and went forth. I mean that metaphorically. What I actually did was to take a plug hat—or its stepbrother, an opera crush hat—the collar, apron and jewel of my office."

Under the British Columbia Review we read:

"An innovation was the inclusion in two or three reviews of the picture of the Grand Representative to British Columbia. It seems like a good idea and many Companions would doubtless like to know what the chap that represented them in some other Jurisdiction looked like."

Canada at Brockville is appreciatively Reviewed:

"Represented by Companion Howard E. Meadd, who has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion Edward J. Repath, a brother of our own Grand Secretary.

"As it was the first time in the twenty-seven years of Yukon's existence that it had received a visit from the Grand Z. the trip was doubtless well worth the time spent.

"Nearly a hundred dispensations were granted. Many of them, being to attend Divine Service or hold social functions, would not be required in Wyoming.

"The Review Section was again the work of that able reviewer, Companion Ponton, who provided over a hundred pages of most complete and enlightening summaries of the Grand Chapter Proceedings. It is preceded by a 'Topical Analytical Index.'

"Not the least interesting part of the History issued are the cuts of the Grand Z.'s, beginning with 1857, which illustrate the publication."

We close our Review by this quotation from Saskatchewan:

"Masonry is a human institution. Economic stability is an essential human necessity and presents problems to-day which cannot be ignored with impunity. Men require material blessings."