GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS


PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner ............................................ Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. William Y. Mills ............................................. Grand H. Grand
R. Ex. Comp. Sidney S. Forbes ............................................. Grand J. (Council

M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith .............................................. Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. John J. Gardiner ........................................... as Grand Scribe N.
Ex. Comp. Wm. Dryden ...................................................... as Grand Treasurer
Comp. J. T. Pearson ......................................................... as Grand Pr. Soj.
Comp. W. Humber ........................................................... as Grand Sr. Soj.
Comp. F. Lee ........................................................................... as Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Fred. G. Smith .............................................. as Grand Registrar
Ex. Comp. M. L. Perry ......................................................... as Grand D. of C.
Comp. D. C. Patterson ........................................................ as Grand Outer Guard
R. Ex. Comp. Andrew Walker .............................................. Grand Supt. Ottawa

Together with a large number of Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, the First, Second and Third Principals and Past Principals, of District No. 13, and many visitors from adjoining Districts.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 8.55 o'clock p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that this Especial Convocation of Grand Chapter had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the New Chapter Room of St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, G.R.C. Royal Arch Masons, at Smiths Falls, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10 o'clock P.M.

Grand Scribe E.
PROCEEDINGS

An Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Temple, Queens Avenue, in the City of London, Ontario, on Wednesday, the Twenty-Fourth Day of March, A.D. 1937, A. Inv. 2367

Present

M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith .................................................. as Grand Z. J
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills .................................................. as Grand H. J Council
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. L. Stewart .................................................. as Grand J. J
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Summers .............................................. as Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Harry J. McCallum ............................................ as Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Gilbert .................................................. as Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. John W. Plewes .................................................. as Grand Pr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. Chas. Crincklaw .............................................. as Grand Sr. Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. John W. Bradshaw ............................................ as Grand Jr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Tom Welch ..................................................... as Grand Registrar

R. Ex. Comp. Harry E. Livermore ......................................... as Asst. Grand D. of C.
R. Ex. Comp. Sam McCoy ..................................................... as Asst. Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. Harry E. Martyn ............................................. as Asst. Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. Harry E. Abell ................................................ as Asst. Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. John A. Atcheson ............................................ as Asst. Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. Wm. J. Douglas ............................................... as Grand Sword Bearer
V. Ex. Comp. John Green .................................................... as Grand Outer Guard
V. Ex. Comp. George Overton ................................................ as Grand Organist

Together with a very large number of the Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, the First, Second and Third Principals and Past Principals of Chapters of London District, No. 2, and many visitors from adjoining Districts.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was opened in due form at 8.50 p.m. when the acting Grand First Principal announced that this Especial Convocation of Grand Chapter had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room of St. John’s Chapter, No. 3; St. George’s Chapter, No. 5; London Chapter, No. 150; and The St. Andrew Chapter, No. 238, all meeting in the Red Room of the Masonic Temple, London, Ontario. He also expressed the regrets of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for his inability to be present and conveyed his felicitations to the London Capitular Masons.

The ceremony being concluded the acting Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.15 o’clock P.M.

Wm. E. Summers, P.G. Supt.,
Acting Grand Scribe E.
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONs OF CANADA
AT THE
SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL
CONVOCATION

A.D. 1937

A. Inv. 2467

HELD IN THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL
BALL ROOM CONVENTION HALL
Front Street
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th and 28th
A.D. 1937, A. Inv. 2467

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

WM. Y. MILLS,
Grand Z.
Kingston, Ontario

EDWIN SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.
London, Ontario
WILLIAM YOUNG MILLS, GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.

Most Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills, the fortieth to be installed into the office of Grand Z., of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, since its formation in 1857, was born at Kingston, Ontario, August 4th, 1881. He is of Irish extraction, his four grand parents having been born close to Belfast, Ireland, and coming to Canada in 1845. He received his education in private and public schools, Collegiate Institute and the Kingston Business College.

After serving a short apprenticeship with the dry goods trade, he entered the Hat and Manufacturing Fur business of George Mills & Company, which had been established by his father in 1878. He became head of the firm in 1914 upon the death of his father, and subsequently in 1932, erected a splendid stone building within the heart of Kingston's best retail section, where Mr. Mills continues the well-known and established firm.

His Masonic devotion has gained for him many honours, well deserved. He was initiated December 13th, 1906, in the Ancient St. John’s Lodge, No. 3, G.R.C., Kingston, of which lodge he is a life member and a Past Master; also a life member and Past First Principal Z., of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston; an honourary life member of the Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville; a Past Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District, No. 12; a life member and Past Preceptor of Hugh de Payens Premier Preceptory, No. 1, Kingston; Past Provincial Prior of the Kingston-Ottawa District, and a member of the Grand Council of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of the Ontario Provincial Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Western Jurisdiction of Canada; a member of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario; and a life member of Rameses Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. Prior to his election as Grand Third Principal in 1934, he had been elected annually to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for fifteen years.

The purchase of the Kingston Masonic Temple in 1923 gave Companion Mills a further duty, and he has served continuously on the Board of Trustees, being Chairman for two years.

In amateur sports he is particularly fond of hockey, having played with the Kingston Frontenacs in many cities in Canada.
MOST EX. COMP. WILLIAM YOUNG_MILLS
Kingston, Ontario
Grand Z.
and the United States. He is a member of the Cataraqui Golf and Country Club.

At the age of eighteen, he joined the 14th Regiment, Princess of Wales Own Rifles, as a private, and served in all ranks, being Gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel upon assuming command in 1916. During the Great War, he commanded the Regimental Guard in charge of war prisoners in Fort Henry; he also has received the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Decoration. Always giving generously of his energies to various civic activities he was elected a member of the City Council, a Past President of the Retail Merchants’ Association, and is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was the fourth President of the Kingston Kiwanis Club, being elected in 1925, and was one of their Charter members. In 1928, he was elected Governor of the Ontario-Quebec Maritime District of Kiwanis International.

From his boyhood days it can be seen that he has led an active, abundant life which gives to him many qualifications for leadership in the capacity of Grand First Principal. He is gifted with considerable ability both as an executive and as a speaker and ritualist.

He continues to be a bachelor, residing in the family homestead at 124 University Avenue, in full view of the splendid limestone buildings of Queen’s University.

—E. S.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS


PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner ........................ Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. William Y. Mills ............................ Grand H.
M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis ............................ Acting Grand J.

M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ................................ Grand Scribe E.
M. Ex. Comp. Colonel William N. Ponton ........................ Grand Historian
R. Ex. Comp. James Pickard .............................. Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Tom Welch ................................ Grand Principal Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. A. A. Kinghorn ............................ Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. T. C. James ................................. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies
Comp. W. Gordon .................................. Grand Organist
V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Murchison ................................ Grand Pursuant
V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Price ................................ Acting Grand Steward
R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Burgess ................................. Acting Grand Senior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. R. Shriner ................................ Acting Grand Junior Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy ............................ Acting Grand Lecturer
Ex. Comp. Charles H. Smart ............................. Grand Outer Guard

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. E. A. McCubbin ............................. St. Clair District No. 1
R. " " Reg. J. Cushman ..................................... London " " 2
R. " " Andrew H. Monteith ................................. Wilson " " 3
R. " " Thomas W. Rutherford .............................. Wellington " " 4
R. " " T. Russell Huxtable ................................ Hamilton " " 5
R. " " H. B. M. Tichborne ................................. Huron " " 6
R. " " F. F. Hays ........................................... Niagara " " 7
R. " " Fred. J. Johnson ..................................... Toronto East " " 8
R. " " F. C. Bendell ........................................ Georgian " " 9
R. " " R. C. Nugent ......................................... Ontario " " 10
R. " " G. B. Bedford ........................................ Prince Edward " " 11
R. " " William Root ......................................... St. Lawrence " " 12
R. " " Andrew Walker ....................................... Ottawa " " 13
R. " " A. A. Cameron, M.D. .............................. Algoma " " 14
R. " " E. L. Moore .......................................... New Ontario " " 15

PAST GRAND Z.'S.

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Seventy-Ninth 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 Organist, after which Comp. Rev. P. W. Lamb offered the invocation.

CIVIC ADDRESS OF WELCOME

R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, accompanied by the Director of Ceremonies, V. Ex. Comp. A. H. Kinghorn, introduced the representative of His Worship the Mayor, R. Ex. Comp. Controller Wm. Wadsworth, who extended to the delegates a Toronto Welcome. In his remarks he stated that the Mayor, Comp. W. Robbins, had left for England to represent the City of Toronto at the Coronation of His Majesty the King. He extended a very cordial welcome and greetings from the citizens of Toronto. He hoped that the deliberations would be beneficial to the Royal Craft.

The welcome was acknowledged by the Grand Z., who was very grateful to the Mayor in arranging for R. Ex. Comp. Wadsworth to be his deputy, being one of our own who had laboured in the quarries. He was sure that the visitors, and those who enjoyed the citizenship of Toronto appreciated the welcome accorded.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, Chairman of the Credential Committee of Representatives and Proxies from the Chapters, reported there were 158 Warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 142 were represented by the following:—

No. 1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.  

No. 2. The Hiram, Hamilton.  
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   Oliver Ellwood, P.Z. (Proxy).

No. 4.  St. Andrew and St. Johns, Toronto.
   Alex. Lawrence, Z.; H. B. Pickerell, H.; R. J. Gray, J.; R. Mc-
   Elhinney, W. G. Price, Geo. Slack, E. D. Grant, W. H. Price,
   S. R. A. Clement, L. G. Jackson, Geo. Garnett, V. L. Mutton,
   P.Z.'s.

No. 5.  St. George's, London.
   B. A. Mowles, Z.; R. J. Cushman, Edwin Smith, W. A. Hunter,
   H. J. McCallum, H. E. Abell, H. E. Livermore, E. W. G. Quantz,
   P.Z.'s.

No. 6.  St. John's, Hamilton.
   T. H. Hayhurst, Bert Stephenson, J. E. Grady, C. R. Lloyd, H.
   W. Hewitt, G. W. Britton, P.Z.'s.

No. 7.  The Moira, Belleville.
   H. S. McElrath, Z.; W. N. Ponton, V. H. Graves, W. C. Mikel,
   P.Z.'s.

No. 8.  King Solomon's, Toronto.
   W. H. King, Z.; A. Carwithen, H.; W. H. Hoare, Geo. McLeish,
   J. McAllister, Fred Johnston, E. W. Barber, F. Francis, A. L.
   Tinker, P.Z.'s.

No. 15.  Wawanosh, Sarnia.
   C. C. Clarke, Z.

No. 16.  Carleton, Ottawa.
   F. A. McDiarmid, Z.; F. G. Smith, J. P. Cordukes, P.Z.'s.


No. 19.  Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.
   Chas. Longhurst, Z.; Chas. Roberts, H.; Chas. M. Whitten, J.;

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

No. 22.  Grenville, Prescott.
   K. J. Dunstan, P.Z.

No. 23.  Ezra, Simcoe.
   W. G. Smith, Z.; E. Hind, P.Z.

   W. A. Wilson, P.Z.

No. 26.  St. Mark's, Trenton.
   N. M. Spragge (Proxy), F. Fairman, A. D. McIntyre, P.Z.'s.
No. 27.  
  Manitou, Collingwood.
  D. McIntyre, Z.; F. C. Bendel, A. W. Lawrence, C. P. Little, R. E. Robertson, P.Z.'s.

No. 28.  
  Pentalpha, Oshawa.
  A. R. H. Wilson, N. W. Purdy, P.Z.'s.

No. 29  
  McCallum, Dunnville.
  F. B. Goodwillie, H.

No. 30.  
  Huron, Goderich.
  C. MacDonald, Z.; N. Hill, H.; H. B. M. Tichborne, P.Z.

No. 31.  
  Prince Edward, Picton.
  H. B. Tully, Z.

No. 32.  
  Waterloo, Galt.

No. 34.  
  Signet, Barrie.

No. 35.  
  Keystone, Whitby.
  A. E. Kearney, H.; D. J. McGillivray, P.Z.

No. 36.  
  Corinthian, Peterboro.
  F. G. Mann, Z.

No. 37.  
  Victoria, Port Hope.
  G. T. Hancock, S. W. Haskill, Chas. Quick, C. S. Hambly, P.Z.'s.

No. 40.  
  Guelph, Guelph.

No. 41.  
  Harris, Ingersoll.
  A. W. Huntley, Z.

No. 44.  
  Mount Sinai, Napanee.
  E. Young, Z.

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

No. 46.  
  St. James, St. Marys.

No. 47.  
  Wellington, Chatham
  A. S. H. Cree, P.Z.
No. 48.  
  **St. John's, Cobourg.**  

No. 53.  
  **Bruce, Petrolia.**  
  H. D. Sherrin (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 54.  
  **Palestine, St. Thomas.**  
  K. Woodward, Z.; F. M. Bond, H. Roe, Jno. Fraser, W. C. Forbes,  

No. 55.  
  **Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake.**  
  E. H. Brennan (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 57.  
  **King Hiram, Port Colborne.**  
  R. Rivers, J. J. S. Allen, P.Z.

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

No. 59.  
  **Sussex, Brockville.**  
  W. C. Singleton, Z.; Wm. Root, P.Z.

No. 61.  
  **Granite, Almonte.**  
  F. G. Smith (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 62.  
  **York, Toronto.**  
  W. J. Cook, A. B. Dalby, H. G. askon, J. Brewster, S. H. B.  

No. 63.  
  **Havoclock, Kincardine.**  
  Val. Cottrill, Z.; O. J. Mooney, J. R. McKay, P. McCallum,  
  P.Z.'s.

No. 65.  
  **St. Paul's, Toronto.**  
  W. G. Currie, J.; W. S. M. Enouy, K. J. Dunstan, W. B. Milliken,  
  P.Z.'s.

No. 67.  
  **Enterprise, Palmerston.**  

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

No. 69.  
  **Grimsby, Grimsby.**  
  C. Gowland, Z.; C. W. F. Carpenter, D. Cloughley, L. A. Bromley,  
  P.Z.'s.

No. 72.  
  **Keystone, Stirling.**  
  E. A. Carleton, Z.; G. B. Bedford, T. W. Solmes, R. A. Patterson,  
  P.Z.'s.

No. 74.  
  **Beaver, Strathroy.**  
  O. G. Tremmer, Z.
No. 75.  
St. Clair, Milton.

No. 76.  
Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.

No. 77.  
Occident, Toronto.

No. 78.  
Minnewawa, Parkhill.

No. 79.  
Orient, Toronto.

No. 80.  
Ark, Windsor.
W. R. Bricker, E. A. McCubbin, P.Z.'s.

No. 81.  
Aylmer, Aylmer.
C. P. Horton, Z.; G. Stewart, C. A. Brooks, P.Z.'s.

No. 82.  
Shuniah, Port Arthur.
H. Dalzell, Z.

No. 83.  
Ionic, Orangeville.

No. 84.  
Lebonon, Wingham.

No. 88.  
MacNabb, Dresden.

No. 91.  
Antiquity, Toronto.
No. 94.  
Midland, Lindsay. 

No. 95.  
Tuscan, Sudbury. 

No. 100.  
St. Lawrence, Brockville. 
T. S. Young, Z.

No. 102.  
P. S. Jannison, Z.; F. W. Collotton, P.Z.

No. 103.  
St. John's, North Bay. 
R. P. C. McLeod, Z.; E. L. Moore, P.Z.

No. 104.  
White Oak, Oakville. 

N. 110.  
Warkworth, Warkworth. 

No. 113.  
Covenant, Cornwall. 
C. A. Markell, Z.; H. E. Meadd, P.Z.

No. 114.  
Bonnechere, Renfrew. 
H. W. Mayhew, Z.; Jno. Conley, P.Z.

No. 115.  
Brant, Paris. 

No. 116.  
Maple, Carleton Place. 
J. J. Gardiner (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 117.  
Kitchener, Kitchener. 
Wm. Downing (Proxy), W. G. Duench, A. C. Mason, P.Z.'s.

No. 129.  
Elliott, Mitchell. 

No. 130.  
Chantry, Southampton. 
A. Huber (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 131.  
Amabel, Wiarton. 
Jno. V. Mills, Z.

No. 132.  
Leeds, Gananoque. 
A. Harris, B. J. Davis, P.Z.'s.
No. 133.  
St. Francis, Smiths Falls.

No. 134.  
King Darius, Cannington.
  C. L. Davidson (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 135.  
Succoth, Uxbridge.

No. 138.  
Shekinah, Toronto.

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

No. 140.  
Fort William, Fort William.
  H. Dalzall (Proxy), O. Coles, P.Z.’s.

No. 143.  
Glengarry, Maxille.
  J. E. Kyle (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 144.  
Presqu’ile, Brighton.
  O. L. Morrow, F. M. Dure, V. Coulter, P.Z.’s.

No. 145.  
The St. Patrick, Toronto.

No. 146.  
Bernard, Listowel.

No. 147.  
Lucknow, Lucknow.

No. 148.  
St. John’s, Vankleek Hill.
  G. A. McLeod (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 149.  
Atwood, Rainy River.
  A. A. Cameron, P.Z.

No. 150.  
  T. Welch (Proxy), J. H. C. Woodward, P.Z.’s.

No. 151.  
Laurentian, Pembroke.
  J. T. Jackson (Proxy), P.Z.
No. 153. **Sombra, Wallaceburg.**

No. 154. **Klondike, Dawson, Y.T.**
Edwin Smith (Proxy), G. I. McLean, P.Z.'s.

No. 155. **Ancaster, Ancaster.**
H. K. Oglesby (Proxy), J. McNiece, P.Z.'s.

No. 161. **Madoc, Madoc.**

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

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

No. 169. **Temiskaming, New Liskeard.**
J. E. Allin, P.Z.

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

No. 184. **Hugh Murray, Fort Erie, North.**

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

No. 195. **Peel, Brampton.**
H. H. Wilson, Z.; H. Spratt, H.; R. V. Conover, P.Z.

No. 198. **Couchiching, Orillia.**
J. H. Page, H.; W. Calvert, P.Z.

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

No. 205. **Victoria, Thornhill.**

No. 212. *Mount Sinai, Toronto.*

No. 213. *Northern Light, Timmins.*
F. Willis, Z.; E. A. F. Day, P.Z.

No. 214. *Vimy, Inwood.*


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

No. 218. *Prince Edward, Shelburne.*

No. 219. *Ulster, Toronto.*

No. 220. *Lebanon, Lambton Mills.*

No. 221. *Durham, Durham.*

No. 222. *Ottawa, Ottawa.*


No. 225. *Beaver, Toronto.*
No. 227.  
*Quinte Friendship, Belleville.*
R. G. White, 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.*

No. 234.  
*Halton, Georgetown.*

No. 235.  
*Aurora, Aurora.*

No. 236.  
*Caledonia, Caledonia.*

No. 238.  
*The St. Andrew's London.*

No. 240.  
*Smithville, Smithville.*
Frank Hayes, P.Z.

No. 241.  
*University, Toronto.*

No. 242.  
*St. Paul's, Lambeth.*
G. Anguish, Z.; H. P. Snelgrove, P.Z.

No. 243.  
*McKay, Stoney Creek.*

No. 245.  
*Preston, Preston.*
H. G. Nix, Z.; J. E. Bradley, J.; G. V. Hilborn, P.Z.
No. 246. **Humber, Weston.**

No. 247. **Nilestown, Nilestown.**

No. 248. **Dochart, Arnprior.**

No. 249. **Palestine, Bowmanville.**
G. C. Bonnycastle (Proxy), R. M. Cotton, P.Z.'s.

No. 250. **Thomas Peters', Windsor.**
E. A. McCubbin, P.Z.

No. 251. **Kirkland, Kirkland Lake.**
A. G. Tipper, Z.

No. 252. **Hiawatha, Sarnia.**

No. 253. **Regal, Port Dover.**

**16 CHAPTERS NOT REPRESENTED.**

No. 56. Georgian, Owen Sound.
No. 60. Doric, Newmarket.
No. 64. Willson, Welland.
No. 66. The Malloch, Seaforth.
No. 71. Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.
No. 73. Erie, Ridgetown.
No. 86. Macpherson, Meaford.
No. 90. Golden, Kenora.
No. 112. St. John's, Morrisburg.
No. 119. King Cyrus, Leamington.
No. 152. Alberston, Fort Francis.
No. 164. Lorne, West Lorne.
No. 223. Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.
No. 226. Prince of Wales, Perth.
No. 239. Blenheim, Blenheim.
No. 244. Cochrane, Cochrane.

90 Chapters were represented by Regular Officers.
39 " " " " " Proxy.
13 " " " " " Past Z.'s.

142 Total Chapters represented.
16 Chapters not represented.
There were 593 Delegates registered, having a total vote of 787.
All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Chairman,
W. E. GARDINER,
JAS. HERRIOTT,
W. J. STEWART,
H. A. MILLER,
EARLE GROSE,
W. G ANDERSON,
W. PENDLETON,
J. PRITCHARD,
FRED. W. FISHER,
W. J. ARMSTRONG, JR.
A. F. FANNADILL,

Committee.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, 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:


The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar—Most Em. Sir Knight and Most Ex. Comp. Chas. W. Haentschel, Past Grand Master.


Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania—Ex. Comp. Samuel Shaw, Grand Representative of Canada near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. (Brother of our esteemed Past Grand Master and Past Grand Z., Abraham Shaw, of Kingston.)

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey—R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Godfrey Pittis, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec—Most Ex. Comp. Tyrell, Grand Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Walter W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.


Most Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, on behalf of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., welcomed every guest in a most gracious manner and mentioned to those who came from that land that had 130 years ago on this very day—April 27th—burned the town of York (now Toronto) to the ground; and now we welcome you, we buried the hatchet long ago. As often as you come you bring new friends and we keep the old, "The new are silver and the old are gold."

His sincere wish "May God give to all of you the good things of this earth and all joy of life."

Grand Honours were then extended under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM THE TWO TORONTO DISTRICTS, No. 8 AND 8a.

R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden presented the Ruling Principals’ Z. of the Toronto Districts, after which R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Johnson read the following:—

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

On behalf of the Chapters of the Toronto Districts, Numbers 8 and 8a, the Excellent First Principals extend a hearty welcome and fraternal greetings to you and Grand Chapter on this the seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

In welcoming you to the City of Toronto we are aware that the contour of the skyline and the appearance of the buildings
along the principal avenues may change every few years, but the spirit of the community remains constant, determining the attractiveness or otherwise of the city. The savor of an old romance or the memory of an ancient tragedy may cling about this street or that. The culture of the city may trace itself to an old lover of learning who mortgaged his farm to help erect the first college building.

As we look back we feel that the foundation of such a community, laid in the days when the city had to be cut out of the solid bush, and founded on the spirit of courageous aggression and development, were sure to result in a great city. Toronto and her neighbouring communities have more than justified the hopes and expectations of their early citizens. They stand today as monuments to their true personal and collective greatness, and the wise administrative leadership afforded them in the early and dangerous days of their careers. They have reached an importance which must become greater in the future. Their peoples are essentially British, having an intense pride in successes which have crowned their efforts and blessed our land.

In this development of Toronto, the city of your home, Royal Arch Masonry has played an important part. We, therefore, consider it an honour that once again Grand Chapter has accepted the invitation of the Companions of the two Toronto Districts and the Principals' Association to hold its Convocation here.

In speaking of the services rendered by Royal Arch Masonry and those great Masons who have preceded you in office, we are deeply conscious of the many sacrifices you have made in the interests of Capitular Masonry, of the zeal and attachment demonstrated by you throughout the entire Jurisdiction, and so to express our love and esteem for you as head of this Grand Body, to tender you our respect as a man, a citizen, and as Grand Z., to tell you of our affection and admiration, is the purpose of this address.

Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction for the past two years has benefited by your achievements, and we, among whom you have dwelt, who have known you so intimately and learned to love you sincerely, have felt a personal pride in the pre-eminent manner in which you have filled your exalted office. Under your guidance our ancient traditions have lost nothing of their mystic potency; brotherly love and good companionship have flourished and expanded; law and order have ever prevailed; the ideals and visions of our ancient brethren have been made clearer, and brought nearer by your sound logic and scholarly eloquence.
To the members of Grand Chapter, as you begin your important deliberations, we wish to convey our confidence in the great future which we believe lies before you, and in your wisdom, tact, prudence and unselfishness. In your efforts to relieve the sufferings of humanity and to promote progress and peace, we humbly join, and to you Most Excellent Sir and to the Members of Grand Chapter, we wish health, happiness and prosperity.

In concluding, may we wish to all “that time and care deal lightly with you and that the Light which never faileth will ever lead you on.”

Our names and titles are subscribed hereto, this 27th day of April, Anno Inventionis 2467.
Alex. Lawrence, Z., St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4, G.R.C., Toronto.
William H. King., Z., King Solomon’s Chapter, No. 8, G.R.C., Toronto.
Dr. W. E. Tindale, Z., St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 65, G.R.C., Toronto.
Geo. W. Elms, Z., Occident Chapter, No. 77, G.R.C., Toronto.
Geo. Duguid, Z., Orient Chapter, No. 79, G.R.C., Toronto.
H. Streeter, Z., Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, G.R.C., Toronto.
F. W. Reynolds, Z., Succoth Chapter, No. 135, G.R.C., Uxbridge.
Earle H. Hughes, Z., Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, G.R.C., Toronto.
S. A. Griffin, Z., The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, G.R.C., Toronto.
Donald Calder, Z., Toronto Chapter, No. 185, G.R.C., Toronto.
H. A. Wilson, Z., Peel Chapter, No. 195, G.R.C., Brampton.
A. Arron Goldenberg, Z., Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, G.R.C., Toronto.
Arthur Hurst, Z., Mimico Chapter, No. 215, G.R.C., Mimico.
H. A. F. Schytte, Z., St. Alban’s Chapter, No. 217, G.R.C., Toronto.
R. E. Story, Z., Ulster Chapter, No. 219, G.R.C., Toronto.
William Owen, Z., Beaver Chapter, No. 225, G.R.C., Toronto.
D. J. McKee, Z., Port Credit Chapter, No. 230, G.R.C., Port Credit.
T. V. Brett, Z., King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, G.R.C., Toronto.
Geo. R. Armstrong, Z., Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, G.R.C.,
Toronto.
Herbert Stocks, Z., Aurora Chapter, No. 235, G.R.C., Aurora.
Fred. R. Lorriman, Z., University Chapter, No. 241, G.R.C.,
Toronto.
Wm. B. Hillmer, Z., Humber Chapter, No. 246, G.R.C., Weston.
Fred. J. Johnson, Grand Superintendent, Toronto East District
No. 8.
Thos. R. Hughes, Grand Superintendent, Toronto West District
No. 8a.

Most Ex. Comp. Gardiner, on behalf of the Grand Chapter,
expressed the appreciation not only for the welcome extended
but also for the philanthropic work performed during the past
year by the Toronto Districts Welfare Committee.

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, 1936.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation, held in the city of St. Catharines, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25th and 26th, 1936, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. Davis, and—

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25th and 26th, 1936, 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

Resolved,—“That the Grand Z. be given authority to alter the Order of Business at this Convocation in his discretion.”
The M. Ex. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions when they assembled before the Altar. The following Grand Representatives answered their names:

R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Lawrence, Toronto Alabama
R. " " John M. Empey, Mitchell Alberta
V. " " Percy Rogers, Toronto Arizona
R. " " J. M. Burden, Toronto British Columbia
R. " " C. H. Burgess, Port Credit California
R. " " A. E. Bryson, Toronto Colorado
R. " " Harvey J. Milne, Kingston Connecticut
R. " " Geo. W. Slack, Toronto Delaware
R. " " J. H. Cowan, Galt Florida
M. " " W. N. Ponton, Belleville Georgia
R. " " J. J. Shelley, Toronto Illinois
R. " " R. W. McFadden, Brantford Ireland
R. " " A. P. Goering, Hamilton Kansas
R. " " Rev. A. S. H. Cree, Leamington Kentucky
M. " " W. Y. Mills, Kingston Louisiana
V. " " A. J. Stringer, Toronto Massachusetts
M. " " W. G. Price, Port Credit Michigan
R. " " Oliver Ellwood, London Minnesota
R. " " A. Art Gray, Toronto Mississippi
V. " " James Herriott, Toronto Montana
R. " " W. S. M. Enouy, Toronto Nebraska
R. " " John Marr, Guelph Nevada
M. " " W. H. Davis, Hamilton New Hampshire
R. " " A. D. McIntyre, Toronto New Jersey
V. " " R. B. Dargavel, Toronto New South Wales
M. " " C. W. Haentschel, Haileybury New York
R. " " J. A. Evans, Toronto New Zealand
R. " " F. G. McLean, Toronto North Carolina
R. " " J. Alf. Burnett, Toronto North Dakota
M. " " Geo. Moore, Hamilton Nova Scotia
M. " " Edwin Smith, London Ohio
R. " " Ed. Worth, Chatham Oklahoma
R. " " J. J. Gardiner, Smiths Falls Oregon
M. " " K. J. Dunstan, Toronto Pennsylvania
M. " " Geo. L. Gardiner, Toronto Quebec
R. " " John Boyd, Toronto Queensland
R. " " Ed. H. Brennan, Niagara-on-the-Lake Rhode Island
R. " " Wm. Downing, Kitchener South Dakota
R. " " W. L. Stewart, London Texas
R. " " V. M. Hare, Uxbridge Utah
R. " " L. Stephens, Hamilton Vermont
V. " " Sid. J. Newdick, Toronto Victoria
R. " " Fred. G. Smith, Ottawa Virginia
R. " " H. A. Miller, Toronto Washington
R. " " W. J. Armstrong, Toronto West Australia
M. " " Alex. Cowan, Barrie West Virginia
R. " " W. J. Woodsworth, Toronto Wisconsin
R. " " H. E. Mead, Cornwall Wyoming
The Grand Z. welcomed the forty-nine various Grand Representatives in suitable terms and requested that they convey the kind wishes of the Grand Chapter of Canada to their various Grand Jurisdictions whom they represent. He stated that as they are the official connecting link he was pleased to note the great number answering the Roll Call and trusted that they would continue to attend regularly.

Grand Honours were accorded to 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:

Again we assemble to convene Grand Chapter, to review the achievements of the past and to lay lines and draw designs on the Trestle Board for the future.

We are gathered together not alone for the purpose of transacting routine business but also to establish if possible some landmark which may serve as a guide and inspiration to those who tomorrow may follow in our footsteps.

Recognizing that we as a Grand Body come under the scrutinizing eye of the Mason and non-Mason alike, it behooves us to move with dignity, to walk circumspectly, to legislate efficiently and at all times to demonstrate our sincerity when we say "Ever remembering the great object of this Institution—Obedience to Thy most Sacred Laws."

At our last regular Convocation—Grand Chapter in its wisdom altered the old-established date of meeting. The wintry blasts of cold February gives place to the beauty of April with all its promise of warmth and sunshine. It is my earnest hope that the change from February with its long trail of happy memories may be reflected in an increased interest and attendance that will justify our action in discarding an Ancient Landmark.

My Companions, it gives me much pleasure, at this time, to welcome you to our 79th Annual Convocation. To the many honoured and distinguished guests I extend fraternal and neighbourly greetings. Without representation from Sister Jurisdictions, the Mother Grand Lodge, and other Sovereign Bodies no convocation of this Grand Chapter could possibly enjoy the measure of success which their helpful presence
assures. We are grateful to them for their attendance and paraphrase a few well-known lines with which to greet them.

"Come in the evening, or come in the morning
Come when you're looked for or come without warning,
Warm hand-clasps and welcome you'll find here before you
And the oftener you come the more we'll adore you."

Grand Chapter convenes today in the capital city of the Province of Ontario, and as a native born Torontonian it is with pardonable pride that I remind you that Toronto, the Queen City, occupies a position which was of great importance long before the advent of the white race. As a village it dates back to the days of the noble red man and to a period when almost the entire province was a dense hardwood forest penetrated only in a few directions by Indian trails.

The name "Toronto" is of Indian origin and literally means "Place of Meeting". Surely an appropriate title for a city whose hospitality to the stranger within its gates has established for it an enviable reputation as a convention centre.

Established as a trading post in 1749, Toronto was incorporated as a city in 1834, and during slightly more than a century of growth it has developed into the second largest city in the Dominion of Canada and in every respect is recognized among the great cities of this continent. With its many points of historic and modern interest, its splendid facilities for entertainment and comfort Toronto offers an ideal location for a gathering of this kind.

With a desire to provide accommodation that will conserve time and minimize expense, we meet in this well-appointed and spacious building—where ample provision has been reserved not only for the sessions of Grand Chapter but also for the accommodation and entertainment of our guests and delegates. Under these favourable auspices we assemble today to give an account of our stewardship, to consider the problems that confront us as a Legislative Body, and to return thanks to the Great Jehovah for all the Blessings that He has vouchsafed to us since last we met.

**Whither Are We Bound.**

In these days of stress and turmoil, doubt and anxiety, the serious minded are pondering over the pertinent and timely question "What does the future hold—whither are we bound?" It is a question that requires careful study and thought if we are to supply a satisfying answer. The optimist will undoubtedly reply that "The rainbow of recovery seems clearly
discernible.” The pessimist reminds us that while the sun is
to be seen behind the clouds, yet are we still living in a day
when the sky is overcast. It would appear logical that if we
are to step out of the shadow of doubt, apprehension and de-
spair, if we are to reach the God-given sunlight of better days,
we must join forces with the optimistic soul whose eye is
focused on the “rainbow”.

It is true that the constitution of men differ, that all do not
see alike. Let us, therefore, deal kindly with him who lives
only in the present, and be tolerant with all whose attitude of
mind is such that they fail to grasp the significance of the
thought that in these days all things are in a state of flux. New
thoughts, new ideas, new inventions, even new forms of gov-
ernment which taken at face value almost seem alluring.
Time and circumstances change all things, no art or era or
thing remains unchanged through the relentless march of
time. No idea, no method remains unaltered with the passing
of years. New conditions arise, new problems face us that re-
quire a constant change in our methods. New habits must be
formed, our mentalities developed and our very personalities
altered if we are to successfully meet these changing condi-
tions. What appears hopeless and chaotic is probably part of
the scheme of things, the movement towards the completion
of the Divine plan.

With transformation and changes of a major character all
about us it would appear that the solution of our problems
rests not alone upon the present but to an even greater extent
upon the future. The unsettled conditions in Europe, the
feverish haste exhibited by all nations to increase armaments,
the economic strife, the social and industrial unrest; all add to
the anxiety and uncertainty of the day. Yet in the eyes of
the optimist these are but living signs of that great change
which is inevitable, that reconstruction of thought and action
so essential if we are to return to the peaceful pursuits of our
forefathers, breathe again the atmosphere of confidence and
amity and enjoy the respect and esteem of our neighbours.

Let us offer a fervent prayer that the forces making for
peace may prove of greater strength than the sinister forces
that make for war. That the near future may bring relief to
the many who have been victims of existing conditions, that
it may ease the strain of those who have struggled with seem-
ing futility to keep the foundations intact. How necessary
that we encourage and develop this spirit of optimism, which
after all, is but Hope in action. Optimism is not a passive
philosophy but a courageous and active determination that the best shall be achieved.

The best things in life come from that inner light known as idealism, courage of spirit moreover engenders the best in a man for with optimism one finds courage to face both the privileges and adversities of life.

Optimism is the challenge of the best, the belief that truth is greater than fiction, justice stronger than tyranny and the nobility of human nature far in excess of its defects. If all mankind embraced this creed—it should not be difficult to answer the question “Whither are we bound?” Alas, too many in these days have discarded Hope and seem to have surrendered to the despairing words of Hamlet.

“The time is out of joint—O cursed spite that ever I was born to set it right.”

Though impelled by a desire to assist they are overwhelmed by a sense of their own relative smallness. Bewildered by the terrific magnitude of the task before them they weaken and fail to respond to the cry for assistance from their more courageous fellows.

“The old order changeth” is the battle cry of those who seek to sway the masses, hence we face a world of conflict and suspicion. They dangle before our eyes the mirage of a new Utopia as a definite solution of our difficulties. While war-weary Europe lisps of peace and collective security we cannot reject the fact that there are nations who still hold tenaciously to the ancient belief that “Might is Right”, nor can we fail to take cognizance of the fact that within and without our boundaries, highly organized subversive movements are actively at work, and the force, zeal, determination and defiance of such movements can no longer be ignored. We must be vigilant and prepared to combat such evils, for we cannot hope to successfully counter their persistent boring and under-mining with purely negative frontal attacks. Law and order must be maintained if civilization is to endure. While these conditions obtain our security can only be assured by a policy of watchfulness and preparedness, and the tremendous increase in the expenditures for defence by Canada and the Motherland, should not be accepted as indicative of a desire for war, but rather as precautionary measures to ensure peace.

The social and industrial unrest can only be adjusted by Governmental action combined with a generous spirit of cooperation on the part of employers, certainly it is an evil that
cannot be corrected by the individual but we at least can lend assistance by the development and exercise of those Christian principles which are the very foundation of present-day civilization, by spreading the gospel of optimism and in placing our trust in Almighty God whose ever-present hand is a shield and bulwark in our time of need.

Masonry and the Day.

To say that conditions within the realm of Royal Arch Masonry have materially altered since last we met might prove a statement difficult to sustain. A careful analysis of facts and figures will undoubtedly indicate that our position is much the same as it was twelve months ago. Yet, there are very definite signs that inspire the encouraging statement that the coming year should hold for Masonry in all its branches and ramifications a measure of change that should favourably re-act on our financial and numerical strength.

But, should such prove to be true are we assured that a substantial increase in our fiscal reserve or even a material increase in our membership will add to our actual strength which after all can only be determined in terms of influence and brotherhood. During the past few years with a decreasing membership it has been gratifying to know that the circle of our influence has expanded and the spirit of brotherhood become stronger, more active and intensified.

The sentiment of Masonry has dwelt among men in every clime and age. Its structural form and indeed some of its ceremonies have pictured the changeful growth of the human race. Down through the storied past it has marched abreast of changing conditions. It has suffered from the opposition of the profane and ignorant, and bears the invisible scars of self-sacrifice, yet, throughout the centuries that mark its span of life, it has held true to those fundamentals upon which it was founded. While perhaps with the passing of time slight changes appear in our mode of presentation, we still cling firmly to the ancient landmarks and as a result instead of diminishing, our sphere of influence continue to expand and develop, and this influence is being exerted today more than ever before.

In its silent mysterious workings it is constantly pleading for a more common brotherhood and for a purer and more lofty plane of living. The barriers which for ages past have divided men in their religious, social and academic beliefs are gradually disappearing and our forces are rallying under one
standard of righteousness, seeking to destroy selfishness, hate and intolerance, and exercising their influence in an effort to uplift humankind.

In the adjustment of our social conditions and in the correction of those evils which threaten our moral welfare there are no higher duties developing upon us as Royal Arch Masons than to put to practical use the great lessons of our Masonic art—to face our tasks and responsibilities with courage and an unwavering determination that the strength and influence of this age-old institution may be reflected in the life and character of all who range themselves under its banners. Our faith in the future may best be expressed in the following lines by an unknown writer.

“And ever the question ariseth
As portentous signs we trace,
What will the final outcome be and what the saving grace
And Masonry makes answer with its all sufficient plan.
The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.”

The Immortals.

“Life’s race well run,
Life’s work well done,
Life’s crown well won
Now comes rest.”

Let us at the threshold of our assembling here today pay tribute to the memory of many who have departed this life since last we gathered in annual convocation.

From Sister Jurisdictions we learn of the death of many outstanding Companions. Each marks the passing of one of Masonry’s distinguished sons. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those in sorrow, we share their loss and console them with the thought that death is but the golden key that opens the Temple of Immortality.

We mourn the death of many of our own Brethren and Companions. While the report on the Fraternal Dead will speak more worthily of those whom we have lost I am sure that you will permit me as your Grand First Principal to pay tribute to the revered memory of three of our Companions who have been particularly prominent in the activities of this Grand Body for many years past.

R. Excellent Companion Sidney S. Forbes, Grand Third Principal J., of the Grand Chapter of Canada, born in Cayuga, Ontario, on May 18th, 1884, died in the city of Hamilton on December 13th, 1936.
Companion Forbes was a well beloved Mason and highly esteemed and respected as a citizen of Hamilton. A member of both Temple and Dundurn Lodges he maintained an active interest in Craft Masonry. Exalted in St. John's Chapter, No. 6 in 1911, he became First Principal in 1919. He was also prominently identified with McKay Chapter, No. 243. In 1924 he occupied the position of President in the Hamilton Principals' Association, subsequently being elected Grand Superintendent of Hamilton District, No. 5. As a reward for his many years of faithful service he was chosen Grand Third Principal of Grand Chapter in 1935, which position he held with characteristic grace and dignity until the time of his death.

The passing of R. Ex. Companion Forbes came as a distinct shock to his many friends and colleagues of Grand Chapter. Possessed of recognized executive ability, quiet, unostentations and of a lovable character, Companion Forbes enjoyed the confidence and respect of all with whom he associated. But, let us not think of him as dead but rather as one who has laid aside his working tools and retired to rest—gathering strength for a better day to come.

Through life we strive so to live as to prepare ourselves for that great "Hereafter", so to live, that we may win the crown of immortality. As we think of Companion Forbes today our hearts are full and in our sorrow we are apt to forget that he whose memory we honour is now enjoying the fruits of his labour—that reward for which he lived a long and useful life—not dead but happy among the immortals. The soft memory of his virtues will linger as the twilight hours when the sun is set.

R. Ex. Companion William McGregor Logan—died in the City of Hamilton on Thursday, April 1st, 1937.

It is with profound sorrow that I record the death of Companion Logan whose interest in all branches of Masonry made him an outstanding figure among the Craftsmen of this country. As a citizen he was prominently identified with many social, educational and religious activities and filled with distinction important positions in the public life of Hamilton.

Better known perhaps as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, Companion Logan brought to that important office the many rare gifts with which he was so plentifully endowed. Beloved and respected by those who knew him—his death marks the pass-
ing of one who has long been an ornament to society, a talented servant of Masonry and a friend to all.

Initiated in Malahide Lodge No. 140, Aylmer, he later became Worshipful Master of St. John’s Lodge No. 40, Hamilton, Ontario, followed by a term as District Deputy Grand Master of the Hamilton District. He finally assumed the office of Grand Secretary in 1918. In Royal Arch Masonry he was identified with Hamilton and St. John’s Chapters and served as Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District.

Companion Logan was a member of the Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite, and at the time of his death was the Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

The death of Companion Logan closes the earthly record of a full life of service well rendered. His countless friendships will stand as a lasting memorial to his winning personality, his sincerity of purpose, his culture and loyalty to the cause of Masonry which claimed such a definite part of his career.

Loved in life—honoured in death—his services to the Craft will be rewarded by the loving memory of all who knew him.

R. Excellent Companion Bernard Cairns—born in Quebec in March, 1865—died in the City of Toronto, August 28th, 1936. Our beloved Companion was an eminently respected citizen of Toronto, and a familiar figure in the business-life of the community. He was closely identified with all branches of Masonry. In Craft Masonry he was a Past Master of Orient and Caledonia Lodges. A Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. In Royal Arch Masonry he occupied the chair of First Principal in the St. Patrick Chapter and later in Beaver Chapter, in Grand Chapter he held the rank of Past Grand Scribe N. He was also greatly interested in Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory of the Knights Templar and also took an active part in the Royal and Select Masters.

With the death of R. Excellent Companion Cairns, Grand Chapter is weakened by the loss of one whose love for the fraternity as a whole made him an active figure in all that pertained to the Royal Craft. Loved and respected by all who knew him Companion Cairns will be greatly missed especially here in Toronto where for so many years he laboured in the quarries of Masonry. His sterling character and genial personality has left an indelible imprint upon our hearts and affections.
As we mourn the death of R. Excellent Companion Forbes, R. Excellent Companion Logan, R. Excellent Companion Cairns and the other all too numerous good men and true whom we have recently lost we are impressed with the thought that although they are no longer with us, yet, do they live in all things that surround us. The memory of their lives have lighted fires in the circle of their influence that will long outlast the headstone and the tablet.

Though we hear no answer from the limitless ocean upon which they have set sail, we know that could they but speak to us we should hear some echo of the words—

“Sunset and Evening Star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to Sea.”

The Coronation.

Within a short time the eyes of the world will be centred on London when Britain and the Over-Seas Dominions with all the pageantry of medieval days will crown George VI., as King and Emperor.

As loyal subjects we proudly acclaim His Most Gracious Majesty George VI. as our Sovereign Lord and Ruler. Long may he reign over us is our fervent prayer, long may he be spared to bind together all parts of his far-flung Empire. While we re-affirm our allegiance to the Crown and Person of His Majesty we are not forgetful of him whom we also loved and lost.

As the traditional ceremonies of Coronation are observed we blend our voices with the other members of Britain’s family in singing happily and with loving sincerity.

God Save our Gracious King,
Long Live our Noble King
God Save our King.

By-Laws.

During the past year By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws of the following Chapters were submitted for consideration and in due course approved by me.

No. 1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston, Ont.
No. 8. King Solomon’s Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 18. Oxford Chapter, Woodstock, Ont.
No. 24. Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford, Ont.
No. 31. Prince Edward Chapter, Picton, Ont.
No. 32. Waterloo Chapter, Galt, Ont.
No. 36. Corinthian Chapter, Peterborough, Ont.
No. 47. Wellington Chapter, Chatham, Ont.
No. 65. St. Paul’s Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 67. Enterprise Chapter, Palmerston, Ont.
No. 68. Maitland Chapter, North Augusta, Ont.
No. 81. Aylmer Chapter, Aylmer, Ont.
No. 82. Shuniah Chapter, Port Arthur.
No. 90. Golden Chapter, Kenora, Ont.
No. 95. Tuscan Chapter, Sudbury, Ont.
No. 104. White Oak Chapter, Oakville, Ont.
No. 115. Brant Chapter, Paris, Ont.
No. 143. Glengarry Chapter, Maxville, Ont.
No. 145. The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 149. Atwood Chapter, Rainy River, Ont.
No. 155. Ancaster Chapter, Ancaster, Ont.
No. 164. Lorne Chapter, West Lorne, Ont.
No. 185. The Toronto Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 205. Victoria Chapter, Thornhill, Ont.
No. 217. St. Alban’s Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 220. Lebanon Chapter, Lambton Mills, Ont.
No. 225. Beaver Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 233. Oakwood Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 243. McKay Chapter, Stoney Creek, Ont.
No. 246. Humber Chapter, Weston, Ont.
No. 248. Dochert Chapter, Arnprior, Ont.

Grand Representatives.

At our last regular Convocation I stressed the importance of Grand Representatives keeping close contact by correspondence or wherever possible by personal visitation with the Jurisdiction which they represent. I am happy to say that many of our Grand Representatives have complied with my suggestion. It is to be regretted that there are still a limited few who through indifference or causes beyond their control have not properly discharged their duties in this regard, and have not attended a Convocation of this Grand Chapter for some years. Surely these Companions having been entrusted with the responsibility of representation will realize the impossibility of fulfilling the duties for which they were appointed unless they are regular in their attendance to Grand
Chapter. Believing that it is our duty to provide active representation for Sister Jurisdictions I promptly nominated new representatives where death had resulted in vacancies and cancelled the commissions of several Companions who have not attended our Grand Chapter for five or more years. These nominations in due course were confirmed and the following Companions appointed Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Ireland—R. Ex. Comp. R. W. E. McFadden, Brantford, Ont.  
Montana—V. Ex. Comp. James Herriott, Toronto, Ont.  
Nebraska—R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy, Toronto, Ont.  
New Jersey—R. Ex. Comp. A. D. McIntyre, Toronto, Ont.  
Pennsylvania—M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Toronto, Ont.  
Virginia—R. Ex. Comp. Fred. G. Smith, Ottawa, Ont.  

Vacancies having occurred in our representation near the Grand Chapters of Nevada, North Dakota, Texas and Queensland upon recommendations I was very happy to commission the following Companions to represent our Grand Chapter.

Nevada—Peter Enrietti, Winnemucca.  
North Dakota—Guy R. Vansickle, Minot.  
Queensland—James Shirra, Sr., Coorparoo.  
Texas—William M. Huff, Corsicana.

Before leaving this subject let me express my regret at the necessity for the drastic action taken in the cancellation of so many commissions. From personal correspondence I am assured that other Grand Chapters have appreciated this action realizing for some time past that their Representatives near our Grand Chapter were inactive to say the least. Again I express the hope that those Companions who have been selected to act in the capacity of Grand Representatives may seriously consider their responsibility and communicate regularly with the Jurisdictions which they have the honour to represent. In so doing our Sister Grand Chapters will know and appreciate that they have an active and interested ambassador near the Grand Chapter of Canada.
The Representatives of the Grand First Principal.

May I take this opportunity of conveying my thanks and appreciation to those zealous and distinguished Companions who so faithfully performed their duties as my Representative in their respective Districts. During the year I was in close personal touch with the majority of these Companions and was greatly impressed not only by their earnest endeavour to further the interests of Royal Arch Masonry but also by the dignified and efficient manner in which they discharged the duties of their offices.

Realizing that under present-day conditions that leadership is one of the first essentials to success, these zealous and pains-taking Companions set out with a grim determination to supply a quality of leadership that should prove fruitful of the desired result. That their efforts were crowned with well-deserved success is best evidenced by the revival of interest and the increased attendance that characterized our activities throughout the year. To say that they have ably upheld the best traditions of the past is not sufficient, rather should we credit them with having successfully guided Royal Arch Masonry through a trying and anxious year. By example and precept they diligently laboured to so inspire their Companions that what slight success has been attained this year may prove but a fore-runner of still greater success in the coming year.

To those who may succeed them as Grand Superintendents I stress the necessity for more active co-operation with the office of the Grand Scribe E. May I suggest that they make every effort to furnish their reports and the annual returns of the Chapters of their districts well within the time prescribed for the completion of such information. I desire to reiterate my remarks of last year and say that delay in furnishing these statistical reports have seriously retarded the preparatory work of Grand Chapter and have materially added to the burden of those Committees charged with the responsibility for the compilation of Grand Chapter reports. I again emphasize the necessity for Grand Superintendents on inspection of the books and records of constituent Chapters under their control—signing and dating such books and records to indicate that such inspection has been made.

Veterans of Masonry.

Let me again pay tribute to those who during the year qualified for Long Service Jewels. No duty that I have been called upon to discharge has given me such pleasure as the
presentation of these jewels. Would that I could have personally met each of these Companions and expressed our appreciation for the splendid service they have rendered. While we recognize in the erection of a stately structure that a continued supply of new material is essential to the completion of the plan, we also realize that the basic strength of that structure is largely dependent upon the quality of the material used in its foundation. Applying this thought to Royal Arch Masonry we find a very definite need for the interest and enthusiasm of youth, the mature thought of those who are in the meridian of Life, but our future—yes—our very existence to an even greater extent depends upon those venerable Companions who borne upon the swift though silent wings of time have gathered Wisdom as the heritage of the passing years. Time has laid its hand but gently upon the hearts of these men of long service, still active and interested in the Royal Craft they seem to realize the truth of Browning’s words—

"The Best is yet to be
The last of life for which the first was made."

I am inclined to think that some change in our mode of distribution should be made. An honour earned should be promptly paid, and I believe you will agree, that a recognition that has to be sought loses much of its value.

It has been drawn to my attention that many Companions who qualify for these jewels have had to ask for them, and in many instances these have been forwarded to the Scribe E., of their Chapter with no official arrangements for their presentation. I recommend that in future that the Chapters in their annual returns indicate the date that each Past Principal occupied the chair and where a Companion qualifies for a Long Service Jewel special reference should be made. The office of the Grand Scribe E., should then dispatch as quickly as possible the desired jewel. This being a Grand Chapter recognition for services rendered the Grand Scribe E., under the direction of the Grand First Principal, should designate a Past or Present Officer of Grand Chapter to publicly make the presentation in the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. There is no clearly defined method of procedure at the present time and I can quite understand the disappointment of a Companion who having served faithfully and well for twenty-five or more years is handed the Jewel by the Scribe E. of his Chapter without the formality of a Grand Chapter presentation.
The following Companions have completed the required length of service and have received the “Age with Honour” Jewels during the year just passed.


Ex. Comp. A. C. Barnett, Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, Ont.

Ex. Comp. A. J. Hartley, Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll, Ont.

Ex. Comp. J. W. Thompson, Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, Ont.

Ex. Comp. J. Thorne, Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne, Ont.


Ex. Comp. J. A. McAndrew, St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, Ont.

Ex. Comp. J. A. Brand, Minnewewa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill, Ont.


V. Ex. Comps. F. W. Colloton, J. Fowler, Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury, Ont.

Ex. Comp. A. H. Richardson, Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Ex. Comp. D. P. McDiarmid, Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville, Ont.


R. Ex. Comp. R. D. Keefe, Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland, Ont.

Ex. Comp. F. J. Howell, The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton, Ont.

Financial.

After a conference with the members of the Grand Council I concurred with the chairman of Audit and Finance in the further investment of $2,500.00 in 3½% debentures, with the
Ontario Loan and Debenture Company for a period of five years.

A perusal of the Treasurer’s and the Audit and Finance Committee’s reports will, I am sure, indicate that the finances of Grand Chapter are on a solid foundation for which we should return thanks to those Companions who have been charged with the responsibility of supervising our fiscal affairs.

**Dispensations.**

It is not my intention to mention in detail the many applications for dispensation received during the past twelve months suffice it to say that the great majority deal with purely routine matters and were granted.

However, I desire to mention a few which I felt it my duty to decline.

A Chapter requested dispensation to wear Royal Arch Regalia at a Divine Service held under the auspices of another branch of Masonry. I refused this request on the grounds that it is not desirable that Royal Arch regalia be worn at any but functions directly under the control of Royal Arch Masonry.

A Chapter applied for dispensation to confer the rank of a Past Principal upon a Companion who had not occupied the offices of either Z., H., or J. Dispensation declined as unconstitutional.

Several Chapters sought permission to hold special convocation of their respective Chapters in private residences and in buildings not dedicated to Masonic use. Having carefully examined the circumstances surrounding these requests I declined dispensations as not in the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

I desire at this time to remind our Companions that a dispensation is necessary for the holding of any function other than those provided for in the Chapter By-Laws. This includes Divine Services and Social Functions and such applications should be made in ample time to permit consideration by the Grand First Principal—and the issue and recording of the dispensation by the Grand Scribe E. It is with pleasure that I note the increasing number of requests for dispensations for Divine Service and most heartily endorse this method of openly displaying our allegiance to Him whose Holy Word is both the foundation and copestone of our whole structure.
Rulings.

Few rulings were asked for during the year and of these the major portion were unimportant and need not here be mentioned. I refer, however, to a ruling which is of considerable moment. Several weeks after the last Convocation of Grand Chapter complaint was made that the election of the Grand Superintendent of a certain district was irregular and it was suggested that the said Grand Superintendent be removed from office and a new election held. Upon investigation I found no grounds to prove irregularity in the District meeting. The minutes of which clearly indicated that the present incumbent of the office was declared elected by his predecessor. Grand Chapter later being advised that the Companion in question was the choice of the District and this having been officially presented without protest the appointment was legally confirmed and the Companion duly installed in office. Finding no ground that warranted further action I ruled that the Companion in question was legally the Grand Superintendent of the District for the ensuing year, and until such time as a successor has been regularly elected by the District and confirmed by the Grand First Principal.

The importance I attach to this matter is not in the ruling itself but rather in the principle involved. I strongly recommend that a committee be appointed to investigate the question of District meetings and particularly District elections. A uniform method of election is most desirable as is also the establishment of permanent records which may be used from year to year. From information at hand I am inclined to believe that lack of knowledge or carelessness or perhaps a combination of both is largely responsible for failure to conduct these meetings according to instructions. In recommending a committee to investigate this matter I do so with the earnest hope that as a result of such investigation our District meetings may be elevated to a higher level and that these meetings may be uniform in character, dignified and business-like.

A further ruling deals with the question of sending monthly circulars out in unsealed envelopes. After mature deliberation I ruled that as the Chapter Summons contains confidential matter not intended for others than the members of the Chapter, that they should at all times be sealed. While I appreciate that any saving is worth-while, I am strongly of the opinion that every care must be exercised to prevent information with respect to candidates being made public and this may only be done by mailing the Summons in a sealed envelope.
Perhaps it may not be amiss for me at this time to sound a note of warning to constituent Chapters with respect to the yearly audit of their financial affairs. Chapter auditors should include an inspection of everything that is taken into the Chapter assets. I have been informed that this has not been the practice in a number of our Chapters. The investment in property, bonds, or other forms of investment should undoubtedly form a part of the audit. I also am firmly convinced that Trustees of invested funds should be elected for a stated period and where such is not the case Chapter by-laws should be amended to make this obligatory.

The action will relieve the embarrassment of Chapter Officers who have found difficulty in dealing with trustees who have with mistaken zeal failed to properly co-operate.

Special Committees.

At the last Convocation of Grand Chapter recommendation was made and duly approved for the appointment of special committees to deal with matters of vital importance. These committees having been appointed very generously gave of their time and experience in dealing with the problems entrusted to them. I have no desire to anticipate their reports which will I am sure be received with much interest by Grand Chapter. But, I should ask your indulgence while I briefly refer to one suggestion which, no doubt, will be dealt with in detail in the report of one of these committees. It has reference to the addition to our line of officers of an official to be known as Grand Chaplain. In the majority of Sister Jurisdictions provision has been made for such a position. I have long felt that the office of Grand Third Principal fails to give us that spiritual guidance which one associates with a minister of the Gospel. Much importance is attached to the office elsewhere and I am sure that our best interests will be served in the establishment of an office that will also provide advancement to many of our “Brethren of the Cloth” who while greatly interested in Royal Arch Masonry cannot give to it the time necessary to fill any elective or appointed office which demands continued activity throughout the Masonic year.

Visitations.

Owing to pressure of Masonic duties within our own boundaries I was unable to personally visit as many of our Sister Jurisdictions as I should have wished. That the three-fold cord that binds us in Brotherhood and common interest to
the Masons of the Capitular world is not weakening but rather acquiring added strength with the passing of time may best be calculated by the fraternal spirit which actuated the many invitations that I received to visit and fraternize with our “Brethren of the Mystic Tie” in other Jurisdictions. May I take this opportunity of gratefuly acknowledging the kindness of M. Ex. Companion Dunstan, M. Ex. Companion Edwin Smith, R. Ex. Companion the Grand Second Principal, R. Ex. Companion F. G. Smith, of Ottawa, and others who so ably represented this Grand Chapter at Convocations of Sister Jurisdictions.

Consecration and Dedication.

Section 158 of our Constitution provides that every Chapter shall be consecrated according to ancient custom by the Grand Z., a Past Grand Z., or Grand Superintendent appointed for that purpose. While this regulation makes it obligatory for all Chapters to be consecrated there appears no definite reference to the dedication of Chapter Rooms. It has been assumed that this is compulsory and ceremonies have been provided, yet, the constitution does not set forth that Chapters must meet in rooms dedicated to Royal Arch Masonry. Perhaps ancient usage is our only authority for requiring these dedicatory services, in any event, it has been clearly established that a large percentage of our Chapters are meeting today in rooms that have been dedicated to Masonry by Grand Lodge but have not been dedicated according to the Ancient Rites of the Royal Craft. New buildings have taken the places of old—Chapters have changed their places of meeting while more recently warranted Chapters have established themselves in buildings that have not been dedicated.

With the able assistance of the Grand Superintendents I gleaned much information on this subject during the past year, and this information is somewhat disturbing if we are to observe the Ancient Rites of Consecration and Dedication.

I deem it my duty to place these facts before Grand Chapter in the hope that my successor in office may continue this investigation and take such action as he considers expedient.

Masonic Education.

“Knowledge is Power” is a somewhat trite statement, yet, in its application to Masonry and Masonic pursuits it is particularly appropriate. To acquire a more intimate knowledge of
the language—history and tradition of Royal Arch Masonry is to increase our interest, improve our minds and strengthen our faith in this great Brotherhood.

It is for the thinking Masons of today to consider whether the fraternity in all its ancient vigour, will survive on mere ritualism alone, or whether there must be in addition an educational advance in bringing to our younger members a fuller knowledge of the origin and history of this great institution. And as we awaken their interest in the historical past is it not logical to assume that we shall also imbue them with sublime admiration for its traditions, its beauties and its beneficence in the experiences of mankind.

As we study the past and delve into the hidden mysteries of the Ancient Craft we realize how skilfully the Ancients of old planned the structure of Masonry. As we proceed in our quest for more light we learn of the language of fraternity, love and humanity, and as our minds become surcharged with nobler thoughts, higher ideals and better impulses, we unconsciously re-consecrate ourselves to the development of that true Masonry which lies beneath the surface and which must be sought after and discovered to be fully appreciated.

To increase our interest is the most effective means of adding strength to our Order. Many who in the days gone by blindly sought the means to create a continuity of interest in our membership, have in recent years become students of Masonry and in the written records of our ancient brethren have found that for which they sought. Is it, therefore, not our duty to say “We will assist you in your researches”. The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario has made very definite progress in this regard and it is my earnest hope that Grand Chapter will co-operate with Grand Lodge in the very laudable task of supplying knowledge which our Brethren and Companions seek. Last year a committee was appointed to to study the situation and I trust that we shall have their report before the close of this Convocation. Royal Arch literature was purchased and added to the Masonic Library, and while it is difficult to determine to what extent these volumes were used we at least have the assurance that the interest manifested by our Companions warrants our continued support. In the belief that Royal Arch Masonry will in the future benefit by this stimulation of interest I strongly recommend that the small grant which was approved for these purposes last year may be renewed and the Committee on Education be re-appointed for the current year, to study and plan ways and
means to bring to the studious Brethren of the Craft Lodges and Companions of the Holy Royal Arch a more definite knowledge of this branch of Ancient Freemasonry.

Closing Observations.

Having now referred in detail to the activities of the year, permit me to publicly acknowledge the wise counsel and most valuable assistance rendered by my predecessors in office who without exception have shown the utmost willingness to aid me in every way possible and have contributed much to the pleasure of my term of office. I should be decidedly derelict in my duty were I to fail to record my grateful appreciation of the splendid support and unswerving loyalty of our efficient Grand Scribe E., and the Officers of Grand Chapter who discharged the functions of their respective offices faithfully and well, and by a rigid adherence to duty ably upheld the high standards of the past.

If during the year we have made slight progress in the right direction—if we have advanced the cause of Royal Arch Masonry even to a limited degree full credit for any success we may have attained must be given to these Companions whose loyalty and support made it possible for me to carry through the many duties incumbent upon me as your Grand First Principal.

Companions I have completed my term of office. You have patiently borne with me and my manifold weaknesses and short-comings for more than two years. As I transfer the mantle of authority to other and more worthy shoulders I do so with considerable regret, regret for some things that I have done, and for many things that I have left undone. I feel that I have fallen far short of my objectives but I know that your judgment will be tempered with kindness and your criticism be marked by a liberal application of the Masonic attribute of charity.

Mere words seem empty and meaningless to adequately express the feeling of gratitude that wells up in my heart at this time. For your constant and unfailing courtesies I thank you and let me assure you that fragrant memories of our close contact and association will abide with me during my remaining years. During my tenure of office I have done what in me lay to inculcate a sense of personal responsibility, the practice of tolerance and charity and our duty to the Omnipotent One from whom all goodness flows. In conclusion I leave with you as a valedictory, this thought—
The Royal Arch Masons of these modern days have become character builders. Every day adds an additional stone to the Edifice of life. Let each stone be a perfect ashlar so that the building when complete may be a fit abode for the Spirit of Truth, of Honour and Virtue. If we are to progress our today must be better than our yesterday and my earnest prayer and well founded hope is that our tomorrow may prove even better than today. Our prayers will avail, our hopes end in fruition only if we valiantly face our tasks and responsibilities as men of courage, who despite all harmful influences remain true to the faith that is in us.

Companions let me reiterate my pleasure in having been permitted to serve Royal Arch Masonry as your Grand First Principal. For each one of you I earnestly ask God’s choicest blessings and I pray that He will more and more abundantly sanctify the work which we have undertaken, and under His guidance may we as Royal Craftsmen faithfully discharge our full duty to our fellowman.

"Put thou thy trust in God
In duty's path go on;
Fix on His word thy steadfast eye
So shall thy work be done."

Sincerely and fraternally,

[Signature]

Grand Z.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, and—

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

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS’ REPORTS

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

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

DEAR MOST EXCELLENT SIR:—

The following is report of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 1, for the year 1936:—

OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS.

An official inspection was made of each constituent Chapter of the District, at which your representative was received in full form and with the dignity due the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and his personal representative.

INFORMAL VISITS.

A large number of such visits were made to the various Chapters of the District, those Chapters which seemed to need more moral encouragement than the others receiving the greater number of such visits. On each of these occasions the Officers and Companions of the constituent Chapter were all eager for such information and assistance, as well as advice, as would place their Chapter again in the ranks of the fully equipped and energetic working Chapters, and it is believed that these informal visits were as conducive to the best interests of the Chapters, as were the official inspections.

RITUALISTIC WORK.

With one exception, each of the Chapters conferred or exemplified a degree on the occasion of the official inspection, and in case of the one exception inquiries as made by the Grand Superintendent convinced him that the officers of the Chapter were properly prepared to function whenever they were called upon to confer a degree. None of the ancient landmarks of the Grand Chapter are being violated,—a keen interest is being taken in the ritualistic work, and even where there has been a dearth of candidates it was found that rehearsals of ritualistic work were being carried on at intervals.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTIONS.

In lieu of a District Chapter of Instructions, it was considered advisable to visit different Chapters with a specially selected degree team, usually of Principals and Past Princi-
pals of the various Chapters, and either confer or exemplify one of the degrees, as well as to discuss with the Officers any features of the degree work in which they wished further information. As stated under the preceding paragraph, the Officers of each of the Chapters seemed very much interested in their work, which was especially evinced by their many questions regarding some of the minor points of the duties of Officers in conferring degrees.

**Principals' Association.**

An association of Principals, Past and Present, which was formed at Chatham a little over a year ago, has functioned throughout the year, and has been of great service particularly in the conferring of degrees, under the supervision of the Grand Superintendent, at some of the Chapters where the regular Officers felt that they needed some assistance as well as advice in this part of the work. The Principals, Past and Present, of the District have been always ready and willing to journey to any of the Chapters in the District, and assist in any manner.

**Membership.**

It is regretted that a loss of membership of over seventeen per cent. is being reported for the year 1936. This is principally due to the fact that some Chapters have taken no action to purge their membership rolls for several years, with the result that the great revision made this year is really the accumulation of a number of suspensions which should have been made several years ago. The greatest contributing factor to this large loss is the Mother Chapter of the Grand Superintendent, viz., Ark Chapter, No. 80, but as a special commission was appointed to investigate and report upon the condition of this Chapter, no further reference is made in this report as to the causes, or the effects, of the suspension of 192 members from this Chapter in the one year.

**Financial.**

It is the opinion of the Grand Superintendent that each and every Chapter in the District is now in a position to handle their finances, and that in a few more years, if they exert the same energy that they have in the past, they will emerge victorious not only as to their financial condition, but with an increase of membership as well. One instance which
might be mentioned is of one of the smaller Chapters which wished to surrender their warrant about the first of November last year. With some slight persuasion, a few visits from the Grand Superintendent, Principals and Past Principals of other Chapters of the District, they have reimbursed Grand Chapter for the amount which was owing, have remitted their 1936 per capita, have had three candidates, have a surplus in their treasury, and, the crowning feature is that with their active work in connection with the conferring of degrees, they have conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on their own candidates, receiving but slight assistance from outside Chapters on that occasion.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On request of the various Chapters, the Grand Superintendent installed the Officers of Ark Chapter, No. 80, Thomas Peters Chapter No. 250, Blenheim Chapter No. 239 and King Cyrus Chapter No. 119. Wellington Chapter No. 47 and Lorne Chapter No 164 retained their Officers of the year 1935 to carry on through 1936; Sombra Chapter No. 153 and Erie Chapter No. 73 had their Officers installed by Past Grand Superintendents of their own Chapters (MacNabb Chapter No. 88 joining with Sombra Chapter for installation) and Prince of Wales Chapter No. 71 Officers, due to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Superintendent, installed their own Officers.

INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONS.

During the year the fraternal spirit of International Companionship was fostered by various visits between the Chapters of the United States of America, and of this part of the Dominion of Canada, at several of which representative Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada, as well as the Grand Superintendent, were present.

GENERAL.

It has been the only aim of the Grand Superintendent during the year, to carry out to the fullest extent, the wishes and the instructions of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., which have been transmitted at various times through the Grand Scribe E. The appointment to this office was greatly appreciated by the Grand Superintendent, and if he has, during the year, added even one iota to the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in general, and that of the Constituent Chap-
ters of St. Clair District No. 1 in particular, this fact, together with the renewal of friendships, and the creating of new friendships on his many visits with the Companions, will more than repay him for the effort which he has tried to put in his work.

During nearly all of his visits he has been accompanied by Very Excellent Comp. Tregenza, and Excellent Comp. R. H. Waddington, the latter acting as District Scribe E, and these two Excellent Companions have exerted themselves during the year, in the interests of the Craft.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. McCUBBIN,
Grand Superintendent, St. Clair District No. 1.
LONDON DISTRICT No. 2.

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

It is with pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in London District No. 2, for the year 1936.

I wish first to express my sincere thanks to the Companions of London District for the honour they conferred on me by electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent; also my thanks to the Most Excellent, the Grand Z, for his kindness in confirming my appointment.

My first official duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. W. A. Hunter, Jr., as District Secretary. I am very grateful to him for his kindness and assistance.

My visits of inspection were made as follows:—

St. Paul's Chapter No. 242, Lambeth, April 7th.
The St. Andrew Chapter No. 238, London, April 8th.
Minnewawa Chapter No. 78, Parkhill, April 20th.
St. John's Chapter No. 3, London, April 22nd.
Beaver Chapter No. 74, Strathroy, May 1st.
Wawanosh Chapter No 15, Sarnia, May 8th.
Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, Aylmer, June 4th.
Palestine Chapter No. 54, St. Thomas, Sept. 10th.
Bruce Chapter No. 53, Petrolia, Sept. 1st.
Hiawatha Chapter No. 252, Sarnia, Sept. 24th.
Vimy Chapter No. 214, Inwood, October 12th.
Nilestown Chapter No. 247, Nilestown, October 15th.
London Chapter No. 150, London, October 20th.
St. George's Chapter No. 5, London, October 23rd.

On all my visits I was received with the utmost kindness and courtesy. I had the pleasure of witnessing a degree being conferred in all Chapters with the exception of one. The Officers of all Chapters conducted their work in splendid manner. The Scribe's E. of the various Chapters are to be commended for the manner in which their books are kept and although no marked success has been shown during the year the Chapters are adjusting their affairs and are looking forward to the future with confidence.

I also visited Chapters on the following occasions:—

April 3rd, Vimy Chapter, Inwood—This being their annual “At Home”, I had the pleasure of presenting V.Ex. Comp. Clayton Johnston with his Grand Chapter regalia.
May 7th, Aylmer Chapter, Aylmer—On this occasion Nilestown Chapter were making a fraternal visit.

June 15th, Minnewawa Chapter, Parkhill—On which occasion St. George’s Chapter were making a fraternal visit.

June 16th—Accompanied M.Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith to Huron Chapter, Goderich, this being the official visit of R.Ex. Comp. Tichbourne to his Mother Chapter.

October 9th—Accompanied M.Ex. Comp. Smith to Harris Chapter, Ingersoll, this being the official visit of R.Ex. Comp. Monteith.

October 11th—District Divine Service at the Hyatt Avenue United Church, London. Although the attendance was small a splendid service was enjoyed by those present.

October 19th—Accompanied M.Ex. Comp. Smith to Preston Chapter, Preston.

October 30th—Reception to the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, M.Ex. Comp. Gardiner, at the Masonic Temple, London. This was a particularly enjoyable evening. The address by the Grand Z. was very much appreciated.

November 3rd, St. Paul’s Chapter, Lambeth—Nilestown Chapter was making a fraternal visit on this occasion.

November 26th, Hiawatha Chapter, Sarnia—On this occasion London Chapter were making a fraternal visit.

December 9th—Installed the Officers of St. John’s No. 3, St. George’s No. 5, London No. 150, The St. Andrew No. 238, St. Paul’s No. 242 and Nilestown No 247, at a joint installation in the Masonic Temple, London I was assisted by an installing staff chosen from the several Chapters.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Companions of London District for their kindness towards me; also to the Companions who accompanied me on my visits and to M.Ex. Comp. Smith for his generous help and assistance.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

R. J. CUSHMAN,
Grand Supt. London District No. 2.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

WILSON DISTRICT No. 3.

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

In presenting for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of Wilson District No. 3 for the year 1936, I wish to express my deep appreciation for honour conferred on me by the Representatives of the various Chapters of the District in appointing me to the office of Grand Superintendent and also for the confirmation of that appointment by the Most Excellent Grand Z.

Mention of the great loss sustained by Grand Chapter in the passing of the R.Ex. Grand Third Principal, J., must be mentioned and as Grand Superintendent I wish to say that R.Ex. Comp. Forbes is deeply mourned by the Officers and Companions of the several Chapters in this District. He was highly respected and beloved in this district as a man of sterling qualities and as a Mason of high attainments.

I wish to report that I find that only one Chapter Room in this District has been dedicated to Royal Arch Masonry and that the general feeling of the Officers and Companions of the other Chapters was that dedication of the Blue covered the several Masonic branches. I have been assured by the several Chapters that provision will be made for the dedication ceremony to suit the convenience of the Grand Z.

As a result of my visits, official and otherwise, to the various Chapters I am of the opinion that the economic depression is not the only cause of the lack of interest in some communities but the influence of service clubs is affecting the membership of Masonic Chapters. There appears to be an appeal and freedom in the meetings and activities of service clubs which draws the younger citizens to those clubs. I am of the opinion that there is a place in that work for Masonic Chapters and such an activity would not lessen the dignity of our Order. I find that where there are active service clubs in the small communities the lack of interest in Chapter work is quite apparent.

Indirectly connected with the question mentioned in the above paragraph is the matter of benevolence which is practically nil in the various Chapters.

I am also of the opinion that an active campaign of Inter-Chapter Visiting would assist in renewing interest in our Chapters as I find that where the Officers and Companions of the Chapter frequently visit other Chapters and have those
visits returned there is a greater interest shown by the Companions.

In my official capacity I visited the several Chapters of the District and found that the Officers were skilled in the work and were able to exemplify the several degrees and that the Chapters were in possession of all the necessary regalia and equipment. Chapter rooms were all in suitable quarters and in many cases were owned by Masonic trust in which the Chapter had an interest.

I wish to express my appreciation of the fraternal hospitality and welcome extended to me by R.Ex. Comp. Cushman of London District No. 2, by R.Ex. Comp. Rutherford of Wellington District No. 4, by R. Ex. Comp. Huxtable of Hamilton District No. 5, and by R.Ex. Comp Titchborne of District No. 6. I accompanied R.Ex. Comp. Cushman on his official visit to Nilestown Chapter and was accompanied by him on my official visit to Harris Chapter, Ingersoll. I accompanied R.Ex. Comp. Rutherford on his official visit to his Mother Chapter, Walterloo Chapter, at Galt, and was accompanied by him on my official visit to my Home Chapter, Brant Chapter at Paris. I accompanied R.Ex. Comp. Huxtable on his official visit to Mount Horeb Chapter at Brantford. I accompanied R.Ex. Comp. Titchborne on his official visit to my Mother Chapter, Tecumseh Chapter, at Stratford, and was accompanied by him on my official visit to Mount Horeb Chapter at Brantford. I also attended with R.Ex. Comp. Cushman on the joint installation of the Officers of the Chapters of London. I am of the opinion that the exchange of visits between myself and the Grand Superintendents of all surrounding Districts has assisted in promoting a feeling of goodwill among the Companions of the Districts.

Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford, celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its institution with a reception to the Grand First Principal Z. followed by a banquet. At both of these functions I appeared in an official capacity and was honoured in having the opportunity to tender the loyalty of the Officers and Companions of Wilson District to the Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter. The Grand First Principal was very impressive both in a short address in the Chapter Room and in his general address at the banquet. I attended a reception to the Grand Council in Hamilton on the invitation of the Principals' Association, Hamilton District, and again was honoured in the opportunity of expressing my loyalty and greeting to the Grand Council and also to
tender District Greetings from the Officers and Chapters of Wilson District to R.Ex. Comp. Huxtable and the Officers and Chapters of Hamilton District.

At the close of my term of office I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Chapters and Officers of Wilson District for the cordial warmth of the fraternal hospitality extended to me on the occasion of my several visits.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

A. H. MONTEITH,
Grand Supt., Wilson District No. 3.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour and pleasure to submit herewith my report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District No. 4, for the year 1936.

I desire, however, to preface my report by expressing to the Grand Z. and to the Companions of this District, my sincere thanks for the honour which has been mine. I would assure them that it is an honour which has been very deeply appreciated.

Wellington District has enjoyed a very satisfactory year. True, we show a small decrease in membership, but this is due to an unusually large number of deaths and unavoidable suspensions. The number of initiations has been satisfactory, and I feel quite sure that the corner has been turned and that the future will show Wellington District coming rapidly back to its previous numerical strength. The District is blest with a remarkable fraternal spirit, and in spite of its widespread geographical boundaries, the Chapters are very well acquainted, one with the other.

Waterloo Chapter No. 32, Galt.—My first official visit was to my Mother Chapter, Waterloo Chapter No. 32, Galt. April 13th was the date of this visit, which proved to be a most delightful and unusual occasion. Accompanying me on this visit was R.Ex Comp. Monteith of Wilson District No. 3, and his Mother Chapter from Paris who exemplified the degree work. At a later date I returned the visit accompanied by Waterloo Chapter, when R.Ex. Comp Monteith visited his Chapter. I was also honoured to have with me the Grand J., R. Ex. Comp. Forbes, and R. Ex. Comp. Huxtable of Hamilton District No. 5. The register for this meeting showed 14 different Chapters represented and five different Districts, which I believe to be a remarkable record. It was the largest meeting of Waterloo Chapter in many years and the First Principal, Ex. Comp. E F. Woodstock, is to be congratulated on the success attained.

Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Kitchener.—On April 17th I visited Kitchener Chapter officially and found conditions very satisfactory. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Leach, is handling things well, and is fortunate in having the constant backing of such Royal Arch enthusiasts as Ex.
Comp. Roy Cooper and Ex. Comp. Al. Mason. Kitchener Chapter may always be counted upon to give a good account of itself. Whatever they tackle will be well done.

PRESTON CHAPTER NO. 245, PRESTON.—On April 20th I was officially received by Preston Chapter No. 245. While not numerically strong, Preston Chapter has a spirit of friendliness all its own, and certainly exemplifies the spirit of fraternalism. I was amazed to find that with a total membership of 54 they show an average attendance of 33, which is better than 61%. It is doubtful if this record can be duplicated anywhere in the Jurisdiction. I would also like to pay tribute to Ex. Comp. Jos. Parkinson, to whom Preston Chapter owes a great deal for his painstaking supervision of their Ritualistic work.

IONIC CHAPTER NO. 83, ORANGEVILLE.—My official visit to Ionic Chapter came on May 5th which proved to be an unfortunate date, as their members, being largely engaged in farming, were busy on the land and consequently unable to turn out in as large numbers as is usual in this active Chapter. Fortunately it was my pleasure to visit Ionic Chapter on several other occasions, so I am pleased to be able to report that all is well in Orangeville. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Geo. Thompson, is a very capable and efficient ruling officer, and is ably supported by such Royal Arch stalwarts as R.Ex. Comp. Col. Preston and Ex. Comp. Price, whose interest never seems to lag. Ionic Chapter is one of the soundest in the District, and has shown a consistent gain throughout these difficult times.

HALTON CHAPTER NO. 324, GEORGETOWN.—On May 15th I visited Halton Chapter and was accorded the kind of reception for which Georgetown is famous. This Chapter has found times particularly hard of late, but in spite of this they present a bold front and have among their membership those whose spirit will never be downed, and I look forward confidently to a strong come-back in Halton Chapter in the very near future. They have been most unfortunate this year in the serious and prolonged illness and later death of their Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Dr Gollop, and the sincere sympathy of the District goes to Halton Chapter in their loss, which has been a serious one.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER NO. 67, PALMERSTON.—My official visit to Palmerston was made on June 9th, and the condition of this Chapter, as well as their ritualistic work, was found to be fully as excellent as one would expect of a Chapter
which boasts of having among its members Ex. Comp. Barton and R. Ex. Comp. Edwards. Enterprise Chapter are inveterate visitors and excellent hosts and herein, I believe, lies the secret of their success. They believe in and practice Fraternalism.

**Guelph Chapter No. 40, Guelph.**—One June 12th I visited Guelph Chapter, which is the largest Chapter in Wellington District, being located in a regular hot-bed of Masonry. Their Ritualistic work is excellent and I would like to particularly mention the work done by the Veilmen on my official visit. It was really exceptional. I would also like to pay personal tribute to R. Ex. Comp. John F. Marr, who deserves the honourary title of “Grand Superintendents Friend”. He is always willing to give advice or to extend a helping hand, and year after year can be counted upon for any help at any time.

**Princeton Edward Chapter No. 218, Shelburne.**—June 19th found me in Shelburne and although this date came right in the middle of the Community Old Boys’ Reunion, the meeting was a very large and enjoyable one. Shelburne may be short on numbers but they are long on enthusiasm and efficiency and will give a good account of themselves in the next few years.

**Durham Chapter, No. 221, Durham.**—Durham Chapter was visited on October 19th and the night was indeed a pleasant one. I must congratulate this Chapter on their ability to meet situations as they come. At this meeting they expected I would have a car load or two with me, instead of which I had a contingent of about 30 visitors which nearly swamped them, but the affair was handled so expertly that one would have thought they were quite accustomed to such a throng. Their degree work is good and the spirit in this Chapter, excellent. One leaves with the feeling that he would like to go back.

In addition to these official visits, I was in attendance at frequent regular meetings of the various Chapters in the District and found the general deportment and conduct of the work, satisfactory at all times.

I was also happily privileged to attend many Chapter meetings outside of the District but space will not permit enumerating them.

In closing, may I pay tribute to my very capable District Secretary, Ex. Comp. R. D. Law, who has been of inestimable
assistance to me. It has been a pleasant year's work and I would like to think that my services has been of as much value to the District as the District's co-operation and friendliness has been an inspiration to me.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

T. W. RUTHERFORD,
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 Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I beg to submit a summary of the condition of Capitular Masonry in this the Hamilton District No. 5.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Grand Z. and Companions of this District for the distinguished honour they have conferred on me.

My Secretary was Ex. Comp. R. H. Archibald, of White Oak Chapter, and I wish to express my thanks for his services, and also for the goodly number that helped to make my visits more pleasant by their presence. My first official visit was to Caledonia Chapter No. 236 on Thursday, May 28, and was accompanied by a large number of Companions from St. Johns Chapter No. 6 and from other Chapters. The Officers of Caledonia Chapter worked the R.A.M. Degree in a very fine way.

My next visit was to White Oak Chapter No. 104, Oakville, on Wednesday, June 17, and was accompanied by members of McKay Chapter No. 243. The Officers of White Oak Chapter worked the R.A.M. Degree very well. The weather was not the best but there was a very good attendance and we were treated afterwards to strawberries and cream.

My next visit was to St. Clair Chapter No. 75, Milton, on Thursday, September 17th and I was accompanied by members of Hamilton Chapter No. 175 and many others. The Officers of St. Clair Chapter worked the R.A.M. Degree and we had a very profitable meeting.

My next visit was to The Hiram Chapter No. 2, Hamilton, Friday, September 25th, and I was accompanied by Ancaster Chapter No. 155. This is my mother Chapter, and I cannot thank them enough for the manner that they have assisted me. There was a large number from other Chapters, among them being R. Ex. Comp. Rutherford, Grand Superintendent of Wellington District No. 4, also R.Ex. Comp. Frank Hays, Grand Superintendent of Niagara District No. 7, and others. The work was the H.R.A. Degree and it was very well done. Hiram Chapter No. 2 is the second Chapter on the register of Grand Chapter of Canada, and although it is an old an Ancient Chapter it is a real live wire. They have 22 living Past Principals and of that number there are 16 who are very active. They were a great
help to me during the year. I did not miss a meeting in this Chapter this year and at their November meeting I presided at the election of Officers.

October 5 I officially visited Keystone Chapter No. 224 and was again accompanied by a large number of Companions from other Chapters. This Chapter worked the M.M.M. and M.E.M. Degrees and did them well. I visited them on seven other occasions and also accompanied them to Welland, Brantford and Paris, and at each convocation we were well received. I also conducted the Election of Officers at their November meeting. They entailed a great loss in the death of R. Ex. Comp. Paul Lumsden who was their founder and Treasurer. At their annual ladies' night on December 11 there was a large turnout.

October 8 I visited St. John’s Chapter No. 6, and a large number from The Hiram Chapter No. 2 and other Chapters were their guests and were well received. They worked the H.R.A. Degree very creditably. This is the mother Chapter of R.Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, and his death was a distinct loss to St. John’s Chapter, also to all the Chapters in this District and throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, which was much in evidence by the large number that attended his funeral. The Grand Chapter was well represented.

October 14 I officially visited McKay Chapter No. 243, which is the youngest in the District, and was accompanied by Keystone Chapter No. 224 and a large representation from other Chapters, including a few from St. Catherines and Smithville, and also R.Ex. Comp. Frank Hays, Grand Superintendent of Niagara District. They worked the H.R.A. Degree very well. I was pleased to visit this Chapter on four occasions and presided at their Election of Officers.

October 20.—I inspected Ancaster Chapter No. 155 and was accompanied by St. Clair Chapter No. 75. They worked the H.R.A. Degree very well and we enjoyed the evening.

November 17.—This my last official visit was to Hamilton Chapter No. 175, and I was again favoured by a goodly attendance of visiting Companions. I conducted the Election of Officers and they also worked the H.R.A. Degree well. This Chapter had the distinction of having the largest number of candidates during the year 1936.

THE OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR.

There was a Divine Service of Royal Arch Masons of this District held in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday evening, November 8. The church was filled to capacity. A fine ser-
mon by Ex. Comp. Rt. Rev. Bishop Broughall and the musical part of the service was in charge of the choir leader Comp. Harry Stares. It has been a long time since there was a Divine Service for Royal Arch Masons in this District, and those who attended hoped it would be made an annual affair.

A reception in honour of Most Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner was held in the Masonic Hall in Hamilton on November 12th under the auspices of the Principals' Association of this District. The supper was held at 6.30 and afterwards we repaired to the Chapter Room, and as this meeting was held on the regular Convocation of St. John's Chapter No. 6, the Grand Council accompanied by a large number of distinguished Companions from far and near were received by the First Principal and Officers in a very suitable manner and after Grand Honours were given the Grand Z. was escorted to the Dais and assumed the Sceptre. The Grand Z. delivered a very inspiring address.

At the regular Convocation in October of the Hiram Chapter No. 2, R. Ex. Comp. D. R. Gibson, our Scribe E., presented to the Chapter a large collection of Chapter pennies collected by him over a number of years. This has been a lifetime hobby of R. Ex. Comp. Gibson, as on a former occasion he donated a large collection to a Masonic Cathedral in Washington, D.C. The collection he presented numbered about 2,400, and as soon as we have another receptacle completed he will add to the collection.

In conclusion I may say that I feel highly honoured by the Companions of this District for having chosen me for this office and I have endeavoured to serve them as best I can in my own humble way.

I have made about seventy visits in this and surrounding Districts and have been accompanied by a large number of Companions.

I also wish to thank the Grand Superintendents of the Districts which border on No. 5 District for the hospitality they have shown to me when I visited them, and also for their having visited with me on several occasions. I wish for my successor the same co-operation as shown me, and lastly I wish to thank all the Past Principals, Officers and members of old Hiram No. 2 for the hearty way they have assisted and by so doing advanced the cause of Capitular Masonry in general.

Fraternally submitted,

RUSSELL HUXTABLE,
Grand Supt. Hamilton No. 2.
HURON DISTRICT, No. 6.

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

I have the privilege and honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District, No. 6, for the term of my office 1936, which is fourteen months due to the change in the date of the Grand Chapter Convocation from February to April.

It is my desire to express my sincere appreciation to R. Ex. Comp. S. D. Croft for his personal interest in recommending me to the District for the office of Grand Superintendent. I also wish to thank the Excellent Principals of Huron District, No. 6, who saw fit to elect me to that high and important office, and to the Most Excellent, The Grand First Principal, for the confirmation of same.

My first official duty after receiving my certificate of authority was to consider the appointment of a District Secretary. After viewing this from every angle I decided to take full charge of these duties myself, whereby I would have full contact with the whole district, and while it placed more work upon me, I sincerely appreciated furthering the interest of Royal Arch Masonry.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 46, ST. MARYS.—Monday, March 9th, accompanied by several Companions of Huron Chapter No. 30, I visited this Chapter, at a time when the roads were very hazardous for motor travel. I was right royally received by Ex. Comp. A. Dell. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in an excellent and impressive manner; the Past Principals taking a keen interest in the Chapter by assisting in the work, the unique feature of this visit was that when I left St. Marys in 1915 after spending two most happy years of my life I should return twenty-one years later as Grand Superintendent.

ELLIOTT CHAPTER, No. 129, MITCHELL.—Tuesday, March 17th, I visited this Chapter officially and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Fred Porterfield, and received a most cordial reception from Ex. Comp. H. A. Mutton. The M.E.M. Degree was most beautifully and impressively exemplified on four candidates by the Officers, with R. Ex. Comp. Fred Porterfield and R. Ex. Comp. John Empey adding grace to the work. Following the work a banquet was served in St. Patrick style at which Rev. R. C. Capper gave a very interesting address on the life of St. Patrick.
HAVELOCK CHAPTER, No. 63, KINCARDINE.—I officially visited this Chapter on Friday, April 17th, and was given a most hearty welcome and reception by Ex. Comp. V. D. Cottrill and the Companions. The candidate unable to be present the M.M.M. Degree was exemplified by the Officers, assisted by a number of Past Principals in a splendid and efficient manner. This Chapter has been unable to procure candidates during the depression years, yet we must congratulate them on the great amount of money spent on benevolence. As usual Lucknow Chapter was well represented at this Convocation.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, No. 147, LUCKNOW.—My official visit to this Chapter was on Tuesday the 12th of May, and I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Fred Armstrong and R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Joynt and promptly received by Ex. Comp. F. M. Paterson. The Officers, assisted by the Past Principals, conferred the H.R.A. Degree in an impressive and dignified manner. This Chapter is to be congratulated on the keen interest taken by the Past Principals. On this occasion I was accompanied by Companions of Huron Chapter, No. 30, also many Companions from Havelock Chapter.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, STRATFORD.—Friday, May 22nd, I visited this Chapter officially and was introduced by my predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Wilson and was warmly received by Ex. Comp. F. C. Ward. The H.R.A. Degree was exemplified by the Officers assisted by the Past Principals, in such an impressive manner that the candidate could not help but be deeply impressed. On this occasion I was honoured with a visit from R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Montieith, of Paris, Ont., Grand Superintendent of Wilson District, No. 3, and my friend R. Ex. Comp. S. D. Croft, of Brantford, Ont., at this Convocation. R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Wilson invested V. Ex. Comp. W Culligan as Assistant Grand Steward.

THE MALLOCH CHAPTER, No. 66, SEAFORTH.—Monday, June 15th, I visited this Chapter and was duly and properly introduced and graciously received by Ex. Comp. First Principal George H Jefferson. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred by the Officers, assisted by the Past Principals in a very fine manner, the Senior Sojourner is to be congratulated on his ability to fulfill the duties of the Principal Sojourner so creditably. I had the pleasure of investing V. Ex. Comp. R. N. Bissonette as a Grand Junior Sojourner.

HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, GODERICH.—My official visit to my Mother Chapter, Huron No. 30, Goderich, was made on
June 16th. Although no formal introduction was necessary I received a most cordial reception, being officially introduced by R. Ex. Comp. H. C. Dunlop, and received by Ex. Comp. Robert Bisset, First Principal. The conferring of the H.R.A. Degree by Ex. Comp. Robt. Bisset and his Officers was not only impressive to the candidate but to the Companions as well. The work was highly complimented by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and the First Principal was especially congratulated on his ability to give the Mystical Lecture on an inspection occasion. This convocation was graced with the presence of the Grand Scribe E., M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Cushman, Grand Superintendent of London District No. 2., V. Ex. Comp. Harry Abel, and many Past Grand Superintendents and a representation from eight Chapters in the District. Many points concerning Capitular Masonry were brought forward at this Convocation for the benefit of all Chapters.

CHANTRY CHAPTER, No. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—Tuesday, October 6th, I visited this Chapter officially and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Alton Huber and duly and cordially received by R. Ex. Comp. Bruce and the Companions. This Chapter being the farthest away the trip was made over terrible roads due to the re-building of bridges and rainy weather. There being no work a social hour was spent after the meeting. Chantry Chapter in common with other Chapters has suffered for the lack of candidates. It is believed that should factory conditions improve a brighter future is looked for.

BERNARD CHAPTER, No. 146, LISTOWEL.—October 9th I officially visited this Chapter and received a most cordial and fraternal reception from Ex. Comp. W. A. Johnstone. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred by the officers, assisted by the Past Principals, in an efficient manner. I wish to make special mention that Bernard Chapter has not had a candidate for four years yet the work was an evidence of the great interest prevailing in Capitular Masonry in this community. A fine spirit of fellowship and companionship permeates the Chapter.

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 84, WINGHAM.—Tuesday, October 20th, it was a pleasure to visit this Chapter officially, where I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Ross, and a royal welcome was extended by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. J. D. Beecroft and the Companions. No degree work was conferred. The Companions are to be congratulated on having
such a fine home in which to meet. Following the Convocation an enjoyable hour was spent at which Ex. Comp. Robt. Thompson gave an interesting talk on the Vimy pilgrimage.

In the Wilson District on October 2nd I had the pleasure of visiting Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, at Brantford, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Nelson Hill on the occasion of the official visit of R. Ex. Comp. A. H. Monteith to this Chapter.

In London District No. 2, on Friday evening, October 31st, accompanied by several Companions of Huron Chapter, No. 30, I had the pleasure of attending a reception and dinner given by the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of London District, No. 2, to M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner in the Masonic Temple, London, at which the Grand First Principal gave an illustrious address.

I personally inspected the records, minutes and ledgers of the Chapters and observed that accuracy and neatness prevailed. The Scribes E., who faithfully discharge the duties of this important office, are to be highly complimented. In most Chapters the Book of Marks is fairly well registered. In this regard I stressed the necessity of the same.

I inspected the opening of each Chapter, visited many twice, and regret being unable to visit more. I have had a very pleasant year and made many friends among the Companions whom I would not have met otherwise, and while new candidates exceed last year we are numerically smaller due to suspensions, yet financially sound and the spirit of optimism prevails throughout the District.

In conclusion may I offer my sincere congratulations to the new Officers of the Constituent Chapters for the year 1937 and wish them every success. I ask all Companions especially those of Huron Chapter, No. 30, who accompanied me on my visits to accept my sincere appreciation and to be-speak for my successor the same loyalty and co-operation.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

H. B. M. Tichborne,
Grand Supt., Huron District No. 6.

Goderich, Ontario, January 5th, 1937.
NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.

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

I have the honour to submit my report on Capitular Masonry in Niagara District, No. 7, for the year 1936.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Ex. Principals of Smithville Chapter for their kindness in recommending me to the District for the office of Grand Superintendent, and to thank the Ex. Principals of Niagara District for so kindly electing me to this high and responsible position, and to thank the M. Ex. the Grand Z., for confirmation of the election.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. C. A. Merritt, of Smithville Chapter, No. 240, as District Secretary, which duties he performed in a very satisfactory and efficient manner.

My next official duty was to send a circular letter to all the First Principals of District No. 7, which contained the recommendations of the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

April 17th.—Official visit to Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. G. E. French and cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. F. Morcom. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified, and the officers were very efficient in their work.

April 29th.—Official visit to Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland. Was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. James Gothard, and duly and properly received by Ex. Comp. M. F. Stewart. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified, the Officers doing their work in a splendid manner. In this Chapter, Comp. Geo. Wells has been Scribe E. for thirty-four years.

May 1st.—Official visit to Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp Ed. H. Brennan, and was duly and properly made welcome by Ex. Comp. W. J. Found, First Principal The Mark Master Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. In the banquet room, R. Ex. Comp. Brennan gave a short history of Grand Chapter, which was very interesting and much enjoyed.

May 15th.—Official visit to McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Massie, and was duly and properly received by Ex. Comp. Darwin Murphy. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was very creditably
exemplified by the Officers. Seven Chapters were represented, and seven Past District Superintendents were present.

May 21st.—Official visit to King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp J. S. Allen, and was duly and properly made welcome by Ex. Comp. H. W. Kern, First Principal. The Mark Master Degree was exemplified, and the work was well done.

June 15th.—Official visit to Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. S. Magder, and was duly and properly welcomed by Ex. Comp J. N. Smith, First Principal. The visitors were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Patterson. This being my home Chapter, the meeting took the form of a reception, nearly one hundred being present, not only from the Chapters in the District, but from Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, N.Y. At the banquet, R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Coombs gave a very impressive address on Masonry, and R. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stevens, of Hamilton, also gave a very interesting and enjoyable talk.

October 5th.—Official visit to Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. F. Carpenter. The First Principal being absent on business, Ex. Comp. L. A. Bromley filled the chair and welcomed me. Although no work was exemplified, I have seen the Officers confer degrees several times, and know them to be a splendid set of Officers.

October 9th.—Official visit to Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Coombs and duly and properly welcomed by Ex. Comp. F. B. Lottridge, First Principal. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by a very capable set of Officers. This Chapter has retained the same Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. A. N. Lindsay, since 1908. In the banquet hall, R. Ex Comp. A. E. Coombs gave an address which was very interesting and much enjoyed.

October 13th.—Official visit to Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Fort Erie. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. J. A. Yeo, and duly and properly welcomed by Ex. Comp. W. W. Gorham, First Principal. The Mark Master Degree was splendidly exemplified. They have a very fine new Chapter room.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions and Past Grand Superintendents of the various Chapters in this Dis-
trict, and also those of Smithville Chapter, who were so kind to me, and who accompanied me on all my visits. I wish for my successor the same kindness and courtesy that was extended to me.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

F. FRANK HAYS,
Grand Supt. Niagara District No. 7.

Smithville, Ont., January 6th, 1937.
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 conditions of Capitular Masonry in Toronto East District, No. 8, for the year 1936.

First, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every Companion for the honour bestowed on me in electing me as their Grand Superintendent, and my sincere thanks to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Geo. L. Gardiner, in confirming that election. To the Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, Principals, Past Principals and Companions who accompanied me on my official visits to the Chapters of the District, I desire to express my heartfelt thanks. These Companions, they are the essence of loyalty, always willing to assist and extend the hand of friendship and companionship. Their presence amplified our meetings and gave encouragement to the Officers of the various Chapters during the course of my inspection. I am truly grateful for their support and the lasting friendships I trust we have made.

I was indeed very fortunate in securing the services of Ex. Comp. James McAllister, a Past Principal of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, as the District Secretary. His genial personality and ready wit made him popular with the Scribes E. of the various Chapters throughout the District, and he obtained for me information of interest from the records of the Chapters, all of which has been covered in individual reports to the Grand Scribe E.

During the year it was my pleasure to visit the Chapters of the District once or twice. With the exception of Doric Chapter, No. 60, efforts have been made to arouse enthusiasm with some of the Principals but so far without success.

The reception afforded me as the representative of the Grand Z. has been very gratifying and encouraging. The loyalty to Grand Chapter expressed by all Companions speaks well for the calibre of the men who make up this Grand Chapter.

My duties have been most interesting, the first being a joint meeting with the Second Principals of the two Toronto Districts, R. Ex. Comp. Thos. R. Hughes, Grand Superintendents of these Districts, R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy
and R. Ex. Comp. John Burden, the purpose of which was to arrange for a Chapter of Instructions. This gathering of enthusiastic Principals soon took form and decided to hold a Chapter of Instruction in Mark Master Mason Degree and Masonic Education. This idea was duly presented to the M Ex. the Grand Z., who gave his blessing on the project. With these good wishes it soon became the talk of all the Chapters in the two Districts, and the Second Principals felt their responsibilities. Rehearsals were called and the assistance given by Past Principals left very few stones unturned to assure the success of this meeting. The First Principal of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, kindly called a special Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, April 15th, 1936, and the Masonic Temple Corp.,, 888 Yonge St., kindly permitted us the use of the large Blue Room for which we as a body are extremely grateful.

The Mark Master Mason Degree was exemplified in the presence of approximately 200 R.A.M., by the 2nd Principals, all of whom gave a splendid account of themselves. Following this R. Ex. Comp. Sidney Forbes, Grand Third Principal, gave some interesting information on the Mark Master Mason Degree, also he warmly complimented the Second Principals on their knowledge of the work. M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., enlightened the Companions on some of the unusual features connected with the degree. R. Ex. Comp. Morgan R. Griffiths, Grand Lecturer, gave an interesting talk on Masonry and was delighted with this method of instruction.

This meeting has further cemented the bonds of good fellowship between the Companions of these two Districts, and as a suggestion to successors in office I earnestly present this form of Masonic Education and Instruction to their notice. On behalf of R. Ex. Comp. Thos. Hughes and myself I wish to thank all the Companions who took part, also R. Ex. Comp. Burden and Enuoy. These two sterling R.A.M.'s who have given years of service for the advancement of Capitular Masonry; this was their idea and I congratulate them most heartily on its success.

My first inspection was at Beaver Chapter, No. 225, on Wednesday, March 12th, 1936. About eighteen Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers were present. Following the work of the evening R. Ex. Comp. James Pickard, Grand Scribe N. was presented with his Regalia by R. Ex. Comp. B. Cairns, after which a presentation was made to R. Ex.
Comp. B. Cairns, this being his birthday. He was both surprised and delighted with his gift. This evening started a strong union of friendship with my Grand Chapter Companions and as I write this at the close of my term of office I feel that I have made lasting friends in all of them.

On Monday, March 16th, 1936, I attended the reception tendered R. Ex. Comp. Thos. R. Hughes, Grand Superintendent, Toronto W. District No. 8A, by his Chapter, Toronto Chapter No. 185. This was a very delightful function and the popularity of R. Ex. Comp. Hughes was best expressed by the large attendance of Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, and Present and Past Principals of both the Districts.

On Friday, March 20th, 1936, St. Andrews and St. John Chapter No. 4 devoted their regular convocation to Masonic Education, and the meeting was addressed by Ex. Comp. Wm. Moull, his subject being the Lost Word. To R.A.M.'s this address was most interesting and while I am writing of this Lecturer I particularly recommend his latest book. "The Royal Rite to Royal Arch Masons."

On Saturday, March 21st, The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, held its Annual Irish Night. This was a well attended gathering, about 400 in attendance, a large company of Grand Chapter members, including M. Ex. Comp. K Dunstan, R. Ex. Comp. Sidney Forbes, Grand Third Principal, M. Wor. Bro. and Ex. Comp. John A. Rowland, who was the speaker of the evening, Present and Past Grand Superintendents, Ministers of the Church, Members of Parliament, and others. A most enjoyable evening was provided, the only disappointment to the Companions of this splendid Chapter, was the absence of Keystone Chapter, Buffalo, which was detained in Buffalo by a very heavy snowstorm. The following evening, Sunday, March 22nd, this Chapter attended divine service at Eglinton United Church to which they invited all R.A.M.'s of the two Districts. The officiating Minister, Comp. Rev. W. J. Johnston, gave a very interesting address, taking for his subject "Famous Stones". This service was well attended.

Thursday, March 26th, R. Ex. Comp. Thos. R. Hughes honoured me by taking the inspection of my Mother Chapter, King Solomon No. 8. He was accompanied by his Secretary, Ex. Comp. Robert Sumerville. A large number of Grand Chapter Officers, Present and Past Ex. Companions and Companions were present. I would like here to extend my sincere
thanks to R. Ex. Comp. Tom Hughes, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District No. 8A, for his many kind acts and thoughtfulness in accompanying me on so many of my official visits to the Chapters of the District, thereby strengthening those ties and bonds of friendship which our predecessors have built. Also, I wish to thank him for the opportunity he afforded me to inspect his own Mother Chapter, Toronto No. 185, on Monday, April 20th, 1936. At the banquet after the inspection, the Toast to Grand Chapter was honoured in a very unique manner, by the singing to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers":

Greetings to Grand Chauter, long may they endure. 
Keeping step with progress, with a motive pure. 
Their symbol is the Keystone, perfecting the Arch 
Of man's "Immortal Temple", forward may march. 
Onward then Grand Chapter, may they always prove, 
Faithful to their watchword, Fraternity and Love.

Let us then acclaim them, praise them in our song, 
Men of noble purpose, men in virtue strong. 
All of generous uncion, goodwill in their mind, 
To their worthy brethren, and to all mankind: 
Onward then Grand Chapter, may they always be, 
Foremost in Benevolence, first in Charity. 

T.H.W.

These words were written by the Third Principal, Ex. Comp. T. H. Wright.

On Monday, April 6th, 1936, I visited The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, this being their Annual Inspection Night, also it was my pleasure to present the regalia of his office to V. Ex. Comp. T. C. James, Ass't. Gr. D. of C., this being the Mother Chapter of our Grand Z.

On Friday, May 8th, it was my privilege, due to the illness of R. Ex. Comp. T. R. Hughes, to represent Grand Chapter in Occident Chapter, No. 77, on their Annual Indian Night, also to assist R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden in presenting to his Secretary, V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Murchison, the regalia of his office, the Grand Pursuivant. At the banquet table a very interesting and enlightening address was given by Major S. J. Robin, a speaker of international repute. The meeting was well attended, there being close to 300 Companions present.

During the fore part of the year two well-known and distinguished Royal Arch Masons, of Toronto E. District, No.
8 were called to the Grand Chapter above, R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Roberts, Past Grand Superintendent, Toronto E. District, No. 8, 1926, who died in Saskatoon and was buried in St. Johns Norway Cemetery on August 8th, 1936, with Masonic Honours; also R. Ex. Comp. Bernard Cairns, Past Grand Scribe N., 1916, deceased August 28th, 1936, buried with Masonic Honours August 31st, 1936.

“They ever abide with us, they are not gone,
And just beyond the boundary of human sight,
They wait and watch, to cheer our upward course,
And lift at last the veil that now obscures the light.”

“For, he has not served who gathers gold,
Nor has he served whose life is told
In selfish battle he has won,
Or deeds of skill that he has done;
But he has served who now and then
Has helped along his fellow-man.”

On Wednesday, October 14th, 1936, Beaver Chapter No. 225, and The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, held a joint Memorial Service to the memory of R. Ex. Comp. Bernard Cairns in Riverdale Masonic Temple, at which ceremony the Grand Chapter presided, represented by M. Ex. Comp. George Gardiner in the Chair Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Sidney Forbes H; R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Johnson J. The sincere and solemn addresses given by our Grand First Principal, George L. Gardiner, R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Miller, representing Beaver Chapter, Ex. Comp. W. Johnston, representing The St. Patrick Chapter, and Comp. the Rev. W. J. Johnston, who pronounced the Benediction, will long be remembered by those Companions and Veterans of the Fenian Raid who were present. I cannot better describe my own feelings towards Barney, as we all knew him, than to quote these line from his Memorial Brochure:—

“Some leave a trail of perennial light, like the afterglow of the setting sun: others fade with the passing. Our revered friend has left Masonry and the world richer and better, because he had lived, loved, toiled and served.”

A word of praise is due to V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell and R. Ex. Comp. James Pickard, for the setting and conducting of this wonderful Memorial Service.

On Sunday, October 8th, 1936, The St. Patrick’s Chapter No. 145 invited all R.A.M.’s of the two Districts to attend
Divine Worship at College St. Baptist Church. Comp. Rev. G. A. Leichliter, the Pastor, gave an interesting address to about 250 Masons present.

It is my sincere hope that in the near future the two Toronto Districts, 8 and 8A hold a combined Church Service, after the manner established by our Blue Lodge Districts A, B, C and D.

A number of meetings were held by the Royal Arch Welfare Committee at which the Superintendents and Principals of both Toronto Districts were present to discuss ways and means to further enlarge the scope of Welfare Work, and to increase the activity of the Companions in the Chapters. These gatherings (always well attended) are a wonderful inspiration to the younger members. Too much praise cannot be extended to the Executive of the Royal Arch Welfare Committee for the manner in which they are conducting the work and ideals handed down to them by the founders and predecessors:

"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."

This is a noble work, long may it continue.

During the month of December the annual Installation Ceremonies have been somewhat arduous; practically every Chapter in the two Districts extended invitations to me. I attended all the Chapters I possibly could, and received sincere and loyal welcome from them. It was my very good fortune to attend a joint installation, the first of its kind to be held in this District, the two Chapters, York No. 60 and St. Albans No. 217 both meeting in Eglington Ave. Temple, and in order to curtail both on time and expenses, the Executives of these Chapters, in perfect harmony, performed a very pleasing installation, and as a suggestion to other Chapters meeting in the same Temples, I heartily endorse this form of installation, with due regard to companionship, goodfellowship, harmony, understanding and economy. It would solve many economic problems and make lasting friendships, which I trust is the aim of all Royal Arch Masons.
In conclusion I wish to congratulate all the newly installed Officers of the Constituent Chapters for 1937, and may their journey towards the East and Sacred Shrine ever be marked with Wisdom, Success and Happiness, for their 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.

Respectfully submitted.

FRED J. JOHNSON,
Grand Supt. Toronto E. District No. 8.

Toronto, Ont., January 16th, 1937.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, No. 8A.

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

It is with much pleasure that I have the honour to present for your information, statistical report of my report in general on condition of Capitular Masonry in Toronto West District, No 8A for the year 1936. Detailed reports of each of the Chapters of the District have already been forwarded to the Grand Scribe E., giving full details of the condition of all Chapters.

May I at this point express my sincere appreciation to the Companions of District 8A, of the honour they conferred upon me in electing me to the important office of Grand Superintendent, and my sincere thanks to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in confirming my election as his representative.

I had the pleasure of visiting all of the Chapters in the District at least once during the year, and most of them on other occasions as well. I made my inspections in accordance with my prearranged schedule, of all Chapters excepting Shekinah, and it was to me a matter of genuine regret that I was unable, on account of illness, to carry out this Inspection. Several of my predecessors in office of Grand Superintendent very kindly offered to fulfill this engagement for me, and to them, I offer my sincere thanks. Particularly may I thank R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden for taking this Inspection, which he generously did, although having very many demands made up his time.

It was a distinct shock to all of his friends and Companions to learn of the very sudden death of the late R. Ex. Comp. John Davidson, Grand Superintendent for this District in the year 1934. His passing was very sudden on March 29th. He was an active officer of Brampton Presbyterian Church, and had attended his usual duties on Sunday, and passed away Sunday evening. I attended his funeral with many others of his Companions and Brethren in Masonry. I visited Peel Chapter for Inspection on April 7th, a week following his death, and had the privilege of witnessing a very beautiful memorial service to his memory conducted by Ex. Comp. R. W. Hall, First Principal, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover and other Principals and Companions of Peel Chapter. It was said of the deceased at this service:
“He is not dead. Such Souls forever live
In boundless measures of the love they give.”

And it can be truly said that the memory of R. Ex. Comp. Davidson will long remain in the hearts of his Companions and brethren in Masonry. He was beloved by all who know him.

The Grim Reaper suddenly appeared in Grand Chapter again on August 28th, and carried off another faithful servant in the person of R. Ex. Comp. B. Cairns of Beaver and St. Patrick Chapters. His passing also was sudden, and came as a great shock to his many friends. A very beautiful memorial ceremony was held by Beaver Chapter on October 14th, assisted by the Officers and Companions of the St. Patrick Chapter, in which Most Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, Grand Z., along with many other Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, took part. It was very fitting that the daughter and grandson of the deceased were present at that ceremony and witnessed the very high regard in which the late R. Ex. Comp. Cairns was held among his Companions.

Present at that ceremony was one who in the course of two months also received the call, and one of our most beloved Companions of Grand Chapter in the person of R. Ex. Comp. Sidney S. Forbes, Grand Third Principal J., on December 17, 1936, passed to his reward. R. Ex. Comp. Forbes was a man of great personal charm, and to know him was a great privilege, and to be a friend of his a very great honour. Royal Arch Masonry is much the poorer by his passing, and I feel sure I share the opinion of all who know him when I say that had he been spared, and when his turn came, he would have made a perfect Grand Z. We have every assurance that the greeting he would receive from the Great Architect of the Universe would be:

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“Well done, thou good and faithful servant,
Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.”

The late R. Ex. Comp. Forbes will continue laying designs on the greater trestle board to which he has been called, and we who are left mourn the loss of a true and beloved Companion:

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“To live in the hearts of those you leave behind
is not to die.”

Following the precedent established by our predecessors for several years past, R. Ex. Comp. F. Johnson, Grand Superintendent Toronto District No. 8, very kindly inspected
the work of my own Chapter, the Toronto Chapter, on April 20th, which I appreciated, and I also had the honour of doing the same at his Chapter, King Solomon Chapter, April 15th. During our term of office R. Ex. Comp. Johnson and I have endeavoured to keep cemented those bonds of friendship and companionship which have been established between the two Toronto District, and have very much enjoyed joining each with the other, on fraternal visits and inspections at all times when possible.

On April 15th, under the direction of the two Grand Superintendents, the Second Principals of the two Toronto Districts conducted a Chapter of Instruction at the Central Masonic Temple, Yonge Street, exemplifying the M.M.M. Degree, all of the chairs being occupied by the Second Principals, with the exception of that of Z. The exemplification of this degree was particularly well carried out by the Officers and reflected great credit on them, and their efforts were thoroughly appreciated by the very large attendance of Companions, all Chapters being represented. At this ceremony the late R. Ex. Comp. S. Forbes, Grand J., in his usual gracious manner, kindly consented to be present, and delivered a most instructive lecture on the Degree. We express our gratitude to R. Ex. Comp. Morgan Griffiths, R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy, and V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Ruttrell and others for their kindly assistance rendered in this work. It had been the intention of the Grand Superintendents to conduct a Chapter of Instruction in the M.E.M. and R.A.M. Degrees before the year ended, but owing to my illness, we were prevented from doing this.

I am very happy to report that in a number of the Chapters of the District the silver lining is beginning to show through the clouds which have hovered over all the Chapters of the District for several years past. Several of them are now getting candidates where they have not had them for some considerable time. And they appear to be the class of candidates who are genuinely interested in their desire for further light and study in Masonry. There are unfortunately, however, still some of the Chapters who have not yet gotten around that proverbial corner of which we have heard so much the last few years, but the Officers are sticking bravely to their tasks and in all cases are prepared to extend that assistance, light and knowledge to those uninformed Masons who desire it. I offer my sincerest congratulations to those many Officers for their loyalty in such cases where
the encouragement is not the greatest, but I have every hope that in a short time all will be answering the calls of the new candidates, and that our great and glorious institution will again flourish; not only numerically, but also in the class of members who take their Masonry seriously, and exemplify a genuine desire to progress and complete their Masonic structure.

One thing which I have observed in all the Chapters of this District has been their unfailing loyalty to Most. Ex. Comp. Gardiner, and to the Grand Chapter of Canada over which he has the honour to preside. There is a splendid feeling of companionship existing among the Chapters, one with the other, not only in this district, but with Chapters of both Toronto Districts. May I make a suggestion to the Principals of the city Chapters to, as often as they can, along with their Companions, make a point of visiting our Companions of the suburban Chapters. These Companions are the most hospitable and appreciative that can be found anywhere, and you would be amply repaid for any little trouble you might take, and it would very much stimulate the interest of their own members to have you as their guests, and you could join more heartily in the singing of the verse we are so familiar with accompanying the toast to our visitors:—

"The more we are together
The happier we will be,
For your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends, etc., etc."

May I, as my predecessors have, congratulate the Chairman and Secretary of the Royal Arch Welfare Committee, Ex. Comp. F. W. Fisher, and Ex. Comp. A. Tannahill, respectively, for their untiring efforts in carrying on the work of their important Committee, and for increasing their good work by adding four extra trips to and from Bronte under the direction of the Neighbourhood Workers' Association. This is a splendid work and none will know just what it means to many of the recipients, some of whom had never been outside the city, and some not even having enjoyed a motor drive to the country. The kind of assistance of the Companions of our suburban Chapters in this work is much appreciated.

"There is a destiny which makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone,
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own."
There were many special functions I had the privilege of attending, but I will mention only a few. The Annual Irish Night of the St. Patrick Chapter was held with its usual snap by which it has been marked for many years past, and needless to say was very largely attended and enjoyed by all. I was denied the pleasure, owing to illness, of attending that other outstanding night given to the Companions, namely, the Indian Night of Occident Chapter. I understand however that this was carried out with the usual success and pleasure to the Companions who were present. On Sunday, March 22nd, I had the pleasure and privilege of attending the Annual Church Service at Eglington United Church with the Companions of the St. Patrick Chapter, and on Sunday evening, October 18th, I was also pleased to join with this Chapter in a church service at College St. Baptist Church, one of their members, Comp. Rev. Geo. A. Leichliter, being pastor, as is also Comp. Rev. W. J. Johnston, Pastor of Eglington Ave. United Church. I would suggest that other Chapters of the District get together and follow the lead of the St. Patrick Chapter, and have one or more joint Church Services during the year. This will be found beneficial to all.

It was my pleasure along with R. Ex. Comp. Fred Johnson, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District, No. 8, and others to accompany Most Ex Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, Grand Z, to St. Paul's Chapter, at which convocation the Officers and members of St. Paul's Chapter honoured the Most. Ex. excellent Grand Z. with a life membership in their Chapter, a very fine mark of their loyalty. I also, along with other members of Grand Chapter, was privileged to attend a banquet, reception and presentation tendered to Most Ex. Comp. Gardiner by the Principal's Association of Hamilton District at Hamilton. There were among the guests present to do honour to our Most Ex. Grand Z. nine Grand Superintendents, his Representatives in their various Districts this year, and the Principal's Association under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. T. R. Huxtable, of Hamilton District No. 5, left nothing undone to make the evening a most enjoyable one for all, and also to prove their loyalty to our Most Grand Z.

Now as regards the future—as I have said at the outset of my report, some of the Chapters appear to be taking on new life, and I hope sincerely all will soon be in this category—can we not make Capitular Masonry more attractive from just being a convenience—a stepping-stone, as some consider
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it, to some higher branch to which they aspire. I would suggest also that some of the larger and more prosperous Chapters take an interest in some of the smaller, not so fortunate ones, and give them what assistance they can to keep up their interest in their work. I would also recommend to all Principals of their Chapters that on nights when they have no candidates, they have a full rehearsal of one of each of the degrees, as, when the Officers do not have an opportunity to perform their respective duties, they very soon get rusty, as it were, and when a candidate comes forward, the work is not given him as smoothly and impressively as it should, and he may not obtain a full realization of those beautiful degrees as a result, and as it is desired that he should. Also, seek new material at all times by inviting brethren of your Craft Lodges to come and join you by taking the Royal Arch Degree and thereby completing their Masonic Structure. And I would suggest to take the new member immediately he has received his M.M.M. Degree, and give him a definite work to do, to keep his interest alive, as they practically all confess, as soon as the R.A.M Degree has been conferred upon them that it is the most beautiful part of Masonry they have so far encountered. So why not make a definite effort to have this held in their minds. It would be better for them and the Chapter would gain thereby. Treat them as real members of the family.

Past Grand Superintendents have from time to time admonished Officers of our Chapters to make it a point to have business matters dealt with by the Executive Committee instead of delaying the work of Chapter, and thereby holding visitors out unnecessarily long before admitting them to the Chapter, and thus making a very late night of the meeting. The late closing commences with the late opening of the Chapter. A Chapter-opening should not be delayed simply because an Officer should be dilatory in arriving. Fill his chair and get the Chapter opened on time, as no one appreciates being kept out in the ante room for a long time before entering, and the visitors therefore are apt to think twice before visiting the Chapters in future who are so inconsiderate of their comfort.

May I at this time express to all past and present Grand Chapter Officers my sincere gratitude for their very gracious advice and assistance at all times. If I may be pardoned for mentioning any personally, I feel that I cannot close this report without expressing my heartfelt thanks to R. Ex.
Comp. Fred Johnson, Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District, for his kindly assistance on all occasions. It has been a delight to me to have a colleague during my term of office such as R. Ex. Comp. Johnson, and my cherished list of good, true friends has been greatly enhanced by the addition of the R. Ex. Companion. Also to R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, by predecessor in office, I am deeply grateful for his advice and guidance at all times so cheerfully given. I was deeply sensitive of the fact that I had a very difficult task to accomplish in succeeding R. Ex. Comp. Burden in office, but I assure you this task was made much lighter by his very kind assistance and advice whenever I called upon him.

I am very grateful to Ex. Comp. Robt. Somerville, a Past Principal of Toronto Chapter, whom I selected as District Secretary, for his assistance given me at all times, which was very helpful and much appreciated by me.

To R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy, I feel that I shall forever be in his debt for his unfailing kindness at all times. R. Ex. Comp. Enouy is one of our Companions who lives his R.A.M. in his daily life at all times as well as in the Chapter Room, always willing to assist others in their desires to advance in and learn more about Capitular Masonry.

Unfortunately, owing to the fact that I was confined to my bed for three months during the summer with a serious illness, I was prevented from making as many visits as I have planned, to the various Chapters. I may say, however, that apart from this illness, my term in office has been one of my happiest experiences of my whole Masonic career. I have had shown me the greatest of kindness at all times, much more even than I had ever thought could have existed between man and man, and this has left an impression of love and respect for my Companions and fellowmen in my heart which can never be erased. For all the kindnesses of the Companions during my illness, I am sincerely grateful.

To all of the Principals and Officers of all Chapters in the District I am deeply grateful for all of your co-operation and courtesy at all times, and for the support given me by your presence on my various visits. My list of friendships has been greatly lengthened by the addition of so many names of Companions I have met during my year, and this, to me, is more priceless than great riches. I sincerely thank M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and his Secretary, for their assistance, guidance and unfailing courtesy at all times, so freely extended to me.
It is with a feeling of regret mingled with joy that I look forward to the completion of my term as Grand Superintendent—regret, that I may not in the future have so close and many contacts with the many good friends I have made and will always cherish, and joy in the thought that I may, in my humble way, have accomplished some of my objectives, and have had the opportunity of serving my Companions and assisting them in some of their problems.

I extend my sincere good wishes to my successor in office, and feel assured that he will have the same hearty co-operation and support that I have had.

"And to my heart I bring again
This eager, earnest plea:
Make me a friend to as many men
As are good friends to me."

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

THOS. R. HUGHES,
Grand Supt, Toronto West District No. 8A.
GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

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

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District No. 9. I wish to express my appreciation to Most Ex. Companion George L. Gardiner, Grand Z., and the Companions of Georgian District for the distinguished honour. I have discharged by duties to the best of my ability and hope I have justified the confidence placed in me.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. C. P. Little District Secretary and V. Ex. Comp. W. P. Dey District Chaplain. My next official duty was to send out a circular letter which contained the recommendations of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., to the First Principals of the District.

On March 20th I visited Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, at Midland, I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. T. C. Luke and received by Ex. Comp. C. P. Eagles. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. L. E. Gosselin in a very efficient manner. The Past Principals showed a keen interest in the Chapter by assisting in the work.

On May 7 I visited Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton. I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp S. E. Foster, the Scribe E. of this Chapter, and was received by Ex. Comp. S. E. Dobson, a Past Z, Ex. Comp. R. J. Colter, the First Principal, being absent. Ex. Comp. S. C. Dobson and Ex. Comp. J. V. Mills, conferred the M.E.M. Degree in a very commendable manner on the candidates. This Chapter appears to be forging ahead as two more applications were received for membership on this occasion and great credit is due to R. Ex. Comp. S. E. Foster and the Past Z’s.

On May 22 I paid my official visit to my Mother Chapter, Manitou No. 27, Collingwood. I was presented by R. Ex. Comp. C. T. Stephens and R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Whipps and most heartily received by Ex. Comp. L. D. McClure, the Ex. Z. The attendance was not large as a percentage of the members are sailors who can only enjoy the privilege of attending Chapter for about three months during the year. There was no degree work but I know that Capitular Masonry is in safe hands. Plans are being discussed to increase the interest and membership of the Craft members in the jurisdiction of this Chapter in Capitular Masonry. I firmly be-
lieve, in spite of having only one initiation in the past thirty months, that Manitou Chapter is likely to gain the ground among its membership in the near future. Much credit is due to R. Ex. Comps. Stephens, Whipps and Robertson, who seldom miss a meeting and who take a very deep interest in the welfare of Manitou Chapter.

One June 12th I paid my official visit to Couchiching Chapter No. 197, Orillia. I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore and R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Fenton and was royally received by Ex. Comp. D. H. McNabb, First Principal. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred in a very dignified and impressive manner by Ex. Comp. J. Page, Third Principal, and the regular officers of the Chapter, the Obligation being given by Ex. Comp. A. S. Skinner, First Principal of Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto. R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Whipps gave a very interesting paper on the "Volume of the Sacred Law" which was enjoyed by all.

On June 16th I paid my official visit to Georgian Chapter No. 56, Owen Sound. I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. D. R. Dobie and R. Ex. Comp. E. L. Vanstone, and officially received by Ex. Comp. W. B. Phillips, First Principal of the Chapter who conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on a member of Amabel Chapter No. 131, Wiarton, and also a candidate of Georgian Chapter. The degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner and I congratulate the Officers on their fine showing. The records of this Chapter are in the capable hands of Comp. George E. Athey.

On September 7th I suffered loss in the death of my beloved wife after a severe sickness of seven months duration and I take this opportunity of thanking my Masonic friends for their expressions of sympathy during that trying period.

On October 13th I visited Signet Chapter No. 34, Barrie. I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Merrick and officially received by Ex. Comp. George Coles, First Principal of the Chapter. There was a very poor turn out of Signet Companions, only ten out of a membership of two hundred. There was no work and evidently no candidates in view which no doubt makes a lack of interest. I trust that Signet Chapter will shortly gain its position as the leading Chapter in this District for they have two Craft Lodges to draw from and also have the largest membership in the District. The books and finances are in good shape and I trust that the future will be brighter.
On October 2nd, I visited Macpherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford. I was introduced to the Chapter by Ex. Comp. B. Pitts and Comp. F. H. Finlay, Scribe E. of the Chapter, and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. L. Douglas, Ex. Z. There was no degree work and this Chapter is having a hard time trying to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Bright who for a great number of years was the mainspring of Macpherson Chapter. The books are well kept and in a round table talk I advocated interchange of visits between Chapters and a very pressing invitation was given to visit Manitou Chapter the following night when the Holy Royal Arch Degree was being conferred. This was well received but I am sorry to say not acted upon.

In conclusion, I should like to avail myself of the opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to all who contributed in making this year a memorable one for me. Although our membership has not increased, I still feel that this year has been a successful one and that the roots of Capitular Masonry are firmly implanted and strongly nourished, and I look for greater things in the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F C. BENDELL,
Grand Supt. Georgian District No.9,

Collingwood, Ontario.
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:

In presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District No. 10, I must in the first place express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the ruling and past Principals who so kindly elected me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent, the Grand Z for his confirmation of the same. To serve in a worthy cause, regardless of difficulties is always a privilege, but to serve and be assured that one's humble efforts are appreciated, makes the task a pleasure, and the memory of the cordial receptions accorded me from every Chapter in the District, and the many new and close friendships cemented, will be a constant reminder of the most pleasant year of my Masonic experience.

My first official act was to appoint R. Ex. Comp. Chas. L. Davidson, of Midland Chapter No. 94, Lindsay, my District Secretary, and following that to acquaint each Chapter in the District, the recommendations of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z.

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 168, CAMPBELLFORD.—This Chapter being instituted on the 17th of March, gives the Grand Superintendent no choice in his date of visit, as they celebrate their anniversary and send him an urgent and cordial invitation to be present at that time, and do they make a success of it? Well, ask all of my predecessors. I accepted the invitation and arrived at 9.45 p.m. by train as the roads were impassable by motor. I was therefore deprived the privilege of seeing the opening ceremonies or the first portion of the Royal Arch, but the remainder was perfect, and proof sufficient to me that no flaws could be picked in the work. Ex. Comp. Tinney is fortunate in the excellence of his Officers, and the able support given him by his past Z's. The books are in every way in good shape, being in the hands of their old stand-by Ex. Comp. Denyes. After the close of the Chapter, we adjourned to the banquet room where we demonstrated to the Companions on refreshments that their efforts were appreciated. Much profit and pleasure was derived from the various addresses, but the climax of the evening was reached by the speaker of the evening, Comp. H. B. Neal, his address being
"The Life of St. Patrick." Thus concluded my first, and long-to-be-remembered visit to Ionic Chapter No. 168.

On March 31st, I journeyed to Oshawa to be present at a "Blue" night held by Pentalpha Chapter No. 28. The three lodges of Oshawa were well represented, and many Brethren and Companions in attendance from points throughout the District.

R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Stenhouse, P.G. Supt. of Pentalpha Chapter gave a lecture on the Banners, which was a masterpiece, followed by a banquet. The speaker of the evening being R. Ex. Comp. W. Y Mills, Grand Second Principal of Grand Chapter. Those of the Brethren who were not en-thused by R. Ex. Comp. Mills’ address, could not not be im-presssed by any one. The evening was a success in every way, and I have no doubt that Pentalpha Chapter will benefit by an increase of members.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER No. 28, OSHAWA.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on April 7th, I was received and intro-duced by R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Stenhouse, P.G. Supt., and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. A. R. Wilson. I witnessed the M.E.M. Degree, conferred exceptionally well—almost word perfect.

The Convocation of a week earlier reduced the attendance but the Officers were on their mettle, and Ex. Comp. Wilson is fortunate in having such a capable set of Officers to work with, as well as the splendid support given him by the Past Z’s. Although the attendance was small (about 49), there were present three P.G. Supt.’s, seven Past Z’s, two P.D.D.-G.M.’s, five P.M.’s and one P.G.S.

After the close of the Convocation, adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where interesting addresses were given by several Companions, the speaker of the evening being Comp. Hart on "Milk", which was most interesting and instructive.

The books of the Chapter are in the efficient hands of Ex. Comp. N. W. Purdy, Scribe E. and are well kept.

KING DARIUS CHAPTER No. 134, CANNINGTON.—I officially visited this Chapter on April 15th, and was present at the opening of the Chapter, which was perfectly done. This is one of the small Chapters in the District, and no degree work was offered as candidates were not available, but Ex. Comp. Horner, Scribe E, vouched for the Officers in their knowledge of the degrees, and having myself seen the work exemplified in the past, I have no reason to doubt his word.
The attendance was small, but the true Royal Arch hospitality was much in evidence. After the closing of the Chapter, a dainty lunch was served, and a very pleasant hour was spent in addresses from the various Companions. The books are well kept, and Ex. Comp. Hayes has strong support in his efficient Scribe E. and R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Blanchard.

Victoria Chapter No. 37, Port Hope.—I visited this Chapter on May 8th, and witnessed the exemplification of the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a manner most impressive. I have never had the opportunity of seeing this Degree worked with such interest, the interpretation of which must long live in the minds of the candidates, and being assisted by two old veterans, Ex. Comps. Bailey and Haskell, both in their three score years and ten, put the cap on the degree with their letter perfect work in delivering the Mystical Lecture.

It should be an inspiration to the Officers and members to see such activity in their old members.

After the closing of the Chapter, we repaired to the banquet hall when we were treated with a number of addresses for the good and welfare of the District, and I have the promise of this Chapter to assist the weaker Chapters by visits and to confer any degrees that they are requested to in order to instruct or entertain, and when they say YES you can depend upon it. The books are in good hands and well looked after by Ex. Comp. Harry Mitchell. The prospects of this Chapter are good, and it is one of the strongholds of this District.

Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby.—I visited this Chapter on May 15th. No work was exemplified due to the lack of candidates, but the routine work of the Chapter was well done. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Jermyn, and received by Ex. Comp. McGillivray with all the respect and homage due to Grand Chapter.

This Chapter seems a little discouraged by the dropping off of attendance by the members, due, no doubt, to the fact that no work is ever exemplified, and consequently the interest is on the wane. But during the lunch hour we had a friendly round table talk, and I believe they are going to buck up and get a strangle hold on their stagnation, and I feel confident that Ex. Comp. McGillivray, with the support of his Officers will tell us of their success when we receive them on a fraternal visit in the near future.
The books are in good shape, with the exception of arrears of dues, which Ex. Comp. Rowe, Scribe E, is faithfully endeavouring to eliminate. This Chapter is composed of good stock and there is no cause for worry as to the future.

**Midland Chapter No. 94, Lindsay.**—I officially visited this, my Mother Chapter, on May 21st, as there was no work, I was pleased to see the Officers and members of King Darius Chapter No. 134, Cannington, on the job to exemplify the M.M.M. Degree, which was exceedingly well done by Ex. Comp. Hayes, First Principal. On account of circumstances over which he had no control, our First Principal, Ex. Comp. Hushin, was absent on this occasion, the chair being taken by the I.P.Z., Ex Comp. H. S. Johnston. After the close of the Chapter, we adjourned to the dining room and profited by the addresses of those present, and possibly more good was accomplished by our “round table” talk than in any other way. “94” has an enthusiastic set of Officers, who will, if good fortune comes our way, will put this Chapter on the map. The books are in good condition in the hands of our Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Chas. L. Davidson, and the prospects are fair.

**Excelsior Chapter No. 45, Colborne.**—I visited this Chapter on June 5th, making the seventy-five miles in good time. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Mc-Kim and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Cracknell. This is one of our small Chapters, and as times are not as yet up to normal, there was no work for want of a candidate, but I witnessed the opening and closing, and the Officers are certainly well skilled, as the performance was almost letter perfect. With the support of R. Ex. Comp. McKim, and the other Past Principals, when fortune comes their way, there need be no worry about the impressive rendition of the degrees. After the transaction of business we sat down to a spread fit for a king, during which I exhorted the Officers to get in touch with other Chapters and arrange an exchange of visits, and not to let the occasion pass without exemplifying a degree, and thus keep well posted in the work, and create interest and enthusiasm in their own Chapter as well as contributing to the good and welfare of the District.

Ex. Comp. Wolfrain has his books in good shape, and is endeavouring to complete his book of marks in connection with the older members. The final toast brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings I have had during my term of office.
PALESTINE CHAPTER NO. 49, BOWMANVILLE.—I visited this Chapter on June 15th, and was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Bonycastle, and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Billett, First Principal.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was offered for my inspection, which was, with few exceptions, without a flaw. I cannot let this occasion pass without making mention of the historical lecture given by Ex. Comp. Groat, the interpretation of which I have never before heard. It was GRAND. This Chapter is indeed fortunate in having this Ex. Companion in the East. I predict "things to happen" during the next two years of his term of office.

This Chapter has very comfortable quarters, are interested and enthusiastic in Royal Arch Masonry to a man, their prospects are good, and Ex. Comp. Cotton, their efficient Scribe E, has his books up to date and in good shape.

The addresses from the various Companions present, filled with words of encouragement and optimism to stand behind me in my exhortation for visitations throughout the District to assist and incite to enthusiasm, the weaker Chapters, certainly warmed the heart. This Chapter needs no coaxing or assistance.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER NO. 139, HAVELock.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on June 22nd. I was present at the opening, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Angus Graham, and right loyally received as the representative of the Grand Z by Ex. Comp. Yuill. This Chapter has just purchased new quarters, having been burned out, and are not by any means settled as yet, but when completed will have a home second to none in the jurisdiction. There was no degree worked, but the prospects are good for the future. After finishing the routine of business I endeavoured to instill into the hearts of the Officers not to lose interest, but to keep up with the work and visit other Chapters and awaken enthusiasm throughout the District. They took me at my word, and decided at once on a fraternal visit to Lindsay in October.

The books are well kept by Ex. Comp. "Bob" Anderson, S.E., and everything along his line is in good shape.

WARKWORTH CHAPTER NO. 110, WARKWORTH.—I paid my Official visit to this Chapter on September 14th, and was introduced by Ex. Comp. Buchanan and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Smooker.
The business portion of the Chapter was well managed, and the absence of that "drag" was very noticeable. They had the good fortune to have two candidates for the Holy Royal Arch, which was conferred in a manner beyond criticism.

This Chapter, though small in numbers and jurisdiction, has good future prospects, and I believe will be heard from in the near future, with such active Past Z's as Ex. Comps. Buchanan, Ewing, Neil and others, Ex. Comp. Smooker will have no trouble to carry on. The clerical end is well looked after by Ex. Comp. Allen, whose books are in good shape.

After the close of the Chapter, we enjoyed a pleasant hour in addresses from several Companions, which created a determination to make the fall term and the following year fraternal visits and get the better acquainted with the Companions to be remembered by this Chapter, and a desire for companions of the District.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER NO. 36, PETERBOROUGH.—Supported by three carloads, I officially visited this Chapter on September 25th.

The Mark Master Mason Degree was exemplified for my inspection. As this Chapter is the largest in the District, and one of the most active, they are always up in their work and no criticism could be made, every Officer being full of enthusiasm, perfect in the interpretation and working absolutely to the Constitution.

With his Officers so interested in their work, and being so ably assisted by his Past Z's, Ex. Comp. Sollitt will no doubt enjoy a successful term. V. Ex. Comp. Couper is a conscientious Scribe E, and takes a pride in the neatness of his books, having everything in good shape and posted to date.

After the Chapter was closed, we spent an hour in reviewing the condition of the District, resulting in Corinthian Chapter promising to do all in their power to assist and encourage the weaker Chapters.

OSHAWA, October 6th.—On this date I had the pleasure of being present at a reception held in honour of Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada. The attendance was not as we had expected, but the condition of the times and counter-attractions no doubt, was the cause, but those who were present were delighted with the message delivered by our Grand First Principal. The feature of the
evening being the attendance of Craft Masons, who were invited by the Chapter members, thus giving our guests an opportunity of learning something about Royal Arch Masonry that hitherto they may not have known, and a number of them will, no doubt, wish to learn more, which will be to the benefit of the various Chapters in the District. The evening was an absolute success in every way, M. Ex. Comp. Gardiner taking the audience by storm with his wonderful address and pleasing personality.

St. John's Chapter No. 48, Cobourg.—I officially visited this Chapter on October 27th. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred for my inspection in such a manner as to defy criticism.

Ex. Comp. Niles and his Officers understand their duties and the work was carried through without a hitch, his Past Z's ably assisting him throughout the degree.

This Chapter has very comfortable quarters, and the prospects are favourable to a successful term. The books are in good shape under the pen of V. Ex. Comp C. R. Gummow and are posted to date.

Inspiring addresses were given sounding the key-note of assistance and encouragement to our weaker Chapters.

With the coming of better times, I have no doubt as to the future of this Chapter.

In conclusion let me once more thank the Officers and members of the various Chapters for the courteous reception and treatment received at their hands. At all of my visits I was received with Grand Honours, as becomes the representative of the Grand Z, and also those of my own Chapter who so kindly accompanied me on my visitations, my District Secretary, R. Ex. Comp. Chas. L. Davidson supporting me throughout my whole term of office. The new acquaintances and friends made will make this, my year of office, ever green in my memory.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. W. Nugent,
Grand Supt. 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:

I have the honour to submit my report as Grand Superintendent for Prince Edward District No. 11 for the year 1936 for your consideration.

First I want to thank the Companions of the District for the honour conferred on me in electing me to the exalted position of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for confirmation of the same.

My first pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Dr. E. A. Carleton District Secretary, who proved a most capable officer, and accompanied me on all of my official visits.

**Official Visits.**

Presqu’ile Chapter No. 144, Brighton.—On April 28th I paid my first official visit to this Chapter.

The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in a most creditable manner. I think a great deal of commendation is due this Chapter for the manner in which they have carried on with such a small membership.

Prince Edward Chapter No. 31, Picton.—On May 11th I visited this Chapter. I was properly received by the Companions as the representative of the Most Ex. the Grand Z. There being no degree work before the Chapter, after some instruction, and an examination of Scribe E.’s books, which were neat and kept in an orderly manner, we repaired to the banquet hall where an hour was spent in addresses by the Companions.

Madoc Chapter No. 161, Madoc.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on September 28th.

The H.R.A. Degree was conferred in a very pleasing manner by the officers.

Moira Chapter No. 7, Belleville.—I visited this Chapter officially on October 6th. I was received with usual ceremony with which Moira Chapter carry out all their functions. The M.M. Degree was conferred in a splendid manner by the Officers, and the Scribe E. is to be congratulated on the neat and complete appearance of his books.

St. Marks Chapter, No. 26, Trenton.—On October 20th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. My reception on this occasion was everything that could be desired. The M.E.M.
Degree was exemplified most creditably, and the Officers and Companions are very enthusiastic in spite of depressed conditions.

**QUINTE FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER No. 227, BELLEVILLE.**—I visited this Chapter on October 27th, accompanied by the usual retinue from Keystone Chapter.

On this occasion the H.R.A. Degree was conferred. All the Officers are very proficient, and the work was performed with precision and solemnity.

**MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER No. 44, NAPANEE.**—I paid my official visit to Mount Sinai Chapter on November 18th, in company with Ex. Comp. Carleton. We were most cordially welcomed and graciously received by the Officers and Companions. As there were no candidates for degrees, an hour was devoted to a demonstration of a board of trial by three Past Principals of the Chapter, followed by a discussion which was most interesting and instructive. The Companions of the Chapter are very enthusiastic but applications are few consequently progress is slow.

**KEYSTONE CHAPTER No. 72, STIRLING.**—This my mother Chapter, I visited officially on December 15th, it being installation night. The ceremony was in charge of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. C. F. Walt, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. T. W. Solmes, each discharging his duties in a most capable manner, after which the newly installed Officers expressed their sentiments in regard to their new positions. After Chapter was closed in due form, we repaired to the banquet hall where the usual toasts were honoured and a most enjoyable time was spent.

On May 5th, Prince Edward District was honoured with a visit from Most. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, Grand Z, and R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, Grand H. There were fourteen Past Grand Superintendents of the District present on this occasion, and we were favoured with a wonderful address by the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

The District Divine Service was held in Trenton from St. Marks Chapter on September 20th with a very large attendance from all over the District.

While we regret the loss in numbers again this year, I must say that the Officers of every Chapter in the District are very enthusiastic, and are endeavouring to make the meetings as interesting as possible, and all are looking for-
ward to better results for the coming year. All statistical reports are given in the special table.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Officers and Companions of the District for their hearty co-operation during my term of office, and I bespeak for my successor the same kindness and courtesy that has been extended to me.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

G. B. Bedford,
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:

I have the honour to forward my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the St. Lawrence District No. 12, and the statistical report, which I am happy to say shows somewhat smaller shrinkage in membership than in previous years, yet there is much satisfaction that the present membership represents a true, and active, as well as, a characteristic Masonic personal, which is considered favourable for the future.

As for attendance, some improvement might be in order, and it is for the Officers and Principals, as well as Past Principals, to devote some study of the question of making convocations attractive and instructive to members. Let us not forget it is our duty to impart light and knowledge to our brethren. This perhaps would make our meetings as attractive as anything. The forms of amusement outside our assemblies are at present of such an order one could not compete with it within the limits of our Order, and there is a consciousness that the Masonic Order can supply plenty of information of benefit to society, when the general attitude in many quarters of the earth point to those principles, and ethics which are subversive to and have no regard for principles of integrity, and indeed point to, and raise no higher than atheism.

A Chapter of Instruction had not been held in the District, and there had been a feeling among the Principals from the time our Grand First Principal assumed office, that he might be invited to a District gathering. And we are happy to state this took place at Brockville, on May 6th, 1936, when nearly every Chapter in the District was represented, and the most instructive and inspiring address delivered to our Masonic bodies within the recollection of those who were present.

M. Ex. Comp. Gardiner was accompanied on this occasion by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, Grand H., who is a member of our District, and whom we are always delighted to hear. He puts life into a meeting and it is always said he has got something worthwhile.

On May 12th, 1936, I visited Grenville Chapter No. 22, Prescott, Ontario.
The Degree of the Most Excellent Master was exemplified in a manner which left no room for criticism, as has been the experience of former visitors.

The records and books of the Chapter are most admirably kept, and its long history is most interesting, especially the Book of Marks, which I think dates back and is complete from the inception of the Chapter.

The official visit to Covenant Chapter No. 113, Cornwall, Ontario, was made May 20th, 1936.

The Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred on a candidate in a most pleasing and thorough manner.

The Chapter Room is complete with all paraphernalia for degrees.

Comp. Reid, the Scribe E., is a most painstaking Officer in his work, and the records are such that in future years it will be a pleasure and source of information to point to the records.

Your Grand Superintendent was invited to Officially visit Maitland Chapter No. 68, South Augusta, Ontario, on July 16th, 1936.

This Chapter has not enjoyed very good attendance by its members for some years, and an effort was made last year to move the Charter from North Augusta to South Augusta, where it was thought attendance would be better, and a few candidates obtain, which reports will show, was a point well taken. Consent having been obtained, the Charter was moved and the meetings are now being held regularly in St. James Lodge Room, South Augusta, in the Third Concession of Elizabethtown, Ontario.

Four applications for affiliation were received at this meeting, the Officers residing some distance from the place of meeting, and having had no candidates for some years. However, several visits to the Chapter, and several new officers having been elected, have satisfied your Grand Superintendent that his successor will witness work equal to the average, or better.

The records of this Chapter are fair.

Hospitality in this gold old Chapter leaves nothing to be desired, and you Grand Superintendent was received in a most fitting manner. This Chapter has been visited several times each year for many years by a few of the Brockville members, and some very close companionships formed.

The official visit to St. Lawrence Chapter No. 100, and Sussex Chapter No. 59 was made October 1st, 1936, they
being located in the same town, occupying the same Chapter Room and much of the paraphernalia owned jointly; thus it goes without saying that the good fraternal relationship between them needs no emphasis at this time.

The dignified and cordial manner with which the Grand Superintendent was received and welcomed testifies to the conception of the Royal Craft held by their members.

The Official visit to Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston, Ontario, was made November 20th, 1936, in company with a few members from St. Lawrence Chapter and Sussex Chapter of Brockville.

The Grand Superintendent was very properly introduced by R. Ex. Comp Milne and R. Ex. Comp W. Y. Mills. It held nothing to compare with that of the Grand Superintendent’s affection and esteem for them.

This meeting was the occasion of the Election of Officers, and receiving reports. This is a feature somewhat different to that of any other Chapter in the District, who as a rule present the annual reports on the occasion of Installation of Officers, and it has always appealed to me as a better opportunity for receiving reports, as it affords more time for considering same.

The records of this Chapter are a revelation to one who has an opportunity to inspect them, and they are most carefully looked after by the Scribe E., who is an asset to the Chapter.

Accompanied by several members from Brockville, the Official visit to Leeds Chapter No. 132, Cananoque, Ontario, was made Friday, December 4th, 1936.

Like the visit to my two home Chapters, there was no work. Candidates have been difficult to get and this Chapter has not had a candidate for a long time. The Officers were very proficient in the opening and closing ceremonies.

This being the night of Installation of Officers, R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Davis conducted the ceremony with my assistance.

Ex. Comp. Wright, who has been a most efficient Scribe E. of the Chapter for a number of years and kept most complete records, finds it impossible to carry on, and a worthy successor has been invested in the person of Ex. Comp. Clow.

I visited St. John’s Chapter No. 112, Morrisburg, Ontario, on Friday, December 18th, 1936.

The Grand Superintendent was received with Grand Honours and made most welcome.
After the closing a number of Master Masons were invited to the banquet, where the necessity of completing their Masonic Degrees was brought to their attention.

The records of the Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Davy, are of much interest, giving a most complete history of the Chapter work and its members.

Fraternally submitted,

Wm. Root,
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:

In submitting my report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District for the year 1936, I wish to express the very great pleasure which this privilege gives me.

I wish to take the opportunity of tendering to the Companions of the Ottawa District my grateful appreciation of the honour conferred on me in electing me to represent the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in the District, and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, who confirmed my election as Grand Superintendent of the District. The interest shown in my work as Grand Superintendent by the Companions of the Ottawa District, has made my year in office one which will never be forgotten, and has shown me that the helping hand of Love always reaching out will overcome the greatest of obstacles.

They have made my year the happiest of my Masonic life.

I was most fortunate in the selection of my District Secretary Ex. Comp. J. Emerson Kyle, a Past Z. of Kitchener Chapter No. 210. His services were at all times given cheerfully and in full, having attended every visit, and driving me always. No one could be more faithful or attentive. Altogether we have driven 1,681 miles, and in every case we were favoured with fine weather and good roads.

On October 16th the Chapter rooms of St. Francis Chapter No. 133 were dedicated by Grand Chapter, composed of M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, Grand Z., R. Ex. Comp. William Y. Mills, G.H, R. Ex. Comp. Sidney S. Forbes, G.J, M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., myself as Grand Superintendent, and other Officers from St. Francis Chapter. This ceremony was very impressive, the attendance was good, Companions coming from great distances to attend, the addresses given by the Grand Council and Grand Scribe E. being of a high order. The meeting was presided over by Ex. Comp. Geo. A. Phillips, Jr., First Principal of the Chapter.

Church services were held in three sections of the District by Kitchener Chapter in Russell, Laurentian Chapter in Pembroke, and by Prince of Wales Chapter in Perth.

Visitations.

My first visit was to Dochert Chapter No. 248, in Arnprior, on Monday, May 4th.
I was introduced by Ex. Comp. McLean and cordially received by Ex. Comp. J. O. Gardner.

The work of the evening was the Royal Arch Degree, which was conferred on Bro. A. H. Pepper. The work was well done by the officer. They also had an application at this meeting. The Ex. Z is a good officer, as is the Scribe, Comp. H. C. Gardner. The finances are in good shape, although they have considerable dues outstanding. Altogether the Chapter is advancing with prospects fair.

May 14th I visited Granite Chapter No. 61, in Almonte.
I was introduced by R. Ex Comp. W. M. Johnson, and was welcomed cordially by the Ex. Z, Ex. Comp. C. Robertson. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch Degree, which was conferred on Bro. C. O. Sutton, several of the Past Principals taking part. The books are well kept by Comp. E. J. Lee, Scribe E.

As would be expected, the work was well done, and the candidate got the explanation in a manner which could not be improved.

This Chapter has lost in numbers through suspensions.

Monday, May 18, I visited Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226, in Perth. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Frank Hutchinson, and cordially received and welcomed by Ex. Comp. W. H. Bradley, the First Principal.

The work of the evening was the Royal Arch Degree, the candidate Bro. Antony Rubino, who was fortunate in having such a set of Officers confer the degree. I considered it was perfection and the candidate followed it very closely. R. Ex. Comps. J. J. Gardiner, A. L. McGregor and C. M. Forbes taking part, each one doing his work perfectly. I have had the pleasure of meeting the candidate at five or six of my meetings, showing the interest he is taking in the work. Visitors were present from Carleton Chapter No. 16, St. Francis Chapter No. 113, Kitchener Chapter No. 210 and Fairmont Chapter No. 14, Montreal, Que.

The books and records are well kept by the efficient Scribe E, Comp. H. A. Dunne, the prospects are fair, dues are paid the best of any in the District, and financial condition is good.

Wednesday, May 20, I made my Official visit to Carleton Chapter No. 16.
I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. John Gray of Carleton Chapter, who was Principal Sojourner of Carleton Chapter when I was Exalted in 1916. Ex. Comp. L. N. Wadlin,
as First Principal, received me with a few well chosen and happy words.

Again the Royal Arch was the work for the evening. In this case there were two candidates for Exaltation. Again the work was well done, leaving nothing to be desired.

Carleton Chapter having the largest membership of any in the Ottawa District, it would be expected that there would be many members of distinction on its registry. In this we were not disappointed, there being many; R. Ex. Comp Fred Smith being the only one holding office on the Executive Committee. To name them all would take too much space here, but without exception they are the sinews of Capitular Masonry along with many other Past Grand Superintendents, and without their continued support Masonry would languish.

This Chapter is, as well as having the largest membership, also the most wealthy. Their membership has gone down somewhat by reason of deaths, but the future looks good.

My visit to Glengarry Chapter No. 143 in Maxville was Friday, May 22nd.

I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. D. P. McDiarmaid and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp R. A. Stewart, First Principal. The work of the evening was the M.E.M. Degree when two of the brethren were Received and Acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters. This Chapter is fortunate in having at its head such an Officer as Ex. Comp. Stewart. The degree was worked so well that I asked them to exemplify it at the Chapter of Instruction, but owing to their modesty they declined.

This Chapter which for some time, like others in this District, had been without material, seems to have gone over the top. It is one of the few showing a gain in membership. The books and records are all in good order, being well kept by the Scribe E. V. Ex. Comp. D. P. McDiarmaid.

Wednesday, June 3rd, I officially visited Maple Chapter No. 116 at Carleton Place.

In this case I had the honour of being introduced by the oldest Grand Superintendent of the District in the person of R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, who was either the first or the second Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District, now well over eighty years young. I was cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. J. G. Craig, one of whom I had known twenty-eight years ago, and had not seen since. This was an added pleasure.

Not having a candidate the Mark Master Mason Degree was exemplified. The work was well up to standard, show-
ing that although they have not had any candidates this year
the Officers are conversant with the same. In Ex. Comp.
Menzies the Chapter has a very efficient Scribe E.

We spent a very profitable and pleasant hour around the
festive board. R. Ex. Comp. Forbes being in his element, gave
us a very nice after-dinner talk. R. Ex. Comp. Fred Smith
and myself stressing the necessity of being well represented
at Grand Chapter.

Financially this Chapter is in good shape with dues well
paid up. Membership shows neither loss or gain.

On Friday, June 19th, I visited officially St Francis
Chapter No. 133 in Smiths Falls.

R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Gardiner, Past Grand Scribe N., being
the only high ranking officer present, owing to other meetings
that evening, I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. T. S. Mc-
Donald, and graciously welcomed by the Ex. Z. Ex. Comp.
George A. Phillips, Jr. The Most Excellent Master Degree
was exemplified. The Officers are good and capable and
needless to say, the work was of a high standard. In Ex.
Comp. Phillips, St. Francis has an Officer of high qualities,
with a likable disposition, and great worker.

The Chapter Room and waiting rooms are of the best,
with lots of accommodation.

The office of Scribe E. is in good hands with V. Ex. Comp.
McDonald in that office.

This Chapter has, through suspensions, withdrawals and
deaths, lost this year 16, the most of any Chapter in the Dis-
trict. The suspensions may be regained. Finances are fine.
dues well collected.

St. John's Chapter, No. 148.—I visited this Chapter on
Friday, September 4th, I was introduced by Ex. Comp. D. A.
Irvine, Scribe E., and fittingly welcomed by the I.P.Z., Ex.
Comp. D. A. McInsh, who in the absence of the Ex. Comp.
First Principal, Ex. Comp. D. S. McPhee, occupied the chair.

Not having a candidate there was no degree work done.

I was sorry that the Ex. Z was not present, as I am led
to believe he is a capable officer (as he was on his honeymoon
we did not blame him for his absence) but wish him a long
and happy life with the lady of his choice.

This Chapter shows a decrease of two during the year,
but now have applications to bring them up again, finances
are good, with dues nearly all in, showing good work by the
Scribe E. whose books are well kept.
Laurentian Chapter No. 151, Pembroke, Ont.—This Chapter is situated the most distant of any, being in the Northwest parts of the District. My visit was on Thursday, September 17th.

The furnishings of the Chapter Room are rich, possibly the best in the District, but for some years they have not had any material thus leaving it to the old and tried Officers and members to carry on, which I am pleased to report that they are doing. Their last notice shows that they have a candidate to ballot on and I trust that it is only the beginning of a brighter day for them; they deserve it.

I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Cecil M. Bailey and welcomed by the Ex. Z, Ex. Comp. A. E. Smith.

I also had the added pleasure of presenting a Past Principal's Jewel to Ex. Comp. V. E. Ives, I.P.Z.

The friendliness of these Companions is hard to equal, let alone surpass. Finances are in good shape.

Bonnechere Chapter No. 114.—This Chapter was officially visited on September 21st.

I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Dr. S. Murphy in a very feeling manner, and the Ex. Z, Ex. Comp. H. W. Mayhew, gave me a very kind welcome from the Chapter.

Not having a candidate of their own, they conferred the M.M.M. Degree on a candidate for Exaltation in Dochert Chapter No. 248. I must say that the Officers carried the degree through to my entire satisfaction, and Ex. Comp. Mayhew is to be congratulated on the work of himself and Officers, who are all Z's or Past Z's.

This Chapter as well as some others had not had candidates for some time, but are living in hope of better times. Their quarters are fine. The membership has decreased by two deaths during the year. There is considerable dues in arrears, but the finances are good.

Kitchener Chapter No. 210.—I officially visited my own Chapter on Friday, October 2nd. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. L. W. Latimer, I.P.D.D.M. of Ottawa District in a few well chosen words. The welcome extended me by Ex. Comp. J. L. Steele, Ex. First Principal, left nothing to be desired. Kitchener Chapter not now having a candidate, one of the Companions acted as a candidate for Exaltation, along with one of the Officers The degree was exemplified as it should be, the Officers being very proficient in the work.
This Chapter has gained one during the year, two Exaltations and one death. The dues are on an average of payment, but might be improved. Prospects of Chapter fair.

OTTAWA CHAPTER No. 222.—I visited Ottawa officially on Monday, October 19th. This being my last official visit and I think the best. The attendance was the greatest and there were so many of the past Officers present that it would be impossible to name them. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. J. Anderson, who is a past master in this art. Ex. Comp. McLeod welcomed me very cordially to the Chapter. The work was the conferring of the M.M.M. degree, the first this year, and the work of the Officers was near perfection. R. Ex. Comp. E. J. McCleery with Comp. W. A. Kruger demonstrated the examination of a M.M.M. which was extremely well done.

This Chapter is most fortunate in having V. Ex. Comp. A. H. McKee as their Scribe E, and a great deal of the success can be credited to him. He is untiring in his work for the Chapter. Would that we had many more like him. A considerable sum of dues is outstanding, but considering the membership not above the average. The Chapter has fair prospects.

I also had the pleasure of visiting Glengarry Chapter No. 143 at Maxville on Friday, September 25th, with Officers of Kitchener Chapter No. 210, who conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on one of their candidates, Bro. Carmen J. Campbell. The degree was well done, Ex. Comp. Pescod having travelled from Carp to take part in the work.

A Chapter of Instruction was held in Ottawa on January 23rd under the auspices of Ottawa Chapter No. 222, working in concord with the Officers of Carleton Chapter No. 16, circumstances having made it impossible to hold it in November as at first intended.

We were fortunate in having the best of roads and the finest of weather, also by being favoured with the presence at all the sessions of R. Ex. Comp. William Y. Mills, Grand 2nd Principal H. of the Grand Council, which added greatly to the success of the Convocation.

One hundred Companions signed the register, thirteen Chapters were represented, there were eleven Past Grand Chapter Officers present, with five sitting First Principals. The gathering was an enthusiastic one throughout, and it is hoped that it will result in a revived interest in Capitular Masonry in the District.
After each Exemplification discussion was called for, when several Companions took part. In each case R. Ex. Comp. Mills took part, asking questions as well as giving answers. Toasts were given to the Grand H, proposed by R. Ex. Comp. Fred G. Smith, and responded to by the Grand H. in person, R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, of Kingston, Ont. The M.M.M. Degree was Exemplified by Officers of Ottawa Chapter No. 222, with Ex. Comp. G. A. McLeod as Wor. Master.

The Most Excellent Master Degree was Exemplified by Officers of Carleton Chapter No. 16, with Ex. Comp. F. A McDiarmaid as Wor. Master.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree was Exemplified by Officers of Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226 and St. Francis Chapter No. 133. In the chairs were Ex. Comp. W. H. Bradley as Z., Ex. Comp. Geo. A. Phillip of St. Francis Chapter as H., R. Ex. Comp. J. J Gardiner as I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. E. H. Cuthbertson as J., the other Officers being divided among the Chapters.

Saturday evening, March 20th, 1937, was a memorable one for the Companions of Carleton Chapter No. 16, of Ottawa, Ont., as on that occasion they were hosts to Companions of Fairmount Chapter No 14, R.A.M., Grand Chapter of Quebec.

R. Ex. Comps. John Gray and Alex Grant of Carleton Chapter introduced the visiting Companions, stating that this was the first occasion that Carleon Chaper had the pleasure of welcoming the Companions from their Sister Chapter in Montreal, Que.

Ex. Comp. George Whyte occupied the First Principal's chair, and filled the other chairs with his own Officers, exemplifying the Degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

In the banquet hall a royal repast was served. The toast to the Grand Chapter of Canada was proposed by Ex. Comp. Nickel, of Fairmont Chapter No. 14, and replied to by R. Ex. Comp. A. Walker, of Kitchener Chapter No. 210, of Russell. The toast to the Grand Chapter of Quebec was proposed by R. Ex. Comp. Fred G. Smith, of Carleton Chapter, replied to by Ex. Comp. Geo. Whyte.

In conclusion, allow me to record the great debt I owe to those Past Grand Superintendents of the Ottawa District who, one and all, have so ably assisted me during my year in office. I have come to value them in their true light, that of the bulwark of the order, some like the stars reflect
the glory of the sun more than others, but all do their part in building up society and leaving a high mark for others to strive after.

Now may I ask for my successor the same true helpfulness which you have so freely given me?

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

A. Walker,

Russell, Ont.
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1937

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14.

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

It is with pleasure and satisfaction that I herewith submit my report on Capitular Masonry in Algoma District No. 14 for the year 1936, and a great deal of pleasure in recognition of the signal honour bestowed upon me in electing me to the exalted office of Grand Superintendent of the District, and I wish here to take this opportunity to thank the members of my own Chapter in proposing me for that high office, and all other Chapters of the District for their unanimous support of my nomination, and later for the loyal co-operation and support which I have received from the Officers of every Chapter in the District. At all times correspondence has been attended to promptly, and any information required has been supplied to me without delay.

I also wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the Grand Z. for his confirmation of my appointment.

In consideration of the fact that no degree work was available at any of the Chapters on the occasion of my official visits it is impossible for me to report on the manner in which the degree work is carried on in the individual Chapters, but from the keeness and efficiency of the Officers in performing other work in the Chapters I can only assume that degree work would be dealt with in an equally capable and efficient manner.

Capitular Masonry in Algoma District has been passing through several years of very trying times. We have had very few new members available for exaltation, and many older members because of loss of employment and other adverse circumstances, have been finding it extremely difficult to maintain themselves in good standing, and for that reason have either found it necessary to withdraw from their Chapters, or have become very irregular in their attendance at the convocations. This situation has been recognized and met so far as is at all possible, by the officers of all the Chapters and every possible effort has been made, and is being made to encourage and help the more unfortunate members who have found themselves unable to carry on because of straightened circumstances.

To that faithful few in every Chapter, whose names may be found on the registry books at nearly every convocation
and who have worked so earnestly and faithfully in the face of the most discouraging conditions during the past few years, and have successfully weather the storm, I wish to acknowledge my sincerest appreciation for work well and faithfully done.

The greatest degree of satisfaction I feel, in submitting this my report, is the firm belief I have that the darkest days and most trying times are now past throughout our whole District, and that we may now confidently look forward to more happy and prosperous times in the future, and each and every Chapter has so managed its affairs that it now finds itself in that fortunate position of being able to take full advantage of all the good things so justly earned by the unremitting efforts of those who have carried on and refused to acknowledge defeat during the most trying times.

All the Officers are keen and alert, the books and records are all maintained in excellent condition, and with the return of more normal and prosperous times, I with every confidence now make the prediction that Capitular Masonry in Algoma District No. 14 is destined to become more and more a real influence for good throughout the whole community.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

A. A. Cameron.
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 am very happy to have the honour to report on the activity during my year as District Superintendent of New Ontario District No. 15.

I have already expressed in various ways to the several Chapters of the District my sincere appreciation for the trust reposed in me but I now wish to record the same in this report and to express my gratitude to the Grand Chapter Officers who saw fit to register their approval of my election by installing and investing me into this office.

When I entered upon my term of office I was filled with no little fear and apprehension but I soon learned that there was nothing to fear, that the Companions were very tolerant and from the assistance I received and the manner in which I was received wherever I went I learned in a very real way how dearly masons love one another.

One of my first duties was to appoint a very zealous and faithful Companion of St. John's Chapter, in the person of Ex. Comp. J. Milligan as my Secretary, who has been a constant help to me.

VISITATIONS.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER No. 103, NORTH BAY, ONTARIO.—

I paid an official visit to this Chapter on the occasion of its regular convocation in September. I was formally introduced and received with grand honours. The work of the evening consisted of conferring the Royal Arch Degree. The Officers were particularly well skilled and it was inspiring for me to be able to view the work from an angle that I had never occupied before.

Again on December 3rd I attended the above Chapter in an official capacity when I installed and invested its officers for the ensuing year.

ALGONQUIN CHAPTER No. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—

I attended this Chapter on the occasion of an emergent meeting on December 4th. From the moment our feet first trod on the outer courts of their fair city until our final departure the following day, the Companions of Algonquin Chapter ceased not to demonstrate to us what good-fellowship really meant. Before the more serious side of the function was reached, a banquet of no
mean proportions was served in their Temple. I was glad to see many visitors present from the Chapter on the American side, thus showing the happy international aspect of our Order. After the festivities I was introduced in the Chapter Room and received with Grand Honours. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a most impressive manner and I had only to congratulate the Officers on the excellence of their work.

**Tuscan Chapter No. 95, Sudbury, Ontario.**—On December the 8th I attended this Chapter on the occasion of its regular convocation. I was most heartily received and accorded Grand Honours, and then I had the pleasure of witnessing the installation and investiture of its officers by R. Ex. Comp. Stephenson. This ceremony was exceptionally well performed after which a very happy social was enjoyed around the festive board.

In all visitations I endeavoured to carry out the instructions issued from the Office of Grand Scribe E.

In all the Chapters mentioned I am happy to report that I found the Officers well skilled and working in harmony, the general regalia and records in good order and the spirit of Capitular Masonry of the highest, in all cases exerting a silent but potent influence for good in the community.

I have not visited Pembroke Chapter but I hope to do so yet before my term of office expires. The membership of this Chapter is so widely scattered that it is difficult for them to get a quorum. However its finances are good, it is very well equipped and the spirit is there, and I hope the day will soon come when circumstances will again make this a more active Chapter.

I regret that I have not been able to hold a Chapter of Instruction, which we all consider so beneficial. My ordinary duties keep me away from home most of the summer months which is about the only time such a gathering could be staged owing to the great distance between the Chapters of the District.

In conclusion may I say that my experience in this office has been a very pleasant one and I can only wish my successor the support and happy relations that I have enjoyed.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

E. L. Moore,
Grand Supt., New Ontario District No. 15.
TEMISKAMING DISTRICT No. 16.

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

I have great pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Temiskaming District No. 16 for the year 1936. 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. the Grand Z. for his confirmation of their choice.

My first duty was to appoint a District Secretary in the person of Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Cameron, a Past Principal of Abitibi Chapter No. 223, who throughout my term has fulfilled his duties faithfully and efficiently, accompanying me on many of my official visits. His support has been untiring and the manner in which he attended to the clerical duties has 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 as follows:—

COCHRANE CHAPTER, No. 224, COCHRANE.—I paid my official visit on May 12, 1936, and installed the Second Principal. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Hobson and warmly received by Ex. Comp. Ivy. This Chapter is unfortunate in that nearly all its members live out of town with exception of about twenty and of these, they are mostly railway workers, and it is hard for them to get a quorum together. However, Ex. Comp. Stopps is now Scribe E. and Ex. Comp. Laidlaw First Principal, and we are all hoping that things will break better for this Chapter this year.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER No. 213, TIMMINS.—I visited this Chapter on May 20, 1936, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. Ramsey and very warmly received by Ex. Comp. Shantz. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified and great credit is due the officers for the manner in which it was conferred.

Although this Chapter is 48 miles from my home I have been able to visit it four times. This Chapter has been idle for some time now but am glad to say that in January, 1937, there will be two candidates for the M.M.M. Degree. In December I installed their Officers and I am sure that Northern Lights Chapter is once more on the move and you can expect a very favourable report of this Chapter next year.
Cobalt Chapter No. 203, Cobalt.—On June 2nd I journeyed to Cobalt and was very pleased with the enthusiastic manner in which I was received. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Todd, who performed his duties in a very pleasing manner. On the morning following my visit, the Companions showed Mrs. Jones and myself through the O'Brien Silver Mine, which was very much appreciated and enjoyed. The financial standing of this Chapter is very good although the prospects for new candidates are poor.

Temiskaming Chapter No. 169, New Liskeard.—On June 3rd I visited this Chapter, and was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Dr. McCullough and was very kindly received by Ex. Comp. Allen, who expressed his pleasure at being able to receive the representative of the Most Ex. the Grand Z. We had a very enjoyable evening and like all good things it had to come to an end. This Chapter is in very capable hands and while they are not very busy with candidates they are still forcing ahead in other ways.

Kirkland Chapter No. 251, Kirkland Lake.—My Official visit to this Chapter on June 17, 1936, will long be remembered by myself and the fifteen Companions from my Chapter (Abitibi) who accompanied me on that occasion. At 7 p.m. we were entertained at a banquet and later I was most kindly received by Ex. Comp. Roy Bilsbrough, First Principal. They conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on four candidates and I was more than pleased with the excellent manner in which the work was done: although this is the baby Chapter of our District, they certainly are showing some of the older Chapters the way to do things. The prospects of this Chapter are excellent, and no doubt R. Ex. Comp. Hawley has a lot to do with the success of this Chapter. After the meeting was closed we started homeward and it had rained steadily for about three days and needless to say the Ferguson Highway was in prime condition; it usually takes us an hour and a half to go to Kirkland Lake, although it took us four hours to travel back home that night.

Abitibi Chapter No. 223, Iroquois Falls.—This is my Mother Chapter and I will long remember the very kind reception I received here on September 25, 1936, by Ex. Comp. Mansell. It was introduced by Ex. Comp. G. L. Cameron. We had a most enjoyable evening and finished up with a lovely banquet. This Chapter is in very capable hands and although they have not had a candidate in years yet there are very good prospects in the very near future. R. Ex. Comp. Frank
K. Ebbitt and R. Ex. Comp. James R. Spence have done a lot to keep this Chapter on the map and I might say in passing that Abitibi Chapter this year has furnished three leading lights in the fraternal world with R. Ex. Comp. James R. Spence as District Deputy Grand Master of the Craft Lodge, Ex. Comp. A. A. Howard as District Deputy Grand Master of the Odd Fellows, and myself as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry and Mrs. James R. Spence as District Deputy of the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. This, I think, is unique as it is very doubtful whether Abitibi Chapter will be able to boast of this honour again.

I had the great pleasure of installing the Officers of this Chapter in December and at that time they had two candidates.

On September 28, 1936, Abitibi Chapter 223, Iroquois Falls, had the pleasure of entertaining the Grand Z, M. Ex. Comp. G. L. Gardiner, accompanied by M Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E. This took the form of a joint meeting and it was very largely attended. Great credit is due to Ex. Comp. Allen and Companions from Temiskaming Chapter, New Liskeard, who motored 150 miles each way to be with us. We were treated to a most inspiring address from our Grand First Principal and also from our Grand Scribe E. This is the first time for years that we have been able to entertain our Grand First Principal, and I could not begin to tell all the good such a visit does, and I sincerely hope that the incoming Grand First Principal will find time during his term of office to visit the North as we certainly do appreciate these meetings.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to my own Chapter for the many favours they have extended to me and the loyal support they have given me which was so tangibly expressed by fifteen Companions accompanying me on my trip to Kirkland Lake, also to Cochrane and Timmins. I sincerely hope that the confidence placed in me by the Companions of the District has not been misplaced. I would like to see the same courtesy, kindness and loyal support as afforded me bestowed on my successor.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

HORACE JONES,
Grand Supt. Temiskaming District No. 16.
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 my report for the year 1936, I must first express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the Companions of Klondike Chapter No. 154, in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent for the Yukon Territory, and also for the confirmation of same from the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

As this Chapter is the only one in this District, and being always present at each convocation, it seemed useless to appear in my Official capacity, hence this was not attempted.

And while but one convocation was held, and no degrees conferred, it being decidedly an off year for this Chapter, I do know, however, that when Work is put on it is rendered in the most capable and impressive manner; the regalia and paraphernalia appear in excellent condition; the books of the Chapter are properly kept, and the minutes ably recorded by our present Scribe E.

Of late, I am sorry to report, there seems to be a growing indifference to Royal Craft Masonry in this District, but we are hopeful of creating a greater and more workable interest in this Chapter in the near future.

It is with extreme sorrow that I am compelled to report the death during the past year of three of our worthy Companions whose names appear in the column of "Honoured Dead".

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL McCORMICK,
Grand Supt. Yukon Territory, District No. 17.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, 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:—


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


Most Ex. Comp. W. R. Yule, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia.


R. Ex. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan.


M. Ex. Comp. Chas. A. Conover, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

R. Ex. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota.

Most Ex. Comp. Chas. D. McCracken, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey.

Most Ex. Comp. Harry Gruen, P.G.H.P., Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio.


R. Ex. Comp. Joseph E. Quinby, the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.


R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid, Woodstock.


The latter three, owing to the terrible flood conditions in Western Ontario.

From Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, R.A.M., No. 1, Kingston, extending an invitation to Grand Chapter to hold their Eightieth Convocation in Kingston in 1938.

All the above communications were ordered filed.
NOMINATIONS

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

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, Past Grand Superintendent, has given the following Notice of Motion, viz.:—

1. (a) That Section 55 be repealed and the following substituted therefore:—

“55. The Grand Outer Guard shall be appointed by the Grand Z.

(b) That the last sentence of Section 18 be repealed.

2. (a) That Section 88 be amended by striking out the figures and words “30th November” in the sixth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures and words “31st day of January”; and be further amended by striking out the figures and words “31st December” in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the figures and words “28th day of February.”

(b) That Sub-section 10 of Section 125 be amended by striking out the words “thirty-first day of December” in the first and second lines thereof, and substituting therefor the words “twenty-eighth day of February.”

(c) That Section 288 be amended by striking out the figures and words “30th day of November” in the eighth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures and words “31st day of January”; and be further amended by striking out the figures and words “31st day of December” in the eleventh line thereof and substituting therefor the figures and words “28th day of February.”

3. That Section 173 be amended by striking out the word “November” in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word “December”; and be further amended by striking out the word “next” in the eighth line thereof and by inserting after the word “Convocation” in the eighth line the words “in January.”
4. (a) That Sub-section 25 of Section 125 be amended by striking out the figures and words “31st day of January” and substituting therefor the figures and words “28th day of February.”

(b) That Sub-section 26 of Section 125 be amended by striking out the figures and words “15th day of February” in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the figures and words “31st day of March.”

(c) That Section 141 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

“141. Grand Chapter’s financial year closes February 28th, that of the Chapters December 31st. The annual returns of all Chapters shall be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. on or before January 31st.”

(d) That Section 220 be amended by striking out the figures and words “30th November” in the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the figures and words “31st December.”

(e) That “Guide to Scribes E.” be amended by striking out the words and figures “November 30th” in the first line of paragraph two on page 88 and substituting therefor the words and figures “December 31st”; and be further amended by striking out the words “immediately after the November Convocation” in the third and fourth lines of said paragraph two on page 88, and substituting therefor “on or before January 31st.”

(f) That “Rules respecting Grants for Benevolence” be amended by striking out the word “December” in the fourth line of Rule Number Three, on page 100, and in the third line of Rule Number Seven on page 102, and substituting therefor the word “January.”

5. That Sub-section 11 of Section 123 be amended by striking out the word “January” in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word “February.”

6. (a) That Section 68 be repealed.

(b) That Sub-section 1 of Section 120 be amended by deleting that portion of the said sub-section following the word “committee” in the third line thereof.

7. (a) That Section 11 be amended by adding after the line “The Grand Superintendent of the Seventeenth or Yukon Districts,” the line “The Grand Chaplain.”

(b) That Section 13 be amended by adding after the line “The Grand Lecturer” the line “The Assistant Grand Chaplain.”
(c) That Section 13 be further amended by adding after the line "The Grand Director of Ceremonies" the line "The Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies."

(d) That Sub-section 10 of Section 291 be amended by adding after the word "Director" in the third line thereof, the words "and Assistant Director."

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(b) That Sub-section 5 of Section 25 be amended by adding after Sub-section "D," the words "The report on investments."

(c) That Sub-section 8 of Section 291 be amended by adding after the word "finance" in the third line thereof, the word "investments."

9. I further give notice that, permission having been obtained pursuant to Section 289 of the Constitution, I will move, or cause to be moved, the following:

(a) That Sections 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"75. A Chapter may by its vote properly certified by the Z. and Scribe E. under seal, delegate any Past Z. (duly returned) of the Chapter and resident in the District in which the Chapter is situated, to represent it at any Convocation of Grand Chapter in the absence of the Z., H. and J. No proxy shall be valid unless it is passed in open Chapter, and the name of the Companion so delegated shall be written in
the proxy previous to its being signed by the Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter.

"76. The names of the delegates from Chapters within the Province of Ontario shall be sent to the Grand Scribe E. at least fifteen days before, and from Chapters outside the Province of Ontario, at least thirty days before the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

"77. No Companion can represent more than one Chapter, except in Algoma District, where any Chapter in that District may appoint a proxy resident in that District who is not a member of the Chapter, but such Companion shall not represent more than three Chapters, and in the Yukon District where any Chapter may appoint a proxy who is not a member of the Chapter nor a resident of that District."

(b) That Sub-section 7 of Section 215 be amended by striking out the figures "79" in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the figures "76."

Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., has given the following Notice of Motion, viz.:—

That Section 140 of the Constitution, page 40, 15th line, be amended by changing "For Constitutions, each 30" to read "For Constitutions, each 40."

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

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."

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

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Fraternally yours,

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

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE "RE PROXIES AND AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION"

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Toronto.

Your committee consisting of R. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, V. Ex. Comp. W. B. Milliken, and R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, appointed for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Constitution regarding appointment of proxies to the Grand Chapter, and also to recommend further amendments (if any), to the Constitution occasioned by the change in the date of Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, beg to state that in their opinion the following changes are necessary and desirable, and recommend that the proper notices of motion be given for consideration by Grand Chapter:—

1. That Section 55 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—
   (a) "55. The Grand Outer Guard shall be appointed by the Grand Z."
   (b) That the last sentence of Section 18 be repeated.

2. (a) That Section 88 be amended by striking out the figures and words "30th November" in the sixth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures the words "31st day of January"; and be further amended by striking out the figures and words "31st December" in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the figures and words "28th day of February".
   (b) That Sub-section 10 of Section 125 be amended by striking out the words "thirty-first day of December" in the first and second lines thereof, and substituting therefor the words "twenty-eighth day of February".
   (c) That Section 288 be amended by striking out the figures and words "30th day of November" in the eighth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures and words "31st day of January"; and be further amended by striking out the figures and words "31st day of December" in the eleventh line thereof and substituting therefor the figures and words "28th day of February".

3. That Section 173 be amended by striking out the word "November" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word "December"; and be further amended by striking out the word "next" in the eighth line thereof and by inserting after the word "Convocation" in the eighth line the words "in January".
4. (a) That Sub-section 25 of Section 125 be amended by striking out the figures and words "31st day of January" and substituting therefor the figures and words "28th day of February".

(b) That Sub-section 26 of Section 125 be amended by striking out the figures and words "15th day of February" in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the figures and words "31st day of March".

(c) That Section 141 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"141. Grand Chapter's financial year closes February 28th, that of the Chapters December 31st. The annual returns of all Chapters shall be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. on or before January 31st".

(d) That Section 220 be amended by striking out the figures and words "30th November" in the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the figures and words "31st December".

(e) That "Guide to Scribes E." be amended by striking out the words and figures "November 30th" in the first line of paragraph two on page 8 and substituting therefor the words and figures "December 31st"; and be further amended by striking out the words "immediately after the November Convocation" in the third and fourth lines of said paragraph two on page 88, and substituting therefor "on or before January 31st".

(f) That "Rules respecting Grants for Benevolence" be amended by striking out the word "December" in the fourth line of Rule Number Three on page 100 and in the third line of Rule Number Seven on page 102, and substituting therefor the word "January".

5. That Sub-section 11 of Section 123 be amended by striking out the word "January" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word "February".

6. Permission having been first obtained pursuant to Section 289;

(a) That Sections 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"75. A Chapter may by its vote properly certified by the Z. and Scribe E. under seal, delegate any Past Z. (duly returned) of the Chapter and resident in the District in which the Chapter is situated, to represent it at any Convocation of Grand Chapter in the absence of the Z., H. and J. No proxy shall be valid unless it is passed in open Chapter, and the name of the Companion so delegated shall be written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter.

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member of the Chapter, but such Companion shall not represent more than three Chapters, and in the Yukon District where any Chapter may appoint a proxy who is not a member of the Chapter nor a resident of that District”.

(b) That Sub-section 7 of Section 215 be amended by striking out the figures “79” in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the figures “76”.

Your Committee, is of the opinion that the adoption by Grand Chapter of a recommendation contained in a Report of the Audit and Finance Committee does not in any way amend the Constitution. Such amendments can be made only as provided by Section 288. Consequently we deem it prudent to draw to your attention the following, which may appear to be irregularities:

1. (a) Opening of Grand Convocation at 7.30 p.m. instead of at 10 a.m. of 4th Wednesday. (Sec. 20.)

(b) Nomination of officers before 9 o'clock of 1st day of meeting, should be before 5 o'clock. (Sec. 43.)

(c) Grand Superintendents elected at 9 a.m. on Second day of meeting instead of recess of 1st day of meeting. (Sec. 60.)

(d) Closing of ballot at noon instead of 11 o'clock. (Sec. 50.)

The reverting of Grand Chapter to the periods provided by Constitution would eliminate the above, but if the periods to be observed are as past two years, then we recommend that necessary steps be taken to make the proper amendments.

2. Section 13 has no provision for an Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Sections 13 and 62 make no provision for more than 10 Grand Stewards, and we therefore recommend that the provisions of Sections 13 and 62 be adhered to with reference to the number of Grand Stewards, but that Sections 13 and 62 in so far as an Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies is concerned be amended as follows:

1. (a) That Section 13 be amended by adding after the line “The Grand Director of Ceremonies”, the line “The Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies”.

(b) That Section 62 be amended by adding after the word “Director” in the third line thereof the words “and Assistant Director”.

(c) That Section 284 be amended by adding after the word “Director” in the eighth line on page 75 the words “and Assistant Director”.
(d) That Sub-section 10 of Section 291 be amended by adding after the word "Director" in the third line thereof, the words "and Assistant Director".

3. An apparent contradiction exists between Sections 68, 120 (1), and 132 (2), relative to meetings of the Executive:—

   Section 68. Executive Committee shall meet at a time selected by Grand H. prior to the Annual Convocation, and at other times if necessary.

   Section 120 (1). Duty of Grand H. to convene it (Executive Committee) at such time and hour as he may order.

   Section 136 (2). The Committee shall meet the day before the Annual Convocation and at other times at the call of the Grand Z. or the President of the Committee (Grand H.), and in order to overcome this inconsistency, we recommend the following:—

   (a) That Section 68 be repealed.

   (b) That Sub-section 1 of Section 120 be amended by deleting that portion of the said sub-section following the word "Committee" in the third line thereof.

4. Under Sub-section 14 of Section 136 "the Executive Committee shall have the general care and investment of all funds". Under Sub-section 18 "the Committee (Executive) may appoint Sub-Committees for specific purposes, who must report to the Committee".

   We are of the opinion that, under the Constitution, all investments, before made, must be approved by the Executive Committee as a body, or approved by a Sub-Committee specifically appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose, and would recommend the consideration of the appointment of an Investment Committee by amending the Constitution as follows:—

   (a) That Section 67 be amended by adding after the word "finance" in the third line thereof, the word "investments".

   (b) That Sub-section 5 of Section 25 be amended by adding after Sub-section "D" the words "The report on investments".

   (c) That Sub-section 8 of Section 291 be amended by adding after the word "finance" in the third line thereof, the word "investment".

5. Your Committee, upon the suggestion of the Grand First Principal is of the opinion that the election of a Grand Chaplain and the appointment of an Assistant Grand Chaplain would be beneficial to Grand Chapter and therefore recommends as follows:—
(a) That Section 11 be amended by adding after the line “The Grand Superintendent of the Seventeenth or Yukon District”, the line “The Grand Chaplain”.

(b) That Section 13 be amended by adding after the line “The Grand Lecturer” the line “The Assistant Grand Chaplain”.

(c) That Section 62 be amended by adding after the word “Lecturer” in the first line thereof, the words “The Assistant Grand Chaplain”.

(d) That the following Section be added after Section 123:

“THE GRAND CHAPLAIN”

“The Grand Chaplain shall be invested at the Annual Convocation. He shall, when practicable, attend all Convocations of Grand Chapter and offer prayer”.

(e) That Section 284 be amended by adding after the clause which designates the jewel of the Past Grand Superintendents on page 74 the following:—

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The volume of the Sacred Law enclosed within a circle on a triangle.”

6. Under the present Constitution (and even if amended) no proxy can be recognized if either Z., H. or J. be present. We note from the published 1936 proceedings of Grand Chapter that in eleven cases in the issuing of proxies, the Constitution has been ignored in this respect, and in three cases the proxy was voted in addition to one or more of the Principals of the Chapters.

7. We would further recommend that if the amendments as above be approved at the next Annual Convocation that a small sub-committee be appointed to collaborate with the Grand Scribe E., to make minor alterations in the Constitution to conform with the re-numbering of the sections caused by these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BURDEN, Chairman,
LLEWELLYN F. STEPHENS,
W. B. MILLIKEN.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. L. Stephens, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Special Committee re Proxies and Amendments to Constitution be received and adopted.

Subsequently the Most Excellent the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, was pleased to appoint the Chairman of
the Special Committee, R. Ex. Comp. J. Burden, to assist the Grand Scribe E. as recommended in Clause Seven.

CONSIDERING NOTICE OF MOTIONS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. L. Stephens, and—

Resolved,—

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GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

Grand Chapter was called at 10.35 p.m. from labour.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

Wednesday, April 28th, 1937, at 10.20 a.m. the Grand Chapter was "Called On" and resumed labour.
Obligation of Scrutineers

At the request of the Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Walter Davis administered the Obligation of Secrecy to the Scrutineers, after which they retired to assume their duties.

The following being the Scrutineers:—

R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Miller, Chairman.
V. Ex. Comp. James Herrott,
   Ex. Comp. Alex. Wilson,
   Ex. Comp. John Marr,
   Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong,
   Ex. Comp. A. W. Lawrence,
   Ex. Comp. J. Petch,
   Ex. Comp. W. Pendleton,
   Ex. Comp. W. G. Anderson,
   Ex. Comp. J. W. Woodland,
   Ex. Comp. D. W. Evans,
   Ex. Comp. D. Colman,
   Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, Jr.,
   Ex. Comp. Thos. H. Graham,
   Ex. Comp. W. J. Stewart,
   Ex. Comp. K. A. Carrie,
   Ex. Comp. Walter Duench,
   Ex. Comp. A. C. Phillips,
   Ex. Comp. E. M. Grosse,
   Ex. Comp. A. F. Fannahill.

Grand Superintendents—1937

R. Ex. Comp. Elmer Russell Paling St. Clair District No. 1
   R.R. No. 1, Turnerville, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Roy Garl Nunn London " 2
   Box 311, Parkhill, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. William Alexander Ferguson Wilson " 3
   Port Dover, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. William Joseph Price Wellington " 4
   Orangeville, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Robert Harvey Archibald Hamilton " 5
   Box 145, Oakville, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Robert Clarence Thompson Huron " 6
   Mildmay, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Henry Sheppard Niagara " 7
   Delaware Ave., Niagara Falls, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. George Jones Toronto East " 8
   21 Wroxeter Ave., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Leonard Maude Toronto West " 8a
   40 Victor Ave., Mimico, 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; the Grand H., R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and the Acting Grand Lecturer, R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

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

Your Committee on Printing submit the following analysis of expenditure for the year ending January 31st, 1937:

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

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**Total**: $1,550.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

**JOHN MARR, Chairman,**

**R. J. CUSHMAN,**

**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 M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Harvey Milne, 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.

**GREETINGS CONVEYED**

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. directed that a telegram be forwarded to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, who are meeting today in Annual Convocation, which subsequently was forwarded as follows:

**C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E.,**

**Grand Chapter Alberta,**

**Calgary, Alberta.**

Grand Chapter of Canada in Annual Convocation at Toronto conveys to their western daughter their hearty and loving felicitations. Your Past Grand Z., Canon Middleton, received officially.

May your deliberations be beneficial is our prayer.

**GEO L. GARDINER, Grand Z.,**

**EDWIN SMITH, Grand Scribe E.**
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 also recommend that an appropriation of $200.00 be made for Interim relief to such cases as may arise before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL, Chairman,
JOHN J. GARDINER,
GEO. 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 OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

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

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending January 31st, 1937, for your approval.

This year, as in many previous years, the Chapter returns were delayed, a few not having arrived until the first week in March, although the Constituent year ended November 30th. Many excuses were offered and accepted as given, yet if the Scribes E. had upon the first day of December closed their books and completed their reports, the entire work could have been completed in a very few days. May I suggest that the Chapter returns be forwarded immediately after the closing of the year's work, and the cheque follow, if it cannot be attached at the time of mailing. There is absolutely no excuse for the holding up of the returns. The Excellent Z. of each Chapter is responsible for the transmitting of the report and if his successor in office could not be installed before the report was forwarded, I am sure that these remarks would be unnecessary.

Sixteen Chapters were delinquent as at January 31st, 1937, but through the co-operation of the Grand Superintendent, these I am pleased to report have now filed their returns.

It is very encouraging to note that the activity in many of the smaller centres and also to observe the number of applications for Exaltations. Chapters who have exalted five and more during the past year are:—

Chapter.

No.  7. The Moira, Belleville, Ont. ........................................ 5  
No.  46. St. James, St. Marys, Ont. ........................................ 5  
No.  19. Mt. Moriah, St. Catharines, Ont. .............................. 6  
No.  37. Victoria, Port Hope, Ont. ...................................... 6  
No. 145. The St. Patrick, Toronto, Ont. ................................. 6  
No.  65. St. Paul's, Toronto, Ont. ....................................... 7  
No.  81. Aylmer, Aylmer, Ont. ........................................... 7  
No. 251. Kirkland, Kirkland Lake, Ont. ................................ 8  
No. 175. The Hamilton, Hamilton, Ont. .................................. 9  
No. 103. St. John's, North Bay, Ont. .................................... 14  

The Summonses of this year shows much greater activity, and I fully believe that at the end of 1937 the analysis will show a marked increase in membership.
I would suggest that a committee be appointed in each Chapter to make a survey of members suspended or demitted during the past five years with the view to making personal calls and endeavouring to reclaim them. Only by personal contact can results be attained.

The following is a detailed account of the Receipts, Special Credits and Ledger Balances as of January 31st, 1937:

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Chapter Returns received after January 31st, 1937, and not in the above statement:—

**Dispensations**

The following requests were received and referred to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal Z., they total one hundred and fourteen:—

Twelve for permission to attend Divine Service.

Thirty-three to change the date of Regular Convocation or hour of Regular Convocation.
Two to hold Emergent Convocation, (not being noted on a Regular Summons.)
Five permitting Chapters from Sister Jurisdictions to Exemplify degrees.
Ten dispensing with the Regular Convocations during the Summer Months, (not provided for by their By-Laws.)
Fourteen for the advancement of Officers, as required by the Constitution.
Seventeen for the purpose of holding Picnics, At Homes or Social Functions.
Thirteen for the Installation and Investiture of Officers, on other dates than provided by their By-Laws.
One requesting permission to receive an application for consideration, not a resident for one year.
One requesting permission to receive an application for consideration, not a resident within the jurisdiction of the Chapter.
Six requesting permission to hold Convocations in other Dedicated Masonic Halls.
Four requests for Dispensations were received and considered by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal Z., and refused.

On April 10th, 1936, Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge, Ont., surrendered their Warrant and with the consent of the Grand First Principal affiliated with Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia, Ont. By this union, no doubt, both Chapters have materially benefited.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Edwin Smith
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 1936 be received and adopted.
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1937

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

February 1st, 1936, to January 31st, 1937.

Received by Grand Scribe
E. from Chapters on account of Dues, Fees, etc. $ 9,717.40
Interest on Investments and Bank Balances 4,084.77

Amounts paid—Cheques and Cash $10,310.00
Benevolent Grants 2,490.00
Excess Receipts over payments 1,002.17

(See below "A")

$13,802.17

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments — Feb. 1st, 1936, at cost per last accounts $89,791.45
Purchases 2,500.00

Investments—Jan. 31st, 1937, at cost, per schedule $92,291.45

$92,291.45

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

January 31st, 1937, Capital:
At Canadian Bank of Commerce—Current $ 389.52
—Savings 7,500.00
Incidental Account—Cash on hand 44.82

$ 7,934.34

Investments 92,291.45

$100,225.79

February 1st, 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

Increase—see above “A” $ 1,002.17
### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, JANUARY 31st, 1937

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(Market Value, Jan. 31, 1937, $101,142.50) $92,291.45 $91,000.00

(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 1936 be received and adopted.
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 presents its annual
report as to the financial standing of Grand Chapter as at
January 31st, 1937.

We recommend the printing of the Auditor’s report in full
as was done last year, thus giving the Companions a com-
parison of the receipts and expenses with those of the previous
year.

Your Committee again calls the attention of Grand Chapter
to the re-curring annual deficits in receipts from Constituent
Chapters and would recommend that our Presiding Officers
make an effort to off-set these deficits by a corresponding re-
duction in operating expenses.

PER CAPITA TAX ON UNEMPLOYED

For the past four years Grand Chapter has been pleased
to remit the per capita tax on unemployed Companions whose
annual dues were remitted by their respective Chapters. The
per capita tax remitted by Grand Chapter during these four
years amounted to the sum of $1,043.80.

As economic conditions throughout the country have
greatly improved, your Committee recommends that this allow-
ance or remittance be discontinued.

The Committee further recommends that Grand Chapter
revert to the original three days’ sessions, commencing 1938.

CASH RECEIPTS

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

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$ 9,717.40                           $10,568.05               $850.65 D.
Interest on Investments and
Bank Balances .................. 4,084.77  4,083.05  1.72 I.

$13,802.17  $14,651.10  $848.93 D.

GRAND CHAPTER INVESTMENTS

Due to the foresightedness and thrift of our predecessors in office many years ago, an investment fund was created which during the past few years has been the financial back-bone of our institution and the means of permitting us to carry on our fraternal and benevolent obligations.

During the past year we were enabled to augment this investment fund by the sum of $2,500.00 by the purchase of an Ontario Loan and Debenture Company debenture bearing interest at 3½ per cent. payable half-yearly.

This brings our total investment account up to the sum of $91,000.00 par value.

You will observe that this latest investment was made possible through interest received from our investment fund, the interest from which during the past year amounted to $4,084.77.

Your Committe has been advised that since the closing of the books on January 31st, sufficient funds have become available to carry on the ordinary expenses of Grand Chapter and make a further investment of $2,500.00. We recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee on Investments with power to act.

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

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$606.00
Outstanding balances due from Chapters total $3,451.65 and in comparison with the total of last year, which amounted to $3,473.20 show a decrease of $21.55. Therefore the net decrease in revenue, after allowing special credits of $250.50 and amounts due from 15 Chapters (delinquent as at January 31st, 1937), totalling $606.00 as listed above, amounted to $13.98.

**Expenses**

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

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<td>109.59</td>
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<td>119.39</td>
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<td>Benevolence</td>
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<td>$15,290.00</td>
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SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNTS
Year Ended January 31st, 1937

RECEIPTS

Balances, February 1st, 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

Receipts from Chapters:
Certificates ................................ 246.00
Dues .................................... 8,661.70
Fees .................................... 246.00
Dispensations and Warrants .......... 82.00
Constitutions ................................ 82.80
Sundries—
Rituals .................................. $349.35
Ceremonies ................................ 35.05
Demits .................................. 2.00
Mark Books ................................ 2.50
Music Sheets ............................ 10.00

398.90

$9,717.40

Interest Received on Investments and Bank Balances... 4,084.77

4,084.77

$13,802.17

$22,234.34

PAYMENTS

Benevolence ................................ $2,440.00
" Inspection of ............................ 50.00
Salaries .................................. $4,630.00
Foreign Correspondence Report ........ 300.00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc. .......... 704.98
Premium on Guarantee Bond and Insurance .. 26.70
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses, 1936 .... 494.89
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses—Special .. 100.00
Expenses of Executive Committee attending 1936 Con-vocation of Grand Chapter ........ 730.55
Special Committee Expenses ........... 128.81
Grand H. Expenses ..................... 64.30
Grand J. Expenses ........................ 24.30
Printing, Engrossing, etc.:—
Proceedings ................................ $970.53
Constitutions ............................ 171.46
General .................................. 348.11

1,490.10

Audit and Financial Reports to January 31st, 1936.... 200.00
Grand Z. Expenses ..................... 879.00
Flowers .................................. 52.10
Educational ............................... 61.50
Grand Scribe E.:

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<td>Express</td>
<td>6.39</td>
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<td>Travelling Expense</td>
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Regalia for Past Grand Z.'s                  | 105.84     |
Jewels and Engraving                         | 13.55      |
Investment Purchased, The Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)% due June 1st, 1941 | 2,500.00   |

**Total**                                      | **303.38** |

Balances, January 31st, 1937—

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<td>Incidentals Account in hands of Grand Scribe E...</td>
<td>44.82</td>
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**Total**                                      | **7,934.34** |

**Expenses**                                    | **$23,234.34** |

Expenditures exclusive of Benevolence were less by $1,-272.05 than those of the previous corresponding period.

The Capital of Grand Chapter has increased during the year by $1,002.17 as shown below:

| Total Receipts including Interest | $13,802.17 |
| Payments                          | 12,800.00   |

**Total**                                      | **$1,002.17** |

The effect of this increase is shown by:

- Cash in Bank and on Hand January 31st, 1937... $7,934.34
- Investments purchased                          2,500.00

**Total**                                      | **$10,434.34** |

Cash in Bank and on Hand January 31st, 1936... 9,432.17

**Total**                                      | **$1,002.17** |

**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 hereto.

All interest due on Investments and Bank Balances has been received and deposited in the Bank. This income for the year ended January 31st, 1937, amounted to $4,084.77 as compared with $4,083.05 for the previous year, an increase of $1.72.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

Satisfactory vouchers properly approved have been seen covering all disbursements as has been the customary procedure of all previous audits.

Every courtesy has been extended to me during the course of my audit and I have much pleasure in reporting that the books and accounts of Grand Chapter have been excellently kept by Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the books and vouchers of Grand Chapter for the year ended January 31st, 1937, 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 $92,291.45 and the par value $91,000.00.

(Signed) E. J. CARTER, C.A.,
Sharp, Milne & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY 31st, 1937

**ASSETS**

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<th>Current Assets—</th>
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<td>Cash in Bank</td>
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<td>Cash on Hand</td>
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<td>Accounts Receivable (outstanding)</td>
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<td>Investments—Cost</td>
<td>92,291.45</td>
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<td>Par Value $91,000.00—Market Value $101,142.50.</td>
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<td>Supplies for Sale—</td>
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<td>Ceremonies</td>
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<td>Grand Council Regalia (estimated)</td>
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<td>Chapter—Credit Balances</td>
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| Total | $105,318.17 |

| Total | $105,318.17 |
Your Committee further submits for your approval the following estimate of expenditures for the current year:

Benevolence Grants .................................................. $2,760.00
Inspection Expenses .................................................. 50.00
Salary G.S.E. ........................................................... 3,600.00
Office Assistance ...................................................... 780.00
Hororarium for Grand Treasurer .................................. 250.00
Audit and Finance Reports .......................................... 200.00
Foreign Correspondence ............................................. 300.00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc. ....................................... 750.00
Bond Premiums and Insurance ...................................... 17.00
Printing Grand Chapter Proceedings ............................. 975.00
General Printing ....................................................... 350.00
Constitutions ........................................................... 175.00
Incidentals G.S.E. Office ........................................... 150.00
G.S.E. Travelling Expenses ......................................... 100.00
Grand Z.'s Expenses ................................................ 800.00
Educational Expenses ................................................ 50.00
Executive Committee Expenses .................................... 494.90
Veterans' Jewels ...................................................... 100.00
Flowers for Sick and Deceased ..................................... 50.00
Honorarium for I.P. Grand Z. ....................................... 350.00
Regalia for I.P.G.Z. .................................................. 90.00
Grant to London Red Cross for flood sufferers in London and district ................................................... 200.00

$12,591.90

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OLIVER ELLWOOD, Chairman,
FRED. G. SMITH,
E. L. MOORE,
E. A. MCCUBBIN,
JOHN M. EMPEY.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.
REPORT 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:

Being charged with the responsibility of presenting a comprehensive analysis on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this Province of Ontario and in the far-flung territory of the Yukon, your Committee has studied the detailed as well as the explanatory reports of the several Grand Superintendents with great interest and are happy to report that again the Grand First Principal has been well represented and that although the year has not been characterized by activity in degree work, yet general harmony and good-will is abounding in the four points of the compass. The care with which our membership is selected has always been recognized as one of the safeguards of the institution and should result in a vigorous and happy fraternity occupying a deserved place in public favour as representing a very commendable type of citizenship. An easy and thoughtless laxity in admitting members is soon reflected in a lowering of the standard and deals as deadly a blow as allowing members to justify personal piques which dethrone better judgment. One lets the worst material in and the other keeps the best material out.

There may possibly be many, who through lack of understanding would endeavour to mark the ebb and flow of Masonry by the physical strength, counted in figures; but this is not the yard-stick of the true Craftsman as he measures our progress by the spirit which animates. If this be true, Royal Arch Masonry will never fail and its fabric will never crumble as it continues its mission of scattering with unspairing hands blessings and benefits to the needy, as recorded in many reports from various Districts.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

While these ambassadors have shown capacity for hard word and exceeding pleasure in performing their duties, it cannot be said that the same applies to the officers of some Chapters, who possibly because of lack of “material for the Temple” have become self-satisfied and too content with the lot of the unambitious and seemingly fail to grasp the importance of initiative in stimulating interest and despatch in the general affairs of the Chapter. In this connection it is refreshing to quote from one report, which is typical of others, where
the understanding of this situation has prompted action, resulting in an improved position and keener insight:

"One of the smaller Chapters wished to surrender its Charter. With slight persuasion, a few visits from the Grand Superintendent, Principals and Past Principals of other Chapters in the District, they have reimbursed Grand Chapter for the amount owing; have paid their 1937 per capita, have had three candidates; there is a surplus in the Treasury, and it is now working actively in connection with degrees."

and from another report we read, what is considered to be one of the besetting sins and the cause of much of the delinquency:

"Grand Superintendents have from time to time admonished officers of our Chapters to make it a point to have business matters dealt with by the Executive Committee instead of delaying the work of the Chapter, and thereby holding visitors out unnecessarily long before admitting them, thus making a very late meeting. The late closing commences with the late opening. The opening should not be delayed simply because any officer should be dilatory in arriving. Fill his chair and get the Chapter opened on time, as no one appreciates being kept in the ante-room for a long time before entering, and the visitors therefore are apt to think twice before visiting the Chapter in future which is so inconsiderate for their comfort."

Tardiness is a fault which often breeds other habits of carelessness and inattention. It is the Z's special duty to see that imperfections of this kind are remedied and that his officers are trained to set a good example.

Many report the excellence of the work of the officers in the conferring of degrees which is but the stepping stone by which to ascend to loftier heights of usefulness; while one tells of an anythical search resulting in the Chapter moving to new quarters and twelve exaltations.

If we therefore tackle the job in hand with resourcefulness, conviction and courage, many of the rough places will be made smooth, the vineyard will bear good fruit and our hearts will be attuned to the lesson of the "chisel", that "perseverence is necessary to establish perfection."

Following this illustration it is our duty to point out that again as in former years, the same trouble has been experienced as on some previous occasions, in not receiving within the required time the reports of some Scribes E. and in some cases even the District Superintendent was guilty of procrastination which retards the well greased machinery of routine in the Grand Scribe E.'s office. Whether it is intentional or unavoidable we do not know but the weight of evidence would point to carelessness.
If time be of all things most precious, wasting time must be the greatest prodigality, since lost time is never found again and if through laxity or insincerity we unwittingly neglect the standards which have been maintained by those who have preceded us, it is our bounden duty to dedicate ourselves anew to the none too easy task of imparting at every opportunity the essential requisites of success, insofar as they relate to the well governing of our constituent Chapters.

Benevolence

"A religion of just being kind would be a pretty good religion; but a religion of kindness and useful effort is nearly a perfect religion."—Elbert Hubbard.

It can be truthfull said that not only Grand Chapter but its several parts "continue to listen to the voice of nature while it is yet day" as the saving grace of assisting the weak and raising the fallen, in a material way, has been well to the front.

As another evidence of returning better times the call for financial assistance is not so great as has been recorded in recent years. In this respect a word of warning may not be out of place. In surveying the reports one is struck with the fact that a large number of Chapters have contributed little to benevolence and it would seem therefore that there is a growing tendency on the part of private Chapters to pass on to Grand Chapter obligations which they can and should discharge. The obligation to relieve the needs of a Companion in distress is primarily the obligation of the individual member and of the Chapter to which the Companion belongs. Grand Chapter is ready and doubtless will always be so and assist where help is needed but the individual has a duty which should be neither evaded nor neglected, as no effort on the part of Grand Chapter can take the place of the direct personal interest of the constituent Chapter, the word of encouragement or sympathy from a Companion to a Companion. These acts do not appear on the balance sheet; the kindness is appreciated without a sense of humiliation and is recorded by T.S.A.O.T.U. under the caption, as Robert Burns wrote:

"The heart aye's the part
Then the soul with firm resolves, and
The heart benevolent and kind, the
most resembles God."

Your Committee would again point with pardonable pride to the splendid work of the Royal Arch Welfare Committee
of the Toronto Districts. In addition to carrying out the programme of former years, of safely transporting mothers and children of tubercular families to and from "Valdi Camp", Lake Simcoe, it has added similar service to and from Bronte, under the direction of the Neighbourhood Workers' Association.

This commendable work is recommended to other Districts as a means of developing the moral and social virtues, as well as demonstrating to the un instructed and popular world that Royal Arch Masonry is an unselfish institution, and submerges personal ambitions and partialities in favour of the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would wish that they should do unto you," even with a sacrifice of time, comfort and money.

FINANCES

In commenting upon this phase of our material stability, you can be assured that the financial affairs of Grand Chapter are in such good shape as to inspire confidence in those responsible. The Treasury is carefully guarded and investments in securities are of sound choice. This will be revealed in the report of the Grand Treasurer, M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Walter G. Price.

An intensive study of the affairs of the various Chapters as given in the statistical reports again reveals an altogether too large sum locked up in outstanding dues, which at the end of the fiscal year totalled $55,060, while the Companions in arrears numbered 3,934. No doubt these figures have since been reduced materially, while at the same time the arrearages are sufficiently large to effect the financial standing and cause embarrassment. This situation demands attention and is cause for serious reflection. The Scribes E. are surely not lax, neither can it be said that the annual assessment is too great, as in some cases the amount would seem scarcely enough to cover out-of-pocket expenses. If this can be attributed to business conditions, all is well, as it will right itself in time, but if, however, it is a matter of indifference, the situation is serious and should have the attention of each Chapter suffering from the malady. Indifference and carelessness are brothers-in-crime and it would be well for Chapters so affected to stimulate renewed interest by putting to work every possible member, either on Committees or degrees. Interest begets attendance and the matter of arrears will be well nigh solved.

It is interesting to note that last year there were 88 Chapters with an average attendance of 20 or less, and it is in the
improvement of this condition lies the opportunity of employing many of the members in this useful pursuit. Also, it is largely in the smaller Chapters where it is found the yearly dues are small that the greatest proportionate delinquency exists. Therefore we again urge that this vital question of making the annual dues cover annual expenses, have consideration.

The manner in which statistical reports are compiled does not lend to clear understanding of what constitutes “Assets” but notwithstanding that same do not capitalize unpaid dues, the splendid total of approximately $200,000 is reached. In many cases this is in bricks and mortar and not easily converted. To be well housed is one of the first requisites in being firmly established, as man looks on the outward appearance and form erroneous conclusions from a false understanding of the aims and objects of our institution. Under the heading “Liabilities” the amount of $25,000 compares favourably with the former period, there being a reduction of about $2,400.

Summing up the situation it is recommended that an alert supervision of financial matters be maintained, as it would appear that the world is steadily emerging from beneath the cloud which has been hanging very low for several years.

**Education and Instruction**

Some Grand Superintendents, realizing that Chapters of Instruction are very valuable to a true and proper interpretation of the ritualistic work, have thrown their weight and talents in this commendable occupation. These meetings do bear fruit and are recommended, not only for the part they play in having the work uniform in action and in word, but also it gives the Companions every opportunity of strengthening the many links in the Chain of Friendship, which makes us a unit in having no small part in the establishment of the kingdom of God upon the earth. In this connection it is pleasing to record the increasing tendency to attend Divine Service as a body. This outward act of our belief in T.G.G.O.T.U. surely reflects advantageously and reflects advantageously and creates in the minds of the public a more wholesome regard for “this our Masonic art.”

It is a well known fact that but few Companions are familiar with the Proceedings of Grand Chapter. We therefore again recommend further light on this subject by a close study of the Annual Report of this grand body, also the advantage of studying carefully the Constitution of Grand Chap-
ter. This is the steering wheel which guides the destinies of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario and it is our privilege to take hold, to lay hand on the wheel and become acquainted with the "Law".

In former years your Committee has endorsed the establishment of Principals' and Past Principals' Associations and still feel they are entitled to our heartiest support. Here matters of interest to Royal Arch Masons are discussed and a common meeting ground provided for the exchange of ideas. In this there is a widening field of activity which deepens the interest; as all higher motives, ideals, conceptions and sentiments in a man are of no account if they do not come forward to strengthen him for the better discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life.

Of recent years a great deal has been heard of Masonic Education and of the advantage of a deeper knowledge of our mysteries. Masonic research may be compared with an ocean, unfathomable in its delights and profits, or to an unexplored country, but the explorer found it not to be wild or overgrown with weeds, but well planted with luxurious trees, yielding fruit of various descriptions. We admonish all to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge as it is the food for progress. This is made possible through the Masonic Library in Toronto, and other Masonic centres, which is the first step towards a more complete understanding.

**Grand Chapter Officers**

There is a well-known axiom: "Your sole contribution to the sum of things is yourself." If this be true, and we doubt not its accuracy, some contribute more than others but all according to his talents.

To properly grasp the significance of this statement as it applies to our Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, you must read and understand what the Grand Superintendents say of his receptions and deliberations throughout the length and breadth of this Grand Jurisdiction. He has made his contribution of service which will be of lasting benefit to the Royal Craft, and while the strain of toil or the fret of care usually hangs heavily upon the shoulders of those whose head wears the crown, yet he can surely feel that it has been worth while to devote in the interests of Masonry, the unusual talents of balance of diction and of executive which are his.
On your behalf we wish for him continued good health which lends to a genial personality; peace of mind which is essential to soundness of judgment; a sense of satisfaction from having participated in a cause near to his heart and a joy and pride in surveying this work which is rounded, full, complete in all its parts, which satisfaction would turn work into art.

The stewardship of the elected and appointed officers has again been marked with devotion to our beloved craft which has been enriched by their sympathetic understanding of the needs of Royal Arch Masonry and fused with ennobling ideals which has pointed them out as true and faithful men, ever encouraging and inspiring those with whom they come in contact.

It is fitting that this report should make reference to the triangle of the Grand East which was broken during the year by the lamented death of R. Ex. Comp. Sidney S. Forbes, Grand Third Principal, whose great and sincere friendship will be greatly missed by the host of friends which were his. A life spent in the uplift of his fellow man and a world the better because of his coming.

CONCLUSION

Each day the world is realizing more fully the moral force of our fraternity which seeks for and appeals to moral and high-minded men who move by noble impulses to noble ends. Royal Arch Masonry therefore points the way to higher planes of living and nobler realm of thought, which are so essential to the stability of this distracted, torn and bewildered world. The ways of God, the paths of right and the spirit of love are the keys to human happiness both here and hereafter.

Your Committee submits this report with every expression of respect and obedience.

FRANK G. MCLEAN, Chairman,
T. W. RUTHERFORD,
F. F. HAYES,
FRED. JOHNSON,
R. C. NUGENT.

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.
"From the dust of the weary highway, 
From the smart of sorrow's rod, 
Into the royal presence, they are hidden -
Guests of God.

In Memoriam

Our Departed Companions
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

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

COMPANIONS,—Once more it is my duty to bring to your attention that our journey in this favoured country is fast drawing to a close and that we must leave those loving outstretched hands to others who may come our way.

During the past year 342 of our fellow members have left us to dwell beyond the hidden veil, and this Gand Chapter is very sorry to report that a vacant chair is noted in the Grand Council by the death of R. Ex. Comp. Sidney Smith Forbes, of Hamilton, Ontario, Grand Third Principal J. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, who passed to the Grand Chapter above December 17th, 1936, after a very serious illness.

He was born at South Cayuga, Ontario, on May 18th, 1884, and associated with several contracting firms until 1922 when he organized the Western Ontario Adjustment Insurance office, of which at his death he was President and Chief Adjuster.

He was initiated into Masonry in Temple Lodge A.F. & A.M., No. 324, G.R.C. Hamilton, exalted in St. John’s Chapter, No. 6, R.A.M., on April 15th, 1911, their First Principal in 1919, elected Grand Superintendent of Hamilton District No 5 in 1925, and Grand Third Principal in 1935.

Capitular Masonry was to him a sincere form of every day living and his loss is not only felt by those of his home city, but from the Grand Chapter of this jurisdiction.

Masonry has been deprived of the services of one of the outstanding Craft Masons in Canada, R. Ex. Comp. William McGregor Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Past Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, who died April 1st, 1937.

“And so we say farewell to a loyal and royal Master Craftsman.”

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Dowell, Past Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District. He was a member of Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, and one of the most faithful workers in our Royal Craft, beloved by all with whom he came in contact. To his private and Masonic life he brought all those qualities which were good and clean and pure and true. May he rest in peace in that land of hope which lies beyond the rays of the rainbow.
Have we prepared our Temple as a fitting tribute, for others to emulate, or must we stop and direct a new understanding? Companions, let each of us re-consecrate and re-dedicate our individual lives to the service of God, and of humanity, remembering that as men and Masons we are not only building a Temple more glorious than that of Solomon, but one of honour, of knowledge, of purity and of truth, in which our own immortal soul shall at last find rest forever.

"If thoughts 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."

FRATERNAL DEAD

Grand Chapter of Arkansas—Durand Whipple, P.G.H.P.,
Thomas J. Wood, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Arizona—Edwin S. Miller, P.G.H.P.,
George A. Bridge, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of California—Thomas Flint, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Connecticut—Lewis C. Hull, P.G.H.P.,
William R. Keavaney, P.G.H.P., George A. Kies, P.G.H.P.,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Colorado—William W. Cooper, P.G.H.P.,
Joseph H. Price, P.G.H.P., William S. Pickerill, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Delaware—Obadiah Clark, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Florida—Elmer E. Haskell, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Indiana—Elias J. Jacoby, P.G.H.P.,
John H. Wineland, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Iowa—William D. Irvine, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Kansas—Charles A. Conkling, P.G.H.P.,
Marion K. Brundage, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Louisiana—Will Moss, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Maine—Samuel B. Furbish, P.G.H.P.,
Albert W. Meserve, P.G.K., Amos Putnam, P.G.K.

Grand Chapter of Michigan—Albert G. Granger, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Minnesota—Frank H. McCuskey, P.G.-H.P., John Fishel, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Mississippi—Henry C. Yawn, P.G.H.P.,
William H. Carter, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Montana—Edward C. Day, P.G.H.P.,
Charles S. Bell, P.G.H.P., Ernest M. Hutchinson, P.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter of Nebraska—Leroy Park, D.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of New Hampshire—Harry M. Cheney, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.
Grand Chapter of Oregon—Clyde Evans, P.G.H.P., Edward W. Davis, P.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of Oklahoma—Frank Smith, P.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania—George B. Wills, P.G.-H.P.
Grand Chapter of Washington—William O. Nicholson, P.G.H.P.
Grand Chapter of West Virginia—Carson B. Trenor, P.G.H.P.

DEATHS

No. 4. E. Essau, A. Jacobs, A. C. Neff.
No. 19. A. M. McComb.
No. 22. J. E. Adams.
No. 23. J. F. Couch, G. H. Luscombe, I. McInally.
No. 28. W. P. Stericker, G. L. Flintoff.
No. 29. H. J. Hospal, Jas. Hall.
No. 30. R. Baxter, K. Campbell.
No. 31. A. E. Calnan.
No. 34. A. Green, J. Sinclair, E. Tyrer, W. H. Kennedy, W. Cline.
No. 35. A. M. Ross, J. F. Paxton.
No. 36. J. Crane, E. A. Stewart.
No. 45. Henry Gale.
No. 49. M. Silver, J. S. McArthur.
No. 50. A. F. Schnauffer, D. Robertson, J. B. Nixon.
No. 52. W. Riddell, D. Allison, G. F. Sutherland.
No. 54. A. McLennan.
No. 55. A. Patterson.
No. 56. J. Morrisay, J. E. Wretenburg, O. Zryd, J. Ritchie.
No. 57. D. McLeod, A. W. Corbett, G. Spreadborough.
No. 58. C. Mickle, S. Taylor.
No. 59. W. Scott.
No. 60. J. Campbell, W. D. McKellar, G. Blackall, W. J. Taylor.
No. 64. R. B. Crosbie, D. J. Anderson.
No. 67. C. T. Burdick, J. W. Harris.
No. 68. N. A. Cross, A. Swanson, R. Ferguson.
No. 69. L. C. Young, C. G. Vanstone, T. A. McDonald.
No. 70. J. D. Hamill, I. Topp, A. G. Bright.
No. 71. F. H. Laird, C. M. Tassie.
No. 72. C. W. Jackson, J. White.
No. 74. E. Fitzgerald, J. E. Doxsee, H. Graham, A. Gillespie, R. Clark.
No. 75. C. R. Reid, G. C. Ade.
No. 76. T. R. Bach.
No. 77. R. Gray, C. O. Fosberg, W. R. Cunningham.
No. 78. A. A. Busby.
No. 79. F. W. Garbutt.
No. 80. J. S. Goodfellow.
No. 82. W. H. Harris, D. J. Funnell.
No. 84. J. Green, J. Brandt, P. Michael, A. H. Hamilton, D. Forsythe, I. G. Axt.
No. 85. D. McKnight, A. D. Smith.
No. 86. I. C. Byers.
No. 88. W. S. Ormiston, J. O. Bartlett, G. Birnie.
No. 89. A. L. Edgar, W. Harris, O. E. Hughes.
No. 90. R. Jack.
No. 144. W. N. Davidson, M. Hare.
No. 146. A. McDonald, J. G. Moffatt, J. Sangster.
No. 149. A. P. McDonald.
No. 163. R. J. Reade.
No. 167. R. Carson.
No. 169. J. W. McKinley, J. D. Kingston.
No. 175. T. Lees, G. C. Coppley.
No. 195. J. Davidson.
No. 198. E. H. Elvidge.
No. 199. A. P. McDonald.
No. 212. J. F. Budzine.
No. 217. R. J. Reade.
No. 219. W. D. Mollison.
No. 220. J. Sabiston.
No. 222. J. P. Matheson, R. E. Torney.
No. 225. B. Cairns.
No. 227. T. Lees, G. C. Coppley.
No. 231. W. A. James.
No. 234. W. M. Wickens, P. E. Lumsden.
No. 235. B. Cairns.
No. 237. T. Lees, G. C. Coppley.
No. 244. W. D. Mollison.
No. 252. A. R. Calcott.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. L. STEWART, Chairman,
T. R. HUXTABLE,
H. B. M. TICHBORNE,
G. B. BEDFORD.
It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, and—

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

To the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada:

We share in the hope of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal that the change in date from February to April may add to the convenience and pleasure of the delegates, and result in an increased interest and in greater attendances, especially with respect to distinguished guests from other jurisdictions, the warm welcome to whom we fully endorse.

The Grand First Principal directs attention to the serious problems which confront the world. The grave question is: “Where are we drifting?”

Masonry has stood throughout for stability and brotherly love. We concur with the Most Excellent that as members of this old and great institution we must strive to substitute peace and good will for the present unrest and disturbance which exist in many countries and which even in Canada demand our earnest attention.

The Grand First Principal pays fitting tribute to the many Excellent Companions who have passed away during the past year. Grand Chapter suffered severely in the sad deaths of R. Ex. Comp. Sidney S. Forbes, Grand Third Principal; R. Ex. Comp. William McGregor Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and R. Ex. Comp. Bernard Cairns, whose zeal and devotion will long be remembered. As the Grand First Principal says, “The memory of their lives has lighted fires in the circle of their influence that will long outlast the headstone and the tablet”.

With all loyal and devoted Canadians we share and endorse the references to the approaching Coronation of one who has been prominently identified with Masonry and who will prove a great and good King, worthy of the long line of royalty from whom he is descended. God save the King.

We note the many By-laws considered and approved during the past year.
With the Grand First Principal, we regret that some Grand Representatives have not been frequent attendants at Grand Chapter Convocations, and approve of his stressing the importance of Representatives maintaining as close and fraternal contact as is possible with the Jurisdiction they represent.

We note with pleasure the nominations and appointments made during the year.

It is most satisfactory to know that the Grand Superintendents have been thorough and efficient in the discharge of their duties. The Grand First Principal points out the desirability of their successors co-ordinating fully with the office of the Grand Scribe E. and furnishing promptly of their reports and annual returns. The welfare of the Order depends greatly upon the faithful and zealous activity of the Grand Superintendents.

We join in congratulating those who have received Long Service Jewels. We fully endorse the view that these medals should be presented with more formality by the Chapter of which the recipient is a member.

We agree with the Grand First Principal in refusing Dispensations for the reasons named, and also with his rulings.

We note with pleasure that the Grand First Principal strongly advises that Grand Chapter shall co-operate with Grand Lodge in the work of supplying Masonic knowledge.

We cannot close our report without expressing on behalf of all the members of Grand Chapter our debt of deepest gratitude to M. Ex. Comp. Gardiner for his untiring devotions to the affairs of Grand Chapter, his exceptional ability, and his wise judgment on all matters through his term of office.

W. H. DAVIS, Chairman,
GEORGE MOORE,
W. N. PONTON,
K. J. DUNSTAN,
EDWIN SMITH,
W. G. PRICE,
C. W. HAENTSCHEL,
A. COWAN,

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

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

HISTORIAN Elected

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. Alex Cowan, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel, and—

Resolved,—That M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton be re-elected Grand Historian.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. L. Stephens, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. D. McIntyre, and—

Resolved,—That R. Ex. Comp. George W. Slack be re-elected a member of the Committee on Benevolence 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:

V. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, retires in 1938,
R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Gardiner, retires in 1939,
R. Ex. Comp. George W. Slack, retires in 1940.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

At 12.20 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

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, 1937-1938.

M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills .................................................. Grand Z.
    126 Princess St., Kingston, Ont.
    52 Markland St., Hamilton, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey ........................................... Grand J.
    Box 114, Mitchell, Ont.
67 Carleton St. E., Toronto, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith .............................................Grand Scribe E.
582 Dufferin Ave., London, Ont.

28 Bridge St., Belleville, Ont.

150 St. James St., London, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. John Philip Hudson ..................................Grand Scribe N.
20 Merritt St., St. Catharines, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Robert N. McElhinney .......................Grand Principal Sojourner
69 Fuller Ave., Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Tom Welch .............................................Grand Registrar
573 Central Ave., London, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—ELECTED

R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden,
126 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean,
247 Garden Ave., Toronto, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. L. Stewart,
266 Egerton St., London, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Ed. H. Brennan,
Johnson Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Fred G. Smith,
146 Broadway, Ottawa, Ont.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

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

MOST EXCELLENT SIR,—The Special Committee on Masonic Education appointed to give effect to the desire to spread masonic knowledge amongst the craft in general with particular concern for the interests of Royal Arch Masonry reports upon its labours. Without any difficulty the committee was able to align the first steps in this Royal Arch activity with the work that is being done by the Library Committee of Grand Lodge. Certain books and equipment were purchased and placed in the competent care of Comp. N. W. J. Haydon, who is also librarian of the Grand Lodge Library at 888 Yonge St., Toronto.

Publicity, through notices sent to all Scribes E, was then given to the fact that all Royal Arch Companions now have the privilege of borrowing from the section on Capitular
Masonry such literature on the subject as it provided by our collection of writings thereon. Every Scribe E. has been provided with lists of books available, and the rules governing the privilege. All the officers of Grand Chapter have been similarly advised and sent lists.

Our librarian reports that extra lists and some forty letters of additional information have been sent to enquirers. Requests for the loan of books have come from a number of widely separated points in the province, and companions are making use of the weekly open meeting of the library to attend and profit by its facilities. All of which would indicate that this beginning, although a modest one, is nevertheless fraught with inestimable benefit, not only to Royal Arch Masonry in its more direct bearing, but also to the whole body of masonry itself.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, TO MARCH 31, 1937.**

Contribution towards estimated costs of printing and postages ................................................................. $20.00
Cost of 16 Books as approved by the Committee ............ 19.00
Proportion of cost of new sectional bookcase ............... 7.50
Honorarium to Librarian ........................................... 15.00

Cheque received August 24, 1936 ....................... $61.50
Paid Macoomb Press one-third costs of printing lists of books, rules and notices ......................... $14.11
Paid to Macoomb Press, binding three booklets in stiff covers ........................................... 2.16
Paid for two books from British Masonic Miscellany ......................................................... 1.25
Paid for postage on books and letters from July 18, 1936, to March 31, 1937 ..................... 6.70

Less contribution as specified above ......................... $24.22

Balance due Librarian ........................................... $ 4.22

Respectfully submitted,

MORGAN R. GRIFFITH, Chairman,  
WM. S. M. ENOUY,  
W. J. DUNLOP.
In the absence of the Chairman, it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

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

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON THE JEWEL

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

We, your committee appointed by the Most Excellent the Grand Z., have taken into consideration the suggestion contained in the “Notice of Motion” and we are of the opinion that the adding of the “Keystone” upon the ribbon improves the same and gives the recognition immediately as a “Capitular Jewel.”

W. Y. Mills, Chairman,
R. V. Conover,
A. A. Gray.

R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Godfrey Pittis, the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, presented the following copy of an engrossed report which he said appeared, framed, upon the walls of the George Washington Memorial Temple, Washington, D.C., he knew that the Masons of to-day would be proud to hear of this former association.

The Grand Z. ordered the copy filed in our archives.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASON'S OF CANADA
August 13 & 14 A.L. 2403, A.D. 1783
The Officers and Companions of Lafayette Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, Washington, District of Columbia.

Having honored the Grand Chapter of Canada with a fraternal visit during its sixteenth annual convocation held in the city of Kingston, Ontario, on the 13th and 14th days of August, A.D. 1873.

The following resolution in reference to the auspicious event was adopted with the most cordial unanimity.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. George H. Dartnell, and unanimously—

Resolved,—That the Grand Z. be requested to nominate a committee to whom shall be entrusted the duty of preparing some permanent and
suitable memento of the visit of Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, Washington, to the Grand Chapter of Canada, to be presented to the Officers and Companions of that Chapter for preservation amongst their archives.

The M.E. the G.Z. was subsequently pleased to name such committee R. Ex. Comp. James Seymour, P.G.H., M. Ex. Comp. T. D. Harington, P.G.Z., and R. Ex. Comp. W. P. Simpson, P.G.H.

The Committee, therefore, having given the subject the careful consideration that its importance demands, respectfully submits that the Grand Chapter of Canada warmly appreciating the truly Masonic spirit that actuated their esteemed Companions from Washington in deciding to pay Canada a friendly visit at this time, cannot permit the happy event to pass without placing upon record its high sense of the compliment intended in this interchange of personal visitation not only in the exceedingly agreeable social intercourse it has produced, thereby facilitating the means of better understanding each other's feelings and sentiments in the practical cultivation of those ennobling virtues

Friendship and Brotherly Love,

which are the foundation, Superstructure, Capstone and Glory of Capitular Masonry, but also in the genial good will evoked towards our Most Gracious Sovereign and country, in the beautiful verses dedicated to the occasion by Comp. Dr. Cox, and which were sung with such joyous enthusiasm by our companions on their formal reception amongst us.

The pleasurer of this fraternal visit were also greatly enhanced in interest by the able and impressive manner in which was exemplified the conferring of The Royal Arch Degree as authorized by the General Grand Chapter of the United States; thus affording an opportunity of witnessing well executed American Work, that will long be remembered and treasured by all who enjoyed that valued privilege.

Heartily does this Grand Chapter reciprocate the generous expressions of Amity and Friendship embodied in Dr. Cox's lines, confident that the ties of blood, language, literature, commerce and taste, cemented by the mellowing and refining influence of our Royal Craft, will always operate in forming an indissoluble bond of union between kindred nation, whose enlightenment and liberality teach them to enjoy their own forms of government, without diminishing respect for those of friendly neighbors.

Sincerely hoping that visitations of this nature—though the first of their kind to us—will not be the last, fraught, as
they have proved to be, with so much of pleasure, profit, and instruction, and

Thanking our Washington companions for the laudable example set, we look forward to a not distant day when a return visit will be paid, that will tend to ripen in earnestness the friendship now formed.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be engrossed under direction of the Grand Scribe E., to be signed by the Most Excellent Grand Z., for transmission to Lafayette Chapter, Washington, D.C.

Committee Room Grand Chapter of Canada

Kingston, August 14, 1873. Respectfully submitted.

Thomas B. Harris, James Seymour, P.G.H. 
W. B. Simpson, P.G.H. 

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

Charles D. MacDonald, Grand Z.

(See pages 280-281, Proceedings Grand Chapter, 1873 . . . E.S.)

CONSIDERING NOTICE OF MOTION

Pursuant to Section 289 of the Constitution the delegates having given the necessary consent, it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. L. Stephens, and,—

Resolved,—(a) That Sections 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79 of the Constitution be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"75. A Chapter may by its vote properly certified by Z. and Scribe E. under seal, delegate any Past Z. (duly returned) of the Chapter and resident in the District in which the Chapter is situate, to represent it at any Convocation and Grand Chapter in the absence of the Z., H. and J. No proxy shall be valid unless it is passed in open Chapter, and the name of the Companion so delegated shall be written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter.

76. The names of the delegates from Chapters within the Province of Ontario shall be sent to the Grand Scribe E. at least fifteen days before, and from Chapters outside the Province of Ontario, at least thirty days before the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

77. No Companion can represent more than one chapter, except in Algoma District, where any Chapter in that District may appoint a proxy resident in that District who is not a member of the Chapter, but such Companion shall not represent more than three Chapters, and in the Yukon District where any Chapter may appoint a proxy who is not a member of the Chapter nor a resident of that District."

(b) That subsection 7 of Section 215 be amended by striking out the figures "79) in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the figures "76."
It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and,—

Resolved,—That Section 140 of the Constitution, page 40, 15th line, be amended by changing “For Constitutions, each 30” to read “For Constitutions, each 40.”

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

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

“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.”

THANKS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROXIES AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Most Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner vacated his chair and R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills assumed the Sceptre. It was then moved by Most Ex. Comp. G. L. Gardiner, seconded by Most Ex. Comp. Walter Davis, and—


THANKS TO COMPANIONS OF TORONTO AND DISTRICT

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and,—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Companions of Toronto and Districts, for the splendid manner in which the arrangements have been carried out by them for the reception of the delegates in attendance and courtesies extended.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred Smith, and,—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Miller and the other Companions who acted as scrutineers for the services rendered in the election of the Officers of Grand Chapter.
NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Eightieth Annual Convocation will be held at the city of Kingston, Ontario, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 27th and 28th, 1938, at ten o’clock in the forenoon (as per Section 20 of the Constitution).

GRAND Z. VACATES CHAIR

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. vacated the chair and requested Most Excellent Companion Walter G. Price to assume the Scepter.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, assisted by M. Ex. Comps. Walter Davis and K. J. Dunstan, installed and invested the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

THANKS TO INSTALLING BOARD

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. E. R. Paling, seconded by R. Ex Comp. E. A. F. Day, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to Most Ex. Comps. W. G. Price, Walter Davis and K. J. Dunstan who had charge of the Installation Ceremony, and those who assisted them for the able manner in which the ceremony had been performed.

TESTIMONIAL TO RETIRING GRAND Z.

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

Resolved,—That a Committee consisting of the Chairman of Audit and Finance, Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E. be a committee to arrange a testimonial for the retiring Grand Fisst Principal.

APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE

The following appointments having been made by Most Ex Comp. W. Y. Mills.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp. Col. A. H. Monteith, K.C.,
Box 604, Paris, Ont.

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.
ASSISTANT OFFICERS—APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy ...........................................Grand Lecturer 512 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Edmund Allan Carleton Grand Senior Sojourner Box 7, Stirling, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. George Liebert Cameron Grand Junior Sojourner 142 Buckingham Ave., Iroquois Falls, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Thomas Millsop Grand Master 4th Veil Box 61, Rainy River, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Charles Percival Little Grand Master 1st Veil Box 648, Collingwood, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. J. Kenneth Fraser Grand Dir. of Ceremonies 119 Earle St., Kingston, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Richard Henry Waddington Asst. Gr. Dir. of Ceremonies 325 Caron Ave., Windsor, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. A. W. Lawrence Grand Steward 21 Scarborough Beach Blvd., Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. James McAllister Grand Steward 147 Browning Ave., Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Clarence Albert Merritt Grand Steward R.R. No. 1, Smithville, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Aubrey Warner Grand Steward 33 Regent St., Lindsay, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Wilfred Gordon McMillan Grand Steward East Street, Box 473, Goderich, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. James Milligan ......................................................... Grand Steward
121 Worthington St. N., North Bay, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Robert D. Law ....................................................... Grand Steward
168 Forest Road, Galt, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. John Edward Francis ........................................... Grand Steward
Box 47, Thornhill, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. John Edward Francis ........................................... Grand Steward
Box 47, Thornhill, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Victor H. Graves ..................................................... Grand Steward
221 Albert St., Belleville, Ont.
Comp. Robert James Clark ........................................................... Grand Outer Guard
678 Princess St., Kingston, Ont.

CLOSING
The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in ample form at 3.55 o'clock p.m., Toronto, Ontario, Wednesday, April 28th, 1937.

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.

GRAND Z.'S DINNER
On Tuesday evening, April 27th, 1937, the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner joined with his Executive in holding a "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
With Addresses.

PRESIDENT
R. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn Stephens ................................................. Grand H.
52 Markland St., Hamilton, Ont.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE
M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills, Grand Z.
126 Princess St., Kingston, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. George Moore,—1909-1910, P.G.Z.,
120 St. Clair Ave., Hamilton, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, M.D.,—1917-1918, P.G.Z.,
Masonic Temple, Regina, Sask.
M. Ex. Comp. Col. Wm. N. Ponton, K.C.,—1919-1920, P.G.Z.,
28 Bridge St., Belleville, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis,—1924-1925, P.G.Z.,
241 Queens Street South, Hamilton, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan,—1926-1927, P.G.Z.,
279 Russell Hill Road, Toronto, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith,—1928-1929, P.G.Z.,
582 Dufferin Ave., London, Ont.

67 Carleton St. E., Toronto, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Haentschel, M.D.,—1932-1933, P.G.Z.,
Haileybury, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Col. Alexander Cowan,—1934, P.G.Z.,
Masonic Temple, Barrie, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner,—1935-1936, P.G.Z.,
4 Dunloe Road, Toronto, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Harry H. Watson,—Hon. 1909, P.G.Z.,
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ALABAMA

Edward Houston Wills, Grand High Priest.
Guy T. Smith, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Ninth Annual was held December 2nd, 1935, in Montgomery.
The Grand Representative of Canada was absent from roll call through illness.
Distinguished visitors included General Grand High Priest O’Hara, the Grand Master of Alabama and other distinguished Companions including the Associate Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, apparently in his Official capacity.

The Grand High Priest said in his address:—

“If each and every Chapter Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction would endeavour to live a little closer to the ideals established for us by the founders of our great Order, in a few short years it would tend to put us back where we were a few years ago, and again make it possible for us to exert that beneficent influence for good citizenship which is one of the greatest aims of our order.

“I am willing to admit that I may be entirely too optimistic in what I have said, but I do think that it is worth a trial.”

He sent a stirring message to the constituent Chapters supporting the Masonic Home.

We quote:—

“Let every Companion help to discharge his double obligation to this Home—as a Master Mason and as a Royal Arch Mason—by contributing to the aid of this Institution which is caring for your brethren and companions, their wives, widows and orphans. It is our duty.

“Second, make a determined and continued effort to bring back to the Chapter those lost during the past few years.”

Alabama has adopted the ritual of the General Grand Chapter.
William Bourne Clemmons presented the report of Foreign Correspondence:—

“Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence begs leave to report that all during the year they have stood in the market place until the eleventh hour but the Most Excellent Grand Chapter did not make the inquiry ‘Why stand you here idle all the day?’ No work was done, therefore we are not dissatisfied with our wages, but we hope that the incoming administration will give the committee a ‘New Deal’ so that work may be done and wages earned.

“The Grand Chapter of Alabama is one of the very few important Masonic bodies in the world that does not publish reviews.”

The address of Companion O’Hara is thus described:—

“The Grand Chapter was favoured with a most eloquent, interesting, instructive and inspiring address by the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest.”
We quote from the Committee on Necrology:—

"To the loved ones living we pledge our loyal sympathy and join them as they join David of old when he said, 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.' Psalm 121:1. It is a blessed thing for us all to endeavour to live upon the hill-top of life with our faces constantly turned toward the Eternal Hills. Moses of old set his face toward the mountains and began to climb the steep ascent of Nebo’s sacred heights to find a place of death. No life-companions and co-workers came near to tell him how dear he had ever been to their hearts. No loving eyes wept when death cast its pale shadow upon his aged brow. Buried in perhaps the first ‘Unknown Grave’, the weeping and mourning of his desolate people was far away in the distant plains. No one ever shed a tear or raised a memorial stone upon the place of his burial."

The Head of the Knights Templar of Florida was welcomed on the second day.

Provision was made for expenses of delegates to the General Grand Chapter at St. Louis.

Elmer Lee Moss was elected Grand High Priest.


Lew Lazarus represents Canada. (We regret to hear of his illness.)

John W. Lawrence, an outstanding Craftsman of Royal Arch Masons, represents Alabama.

**ALBERTA**

Walter Edward Mercer, Grand First Principal.

C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E.

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at Edmonton the 18th of March, 1936.

Ten P.G.Z.’s were duly present for duty.

Grand Master Downey was received and welcomed, also M.E. Comp. Cook of Manitoba, and M.E. Comp. Judge Wylie of Saskatchewan.

Brother Frye, Deputy Mayor of Edmonton, gave an address of welcome:—

"I have often thought that the aims and ideals of Masonry are of the greatest benefit to us. Sometimes we think we can remedy our ills by passing resolutions and passing laws, but, after all, that seems to be futile if we forget the spirit of brotherhood in dealing one with another. We don’t seem to get very far."

The Grand First Principal who is an Englishman, said in his address:—

"The year just passed has not been favourable to an increased interest and growth, owing to the many demands on the time of the Companions, in two general elections, municipal elections, and educational matters, in which, as good citizens, they rightly took their part. Though as yet a long way from a state of prosperity, we catch a gleam of a
break in the clouds; the sun is beginning to shine and we look for the approach of brighter days.

"God bless the King! May the commencement of his reign be lightened by the dispersion of the war clouds now darkening the world, and may there be peace and goodwill amongst the peoples. May the vast sums now expended in destruction, be diverted to improving the conditions of life, the preventing of poverty and suffering, the building up of a high moral and intellectual state. May the harmonious fraternal relations be cemented ever more firmly with the passing of time; our views be less parochial, more embracing. May the reciprocity of courtesies and fraternal relations bind us all together with one aim."

He recommended:—

"That the Constitution be strictly adhered to in the election of the Grand Superintendents; that a box be provided for depositing nominations in writing.

"That the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter be printed and distributed to the several Chapters, not later than the First of June; and reviews not received in time to permit of this being carried over to the following year; and that the First Principal of every Chapter shall cause the main features to be read in open Chapter."

He travelled by train, bus and auto over ten thousand miles and was away from home about two months and gave several addresses in his many visits.

Canada’s Grand Representative did not answer roll call.
The six Grand Superintendents duly reported.
Membership, 2,044. Net decrease, 145.
The Committee on the Grand First Principal’s address say:—

"Grand Z. rightly asks the question: ‘Are we doing our part in Masonry?’ If our institution is to live Masonry must be a vital part of our lives. We must extend the right hand of fellowship to our Companions during these days of stress and anxiety. A kind word, a helping hand, will do much to help a brother over many difficulties."

The memorial on the fraternal dead deals specially with the death of Frederick Shelton Selwood. We quote from the fine tribute paid to his memory:—

"Life to me is a throbbing reality, to be filled with joy and usefulness. In this spirit we pay tribute to those who leave us. The possibilities of life are so great that to look over life stories and study them is a thrilling event in life. Nor is the labour one always of sadness but often of joy. The life story of men and their achievements is an all-absorbing thing. I like to note their difficulties and discouragements and see their successes wrested from such situations.

"M.E. Comp. Selwood was born in Listowel, Ontario. He attended Public and High Schools in the place of his birth, matriculating with honours.

"Few men have been more zealously devoted to Masonry than Comp. Selwood; yet, unlike some, he did not make it his religion. He loved his church and was busy in its activities.

"During the past year twenty-nine Companions of our jurisdiction, whom we loved and respected, have gone quietly down to the sea and
embarked (into the fog that obscures them from our view) for that port where peace and joy reign supreme.”

M.E. Comp. E. G. Ironside informed Grand Chapter that the Reviews of Foreign Correspondence and proceedings are being prepared and will be submitted to Grand Scribe E. to be printed.

The Committee on Conditions record:—
“Time is now ripe for a very considerable increase in membership. This can only be attained by each Companion of each Chapter being on the alert and using his influence on prospective candidates.”

The Committee on Benevolence was active. Grants from $10.00 to $65.00 were made.

In the replies given by visitors, Edmonton is described as a beautiful city, which this reviewer knows:—

M.E. Comp Cook said:—
“I was reading over the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alberta for the last year of two, and from what I could make of it, I find most of your Past Grand Principals Irish by extraction or absorption. Your present Grand First Principal is an Englishman. I am of the grandest nationality on earth; which it is, I leave to your imagination, but I give you an Irish greeting:

“May ivery hair on yer head be a candle to light ye to hiven, and may ye get there three years before the divil knows yer dead.”

The date of the annual Convocation was changed from March to May.

Comp. H. Sandilands was elected Grand First Principal.
F. S. Watson of Edmonton represents Canada.
R.E. Comp. J. M. Empey of Mitchell is the worthy Grand Representative of Alberta.

Among the constitutional clauses worthy of note we quote:—

“Section 197—As amended, will read as follows: ‘Companion who has been suspended by his Craft Lodge, the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, for unmasonic conduct or otherwise shall stand suspended from his Royal Craft privileges while the Craft discipline remains in force.’”

Canada unfortunately, did not fall within the fraternal ken of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who presented a brief but interesting report.

This from California Review:—
“This Grand Chapter again expressed itself as being unalterably opposed to Communism, Fascism and all organizations antagonistic to the American form of Government.”

This from the District of Columbia:—
“We have too many Masonic bodies, and he urges that we consolidate these, so as to have larger meetings, better officers, and a more helpful brotherhood and truer fraternity.”

This from England:—
“First Grand Principal The Duke of Connaught, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday.
"Grand Scribe E. Sir Colville Smith, reports the income from Fees for Registrations and Charters to be the large sum of £3,858 10s."

This from Massachusetts:—

"Under controllable factors of readjustment... we are 'rebuilding the Temple' and in dealing with exaltations, reinstatements, reaffiliations, dlimits and suspensions in the work we are now doing, it is imperative that we be thorough in every act... We now control our operating factors and if we 'replace a stone,' 'reject a stone,' or 'add a stone,' it is in our power to say whether we want it: if so, where it is to go, and how it is to be placed."

We quote from Wisconsin:—

"The reviewer would like to quote in full the report of the Committee on Problems for Capitular Masonry, from which he gathers that it is not so much a question of leadership but of the followers. There it is in a nutshell."

ARIZONA

James Whetstine, Grand High Priest.
Harry Arizona Drachman, Grand Secretary.
The Forty-sixth Annual was held in Phoenix, March 10th, 1936.

Thirteen P.G.H.P.'s attended for duty and fellowship.
James H. Barrett duly represented Canada.
Distinguished visitors from California were welcomed.

We make the following quotation from the G.H.P.'s address:—

"As we go forth in our youth feeling that the world shall be easily conquered, and often times in the sunset of life must be reconciled that we have done little else than have passed this way. So do we start out in our Masonic year with great hopes. Success or failure of this great institution lies not alone with them but more largely in the hands of the Subordinate Chapters.

"May the responsibilities of Chapter membership be fully realised."

He described with great enthusiasm the York Rite Festival held in October at Tucson with the following words:—

"The association together in good fellowship, the incentive for good degree work, the interest and the promotion of Capitular Masonry, made the day an inspiring one for all."

A characteristic letter from General Grand High Priest O'Hara was read beginning "my very dear friends and companions."

From his conclusion the following:—

"We are mindful our day and age will be influenced by Masonic sympathy, encouragement and activity. Should future generations speak of us they can truthfully say that this way and this day passed men and Masons of whom the world need not be ashamed."

The Committee of which James R. Malott, a name well known in Ontario, is Chairman, reported:—
"A list of them may be obtained by writing to 'The Royal Arch Educational Bureau, C. C. Hunt, Chairman, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.'

"At the present time the Educational Committee of the Grand Chapter of Arizona is causing to be sent to each Chapter in the state a selected packet of this material."

Grateful thanks of Grand Chapter were extended to the Companions, Brothers and friends of this wonderful "valley of the sun."

Fred. Ormal Goodell was elected G.H.P.
Alexander Saunders is the esteemed Grand Representative of Arizona.

**ARKANSAS, 1933**

L. K. Charles, Deputy G.H.P.
J. Q. Wolf, Grand Secretary.
The Grand Chapter convened in Eighty-fifth Convocation in Little Rock, November 23, 1933.

Thirteen P.G.H.P.'s were present despite the depression in which Arkansas appears to have especially suffered, and has adopted very necessary economies.

A message of congratulations was sent to Fay Hempstead who has reached the venerable age of eighty-six.

Canada is duly represented by Comp. G. H. Wright.
The reports are all abbreviated.
The Grand Secretary stated—

"I had the telephone taken out of the office. I also had the electric lights cut out. I have not incurred a dollar's expense for fuel or office rent. The telegraph bill was larger than last year because of wiring the Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests of the deaths of Past Grand High Priests, for three Past Grand High Priests have died during the year.

"Upon receiving official notice of the suspension of the Grand High Priest by Bellepoint Lodge, I wrote several Past Grand High Priests to learn their views of the status of the Grand High Priest."

The Grand High Priest having been suspended by his Lodge, was therefore suspended automatically from the Chapter, although he gave notice of appeal to Grand Lodge.

Companion Charles therefore acted as G.H.P.
L. K. Charles was duly elected and installed G.H.P.
Frederick M. Elliott of Prescott is Grand Representative of Arkansas.

**ARKANSAS, 1934**

The Eighty-sixth Convocation assembled in Little Rock November 22, 1934.
L. K. Charles, G.H.P.
John Q. Wolf, Grand Secretary.
Eleven P.G.H.P.'s were honoured in the Grand East.
The Grand Master was welcomed.
Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call.
The G.H.P.'s address is not printed in full but was an able document and was well received and dealt with general conditions as they affect society and morality.
Hon. Robert A. Woods of Indiana was welcomed.
The Committee on Memorials report—
"From the labours of this earthly life to the rest of eternal bliss our dearly beloved Companion Fay Hempstead; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Arkansas has lost its most esteemed and valued Companion, and every Masonic body and every Mason in Arkansas will mourn the loss of his most beloved friend and brother."
William T. Sullivan was elected G.H.P. and was with other Officers installed by Robert A. Woods, Most Puissant General Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters.

ARKANSAS, 1935

William T. Sullivan, G.H.P.
Oscar E. Ellis, Deputy G.H.P.
John Q. Wolf, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-seventh Convocation was held in Albert Pike Memorial Temple in Little Rock, November 21st, 1935.
Thirteen P.G.H.P.'s testified their loyalty by their faithful attendance.
Canada's Grand Representative was not present.
From the G.H.P.'s address the following:
"The swift messenger of time has brought us to another Convocation. The past year has been a delightful one to me, though we have felt the depression, that has affected everything and everybody. I have gone forward cheerfully and hopefully, and have tried in a measure to give courage to the Craft throughout our bounds.
"The question in every suspended Chapter has been: how can we get restored? Many of our best members could not pay their dues, being in arrears for three years. How can we get them restored? Many of our members are on the relief roll. I have been asked to remit all the past dues and let the Chapters suffering most have a chance to go to work."
"I learn as the years roll onward, and I leave the past behind,
That much that I counted sorrow, but proved that God is kind;
That many a flower that I'd longed for had hidden a thorn of pain,
And many a rugged by-path led to fields of ripened grain."

This is one of his broad decisions:
"That a member residing in Magnolia, Ark., could transfer his membership to Texarkana, Ark., and hold his membership there if he so desired. Could hold his membership wherever he pleased, but it would be better to hold his membership where he resided."
He concludes his address with a definition of the mission of Masonry, which so many have attempted and also a summary of what charity ought to be:—

“The mission of Masonry is to curb intemperate passions, and to reconcile conflicting interests. It is to extend to nations those principles of humanity in the exercise of benevolence, which should actuate individuals; to destroy the pride of conquest and the pomp of war. To annihilate local prejudices.

“Charity is the brightest jewel in the Masonic Crown. Charity is the Corinthian Pillar Establishment that adds grace, strength and beauty to the fabric.

“Not the Charity, circumscribed by the narrow limits of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, binding up the wounds of the afflicted; but the grander, nobler charity, that regards all men as brothers.

“Whatever good you do, is but your duty done. If a sorrow you have lightened, or a tear wiped away.”


The Committee on Memorials say:—

“We, as Royal Arch Masons, should be faithful in a like service knowing full well that we shall if we faint not.”

Oscar E. Ellis, an able lawyer, was elected G.H.P. to succeed the energetic Irish G.H.P. Sullivan.

The features of the former G.H.P., Nick Kizer, express rugged character:—

“Heart to heart we bide the shadows
Till the mists have cleared away.”

Canada’s Representative, Geo. H. Wright, and Frederick M. Elliott of Prescott represents Arkansas.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

William R. Trench, Grand Z.
J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E.

The Eighteenth Annual was opened in Nanaimo, B.C., 17th June, 1936. We like the motto of British Columbia with its virtues on the rays of the noonday sun “Wisdom, Peace, Truth, Strength, Concord and Beauty”.

The Grand Z. was born in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Canada was as usual faithfully represented by H. H. Watson.

Distinguished visitors from Alberta and Saskatchewan were welcomed and made brief responses.

The Grand Z.’s address contains many nuggets of ore:—

“Here let me express the deep appreciation of the Grand Chapter to our Companions south of us for the many sympathetic messages to the Royal Family.

“I recommend to this Grand Chapter the advisability of some plan being put into operation while we are in session here, of a district meeting being held annually in all six districts, somewhat along the lines of those now operating in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.
“Here we have Masonry, unobtrusively carrying on her work in such a manner that even a suspicion of war is absolutely foreign to our thoughts, and surely the Order is doing her part to keep it so, while elsewhere it is so different.

“Sow a thought and reap an action,
Sow an action and reap a habit,
Sow a habit and reap a character,
Sow a character and reap a destiny.”

“And what a destiny their strife and war ends in, with ruin and destruction the fruits for either winner or loses.

“Then one day towards the end of life,
We stop amidst the world’s mad strife,
And memories like clouds of hue,
Pass through our minds as memories do.
We find the road was not so steep,
The ruts we smoothed not quite so deep;
Our work was fun, we’d time for play,
And for adventure, o’er life’s highway.”

Portraits of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary adorn the Proceedings.

Membership, 2,232. Net decrease, 125.

Grand Registrar Samuel Fea gave a full historical report on H. H. Watson, First Principal of 1895:—

“In one report we are told ‘He brought the Chapter to a high state of efficiency, not only in rendition of the work, but also in attendance’.”

The Grand Second Principal, W. R. Yule, left Victoria for Seattle where they were royally welcomed and entertained.

Correspondence from the Earl of Cassillis, Hon. Alexander Manson, and Senator R. F. Green of Ottawa was received.

W. R. Yule was elected Grand Z.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead quote:—

“There, in the land which knows no night,
Grant us with them Thy rest and light”

“Sleep peacefully; earth’s work is done;
Within a fairer clime
All hope and aspirations bloom,
And reach fruitions prime.”

E. M. Carleton, of Toronto, is the veteran and honoured Grand Representative of British Columbia.

R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E. and Grand Representative of Alberta, a distinguished man and Mason and a traveller of wide experience, thus introduces his Seventeenth Annual Report on Correspondence:—

“Some of the correspondents still persist in calling some of the reports ‘foreign’ and of ‘Foreign Jurisdictions.’ Why? it is not possible to say.”
President Roosevelt:—

"It is my prayer, that, not by any alliance, but through thinking the same thoughts and pursuing the same purpose, the Republic of the United States and the British Commonwealth may help to restore the shaken liberties of mankind.

"While I was on my cruise I read in a newspaper that I was to be received with all the honours customarily rendered to a foreign ruler. Your Excellency, I am grateful for the honours; but something within me rebelled at the word 'foreigner'.

"This Canadian hospitality, so simple and so open, has become a tradition in my country.

"It is by these exchanges of visits, by these continuous contacts between Canadians and Americans that we shall come to tighten the close bonds which already unite our two peoples."

A striking and picturesque portrait of Albert Pike, P.G.H.P. of Arkansas, is reproduced and is worthy of framing.

A picture of Fay Hampstead is also reproduced and one of his own Sextennial poems we quote in part:—

"Nay, nay. Not that. For he who holds
By the simple faith that the World enfolds,
Finds, unto Life's last, feeblest spark,
That the daylight far exceeds the dark;
That the Seasons bring, as they glide away,
More days of brightness than days of gray;
That the Spring gives place, in its varying moods,
To the mellowing tint of the Autumn woods;
And stars come out in the evening air,
Which we fail to see in the noonday glare."

The Review of Canada at St. Catharines is friendly and fraternal. We quote:—

"The Grand Z., M.E. Comp. George L. Gardiner, presiding over 366 delegates from 121 Chapters.

"Also the comfortable accommodation within the precincts of St. Thomas Anglican Church, the corner stone of which was laid on September 12th, 1877.

"Expressed in the address is the prayer that the Great Jehovah may inspire men and nations to a realization that now is the time to direct their thoughts to peaceful pursuits.

"The application of a Chapter to receive the petition of a brother who had lost his left arm below the elbow was granted."

"The request of a Chapter to wear Royal Arch regalia at a Masonic funeral was refused, on the ground that Masonic funerals are strictly a Craft function.

"An amount of $2,000 was donated by St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, to endow a cot in the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital. Other chapters contributed an aggregate amount of over $5,000, in various benevolent causes.

"The name 'Grand Chapter of Canada' will also be retained, as its use for nearly eighty years has established a historic right to the title, which will not be questioned by the daughter Grand Chapters in the other Provinces of Canada.

"The Executive Committee shall not be allowed travelling expenses for distances outside the Province of Ontario, was again affirmed. This
affirmation would hardly seem to have been necessary, as the rule was
strictly observed by the lone committee member from the far Western
Province of British Columbia, and further it was not in keeping with
the grandeur of the title.

"The review of the proceedings of other jurisdictions is again the
happy work of Comp. Ponton, who compiles 140 pages of interesting
matter."

From the Indiana Review we cite:—

"The feature event was the address of Judge Mays, Grand High
Priest in 1924, his subject being 'Is the Economic Situation of the World
a Challenge to Masonry?'

"The grand idea which was rapidly becoming the supreme political
thought of that generation; namely, that the people are the primary
source of all sovereignty and have the undoubted right to choose their
own governmental forms, to elect their rulers and executive officers.
Freemasonry as it existed in the early days in America was a serious
masonry and shadowed forth with more or less distinctness the ideas
of equality, liberty and union."

Ireland presents the Reviewer with a picture problem:—

"The Grand King lives in Belfast and the Grand Registrar (Secretary)
in Dublin and the reports appear to be made between those two
officials by correspondence."

Four new Chapters were issued, one of them being 8th
Kings Royal Irish Hussars.

Of the Cryptic Rite it is said under New Mexico:—

"I know of no Capitular Grand Jurisdiction in the United States
desirous of assuming control and responsibility for the conferring of
the Cryptic Degrees.

"My firm belief is that no guardian is needed for these degrees."

Ohio receives the most satisfying Review of all. It was a
great gathering and we quote from some of the addresses. We
recommend our readers to see the whole Review and get some
more good stories:—

"To me being greeted with applause is rather unusual. Those of
you who are familiar with the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania know that
it is not our custom. It always makes me think if you applaud a speaker
at the beginning of his speech, that is faith, if you applaud him in the
middle of his speech, that is hope, and if you applaud at the end, that
is charity.

"An old coloured woman who had gone around the old families
nursing was asked by one of her customers one time, 'Mammy, do you
tell any of the other families what you hear when you are with us?'
She said, 'Oh, no, no, ma'am, no mistress, no madam, I don't tells, but
I'm just busting with silence.' My friends back here I know are just
busting with silence.

"Let me see if I can bring that comparison into our fraternal
organization. I like to look at it as five members of a family, the Sym-
bollic Lodge, the Chapter, the Council, the Commandery and the Scottish
Rite. Fortunately, I think, for the welfare of Masonry, some like to
work in the Symbolic Lodge, some in the Chapter, some in the Council,
some in the Commandery, and some in the Scottish Rite."
We close with this well known gem from Wyoming and we say good-bye to British Columbia for another year. God be with you till we meet again.

"Generosity does not imply profligacy. Let us share with care, but let us share."

**CALIFORNIA**

Franklin R. Haley, Grand High Priest.
Thomas A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation was held in Sacramento, April 21, 1936.

Officers and Members of Grand Chapter were welcomed by Frank F. Merriam, Governor of California.

The Proceedings are preceded by this injunction:—

"At each meeting of the Chapter, whether stated or special, the Secretary's copy should be on his desk and at the service of those present."

The Flag Ceremony is thus described:—

"The United States Flag was presented at the altar, saluted, the national anthem sung, and the Flag placed in the East at the right of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest."

Distinguished visitors were welcomed and accorded Grand Honours by Three Times Three.

General G.H.P. O'Hara and Mattison B. Jones, then Deputy now General G.H.P., and Clinton G. Nichols, P.G.H.P. of Connecticut, and Officers of other Bodies in California, including five Companions, survivors of the fire and earthquake of April 18, 1906, who were present at the morning session of Grand Chapter on that date.

Thirteen Past G.H.P.'s were honoured in the Grand East.

Angus L. Cavanagh duly represented Canada.

From the G.H.P.'s excellent address we quote:—

"Here in this beautiful and historic city of Sacramento much of the early Masonic history of this State had its beginning. We are meeting again in Sacramento after a lapse of nineteen years under such ideal surroundings in this fine Temple.

"I feel that we have advanced a pace and the service we have endeavoured to render has not been in vain.

"After all is said and done, service is the greatest thing in the world. Service means loving our Companions as we love ourselves, and being eager to do right by them and for them. Back of service must be willingness to sacrifice if the highest types of service demand it. 'Companions, we profit only as we serve.'

"Our hopes and our aspirations are high and we are determined to move ever forward, onward and upward.

"While I have given the best of my time, zeal and energy, I have been the one who has gained the most, because of the opportunity and
privilege of meeting and knowing and contacting so many fine Com-
panions, so many real he-men.

"By train, automobile and airplane it has been possible for me to
visit over 75 Chapters.

"I had the privilege of attending the Annual Meeting of the Triple Tau Association.

"Our Committee on Capitular Education has been most willing to
serve and desirous of helping in every way, but were powerless with
no funds to complete their work."

California appears to be too vigorous in its parsimonious
economy, having dropped also the literary genius, Companion
Paulin from the Correspondence Review. He had made a deep
impression everywhere.

The G.H.P. said as to the celebrated Public Schools Week
of California:—

"Read and seriously consider the Grand Master's Proclamation. Our
Fraternity has always stood four square behind our public school sys-
tem and its advancement of public education. Let us, therefore, lend
our enthusiastic support to our public schools and insist that true Ameri-
canism be fostered and taught therein and every tendency toward Com-
uminism be frowned upon and completely eradicated from our schools."

Grand Chapter insisted on the wearing of robes at Public
Installation. We quote:—

"I recommend that an amendment be prepared by our Jurisprudenc-
Committee, by which the wearing of robes at public installation shall be
optional; but at all closed installations the wearing of robes be manda-
tory as at present."

He concludes with the following poem, which we have not
seen reproduced for some time, entitled "The Test":—

"God won't ask if you were clever,
For I think He'll little care
When your toil is done forever;
He may question: 'Were you square?
Did you do the best you could do
With the knowledge you possessed?'

But you knew what right and wrong were,
What was bad and what was good,
And you knew what weak and strong were:
Did you do the best you could?

All you'll ever take away
Is the soul which God assigned you
For its tenement of clay."

Membership, 20,084. Net loss, 1,063.

Grand Lecturer Richards makes his nineteenth consecutive
report and it is as usual an able and searching one. He
emphasizes the necessity for better care of Rituals.

He analyses the attendance record of the Districts, Signet
Chapter having the largest, namely, 70.
The Committee on Policy and Purposes (an excellent name), reported fully, emphasizing Necrology and Public Schools Week, in which he urges "actual, active, integrated participation in the community Public Schools".

Total appropriations granted amounted to over $12,000 including $4,500 for expenses of General Grand Chapter.

Leonard E. Thomas was elected G.H.P.
Charles H. Burgess of Port Credit, is the Grand Representative of California.

COLORADO, 1935

John H. Gabriel, Grand High Priest.
William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.
The Sixty-first Annual Convocation was held at Denver, September 19th, 1935.

At this meeting Frank D. Allen, Grand King, was elected Grand High Priest. He is a lawyer and interested in civic service.

A fine array of 16 P.G.H.P.'s foregathered in the East. Distinguished Companion from Kansas and Grand Master of Colorado were welcomed.

The roll of the deceased Past Grand High Priests was called by the Grand Secretary, the G.H.P. responding to each name with the date of death. This is an honoured custom observed in many Grand Chapters.

Canada's Grand Representative was not present.

From the address of G.H.P. Gabriel we make the following quotation:

"Make strong the ofttimes disheartened workers; but sustained by the firm conviction that the ideals of our institution are so high and so well worth trying to attain, I have been granted renewed energy to urge on and try to assist the faltering officers of our weakened Chapters to greater effort and to a higher devotion to our great principles."

He visited several neighbouring Grand Jurisdictions and many constituent Chapters and said:

"The old feeling of 'we cannot' is everywhere giving way to 'we can', or 'let us try'."

Of the condition of the Craft he adds this:

"The admission of nearly 100 members during the past year clearly shows renewing activity in our Chapter life. Their officers have felt the thrill of this new impulse."

There appears to be a renewed interest in DeMolay all along the line of many Grand Jurisdictions.

Colorado G.H.P. says:

"The Order of DeMolay, which teaches love of parents, love of God, patriotism, purity, courtesy, comradeship and fidelity to truth and right, is truly a worthwhile organization to encourage our young men to strive
for better ideals and to lead them to a higher devotion to duty in every endeavour.

"The heart of Masonry includes the vital principles which, built upon, will strengthen and make more stable and secure our entire civilization. Individual living and collective activity."

Membership, 6,357. Net loss, 273.

The Committee on Memorials say:—

"So far as our experience goes, life is continuous. We cannot conceive of a time when there was no such thing as life, nor of a time when there will be no such thing; because, in the first place, we do not know what life is, we only know some of its effects."

Albert E. Bryson is the esteemed Grand Representative of Colorado.

Canada is represented by an old Ontario man, Stanley C. Warner, of Denver.

Edwin H. Snider for the fifth time presents the Correspondence Reviews and says in his long and appealing and thoughtful introduction:—

"A note of gloom continues to sound out of some jurisdictions.

"There may not be anything new under the sun, and surely there has been little new to Royal Arch Masonry during the past six years; but, occasionally, the unusual happens, and from an unexpected source. In the United States our Grand Chapters in age range from the twenty-three years of Utah to the one hundred and thirty-eight of New York. Owing to dry weather, sand storms, chinch bugs, floods and financial difficulties, prospects for posterity have been holding long at the zero mark; but hope continues though only a spark of the flame of youth remains, for our Texas Grand at eighty-five years produced the one new baby Chapter.

"Not that losses have disappeared, but that the disaster-dread has worn itself away by becoming too old."

"There was a time, however, when, from a totally different cause, Freemasonry was so overwhelmed by antagonistic public sentiment that several Grand Lodges ceased for a number of years to meet or function, and when and where Masons did meet was a dark secret. That condition grew out of what now in history is referred to as the 'Morgan Episode.'

"... until after the election, and it did serve the political party purpose sufficiently to carry the electoral vote of one state, Vermont. By 1840 practically all outward evidence of hostility to the fraternity had disappeared. Politicians returned to former fields in bidding for public popularity; but it left a mark in the memories.

"For the building of our part in the Temple of Humanity we have only today. Yesterday is past forever, and tomorrow may never come. Each rising sun greets a new day. With us as with the world at large, today is not like yesterday. To live now, today, we must get out of our own shadows, rid ourselves of that state of mind which has been saying, 'What's the use,' and 'It can't be done.' The great lesson of Royal Arch Masonry teaches us that 'It can be done'."

This from the California Review:—

"If without policy or purpose, why universally acknowledged the most honourable body of men the world has known? If without reason for continued existence, why did Washington, Lafayette, Warren, Revere,
Clay, Garfield, Harrison, McKinley, Franklin and Roosevelt express pride in holding membership therein and patronizing its assemblies? And why did the present Roosevelt proudly witness the Master Mason degree conferred upon his son?

"Almost without number are the opportunities for laudable beneficences, worthy the approval of humanitarian hearts, but without the domain of Freemasonry. By tradition and history Freemasonry has and does exist for itself alone—not in a spirit of selfishness, but by building."

The writer gratefully appreciates the kind reference to himself as Reviewer and these remarks he ventures modestly to reprint together with other comments on our Grand Jurisdiction:

"All reports received have had attention. We have a sigh of relief; but here comes Canada—always interesting, painstakingly prepared, abounding in Masonic lore, and concluding with 130 pages of goodness gleaned from the proceedings of 52 other Grand Jurisdictions by the Prince of Reviewers. We must read it:

"The name ‘Canada’, to most persons signifies that vast area north of the northern boundary of the United States and extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It was so years ago, and the Grand Chapter of Canada was the sole Royal Arch occupant; the jurisdiction is divided into 16 districts. This all Chapters receive attention, and detailed reports of the conditions are forwarded to the Grand Z. It has the marks of a complete and working organization.

"Long service Jewels were presented to 22 Companions who had served earnestly and faithfully 25 years, and one to a Companion who had completed half a century of devotion to the Royal Arch.

"To mark the fiftieth anniversary of its labours, a Chapter was granted permission to place a narrow piping of gold around the inside of the ribbon border of the aprons.

"The disbursements, which included the item of $2,802 for printing a Pictorial History of the Grand Chapter, were $12,621.

"As usual the Reviews are complete."

Under England we read:

"There dues are listed as ‘contributions’ and come from Chapters in British possessions in various parts of the world."

We reprint the whole Review of Ireland, which is little heard from now-a-days:

"We learn that under the Grand Chapter of Ireland there are 348 Chapters; that 41 are in Dublin, 74 in Belfast, ten in South Africa, two in New Zealand and two in South Australia; also one each in India, Gibraltar, Western Australia and New South Wales. While the systems are different all recognize one another as Masonic. As in England and Scotland, few Chapters have to exceed fifty members."

We quote from Kansas Review:

"Masonry is a voluntary institution. 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, or 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."
"This Grand Chapter has lived within its income. That indicates an
iron purpose in business management.
"The Correspondence Report is by Albert K. Wilson. While he
opines 'the years steal fire from the mind as vigour from the limb,' the
report is up to the high standard."

A touch from Ohio:—

"The welcome: An address of welcome to the Grand Chapter of
Ohio is probably as unnecessary as would be a marriage license to an
alley tomcat.
"The response: Reared as I was in an atmosphere of simplicity and
moral rectitude, I should be foolish to enter into a disputation with Bob
Guinthem, with his superior sophistication and worldly wisdom as to
the moral standards and philandering activities of a tomcat."

Saskatchewan gives a practical touch:—

"For 'tis truth well known to most
That whatsoever thing is lost
We seek it, ere it come to light,
In every cranny but the right."

COLORADO, 1936

Frank D. Allen, Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Patton, Grand Secretary.
The Sixty-second Annual was held at Denver, September
17, 1936.
Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present and hon-
oured.
The Past G.H.P.'s were all presented with a beautiful
P.G.H.P. Apron to be retained by each thereafter as his per-
sonal Apron.
Among the distinguished guests were Representatives of
Nebraska, Kansas and the Grand Master of Colorado, and
Stanley C. Warner, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the
Scottish Rite; the latter duly represented Canada.
From the address of G.H.P. Allen the following extracts are of interest:—

"Our fraternity represents the best citizenry of this great state;
the leaders in the worth-while affairs of each community meet with us
and join in our deliberations. In our membership we include every
worthy business and profession, and our group now is and ever has been
a most powerful influence for good in this beloved country of ours.
"Thoughtful, patient and untiring labour of M.E. Comp. Gabriel.
The seed planted by him is now beginning to bloom and bear fruit. I
was fortunate, indeed, to be able to follow in his footsteps and witness
the result of his able and unselfish service.
"Due care is taken in the making of new members, and no man, no
matter what his moral character or social standing may be, is admitted
unless the Companions are satisfied that he will make a stone that will
fit into our symbolic temple.
“In my opinion, the secret of a successful Chapter may be stated in two words—hard work.”

“I feel that it would be helpful for the officers to meet on two or three occasions during the year and that the other Grand Officers should make it a point to accompany the Grand High Priest at every opportunity on the visitations.”

Books were found to be incomplete in 26 Chapters.
Membership, 6,065. Net loss, 292.
Milton E. Blake was elected G.H.P.

The Committee on Memorials reported:—

“Socrates long ago tried to get the Athenians to think logically on such terms as have always been used by man, such as virtue, courage, truth. But it seems we use those terms as loosely now as was done then. How much more difficult is our problem! How happy that man to whom these questionings do not exist!”

A beautiful portrait of the late William Wiseman Cooper, P.G.H.P., and Grand Secretary, who died November 16, 1935, forms a touching tribute to his worth.

This verse is found among the In Memoriam pages:—

Like leaves on trees the race of man is found,
Now green in youth, now withering on the ground;
Another race the following spring supplies;
They fall successive, and successive rise;
So generations in their course decay
So flourish these, when those are pass’d away.

Albert E. Bryson, of Toronto, is the Grand Representative of Colorado.
Edwin H. Snyder presents an excellent Foreword to his able Review:—

“We note the constructive work now carried on in many jurisdictions—a remarkable change from the years when ‘you now may be seated among the Companions’ was the final exhibited interest in newly made members—when receiving the applicant’s money might well have been classed as obtaining goods under false pretenses.

“Truth is evolved from error, and good often is the result of evil. Perhaps our sore afflictions yet may be blessings in disguise. Nature’s law of absolute compensation may seemingly be delayed, but it never is abrogated. The Almighty helps those who help themselves.

“Keep awake; encourage proficiency in the esoteric work; an understanding of the significance of the degrees, and promote the spirit of fellowship hitherto shamefully neglected.”

From his appreciative and appreciated review of Canada in St. Catharines we make the following quotations:—

“Described the city as the centre of the greatest fruit district in Canada, and whose product was shipped to all parts of the world.”

“Not so many from Michigan, New Jersey, British Columbia and Quebec, but in all a big company holding the title of ‘Distinguished’.”

“Then there was General Grand High Priest O’Hara
“For a suitable place the St. Thomas Anglican Church was tendered and accepted.
‘Age with Honour’ jewels were bestowed upon some Companions who had served 55 years; others 50.

A paragraph from the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry: The ghost which annually appears upon the returns of chapters is again very much to the front, yet it is quite apparent many have failed to see the phantom, and mistake it for an active and positive substance when, in reality, the signs of mortification have, in many cases, already set in.

“Now we come to the Reviews of the proceedings of other jurisdictions by that prince of reviewers, now in his 82nd year. It is prefaced by a topical index, comprehensive to the minutest detail.”

This from the North Dakota Review:—

“Not in Masonry only, but in every walk of life, we hear expressed desires for ‘The Good Old Days’. It has been the cry since Heck was a pup, and the prediction that this old world is rapidly heading towards destruction has become a habit. It has been the same cry through the ages, and the calamity howler will always be with us. Our own inclination is to answer, ‘Bosh,’ and let it go at that.

“There is lots of good truth in his concluding comment yet the disheartening trials which millions of our people have been compelled to endure have not been all ‘Bosh.’”

We quote from the Washington Review:—

“The threefold ideal of all organizations is Creation, Protection and Preservation.

“American Masonry and American citizenship are so closely interwoven that to be a traitor to one would be a betrayer of the other.”

And from the West Virginia Review:—

“His optimism is reflected in the assertion that ‘we have arrived at the foot of the Mountain of Hope’.”

CONNECTICUT

John C. Stanley, Grand High Priest.
William L. Cort, Grand Secretary.
George N. Delap, Grand Treasurer.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual was held in Hartford (of happy memories) May 12th, 1936.

Fifteen P.G.H.P.’s graced the Grand East, all well known names, including Edgar B. Ellis, to whom this reviewer owes much for courtesies extended.

George N. Delap faithfully represented Canada.

Distinguished guests from New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Delaware, New Hampshire and Quebec were all hospitably welcomed, together with Grand Master Lewis.

From the address of the G.H.P. we make the following extracts:—

“May your stay with us prove as worthwhile to you as yours will be to us.
"Father time inexorably takes his toll. Our Grand Secretary, George A. Kies, was summoned without warning.

"I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

"We outlined a very flexible plan of campaign, that the Inspecting Officers might use, as an experiment.
"I find nothing in our Code or laws preventing intelligent, tactful and dignified proselyting, always keeping in mind, that we are a dignified body and particularly the fitness of the brother approached, both morally and financially, that he may not be overpersuaded to take on a burden beyond his capacity.
"I do not hold for mass production or high-powered salesmanship; neither have a place in our Chapters.
"The formation of Composite Degree Teams is another interesting and far reaching instrument to arouse and preserve interest.
"Stimulate attendance by creating a Committee of forty-five (45) members to be known as Inter Chapter Representatives.
"What may be termed an innovation, in that he appointed two proxies (to lighten the burden on each) to visit the Chapters assigned to him."

He exercises his privilege of visiting many other Grand Jurisdictions, interchange always full of mutual pleasures and profits.

Among his decisions he answered this question with a decided negative.

Can an unaffiliated Mason still hold membership in his Chapter and pay his dues after time limit has expired, paragraph I. The answer is NO.

From the report of the Grand Scribe this remembered phrase:

"Him who is dead and gone, honour with remembrance, not with tears."

He thus concludes:

"Reminded of the words used in many ships logs as the final daily entry. It was: 'So ends the day'—so ends the day of this account, but it closes not with these quoted words.

"No blast of air or fire of sun
Puts out the light whereby we run
With girdled loins our lamplit race,
And each from each takes heart of grace
And spirit 'till his turn be done."

Membership, 12,592. Loss, 576.
G. Percival Bard was elected G.H.P.

The well remembered features of M.E. George Allen Kies is reproduced in the Proceedings and of him it is said:

"A widely known music critic referred to him as 'the foremost organist in the country'. He was one of the founders of the American Guild of Organists and was a leader in many musical societies."
“The Altar and jewels in every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.”

The roll call of Chapters was called at the end of the meeting held, which was then closed in ample form.

The order of High Priesthood was conferred.

Harvey J. Milne, of Kingston, an enthusiastic Mason of good report is the Grand Representative of Connecticut.

**DELAWARE**

Calvin E. Afflerbach, G.H.P.
John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-eighth Convocation was held in Wilmington on the 15th January, 1936.

Sixteen permanent members P.G.H.P.’s were welcomed and honoured.

Delaware practises bountiful hospitality. In addition to Delaware Officers, distinguished guests from New York, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The General Grand Chapter in the person of Henry De-Witt Hamilton, Past General G.H.P., responded to the welcome with an instructive and entertaining address.

The G.H.P. also happens to be the Present G.M. of Cryptic Masons.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following citations:—

“Death cannot slay our Companions, it can only change the bench at which they work, the place of their occupation, the post at which they serve.

“The topics we used were ‘For God’, ‘Challenge of Masonry’ and ‘Masonic Education’. The things we stressed in these talks may be summed up in a few paragraphs:

“. . . These are trying times but as Masons we can set examples which youth may follow. If you want youth to be moral, if you want youth to think of God more often than at marriages and funerals, at Xmas or Easter time, it is up to you to set a fine example of public church worship . . . .

“. . . There are those subversive forces that are at work within our borders that seek to overthrow our form of government by force and violence. There are those who would barter our democracy for the political enslavement of an alien potentate. There must be a fight to death with the Church and Masonry on one side and Communism on the other.

Great truths may be found by search within our temples. Too often, after we find them, we are selfish and keep them to ourselves instead of giving them to the less informed. The sponge and the spring furnish us a homely example of two types of Companions. The sponge takes everything within its grasp. It never gives anything unless you squeeze it. The spring gives and gives and gives, making possible the brook, the creek, the river and as they wind
their way to the mighty ocean make possible the pleasant valleys and
fruitful vegetation. Would that we had more of the latter type
among our membership...

"There are always part of our Companions who are looking for the
honours without doing very much work. May I say that for those who
do the work, who assume and share responsibility, to them will come
honours unsolicited."

Canada was duly represented by George S. Scott.
Membership—1,486. Net loss (3.68%) 57.
The Committee on Memorials made a poetic report.

"At the close of day when the evening shadows fall and the sun
sinks below the horizon, its light still lingers in the sky and illuminates
the world for a considerable period. So it is with men who have worked
faithfully upon the tapestry of life when they depart this earthly exist-
ence. They leave us—we miss the touch of a vanished hand, and the
sound of a voice that is stilled—but they leave, like an afterglow, much
of themselves behind to hearten and inspire those who are still players
on life's stage of action."

"Do you tell me that there is naught beyond
The cold, unfriendly grave;
That there is naught in these bodies of ours
That God may care to save?

Why did he give us this beautiful world,
And the sunlight's golden gleam;
Why not let the sun, moon and stars die out,
And chaos reign supreme?"

Herman H. Hanson was elected G.H.P.
R. Ex. Comp. Slack of Toronto, a Mason of good word
and good work, is the Grand Representative of Delaware.
Many standing resolutions are reprinted in order to re-
mind the Companions of their obligations. Among them the
following:—

"Book of Marks.—All Mark Masons are required to adopt a Mark,
have the same recorded in the Book of Marks, in ink, officers of Subor-
dinate Chapters using all endeavours to have those who are at present
members and who have not chosen for themselves a mark, to do so."

"Membership Co-existent.—Membership in a Chapter be co-existent
with membership in a Blue Lodge, i.e., that a Companion who is dimitted
from a Blue Lodge for more than one year, forfeits his membership in
his Chapter."

Thomas J. Day, honoured Grand Correspondent, who has
served for eighteen years in that capacity, thus introduced his
work:—

"This year we are able to report that Fifty-eight Varieties have re-
ceived our attention, some for more than one year. We have selected
such items as we thought would be interesting to our Companions. The
general tone of the Proceedings seems to be better."

This from the Review of British Columbia:—

"I have found in every Chapter every possible leniency to Com-
panions who, through lack of employment and other causes, have been
unable to pay their Chapter dues. Suspension has been avoided except in the most extreme cases, remission of dues or extension of time for payment, being in nearly every case resorted to."

Canada at Kitchener is well reviewed. He describes the reception of distinguished visitors and the words of welcome of Companions Dunstan and Ponton as follows:—

"On behalf of the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada I extend to our guests a true friendship welcome personally, individually, and collectively. The Grand Chapter was called off and a civic welcome was extended."

He quotes at length and with approbation from the address of the Grand Z.:—

"Of changing conditions he says in part: 'The social, economic and industrial conditions of the world are out of step with those of a few years ago. People had become so prosperous and extravagant in their way of living that they find it difficult and almost impossible to adjust themselves to present day conditions. . . . I do not want to appear pessimistic."

Of the Grand Superintendents he says:—

"The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the several districts give in detail the conditions as they exist in the several Chapters. Over fifty pages of the Proceedings are devoted to these reports."

He emphasizes the benevolence and he is kind enough to say of this Reviewer.

"The Reviews of Proceedings are by Comp. Ponton, who possibly writes the best review it has been our privilege to consider."

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1935**

Robert L. Kause, G.H.P.
J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

In the biography of G.H.P., Robert L. Kause, we read:—

"One of the most evident results of M. Ex. Comp. Kause's devotion to Masonry is the confidence with which he has imbued its members as they contemplate the future. A careful study of the conditions enabled him to choose the psychological moment to advance and to stress the belief that the turning point in Capitular affairs had arrived."

The Sixty-eighth Annual was held in Washington February 13, 1935. Eleven G.H.P.'s were dutifully present.
Canada was represented by Lucien G. Young.
The Grand Master and visitors from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania were duly welcomed.

From the address of the G.H.P. we make the following quotations:—

"We have seemingly passed the nadir of the depression and are on the upward road, as a larger number of interested brothers have knocked at our gates. But, if the year is to be measured in terms of increased
interest and revived fraternalism, then, indeed, can we claim gratifying progress, for we reinstated a total of 80."

NECROLOGY

"Some time at eve, when the tide is low,
I shall slip my mooring and sail away,
With no response to the friendly hail
Of kindred craft in the busy bay.

A few who have watched me sail away
Will miss my craft from the busy bay.
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
In moorings sheltered from storm and gale."

"We had recorded on our rolls as of December 31, 1934, 4,796 as against 5,158 in 1933. This means a loss of 362 for the year. 307 were dropped by the Chapters for non-payment of dues against 367 last year, 52 were dropped because of suspension by their Lodges, as against 75 in the previous year."

"No Chapter was ever a real success through accident. It takes real work and definite planning. It is not sufficient that we stand on the sidelines and sagely observe that 'the situation is fraught with potentialities of great psychological significance.' Let us ask ourselves what we have done. If we can renew and strengthen the contacts that our Capitular membership affords, there is no goal too remote for attainment. We have been fortunate in having a group which worked 'without luke-warmness or inattention' and I wish at this time to record my full appreciation of the intelligent and constructive activity of the High Priests' Association."

THE UNITED MASONIC TEMPLE

"There seems to be nothing that the Grand Chapter can do concerning this project other than to urge the continued interest of the Companions in this worthy activity."

"Moving ever confidently onward remembering that the glory of Masonry is not recorded on our roster but is indelibly engraved upon the hearts of men."

"Wars may come, or raging fires, my son,
But yet these towers and walls will ever stand;
For they were built into 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."

Lucien G. Young, Canada's Grand Representative, made an able report as Grand visitor and lecturer.
Otto B. Roepke was elected G.H.P.
Robert W. Clewlo now a venerable but active veteran, is the honoured Grand Representative of District of Columbia.
J. Walter Karsner presents a very satisfying report on correspondence. It is quaintly humorous at times as we gather from his foreword, from which we quote:
"The smoker was not the success that the men in charge hoped for. Without any further explanation it was a disappointment to all concerned, and all because so many of you men are unwilling to stir yourselves. Once or twice a year we try to have you meet together under agreeable circumstances, and then you fall down on us—no support—no spirit—no pride in your organization or in your church honour, but plenty of supine indifference to all efforts made and an utter lack of consideration for those who go to all the trouble to arrange these affairs for your pleasure and convenience. Consider for a moment the chagrin of those in charge when they make provision for three hundred members (about half of those on the rolls), sweat for days in preparing things, struggle to provide one or two prominent speakers to address you, scour the city for some good entertainment and then—about one hundred put in their appearance.

"The ones who did come were the finest men in the church, busy men who could have found plenty of excuses for absenting themselves if they so desired, but they had more spirit and more consideration and more cooperation than to fail their fellow members whose efforts they appreciate. Perhaps we make the great mistake of looking for quantity instead of quality in these meetings but the fact is that we thought we had more quality than we seem to possess among our men."

"The article is interesting and valuable in this respect: if it represents the experience of those at the head of a church, many of whose members are tutored from infancy; if their membership fails in its attendance and activity, how much more tolerant should we be with a membership which is entirely voluntary and to whom we continually stress the desirability of independence in thought and action?"

"If a cloistered child were suddenly set down in the toy department of a great store, would he not naturally occupy himself with his newly discovered treasures? Sit him in a modern toy automobile with all its glittering accessories and would he have thought for the books and plainer things he once thought grand?"

"Might we not ask ourselves whether the quality of organization has not been permitted to deteriorate—whether by too low petition fees and dues, cheap ‘entertainment’, unwise publicity, ill-considered campaigns, we have not made of this once stable, dignified, sacred, priceless fraternity, with its mystic background of the ages, a mere ‘lodge meeting’ on a plane with the scores of cheap organizations."

"Masonry is the obligation of the Master Mason’s degree; all other bodies or branches are but a refinement of the lessons there taught—luxuries to be enjoyed in time when luxuries are to be afforded. Our market for these will be small for a time to come."

"We have one thing to offer not to be found in the same basic quality anywhere in the world: true fraternity—tolerant, helpful brotherhood. Consolidate our bodies so as to afford economic operation, proper facilities, and competent officers, concentrate all energies on those things."

The District of Columbia Reviewer hails British Columbia as follows:

"There is only one thing to keep us on our feet; and that is solicitation for petitions."

"In such differences of viewpoint—in difference in capacity for leadership, lies the reason why Masonry as a whole falls so far below its possibilities—fails to interest those who might contribute most strength. It helps to heal the haughtiness of the rich and the envy of the poor, and tends to establish ‘Peace on Earth’."
Canada is appreciatively reviewed after the statistics and the welcome of the Mayor of Brockville. We read:

“We shall always remember him as the man who, at a civic luncheon presided over by the Mayor of Toronto in the spacious ballroom of the King Edward Hotel, without a word of warning other than a very gracious introduction, called upon us to speak to an assemblage which seemed to contain all the people in Canada! We shall never forget the kindly, sincere hospitality we found on our first visit to the country to the North, nor how we thrilled to their whole-hearted singing of ‘God Save the King’ and ‘The Maple Leaf Forever’.”

“One Chapter requested permission to add gold piping to its apron in recognition of its fifty years of existence. We have one Chapter chartered in 1818—Potomac—with 117 years of service.”

“The Grand Scribe E. reported 270 registrations, 49 joinings, 30 restorations, 348 deaths.”

“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.”

This from the Review of Minnesota:

“To this writer it seems that a membership can be better stimulated by reading of activity and progress in other jurisdictions, than by ostrich-like burying its head in the discouragement of its own retrogression.”

Quebec receives well merited praise:

“. . . Allan P. Shatford. During the last session of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada we were privileged to listen to an address by this gifted Companion which we remember with admiration. His report stated that he had found improved conditions in his jurisdiction.”

A few words from Tennessee:

“I am sorry for the Masons in this jurisdiction who are not Royal Arch Masons. It would be a great inspiration to associate with this body of men.”

From Texas the following:

“Let us raise our Ebenezers and rededicate and reconsecrate our energies. . . .”

“What’s an Ebenezer?
“Eighteen were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, out of 274 Chapters!”

This from Wyoming Review is interesting:

“A gavel described as ‘more Ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle’ and titled ‘the Gavel of Time’. It was said to be made from ‘butternut wood that grew in the primeval forests of Wyoming millions of years ago, and which through the course of ages had become petrified.’

ENGLAND SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER

Two copies of the Quarterly Convocation of 5th February, 1936, have been received.
M. Ex. Comp. Reverend Canon Hubert Curtis, M.A., Third Grand Principal, acted as First Grand Principal.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight and Norfolk filled the other two chairs.

The Earl of Harewood signified his assent to the enquiry as to whether he could undertake the duties of the office to which he was elected, took the necessary obligation and was elected as Pro Grand First Principal and was duly installed into that Chair. He made an excellent address.

The Committee had the melancholy duty to report the death of many present and past Grand Officers, all of whom had been conspicuous by their devotion to Royal Arch Masonry.

Eight Petitions for new Chapters being regular, the Supreme Committee recommended that their prayers be granted.

Herbert F. Mainsty is President of General Purposes Committee.

Hon. Claude James, Grand Superintendent Tasmania, Scottish Constitution, was a welcome visitor.

The death of King George V. was most feelingly referred to. We quote:

"I will not attempt to add to the wonderful tributes which have been paid to his memory, not only in this country and Empire but throughout the whole civilised world. I will humbly leave with you the thought which was uppermost in my own mind during the impressive scenes which we have witnessed—namely, that our beloved King is at peace.

"And, as we leave him thus, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to our dear Queen, his partner for so many years. No one could have known more than Her Majesty how the troubles of State tried him. May she have the consolation that many of her widowed subjects have had, viz., that her loss has brought to her husband peace. Our prayers also go up for the new King, our Brother.

"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch him, for they are at peace.

"The following procession was then formed, and escorted E. Comp. General Sir Francis Davies into Grand Chapter, under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies."

**FLORIDA**

George A. Dame, Grand High Priest.
Cary B. Fish, Grand Secretary.
The Ninetieth Annual was held in Marianna, May 5, 1936.

Nine Past G.H.P.'s were honoured and did honour to the Grand East.
Chester DeRocher duly represented Canada.
Distinguished visitors, including the Grand Master, were welcomed and the G.H.P. read a relatively brief address:

"The time has now arrived for me to make a report of my stewardship for the past year. I have not made many visits to the various Chapters. This was due to several reasons. Dwindling funds in the Grand Treasury, limited leisure on my part; a feeling that through close touch with my Deputies who have been active and zealous in their respective Districts, I could guide and promote their activities to a successful administration. . . . men of high intelligence, ability and character and have been earnest, zealous and industrious in the promotion of capitular Masonry."

"Comp. Greer inaugurated a movement that has added greater strength, cohesiveness and continuity to the present set up of Capitular Masonry in Florida. He was the first Grand High Priest that called a conference of the immediate Past Grand High Priest and of the members of his council for the purpose of discussing policies and appointments."

One of his decisions was:

"Either he should be held to be an expelled Mason in Florida by the Grand Lodge of Florida, in which case he lost his Chapter standing; or that he should be tried by the Chapter in Florida of which he was a member."

How names perpetuate themselves is illustrated by the following delinquent Chapters:

"Kissimmee No. 10, Inverness No. 14, Nassau No. 49, and Hill City No. 55 have made no returns and paid no dues."

Membership—3,575.

The Committee on Memorials quote:

"The Lord of death has risen,
The stone is rolled away."

Cleveland R. Horne was elected G.H.P.


The Order of High Priesthood duly met in Annual Assembly.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

William T. S. O'Hara, General Grand High Priest.

Charles Arthur Conover, General Grand Secretary.

Mattison Boyd Jones, Los Angeles, General Grand High Priest-elect.

The Forty-third Triennial Convocation was held at St. Louis, Missouri, on October 7th, 1936.

The frontispiece of the Proceedings is a characteristic portrait of Companion O'Hara.

The opening ceremonies were conducted by Grand Chapter of Missouri meeting in special convocation.
G.H.P. Briggs thanked the officers for their excellent co-operation, saying:—

"The habit of having Subordinate Chapters open and receive us, and everything went along smoothly until we ran into some folks who didn't know any more about opening than we did (laughter); so we had to learn how to open.

"... Civil War, when ties of comradeship had been broken, when our Companions were maimed and wounded; and our historians inform us this meeting here did much to bind up those wounds and heal those injured bonds of friendship.

"(Descending to the altar) May I have the pleasure, Most Excellent Sir, of accompanying you to the Grand East?

"I want to surrender to you the gavel of the Grand Chapter of Missouri."

The Grand Marshal invited the distinguished visitors to the Grand East when Mrs. Havens sang "A Song of Praise" and "A Friend of You."

In acknowledging the G.G.H.P. said:—

"The word welcome has not been flaunting in the air, but it has been impressed upon our hearts every hour of the day by some kind action. Who would not accept a welcome to your heavenly place, where angels sing and artists render the finest of music? (Applause.) And back of it all are the golden voices of those who receive and welcome us, and convince us that there is no better land than Missouri. (Applause.)

"By virtue of the power and authority in me vested I now declare the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri duly closed."

A composite gavel was presented and acknowledged thus:—

"I accept this in the spirit in which it is given. I shall treasure always the remembrance of the occasion. It will be my pleasure to have the silver plate engraved as you have said, and the gavel kept in the archives of this General Grand Chapter.

"That souls which once we knew
Have prescience in them of the things we do."

G.G.C. Lewis offered an invocation:—

"Almighty God, great Grand High Priest, our Lord and our friend, before Thee this morning we come to ask Thy blessing on us as together here we learn to travel the pathways of life.

"We know that to Thee we may come as to a father. We ask the privilege of being with Thee as Thy children, of learning from Thee the love for each other, the understanding which we need so much."

Three Past General G.H.P.'s were present, Craig of Iowa, Hamilton of Rhode Island, and Neilson of Kansas.

Independent Chapters including Cordova, Alaska, are enumerated.

Total votes, 371.

Distinguished visitors were welcomed in the persons of Clyde I. Webster of Detroit, Representatives of Texas, of Quebec and of Pennsylvania, the Scottish Rite, General Grand
Council, including Thomas J. Cochrane of Ontario, Knights Templars, Grand Masters of several Jurisdictions, to whom Grand Honors were given.

Regrets were read from George L. Gardiner, Kenneth J. Dunstan and Edwin Smith, all Past Grand Z.'s of Canada.

The address of the G.G.H.P. O'Hara was long and full of nuggets of precious ore and of good stories. We quote:—

"Our cup of joy runneth over and we realize that all the various Rites of Freemasonry are joined together by indissoluble links of brotherly love and friendship.

"'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.

"To each of us is given but an infinitesimal bit of time on earth as compared with the eternity that awaits us.

"To all Royal Arch Masons He is the goal they seek. To find Him, we must set our faces to the skies and not to the dust.

"When men go down to the sea in ships,
'Tis not to the sea they go;
Some isle or pole the mariner's goal,
And thither they sail through calm and gale.
When down to the sea they go
Though outward bound, God's world is round,
And only a ship is Death.

When I go down to the sea by ship,
And Death unfurls her sail,
Weep not for me, for there will be
A living host on another coast
To beckon and give 'All Hail!'

"Our Permanent Fund is increasing annually. Its total amount was $43,384.57.

"Would it be unmasonic to rent stores in such premises to tenants engaged in the liquor-selling business? Answer. Yes.

"Does Honolulu Chapter, No. 1, require permission from the General Grand High Priest to expend its funds for a new building and site? Answer. No.

"Among these mistakes may be noted:

1. Lack of knowledge of the philosophy and symbolism of Royal Arch Masonry by the active line officers.

2. Reading from the rituals, or frequent reference to them, during the ceremonies of opening and closing and conferring the degrees.

3. Work delivered in monotone, without inflection or emphasis, in voice so low as to be scarcely audible even to the candidate.

4. Failure to hold convocations when there is neither degree work nor petitions to be either received or balloted upon.

5. Annual advancement in office. By this I mean a practice that has sprung up and become fixed in many Chapters of advancing the line officers each year without regard to qualification, and further, that each of such officers has come to feel that once in line he has a vested
right to continue through the offices of the Chapter, to and including the office of High Priest.

“Our late Past General Grand High Priest, William F. Kuhn, justly recognized as one of Freemasonry’s most distinguished and able members, graphically pictured the difficulties resulting from mass production then facing Royal Arch Masonry, and with amazing accuracy prophesied the ultimate results to the craft, as follows: ‘Ther has been a great rush into Freemasonry. There has been a hip and hoorah about it. Men have come, having no conception of what Freemasonry is, but they are going to drop out. The tide is going out.’

“On the subject of translation of our Rituals into the Spanish language, first reports were generally unfavourable, but some later reports were favourable.


“In countries where float the Stars and Stripes or the Union Jack as symbols of allegiance to and the authority of the governments of either the United States or Great Britain, also in the Scandinavian countries, Holland and Czechoslovakia, and the countries of North and South America, with the exception of Ecuador, Freemasonry is not being disturbed by external foes, although it is confronted, as we are, with problems of its own. In other countries, Freemasonry is attacked, either internally or externally.

“Aggregate net Capitular membership in the United States as per the last available reports, 602,423.

“Cursed be the social ties that sin against the strength of youth;
   Cursed be the social ties that warp us from the living truth.”

“Organizations exist, seemingly uncontrolled but most active, for the sole purpose of destroying our government.

“Unless we become deeply interested, united, and active in combating these evils which gnaw like a cancer at the roots of our civilization, our national government and our Freemasonry are in danger of suppression.

“Emerson, in speaking of philosophy, defines it as ‘The account which the human mind gives to itself of the constitution of the world’. And so we may say that Masonic philosophy is the account which the minds of Freemasons give to them of the constitution of Freemasonry.

“Freemasonry is a magic word. It is a calm and peaceful haven where we may seek rest from the storms of life. The spirit of God dwells in it. It is a place of joy, a thinking place where one may quietly clarify his ideals, and renew his hopes.

“‘Our hope is in the aftermath—
   Our hope is in heroic men,
   Star-led to build the world again.
   To this event the ages ran:
   Make way for Brotherhood—make way for man!’

The Committee on Shortening the Elective line of General Grand Chapter report:—

“We believe it is self evident that our fraternity, like every other human institution, must meet changed and changing conditions. If we do not, we admit our incompetency. This your committee does not propose to do.
"We are compelled to admit the need of some changes which will enable our General Grand High Priests to come to that position when there is still physical energy sufficient 'to carry the message to Gracia.'"

There was a traditional Missouri Dinner at the Coronado Hotel in honour of Grand High Priests and Grand Masters and a reception and ball was held in honour of Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara. A photo of the dinner party looks most hospitable and inviting.

Mattison Boyd Jones was elected General Grand High Priest and John Huske Anderson of Raleigh, North Carolina, was elected Deputy.

The Committee on Memorials quoted:—

"Life is real? Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal.
Dust thou are, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the Soul!"

William W. Williamson of Quebec termed "The Ambassador from Canada", says:—

"It is a great delight to be with you today and to bring to you the cordial good feeling and wishes of the Province, of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Quebec. I come to you not perhaps so much in that capacity but as an international ambassador of good-will. Never, I believe, has there been a time when we should more get together nationally.

"Not when you come, but wither bound;
Not what you have, but whether found
Strong in the right, the good, the true;
These are the things worth while to you."

In his valedictory the G.H.P. O'Hara said:—

"We have done constructive work, the only kind that should engage the attention of Freemasons."

The General Grand Secretary presented a bouquet of red roses for the California DeMolay.

A wonderful Masonic address was delivered by Reverend Thomas W. Fessenden, D.D., Grand Orator, teeming with humour as well as with spirit, aspiration and inspiration.

"I had not seen him for years. His first wife had died; and he had gone over to France as a Y.M.C.A. Secretary with the boys there during the war. He began talking to me about one thing, immediately when I met him, and this one thing was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen in all his life.

"He came to Pittsburgh to engage in business. He was at one of the big hotels in the city, and telephoned to me, asking me to come down to see him. I went down to the hotel, and went up to one of the top floors to his fine suite of rooms. I was shown into the room where he was seated all alone. We talked for a few moments, the door opened, and a perfectly lovely and beautiful lady came into the room. He introduced this lady to me as his wife. As innocently as a man could, I said, 'Oh, this is the lovely lady you were talking so much about to me in
France?” But, you see, it was not that lady. (Laughter.) And worse
than that, he had not told this lady about that lady. (Great laughter.)
You can talk about life’s most embarrassing moment, and a faux pas or
a social error all you please. That was it in perfection. (Laughter.)
I have never seen fire in a woman’s eyes like I saw in that woman’s
eyes; and I have never seen a man wobble on his knees th way I saw
that man wobble on his—(great laughter)—and being a Methodist Min-
ister, as diplomatically as I could I withdrew from the scene of action,
for I knew that he was in for a hotter fight than any he had seen in
France. (Great laughter and applause).
“There are three prevailing philosophies of our day.
“The first is known as Humanism.
“The second great prevailing philosophy is the philosophy of Be-
haviorism.
“... and there is no such thing as Character; there is no such
thing as living for good things, but all is the same. It makes no differ-
ence what you do, a man’s behaviour is conditioned by the forces that
impinge upon him.
“The third prevailing philosophy of your day is that of Defense
Mechanism. These agnostics who adhere to this philosophy say that we
are a lot of yellow cowards who believe in God.
“Also, I want to speak to you, as part of this prevailing philosophy,
that they want us to ditch everything that is old. There is a passion
for new things. If a thing is new you rush to the bargain counter to
get it. If it is old you want to scrap it.
“The next of these situations which I want to point out is that
known as Disillusionment. Frederick W. Boreham, the greatest living
essayist of our day, who had thirty-one volumes of essays to his credit,
says that the most critical hour of life is the hour of disillusionment.
“Then finally, it is necessary that you have some great beliefs.
Doubt never built anything. It may have opened the doors to belief,
but it never, of itself, has built anything; and the great necessity of
our day is that our people shall have a few great fundamental beliefs
in their hearts that nothing can take out of them.
“We discussed as to whether St. Patrick was an Irishman or a
Scotchman. You know, it has never been settled, and we did not settle
it, and I don’t know whether anybody ever will settle it. But when we
got through talking about St. Patrick, he held up his hand and said,
‘Hold on, this is where I live; I want to get out.’ There was a little
house by the side of the road. He got out and turned around to say
good-bye to me. He took hold of my hand and shook it as he did the
first time. He said, as he looked up into my eyes, ‘I want to tell you,
sir, I am just as much what I wuz as I was before I wuz riding down
the road with you.’ I looked down into his honest Irish face and said,
‘My dear old Irish Brother, here, too—I am just as much what I was
as I was before I was riding down the road with you. Good-bye!’
“Now, brethren, what is that? I call on you, in the name of God,
is that bigotry? Is that prejudice? Is that narrowness? Is that selfish-
ness? No. I did not try to make a Scotchman, Methodist preacher,
Republican out of him; he did not try to make an Irishman, Roman
Catholic, Democrat out of me. This is what it is: Two stray bits of
humanity, blown together on a country highway, riding a few miles to-
gether, talking it over, when they parted were just what they were
when they met, not because they were narrow-bigots, but because each
of them had, somehow, found a few great beliefs to hold to in the day
of storm, to live by, to work by, to play by, and if necessary, to die
by; and if the stars fell from the sky above, they would still hold to
those beliefs and nothing could ever take them out of them.

"If you ask me what this United States of America needs, that is
what it needs. If you ask me what Masonry needs, that is what it
needs. If you ask me what the Church needs, that is what it needs."

Canada and Edwin Smith are duly listed in Foreign names.

Amendments to Articles on Constitution and Standing
regulations and decisions are reproduced in full. The volume
is most interesting throughout.

GEORGIA

F. A. Johnson, Grand High Priest.
W. J. Penn, Jr., Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation was
was held in Macon, July 29th, 1936.

After singing of the old hymn "How Firm a Foundation"
invocation was offered for Divine guidance.

Thirteen P.G.H.P.'s were present.

Canada was represented by Charles R. McCord.

Distinguished guests from New York and General Grand
Chapter were welcomed and honoured.

The G.H.P. said in his address:—

"In the very brief message I had prepared, I come to you with
the exuberance of Health, Happiness and Good Will—but, alas, the
recent manifestation of God's power and His divine direction of the
elements has curbed that spirit. I come to you in sadness.

"Picture the grim monster astride a mighty steed riding furiously
on the wind in quest of victims, helpless before his onslaught. With
a roar of diabolical rage he rode into the cities of Cordele and Gaines-
ville.

"Wouldst thou have me merry, when death hovered over our cities
and people?

"This morning, in the place of happy homes, thriving business,
beautiful churches, there are desolated areas where homes once stood,
helpless, homeless widows, innocent orphans.

"Go back to your homes and devise plans for the workmen whereby
funds may be raised to continue the relief. I hope that each Chapter
in this jurisdiction and the individual Companions 'give 'til it hurts'
and what you give, give freely.

"The natural question of frail humanity, 'Why?' is unanswered yet.
But some day 'when the mists have rolled away' and the white stone
with its strange name is explained, then we may understand."

He records four Charters of Chapters surrendered dur-
ing the year.

He records one reception as a cold one in Tennessee but
apparently within there was a "blast of everlasting joy".

He eulogizes the Grand Secretary:—

"If I had been endowed by nature and environments with a literary
artistry by which I could 'deck the lily and tint the rose,' I would paint
for you a picture of our dynamic Secretary in such vivid colouring that he, himself, nor his good wife would recognize.

"'As a twig is bent, the tree's inclined'. 'As the Secretary is, so is the lodge'."

He quotes from the Masonic Messenger as follows:—

"The keynote of his messages to the Craft, without equivocation or reservation, is the conservation of the life of the Youth of Georgia.

"Georgia is sponsoring an elaborate program for the conservation of her wild life in forest and stream which has elicited the hearty support of all Georgians.

"If radio's slim fingers can pluck a melody from the night and toss it over continent and sea
If the soulful, rich notes of a violin can be blown across the mountains and through a city's din
If songs like crimson roses are culled from thin, blue air
Why, then, should mortals wonder that God hears prayer."

Membership, 6,404. Net loss, 788.

The Grand Secretary says in his Report:—

"The reason that they are in that condition today is because the officers seem to think they will run themselves.

"WHAT IS IN STORE FOR US?—In my humble opinion the greatest need of this Grand Chapter is cooperation. If every officer would do his duty, there could be a very different report made one year hence. Companions, we have a golden opportunity to rebuild our Grand Chapter."

B. Palmer Axson was elected G.H.P.

A full report of the Educational Loan Fund is given, $1,345 having been loaned during the year.

The Committee on General Welfare does good work. We quote:—

"The past is behind us. Let us not brood over the mistakes we have made, but profit by experience, so that, when the present becomes the past, and the future the present, we can note improvement on every page of life's drama.

"The effort of organized propaganda can be combatted in our Chapters and we should carefully watch for any insidious propaganda as it often comes to us in sugar-coated forms.

"It is recommended that future loans from this fund to minor children be secured by parent or guardian against death, marriage or claim of illegality of paper at time loan is secured."

The Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report say:—

"Our nation is facing the need of real patriotism. Masonry and American patriotism are inseparable. We can do no greater service to our nation in its present crisis than to increase Masonic knowledge."

This Reviewer has the honour of being the Grand Representative of Georgia, a post he has filled for many years.

Many candidates received the Degree of the Order of High Priesthood.

Pleasant T. McCutchen again ably edits the Report on Correspondence, saying in his Introduction:—

"Education, regular inspections by trained deputies, and contact of
membership by active officers, awake to their duties, are making decided inroads on the apathy that has vanquished the Chapters throughout the country and in the Grand Jurisdictions who are going back to the fundamentals and sound principles of the Ancient Craft. Follow the Grand Chapters who are really doing something constructive—not piddling—and see the splendid results that are being achieved here and there throughout the Capitular World.

"It is no time to sleep, but for activity and revival."

We take the following from British Columbia:—

"The report of the Grand Z. was short and to the point. His conclusion breathes the very quintessence of Freemasonry:

"Man forgot the causes of the war, and the lessons of the war. The inevitable occurred—our economic structure crumbled. In the midst of tremendous plenty there came the most direful want. Humanity became very ill. The economic doctors, learned and expert, were called in. Out of their advice came but confusion and the patient has made but a slow and uncertain recovery.

"One wonders if there is not to be found in the crash of 1914 and in the crash of 1929, a common cause.

"The home is no longer the sacred institution that it was. Contracts are not inviolate—debts have ceased to be obligations of honour. Anxiety for office weighs far too much with Governments.

"With all my heart I say to you, Freemasonry has a truly magnificent mission in the world, ours will be the shame if we let its lustre fade and its virility perish."

The following are extracts from his appreciative Review of Canada:—

"16 Grand Superintendents; 5 Past Grand Z’s; 37 Grand Representatives, Comp. Ponton present and declaring his pride in representing Georgia.

"In a long and well prepared address the Grand Z. delineates a year of much activity—much done and well done.

"Reports of visitations and activities of District Superintendents furnish inspirational reading, and evidence renewed activity among the chapters.

"In his usual entertaining and able manner, Comp. Ponton writes the Reviews."

In the Review of South Carolina we read:—

"But if we are willing to know the worst, and to provide for it, it is equally true that we may find reasonable ground for a growing optimism. Adversity has its ends to serve.

"’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?”

IDAHO, 1935

John W. Shore, Grand High Priest.
Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.
The Twenty-second Annual convened at Moscow, Idaho, 7th May, 1935.
The Grand Chaplain offered invocation as follows:
"Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we thank Thee for the privileges and pleasures of the companionships which we have enjoyed in our circles. We now come before Thee earnestly seeking Thy favour."

Flowers were presented by Paradise Lodge and the Eastern Star.

From the address of G.H.P. Shore we take the following extracts:—

"... a hearty welcome to a convocation which I am sure will be, like all those which have gone before, replete with consideration and courtesy, and devoted to the harmonious discussion and dispatch of its business."

"Our appreciation of the very evident preparations for our comfort and entertainment. We are all of us proud of this city, with its notable state university which, under wise and efficient guidance, has advanced to the very forefront of educational institutions. It is a great gratification to us that several of the prominent members of the university's faculty are identified with Royal Arch Masonry."

"We have with us once more our distinguished Robert Archer Woods, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, our illustrious Companions from the neighbouring Jurisdictions of Washington and Montana, our own Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Idaho, and last but not least our excellent Companion William Wallin. We are all indebted to him for inspiration and guidance. In addition at the George Washington celebration at Pocatello we had the Grand High Priest of Utah.

"In view of the very full program laid before us as members of the various Bodies meeting here for the four days beginning today, it behooves us, as a fraternal courtesy, to exercise all proper effort for the prompt dispatch of our business within the time set."

"In January, 1934, I was required to act as 'foreman' of a grand jury called in Boise to go into affairs of the gravest importance, and sufficiently so as to engage the close attention of all within the state, and of a good many beyond the state. Unfortunately, the grand jury remained in session until September 30, and after its conclusion I was assailed by that common scourge, the influenza, and rendered totally incapable of any but the most ordinary exertion for a considerable time.

"Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions, and other Orders of Masonry, remain entirely cordial. I think there is every desire for each to meet the other more than half way on any question which arises, hence nothing remains a 'question' very long.

"These Companions have never lost sight of the fact that in true Masonic principles is found the true light which guides them aright, and holds them to their course through the storm, stress and turbulence of life. Yet others amongst our members are discovering this secret of Masonic strength, and are therefore somewhat late in the day discovering or perhaps rediscovering that for which they have so long sought.

"It is essential for us to bring the tenets of our faith into useful action, mostly along civic lines.

"... so secure all other things for the benefit of the fraternity in particular and the human race in general. Mind you, I say 'better' not 'more'. We do not need more government, more education, more money spent.

"Regarding the new material coming amongst us, in considering such we have the advantage of only contacting those who are already
included in the ranks of the select and worthy. It is to be expected such men will be beneficially active amongst us. Their opportunities are enlarged by admission into our circle. Hence it is that I ask all our Chapters to carefully consider and provide for the needs of their new members.

Charles Hartung duly represented Canada.
M. Ex. Comp. Robt Archer Woods, of Indiana, was escorted to the East and given Grand Honours as was E. H. Van Patten, of Washington.


A joint memorial service is to be held with the Grand Commandery in reference to the late Grand Treasurer and the late Grand Secretary.
At the special memorial services the ceremonial is described with the following verse:

“The Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer and Comp. Forbes then approached the Altar; the Grand Secretary from the southeast, the Grand Lecturer from the northeast and Comp. Forbes from the west, each depositing a floral tribute in the form of a triangle with the Altar in the centre.

“Companion Forbes gave the following verse:

“Here were Friends whose hearts were good;
Who walked with us and understood;
For Friendliness or kindness done,
And now that they have journeyed on
Their’s is a fame that never ends,
They leave behind uncounted Friends.”

Edward D. Sanman was elected G.H.P.
W. H. G. Garrioch, of Ottawa, is the Grand Representative of Idaho.

Frank G. Burroughs pays his sixth visit to the Round Table and is determined not to be pessimistic saying:

“What to talk about? Shall it be losses? No, I hate losses, and, besides, you—all have the monopoly on that dire subject. Can’t get me to talk losses. Rather, I’m going to talk gains. Utah, for instance. Right next door to Idaho. Who knows, Idaho may be the next to come into the gainful column. Anyway, losses continue, but so does unemployment. When the government can stop the one, the Chapters can stop the other. All of which is another way of saying that conditions in Capitular Masonry are merely coincident with conditions in the political economic world.”

This from the California Review:

“Be It Resolved, That this Grand Chapter, without reservation, condemns the use of anonymous letters by any Companion under or within its jurisdiction, and hereby declares such conduct to be a serious Masonic offense, warranting prompt and severe treatment.

“The resolution was unanimously adopted, and it was further resoluted that the anonymous letter be not published.”

He is complimentary to Canada, saying with other comments:
“During the year he sanctioned the purchase of several lots of bonds. Grand Chapter, he said, now has securities totalling $88,500.

“One Chapter asked permission to add gold piping to the apron, in recognition of fifty years of existence. He referred the matter to Grand Chapter. It went to a committee to report next year, so the Chapter will not pipe for at least another twelve months.

“The eternal New South Wales dispute with Scotland came up in the shape of a report of a special committee. The committee brought in a verdict of non action, leaving it to the two Grand Jurisdictions.

“Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry made a wonderful report, full of sound logic and high sentiment. I would like to print it in full, but space forbids.

“From Canada also comes the souvenir brochure on the history of Grand Chapter.

“Then follow the pictures of the Grand Z's beginning with that of William Mercer Wilson, Grand Z in 1857. And shure it's a foine collection of whiskers there is, and every one of the old boys showing a countenance of decidedly intellectual cast.

“The review is by Comp. Ponton. Comp. Nisbet publishes what is probably the most comprehensive review of any Grand Jurisdiction. And he prints a 'topical index' that must take a world of research. Idaho is beautifully reviewed.”

Colorado brings us the following:—

“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?”

This from Delaware:—

“My parting message is 'Be up and doing'. It is time to stop using the depression as an alibi for doing nothing, but your first and greatest obligation is to your old members. BRING THEM BACK.”

From the Minnesota Review the following suggestion:—

“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.”

**IDAHO**

Edward D. Sanman, Grand High Priest.
Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.
The Twenty-eighth Annual convened at Boise, the 12th of May, 1936.

Grand Chapter received greetings and flowers from Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star expressing best wishes for success in all undertakings and “deliveryations”, and the further wish that their efforts represent the very best in constructive work, success and cordiality in all respects.
A suitable response was made by "Sister" Way and more flowers were presented by Adah Chapter.

Canada was represented by Charles Hartung.

From the G.H.P.'s address we take the following:

"I appreciate the fact that my Grand Chapter career started and is completed in the same place.

"As we transact such business as pertain to our Craft let us do this in such a manner that our companionship is strengthened and made more sincere and true."

At the Knights Templar Christmas observance he made an eloquent response on the "Light of the World."

In his conclusion he called for action thus:

"Educational material and a desire for knowledge of carrying our ideals to others is sought. What is needed are Companions who will go out and do things, and not sit back waiting for someone else to act in their stead."

Membership, 1,965. Net loss, 68.

Pocatello Chapter recorded fifteen exaltations and Twin Falls ten. A good record.

The special Memorial Service was held on the second day, at which poetic and tender addresses were delivered and the following were quoted:

"No mystic charm, no mortal art,
Can bid our loved Companions stay;
The bands that clasp them to our heart
Snap in death's frost and fall apart;
Like shadows fading with the day
They pass away."

"Here was a Friend whose heart was good:
Who walked with us and understood;
His was a voice that spoke to cheer;
And fell like music on the ear;
His was a smile men loved to see;
His was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness or kindness done,
And now that he has journeyed on
His is a fame that never ends,
He leaves behind uncounted Friends."

Axel F. Anderson was elected G.H.P.
Ten Past Grand High Priests were presented.
Retiring G.H.P. Sanman was presented with a valuable watch, a token of service.

In memory of Companions who had passed on the following verse:
"Farewell, dear Voyageur—the river winds and turns; 
The cadence of your song wafts near to me; 
And now you know the thing that all men learn; 
There is no death—there's immortality."

R.E. Comp. W. H. G. Garrioch, of Ottawa, is Grand Representative of Idaho.
Fifty-eight Jurisdictions are ably reviewed by Frank G. Burroughs, who has the great art of concentration. From his Editorial Notes we take the following:—

"DeMolay came in for various kinds of mention. Several Grand High Priests spoke very highly of the Order and desired that chapters should do the sponsoring. Others, like New York, do not take so kindly to it. The latter Grand Chapter ordered that no chapters should do any sponsoring.

"Tennessee Grand High recommended that nine regular Royal Arch Masons should be necessary to open a Chapter but that so long as there were five members of the Chapter present, elections could be held and business transacted. Jurisprudence turned the Grand High down on the question, but the Grand body turned thumbs down on Jurisprudence and the Grand High had his own way.

"A goodly number of secretaries of subordinate chapters need a trifle of pepping up. Quite a number of Grand Highs and Grand Secretaries complain that they can't get answers to letters and the like.

"My tout ensemble impression of the status is one of great encouragement. Losses are decreasing, but, better than that, the esprit du corps is vastly improved.

"Let's go, fellers, the worst is over and the best is yet to come."

Under Alabama we read:—

"The Grand Chapter of Alabama is one of the very few important Masonic bodies in the world that does not publish reviews. We earnestly recommend that the publication of the reviews of the proceedings of sister jurisdictions be resumed at the earliest possible moment."

From Alberta we take the following:—

"We see on all sides a state of poverty and want in the midst of plenty.

"... secondly as Mayor of the city of Calgary. He intimated that the combined duties of these two high offices had made it impossible to give as much time as he would have liked to the Royal Craft. I think that the Mayor should have remembered the adage: 'If business interferes with your pleasure, give up business'.

"And thou, too, Canada!

"Eloquent orations on the obligations of citizenship, however sincere, are poor solace to the unemployed man who has a wife and family to support without the wherewithal to do so."

From the Review of British Columbia:—

"Grand High is just a trifle gloomy, although his thoughts are mostly all too true. Here's a sample:

"The penalty of billions added to our national debts is appalling—but infinitely more appalling is the destruction that has been wrought in our morale and particularly in the morale of the younger generation.

"The home is no longer the sacred institution that it was. Contracts are not inviolate—debts have ceased to be obligations of honour. Anxiety for office weighs far too much with governments."
This from the California Review:—

"When called upon to speak was only to murmur a few inane phrases. The presenting of a 50-year button to a man who has one foot in the grave and the other on the brink, a man who is too infirm to mingle with his Companions, and who can only look forward to a few years at the most to wear his button, is a man to be pitied rather than honoured."

Surely the G.H.P. did not mean all that he said. There is a difference between old age and senectitude and decrepitude. We quote further:—

"Capitular Education roasted somebody—don't know whom. The committee said: 'Since Masonry is neither a legislative nor a corrective institution, all discussions in Chapter halls on controversial matters are forbidden.

"We claim an independent and unrestricted right to maintain and establish boundaries and influences of the United States of America and the consolidation of our American civilization.

"This was referred to Committee on Finance—of all places."

Canada is briefly but succinctly reviewed. He touches on our record and says:—

"In February, motoring, the popular means of transportation in this age of speed, is almost impossible. And that sounds reasonable. Committee says let's think it over. So a committee was appointed.

"Finance report made a nice showing. Expenditures were $641.14 less than last year and $3,179.54 less money had been spent in the past two years. Investments of the Grand Chapter have a cost value of $89,791.45 and a market value of $96,317.00. Which indicates wise management.

"The Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, Comp. Charles Allen Seager, M.A., D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., was given the honorary rank of Past Z. in recognition of his services to Masonry and his eminence of rank in the church and as a citizen.

"Comp. Ponton presents the annual review. He evidently didn't get our Proceedings in time to include them, which is a matter of regret, for Comp. Ponton's review is always most comprehensive and his topical index a delight."

From Colorado we quote:—

"He praises DeMolay as a 'truly worth-while organization', and cannot imagine any more worthy endeavour than to foster and help on this splendid youth movement."

An admonition for Secretaries from Georgia:—

"I wish to urge every representative at this Conclave go back to his respective Chapter and urge his Secretary to answer correspondence promptly.

"He comments: 'Grand Hight Priest was given a watch instead of a jewel. That better—why not give something worth while.'"

He deals at length with North Dakota Fraternal Review

by Walter H. Murfin by saying:—

"remarks on the 'revival' in this fashion: 'Figures do not tell the whole story; not half of it, in fact.'"
“Commenting on the ‘one-man Chapter’, he quotes from Maryland: ‘There are still some one-man Chapters. In the cases where the Chapters are being held together by that one-man, w deeply appreciate it and want to thank him. But it is a bad condition.’”

He quotes Reilly of Saskatchewan and says:—

“Probably the most talked-of subject in the Proceedings is loss of membership. It seems to be a hardy annual; it may not be just a bad weed after all.”

We take the following from Utah Review:—

“Breddern and Sistern’, said the pastor sadly, surveying his dark flock with a face full of woe, ‘when I done took dis here congregation, I was promised a salary. This salary was to be paid in chickens. Now I has been expounding de scriptures for two months, an’ I wishes to ax you—ax yo’ all, what is dem chickens?’ There was a long silence, at last a gaunt deacon arose and said, ‘Rev’rand Jones, we is mos’ heartily sorry, but yo’ has misunderstood de method of which our pastors is paid. We provides yo’ wid a lantern an’ two gunny sacks an’ you colleks dat salary yo’self.’

“When our interest lags and we become indifferent, stay away from meetings and refuse to accept responsibilities, then it becomes impossible for us to collect any Masonic wages.”

Wisconsin always points of moral adornment of tale:—

“Whether I am in favour of 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 subordinate Chapters and his work is positively necessary.

“Grand Chaplain made a fine and dandy address. Among other things he said: ‘A small boy asked his father, ‘Dad, what is a Board of Education?’ The father replied: ‘In my day is was a large shingle’.”

ILLINOIS

Clarence L. Wolf, Grand High Priest.
James E. Jeffers, Grand Secretary.
Edward E. Corre, Grand Secretary-elect.
The Eighty-seventh Annual convened in Grand Ballroom of Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, 29th October, 1936.
The Grand Chaplain led the opening devotions as follows:

“O God, Our great Light, on this anniversary occasion we are reminded of the fleetness of time, the constant changes that occur, the friendly faces that have left us: but we thank Thee for Thy abiding companionship. May Thy spirit of duty, love and service ennable all we do. Encourage us by the consciousness that our’s is a useful work and a blessing to mankind.”

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were welcomed and honoured.

Among the distinguished guests were Companions from Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Manitoba and the General Grand Chapter.

F. W. Soday duly represented Canada.
From the annual address of the G.H.P. the following:—

"Companions, however optimistic we would like to be, we have not yet reached the turning point. The resolution of the Finance Committee adopted at our last annual convocation, which permitted a refund to Chapters on delinquent members, has resulted in giving the Grand Chapter definite information on the number of members each Chapter has on its books who have not paid their dues. We have found that about 35% of the entire membership is in arrears for 1934 and there is little improvement in 1935. Some of this is due to poor management and inefficient officers."

"Shallow thinkers are still pointing out the good attendance at dinner clubs, interpreting it to mean that Masonry should feed its members. How far from the truth they are. 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 what he will meet—whom he will meet? This is the secret which Masonic bodies have forgotten in their lust for money and members.

"Quadruple the membership of the luncheon clubs and they will begin to decay. Quadruple again and they would be ruined.

"I ruled that a secretary should not transmit any of the business transacted by the Chapter to any other organization.

"I refused to issue a special dispensation to Kewanee Chapter to use robes at a public installation.

"Notices were sent to all Chapters designating the location and dates of the five state schools. I attended each of the schools.

"Too much can not be said about this wonderful home that is maintained for the benefit of our brethren, their wives and widows."

He reported on General Grand Chapter Triennial just over and recommended $5,000 to the Royal Arch Hospital at Sullivan and $1,000 to the Masonic Hospital at Chicago.

The Grand Treasurer put the matter plainly, "I debit myself with the following" and per contra "I credit myself with the following orders paid."

The Grand Secretary received $31,363 during the year, 49 delinquent Chapters owing nearly $6,000. $8,822 was refunded to Chapters.

The Committee say:—

"Royal Arch Mason should have the most friendly feelings for our Companions who have received the degrees of the Council, and the Order of the Temple, and should give them our support and encouragement in every way possible."


Richard C. Davenport was elected G.H.P.

The oration by Grand Chaplain Robertson on "Workmen for the Future" was inspiring. We quote:—

"All aim to train efficient workmen.

"You recall the time! The glorious history of the Hebrew people.

"After a generation or so in Babylon, there was a partial return of the captives to Jerusalem. They were led by a few young patriots, chief of whom was Zerubbabel, (a friend of the Persian king) and others of
like mind and spirit. These young men had obtained royal permission to return to the city of their fathers and restore the city and the temple to its former glory.

"Upon their return to Jerusalem they found it was overrun with a mongrel horde who possessed all the baser traits. Finally, their efforts availing nothing, the opposition asked for a conference in a nearby village. This request was refused with the words: 'I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down'. As the anger and opposition of the enemy increased the workers were armed with swords, and thus they continued to build. But they brought impulse and inspiration, which is more important. The task of social rebuilding as it confronts us today, does not live by bread alone. It lives, rather, by those great words of faith, hope and love, of courage, aspiration and high resolve. In many quarters today, as we look out over an agitated and discontented world, we see that the need is not that of money nor of material, but the need of better impulses and a finer quality of inspiration on the part of those responsible for the task of building.

"So built we the wall, for the people had a mind to work, and they laboured together from the rising of the sun until the stars appeared'. These workmen were not trying to get through the day with as little effort as possible.

"In rebuilding the temple and walls, these young patriots were helping to rebuild the national life of their countrymen. To strengthen Jerusalem was to strengthen the nation.

"Many organizations interested in youth, the Church, Boy and Girl Scouts, DeMolay Chapters, Boy Builders, and others, should receive our hearty and enthusiastic co-operation, for through these are molded the building materials for the future.

"Again, we read that these ancient brethren discovered among the ruins, the Book of the Law, and that was a time of great rejoicing for them. They took the time to read and study that book, for therein they learned Truth. Josephus, the Jewish historian, relates that on one occasion when King Darius was giving one of his customary feasts, he proposed to his courtiers the question whether the power of wine, women, or the King, was the strongest. Answers were made by different persons, assigning to each of these the precedency in power; but when Zerubbabel was called on to assert his opinion, he declared that though the power of wine and of the king might be great, that of women was still greater, but that above all things truth bore the victory."

"Is there for honest poverty,
That hangs his head, and a' that?
The coward slave, we pass him by,
We dare be poor for a' that!
For a' that, and a' that;
The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the gold for a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that—
That man to man, the world o'er
Shall brothers be an' a' that".

"Till thou at length are free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea".
P.G.Z. Simmons, of Manitoba, in his address quoted:—
"When I speak of my visit to other Grand Jurisdictions, I am reminded of the little poem:

"One ship drives east and another drives west,
With the self-same winds that blow,
'Tis the set of the sails and not the gales,
Which tell us the way to go."

This verse from the Committee on Obituaries:—

"Yea, hope and despondency, pleasure and pain,
Are mingled together in sunshine and rain;
And the smile and the tear, and the song and the dirge;
Still follow each other like surge upon surge."

And this poetic prose:—

"What was the secret of a life like this? It had one of the great dimensions of life, it had breadth. Pasteur had a broad concern and interest in human life and its affairs.

"The question, How broad is your life? is a much more important one than how long it is.

"Out in the Canadian Rockies whenever a shepherd has a herd of sheep out on the mountain-side and a driving storm approaches, the wise shepherd will keep his flock moving into the wind. If they go the other way the wind blows under their coating and they are soon caked with ice and freeze. There is a lesson in this illustration for us. We all want things too easy.

"Columbus was looking forward; he had a vision. You cannot name one of the men who sailed with Columbus but the whole world knows who Christopher Columbus was. He faced the right way."

"Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of Might."

We are glad to note the portrait and biography of R. C. Davenport, the new G.H.P., familiarly known to us under the Grand Lodge Proceedings as Grand Secretary, and also the picture and biography of the new Grand Secretary, James E. Jeffers.

R.E. Comp. Joseph J. Shelley, the genial, congenial Mason of Toronto, is the Grand Representative of Illinois with us.

The firm, thoughtful and inspiring features of Everett R. Turnbull precede his good work on Fraternal Relations. We quote:—

"While the losses continue everywhere there is renewed activity and a spirit of optimism and hope that the night is passing away and soon the morning will be here. In this review 'The last shall be first', so I begin with the trip to St. Louis. Visiting delegations from the independent Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Texas, and Quebec and Ontario were introduced. A committee was appointed to write an official history of Capitular Masonry consisting of Conover, Hunt and Denslow. The names are a guarantee of excellence."
Advocates of American Rite to the contrary notwithstanding, California Grand Chapter, passed the following resolution:—

"That the ancient and long used '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."

As to New South Wales and Scotland's trouble, hear the California Review:—

"The riddle can be solved by an understanding of the English-Scottish laws on jurisdiction which are entirely different from ours. The great difference in the ritualistic system is also a big stumbling block."

"Previously I have indicated that we too long had permitted ourselves to dwell in the direful atmosphere of days that are gone. For the building of our part in the Temple of Humanity we have only to-day. Yesterday is past forever, and to-morrow may never come. Each rising sun greets a new day. With us as with the world at large, to-day is not like yesterday. To live now, to-day, we must get out of our own shadows, rid ourselves of that state of mind which has been saying 'What's the use,' and 'It can't be done.' The great lesson of Royal Arch Masonry teaches us that 'It can be done'."

"He is right. Perfection in ritual is commendable but a clear explanation of the meaning and significance of the events referred to in the ritual is of more importance."

A word from Minnesota:—

"The sun goes down and the afterglow mellows and softens the evening shadows for hours after the last ray has passed from our vision. So it is with lives like his; they live in the hearts of men, and will be reflected in the generations to come."

A supplementary word from New Mexico Review (See California):—

"His review is a statement of transactions. He agrees with Comp. Rapp that the title 'American Rite' is proper in connection with what are generally called York Rite festivals. However, recent publications show that all but the Council degrees were conferred at York, England, in olden times. That is, R.A. and K.T. Of course the intermediary degrees that we have added were not known there."

From New York the following little pleasant reminder that even the greatest can make mistakes:—

"The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of George E. Briggs and the name is a guarantee of an interesting report. He made one inexcusable mistake when he quoted under 'Georgia' the first line of that famous poem 'Marching Through Georgia' as exemplified by W. T. Sherman some years ago. John H. Anderson, General Grand King, will marshal the forces of the south and attend to that slip. When John gets through with George that mistake will never happen again."

A philosophic verse from British Columbia:—

"Sow a thought and reap an action, 
Sow an action and reap a habit, 
Sow a habit and reap a character, 
Sow a character and reap a destiny."
"And what a destiny their strife and war ends in, with ruin and destruction the fruits for either winner or loser."

We appreciate the Review of Canada for 1936, the very last word in dated Reviews:—

"A dispensation was requested to permit the conferring of the degrees on a brother who had lost his arm below the elbow. Believing that this physical defect should not be a bar to an acceptable candidate the dispensation was granted. Our law permits each Chapter to be the judge of the physical qualifications of its petitioners without dispensation.

"He refused a dispensation to permit a Chapter to wear Royal Arch Regalia at a Masonic funeral, strictly a lodge function.

"Several Long Service Jewels were given.

"The time for the annual session was changed from February to the fourth week in April.

"Grand Chapter has a fund for benevolence but the local Chapters do not leave all such work to the Grand Body: '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.'

"The 'Reviews' by Comp. Ponton furnish his constituents with a most interesting summary of the doings of the Grand Chapters of the world. That his efforts are appreciated at home is shown by the following from the committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry: 'After his plenteous harvest, the seeds of which he has scattered and sown abundantly with their privilege it has been to know him well'."

New South Wales the following:—

"We of New South Wales encourage the reading of sections of these Correspondence Reports in our Chapter meetings when no exaltations are in view."

Western Australia like England, loves perpetuity:—

"In this jurisdiction Masonry is in competent hands. The First Grand Principal, Comp. James S. Battye, has filled that office for the past 25 years. February 27th he was elected Grand Master of Masons. During his long service as head of Capitular Masonry remarkable progress has been made and he is widely known as being "a live and vital force in the Order."

IOWA

Earl E. Dusenbery, Grand High Priest.
Floyd B. Beckwith, Grand High Priest-elect.
George E. Masters, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-second Convocation was held in Fort Dodge, April 21, 1936.

Distinguished guests from Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Manitoba were welcomed, as were Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary; John T. Ames, Grand Master of Iowa, and others.
The Grand Master spoke mainly on the pressing problem of dues, chiefly delinquent but recoverable. We quote:—

"Talk about dues. Something of my own reactions and the reasons why I have attempted the drive that is being carried on to bring our dues up to date.

"The members still have the same privilege that they had before, only we want to pin them down to a definite time when they will pay. If they cannot pay up, then the lodge should remit, but not carry a member on indefinitely.

"That is what has caused so much trouble."

The G.H.P. made an outstanding address from which we quote. He referred at first to the absence of the meeting during 1935. Then came a striking verse from the Necrology of Grand Chapter:—

"We do not sigh when the golden skies have donned
   The purple shadows and the gray of night,
Because we know the morning lies beyond
   And we must wait a little while for light.

So when grown weary with the care and strife
   Our loved ones find in sleep the peace they crave;
We should not weep but learn to count this life
   A prelude to the one beyond the grave
And thus be happy for them not distressed
   But lift our hearts with love to God and smile,
And we, anon, like tired ones, will rest
   If we will hope and wait—a little while."

Under the Condition of the Order he said:—

"We passed through that mad ritualistic spree that completely demoralized the real teachings and fundamentals of Masonry. We builded our Masonic structure so fast and so high that the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection never had a chance to harden into a firm foundation and when our structure became top heavy without a foundation capable of holding it, the inevitable happened. Our thin walled Masonic structure collapsed."

He participated in and praised the work of the Triple Tau Association.

The funeral services of P.G.H.P.'s were all attended by the Grand Z. and Members of the Council:—

"Death terminates the labour of a man. Thenceforth the generations will build and occupy, but he will not be there. . . .

"The words of Thackeray come to our minds:

"But the earth is the Lord's as the heaven is,
   We are alike his children here and yonder.
May he rest in peace, may he rest in peace,
   And we, too, when our struggles and pains are over."

"Who hath not learned in hours of faith
   The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever Lord of Death,
   And Love can never lose its own."
He thus concludes:—

"The world today is looking for the builder rather than the pretender. If we are to keep our sacred institution from being scarred by the ravages of the present, let us accept the challenge of the day and go forward to the brightest spot in history."

A touch on Impostors:—

"Due to the activities of a certain unscrupulous gentleman who represented himself to be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing and with the approval of the Grand High Priest I issued a post card notice of warning against this man, and since that time I think he has sought 'greener fields and pastures new'. My efficient stenographer has recently taught me how to spell the word 'Imposter'"

Grand Chaplain David W. Fletcher said in introducing the Necrology Report:—

"A message come up to the pulpit just as Dr. Parker was finishing his sermon. He just paused a moment and bowed his head and took the message and he concluded his sermon and after he closed his Bible, placed his hands over the Bible and looked into the face of his congregation, said 'My beloved his just been promoted to the highest position in life'. His wife had what we call it, just died.

"I want to think of death just as that. Masonry means the squaring of our lives, the measurement of our lives by the square and compass of virtue.

"At the death of his Majesty King George, I wrote on my own behalf, a word of sympathy to His Majesty, King Edward VIII."

A tribute was paid to P.G.H.P. Hart in the poetic words of Nelson Williams from the "Knights of Yesterday" adapted for the occasion and the person by C. C. Hunt, P.G.H.P.

The ceremony was concluded as follows:—

"While the Companions remained standing 'Taps' sounded in the distance."

Comp. Simmons, P.G.Z., of Manitoba, made an excellent address, giving an outline of Masonry.

Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary, full of life and vigour, spoke eloquently.

A testimonial Banquet to M. Ex. Comp. Frederick W. Craig, Past General G.H.P., was enjoyed by all and his portrait adorns the Proceedings.

Dr. Throckmorton delivered the chief address, closing with original verses which we cannot resist quoting:—

"Let's stand together, one and all
And drink a hearty toast,
To one of Iowa's sterling sons
Of whom we're proud to boast.
He came to Iowa years ago
Life's problems there to learn,
He worked in banks and practiced law,
His daily bread to earn."
From Warden's chair to Mastership
T'was but a step or two,
To one who loved his Masonry
Whose soul upon it grew.

And while the sunset time of life
Has touched his manly brow,
He's kept for fifty years and more
The ancient Mason's vow.
We hail him as our friend and guest
A brother all should know,
We point with pride to all he's done
That Masonry might grow.

Then fill your cups, rejoice with me
Make glad this merry hour,
Let fellowship and good will reign
Unleash their vital power.
Of this we're sure, from coast to coast
From Iowa to the Hague,
All Masonry a debt does owe
To Frederick W. Craig."

"Just recently, well it is a year or so ago, since I was quite active in Masonry, one called at my home. 'Frank Simmons live here?' 'Yes.' 'Got any family?' 'Yes, one daughter.' 'Got any dogs, cats, horses, automobiles? Do you own your own home?' To all of which Mrs. Simmons said 'Yes'. 'Well what is your husband's average income?' 'Well,' she says, 'it has been three o'clock in the morning for the last three years.' (Applause.) Mrs. Beckwith will probably soon appreciate that and I know Mrs. Dusenbery has."

A picture of the distinguished guests who foregather at Fort Dodge is most graphic and interesting.


R. Ex. Comp. Ed Lankin, of Toronto, is the Grand Representative of Iowa, and E. W. F. Holler (Grand Correspondent), duly represents Canada.

The Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters accompany the Grand Chapter Proceedings, and from this we quote:

"Two hundred and eight of our Companions have ceased their labours. From their hands have fallen, forever, the working tools of life. Upon the foundation they laid we must labour to complete the Temple 'ere the Sabbath of Eternity sets in'.

"Many forces are at work this day throughout the world opposed to the high purposes we have sworn to support as Masons. We must be ever alert and guarded if we would successfully resist such forces. They are all about us and may appear within our ranks. Let us be ever ready and swift to combat them. When God, Country and Home are not held high in the minds of men, Masonry will cease to exist.

"I have taken seriously the job you gave me. I have not tried to drape the moon with morning glories, preferring to leave the moon as
she now is. I have submitted a plain, simple and unadorned record of my doings as your Grand Master."

E. W. F. Holler, P.G.H.P., wields a potential, yes powerful pen in his Report on Correspondence:—

"'By and large' these Proceedings show great devotion to ideals and self denial to opportunities and our 'hat is off' in salute to these worthy and zealous men.

"Personally, I believe in a fine ritual well rendered but MORE ESPECIALLY one truly interpreted to the candidate.

"It may be called lese-majeste but I would like to add to that suggestion the matter of the Secretary who has been continued in office too long.

"But my thought is also, if it closed any Chapters, it is because they are already closed but do not know it."

From Arizona Review the following:—

"When it comes to the subject of attendance and interest, it reminds us of what a friend once said to us, regarding the work of another organization, this was his method for a cure, for indifference, 'Larger, and more frequent, doses of information'.

"Some Grand Chapters feel that the lowering of a fee tends to cheapen Capitular Masonry; but our position is that it should be within reach of the average man, if it is really to mean anything to humanity at large."

This nugget from 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.

"Often it has been objected that some men leave the church and enter the Masonic Lodge, finding there a religious home. Even so, but that may be the fault, not of masonry, but of the church."

Canada receives favourable and friendly comment. We quote:—

"The Grand Z. did a fine thing when he had all the rulings of Past Grand Z's tabulated in the appendix. They make very ready reference in time of need.

"His first visit to a Masonic Body in the United States so deeply impressed him that he expresses it this way:

"Our entertainment by the Companions was so intensive that it almost hurt, and I shall always remember this visit as one of the most delightful experiences of my year of office.

"If you know all there is to know about the Royal Craft, come and share your knowledge with your Companions; if you do not know all, come and learn and benefit by the fellowship.

"The Companions reported on the publication of a booklet to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Your writer was very happy to receive one of these copies.

"In the matter of the review of Grand Chapter Proceedings we find a topical index which seems to us a very happy way of finding what you want in the writing of the Chairman of this committee, Comp. Ponton, whose reviews your writer has been reading for some years. We have enjoyed very much, through the years, the carefulness and completeness of his reviews."
And this under England:—

"The number of petitions for new charters is, to one of the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa, a very great surprise, and if it means in England what it does in Iowa, it means that there is more interest in Masonry.

"One of the significant addresses before the Grand Chapter was entitled 'The Hebrew Language in the Royal Arch Ritual!' which would seem to be quite a study on the part of Royal Arch Companions.

"Lord Amthill 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—and thought that if they were disseminated more the world would be better than it is.

"He seemed to me to be the embodiment of all that is best in English life."

This slant from Illinois:—

"The grouping of all of these together gives us a few of the activities of many of the Masonic Bodies, and a slant of their understanding of Free Masonry."

A touch from Ireland:—

"The matter of District Grand Chapters seems to be a very important thing in Ireland, and as best your writer can gather, they correspond very closely to the Triple Tau of the Grand Chapter of Iowa."

A few words from New Zealand:—

"Your present writer sympathizes with him in the condition which he faces, which was very similar to a situation in Iowa at one time, and possibly in most of the other Grand Chapters, in which committees became the ruling power instead of the Officers of the Grand Chapter.

"Apparently the Supreme committee was transacting the business of the Grand Chapter."

Scotland gives us this opportunity:—

"They still have applications for Charters for new Chapters. This seems a very encouraging sign in world conditions.

"We note that at installation quite frequently, they sing the 133rd Psalm, which is so dear to the hearts of all Masons."

From our colleague’s "After Thoughts" we quote:—

"Grand High Priests who first of all welcome the delegates to the Grand Chapter Convocations. Somehow, some way we feel that the Masonic Fraternity is supposed to be a democratic institution, and while we feel sure that none of these Grand High Priests would intend to leave any intimations to the contrary, yet in our reading of these statements it tends to give us the idea or feeling that here is a superiority complex on the part of the Grand High Priest.

"For after all, the officers of each Grand Chapter are only commissioned by the rest of the delegates.

"We would heartily commend those officers who mingle most freely with their Companions, rather than drawing themselves into a closed circle.

"I commend to you the reading of the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters of the world, as a means of education and stimulus."
KANSAS

Asa T. Hoge, Grand High Priest.
Elmer F. Strain, Grand Secretary.
Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary Emeritus.
The Seventy-first Annual was held at Topeka, February 17th, 1936.

Distinguished visitors from Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska were welcomed.
Sixteen Past G.H.P.'s, and John W. Neilson, Past General G.H.P., were welcomed.
Canada was faithfully represented by Roy H. Clossen.
Number of Chapters, 96. Total Representatives present, 179.

From the address of G.H.P. Hoge, thoughtful and interesting, we quote the following:

"Recognizing my own limitations, the work of the year has been carried on with caution. Encouragement and support have been given to those who desired to undertake an aggressive policy.

"Financial conditions have improved, but the mental and spiritual atmosphere is hazy. Those things which are fundamental and eternal are in second or third place. The people generally are occupied going places, seeing things, and accumulating. Surely we should redouble our zeal to find the truth, to sift the bad from the good, to challenge wrong and superficial thinking, and encourage loyalty and fidelity to right and righteousness."

G.H.P. Hoge visited in Oklahoma at the home of "our noted Companion, Will Rogers".

Under the State of the Order we read:

"The condition of the Capitular Craft is absolutely in keeping with general conditions.

"The younger groups are carrying on as best they may without the close cooperation of the more experienced members.

"A few of our chapters, long dormant, have taken stock and adopted an aggressive policy, and to their very great pleasure, even surprise, have found it quite as easy to go forward as to drift.

"Divert the wild dreams of a coming Utopia. The fuller life so often referred to in the idealism of the day is not coming through legislative enactment.

"It is not a time to evade individual responsibility, or to rely upon our officers. The admonition and order contained in the parable of the talents is before all of us in burning letters. What will you do about it? What shall I do? If we bury our talent, the result is certain."

The expense of the Delegation to the Triennial should not be more than $1,000, said the G.H.P.

The members of Topeka Chapter demonstrated their ability to exemplify the proposed new Royal Arch Degree in a very satisfactory manner. Kansas evidently does not wish to stand still.
Nathan B. Thompson was elected G.H.P. Membership, 12,159. Net loss, 740. R. Ex. Comp. A. P. Goering, of Hamilton, is the Grand Representative of Kansas. Albert K. Wilson is Chairman of the Report on Correspondence. He is a venerated and venerable veteran. His Reviews are excellent.

We quote from California:—

"As usual, they were honoured with a number of distinguished visitors from almost all parts of the country, including several from Canada. 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."

Canada's Review has many friendly references, especially to Grand Z. Cowan. We quote:—

"The custom of our Canadian companions is to present a veteran jewel to companions who have a record of fifty years or more as members of the Royal Craft.

Under "Changing Conditions" he had the following to say:—

"The social, economic and industrial conditions of the world are out of step with those of a few years ago.

"Expensive and unnecessary banquets. Is it not a fact that many of the Chapters spend far more money on this form of entertainment than they do on charity and benevolence?"

From the Colorado Review:—

"I am Master of my fate, I am the Captain of my soul."

"Invictus—unconquerable—a thrilling thought with which to face death, the destroyer—that, sustained by unfaltering faith, 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. What, though the path has been long, sometimes tiring to the point which limits human endurance! Did one ever reach the peak of a high mountain without effort, without driving the weary feet on and on? Bright the meadows at the foot of the peak."

This from the District of Columbia:—

"This is recommended in order that no hasty action may be forced upon the Grand Chapter without proper consideration and study, not only by those in favour of the action, but by those who may be opposed to it.

"A splendid recommendation, and worthy of imitation in other jurisdictions."

We quote from North Carolina Review:—

"'Teams' when on duty, develop the dramatic situations; they care for the properties; they know their lines, and they don't lack attendance. Which degree of Symbolic Freemasonry gets out the crowds. What part of the Scottish Rite do the boys always present themselves
for in largest numbers? Is the Royal Arch Chapter as successful as these nowadays in securing attendance at its meetings?”

Under Pennsylvania he speaks of the “Frozen Assets of Frienship”.

From the Iowa Review:—

“Through all of our present embarrassments we can still hold our thoughts on the highest plane and, even though the world about us be thinking low thoughts, the leadership of mankind must think the nobler and more glorious thoughts if they are to lead men up.

“Most of them try as they come and go,
To leave some glory for men to view.
A few turn traitor to God and State,
But most of the men I know walk straight.”

KENTUCKY, 1935

John M. Cochrane, Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual convened in Louisville, October 15th, 1935.
The G.H.P. made an admirable address, full of retrospect as well as perspective:—

“There is many a candle lighted
And I can see them near and afar;
And many among them, my friends
Shine steadily on like a star.
If once all the flames that were lighted
Should steadily blaze in a line,
Wide over the fields of Kentucky
What a girdle of glory would shine.”

“Tomorrow becomes yesterday so rapidly that we scarcely realize that today ever existed. So quickly has the sand run out of the hour-glass that it seems but yesterday.

“Many of our subordinate chapters are not functioning at all; many have not had a meeting for over two years.

“Several Inspectors have written that chapters in their district were desirous of consolidating.”

“GOING TO THE DOGS”

“My grandpa notes the world’s worn cogs,
And says we’re going to the dogs;
The caveman, in his queer skin togs,
Said things were going to the dogs.
But this is what I wish to state—
The dogs have had an awful wait.”

“Grand Jurisdictions with which I have come in contact, have a special Apron or some distinctive badge for their presiding officer to wear. I hope you will approve this action, not merely on financial
grounds, but because we ought to dress our Grand High Priest in an appropriate manner.

"Once was the occasion of a convention of a national organization and the other was the races. I have no objection to Louisville securing the presence of all the national conventions it can get nor have I any objection to the running of a horse race, but I do object to their being held at the same time that our convocation is held.

"Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland, learning that Comp. John H. Cowles, that fine Mason and honourable gentleman, contemplated a trip to European countries. ... I feel that honour and distinction has been conferred on this Grand Body in having such a distinguished, illustrious and noble a Mason, such a courteous and fine gentleman, carry our felicitations to the Companions across the Big Pond, and, in turn, to bring back to us such fine sentiments. Such an interchange of fraternal greetings between two Grand Chapters will somehow somewhere redound to the great good of both."

Inspector Blackford of the 6th Congressional District reported fully:—

"Any man who is a member of any Masonic Body merely for the honour or just for the money that he may obtain by reason thereof has no business being therein. The principles of Masonry have never been inculcated in him. It is hard to believe that a Companion will use his office as High Priest, an honour that has been conferred on him by the members of his chapter, merely to have his expenses to the Grand Convocation partly paid."

Owing to the death of W. W. Clarke, the Committee on Doings of other Chapters completed their work under the Chairmanship of his son.

From the Financial Report:—

"Our revenue has been slowly though steadily decreasing. Likewise our membership. The two go hand in hand. No one knows where the bottom is.

"Our Homes"—We paid this year the sum of $3,000.00 or around one-third of our income. Last year we paid $2,000.00 or around one-fifth of our income. If we continue at this rate we will go broke."

Look up, Kentucky, don’t grovel!
With regard to refreshments the G.H.P. said:—

"It would not seem advisable to follow that course in this country, but what is sometimes jocularly termed the ‘Knife and Fork Degree’ is not a bad idea, because at that time talks could be made on Capitular Masonry and kindred Masonic topics and in that way keep the members of the chapters in a thoughtful mood."

Some of the Chapters appear to be still moon starers as witness the following:—

"I find that one who is Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky must also be an astrologer. Pikeville Chapter, No. 133, meets on Friday on or after the full moon. Earlier in this report I claimed no knowledge of the habits of the moon, but I do now. The moon becomes full once every twenty-eight (28) days."
The G.H.P. closes with this verse:

"The year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said;
The memory alone remains,
Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains,
And now with purpose full and dear
We turn to meet another year."

Portraits of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary adorn the proceedings.
Membership, 10,448. Loss, 789.

The Necrology Committee quote and report:

"What's death?
A little broadening of the ripple
Upon the eternal shore,
A little loosening of the bands that cripple;
This, and nothing more."

"In his declining days, Victor Hugo wrote: 'I feel within myself the future life. I am rising, I know, toward the sky. You say the soul is nothing but the result of bodily powers; why, then, is my soul the more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? For half a century I have been writing my thoughts; but I feel that I have not said a thousandth part of what is in me. When I do down to the grave, I can say, like so many others, I have finished my day's work'; but I cannot say, 'I have finished my life.' My day's work will begin next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley, it is a thoroughfare. It closes in the twilight to open in the dawn.'"

A distinguished visitor from New York was introduced.

A. S. H. Cree, of London, Ontario, is the Grand Representative of Kentucky, and Canada is represented by A. Gordon Sulser.

After the Roster of the Members of constituent Chapters follows the portrait of the late William W. Clarke, "frosty but kindly" whose good work his son completed. From the Memorial we take the following:

"Comp. Clarke was a man of splendid ability; he was educated, cultured and a king of diplomacy. He was a power in Masonry and a man of great influence in his church and in his community. It will be a long time until we see another W. W. Clarke, as he was, and as we knew him for the past thirty years."

Under British Columbia we read this comment:

"Grand Z. completes his address with an excellent lecture on the high place which Masonry has attained in the history of the world. We quote him in part:

'It is absurd to think that a vast organization like Freemasonry, was ordained merely to teach to grown-up men of the world the symbolic meaning of a few Builders' Tools, or to impress upon us such elementary virtues as Temperance and Justice; things which the chil-
dren in every village school are taught, or to enforce such simple principles of moral or brotherly love which every church and every religion teach."

Unfortunately our Jurisdiction of Canada did not come within the reach of Kentucky's ken or the potential pen of the Grand Reviewer.

**LOUISIANA**

George J. Ginsberg, Grand High Priest.
Charles C. Brown, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation convened in New Orleans, February 4, 1936.
Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present doing duty.
Canada's Grand Representative was duly in attendance.
Among the many letters received was a characteristic one from Sam J. Helm, the apostle from Texas.

The G.H.P. said in his address:—

"I selfishly feel that I have more richly harvested a personal return than in the measure in which I have given of my efforts. This more firmly convinces me that only in serving Masonry, can we truly appreciate that we only gain in the measure we put into it. Quantity was not the twenty-four inch gauge by which we should measure our strength, but rather the true square, plumb and level by which the perfect ashlar is fashioned, were the most desirable tools, and those that have carried on through the past lean years have truly demonstrated that devotion to our pure principles is indeed a safe refuge.

"Our greatest pleasure has been in rendering what service we have been privileged to render and our greatest reward has been in the actual serving."


The Grand Secretary said in his report encouragingly:—

"Companions, anyone that has known me, knows full well that my heart is in masonry . . . and nothing else. Therefore, if you have found my activities in correspondence and otherwise slightly overbearing just please feel that it is not from the heart, but that I am bending every effort to bring back Capitular Masonry."

Clarence R. Markland was elected G.H.P.
The Committee on Necrology reported:—

"Well spent indeed was Comp. Thomas' life.
"His civic record is a record of service."

The Committee on Education said:—

"The education of newly exalted Companions.
"The education of Master Masons, not Royal Arch Masons, to the necessity of the Chapter degrees for a fuller and more complete knowledge of the Symbolic degrees."

Canada was duly represented by John W. Armstrong.
R. Ex. Comp. Colonel William Y. Mills, of Kingston, is the honoured Grand Representative of Louisiana. Louisiana may be proud, as we are of our Grand H.

We quote the Memorial pages in memory of those Companions who passed the “White Veil” during 1935:—

“And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads.

“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 22:4-5.

The Reviews of Herman J. Duncan will be found informative, instructive and illuminative.

This from the Review of Alberta:—

“The life membership proposition is dangerous, no matter from what angle it is approached.

“Authority was denied the First Grand Principal to grant dispensations to Chapters to hold regular Convocations in other than the constituted places of meeting, which seems fair enough, since if it is contemplated that a Chapter wander about from place to place the authority for such migrations should be embodied in the charter.”

British Columbia always gives some food for thought:—

“He offered the obtaining of some definite objective as a suggestion to his Grand Chapter, some definite work to do, and said that YOUTH offered a field of importance and interest—but Grand Chapter failed to see the vision.”

We quote from the Review of California:—

“The Committee on Capitular Education offered the suggestion that the four Chapter degrees and the three Council degrees might be combined into four or five, ‘retaining the essence of all seven.’ Why not try Masonic injections with a hypodermic needle? Then the three Symbolic degrees might be combined with the seven and the whole works given in one night. The only trouble is that the candidate might be so imbued with ‘essence’ that it would take some smelling salts to bring him out of the haze.”

Canada is very favourably reviewed. Among his comments are the following:—

“Provinces have from time to time been organized, until now the Grand Chapter of Canada holds jurisdiction only over the Province of Ontario and the Yukon. As for the time of meeting, they meet the same month that we do here in Louisiana, only instead of having balmy Gulf breezes to greet them, they get the chilly breath of Jack Frost right from the North Pole. One wonders how they ever started meeting in the winter time in the first place.

“There is some advantage in the two year terms, since more opportunity is given to develop a program of administration. Now that a precedent of a one year only administration has been set, will Canada go back to the two year idea? Only time can tell.

“This year again demonstrated the fact that Canada has one of the best systems of inspection and instruction in the Capitular world.”
The writer was particularly intrigued by the report from Toronto District No. 8:—

"A medico, Dr. Carl E. Hill, was Grand Superintendent of District 8, and he made his report in the lingo of his profession, scientifically reporting: 1, Complaint; 2, Examination; 3, Diagnosis; 4, Treatment; 5, Prognosis. Without going into detail, it is recorded that in the opinion of the attending physician the patient will shortly show 'a very decided and much-desired improvement'. This would appear to be true in all of the 18 Districts.

"The constituent Chapters have been engaged in benevolent works, the sum of $3,675.00 having been spent for the purpose. Summer vacations have been provided for the underprivileged poor of Toronto. Enthusiastic gatherings have been held.

"Again, Col. Ponton presents the Review of Proceedings of Foreign Jurisdictions. It is not quite as voluminous as in some years past but still way above the average in completeness of detail."

We quote from Connecticut:—

"G.H.P. Cort did not agree with the usual argument about lack of leadership. He said that success all depended upon the individual members who must have a "consciousness of duty and responsibility to the organization to which obligated."

England is well reviewed:—

"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 'Amphill 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."

North Carolina usually has good matter. We quote:—

"Ritual tinkering is again in order. A committee has been appointed to 'report on the official ritual'. One wonders if the yarn told by distinguished visitor G. H. P. Blackwell, of Tennessee, had anything to do with this action. He was sitting by some old Companion. He said he never did find out who he was, but that he was very much carried away with the work. It was so different from ours, very beautiful. He said to this Companion, 'That's beautiful work, isn't it? You know I would like to see them confer the Royal Arch Degree!'"

This from Scotland:—

"With all of their high sounding titles, after all, the Companions of Scotland are not much different from the rest of us, being governed by the same emotions and, some of them, being blessed with a saving sense of humour. The picture, if it were not known the personage pictured, whether the likeness was of one born in the U. S. A., Scotland, England, Canada or Australia. It is the photograph of a very human man.

"At the Edinburgh festal board: 'We have heard reference to the 'grey mare'. Well, as far as the 'grey mare' is concerned, I may say that up to the year 1924 Freemasonry was more or less unknown to her, but in that year we took a tour round the world, to our great Dominions and the Dependencies, and also to the United States of Amer-
ica, and what she saw of Masonry then quite revolutionized her attitude. She began to see what a great thing Masonry is, what a tremendous link it is, what a tie it is that binds us together. It is really the spirit of Freemasonry which can bind the peoples of this world.”

MAINE

John Clyde Arnold, Grand High Priest.
Convers E. Leach, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual was held at Portland on May 5th, 1936.

From the biography of G.H.P. Arnold the following:—
Comp. Arnold is much interested in patriotic-historical societies and is a former Governor of the Mayflower Descendants, and a member of the Society of Colonial Wars.”
Eleven of the thirteen P.G.H.P.'s were present and honoured.

Invocation was offered by Reverend Companion Ashley A. Smith.

In addition to the Grand Master of Maine, distinguished guests were welcomed from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Quebec, at Maine’s hospitable centre.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer roll call.

The address of G.H.P. Arnold is an able document:—
“The exclusive power of legislation is vested in the members of this Grand Chapter. Officers are elected to carry out your wishes as here expressed.
“In His wisdom the Supreme Architect of the Universe has taken a total of two hundred and ninety Companions from our membership.
“Into the valley and shadow knowing that ‘ALL IS WELL’.”

They have a John J. Marr in Maine. Under Survey of Chapters he says:—

“Purpose of possible consolidations is a task not to be accomplished hurriedly or without consideration from many angles. Sentiment should not be disregarded nor should it be allowed to check progress. It is the opinion of your committee that so long as a chapter holds its stated convocations, meets its financial obligations and has no record of unmasonic conduct. Your committee recommends personal contact with the officers of these chapters and it is likely within the year something can be made to place in a separate classification companions whose dues are unpaid and unremitted thereby avoiding an accumulating indebtedness and eliminating what in most cases is only a visionary financial optimism.

“The altruistic, the social, moral and charitable activities are being stressed and this is a wholesome sign. Awakening an individual consciousness foretells a renewed Faith in Fatherhood, an added zeal to spread the practices of Brotherhood.”

Present membership 12,749.
The Grand Secretary reported one hundred and eleven candidates exalted by forty-two Chapters, while twenty-four Chapters reported none.

The loss for year was 1,846.

"Your Committee on Memorials presents its annual report of the passing of those companions who have knocked at the door of life, been received into the maelstrom of worldly activities and now have passed through the vails to their reward."

John C. Arnold was re-elected Grand High Priest.

The Committee headed by Thomas H. Bodge reported:—

"It is our firm conviction by-laws of chapters should be as few as consistent with requirements."

The Trustees of the Charity Fund reported the amount of Fund to be nearly $40,000. $1,600 was set aside for relief during the year.

The order of Grand High Priesthood duly met.

The addresses of Grand Officers (including George L. Gardiner) are given by Maine as well as the Grand Representatives.

J Blaine Morrison represents Canada.

Maine is represented by a veteran and experienced Mason, Marshal E. Sherwood of Woodstock.

The correspondence is again in the sympathetic and experienced hand of Companion Bodge.

He described Calgary, Alberta, as the "Sunshine City of the Foothills".

This from the Review of Arizona:—

"While in California Comp. Colman was thrilled with the conferring of the Most Excellent Master's degree on a class of twenty-six, in a large amphitheatre at the top of a hill under the open sky.

"As Grand Chapter governs its meetings by those of the Grand Lodge the law was changed to provide opening 'at ten o'clock the day preceding the day the Grand Lodge opens . . . and at the same place."

From Arkansas we quote:—

"Office of Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, formerly held by the said Omar D. Freeman, is and has been vacant from the date of said expulsion.

"'Hon.' Robert A. Woods, Past Grand High Priest of Indiana and Most Puissant General Grand Master, made an 'excellent address.' Bob could not do otherwise, especially when he had been elevated to the 'Hon.' class."

We appreciate his review of Canada:—

"Welcoming addresses over, Comp. Cowan delivered one of the shortest reports recorded. With no attempt at oratory he made a simple business statement of the transactions of the office during the year. He had issued seventy-eight dispensations, dividing them into nine classes. Some would not be required, others not allowed in Maine."

"Comp. Cowan felt February is the worst month of the year for holding the Annual Grand Convocation.

"Wide distribution of a most valuable compilation of the early organization and an historical sketch of the 'birth, growth and development' of Grand Chapter.

"Condition of Capitular Masonry covered ten pages and dealt with phases of the situation. To the faithful service of District Superintendents was given great credit for the satisfactory condition of subordinate chapters.

"Review of other Grand Chapters. While the report was somewhat shortened in the interest of economy it covered all with that writer's recognized care and ability. Preceding the review itself appeared a 'Topical Analytical Index' for the convenience of his readers who might wish to post up on the attitude of the several reviewers on various topics. His long years of experience give him wisdom that should be made more available through observations as he writes."

This from Colorado:—

"I agree with him that officers of Grand Chapters should recognize they have active duties to perform and 'most assuredly their duties should not be limited to filling a place or station during the annual convocation.'"

A few words from Louisiana:—

"He was of opinion the real work of masonry is done in the lodges and that all other grades are merely adjuncts and should be subordinate to Blue Lodge Masonry. I am unable to follow his reasoning and think he failed to make clear what he would have us conclude."

This from Manitoba:—

"We not not deprecate a little innocent fun in the proper place for it, but this is not neither Lodge or Chapter."

A New York Review would not be New York unless Broughton and Briggs are mentioned, and of the former he says:—

"Grand Chaplain Charles D. Broughton delivered a masterful oration on 'The Dimensions of Life' which was published in full and I wish all might read it entire."

He speaks of a "Circle of Elders" in North Dakota.

He mentions specially the address on The Bible in Oregon Review:—

"Nearly nine pages were required for its reproduction but from its very nature, which he designated 'The growth of the Conception of God as it is revealed in the Bible story of the development of the Hebrew people,' it does not lend itself to quotation. It is a remarkable treatment of what he terms 'the greatest symbol in the entire masonic system' and worthy of a place in every masonic library."

He winds up with Wyoming:—

"For my part I do not believe there was ever one who looked over a copy of the proceedings and especially the reviews we have been writing all these years who was not interested, and let me say right here
I learned long ago there are those we little think likely to spend their
time reading reviews who do it at every opportunity."

From his conclusion we quote:—

"Twenty times I have had the privilege of reviewing the proceed-
ings of other Grand Chapters. Only two of those who were reviewing
when I commenced are still writing: Day of Delaware and Core of
Pennsylvania.

"The workman dies, but the work 'goes on'. And so it is with the
Correspondence reviews—as a writer drops the work another takes his
place, or that is as it should be.

"You will have noticed there has been an house cleaning going on
in many Grand Chapters and the custom of carrying indefinitely those
who have not paid dues is being discouraged.

"It is interesting to notice the different twists that get into the
minds of Grand Chapters and Grand High Priests.

"I am old-fashioned enough to believe the degree work should be
done by the officers themselves, and if they have not sufficient under-
standing to comprehend or interest to learn and communicate the lessons
in an intelligent manner they should not accept office nor should the com-
panions elect them."

MANITOBA, 1935

J. F. Dart, Grand Z.
F. W. Brownell, Grand Treasurer.
George Syme, Grand Scribe E.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation was held in Winnipeg,
6th February, 1935.

Six Past Grand Z.'s were present.
Grand Honours were accorded to Grand Z. Coster of Sas-
katchewan and to William P. Pilkey representing Grand Z.
of Canada.

Companions from the following Jurisdictions in the United
States were also welcomed and Grand Honours accorded and
National Anthem was sung in their honour—Minnesota, North
Dakota and Detroit Chapter, No. 62.

Grand Master Adolph of Manitoba was accorded Grand
Honours.

From the Grand Z.'s address we make the following worthy
excerpts:—

"You bring to us new vitality, fresh thought, and new ideas, and
we want you to appreciate that the work here is mutual in which each
one shares and has his responsibility. You must realize that the new
member of today is the executive of tomorrow.

"He referred to the debt we owed to our Mother Grand Chapter
whom R.Ex. Comp. Pilkey represented and asked him to convey to his
Grand Z. his heartfelt thanks for sending a representative to this
Annual Convocation.

"We recognize them as friends—friends who have come not only to
express kind greetings but also to give us the benefit of their experi-
ence in the consideration of the many problems common to all; and as friends we greet you and hope that each succeeding moment of your stay with us will be happier than the last.

"The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan is indeed fortunate in having so many members who are so prominent and who have distinguished themselves in the public life of the province; Comp. D. K. Knott, who had been exalted to the H.R.A. Degree only the night before, and who as Mayor of the City of Edmonton, was present to extend a civic welcome.

"The musical programme, provided by a group of ladies who are described as the 'Singers Extraordinary to the Grand Chapter of North Dakota,' was of a very high order and much appreciated.

"I visited Flin Flon for the purpose of consecrating Pre-Cambrian Chapter, No. 17,

"The banquet on Sunday evening was at an hour which would not interfere with church services. This banquet, served in the Community Hall, was unique in this respect—the civic officials, the officers of the mining and smelting company around which the town is built, and the heads of every fraternal society in the town, were invited and attended. The address of the evening, delivered by M.E. Comp. Poole, of Minnesota, was a most masterly and telling indictment of the world conditions of today, their cause and effect.

"It could not be other than an unqualified success and well worth while. I look for great things from Pre-Cambrian Chapter.

"Most kind and cordial invitations have been received from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"To George Syme, who with unlimited patience and tact has anticipated my wants and rendered me every assistance during the year—I tender my most grateful thanks."

The surplus on hand is reported to be $3,725.

A letter is acknowledged from our Most Excellent Companion Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals report:

"Your Committee extends to the Grand Chapter its hearty congratulations on this ideal condition and sincerely trusts that it will long continue."

The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry reported:

"If a chapter has competent officers, its welfare is assured, for there lies a real responsibility for Chapter activity and progress.

"We are beginning to sense the need of a more thoughtful, charitable and companionable atmosphere within. We may not put so many men into Masonry, but let us put more Masonry with the thoughts of men."

Membership, 1,498. Decrease, 79.

From the striking Report on the Committee on Fraternal Dead we make the following extracts:

"When I came to the report of R.Ex. and Rev. Charles D. Broughton, Grand Chaplain, on Memorials of the Dead and compared it with what I purposed giving I resolved to add him to this Committee and practically use his report as follows:

"Suppose we ask another Frenchman whose name will be remembered centuries after that of Clemenceau has been forgotten. Suppose
we ask a scientist who has done much for humanity, Louis Pasteur. His biography says of him, ‘Absolute faith in God and in eternity, and a conviction that the power for good given to us in this world will be continued were feelings which pervaded his whole life.’ The language is interesting. The conviction is that Immortality pervaded his whole life and drove him forward in his memorable service for humanity.

Embosomed deep in Thy great love,
Held in Thy law, I stand;
Thy hand in all things I behold,
And all things in Thy hand.

“Companions: May the ‘Angel of Patience’ come to each one of us as we bow to the will of the Almighty, trusting with the Faith of Masons that this is not the closing chapter in the lives of our dear departed friends, but the beginning of a new and better volume in which we, in God’s good time, will share.

“But ills and woes he may not cure
He kindly trains us to endure.”

Canada was faithfully represented by F. W. Brownell.

John Parton, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, reported:—

“Vigor, and with greater virility than ever before, Masonic affairs are prosperous, not because of full portfolios of investments, and large bank balances, nor because of a great membership; but because the members not only preach, but practice the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, to the fullest extent, and because the Lodges and Chapters meet on the level, work together in peace and harmony, and part upon the square.”

J. F. Irwin was elected Grand Z.

A peace pipe was presented to M.E. Comp. Dart, which bears the following legend:—

“The legend concerning the birth of the peace pipe is reported by Mr. Catlin as follows:

“The Great Spirit at an ancient period here called the Indian nations together, and standing on the precipice of the red pipestone rock, broke from its wall a piece, and made a huge pipe by turning it in his hand, which he smoked over them, and, to the north, the south, the east, the west, told them this stone was red—that it was their flesh—that it belonged to them all, and that the war-club and the scalping-knife must not be raised on its ground. At the last whiff of his pipe his head went into a great cloud, and the whole surface of the rock for several miles was melted and glazed; two great ovens were opened beneath, and two women (guardian spirits of the place) entered them in a blaze of fire; and they are heard there yet (Eso-mec-cos-tee and Tsome-cos-te-won-dee) answering to the invocations of the high priests or medicine men, who consult them when they are visitors to this sacred place’.”

Canada by J. Parton, is fraternally and interestingly reviewed:—

“The Acting Grand Superintendent for the Yukon District be treated as of holding full rank, and called Right Excellent. We are reviewing Canada immediately as we finished the review of England, and we
noted that in their proceedings the three Grand Principals are 'Most Excellent', but all the other Grand Officers are simply referred to as 'Ex. Companions.'

"M.Ex. Comp. Haentschel was the first Grand Z. to pay a visit to Klondyke Chapter, in Dawson City, Y.T. It must have been quite a gala event in Dawson.

"Comp. Ponton again brings forward his hardy annual—(or should we now say perennial?)—in a 107 page review of Capitular Proceedings. Fame does not wither, nor custom stale his infinite variety. For reasons of thrift he does not write as much as were once accustomed."

This from the District of Columbia Review:—

"When one remembers the terms of a Master Mason's obligation, it is difficult to understand how one worthy to acquire and retain membership based on that obligation could be sifted aside as not 'quality'."

A word from West Virginia: —

"Masonic bodies are not a place to make bad men good; they are a place to make good men better. In the Masonic Rites there is truth and in Masonic truth there is always and forever the imperishable."

This from Wisconsin:—

"We will try and collect our thoughts and mention a few things which occur to us.
1st: Uninteresting meetings.
2nd: Autocracy.
3rd: Cliqueshness.
4th: Irrepressible talkers.
5th: Debasing so-called entertainment."

A fine touch from Wyoming:—

"Among others especially noted was the Grand Chaplain, Fincelius Grey Burnett, aged 90 years. His passing severed another link with the pioneer days in Wyoming. Known as 'Wing' Black Bear among the Indians, he spoke their language and was a master of the Universal Indian Sign Language. He was the oldest Masonic Past Master in Wyoming. To know him was to love him for his charm and simplicity of character. It was said of him: 'He was one of the most estimable and splendid gentlemen I ever knew—good, and fine, and noble, one on whom you could depend.'"

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid, of Woodstock, is the Grand Representative of Manitoba.

**MANITOBA, 1936**

J. F. Irwin, Grand Z.
George Syme, Grand Scribe E.
The Thirteenth Annual was held in Winnipeg, 12th February, 1936.

Eight Past Grand Z.'s were summoned to the Altar and specially welcomed.
M. Ex. Comp. Alex. Little gave an In Memoriam address on King George V. in which he quoted:—
"Upon the King. Let us our lives, our souls,
Our children, and our sins lay on the King.
We must bear all—What infinite hearts’s ease
Must Kings neglect that private men enjoy."

Closing thus—"we unite in the fervent prayer that the mantle
of a noble sire may fall upon his noble son".

Distinguished visitors from Alberta, Saskatchewan, North
Dakota and Minnesota were welcomed.

From the Grand Z.’s able and comprehensive address we
take the following:—

"It has been my earnest endeavour, with the assistance of the
Grand Officers, especially Jas. Cavers, Grand Lecturer, to have through-
out the Jurisdiction, uniformity in Ritualism, in Installations in the sub-
ordinate chapters and in the reception of distinguished guests. To this
end Chapters received, in code, a copy of the required work, and Comp.
Cavers exemplified the signs, grips and tokens at many Convocations.
We tried, as well, to create a closer bond of fellowship and companion-
able understanding among all the chapters.

“Our foundations are sound.

“That wonderful character also, Comp. Jas. A. Ovas who, happy
and radiant, lived Masonry from day to day, whose word was his bond,
whose memory is a benediction. The Committee on Necrology will give
a tribute.

“FRATERNAL COURTESIES"

"R.Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid, of Woodstock, Ontario, who is the represen-
tative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Canada in
Ontario. R.Ex. Comp. Reid replied, thanking us for the privilege ex-
tended, and assured us he would attend.

“Royally welcomed and entertained everywhere, I was made an
Honorary Life Member in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and in North Dakota.
at Fargo also made a working member of the Monkey Wrench Gang
with M.Ex. Comp. Frank E. Simmons who attended as well and there
we were also received into the Circle of Elders.

“King George lived the real greatness which lies deep down in
British character; he loved the simple family life. He said at his coron-
ation ‘The foundations of national glory are laid in the homes of the
people. Those foundations can remain firm only as the family life is
strong, simple, and pure.”

Among good fellows—a Prince—as he proved himself to be. What
a man! What a Mason! What a King!

LONG LIVE THE KING!

“What a wonderful thing it is to have good friends and how sin-
cerely do I appreciate not only the beautiful plaque presented by our
good friend Frank Simmons on behalf of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M.
of Manitoba, but more than that, the genuine regard which you good
friends have manifested toward me.

“Our Convocations must be made so interesting that he was stays
away will find that he is missing something worth while.

“What a pleasure it is to listen to one who understands what it is
all about and who enters so wholeheartedly into the part he is portray-
ing that he does not know there is anyone else in the room.”
He presented the Fergie Irwin Travelling Keystone to be carried on in friendly fellowship.

Membership, 1,437. Decrease, 61.

The Report on the Fraternal Dead by James McIntosh is earnest and touching. He speaks thus of old age:—

"Dr. Rufus Jones' experiences coincide with my own—I will quote from him: 'If anything, the leaves have grown less sere and yellow. The culmination of experience and the increase of friendships have more than made up for the slowed down pace physically.

"Conservation is written all over the face of the Universe—it cannot be that there is no way in God's great world to conserve personality which is the crown and summit of the great creation.

"Whittier had not lost a birthday but was enjoying one when he wrote his noble words:

"And so the shadows fall apart
And so the west winds play;
And all the windows of my heart
I open to the day."

"The late Dr. Allan P. Shatford, who died recently—a great Mason who carried all the honours Quebec Royal Arch Masons could give him—a wonderful influence he was in Masonry.

"In view of these considerations and as a protest against the abuse attending funerals as well as an earnest wish to set forth the Brightness of our Hope, I solemnly desire the following directions to be literally carried out:

"I direct that at this service no sermon shall be delivered. My wish is that no dark and gloomy hymns as are generally sung shall be rendered at my funeral, but hymns full of hope of the hereafter such as 'Jerusalem the Golden,' 'Roseate Hues of Early Dawn,' and 'There is a Blessed Home.' I further direct that the church bells shall not be tolled in the dismal, dirgeful, dying manner usually done, but if rung as all rung brightly and joyously.'"

T. Sellar Cook was elected G.Z.

F. W. Brownell was received as the Grand Representative of Canada.

V. Ex. Comp. William P. Pilkey spoke for Canada.

Robert Henrw Reid, of Woodstock, is the Grand Representative of Manitoba.

From the Review of British Columbia we take the following:—

"He deplored the destruction that has been wrought in the morale of the younger generation. 'What is to be the future of the world, if the young man, moving out from the home into life, is crushed upon the threshold? No work, no hope, no home for himself—just a cold ruthless world!'"

From the Review of California the following:—

"We earnestly advocate the exclusion (or expulsion) of all aliens antagonistic to or unsympathetic with the Constitution of the United States, its ideals, principles and purposes."
Canada is well reviewed by J. Parton. He speaks of the Grand Z.'s address as follows and suggests it is applicable to many other Grand Chapters:

"The address of the Grand Z. is up to the standard we now expect from our Mother Grand Chapter, except that what we consider a defect, heretofore peculiar to some of our Sister Grand Chapters across 'the line', seems to be creeping in; that is, too much statistical and other detail, which we think would be better in the Grand Scribe E's report, thus leaving the Grand Z's own thoughts and expressed sentiments free and uncluttered from mere business items."

Our colleague would like to have the book published in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Grand Chapter and we hereby request the Grand Scribe E. to send him one. Of our own Review he says:

"Comp. Ponton again reviews proceedings. As heretofore, he reviews fully and quote freely, and still shows evidence of the same master hand and the serenity of mind to which we have been so long accustomed. Nearly three pages are given to Manitoba 1934; a remarkable example of Colonel Ponton's skill in picking out the essential points of interest to his Grand Chapter, which of course do not include business or local details, which he carefully avoids. We wonder if he will notice the printer's error in our last review of Canada?"

We read of the venerable H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught the following under the Review of England:

"It would appear that this popular but aged Prince of our Royal House is no longer able to be present in person at all the Masonic functions so dear to his heart, but there is no doubt that his interest is unabated, and he is held by the Craft in England, not only in the highest esteem but affection."

This from the General Grand Chapter Review:

"In these days, our Masonic principles of goodwill, of tolerance and the faithful performance of our duties, are as essential to our Masonic life, as capital, labour and brains are to our industrial life. . . . All must be maintained upon the highest possible level or the whole edifice will fall. . . The hope of the world is, that oppression, injustice and greed will be overcome by love and mercy.

"Comp. Arthur D. Prince, Past Grand High Priest, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, 'views with great satisfaction the continuance of close and fraternal relations with our neighbours of Canada' also recounts briefly the visit of Comp. Neilson to Manitoba and Ontario."

MARK MASTER MASONS ENGLAND AND WALES AND DOMINIONS AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN

Rt. Hon. Lord Aldenham, Deputy Grand Master, on the Throne.

Acting Deputy Rt. Wor. Colonel Sir Arthur Richard Holbrook.
Sir Phillip Colville Smith, Provincial G.M.
Sir George Boughey, G.S. Warden.
His Honour the Deemster, G.J. Warden.
Major Thomas Gabriel Lumley Lumley-Smith, Grand Secretary.

We have only received one pamphlet that contains the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held in Mark Masons' Hall, 3rd March, 1936.

The Duke of Connaught, Grand Master, sent a message of acknowledgement as follows:—

"I deeply appreciate the kind wording of it and I will not fail to assure His Majesty the King of your continued loyalty and unfailing devotion to the Throne."

He was of course re-elected and duly proclaimed with all his titles, closing with the time-honoured invocation—"Whom may the Great Overseer of the Universe long preserve".

A Loyal and Dutiful Address was presented to the King.

The 68th Annual Festival is to be held on the 25th June, 1936, under the Chairmanship of Col. The Hon. Stuart Pleydell-Bouverie.

The Benevolent Branch record many grants ranging from £100 to £20.

The President of the General Board made an able and practical address, as did the Deputy Grand Master.

"A brother who is in arrear with his dues or for any reason has been excluded from a lodge, cannot come up for election as a joining member of another lodge.

"The next business was the presentation of Keystone Jewels.

"£140,000, of which £70,000, just half, has now been received; but of that amount just over £50,000 was paid."

Among the presentations made were those of:—

"Howe Time Immemorial Lodge, Warwickshire, Bro. the Rev. C. A. Brown (Master).

The Rose and Lily Lodge, Hertfordshire, has completed a double quota."

The following Bodies Overseas also have subscribed double their original Keystone quotas—Sudan Lodge, North Africa; Wilfred Hulbert Lodge, Transvaal; Keystone Preceptory of Knights Templar, South Africa.

MARYLAND

John H. Lubbers, Grand High Priest.
Gustav A. Eitel, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Convocation was held in Baltimore, December 10th, 1935.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were present doing duty.
The Grand Master, Grand Commander and others of Maryland were introduced at the Altar, as were also distinguished visitors from District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia, Tennessee and W. T. S. O'Hara, G.G.H.P.

Canada had the honour of being represented by the Grand High Priest himself.

The G.H.P. in his address expressed the hope that the pleasures and benefits of this meeting would be as lasting and satisfying to them as they will be to us. He emphasized the importance of the office of trustee. His address was commendably brief, closing with the hope that Grand Chapter may become a mighty force for righteousness.

The Grand Lecturer reported:—

"So that we may see whether the general condition of the Chapters is improving, all have been graded on the same basis they were last year, with consideration given to the number of regularly installed officers, interest and ability of officers, attendance of members, dues arrearage, and number of exaltations. Some Chapters still suffer from lack of a full line of officers, or from indifferent officers."

He had on display a graphic chart.


The Committee on Capitular Education presented a very practical Report, acknowledging many suggestions for entertainment features, such as moving pictures, etc. We quote:—

"Meetings should not be allowed to drift and become tiresome. Each meeting should be planned in advance, just as you would plan any program of entertainment, so that the business may be conducted with order and dispatch.

"We recommend that each Subordinate Chapter be requested to supply the Committee with the name and address of any one or more of its members who has prepared or will prepare short talks, lectures or entertainment of any nature, and the subjects on which each is prepared."

Howard M. Emmons, Chairman Committee on Correspondence, says that a "come-back" is in sight.

William J. Latch was elected G.H.P., and in his biography we read that he is a local preacher of thirty years' standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Among the Memorials we find that of Charles P. Morningstar, P.G.H.P., Jerusalem Chapter, whose memory is an inspiration to all.

Frank K. Ebbitt, of Iroquois Falls, a fine representative of the true North, is the efficient Grand Representative of Maryland.

Practical philanthropy is not neglected by the Most Excellent, the G.H.P. of Maryland, as we read in this paragraph:—
"The box for fraternal assistance was placed upon the Altar, and the amount contributed taken in charge by the E. Treasurer."

The excellent Annual Review is preceded by the thoughtful Reflections of the Grand Correspondent, from which we take the following:—

"... which this world has been passing for some years may be directly attributed to the World War. Men were taught to hate, to kill, to destroy, instead of to love, to protect and to preserve.

"The better part of men's natures were warped and twisted out of all shape. The desire for lust, excitement aggravated. We are builders, not despoilers; our creed is Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

"It will take a long pull and a strong pull and a pull all together to bring men back to former standards of morality, but it can be done.

"We have endeavoured, as usual, to give our readers some of the best thoughts along these lines which we have been able to find in addresses and reviews, some of which are inspiring and helpful, and references are furnished to lectures and addresses worth reading in full, to those who may desire to pursue the subjects more fully than given in the brief excerpts."

Under Alberta we read:—

"Why could not a similar gathering be held to give thought to world-wide problems—problems which unless they are speedily solved, may imperil the very existence of our present-day civilization."

This from Canada at Kitchener:—

"We believe money spent in this way is an expense which returns dividends, if the head of the Order carries with him inspiring messages to the craft.

"He refers to the changing conditions and says: 'Many of the Constituent Chapters, when times were good and candidates were seeking advancement in large numbers, wisely husbanded their resources.'

"As usual, the reports from the Grand Superintendents take up considerable space (fifty-six pages) with detailed reports of visitations to the various chapters and their condition and some of them containing helpful suggestions.

"The Pictorial History of this Grand Chapter, commemorating its seventy-fifth anniversary and to which we referred in our Review last year has been provided and distributed, and they were so gracious as to send copies to other jurisdictions, including Maryland.

"The reports of Committee on Audit and Finance and 'Condition of Capitular Masonry' are replete with information and recommendations. "Comp. Ponton writes very complete and interesting summaries of the Grand Proceedings and we regret Maryland is not included."

A touch from Delaware:—

"The Committee on Education reports that the material supplied by General Grand Chapter has been used to advantage by the Chapters, and many delightful and inspirational meetings have been held during the year."

We excerpt from the Idaho Review:—

"The Masonic influence would be tremendously beneficial if allowed to proceed along well-ordered and well-considered lines for purposes of
better government, better education, development of character, and so secure all other things for the benefit of the fraternity in particular and the human race in general. Mind you, I say 'better' not 'more'. We do not need more government, more education, more money spent. We merely need a full understanding of 'Thou shalt not steal,' 'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour,' and some other of these fundamental 'shalt nots,' and we shall be a better nation, better family, better individual."

MASSACHUSETTS

Ralph Lowe, Jr., Grand High Priest.
Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Convocation was held March 12th, 1935, described as follows:—

"The entrance of the Grand Officers was proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host, E.: Rev. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain at the Altar, and the Grand Chapter was declared open in Ample Form, after which one verse of the Missionary Hymn was sung."

In addition to the Reverend Paul Sterling, we note the Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, is also Grand Chaplain.

Six Past G.H.P.'s, all well known names, Prince, Van Valkenburgh, Chipman, Pollard, Cushing and Ames were present. Canada's Grand Representative, D. Henry Childs, duly attended.

Claude L. Allen, Grand Master, was welcomed.

In the Quarterly Report the G.H.P. said:—

"Therefore, in this spirit, and as your servant and associate, I address you.
"We should not lessen one iota in the stringent process laid down by Ancient Masonic Usage and Custom in the consideration of those who desire the honours and privileges of the Capitular Rite. Neither should we fail in the important and complete investigation of those who desire reenrollment by reinstatement or reaffiliation.

"Numbers are desirable, but should never transcend the stability and perpetuity of our Institution.

"Dimitting members many times little appreciate their responsibility and place in the "Tide of Human Events."

"If we are not careful our leadership will be rated as mediocre, vacillating and weak. If we are not thorough and deliberate some one some day in some way will be forced to do 'our accounting'."

"Deal promptly and firmly with the member who is imposing upon us, but be sure you have the facts, directly and correctly, before metering out a firm just decision as to his status as it relates to our fraternity.

"Companions, this is the day of 'The Thorough-Bred'. If a man has been properly and fully made a Mason this is the time when he will reflect it in meeting his obligations in sane fashion. If he is indifferent, destructive, careless or uncooperative, he must be classed as unmasonic. He is not 'A Thorough-Bred'.
"In our social events let us be wholesome and genuine".
"In these days the steadying influence of an affable, tactful, thoughtful, companionable leader is the personification of strength, progress, Permanency and Success.

"Don't Hesitate; Don't Fear; Don't Dream and Don't Shirk;
Don't think of your worries but think of your work;
The worries will fade and vanish, the work must and will be done, Massachusetts Capitularism will never see the shadow because it faces the sun."

Quarterly Convocation was held June 11th, 1935. The Grand Chaplain offered invocation.

Canada's Grand Representative duly present.

From the Quarterly Report of the G.H.P. we read:—

"Your decisions are far more reaching. Your deliberations for good or questionable results more telling. Your performance more vital to your chapter, its members and the principles and purposes of our rite. Remember my companions, we are 'Rebuilding the Temple'.

"This is no time for indifference, pessimism, confused utterance or performance. Every word we speak, every act we perform, every suggestion we offer should radiate confidence, encouragement, conviction and ultimate success.

"You are entitled to know. You are to be congratulated. Remember, companions, 'It isn't the gale, But the set of the sail that determines the way we go.' You have the sail set in the right direction. We are moving out, up and on."

Grand Master Allen spoke feelingly.

Quarterly Convocation September 10th, 1935.

From the Quarterly Report of the G.H.P. we take the following:—

"He died in office as a Selectman of his Town. 'Bob' Smith willingly and graciously assumed the tasks requested of him by his town citizenship and did the job efficiently. His ability and disposition served them and the community in a most commendable manner.

"All this development is primarily attributed to the 'You and I' spirit of earnest joint effort in our official positions.

"... doing your part to steady and guide its destinies safely in that course prescribed and charted by the Great Architect of the Universe, our Captain and Guide."

The Annual Convocation was held December 10th, 1935, at Boston, a Mark Master and other Degrees were exemplified. Membership, 31,290. Loss, 2,434.

Distinguished guests from Quebec, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, were welcomed, together with the Grand Master and other Massachusetts Masons.

The death of M. Ex. Comp. Curtis Chipman, who had nearly attained his 60th year, is feelingly spoken of and his well known features will be preserved. Of him it is well said:—

"So passed Death's wings. It was a little moment, that of dying and after that comes a long immortality. The life he lived has not
gone out of the world. What he loved is here, beauty and art, intellectual heritages, keen humour and the affection of friends. What he wrought out of what he loved remains, living and imperishable. Life is holy ground and upon it he walked; working with minute care upon the design given him by God, exulting in the gift of life itself, passing it on to others for their profit and example.”

“It is said of the great Caesar, sitting at supper with friends, that he was asked which sort of death was best, he replied ‘That which is unexpected’. This perhaps is truest when death comes to those of middle years.

“M.W. Curtis Chipman represented the Masons of Massachusetts with his accustomed dignity and grace.

“A friendly man, he made friends and he made a special effort to enlarge our circle of fraternity among Grand Chapters of the United States and Canada, while neglecting none of the local responsibilities.

“He has left all that a mortal man can hope to leave to posterity. A life well rounded in its usefulness and devotion to duty.”

“The Drama’s over—lights are out
Reinfred’s passed beyond our ken;
God grant his parting words come true
‘Sirrah—we shall meet again’.”

We cite from the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

“Your Grand High Priest and his associate Past Grand High Priests, had the benefit of this thought, experience and judgment up to the last hour of his passing. His work was well done. His record is an enviable one. His mark cannot be duplicated. ‘The greatest ambition to which any man may aspire is that he may work with his brethren for the accomplishment of great things.’ Companions, this was his Valedictory to us. He did not realize it.

“Companions, rise as a tribute to this distinguished Mason and Leader, and I am going to ask the organist to play his favourite hymn, ‘For all the Saints’.”

Of one of the fraternal visitations the G.H.P. records:—

“January 2. As the guest of St. Andrew’s Royal Arch Chapter, it was my unusual privilege and distinction of being present as the head of the Capitular Rite at the Two Thousandth Convocation of the Chapter. The Capitular records of this country evidence the fact that this was the first Chapter in America that had held a two thousandth convocation.”

The G.H.P. appointed V. Ex. Comp. Archibald J. Stringer, of Toronto, as the Grand Representative of Massachusetts.

Under the heading of “Projected Programme” for next year the G.H.P. says:—

“There are primarily only two acts I can perform for you as your presiding officer:

1st. Analyze, present and comment upon our activities of the past year,—in other words, give you in annual convocation ‘A Picture’.
2nd. Suggest, as it appears to me and my associates in Grand Chapter, who have been selected to serve you, an outline that we can all utilize as a guide.

The third act is entirely in your hands, namely, ‘The Execution’.

“We should not put ourselves on his level by not caring just because he doesn’t care. If we do we will just spread ‘Indifference’, which is today a plague and a menace.”

He thus concludes:—

“The indestructible qualities of, will to do, faith, courage and justice. They mean more today to all of us and to posterity. To practice them earnestly every day illuminates our work and revives these same virtues in the hearts and lives of those we serve, who in turn stimulate their homes and organizations. The effective labour is the quiet effort. The successful result is the reflection of genuine earnest thought and action.

“At the conclusion of his annual address, M.E. Comp. Lowe stated that a real pleasant duty of the evening was to present to the Companions assembled ‘Our distinguished, affable and pleasant leader’, and that he was very happy to present the Grand Master, Claude L. Allen.

“A Committee composed of Past Grand High Priests conducted M.E. Comp. Lowe into the Chapter Room.”

The Convention of High Priesthood was duly held.

A summary of the Fraternal Correspondence of many Grand Jurisdictions is given.

Massachusetts always scores.

**MICHIGAN**

William N. Senf, Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation was held at Grand Rapids, May 20th, 1936.

Distinguished guests from Indiana, Colorado, Wisconsin, the Grand Lodge of Michigan and our own Edwin Smith, Past Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E., were welcomed.

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests headed by the venerable Lou B. Winsor, whose death we deplore, were presented and given the Grand Honours.

Charles A. Conover was faithfully present as the Grand Representative of Canada.

The Roll of Honour of all deceased Past G.H.P.’s was read. 263 voting members were present and 80 ladies were registered accompanying Officers and Representatives.

Comp. Sophus Johnson, City Manager, and representing his Honour the Mayor, gave an address of welcome to the “Unconventional Convention City”.

From the G.H.P.’s excellent address we take the following:—
"My best efforts were given to render to the Craft a service lighted so many years ago by men of vision and wisdom, and borne so splendidly by the many who have preceded me.

"It has truly been a year of opportunities and privileges and to the rank and file of our membership I wish to express my thanks for your loyalty.

"As the River of Time flows silently, swiftly on, we pause on the shore to watch the craft passing by, never to return again.

"One by one we pass the stations
   In the onward march of life;
One by one through faith we conquer
   In the never ending strife."

"I was glad to delegate authority to the Grand Secretary to represent me at the Grand Chapter of Ohio and also Canada. He reports that he was royally received and entertained."

Of Camp Rademaker he said:—

"Camp Rademaker and its activities were turned over to a committee known as the Camp Rademaker Advisory Committee to solve, if possible, means by which the camp would become self-supporting and prevent further expenditures from the surplus of Grand Chapter funds. The camp should be operated as a camp for under-privileged boys between the ages of ten and twenty-one years, for the 1936 season.

"It shall be the duty of the Committee to direct all investigations and set the requirements and dictate the degree of what the term 'under-privileged' shall mean."

Under the heading of Grand Secretary he quoted:—

"Tis just the little acts of kindness
   To those we meet in life's great mart
That leaves the imprint on the heart."

From the Grand Secretary much is always expected and much is always received. We quote from his report:—

"The number 'three' is said to be a Masonic Mystical number. The 'three times three' is typical of the Royal Arch. The number 'thirty-three' is still more significant. In our particular case the last figure is emblematic of the 'flight of time,' as this annual report is the thirty-third I have had the honour and pleasure to present to you. Only two veteran Grand Secretaries out of 53 on duty when I started are now serving their respective jurisdictions."

He speaks hopefully of the weak and delinquent Chapters.

Of his visit to us he kindly says:—

"On February 25th, I also had the pleasure of again attending a convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada and enjoying the exuberant hospitality of our 'Canadian cousins'. Here is a jurisdiction where Masonry and its teachings are all taken seriously and its ceremonies conducted with greatest dignity and decorum. Attention to details is a strong attribute of its officers and members. Our jurisdictions have
for many years enjoyed the closest fellowship and exchange visits have been most pleasant."

The Grand Lecturer reports:—

"There is no Federal law now in force pertaining to the manner of displaying, hanging, or saluting the United States flag, or prescribing any ceremonies that should be observed in connection therewith.

"While it is within the province of the War Department to prescribe rules and regulations governing the use of the flag for observance within the Army, yet it is beyond its province to prescribe any such rules or regulations for the guidance of civilians or to undertake to decide questions concerning this subject that are presented by civilians."

As to the flag ceremony and its salute the Committee report:—

"... question also arose as to what constitutes the proper salute to the Flag in the Chapter Room and after much discussion it was decided that the 'righ hand (military) salute' should be given to the Flag in the Chapter Room."

The Committee on Obituaries report:—

"They have entered the presence of the Lord of Glory—the King of Kings. They see no longer dimly from this earthly Vale of Tears. They know, minus all doubts of mortal minds, the true interpretation of, I Am that I Am; I Am hath sent Me unto you."

James Frank Firestone was elected G.H.P.

The Installation of Grand Officers has a pathetic touch. It was Comp. Winsor's last Installation:—

"For many years past in which the memories of the present membership of Grand Chapter runneth not to the contrary our good Companion 'Uncle Lou' B. Winsor has annually installed the officers of Grand Chapter according to a certain patent to which he holds undisputed title. As he was suddenly called away during the session this duty was placed in charge of Comp. Hunt, P.G.H.P."

Amendments to Laws are printed in full.

The Order of High Priesthood duly met and Anointed 55 new members.

Walter G. Price, of Port Credit, one of our most esteemed and highly regarded P.G.Z.'s, is the Grand Representative of Michigan with us.

Among the Masonic Publications received and recommended is the Masonic Sun of Toronto, now we regret to say, discontinued.

MISSISSIPPI

George D. Riley, deceased Grand High Priest.
L. L. Conerly, acting and elected Grand High Priest.
E. L. Faucette, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-eighth Annual was held in Jackson, 12th February, 1936.
During this meeting James Henry Johnson was elected G.H.P. for 1936-1937, and from his biography we take the following:—

"His labours are unceasing and he seems to be living in the atmosphere of the work in the construction of the Temple, and to see that only good work, true work and square work enter into the completion of the labours of the companions, so that the copestone and the keystone fit with exact nicety in the symbolic edifice that is being erected and completed in our Grand Jurisdiction."

Owing to the lamented death of G.H.P. Riley the duties of the office had fallen upon the shoulders of M. Ex. Comp. Conerly, who was duly installed.

He reported a large number of reinstatements, always an encouraging sign, and says:—

"It is, indeed, a pleasure to mix and mingle with the companions, but on account of the effects the depression has had, our contingent fund will not permit of a great deal of visiting."

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had visited many of the Chapters more than once with fairly satisfactory results. He said:—

"Its failure is the very natural result of the chapter membership letting themselves come to depend on one or two members to look after its affairs while they themselves get to believe that each discharges his whole duty by merely answering occasionally the calls of these leaders.

"Find among them replacement material. But these new members in sufficient numbers are not and so these vital leaderships are not yet filled.

"Go out and work your plans for the promotion of your Chapter's welfare during the coming year. Chapter activity will not renew itself; somebody must start it and work it."

This from the Report of the Committee on Necrology:—

"Comp. Riley was possessed in an eminent degree of the sterling qualities that fitted and qualified him for the highest and most efficient service. We learn from the greatest of teachers that service is a badge of true greatness. His gifted mind grasped and felt in full force the truths and impulses which were dimly and dumbly moving in the minds of others. In his soul was room for many interests and many aims, while he possessed the power to comprehend and reconcile them all into one great purpose."

P.G.H.P. Carter extended a hearty welcome to the Grand Representatives, saying:—

"In some of the Grand Chapters men work as hard to get appointed Grand Representatives as they do to get in the grand line, for they are known as 'Right Excellent,' and they pride themselves very highly on it and perform their functions very highly. The truth of the matter is that few of us remember that we are Grand Representatives."

Membership, 2,998. Net loss, 91.
Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were lined up facing the East and honoured.

Adam Arthur Gray, a well known member of the Royal Craft, is the Grand Representative of Mississippi. Canada is represented by Leon S. Lippincott.

The Foreign Correspondence is again in the capable hands of the veteran Reviewer, H. C. Yawn.

We quote from the Alabama Review:—
"... insisting that they help with money, food or clothing the one hundred and sixty residents of the Masonic Home, consisting of old Masons, Mason's wives, their widows and their orphans."

This from the Alberta Review:—
"The Grand First Principal believes that Democracy is now on trial.
"Great Britain and its Dependencies, have always to a large extent entertained this view."

Canada at Kitchener gets a brief but friendly touch:—
"Mississippi's Grand Representative, A. Art Gray, was present.
"The Grand Z. urges that the companions put aside all personal differences and approach every question with an ardent desire to promote the interest of Capitular Masonry.
"The death of Comp. E. T. Malone, K.C., is recorded in their Proceedings. Comp. Malone was especially distinguished in civic affairs.
"This Grand Jurisdiction bestows 50 year medals on Masonic Veterans who have passed the 50 year mark.
"The Grand Z. speaks of the changing conditions of the time and observes that it is a far day from the time when all the chores were completed and full preparation made on Saturday that the Sabbath might not be desecrated."

From the New Jersey Review a truth strongly expressed:—
"The work ahead demands deliberation, coupled with optimism constructively displayed."

This from North Carolina:—
"He refers to Comp. Riley as his old friend and refers to George as one of the most useful men in the Masonic Service Association. George's Negro stories charmed him and especially a speech made in the Grand Chapter of New Jersey on the resumption of Fraternal relationship between New Jersey and Mississippi."

MISSOURI

Guy C. Million, Grand High Priest.
Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.
The Nineteenth Annual convened in Jefferson City, April 28th, 1936.

From the biography of the G.H.P. we take the following:—
"Few who see our urbane Grand High Priest would guess that he is one of Dewey's sailors and once wore the uniform of a blue-jacket in Manila."
"In his Masonic connections he has not neglected the appendant orders, but has been active in the Order of High Priesthood, Missouri Commanders Association, Royal Order of Jesters (A new one on us!). Common sense, coupled with his genial disposition, has smoothed out more ruffles in the Order than others not conversant with the facts would ever guess.

"No sluggard he, in the Temple of Masonry; but an earnest, sincere, unassuming and tireless labourer for the hire that no mortal hands can ever give."

Following the singing of America, the Grand Chaplain offered an invocation:—

"We pray that Thou will give us hearts to love widely, minds to think freely and courage to build wisely; we ask it in Thy name's sake."

Missouri is very hospitable and introduced distinguished guests from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Saskatchewan, and the Grand Master.

Twelve P.G.H.P.'s were introduced and honoured. We quote:—

"You are the pioneers who have blasted out the stumps of discouragement, that we today might enjoy a fuller realization of true fraternal fellowship."

Grand Representatives were presented at the Altar and the G.R. of Saskatchewan responded:—

"(Arthur Mather) as a member and speaking for myself and the rest of the diplomatic corps, I wish to thank you most heartily for your cordial greetings and welcome into this convocation. Personally I happen to represent a Chapter from the far Northwest where the winds blow and the keen intellect is sharpened, where Scotsman and Irishman reason safely, and where Royal Arch and all other Masons are represented keenly, splendidly and brotherly. I bring the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan."

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

"It has been a difficult matter to bring some of the chapters out of the apathy into which they have drifted. This, I have attempted to accomplish.

"During the year, two of our Past Grand High Priests have passed to their great reward.

"He discouraged selling of tickets bearing the words: 'Boat Excursion by the Royal Arch Chapters of St. Louis' because such a procedure would result in the excursion being sponsored by the Royal Arch Chapters of St. Louis and I do not think it wise for the chapters."

"There are grave doubts about the propriety of Royal Arch Masons permitting the steamboat company to sell tickets in which it retains fifty per cent. of the proceeds by using the name of the Royal Arch Chapters."

Among his other Rulings the following:—

"A request was made for permission to give a dance or dances, in the name of the chapter, to raise funds.

"My answer was that, while there is no specific law against the giving of a dance or dances, yet the printing, advertising and selling
of tickets in the name of the chapter might be construed as a violation of the Grand Lodge by-laws; also, there would, no doubt, be many non-Masons present at such a dance and in case of any drinking or disturbance developing, undue publicity might be given to the matter and, whether the chapter Masons were really responsible or not, it might react in the public mind against the chapter."

Incomplete, inaccurate and delinquent audits are scored.

The matter of lost Rituals is treated as very serious.

In his conclusion he asks what is success and answers it in the following:

"It's doing your work the best you can,
And being just to your fellow man,
It's being true to your aims and ends,
And standing steadfast with your friends,
It's going ahead despite defeat,
Fighting staunchly, keeping sweet,
Keeping clean and playing fair,
Laughing lightly at Dame Despair,
Looking up at the stars above,
Drinking deeply of life and love,
Struggling onward with a will to win,
Taking loss with a cheerful grin,
Making better this great old earth,
Serving, striving through strain and stress,
It's doing your noblest—that's success!"

Membership, 18,670. Net loss, 1,655.
The cornerstone of the new High School Building was laid, General John J. Pershing was present.

From the Committee on Necrology Report:

"Many of our companions have been called from the scenes of time to the glory of that timeless life which lies beyond the river that rolls between time and eternity.

"A farm-bred boy, Judge Trimble felt a keen sympathy for the average man. To him the law was an instrument for justice and not for legal exercise. He always was concerned with making the court on which he served express the fundamental conception of right.

"So should we live that every deed
May hold within itself a seed,
Of future good and future need."

Awards in the form of medallions for distinguished service were granted.

From the invocation we quote:

"Grant that we may consecrate ourselves to Thy work and service, inspire us with the spirit of devotion and patience, and may we be to all men Thy interpreters, for Thy name's sake."

Orson H. Swearingen is the Grand Representative of Canada and duly attended.
Comp. Turnbull of Illinois in responding to welcome said:—

"I wonder if these High Priests that received those jewels will go home and study their significance, and then remember the modern application of that breastplate, that he is the leader of every member of the Chapter, and the united stones mean he is head of the united Chapter and should devote all his efforts to making that Chapter a success."

Frank P. Briggs was elected G.H.P. and was presented with the Historical Hat. In acknowledging he said:—

"I would rather have their plaudits than to have the plaudits of any group of men. And I thank you; I appreciate this. It is the highest hat I ever saw (laughter), and I hope that nothing in this office will ever make any of my companions say, or any of you companions ever think that I am high-hatted."

Candidates in waiting were anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

William J. Tow of The St. Patrick Chapter is the worthy Grand Representative of Missouri.

The Capitular year is recorded by Ray V. Denslow in his own characteristic way, each page reflecting his personality:—

"‘Royal Arch’ betokens possibilities, for in simpler terms the Royal Arch might well be regarded as a rainbow, symbol of promise and fulfillment.

"While the Freemasonry of the States is broken up into forty-nine jurisdictions and each doing its own work in its own way (to its own satisfaction), almost three-fourths of a million Royal Arch Masons are bound together in a loose confederation known as the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America. But three jurisdictions stand aloof from this association—Pennsylvania, Virginia and Texas, and these three have what they think is sufficient reason for their position:

"Freemasonry of the United States is even now confronted with its problems; do not for a moment think that the influence and activities of Hitler, Mussolini and their ilk are not being heard from in our own country. Shall we stand idly by, awaiting the time when constables, police and public authorities close our meeting places? Or shall we convince our neighbours that Freemasonry has only the welfare of the nation and its people at heart?"

A paper on "Canton’s Cultured Knight" was read at the Masonic Research Council We quote:—

"Too grand to be forgotten, surely one of them is Bro. Ben H. Smith. Forever must he remain a sky-piercing peak in the Himalayan range of earth’s great and pure and lofty souls."

In the Prelude to his Review under "Addresses" we recite the following:—

"In many of the jurisdictions there is still preserved the question-able title of ‘Grand Orator’. We have selected four specimens of the oration type—and we wish we had more to offer.

"Nowhere in the Bible is any attempt made to define God. He is accepted as being beyond the power of the human mind to define except as men became aware, during the years, of His many attributes."
"CANADA: George L. Gardiner, Grand Z., was born September 25, 1883, in the City of Toronto. He received an excellent education and specialized in commerce and finance. He is vice-president of one of Toronto's large industrial concerns and director in many business organizations. He is an enthusiastic golfer."

Under Condition of the Rite we read:—

"We like to dwell upon this subject; it should be the thought uppermost in our minds, for unless the condition of the rite is right, then the rite retrogrades. Few men will continue to pay their dues for that in which they are not presently interested, therefore make our convocations so bright and interesting that Companions will count it an evening lost if they are absent. Open on time, conduct the business with dispatch, detail committees for specific purposes, have all contentious questions settled."

Under "Financial" a further note from Canada:—

"A finance committee called attention to the investments of chapters, during prosperous years of their surplus funds, in securities which at the present time appeared attractive, but which under pressure of the present period had shown considerable shrinkage. The committee said: 'It is not only poor business, but it is illegal to invest trust funds in securities surrounded by an atmosphere of speculation.'"

On Peace and Fraternal Relations we quote:—

"'We, representing three million Masons, declare to you, our English Brethren, that there shall not be war between England and America. Our statesmen and yours must find a way of composing our differences.' It was done."

From California:—

"CALIFORNIA: Masonry to me is a code of ethics by which we model our lives and our living. It 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 upbuilding."

Again quoting Cowan under Canada he says:—

"CANADA (Cowan): As the years roll around I am impressed more and more that Grand Chapter should select a more suitable time than the month of February in which to hold our annual meeting."

Under Historical he quotes from Canada describing our pictorial history, which he terms a very valuable report.

Under Humor we read:—

"Grand Chaplain Timm told Dr. Poteat's description of the average American Lodge:

"'The Grand Master puts on his stovepipe hat, literally and sometimes figuratively as well, and reads his report. What does it include? Dispensations, decisions, nine-tenths of which are unnecessary, discipline, necrology, with fulsome eulogy of dead brethren, a great deal of it undeserved, accompanied with the world's worst poetry. I have heard more bad poetry in Masonry, and especially in Grand Lodge, than in all other places put together. If that sort of poetry is read over my body, I'll haunt the man who does it. Then the Grand Master goes on to the state of the Craft statistics, new lodges established, and so on,
and finally he winds up with a grand burst of eloquence. After that the distinguished visitors are introduced and they arise and strut. I have seen some who could sit down and strut. They extend compliments, and say usually nothing net'.”

Even things political sometimes creep in, but rarely.

Unusual incidents and remarks are found by him in his rambles over the Capitular Vineyard.

“CANADA: The conferring of this rank was unusual in that he had not held either of the three principal stations in Chapter, but was given 'on the ground that his services to Masonry, his eminence in rank in the Church and as a citizen, and his excellent qualities as a Mason, justly entitle him to the deserved honour'."

MONTANA

Charles A. Rasmusson, G.H.P.
Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.
The Forty-seventh Annual opened at Lewiston, June 16th, 1936.
M.E. Companion Spottswood, General Grand Master of Second Veil, was received with honour.

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

“Royal Arch Masonry in Montana stands today four square, a forward looking, progressive and constructive organization. I am hopeful that although we have been shorn by the winds of adversity in the past, we may look forward with renewed courage and well founded faith and trust for the future.”

Of his visit to Iowa the G.H.P. eloquently says:—

“At our home at Atlantic, Iowa, where your Grand High Priest was raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and where he was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason.

"Sad to relate, however, only five companions were present whom I had known at the time of my exaltation. We were received with every honour and courtesy by the Iowa Grand Chapter officers and members."

He praises his colleagues as follows:—

"Those of Deputy Grand High Priest Burlingame were especially interesting, because they scintillated his personality throughout. I want to commend the Grand King for the splendid workmanlike and artistic manner in which he compiled his reports and submitted them for review."

And of the state of the Craft he says:—

"While we had a net loss in membership a year ago of 281, our net loss this year will be only 107. It is significant to note that wholesale suspensions, by subordinate chapters, have practically ceased, and with one or two exceptions the local chapters are now operating on a live, paid up basis."

"Increase your attendance by appointing a committee of your old standbys to get after absent members and bring them out to meetings. Make your Chapter room a friendly place."
“Believing in the ancient Greek philosophy, that those who are the least governed are the best governed, I have decided to make but one specific recommendation.

“To observe the trend in our schools and churches, and to hear the restless discord of groups on all sides, it becomes evident that there is a growing tendency to adopt many of the dangerous vagaries of the old world. This country, together with Great Britain and the Scandinavias, compose today practically the only outstanding examples of real representative government.

“Personally, I am persuaded to believe that, when danger really threatens and our people fully realize what they are in for, the good sense and judgment of the American will assert itself and return us to the normalcy of a self reliant, courageous and sane constituency.

“When convulsions shake nations and the shattered ideals of an ill considered and poorly advised Utopia come tumbling about them, it is then the populace will turn to ideals that are substantial, practical and well grounded. Then will Masonry once again become a power in the fabric of our national understanding. When that time comes, let us see to it that we have a Masonry, efficient, that will not only attract but hold those who would come to it to perceive the light.”

Royal Arch Masonry in Montana marches on!

Three hundred and nine degrees were conferred during the year.


The reception of the 15 P.G.H.P.'s is thus described:—

“The Grand Captain of the Host was directed to conduct the Past Grand High Priests to places west of the altar as their names were called by the Grand Secretary. R.E. Comp. Burlingame extended a warm welcome and M.E. Comp. Armour responded for the group.”

James M. Burlingame was elected G.H.P.

H. T. Cumming is Grand Representative of Canada.

The Hedges Memorial Educational Fund was taken over by the Knights Templar and no statement was furnished at first, but afterwards was given satisfactorily. $945.00 was appropriated.

“America” was sung at the closing of Grand Chapter.

Edward Cason Gay was lovingly remembered and was described in words applicable to all the departed.

“He immediately became a positive force in the business and cultural life of the little city.”

“Men drop so fast ere life's mid stage we tread,
Few know so many friends alive as dead.”

“To-day the journey is ended,
I have worked out the mandates of fate;
Naked alone, undefended,
I knock at the Uttermost Gate.
Behind is life and its longing,
Its trial, its trouble, its sorrow,
Beyond is the Infinite Morning
Of a day without a to-morrow.”

—Abbott.
The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Right Excellent Companion William McGregor Logan, of Hamilton, is Grand Representative of Montana. Nothing finer!

H. S. Hepner, P.G.H.P., presents the Seventeenth Annual Review of the "doings" of Capitular Quarries and Vineyards in the world.

From Alberta Review we quote:—

"Common ordinary individuals like ourselves can be forgiven if from day to day we live in a state of bewilderment and dread.

"There is no doubt about it, Democracy is now on trial.”

This from the Review of British Columbia:—

"The home is no longer the sacred institution that it was. Contracts are not inviolate—debts have ceased to be obligations of honour. Anxiety for office weighs far too much with Governments.”

California furnishes this thought:—

"These 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.”

In the Review of Canada, the Grand Z., Alexander Cowan, receives special attention and quotation:—

"The social economic and industrial conditions of the world are out of step with those of a few years ago.

"It is a far cry from the days when we as boys were required to clean our boots on Saturday night.

"Over 50 pages of the volume are devoted to reports of the 16 District Grand Superintendents.

"Grand Scribe E. Edwin Smith reported 21,931 members.

"Comp. Ponton presented Correspondence Report. Like all his former efforts it shows painstaking care and all reviews are well written.”

Ireland presents itself for review with the following results:—

"'D. G. C., Down,' 'Londonderry' and a lot of other Protestant Irish Names; 'P. G. G. Supt. South Africa,' and same of New Zealand; we do gather that they all mean to tell what they are doing but it must be in the new Gaelic language revived by the Irish Republic and we are not yet on to it.

"No statistics of moneys received from Chapters, and they are long on that. Now Sam Heim of Texas will take a shot at us.

"So good bye pamphlet we tried to review.”

The Michigan Review was satisfying. We quote:—

"Help the boy to become a good man and he will help you when you need him, for 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. So from every angle of vision you should help the young man of to-day.”

New York and Briggs are well reviewed:—

"Some passed the buck' to other officers, or to the subordinate Chapters. Ever and anon a grand secretary would venture an opinion.
But like Banquo’s ghost, the continuing drop, drop, drop in Chapter
membership would not down.
“One of the frequent alibis was that all other fraternities were
suffering from the same disease. That did not change conditions with
us.”

This from Wisconsin Review:—
“A beautiful rendition of the ritual is well and good but that is
not the all of Masonry.
“‘Man does not live by bread alone’ is a truth.”

The “End of the Journey” furnishes characteristic
Hepnerian food for thought.
“We have spanned the continent of North America, crossed the
Atlantic and dipped in the South Seas in search of the pot of manna,
and of the stone to bind together the Royal Arch.
“Wherever we went we found optimism giving place to the pessi-
mism which for the past few years has been the travail of the Royal
Craft.
“We are full-blooded and optimism runs riot in our veins and
arteries and we fear not arteritis clotting up the life-blood of our
Capitular entities.
“Men who are true may gather and read aright the Lost Word
and take it to their hearts.”

Montana’s Grand Representative, William McGregor Logan,
Grand Secretary, of Grand Lodge of Canada, referred to above
passed away April first, 1937, deeply and universally mourned.
He was as a son to this Reviewer.

NEBRASKA

J. Theodore Brammann, Grand High Priest.
Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary.
The Sixty-ninth Annual was held in Omaha, December 4th,
1935.

After musical selections the G.H.P. was received with
honours and requested the Grand Officers to assume their
stations and places.

Nebraska may not be a large Jurisdiction but eighteen
P.G.H.P.’s answered to the roll call and were cordially received.
Among the distinguished guests were those from Missouri,
Iowa, and the Grand Master of Nebraska.

Canada’s Grand Representative did not answer roll call.
From the address of the G.H.P. we make the following
citations:—
“The same problems of human relations that harassed us during
the years of depression have also vexed and perplexed us since we
met here one year ago. The distressing economic and material prob-
lems prevailing everywhere appear to have produced apathy toward
everything of a spiritual and moral nature.
“Masonry must ever be alert if we are not to lose our freedom,
of speech, and freedom of worship.
“The Royal Arch Masons of every community should produce the dependable and honest civic leadership that the people look to for guidance in their civic affairs. As an organization we must foster true patriotism, love of country, Brotherly love, Charity, Truth, Justice in all your dealings with mankind. Put your trust in the Great I Am, but be active in His service, and you will feel that your labour has not been in vain.

“Our efforts must be directed to intellectual and thoughtful men. We must appeal to the intellect for which these degrees are intended. “By the gracious mercy of the Most High God, our official family has been spared to carry on the great work of perpetuating this institution, erected and dedicated to the glory of God.

“By the same gracious mercy, the ranks of the Past Grand High Priests have also remained undisturbed.”

We venture to think, however, that the Mercy of the Most High God referred to was also exemplified in the sparing of good lives among other ordinary Masons.

This decision was given:—

“How shall a visiting companion who has received the Royal Arch degree in a foreign jurisdiction, and has not received all four degrees of American Chapter work, be healed?

“This is done by placing him under obligation of that particular degree, and then communicating the pass.”


The Report on the Nebraska Masonic Home at Fremont furnishes interesting reading:—

“Six children retire from the Home this year, and eight were admitted. The children, who all attend the Fremont public schools, are doing exceptionally well.

“The number of residents in the Home is ninety-six, forty-seven men and forty-nine women. The number in the Infirmary is forty-seven, twenty-four men and twenty-three women. Nineteen were admitted to the Home this past year, nine men and ten women.”

Carl R. Greisen was elected G.H.P.

A classic from the Committee on Fraternal Dead cannot be too often re-produced for those who in this ephemeral world still love deep thought expressed with rhythm and cadence.

“So shalt thou rest; and what if thou shall fall
Unnoticed by the living; and no friend
Take note of thy departure? All that breathe
Will share thy destiny. The gay will laugh
When thou art gone; the solemn brood of care
Plod on; and each one, as before, will chase
His favourite phantom; yet all these shall leave
Their mirth and their employments, and shall come
And make their bed with thee.

So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, that moves
To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustain'd and sooth'd
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Clemens A. Spellman is Grand Representative of Canada.
Nebraska is well represented by a near and worthy neigh-
bour of this Reviewer, William J. Potts, of Trenton.
The Index to Topical subjects from 1933 to 1935 inclusive
is very convenient as a work of reference.
The Order of High Priesthood duly met.

NEVADA

Andrew Ruckteschler, Grand High Priest.
L. William Semenza, Grand Secretary.
The Sixty-third Annual Convocation was held in Reno on
the 9th of June, 1936.
Eleven P.G.H.P.'s reported for duty and honour.
The G.H.P. was introduced and welcomed as the Grand
Commander of Knights Templar of Nevada.
Several Past Grand Masters were also welcomed.
Peter Enrietti duly represented Canada.

From the address of the G.H.P. we note the special grati-
tude expressed that the line of officers had not been broken
through the goodness of our Supreme Grand High Priest, to
whom we venture to suggest the line makes little difference in
personality from the ordinary brothers or Companions.

The invocation by the Grand Chaplain is striking:—

"To our dear companions who are with Thee a full share of Thy
treasures, that they may always be white with Thy purity, tranquil
with Thy peace, and glad with Thy joy. Let us live vividly in their
present love as they live in ours, until the time of separation is past.
"Almighty Father of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful
people do unto Thee true and laudable service; preserve every member
of this Grand Chapter from luke-warmness and stir up within us more
love and zeal and devotion. May Masonic light perpetual shine upon
them."

From the conclusion of the brief report of the G.H.P. we
quote:—

"I feel that it is my duty to recommend in this report that there
is strength in numbers and that all Chapters should stress to the ut-
most of their ability, the problem of holding their membership and to
reinstate companions who were in financial difficulty during the lean
years.

"I trust that the spirit of Masonry and the practice of Masonic
principles will carry us through the next year to the Fraternal goal
we seek."
Nevada and Utah are in a class by themselves in showing
at least some gain, though small, instead of losses.
The Student Loan Fund is being administered and loans
outstanding amount to $1,795.
The Committee on Correspondence recommended the recogni-
tion of Queensland.
George S. Day was elected G.H.P.
The Correspondence Committee consists of E. C. Peterson,
The President of the High Priesthood is Edward C. Peter-
son.
Among the In Memoriam tributes to those who have been
called from earth's labours, the following:

"Brief life is here our portion.
Brief sorrow, short lived care;
The life that knows no ending.
The tearless life is there"

"The Gardens of Immortality."

Companion Edward C. Peterson was elected Grand Secre-
tary.
Right Excellent Companion John F. Marr is the worthy
Grand Representative of Nevada.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Frank N. Graves, Grand High Priest.
Harry M. Cheney, Grand Recorder.
The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual was held in
Concord (and harmony) on May 19th, 1936.
It is indeed with deep regret that we record the recent
death on New Year's Day of Harry M. Cheney, as announced
in the Iowa Bulletin. He personified the principles of Masonry
and had a wide horizon.
Eleven Past G.H.P.'s were present.
Arthur M. Dunstan faithfully represented Canada.
Distinguished guests from Connecticut, New York, Maine,
Massachusetts and Rhode Island were given private Grand
Honours.
From the address of the G.H.P. we take the following
quotations:

"We are pleased that so many of our own representatives are
here with us to-day. The year of anticipation has become one of reality.
"The committee put in a lot of work on the ritual and hope that
it meets approval.
“During the past year the Grand Master of the Universe has parted the white veil, and exalted to the higher lodge some of our loved and esteemed companions.”

He made many inter-state visitations and all were mutually profited by the interchange.

He did not neglect the Home visitations and gives an account of his stewardship and that of those visitors whom he appointed to act.

Membership, 4,141. Decrease, 261.

Clarence Edson Stickney was elected G.H.P. and Arthur M. Dunstan, Deputy G.H.P.

M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis, of Hamilton, an active and a devoted Mason, is the Grand Representative of New Hampshire.

In the list of Secretaries New Hampshire is still faithful to our well remembered Companion Henry T. Smith, who of course was succeeded by his brother, Edwin Smith, but New Hampshire has not yet made the change.

The Order of High Priesthood duly met.

NEW JERSEY

John G. Crawford, Grand High Priest.

Charles D. McCracken, Grand Secretary.

After a special Convocation the members of Grand Chapter united in the singing of “The Star Sprangled Banner,” and immediately following the reception of distinguished guests the G.H.P. merged the special Convocation into the Eightieth Annual.

Ten P.G.H.P.’s reported for duty.

R. E. Godfrey Pitts never misses an opportunity of being faithfully present to represent Canada. He is well known to us as a frequent visitor here.

Distinguished guests from Delaware, District of Columbia, North Carolina, Virginia, New Hampshire, West Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and our own R. Ex. W. Y. Mills, of Kingston, Grand H. of our Grand Chapter, were cordially welcomed.

From the Grand Chaplain’s invocation the following:

“May they be steadfast in that work, and grow stronger in their progress toward perfection, furthering, by their desire of a more perfect service, the fraternal ties of Capitular Masonry. Unite them to fellowship in Thy Kingdom, granting them the wages of a perfect rest in Thy eternal abode.”

The G.H.P. announced the worthy appointment of R. Ex. Comp. Archie D. McIntyre, of Toronto, as New Jersey’s Grand Representative.
The Travelling Keystone and the fine lectures that accompany it still continue to be of great interest.

One Chapter surrendered its Charter.

Consolidation of Chapters will be allowed in future and the G.H.P. also recommends dual membership.

Membership, 13,342. Net loss, 1,552.

The receipts of the Grand Secretary during the year amount to $7,022.00.

Among the responses made by guests that of W. Y. Mills is thus quoted:

"R. Ex. W. Y. Mills, Grand Second Principal H. of Canada, was the sole representative of that jurisdiction, and explained the meaning of the title 'H'.

"At this point Comp. Guy sang 'The Hills of Home'."

The Committee on Necrology of which Godfrey Pittis is Chairman, report:

A look may be forgotten,
A word misunderstood,
But the touch of the human hand
Is the pledge of Brotherhood.

To them I hold that we are bound
By double pledges to be fine;
Who once has had a friend, has found
The link 'twixt mortal and divine."

Al. G. Pritchard was elected G.H.P.

This from the invocation preceding installation by Grand Chaplain Naylor:

"For the others of us who are assuming the duties of our several stations and places, we pray that we may become co-labourers with God in the dissemination of truth. Lead us moment by moment. Forgive our sins and strengthen us with Thy spirit, that we may do Thy will."

Two hundred and sixty Companions during the year passed through the Veils of the Supreme Tabernacle.

The anointed High Priests did good work.

Among those present we note from New York the honoured name of Henry DeWitt Hamilton, Past Grand High Priest.

David McGregor is Scottish and practical in his foreword to his excellent Review. We quote:

"The ascending curve of net losses has taken a decidedly downward trend, this year's record shows about 11,000 less than last year, or a net loss of 7% as compared with 9% for last year.

"The insidious activities of Communism and its allied 'isms,' engaged in seeking to undermine our form of Government, are engaging the serious attention of many of our Grand Chapters, particularly in the west; and well may they!

"It seems that here is a line of activity that should command attention from all. While we are drifting along with the tide, these enemies..."
of the liberty for which our forefathers fought and bled, are boring both from without and within.

“This is not politics, but pure self preservation, and the sooner we take the matter in hand firmly and definitely, the easier will be the process of checking it.

“Let us now be up and doing.”

The California Review contains the following comments:

“A perusal of the accounts of those visitations, which were in most cases preceded by ‘fine delicious dinners,’ takes one back to a few years ago, when the goose hung high and everything was rosy; and to the reviewer it looked like an oasis in the desert of depression; but the Finance Committee found it necessary to refuse to approve a motion to donate $1,000 to the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Homes, as the Grand Chapter had been running in the red for the past two or three years.

“The Educational Committee has prepared a set of eight lectures on Capitular Masonry and mimeograph copies were distributed for presentation to the Chapters.”

From North Dakota, the following:

“It is more important to secure the reinstatement of Companions not in good standing, than it is to secure new members”. Yes, indeed! Very much more! For while it does not increase the treasury as much, it certainly is bound to improve the morale of the Fraternity.

“The ‘MONKEY WRENCH GANG’ got in some of its own peculiar line of WORK when the Grand Chapter was AT EASE, adding a full quota of humour to the affair, that might otherwise have been dull and monotonous.”

From the Review of Washington this reference to Canada:

“One of the most interesting of the visits made by the Grand High Priest was to Victoria, B.C., where an international convocation was held. He was accompanied with about 400 companions and ladies who sailed from Seattle on a chartered boat. In the presence of the Grand Officers of British Columbia and of Washington, the M.E. Master Degree was conferred by Canadian companions and the R.A. Degree by companions from the State of Washington. The visitors were wonderfully entertained.”

Canada at St. Catharines, “The Garden City,” receives fraternal treatment. We quote:

“It was opened in Ample Form by the singing of ‘God Save the King,’ ‘America’ and ‘Fight the Good Fight,’ and the invocation by Comp. Stewart.

“They were welcomed by the Mayor of the city to the centre of the greatest fruit district in Canada.

“W. T. S. O’Hara, general Grand High Priest; also from the other Masonic bodies in Ontario. Our Grand Representative, Comp. K. J. Dunstan, was in attendance.

“The death of King George was feelingly referred to by the Grand Z. Over $500 had been contributed voluntarily to the King’s Cancer Fund.”

“Eighteen dispensations were granted for attending Divine Service in a body.
‘Age with Honour’ Jewels were presented during the year to members of the Grand Chapter, one for 55 years’ service, one for 50, and 52 for 25-year service.

V.Ex. Wm. Smeaton celebrated 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’.

The Grand High Priest’s address was of a high literary order.

No institution is stronger, better, or more virtuous, than are the members who compose it:

“Free transportation for children and wives of patients of the Samaritan Club from Toronto to Jackson’s Point, which resulted in the saving of $700 each year, and thereby enabling the club to extend its beneficent work. Such efforts are interpretative and characteristic of true Royal Arch Masonry.”

NEW MEXICO

Raymond E. A. Drolet, Grand High Priest.
Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.
G.H.P. Drolet spent his boyhood years in Montreal attending the parochial schools there.
The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation was held at Albuquerque, March 19th, 1936.
Distinguished guests from Montana and the Grand Master of New Mexico were treated with honour.
James A. MacKenzie, Canada’s Representative, duly answered Roll Call.
Eight Past Grand High Priests were present.
Twenty-four Companions had during the year answered final Roll Call.

The G.H.P. recommended:—

“Feeling that the York Rite Festival plan of conferring the Degrees is the solution of the creation of interest in Capitular Masonry, I recommend that this Grand Chapter foster and encourage all the constituent Chapters to promote such York Rite Festivals in their communities at least once or twice each year. The legislation permitting such Festivals has been adopted and it only remains for the officers and Grand Officers to use their talent and energy to build back the strength of the Order.”

Membership, 1,294. Net loss, 63.

Reuben Parry reported:—

“Loss in membership continues in the Capitular world, but losses are smaller. Optimism prevails.”

Thomas J. Hall was elected G.H.P.
An inspiring letter was read from General G.H.P. O’Hara.
The Committee on Necrology quote:—
"Death takes us by surprise
And stays our hurrying feet,
The great design unfinished lies,
Our lives are incomplete.

So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men."

Frank A. Copus, our eloquent Past Grand Master, is the Grand Representative of New Mexico. No one finer!

The Proceedings give a list of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter which is interesting. There are four in Alaska, two in Cuba and three in Mexico.

Alberta is the first Jurisdiction to receive the reviewing touch of Reuben Parry, who says:—

"There is no doubt about it. Democracy is now on trial. The general breakdown in our economic machinery, the existence of paradoxical conditions, some of which I have already enumerated.

"I think it is generally recognized among our members that Freemasonry is the very essence of democracy. We do not accept a man as a member solely because of his worldly wealth or his social standing. These are merely incidents.

"Among the amendments to the constitution, one provides that no Royal Arch Mason of thirty years regular standing shall be disciplined for non-payment of dues ... a negative method of granting a life membership."

British Columbia is well reviewed. We quote:—

"The Grand Z. expresses a fine loyalty in which we of the United States share: 'As loyal citizens of His Majesty the King we express our great delight that His Majesty and His Gracious Consort, Queen Mary, have been spared to rule the British Commonwealth of Nations these twenty-five years past. Our hearts throbbed with the hearts of His Majesty's subjects throughout the vast Empire a few days ago.'"

This from California Review:—

"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.

"We claim an independent and unrestricted right to maintain the established boundaries and influences of the United States of America and the consolidation of our American civilization."

We appreciate the full Report given to Canada, which pays special attention to Grand Z. Cowan and notes the presence of Frank A. Copus:—

"The Grand Z. paints a correct picture as follows:—

"'We are living in a time when people wish for, almost demand amusement and entertainment. Disobedience to God's laws, lack of reverence for the Sabbath Day, and want of respect for those in authority are all too prevalent throughout the land.
"'It is a far cry from the days when we as boys were required to clean our boots on Saturday night, when mother prepared the potatoes on Saturday night for Sunday's dinner and when the Sunday dishes were left until Monday to be washed.'

"The Grand Z. declined to stand for reelection. His able service as head of the Grand Chapter will be missed.

"Unpaid dues amount to $66,985,000 and this shows a delinquency on the part of 4,500 companions. This is not a healthy condition.

"Comp. Ponton was re-elected Grand Historian. He writes the review again. It is full and thorough."

A decision from Nebraska will be found interesting:—

"A Royal Arch Mason who received the Royal Arch degree in a foreign Jurisdiction and has not received all four degrees of American Chapter work is healed by placing him under obligation in that particular degree and communicating to him the pass."

North Carolina of course refers to Comp. J. E. Allen, a prince among Reviewers:—

"In the foreword he gives the following: 'We have got to swear off thinking negative thoughts if we want to accomplish positive results.' He feels that this expresses the situation and the writer agrees with him."

NEW SOUTH WALES MARK MASTER MASONS

Hamilton B. Mathews, Grand Master.
J. G. Stevens, President of General Board.
George Walker, Grand Inspector of Workings.
F. R. Sinden, Grand Secretary.

Half-yearly Communication was held at Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney, 23rd November, 1935.

Many apologies for non-attendance were received.

From the address of the Grand Master the following:—

"The great work accomplished during the half year—and it has been immense—was only rendered possible by the wholehearted support of the officers.

"Immense benefit following these visits, and I pass on to the brethren that appreciation which will doubtless be to them a great reward. It is in the work itself that we find our real interest, and so I feel that from the expressions referred to I can take great comfort in the knowledge that everyone is doing his proper share of the work. I ask for the same great energy and intelligence in the times ahead, and the result will fully justify our optimism."

"... M.W. Bro. Holden was present at many of our installa-
tions, and whose wonderful personality radiated goodness on every side."

G. M. Mathews is a cheerful soul and many of his visita-
tions had the following effect:—

"There were 80 brethren present and 29 installed Masters greeted the new Master. An excellent spirit of fraternity pervaded the proceed-
ings both in the Lodge room and at refreshment—a very happy gath-
ering. In the spirit of brotherhood and are doing all that is practicable for the welfare of this practical Degree of Masonry."

The various Officers sent in interesting reports.
P.G.M. Doust the following:—

"Enthusiastic gathering of M.M. Masons. On other occasions I have referred to the brightness and cheerfulness that prevail in this Lodge, and the same fraternal spirit was again in evidence."

Fraternal Correspondence was interchanged with Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and New Zealand.

There being no Degree work at a meeting called, Bro. Stewart gave a fine address on The White Stone.

NEW SOUTH WALES SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER

Hamilton B. Mathews, Grand First Principal.
F. R. Sinden, Grand Scribe E.
The first Quarterly was held 13th February, 1935.
Six Past Grand Z.'s were present.
Grand First Principal Mathews duly represented Canada.
Apologies for non-attendance were received from many.
From the address of the Grand First Principal the following:—

"I should like to once again draw attention to the somewhat un-inspiring manner in which the degree work is conducted by some of our city chapters, and in this connection I cannot too strongly recommend to the Principals of these chapters the benefits to be gained."

F. H. Farrar presented the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.
The One Hundred and Eighty-second Quarterly was held at Castlereagh Street, 8th May, 1935, Canada again represented by the Grand Z.

His address was interesting:—

"The quarter just concluded has been a busy one, and there are decided indications of an uplift in the number of candidates and the general prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in this State."

He announced with regret the death of many distinguished Companions.

He presented the address of welcome, thus described:—

"Most Excelent Comp. Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, P.G.Z. His Excellency cordially received us and expressed his pleasure in accepting the address from his companions in this State, whom he hoped to meet in the near future."

And closes as follows:—

"I would add that the future can be faced with great faith in all the things that are to be, and I ask each companion to go on with his work in the firm conviction that the ideal before us is well worth all his energy and devotion."
A Representative from Victoria was welcomed.
Quarterly Convocation was held 14th August, 1935.
The First Grand Principal made an interesting address.
We quote:—
“It has been a quarter of much trial to all the Chapters because of the sickness which the unsatisfactory weather conditions have brought about. In some cases more than half the officers have been absent from meetings.
“Still, there is always the desire to spread the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry to ever-increasing numbers, especially amongst those enthusiastic Craft Masons who are seeking further light. No opportunity should be lost of affording help and instruction to those who are considered suitable exponents of our Supreme Degree.”

Quarterly Convocation 13th November, 1935.
The Grand Z. recorded with regret the death of F. S. Selwood of Alberta. He spoke thus of the late M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Holden, P.G.Z., of Victoria:—
“Our Grand Representative at or near the Grand Chapter of Victoria. This worthy Mason is well known throughout Australia for the splendid service he has rendered, and his passing leaves us the poorer. His work lives after him, and he will ever serve as an incentive to us all.”

A Special Convocation held 4th December, 1935.
Six Past Grand Z.’s were present.
Apologies were received from M. Ex. Comp. Aubrey Halloran and others.
A distinguished Companion from Quebec was welcomed.
M. Ex. Comp. Chandler installed the Officers, among them Hamilton Bartlett Mathews, re-elected.
Music was interspersed. Among the numbers rendered “Open, Open Ye Gates of Light”.
R. B. Dargavel, our Past Grand Master and Superintendent of Benevolence, is the honoured Grand Representative of New South Wales.
Comp. Farrar’s Review of Grand Jurisdictions is very interesting.

This from Alberta:—
“What we stand most in need of is a greater application by all the nations of the earth and by all the peoples of those benevolent and righteous principles upon which our Order is founded. If we would only use the Golden Rule as the yardstick by which to measure and regulate our lives and conduct, what a wonderful world it would be.”

This from Arizona:—
“There was a greater reverence for moral and spiritual teachings in which Freemasonry had ever exerted through its members a wonderful influence, not only on their own lives, but on the lives of those among whom they moved and mingled. Noble sentiments chastely expressed! Much of this had been achieved because of the informative educational programme that had been adopted.”
This from California:—

"The companions benefited by their activities and frequent visits. We note the expression 'deliciou dinners' occurred over again and again in the special report of the G.H.P. on his chapter visitations. Did these gastronomic feats contribute to his ability to drive at night time his own motor car? He did not forget to thank his chauffeur for the regularity of his attentions on these occasions. He visited during his year of office no less than 85 chapters. Some going this."

We appreciate very much his reference to Canada and quote:—

"'February from a weather standpoint is probably the worst time of the year.' This is exactly what we in New South Wales say about February!

"The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the eighteen districts indicate devoted and successful work. The frequency with which they record the attendance of chapters at Divine Worship is noteworthy. "The Grand Scribe E. reports having completed the preparation of the Pictorial History of seventy-five years.

"There is no striving after simplicity of phrase. May we very gently suggest that the report would have been more effective if the committee had to some extent at any rate 'cut the cackle and come to the bosses.' Its sentiment is fine, it contains much sound sense and constructive advice: but the adoption of the "flowery" style has led to some little confusion of thought, some little involvement of language.

"The Reviews of Proceedings of Sister Grand Chapters are from the able pen of Comp. Ponton, who has a very effective style of his own, and commend them to companions desirous of obtaining a general and comprehensive view of the whole. His quotations are expertly chosen, his own remarks are shrewd and direct. We repeat one on Arizona: 'He comments that the Supreme Architect has seen fit to spare all the members of the official line. Probably they are of no more value to the Almighty than the ordinary members of Grand Chapter.'

"His topical analytical index is again an interesting and helpful feature. Rather interesting, references in the index to New South Wales run—

Might, not Right;
Patience;
Scotland;
Work.

A touch from Mississippi:—

"It is better to have lived well than to have lived long. Comp. Myers lived both well and long. Great praise this!"

This verse from Missouri Review:—

To try the blocks we offer
with His own unerring Square.
Hands around, ye faithful Brotherhood,
the bright fraternal chain,
We part upon the Square below,
to meet in heaven again!
What words of precious meaning
those words Masonic are!
We meet upon the Level
and we part upon the Square.
NEW YORK

Frank E. Woodruff, G.H.P.
George E. Francis, Deputy G.H.P.
Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.
Charles D. Broughton, Grand Chaplain.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual opened as is their ancient custom in Albany, on February 4th, 1936.

Fourteen P.G.H.P.'s commencing with the veteran Henry DeWitt Hamilton and ending with Adrian A. Pierson were honoured in the Grand East.

Canada was as usual faithfully represented by our old friend and colleague, Edward F. Rolle, a man among men.

Grand Chaplain Broughton opened the ceremonies with the following invocation:

"For all who are gathered together, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee. Make Thy servants always to join together in seeking—

"... here assembled in Thy will, that, having Thee for their Protector and Guide, they may walk without stumbling in the paths of righteousness."

Total attendance was 484.

In the reception of Grand Representatives we read:

"The Grand High Priest directed the Grand Captain of the Host to lead in greeting the Grand Representatives with the grand honours, after which he said:

"New York is unique in its scheme of Grand Representatives. In nearly every other jurisdiction these ambassadors of good will are recruited from the rolls of Grand Officers, past and present. Many times I have witnessed the Grand High Priest receive himself as Grand Representative. It is our custom to allow no man to hold two official positions.

"Kindly convey to those whom you represent our felicitations and greetings. Do this in person if you can; if not, by some other means of communication. And when you have done this, advise your Grand High Priest of your performance of this duty."

Guests from neighbouring Grand Chapters were welcomed within the portals. Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Quebec, Virginia, South Carolina, Maine, New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia—a gallant array.

From the reception of the General Grand Chapter the following:

"M.Ex. Henry DeWitt Hamilton, one of our own Past Grand High Priests, and, as it was said last night, 'The noblest Roman of them all'.”

The G.H.P. made a full and satisfying address. We quote:

"Your co-operation, your energy, your vision and your inspiration will assist us in accomplishing our aim."
"The Great I Am has this year parted the White Veil of Heaven to permit some of our dearly beloved companions to precede us into the presence of the Grand Council Above.

"It is my sad duty to make official announcement of the loss of a sturdy pillar of our Grand Chapter, the beloved Grand Lecturer, who was summoned to the Grand Council of Heaven. This valiant champion of the best traditions and highest ideals of Royal Arch Masonry fought the good fight with marvellous fortitude and indomitable courage and sheathed his sword only when called by the Supreme High Priest.

"I consolidated two chapters in Buffalo and two more at the same place on December 4.

TUBERCULOSIS RELIEF.

"I have been at Saranac twice this year.

"Dispensation for an annual election, or installation prior to the date fixed by the By-laws of a Constituent Chapter. I have refused requests for such.

"With the present day easy means of travelling, it is unfortunate that many Chapters in the same district meet on the same night. I recommend to the following chapters that they consider the time of their Stated Convocations, intervisitations have become so prevalent and so profitable.

"Thirty miles was a day's journey. This year twenty-six companions travelled from Johnstown to Gouverneur, nearly the distance from New York to Albany, to confer the Royal Arch Degree and returned home the same night. Only a little more than a year ago, the Grand Scribe with an auto full of companions left Albany in the afternoon, went to a chapter meeting in Rochester ad returned to Albany after the meeting. Space and time have all but been eliminated.

"There are in existence minute books of chapters in which are recorded not only those present but also those absent. And failure to give a satisfactory excuse often resulted in the imposition of a fine. "O tempora, O mores."

"I have visited 148 chapters of this jurisdiction, 14 neighbouring Grand Chapter Convocations.

"February 25-26. Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario was convened at Kitchener, with the average temperature eight degrees below zero outdoors. A compensating warmth of hospitality indoors.

"To one district there will come visitors from different parts of the State, with varying viewpoints and different goals. This is obviously desirable and probably the best feature of our present method.

"The slogan 'once a Mason always a Mason' is violated not only in theory but also in fact.

"A Mason's Mark is that which can be made by a chisel and mallet. Many chapters have Books of Marks which are gorgeous and contain illustrations of their members' marks evidently executed by accomplished artists. While these are beautiful to behold they do not contain example of marks which could be made by the Mark Master Master to whom they belong.

"The Book of Marks must be kept up to date.

"Fifteen of our Royal Arch Chapters have at some time sponsored chapters of the DeMolay. Five chapters still maintain some connection with this order.

"Will the beautiful but simple ceremonies, the ancient landmarks and customs, still enlist men in these coming years of progress and evolution?
REVIEWS

"Hearken to the words of Isaiah and Jeremiah:

"Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem. Shake thyself from the dust, loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock. Thus saith the Lord: Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border."

Could anything from any modern book be more appropriate or appealing than is the volume of the Sacred Law.

Grand Master Klinck being called upon, said:—

"I recall that the strong men of the Grand Lodge were the strong men of this Grand Chapter.

"They all realize the great strength that comes from this body.

"They did not know what this great actor would do. But he arose and said the Lord's Prayer. When he had finished most of the congregation were in tears. The pastor said, 'Bro. Booth (he was a member of New York Lodge), will you explain to us just why you put such expression in that prayer?' He replied, 'We dramatists try to make fiction a reality, while so often men in prayer try to make reality a fiction.' So I say to you, we have each been taught that we are men of prayer. Let us take this little thought home. We must remember that Masonry exists for one thought."


Washington A. Russell, well and favourably known to this reviewer, Grand Lecturer of New York, submitted an admirable report of his loyal activities.

The Committee on Tuberculosis Relief composed of Companions Stagg, Condit, Hammel recommended a grant of $6,500 for this worthy offering.

O. Frank Hart made an admirable address:—

"The teachings of Masonry are the thing which the world needs. It is your job, as well as mine, to live that type of life. That is the best sermon any one ever preached. Above all the miracles, the marvelous life of the Master stands out. I am not in sympathy with those who say the younger generation has gone to hell. They are like we used to be. It brings to my mind that it is up to us to live lives so that we will be guides to those young people. I am for the young man. I have a most profound sympathy for the man who has been blessed with a fine son.

"The little boy following, as he wanted to be with his dad. As he waited and watched he saw the little boy put his feet in the footprints which he had himself made in the snow. That man said a prayer: 'Grant that I may so live so he may follow in my footsteps through life.' Go back home, companions, and catch the spirit of Capitular Masonry."

George E. Francis, of Rochester, was elected G.H.P., and in this connection the following:—
"The ballot electing the Grand High Priest was cast by his son, Comp. George E. Francis, Jr. In declaring the result of the ballot the Grand High Priest said:

"There is an Armenian tradition which I would like to read in this connection: 'Who sees his father sees God. For that father is the last in a long, unbroken chain of ancestors, binding all men to Adam, and, hence, to the origin of creation. And yet who so sees his son sees God. For this son is the next link binding humans to the last judgment, the end of all things, the consummation. Must not so holy a relationship be timid and sparing of words?"

Grand Chaplain Broughton receives an honorarium of $250.00 a year, and George E. Briggs for Foreign Correspondence receives $350.00, both outstanding Masons.

The memorials of the dead are again in charge of the Grand Chaplain:—

"It is a profound truth, my companions, that Death is the Great Leveller. A few days ago, the body of King George of England was laid in its final resting place at Windsor.

"But after all the essentials of farewell were the same.

"Their eyes did not see the pomp of that event. So perhaps they better realize how true it is that Death is the Great Leveller and that loving and sorrowful farewells from earth, for kings and for the humble alike, differ not at all."

"Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death."

Hery DeWitt Hamilton installed the Grand Officers elected. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is again from the inimitable head, and heart and pen of George E. Briggs.

We make the following extracts from his introduction:—

"I keep six honest serving men:
(They taught me all I knew.)
Their names are What and Where and When
And How and Why and Who.

"When the books of varying thickness are opened and the pages scanned, the contents, the facts, fancies and figures present a new kaleidoscopic narrative to the discerning eye.

"In some Grand Chapters the net loss was less than that of the previous year. We could not find any membership figures for Arkansas, Mark Master of England and Wales, or England, while New South Wales, Scotland and Queensland printed only a total membership. •

"Moreover, these sessions took place at varying dates in almost every month except July and August. Our 'snake machine', which we call that because it is an adder, indicated to us that the total net loss as recorded in fifty-two Proceedings was 59,859. A year ago we reported a net loss of 65,934.

"The fact that we were not alone in our distress and troubles was much like the fellow tortured with rheumatism who was told by his neighbour that 'he had it too, and worse' than the party of the first part. However kindly the thought that was mighty poor consolation for the said party of the first part."
"For when the One great scorer
Comes to write against our name
He writes not that we won or lost
But how we played the game."

"We were glad to discover that inter-jurisdictional visits by Grand
High Priests or present or Past Grand Officers were increasing. We
of the Eastern, Middle and occasional Southern States long since ac-
quired this habit of calling upon each other. In the West, Southwest,
Northwest and Canada, the practice of interstate amenities by Grand
Officers has been steadily gaining. It cannot help but bring about a
closer spirit of comradeship, a more intimate fellowship between the
rank and file of our great fraternity. Further, the interchange of
ideas, gaining of information, new friends, etc., must ultimately bene-
fit all participating in these Capitular migrations from State to State."

We believe it was our famous orator and statesman, Roscoe
Conkling, who said in nominating in 1880, at Chicago, General
Grant for the Presidency for a third term, "He will hew close
to the right, let the chips fly where they may." The latter part
of this sentence has come to most common usage. It is re-
spectfully submitted in the present controversial subject:—

"As we conclude we want to add our belief to that expressed by
so many Grand High Priests that one of our great troubles in Masonry,
as in political, civic and social life, is that we are too materialistic. We
dwell too much on number of members, bettering our financial con-
dition, making a showing in our records. We lose sight of the ideals, the
sentiment, the romance of Masonry in our grasp for, and reaching out
for, the material. Some one has said, 'The man who declaims against
sentiment and scorns romance is a man to be feared and avoided, a
man who would rob the sunset of its glory, wash the green off the
grass and foliage, and strip the gold from the ripening grain, if there
were profit in the process.' To this sentiment we say, 'Amen.'

"Through the days of labour and the nights of rest,
May the love of Allah fill your breast;
So I touch my heart as true Masons do,
May the peace of Allah abide with you."

This from the Alabama Review:—

"'Indices Oculi', which being translated means, 'The countenance
is the portrait of the soul, and the eyes mark its intentions'."

We take from Arkansas:—

"'Cato said: 'Buy not what you want, but what you have need of;
what you do not want is dear at a farthing'."

Canada at Kitchener receives friendly and fraternal treat-
ment:—

"This Grand Jurisdiction is made of 158 subordinate units in the
Province of Ontario and one in the Yukon. Total membership, 21,931,
of which 107 were in the Yukon. The Grand Scribe E. reported five
delinquent chapters out of 159. We did not think that such a debacle.
"M.E. Alexander Cowan, in his succinct address, indicated a busy
year. He recommended changing time of meeting.
"Regrets were received from Edward F. Rolle, Grand Representative near New York.

"Ponton gave four of the 130 pages of his reviews for his topical analytical, alphabetical index. New York appeared under Banks, Courage, Faith, Foreign Tongue, Grand Representatives, Gold Standard, Humour, Invocation, K. of C., Mark Lodge, Memorials, National Conventions, Relay Race, Roll Call, Spicy Language."

Under District of Columbia a literary touch:—

"It was Isaac D'Israeli who said: 'Philosophy becomes poetry, and science imagination, in the enthusiasm of genius'."

This from the Review of England:—

"As we stated before, our English Companions emphasize the publication of the names of officials and the Masonic job they hold.

"The Pro First Grand Principal gave an interesting account of his recent visit to Sweden on the occasion of the celebration of the Bicentenary Meeting of Lodge Den Nordiska Forsta at Stockholm.

"On August 7, Lord Ampthill died. Naturally the Proceedings of this Convocation gave considerable space to the announcement of the death, and eulogies, of the Pro First Grand Principal, who had presided over England's Grand Chapter for twenty-seven years.

"Goldsmith, in the 'Traveller' called England 'The land of scholars and the nurse of arms.' Might it not be called, 'The Land of Free-masons,' from Masonic history as we have read it, and from the names of the men of scholarship, title and prominence found in these quarterly reports."

Illinois, a great Jurisdiction, furnishes great opportunities to the Reviewer:—

"We understand that the State of Illinois is named for the Illini tribe of Indians whose name meant 'Men'. To Illini the French added their adjective terminal 'ois'. Certainly the Royal Arch Masons of Illinois must be men, when they can carry on with their chins up in the face of a staggering net loss of 8,361. Yet they still have the largest membership in the Capitular world, 63,212, in 233 chapters. The dismission and suspension figures were astounding. The number of deaths, too, was extraordinary but it must be remembered that the Prairie State, with the wood violet as its flower, covers a lot of terrain while its Grand Chapter has a huge roster, so, by and far, perhaps these figures were not disproportionate when compared with other Jurisdictions.

"In other words cease to be weeping Jeremias."

Iowa is treated graphically but briefly:—

"Their large volume of Proceedings, brimful of wide-awake addresses, reports, resolutions, statistics, reviews, etc.

"Milton, who wrote, 'Awake, arise, or be forever fall'n!'

"Let's have the depressing news first and then forget it."

From the romantic Kentucky Review this verse:—

"Up! Up! my friend and quit your books. Or surely you'll grow double; Up! Up! my friend and clear your looks; Why all this toil and trouble."
Briggs is fairly saturated with literary gems. He quotes in New Hampshire:

"Walter Foss wrote in 'The Coming American':

"Bring me men to match my mountains,
Bring me men to match my plains,
Men with empires in their purpose,
And new eras in their brains."

He is also in touch with the classics. Under Oregon we read:

"Plautus wrote, 'Nothing is more annoying than a tardy friend.'"

In Texas Briggs brings us into touch with Demosthenes:

"Was it Demosthenes, and he was 'some talker' too, who said, 'As a vessel is known by the sound whether it be cracked or not; so men are proved, by their speeches whether they be wise or foolish.' After perusing those remarkable orations in the Texan volume, there could be but one decision—wise."

Grand Chaplain Broughton delivered a wonderful address to Grand Chapter on "The Dimensions of Life". We quote:

"I ask you to remember Methusaleh's name, because his life, the longest one ever mentioned, was nevertheless in many respects a failure because it had only one dimension—Length. There must be other dimensions to make life worth living. The 'something doing,' which gives life a zest, always comes in the other dimensions of a man's life—Breadth and Height. It all depends a good deal on the man himself.

"Some men would say that a quiet life, like that of Pasteur, for instance, whose discoveries in the field of science have enabled millions of people to escape the scourge of disease, had 'nothing doing' in it because it had no bustle or noise or excitement. Whereas the truth is, of course, that it was one of the most important lives ever lived, infinitely more important than the life of Napoleon.

"A salesman shot himself in a hotel some years ago. He was thirty-six years old, a bachelor, earning a good salary with a reputation as a 'good liver' and 'man about town.' He left a note saying he was 'tired of the game.' Tired of the game! Why, he was never in the game! Living just to himself and spending all his money on himself, that is not the 'game of life'.

"The question, how broad is your life? is a much more important one than how long it is. I know that the lives of all of us are outwardly narrow. The circumstances of our work keep us from roaming over as broad a territory as we would like.

"He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

"'Friendship' is a top story with a fine, large view out into other lives. 'Home,' when we make it a place of unselfishness and love, is a top story where the finest things in life develop and grow, a true place of sunlight. 'Books,' 'music,' 'art,' 'wholesome recreation' that gives zest and fitness for work. All these are things which lift a man up to the best uses of life. How high do you live?"

"Lead on, O King Eternal:
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears."
Charles W. Haentschel of Haileybury must be proud to represent such a Grand Jurisdiction as New York.

NORTH CAROLINA

Ralph L. Chandler, G.H.P.
William Ritchie Smith, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual opened in ample form in Gastonia, March 17th, 1936.

At this meeting the Grand Scribe, R. Ex. Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., was elected G.H.P. From his biography he would seem to be the right man in the right place. He has a fine record. We quote:—

"Grand High Priest Hartsell is a man of engaging personality and of wide interest. One of the youngest men ever to be installed Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, he has already written his name large on the records of the legal profession in his native state, and he has been legal counsel in some of the most important litigation which has come before the counts of the State in recent years.

"Youth was ever more aggressive than age. He has served as Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis Clubs, Director of the General Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina."

From the Report of the G.H.P., who speaks approvingly of the D.D.G.H.P.'s, saying:—

"I feel that each of them have done everything possible considering local conditions, to improve Capitular conditions in their District."

As to Chapters generally he says:—

"I find a few instances where there is plenty of activity for the chapter but the officers are not interested or errors were made in their selection and in some instances presiding officers were elected against their will and consequently nothing has been accomplished in those Chapters."

"They were not in a position to confer the degrees creditably. This, companions, is a serious situation where we have brethren who are seeking 'Further Light in Masonry' and are unable to obtain it.

"Inasmuch as there are Grand Chapter and Grand Council meetings I feel that the entire time, so far as possible, should be devoted to the business of these organizations, and other groups should be discouraged in holding their meetings at this same time, which must of necessity conflict to a certain extent with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council meetings."

He has committed an important matter to the Jurisprudence Committee:—

"I have asked the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee to offer amendments to our laws that will permit the consolidation of chapters with a minimum of 'red tape'.

"It is impossible to complete a program during the six or eight months of activity, which the average chapter has, as a majority of the chapters suspend during the summer months."
Eight G.H.P.'s were welcomed as well as O. Frank Hart, with the General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Master of North Carolina.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer roll call. Distinguished visitors from Tennessee were welcomed.

Membership, 3,686. Loss, 329.

With regard to Companion Randolph the Committee on Necrology report feelingly:

"Moreover no high-sounding title, and no honour conferred upon him by Masonic Orders, could hide the dignity of his manhood and his brotherhood. For he was above all things a man and a brother.

"The life of this Mason, of this man, will remain to us an inspiration to service. No higher praise could be bestowed upon a Mason or a man. Let it be justly bestowed upon him here, as we believe it will be bestowed by the all-seeing Father."

O. Frank Hart gave his usual felicitious greetings.

The Oxford Loan Fund was reported on at length. The fund totals $11,068.00.

The whole Proceedings are printed and published by the Press of the Oxford Orphanage and give credit to the young men and women guests.

There are now about five thousand volumes in the orphanage library.

There being no Capitular law governing the consolidation of Chapters, it was decided to follow the law of Grand Lodge until Grand Chapter adopt such a law.

The Special Ritual Committee report:—

"We found that there is a demand for a change in the Mark degree, to restore the 'journey back to the quarries'.

"The smaller chapters desire a stort form of M. E. M. degree."

At the election of officers this incident:

"The feature of the election of officers for the ensuing year was the casting of the unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter by R.E. Comp. J. Edward Allen for himself as Grand Master of the Second Veil."

A unique and well-merited compliment.

W. G. Bandy of Lincolnton is the Grand Representative of Canada.

Edward C. Berkinshaw, of Toronto, an active and esteemed member of the fraternity, is the Grand Representative of North Carolina.

Membership of anointed High Priests is 399.

NORTH DAKOTA

Albert G. Johnson, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

From the biography of the G.H.P. we take the following:
"'Al' was born in Sweden, 1871, and hence he comes from fine, sturdy stock. Well, 'Al' is just that sort—able, honest, citizen all these years. He is an expert Craftsman and when we say expert we mean just that. In other words he is a Past Master when it comes to unravelling the intricacies of a lock or any other piece of machinery that takes skill and brains to understand. He is an excellent ritualist and an indefatigable worker, a diplomat in the handling of men and as devoted a friend as one could wish."

The Forty-seventh Convocation was held in Fargo, January 21st, 1936.

Throughout the Proceedings we note the vital touch of Grand Secretary Stockwell, which makes even dry and formal Proceedings seem vivid and not mere typography.

General G.H.P. O'Hara, of Toledo, was cordially welcomed. Canadian visitors from Manitoba and Saskatchewan were received with all honour, and instead of God Save the King being sung, a fervent prayer of sympathy because of the recent death of King George V. was uttered.

Nine P.G.H.P.'s were received at the altar.

"This is not a large body, neither are we crowded for time. Both of these conditions enhance the value of our associations together. Don't hold back. Get in the spirit of this Convocation. Become acquainted not only with the companion next to you, but greet every one here. The utmost spirit of fraternal good will prevails and we want you all to share it. You are thrice welcome."

No less than three P.G.H.P.'s had passed during the year.

J. Alfred Burnett was appointed Grand Representative of North Dakota, and Guy R. Van Sickle is the Grand Representative of Canada and was duly present.

Further quotations from the G.H.P.'s address are as follows:—

"Owing to the death of M.E. Comp. George Guthrie who had been for nearly twenty years our Fraternal Correspondent, I have asked M.E. Comp. Walter H. Murfin to prepare a brief review.

"Things don't run themselves any more. It takes thought and effort to arouse and maintain interest and enthusiasm. The chapter which does nothing, cannot complain if interest is at low ebb. 'Me must be up and doing.'

"This means that you and your officers, the Grand Officers and myself have to be more diligent and resourceful.

"Make plans and then work our plans.

"Nothing will go of itself unless it be an avalanche and that means destruction.

"Manitoba at Winnipeg. It is needless to say that we were received with every courtesy and shown generous hospitality. These companions of Manitoba are an excellent group of men and Masons and it is fine that we can fraternize so frequently with them. Unconsciously it contributes to International Good Will and that means much in these troublesome times. To have Americas united in a resolve to maintain peace is a tremendous asset."
“I think no Royal Arch event in the history of this Jurisdiction has ever approached in quality and magnitude this International Convocation. It developed into huge proportions.

MASONIC ISLAND.

“As you all know I am deeply interested in the development of this fine piece of North Dakota ‘Out-of-doors,’ now the property of the Masons of this state. I appreciate my membership on its governing board, and have given time, thought and money to its administration.

CANADA

Erected and Presented
by
Deloraine Lodge, No. 40,

“I can hand the gavel to my successor with a clear conscience. Within my physical strength I have tried to serve you with freedom, fervency and zeal.

“The Grand Chapter stood at ease during the reception of a Committee from the Grand Chapter O.E.S. Past Grand Patrons, O.E.S., acted as escort to Mrs. Minnie E. Rusk, Grand Secretary.”

From the Grand Secretary’s Report the following:—

“There are some lines from the poet Bryant which read:

“Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;
The eternal years of God are less;
But error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshippers.”

“Nothing is accomplished now without greater effort than in former days. Ask any business man about sales effort. He’ll tell you that the only thing that counts is ever increasing effort. We are holding our lines. The thing to do is to dig.”

The Report concludes thus:—

“We recognize that the changes in the past 25 years are little short of revolutionary, but no enduring society or civilization can be built upon any other foundation than that upon which our Masonic Fraternity is built. Let us accept the changes in methods but never abandon the principles.”

The Educational Foundation thrives, $1,600 being outstanding in student loans, the total resources amounting to over $2,100.

M.E. Comp. Yorke said in his address:—

“Freemasonry sounds the finest keynote found outside the Church. There is need of a better citizenship.”

From the Necrology Report the following:—

“May we suggest that every lesson of our Capitular Rite points to the idea of stewardship and trusteeship. The weary sojourners from Babylonish captivity wished only to have a part in the great work.”

The Committee on the Good of the Order admonishes:—

“Include every one in your plans. Go to work. Never quit working. This will bring results.”

James E. Turner was elected G.H.P.
The following is out of the ordinary and therefore interesting:—

"MONKEY WRENCH GANG"

"This novel organization functions not within the Grand Chapter R.A.M., but it is of that organization. Its purpose is to inject into what might otherwise be an overly serious meeting or merely a dull routine, something of a light and humorous nature. It is largely the creation of the fertile brain and nimble wit of Walter H. Murfin."

Walter H. Murfin, P.G.H.P., strikes a new note and adopts a new form in succeeding Companion E. George Guthrie. We quote:—

"E. George, himself, had given thought to the problem and before his passing penned these words as his introduction to the report he expected to write. They are his last words for us:

"'Let us not get away from our ancient grounded principles too far, there is no necessity for our Order to compete with service clubs in the way of providing attractions, we should adhere and not deviate from our established standards of foundation—Brotherhood.

"'Shortly we shall find many growlings about the ritual, whatever 'the ritual' may be in any Grand Chapter. These growlings will mean that much work is being done and the companions are thinking about how to make things more effective. When that's going on, the cause is safe.'

"There are still some one-man Chapters. In the cases where the chapters are being held together by that one-man, we deeply appreciate it and want to thank him. But it is a bad condition.

"We had a ritualistic spree during those years, in which we did nothing but confer degrees. We forgot to instruct the candidate in the moral and spiritual meaning of those degrees. The thinking grasped the idea, saw the opportunity they had to become more useful citizens, and guided by the tenets and principles of freemasonry, they are with us to-day.

"Eating a chicken dinner and listening to an after-dinner speech that, so far as being a Masonic talk was concered, compared very favourably with Josh Billings celebrated lecture on 'Milk,' when he would bring out a glass of milk, set it on a pedestal and say, 'Cream is the best thing I know on milk,' and never say another word about milk, butter or buttermilk for the next hour and a half.

"Control your Chapter's destiny. But, as has often been said, 'The best remedy for all the evils of the world is work.'

"'Taking in' is a phrase which completely covers the situation. As the Grand Orator of Illinois said: 'When the degrees were being conferred, it was not another brother in Masonry entering our doors, but another fee on its way to the secretary's desk.'

"GOING TO THE DOGS"

"My grandpa notes the world's worn cogs,
And says we're going to the dogs;
His grandad, in his house of logs,
Swore things were going to the dogs;
His dad, among his Flemish bogs,
Vowed things were going to the dogs;
The caveman, in his queer skin togs,
Said things were going to the dogs.
But this is what I wish to state—
The dogs have had an awful wait."
J. Alfred Burnett, of Toronto, is the new Grand Representative of North Dakota.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons held their Annual Assembly and their Proceedings are published with those of the Chapter, Albert G. Tverberg being the Grand Master.

Of the late Comp. Guthrie, their First Grand Master, it is recorded:

"Comp. Guthrie presided. His good humour and ready wit, dispelling the unconscious but ominous forebodings that to be a Masonic veteran, one has usually passed the meridian of life and that the western horizon will soon glow from another setting sun, eventually betokening the dissolution of our own earthly tabernacle."

The Council is represented by our own M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, of Toronto.

**NOVA SCOTIA**

Rev. Herbert Leonard Haslam, G.H.P.
Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary.
John W. Logan, Grand Secretary-elect.
Reginald V. Harris, Grand Archivist.
The Sixty-seventh Annual of Nova Scotia with Jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, was held at Halifax the 9th of June, 1936.

Nine P.G.H.P.'s reported for duty and honour.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with on the new ground that on the assurance of the G.H.P. that the minutes have been properly reported. We suggest that the G.H.P. has already sufficient responsibilities without this being added.

The Rev. Herbert Leonard Haslam, M.A., is a graduate of Harbord Collegiate and the University of Toronto, and of King's College and Wycliffe. His portrait is striking and impressive.

The Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master of Knights Templar and Deputy R. V. Harris were received and welcomed.

W. Kemp was introduced by Brother MacKay in a manner befitting a native of the "Garden of the Gulf" where also, G.H.P. Haslam sprang.

Letters were received from T. V. Bingay, of Toronto, and from Companions McKee, of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Brown, of Virginia.

From the G.H.P.'s in every way worthy address we make the following citations:

"The Grand Convocation should be to us a mountain-top of inspir-
ation from whence we go back to our various sections filled with enthusiasm for our Royal Craft. May it be our endeavour to make it so.

"The year which has elapsed since our last Grand Convocation has been a memorable one. The passing of his Gracious Majesty, King George V, plunged the British Commonwealth of Nations into deep sorrow, and called forth condolences.

"Because of this close contact with his subjects, and his love for them all,—as he expressed in his Christmas message,—'It is this personal link between me and my people which I value more than I can say.'

"It binds us together in our common joys and sorrows, 'the individual learned to think of his Majesty as HIS King.' Never before had the throne of England been more 'Broad-based upon the peoples' will.'

"Ritual. In the hands of a capable revision committee, I am sure that improvements could be made which would make for elucidation. The Royal Arch degree is a long one, and I am doubtful whether it is conducive to the true apprehension of the lessons which it has to convey.

"During the year, I was able to make contact with all the chapters of the Jurisdiction with the one exception of Chedabucto.

"During the year it has been my happy privilege to emphasize the spiritual character of Royal Arch Masonry. I have done this because I believe that in catching its essential meaning, Masonry becomes a sublimer element in our lives, a greater challenge to all that is best within us, and an incentive to shape our lives according to its tenets. Masonry is concerned with life, every-day life. Its goal is to shape us as living stones for that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. From an Entered Apprentice to a Royal Arch Mason we are taken through the various stages of life."

"For as the tired waves, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light,
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly!
But westward, look, the land is bright."

The Committee on the G.H.P.'s address say that they are grateful for his year of service and that his eloquent addresses have been masterpieces.

It will be noted that the nomenclature of the Officers follows the American fashion.

Twenty-two High Priests were elected.
Membership—1,770—back where it was eighteen years ago, but what a vastly different outlook.

Brenton F. Porter, veteran Grand Secretary, was honoured with the Past rank of G.H.P., and he will retire on an allowance of $400.00 annually.

George S. Wright duly represented Canada.
Twenty histories of Chapters have been prepared.
The G.H.P. was re-elected.
John W. Logan was elected Grand Secretary.
These verses are quoted in the In Memoriam pages:—

“But ever near, as though unseen,
Their bright immortal spirits tread,
For all the universe is life—
There are no dead.”

“Thy word is true,
Thy will is just;
To Thee we leave them,
Lord, in trust.”

We note that M. Ex. Comp. John A. Rowland holds Honorary Rank.
M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, who has a genius for making and keeping friendships, is Grand Representative of Nova Scotia.

**OHIO**

Roscoe R. Walcutt, Grand High Priest.
Mont. C. Hambright, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Grand Convocation was held in Columbus, October 2nd, 1935.
Eighteen out of nineteen Past Grand High Priests were duly in attendance, including William T. S. O’Hara, General G.H.P., a fine array of honoured Companions.
Grand Chaplain Fessenden offered the following invocation:—

“Our Heavenly Father, vouchsafe unto us in these confused and inveterate times discretionary powers and clear discernment that we may see aright and act accordingly. Let no fog cloud our thinking and no vain and foolish philosophy disturb our balance. Give to us a sure sense, a certain touch, a careful and well ordered skill and an unshaken purpose.

“The acid test of history, reason and experience. May we be no mere time-savers, no dull and listless workers, no perfunctory performers, but men and companions in whose hearts the ancient and unceasing fires burn, men whose very pulses throb with the power of truth and the glory of service. Save us, from sordid bondage to self and selfish pursuits. Broaden and deepen all the channels of our thought.”

Distinguished guests from Ohio, Connecticut, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania and General Grand Chapter were welcomed and honoured.

The General G.H.P. in acknowledging greetings said:—

“Your wonderful administration of the affairs of the Grand Chapter of Ohio are known not only in Ohio, and most highly appreciated, but beyond the confines of the Buckeye State. I am sure that you have
recognized one thing that Freemasonry has a need for, which briefly stated, is to set the Craft to work and give them proper instructions. That is the greatest need to-day in the United States.

"We shall come back again in that prosperity which I hope will be real and permanent, and which is based on the reception of the men into the Order because of real manhood and worthiness."

From the address of welcome of the Columbus Companions we quote:—

"I found a very interesting further note, and that is that the candidate was expected to notify all Royal Arch Masons within sixteen miles of Marietta at his own expense. It might be some task for candidates now to notify all the Royal Arch Masons within sixteen miles of the public square in the City of Cleveland or Broad and High in the City of Columbus of the fact he was to be given the degrees.

"The eleventh toast was to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Ohio—The repository of our mysteries, truth crowns our Royal Arch.' That seems to be the theme, 'Truth has crowned our Royal Arch over these years'."

The D.G.H.P. responded:—

"Some time ago I inquired of one of the very distinguished companions who sits near me relative to the duties of the Deputy Grand High Priest. And this is the answer that he gave me, very quickly and I thought with some perhaps too much, feeling. He said, 'To respond to the address of welcome and then be as dignified as it is possible for you to be."

The G.H.P. made an excellent address:—

"And through it all the voices of false prophets with incessant clamor vex the ear in marketplace and temple with the house of the king.

"The grass withereth; the flower fadeth; but the word of our God endureth forever.

"In the light of this faith I welcome you.

"One of the most successful ways in which to advance the cause of Capitular Masonry is to interest officers of Symbolic Lodges in the great Masonic truths contained in our degrees. It is my belief that no man should serve as Master of his lodge unless he has had the secret of a Master Mason as he finds it in the Royal Arch Degree. No chapter should be content so long as one Master or Warden in its jurisdiction has not received the lessons of Royal Arch Masonry.

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

Lack of provision for Life Membership having regard to the future, is deplored.

A dispensation to hold a joint Installation with the Eastern Star and a Dispensation to hold a Chapter out of doors, were refused on the ground that such procedure is unnecessary, undesirable and illegal.
Several decisions were given:—
"The Code of the Grand Chapter being silent on the subject, the Code of the Grand Lodge controls, and a dimitted member of a chapter may re-affiliate with his former Chapter within three years, and petition and three-fourths vote."

Much attention is paid to the rendition of Ritual:—
"The Ritual of a Foreign Jurisdiction with which we are on fraternal relations, is contrary to the best interests of Masonry within the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio.
"The primary purpose of this legislation is to prevent the unauthorized exemplification of a Ritual by individuals belonging to Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions, within Ohio Chapters, and not to prevent the exchange of fraternal courtesies."

The Ohio Masonic Home is dear to the hearts of the Companions as well as to Craft Masonry. It is an outstanding feature of Ohio. The inmates of the Masonic Home are aged as follows:—

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Definite progress at the Home sponsored by the Grand Chapter, is recommended.

The G.H.P. thus concludes:—
"Royal Arch Masonry is not a social order, though it values its contacts with men; it returns to its members far more than it receives from them; it is not a charitable order simply, though it ministers to the helpless and the unfortunate and the sorrowing.
"Lord, thou has been our dwelling place in all generations."

Membership, 55,403. Net loss, 5,175.
Henry Grue faithfully represented Canada.
Necrologist and Grand Chaplain Fessenden quoted:—

"When souls go down to the sea by ship,
And the dark ship's name is Death,
Why mourn and wail at the vanishing sail?
Though outward bound, God's world is round,
And only a ship is Death."

And in his invocation:—
"Widen our view. Expand our natures and thus save us from lilleness, folly, futility, selfishness and trivial pursuits."
Franz K. Hall was elected G.H.P.

Of "The New Age" the following:—
"The New Age it may be explained is the monthly magazine published by the Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite 33° S. J., long known as one of the eminent Masonic journals of America."
$400.00 is paid the Foreign Correspondent and he well merits and earns it.
G.H.P. Hanby, of Pennsylvania, said:—

"To some of his friends at his boarding house, and his boarding mistress was serving. After the meal was over he said to her, 'You know I believe every seven hundredth year is the great platonic year, when everything returns to its former condition.' Now he said, 'I do not have the money to pay you for this dinner. Will it be all right if I keep it in mind and seven hundred years from now when we are gathered around here as we are tonight, I will pay you for it.' She said, 'Yes, that is perfectly all right, but I remember seven hundred years ago you told me the same thing. Now, if you will just pay for that dinner you owed seven hundred years ago I will gladly trust for you for this.'

"But, Companions, we are, I think, over the brink of may I say 'despond'."

This from the speech of the G.H.P. of Kentucky:—

"I come among you this morning a stranger, but I feel sure that I will go home a friend.

"We each of us carry a torch. We each of us bear in our hand a lighted torch.

"An elderly gentleman walking down the street met youngster. He put his hand on his head and said, 'My boy, what is the politics in your family?' The youngster shifted from one foot to the other and back again, but finally he said, 'Well, Mister, I will tell you how it is. Pa is a Democrat. Ma is a Republican. The cow is dry. The baby wet. The dog's a Socialist and howls all night.'"

This from the Grand Commander Knights Templar:—

"I bring to you the felicitations of the Grand Commandery. That means that one arm of Masonry shakes hands with the other arm, and says, 'Thank heaven, we are here.'

"So we have just got to roll up our sleeves and make good again. We have been sagging a little bit all of us."

Finally we quote from General G.H.P. O'Hara:—

"In uplifting the level of mankind, know that Royal Arch Masonry is founded upon principles eternal and everlasting, and that their Masonry is a never-changing institution in an ever-changing world.

"Just a little while ago I heard this little gem: 'Freemasonry is the quiet and restful, the intellectual home of the average man of good will and common sense.' It is the average man in the world of motion, a world of purposeful progress. Men who have discovered one another. Get that strong point in it.'

"Men who have discovered that the brotherhood of man depends and rests upon the manhood in the brother. Have you made careful selection and are you certain in his manhood? If you have the major result will be that your Bodies, like Freemasonry itself, are thoroughly and perpetually established in your communities."

P.G.H.P. Collins said:—

"First, a clear conscience which very few of us can honestly claim. Second, tolerance which is defined as a recognition of the rights of others, particularly in reference to religion. The third attribute is an understanding heart, which leads us to a silent appreciation of those situations in which others find themselves. Fourth, a desire to do good, which to my mind is inherent in all. The fifth and all inclusive attribute is a faith in God."
These verses we quote:—

"I know that right is right; that it is not good to lie;
That love is better than spite, and a neighbour than a spy;
I know that passion needs the leash of a sober mind;
I know that generous deeds some sure reward will find;

That the rulers must obey; that the givers shall increase;
That duty lights the way for the beautiful feet of peace;
In the darkest night of the year, when the stars have all gone out,
That courage is better than fear, that faith is better than doubt."

Comp. Fessenden spoke thus:—

"I am speaking upon this particular subject, 'Masonry in a Day Like This.'

"Mr. Frederick W. Boreham, one of the greatest essayists of our day, an Australian preacher, in one of his very impressive essays, in speaking about the subject of disillusionment and the disillusionment that comes to men in life and oftentimes works ruin, illustrates this matter of disillusionment by drawing the picture of the little girl in the family who has come to the first day when she now knows that the doll which she has loved with as much personal affection as the personal affection of her mother for herself, the doll that she has carried in her beating little heart, has now become nothing but a soiled rag in her hand and a pile of sawdust at her feet on the floor. Mr. Boreham says that is one of the most critical hours in the life of this little girl, because in that hour a painful philosophy of life is born.

"Yet to-night a great portion of this world of ours is trembling upon the brink of that dark horror that we know as war, which devastates everything from Heaven down.

"Now, this is a day of disillusionment. It is a tragic thing when a world goes to pieces as our world has gone to pieces and leaves its people as we have been left. But I know they know something about how people feel and how things affect people, still I take it that is a hopeful sign when a President of the United States, who had to busy himself almost absolutely with the material conditions of affairs, turns at last to the men who are supposed to be able to give spiritual inspiration to people and wants to know what there is back of money, back of a returned commercialism, back of a restored finance, back of great industry, upon which we must depend, asking also concerning spiritual power, moral power, the man and the womanhood that lies back of everything and without which nothing is of any value. He wants to know what there is that we can draw upon to help solve the problems of this country that has been tottering on and on down through these weary years at such terrible cost.

"I think the ministers of this country are going to tell the President something.

"The next thing I want to say about it is that Masonry in a day like this provides some great final things. It seems to be a kind of finality.

"Take the primary colours. When I went to school, there were seven. Now they have them reduced to three, and some say the next generation will have them down to one, will have them all run.

"Take the notes of music. I can't play a single instrument and I can't sing, but I have been told there are eight notes of music, and
from the time the morning stars sang together at the dawn of this world until this world shall fold up and become a part of eternity."

"The old man answered, 'Massa, to tell you the truth, I was just out here serenading my own soul.' That from a coloured man, born in slavery; no gates of life's opportunity had ever opened out before him! Yet he had discovered that the principal thing of value in this world is the soul of a man worthy of a serenade by himself."

Our own Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E. and Past Grand Z. of our Grand Chapter, is the Grand Representative of Ohio.

Carl W. Sperling again edits or creates the Capitular Review for the fifth time, saying in his introduction:—

"A proper conduct on our part will convince mankind that Masonry offers something not to be found in any other organization, and as an aid to prove the truth of this assertion, we should not cheapen the fraternity by reducing fees for degrees, nor by careless selection of applicants for membership. Look for Quality, and forget Quantity. What we need now, is not so much the wail of the saxophone in the evening, but rather the blare of the bugle in the morning. 'Let's go, companions'!"

Canada at Kitchener is reviewed with a friendly touch. He pays special tribute to the comments of Grand Z. Cowan under "Changing Conditions" saying and commenting "how true this rings":—

"I firmly believe that the world will never be righted and its apparent wrongs adjusted until our churches are crowded on the Sabbath day as our houses of entertainment are during the week.

"And from the report on Condition of Capitular Masonry in the far-flung battle line of the Yukon, we read these lines, 'The chapter is in good financial condition and has weathered the worst of the storm. Greater interest and more earnest endeavour may be expected.

"He praises the report of the Condition of Capitular Masonry:

"Comp. Ponton again writes the Correspondence Reports and presents a job well done."

A verse from the Iowa Review:—

"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."

OKLAHOMA

Edward M. Washington, G.H.P.
James A. Lathim, Grand Secretary.

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation was held at Oklahoma City, April 21, 1936.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened by Cyrus Chapter to whom the G.H.P. and Grand Officers were introduced and were received and welcomed with appropriate honours.
The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and other visitors were honoured.

Canada was represented by her Grand Representative, William Noble. Proceedings began with his admonition:—

"Grand High Priest: 'Companions, during the sessions of this Grand Chapter you will please refrain from whispering on the sidelines.'"

From the address of the G.H.P. the following:—

"As the years come and go our love and friendship deepened into a more perfect union and we trust that those who are here for the first time may enter into that spirit, realizing that the distinguishing characteristics of our society are Zal, Fidelity and Affection.

"Surely we can explain as the Psalmist of old, 'For He is good, for His Mercy endureth forever.'

"The Grand Secretary's report will show that 122 of our companions and many hundreds from other Grand Jurisdictions have obeyed the final summons and this afternoon a joint memorial service will be held where suitable honour will be paid to those who have gone to their Eternal Home."

A feeling reference is made to the death of the late Comp. Ira B. Kirkland, whose name is well-known to all of us.

The History of Masonry has been prepared, which cost over $1,800, and a report of many "homeless" R.A.M's was read:—

"There are perhaps over five hundred Royal Arch Masons in Oklahoma in cities and communities without a home, on account of their chapters surrendering charters. I recommend that the High Priest and the Secretary nearest to these place be active and garner into their chapters many good companions who are homeless."

The G.H.P. concluded with this admonition and encouragement:—

"'As for me and my chapter, we will do this work as it should be done'.

"I come to the end of my official journey with the hope that others more able than myself may plant the Standard of Royal Arch Masonry where it can be seen as a landmark to those who advance in Masonic truth."

Membership, 6,647. Net loss 422.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through Comp. Eugene Hamilton, proposed:—

"The Supreme Grand Chapter of England organized a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for France; this Grand Chapter, known as the Grande Chapitre Royale pour la France, has been working under English patronage for more than five years, is regular, supreme and self-governing, and is attached, after the English and Scottish custom, to the Grande Lodge Nationale Independente et Reguliere pour la France and its colonies.

"The Grand Chapter of Oregon turned from a consideration of a ritualistic change to sever relations with the Scottish Grand Chapter. New South Wales was to be notified but no advice of the action was to be given to the Scotch."
"At the feast of the Vernal Equinox, the Scotch Companions seemed to enjoy themselves in spite of Oregon's ultimatum."

The Students' Loan Fund shows receipts for interest of $2,104, and payments on loans $3,550, evidently a live organization.

A touching Memorial Service was held, from the records of which we quote:—

"It is for us living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us,—that from these honoured dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion.

"... after which the Magnificat was sung and the report of the Committee on Necrology received.

"After this, the Nunc Demittis was sung by a choir from Cyrus Chapter and Oklahoma City Chapter.

"... so live and die that others may say of us, as we can truly say of them, 'They served their generation well and have fallen on sleep'."

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present.
The Triennial Fund had $1,500 to its credit to pay expenses to General Grand Chapter.

Ben. H. Frohock was elected G.H.P.

From the remarks of distinguished visitors we take the following:—

"I want to say this to you. I think that on this very day you have written history within the chapter that in the years to come will be the means of a growth in Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction that will far exceed that of your own experience.

"I was very much interested in the resolution for the Vocational Building. I think a great step as been taken by this Grand Body by offering this building."

The Secretaries and Recorders' Association duly met with profit to themselves. Among the questions asked was the following:—

"Should officers advanced several stations and become indifferent be dropped from the line?"

In Memoriam pictures of Ira B. Kirkland and other Most Excellent Companions—old treasures of memory.

Ed. Worth, of Chatham, is the worthy Grand Representative of Oklahoma.

OREGON

Lloyd L. Scott, Grand High Priest.
D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary.

The handsome features of Lloyd L. Scott, G.H.P., adorn the Proceedings. We quote from his biography:—

"A brilliant ritualist and an ardent worker, Lloyd L. Scott has added much to Masonry in both Alaska and Oregon and upon retire-
ment from the highest office in the gift of the Craft, he will always be found in the ranks of the workers."

The Seventy-sixth Annual opened in ample form in Portland, April 14, 1936.

A Memorial Service was held in memory of deceased G.H.P.'s. The ceremony is thus described:

"The Altar was ceremoniously draped and a quartet from the Scottish Rite Chorus sang.

"Grand Secretary called the roll of deceased Past Grand High Priests which was accompanied by the tolling of the bell.

"The Grand High Priest recited an appropriate poem which was followed by another song by the quartet.

"Blest be the memory of these illustrious companions."

A distinguished visitor from Washington and the Grand Master of Oregon and other Representatives were welcomed, and the G.H.P. himself was welcomed as Grand Commander of K.T. Oregon, described as follows:

"The R.E. Grand King, Ernest P. Rands, assumed the East and officially received and welcomed our M.E. Grand High Priest as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oregon, he having been elected to that office the day preceding."

The G.H.P. shows in his message that he is a lover of poetry and his address is quite an anthology in itself. We quote:

"Each link a smile, a laugh, a tear,
A grip of the hand, a word of cheer,
Constant as the ages roll
Bringing closer soul to soul,
However long and heavy the load.
Sweet is the journey on friendship's road."

"The trail's end. The journey through the Grand Chapter is ending. The hopes and incidentally the fears of each Annual Convocation are just fond memories that will serve to bind me more closely to Capitular Masonry."

"Onward, ever lovely river,
Softly calling to the sea;
Time that scars us,
Maims and mars us,
Leaves no track or trench on thee."

"Our friendships may flow down the river of time until they empty into the sea of eternal bliss."

"Chapters who on account of lack of work have not had the desired proficiency in the exemplification of the degrees, now apply themselves assiduously to the careful study of the ritual so that candidates applying may be able to get from the degrees some part of the lessons that they teach. I sometimes think that we make a mistake in changing our officers every year. We select an officer who wakes interest, does good work and inspires the officers so that they all work together and then in order to make some one a Past High Priest, select another to preside. We may make another Past High Priest,
but companions that is all you have made. I see no reason when a chapter has a High Priest with all of the above qualifications that he should not be re-elected and retained in a position where he can be of such value to the Craft. I regret to say that we have other High Priests that the sooner we get them through the chairs the better off the organization will be. Use the utmost care in selecting your officers and secure the best material. This also hold true of the Grand Chapter Officers.

"'Tis the home of the soul
Where the ages of splendor
Eternally roll.
Where the way-weary
   Traveller reaches his goal
On the evergreen Mountain of Life."

"So when a great man dies
   For years beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him lies
   Upon the paths of men."

"Thanks many times, Rufus, for your valuable aid in smoothing over the rough places and all your labour in trying to make the bed of Grand High Priest a bed of roses.

"There are other friends
   Whom we chance to meet
Who prove loyal, staunch, and true;
   Whom we leave with a sigh,
When we say good-bye.
   Just such friends are you."

Then came a wonderful address by Gen. G.H.P. O'Hawa, differing altogether from the one he gave when he visited Canada last year. We quote:—

"I have been rather puzzled as I have travelled over the country at certain expressions used, viz., 'The York Rite bodies will meet.' Now that expression seems generally to mean Chapter, Council and Commandery. One would think that the Chapter, Council and Commandery constituted the whole of the York Rite. Such is not and never was the case, as many of your well-informed Masons know. In York Rite Freemasonry, the Blue Lodge is the basic body, and upon it and out of it are founded and have grown Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. You who are active members in your Lodges may have overlooked this fact. I do not want anybody to think I am casting any aspersions whatever on any other Rite of Masonry. On the contrary, I highly esteem and venerate the Scottish Rite. I consider it worthy of our best consideration, and there is neither reason nor opportunity for any of us to be indifferent to either the York or the Scottish Rite. On the contrary, we should consider both as constituting one great Masonic family with every member working for the uplift of humanity, both ancient systems worthy of our pride, of our loyalty and enthusiasm. Neither conflicts with the other. The degrees are not repetitions, as some have claimed. They do not know whereof they speak. Is there a Mark Master Degree in the Scottish Rite?

"A character without charity certainly is worthless.
"Philosophy of Freemasonry." The question was confusing to him, and probably would be to many. We must never confound success with numbers, and ever bear in mind that one of our difficulties has been, perhaps, still may be, not enough Freemasonry in the hearts of Freemasons. There are many men who cannot become real Masons. They are not necessarily bandits; they may live honestly, deal justly.

"Masonry is a vital institution. It is vital to the welfare of mankind. Take it seriously and joyously. It is not a place for gloom. There is in it nothing to be gloomy about.

"In our Capitular Degrees we have many symbols which are seldom explained to the candidate. We also have many anachronisms which should be corrected. We hear repeatedly the following: 'None can hereafter be admitted but the true descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel'; also, 'We sprang from that noble family, the Gibilemites,' etc.

"Question: 'Who are you?'

"Answer: 'We are our own brethren and kindred.'

"Question: 'But you are not descended from those who basely fled when the city and Holy Sanctuary were oppressed? Or of that menial tribe who were left behind by the Babylonian general to till the ground?'

"I call your attention to the rich symbolism of the Capitular Degrees in the lectures of the several degrees.

"The most important symbol of the Mark Master Degree is the Keystone, and upon it are based the allegory and philosophy of the degree, and around it is woven the romance of the degree.

"This has been clearly shown in the history of civilization. For 300 years the great Roman Empire rejected the Christian religion and then, because of its righteousness, accepted it. The same has been true of a great many of the keystones of government, science, and philosophy.

"The squares symbolically teach us never to present the work of another, claiming it our own. To do so would surely mark us as imposters.

"In the Past Master's Degree, self-control is emphasized, and we are brought to consider the Biblical passage: 'He who overcometh himself, unto him will I give the power and will make him ruler over many.' The Degree stresses loyalty to God.

"The spiritualization of the Temple is the first, most prominent, and most pervading of all symbolic instructions of Freemasonry.

"The entrance the Arch with the Keystone, the Arch symbolizing unity and strength when joined together with the Keystone. In the Holy Place, we note the Seven-Branch Candlestick, the Table of Shewbread, the Altar of Incense, the Table of Holy Vessels and Sacred Treasures. The Seven-Branch Candlestick symbolizes to us that the Lord is ever with us, and His eye ever upon us. The taper in the centre of it represents the sun, through which we are enabled to live and enjoy his blessings.

"Solomon evidently did not believe that God dwelt only in the House which had been dedicated to Him. Recall the words of his prayer: 'Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee. How much less this House which I have built for Thee?'

The Committee on Memorials Report:

"Milton was wont to say, 'Death is but the golden key that opens the door into the Palace of Eternity,' while Henry Ward Beecher said: 'Death is but the dropping of the flower that the fruit may swell.'"
Leslie M. Scott, a striking resemblance in name to the G.H.P., Grand Orator, delivered an outstanding address on Masonry and Freedom, with most of which we agree—but do not think that the Roman Catholics can be held responsible for what Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin do and say, rather the contrary. However we believe that Communism is the worst enemy that the Church has. We quote:

“You take my house when you do take the prop
That doth sustain my house; you take my life
When you do take the means whereby I live.”

“Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini have taken the prop and means of freedom and toleration.
“In America rises the question, shall constitutional bars to autocracy and absolutism be repealed?
“Shall the corrective power of the Supreme Court be abolished? Shall the savings of the thrifty be taxed and confiscated to pay the prodigal? Shall the paternal state supplant the thrifty, God-fearing individual? Shall the balance of power of states and nation be upset.
“Freedom is a luxury of intelligent and well-ordered society.
“It is a civilized achievement, rather than a primitive right.
“It springs from order and security.
“It should be restrained by a wholesome public opinion, else it runs into excesses and abuses, in which privileges are demanded.”

Ernest P. Rands was elected G.H.P.
Canada’s Grand Representative did not respond to Roll Call. He has however a good name, John G. McIntosh of Independence.

John G. Gardiner, of Smith’s Falls, a wonderful Ritualist himself and member of the Benevolence Committee, is the Grand Representative of Oregon.

PENNSYLVANIA

Albert T. Hanby, Grand High Priest.
Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Secretary.
Quarterly Communication was held in Philadelphia, March 7, 1935.
Eight Past Grand High Priests were present, all well-known names in Masonry.
Samuel Shaw faithfully represented Canada.
Bray of Missouri and Bush of Colorado addressed Grand Chapter.
Quarterly Communication June 6th, 1935.
Nine P.G.H.P.’s were present.
The death of many distinguished Companions was announced, including that of Louis Block of Iowa. Quarterly Communication held September 5th, 1935. Nine Past Grand High Priests were present. Samuel Shaw represented Canada. 20% of dues were returned to Chapters amounting to nearly five thousand dollars.

The death of distinguished Companions was recorded. Quarterly Communication held December 5th, 1935. Nine Past Grand High Priests were present. Grand Chapter was honoured by the presence of distinguished companions from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Virginia, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Grand Master of Pennsylvania and other distinguished Masons.

Albert T. Hanby was re-elected Grand High Priest. Statements in detail of receipts and disbursements were received as well as a list of securities including railway stock and bonds and industrials, some of which are marked as in default as to interest and others as to principal and interest. Grand Chapter was addressed by many of the visiting companions, including Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

The annual Grand Communication was held December 27th, St. John's Day, 1935.

Those who had not received the order of High Priesthood retired for that ceremony.

The Grand High Priest in his address states:—

"Duty of a presiding officer of any body is to keep its members happy. If there is a good spirit existing, there is bound to be an interest manifested and thereby an activity created for the good of all. "The waters through which we have sailed may not have been as calm and peaceful as we might have wished, yet Grand Chapter has kept an even keel and charted a straight course during the year, and remains as a year ago. "To many, death is a sad occasion. Personally, I do not view it so. We are born to die.

"While Summer days are long and lonely, 
And Autumn sunshine seems to weep; 
While midnight hours are bleak and lonely, 
And only the stars and clouds their vigils keep."

Visits were made with the Joshua Association including their annual banquet.

Unless there was a conflict the Grand High Priest accepted all the invitations extended to him to visit chapters and a long list follows showing the good work well done.
As to dues, the Grand High Priest states:

"The individual also hesitates to put certain of his thoughts in writing. There is, therefore, in my opinion only one proper way to reach this condition and this is by personal call.

"Reciprocal love and affection so badly needed everywhere to-day."

The Committee on Correspondence is composed of five members headed by John M. Gore, a veteran reviewer.

This from the Review of Alberta:

"Keep me, O God, from growing hard and cold,
For, oh, I would be young when I grow old."

"Much better have one strong active Chapter, with live active officers who can tell the story intelligently, and really complete the Master Mason's instruction."

Canada is full reviewed in friendly fashion. We make the following extract and references:

"Distinguished guests from the Grand Chapters of Quebec, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania (M.E. Comp. Albert T. Hanby, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania).

"The address of the M.E. Comp. Alexander Cowan, Grand Z., while brief, is very interesting, and reveals a busy year.

"Dispensation requesting permission to consider application for advancement from a Master Mason who lost his hand in the Great War. This dispensation to us is a bit foggy. Not to us!

Not to us!

"The Committee on Condition made an exhaustive report, which we hope will be read by every Canadian in the whole Jurisdiction. We believe if the reading of this report was made compulsory on every companion in Canada there would not be over $60,000 unpaid dues. No matter how eloquent and convincing an article may be, it is useless unless it is read.

"As an appendix there is published 'Rulings of Grand Z's.' This is most interesting. Of course we quite agree that no ruling by a Grand First Principal is binding on his successor. We in Pennsylvania pay a great deal of deference however to such rulings, and very seldom find that changing conditions require even a modification or reversal.

"The whole review is a mine of information carefully gathered together from the proceedings of the different Jurisdictions, and all compactly arranged and placed before the companions.

"We are of opinion that no one thing is of more value to a Jurisdiction than a well prepared review of the proceedings of the other Jurisdictions during the past year. This insures the Grand Chapter that at least some of its members know what is going on in Capitular Masonry in other Jurisdictions. Good ideas are often found in the reviews which the different Jurisdictions may use and modify to their own particular needs. We certainly think that the Correspondence Report is worth much more than it costs to publish it.

"This one which Comp. Ponton has prepared is "a beautiful piece of work."

We quote from the Review of the District of Columbia:

"The path of greater Masonic effectiveness lies through the value of consolidation."
"He lives, of course, in the city of Washington, and we wonder whether he has been bitten by the bug reported there so prevalent of 'regimentation'? Iowa, speaking through its Grand High Priest on the same subject says: 'I am convinced that the time has come when this Grand Chapter must seriously consider the question of consolida-

dation.'

"Subordinate Chapters are expected to maintain their revenues, exclusive of fees for degrees, upon a basis adequate to cover all operating expenses.

"With which we most heartily agree."

In England we read:—

"Owing to the difference of procedure, and the fact that the Supreme Grand Chapter is under the guidance and direction of Grand Lodge, reviewing is a rather difficult matter."

This is not quite a correct comment:—

"Lord Amphill 'had attained the highest of all greatness on earth, the greatness of doing good to others'."

Scotland with its 559 chapters is well reviewed. We quote:—

"I am a mere tyro in Royal Arch Masonry, but if I have learned anything it is this, that on behalf of ourselves it entails the constant practice of brotherly love in its truest sense, and it entails a constant endeavour to seek after truth and beauty and the inner meaning of our lives on this earth.

"These are sentiments worthy of one who is a profound student of the philosophy of Freemasonry."

R. Ex. R. J. Reade is recorded as the Grand Representative of Pennsylvania. He has presented his credentials.

We always lay down the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania with a feeling of great satisfaction.

QUEBEC

Charles O'Neill, Grand First Principal Z.
W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

The Fifty-ninth Annual assembled at Montreal, 25th March, 1936.

Seven Past Grand Z's were present for honour and duty. Canada was duly represented by M. Ex. Comp. D. McLellan.

The opening is thus described:—

"Comp. Duncan McLellan, Past Grand Principal, having assumed the chair, called the Grand Chapter to order, and requested the officers to take their stations under their respective banners."

A letter was read from our own G.Z. expressing regret at not being able to attend.
From the excellent address of the Grand First Principal we make the following quotations:—

"Some of them come from the land of our great neighbour to the south. May the stay of these welcome companions in our midst be as great a joy to them as it is to us.

"I would remind the companions, however, that the flesh is often weaker than the spirit.

"Man in general is himself responsible for that condition.

"In many parts of the world the doctrine of force would appear to be gaining ground and the lessons of the past are in danger of being forgotten. Prepare to resist aggression. What the future holds in store for mankind cannot be known, but the trend of events at the present time indicates that it is headed in the wrong direction.

"The Brotherhood of Man. Those four words embody the whole philosophy of the perfect existence, the Raison D'Être of the whole structure of Masonry.

"We may think that their tasks were not completed, but The Most High, in His infinite wisdom, has ordained that the burdens shall be placed upon other shoulders.

"Grand Chapter suffered a severe loss in the passing of M.E. Comp. Allan Pearson Shatford, my Predecessor in the office of Grand First Principal. I offer the suggestion that the companions in some way indicate their reverence to the memory of a great and true Mason and Canadian."

M.Ex. Comp. G. L. Gardiner, our Grand Z., had been appointed Grand Representative of Quebec. We could give them nothing finer.

The following is the modest graphic description of Comp. O'Neill's visit to Canada:—

"The Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario convened in Annual Convocation at St. Catharines, on February 25th and 26th, and I journeyed there to convey the greetings and best wishes of the Grand Chapter and Companions of Ontario. The weather was very unsatisfactory, but my reception quite the contrary. I was most cordially received by M.Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, and the companions generally, and spent a day replete with occurrences and events to think about. There was a large attendance of distinguished Companions from other Jurisdictions, to whom fitting words of welcome were addressed by Comp. Ponton. The proceedings were splendidly conducted by Comp. Gardiner. An opportunity was given to me to address a few words to the companions, to which they listened with patience and courtesy."

He also refers to the Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Priory, C. W. Haentschel, his welcome and kind remarks.


At the evening session Comps. Francis and Burley of New York and Comps. Kenneth Dunstan and C. W. Haentschel were introduced, welcomed and spoke.
The Committee on the State of the Order reported:—

"The Junior Officers are again reported well skilled and enthusiastic, which augurs well for the forthcoming years.

"It would seem proper to here suggest that each chapter should have a complete inventory, with proper valuation, which might in certain cases change the present valuation and amount of insurance carried. It is noted that the valuations at present vary from $250 to $1,500."

The Committee on the Grand Z's address quote:—

"To our distinguished guests your committee assure them:
"That thousands of welcomes, they will find here before them;
And, the oftener they come, the more we'll adore them."

C. U. Tirrell of Montreal, was elected Grand First Principal.

Resolutions regarding the death of His Majesty King George V. were forwarded to the Grand First Principal of England:—

"King Edward VIII will worthily carry out the traditions and tasks of Kingship so splendidly discharged by his revered father."

Many of the Chapters still meet before and after the full moon.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the capable hands of W. J. Edwards, P.G.Z., who says in his Foreword:—

"Another hopeful sign is seen in the fact that lodges are reporting renewed activity, and this in time should have an influence on our Chapters.

"While we encourage our brethren to enter the Chapter, we should not overlook the opportunity to seek the reinstatement of those compelled by circumstances in recent years to drop out."

From the Review of California we quote:—

"We find more than five pages devoted to a 'Definition of Masonry' followed by 'Leadership', 'New Deal', 'The New Measuring Stick' and 'Public Schools Week', etc., all being expressed in clear, scholarly language."

Canada is well and fully reviewed, with many expressions of good fellowship, which we appreciate. We quote:—

"There were 399 delegates from 125 chapters. Five Past Grand First Principals were present. Our Grand Representative absent.

"The procession of distinguished visitors according to the record was led by two from Quebec, R.E. Comp. C. U. Tirrel, Grand H., and R.E. Comp. W. W. Williamson.

"At the request of the Grand Z. these guests were made welcome by M.Ex. Comp. Ponton.

"The Grand Z. referred to the loss Grand Chapter sustained in the passing of M.E. Comp. E. T. Malone, one of the best known Freemasons in Canada.

"He ruled that a companion cannot hold the office of Scribe E. of a chapter and be Grand Superintendent at the same time. A second ruling, was that a companion is entitled to his regular summons from his Chapter until such time as a charge is laid and his suspension is recommended to Grand Chapter.
"We join with the companions of his Jurisdiction in expressing our joy at the recovery of M.Ex. Comp. Smith from his serious illness. "Comp. Ponton again submits a masterly Correspondence Report with topical index as usual. Nothing of importance escapes his discerning eye."

In the Colorado Review we read:—

"As he put it, 'The old feeling of 'we cannot' is everywhere giving way to 'We can' or 'Let us try'."

We quote from the Review of England as follows:—

"Announcement was made that the M.Ex. The First Grand Principal had been pleased to sanction the formation of a group of chapters in Ceylon, on the petition of the five Royal Arch Chapters in the Island. "Titting tribute was paid Lord Cornwallis by M.Ex. Comp. Curtis, declaring: 'He seemed to me to be the embodiment of all that is best in English life. From the home which he loved so well to the wider sphere of public service and Freemasonry, three endearing qualities were always manifest, goodness, unselfishness and a keen interest in the young'. In another paragraph he stated, 'From his earliest days to the time of his death, no hostile criticism ever stained his fair name, and he leaves us a most striking example of what a good Mason should be'.

"The address was delivered by E. Comp. F. Fighiera on 'The Craft Degrees and their relations to the Royal Arch'."

In the Review of Ohio we read that one chapter reinstated 70 members. Can we not all make a special appeal of this kind?

Under Queensland we read:—

"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 Review closes with Wyoming relating an interesting feature regarding the achievement of M.Ex. Comp. Saunders as follows:—

"The four sons after the installation of officers, sprang a surprise on their father, by presenting him as a token of love and affection from his children and their mother, with the apron appropriate to his rank as a Past Grand High Priest, the eldest son being the spokesman."

QUEENSLAND

R. N. F. Quinn, First Grand Principal.
R. W. T. Kendrick, Grand Scribe E.

The Regular Biennial Convocation was held in Brisbane. the 3rd of April, 1935.

I am indebted to R.W. Bro. Frank K. Ebbitt of Iroquois Falls for a form of Lodge Sorrow Ceremony used at Brisbane, everything being done in a most dignified way.
For the first time we record that the minutes of the last meeting did not go through Grand Chaper without question. We quote:—

“Comp. J. S. Laurenson then rose and questioned the accuracy of the minutes in some verbal particulars which were not quite as he recollected them.

“Comp. H. L. Kelly also rose to correct the remarks he had made at the previous meeting, and which were not recorded quite as he desired.”

The amendments were small verbal ones.

Canada’s Representative did not answer roll call.

The Grand Committee spoke of companions not dying but as passing over the border.

The First Grand Principal said gracefully:—

“I wish to take this opportunity of extending to the District Grand Chapter of Scotland in New South Wales a very hearty greeting, and particularly to Ex. Comps. Coles and Wirth, who are with us this evening. We indeed esteem it an honour.”

The annual Convocation was held in Brisbane, 2nd October, 1935.

Comp. Kelly with true Irish persistency contended that minutes should be supplied to all members in sufficient time to enable them to peruse and attest their accuracy.

From his address of the Grand First Principal Quinn we quote:—

“To-day the curtain falls on another year of effort and earnest endeavour; to-morrow the stage is set for a further period of work and we hope, progress—how shall we play our part? Past deeds and words are beyond recall, but they will serve as a guide and influence. The past is dead, but to-day is ours, the day of opportunity; let us apply the time to the accomplishment of things both great and good.

“Our task has become increasingly difficult by the attitude of certain peoples who vindictively oppose the promulgation of the principles of our Order, and oppress those who desire to be free.

“An Order which knows no barrier of class or creed, country or clime, and as the melody of our beautiful ceremonies strikes our ears, thoughts of the world and its failings fade away, and for a moment we hear the language of the soul.”

A direct result of this general appeal to all that is best within their hearts.

One of the great attractions of our Order is to be associated with men actuated by a high code of ethics and morality, who subordinate self for the general good, strengthen the bonds of Friendship, exalt Justice, Liberty and Goodwill:—

“The individual owes an allegiance to humanity. We have the vision.

“Friendship is the great constructive power; where it prevails, there we have kindness, justice, and freedom—it is the solvent of all misunderstandings and difficulties and establishes peace on a sure foundation.”
Canada was duly represented by J. C. Knox.
Some companions in Queensland appear to be in an objecting mood. They were asking for the financial statement to be returned to the Grand Committee to be resubmitted for the next half yearly convocation.

The report of the Grand Inspector of Workings was received with satisfaction.

Comp R. N. F. Quinn was re-elected.

In commenting upon the amendment proposed to the Book of Constitution, Comp. Wood said:

"Very few really could afford the sum of five guineas to expend for this purpose. It is very hard to ask a brother in the Craft, and knowing the circumstances in which he is placed, to become a member of the Royal Arch when one is aware all the time that he is not in a position to afford that sum. We have all suffered, whilst actually matters and conditions have really altered and improved throughout the whole of this state.

"It is wrong for any chapter to exist on moneys that may be received from fees; it should be kept going and vitalised from the annual contributions only."

Membership, 2,900.

J. Boyd is the worthy Grand Representative of Queensland.

SASKATCHEWAN

Judge E. R. Wylie, Grand Z.
F. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E.
The Thirteenth Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Regina, February 26, 1936.
The title page is a replica of the seal of the Grand Chapter with the Latin motto "Agendo Spectemur".

A very pleasing introduction by way of biography is contributed by "F.B.R." from which we take the following extracts:

"In 1914 he was appointed District Court Judge of the judicial District of Estevan, a position he has filled with credit ever since. He has served on several important Judicial Commissions.

"Outside the serious affairs of life the Judge is good company, an interesting conversationalist, of kindly and cheerful disposition."

Seven Past Grand Z's graced the Grand East, among them judges and doctors.

Guests from North Dakota, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia were accorded Grand Honours.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.

From the address of the Grand Z. we take the following:

"From the reports of our Officers and Committees on the various phases of our work, we expect to receive a true picture of the develop-
ments of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand jurisdiction and of its status at the present time.

"King Edward VIII—in him we have a king who, like his beloved father before him, reigns in the hearts and affections of his people and not a Dictator who rules over their lives and fortunes with a sword."

Among his Rulings the following:

"An amended by-law of that Chapter dealing with life membership was binding on every member who had not applied for and received his life membership in accordance with the provisions of the old by-law before the amended by-law came into force."

This from the Report of the Grand H. on visiting Manitoba:

"Particularly stressed by M. Ex. Comp. Irwin, the relation being characterized by him as that of "Twinship"."

A letter from our own Edwin Smith was welcomed.

Membership, 2,028. Net loss, 62

The Report of Fraternal Correspondence was signed by Francis B. Reilly, H. M. P. de Roche and W. J. Smith, who state:

"Losses in membership continue but we notice a new spirit arising, belts are being tightened up, and our leaders are determined to repair the losses by a more enlightened membership."

A synopsis of the address of Dr. Stapleford, of Regina, is given:

"Masonry grows and thrives best in the garden of freedom. Tyrants and dictators have rarely been the friends of Masonry.

"Europe has a population of some 465 millions of people. Unfortunately personal and political freedom do not now exist among half of these people. All political parties have been crushed out. As Mussolini put it in one of his addresses, 'All parties must end, must fall. I want to see a panorama of ruins about me, the ruins of all other political forces so that Fascism may stand alone, gigantic and dominant'. On another occasion he said, 'I have buried the putrid corpse of liberty'.

"Fascism stands for war. It preaches war first.

"Has Masonry any distinct responsibility in the present situation? Masonry is strong in Canada, in the United States and in Great Britain. Could not Masonry prove to be an anchor to windward in the storms and stresses of today?

"If that ideal of brotherhood is lost to the race then stark ruin awaits our civilization."

The death of thirty-three companions during the year is regretfully reported and this verse quoted, including an expression of sympathy to Judge de Roche on account of the recent death of Mrs. de Roche:

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter Thy Master's joy."
Under Research the following:—

"Is it not expressed in one of our Masonic degrees that one of the first duties to God is a knowledge of ourselves? May we express our belief that another important duty to our Craft especially, is a knowledge of the symbolism of our degrees."

F. E. Doull was elected and installed Grand Z. He appointed R.Ex. Comp Riach Grand Historian.

Dr. Arthur S. Gorrell, of Regina, is the Grand Representative of Canada, and Arthur F. Webster is recorded as the worthy Grand Representative of Saskatchewan.

Among the approved Rulings the following:—

"The title 'Excellent' is only applies to the three Principals in Office and to him who has passed the First Principal's chair. A Second or Third Principal who fails to attain the latter rank reverts to the position of an ordinary companion and must abandon the wearing of the distinctive regalia of a Principal."

"Some of the Lessons of the Royal Arch" is one of the reprints of the address during the year by H. T. Kempton. We quote:—

"In doing so, they build up a structure in which increased effort and loyalty, very important assets to any company, prevail. 

"Our imagination is captivated by the thought that service is so much in the minds of capital and labour to-day, and the presence of service clubs in our towns and cities tend to give the impression that it is a 20th century development.

"Then we are taught the necessity of Faith and Trust. We are reminded of God's presence and his willingness to help."

Francis B. Reilly reviews many Jurisdictions briefly and succinctly We quote from his British Columbia Review:—

"Anything that leads to better understanding between the two great Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations is worth while."

Canada at Kitchener is reviewed in friendly and fraternal fashion. We quote:—

"The Grand Z. pleads for economy in handling the affairs of the chapters.

"... Much encouragement. 'Enthusiastic workers', 'The future looks reassuring,' 'Harmony and unanimity reign.' 'The Chapters expect greater prosperity in the near future.' 'The evident courage with which the companions have met and are meeting both personal and Masonic difficulties is admirable.'

"The Committee on Condition give some thought-provoking comment. 'Ideals are like stars. You will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the mariner upon the vast expanse of water, you will choose them as your guide and following them, reach your destiny.' 'Masonic material is not worn out by work, but rather increases in strength."

"Colonel Ponton still retains his vigorous style of review. Apt quotations mixed with friendly comment all pleasantly and entertainingly worded makes his Review about the best received."
This from the Review of England:—

"There is a close connection between Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. The Mark degree is controlled by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

"The Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill. A great man. '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.'"

Iowa Review gives us the following plain talk:—

"The Service Committee would like to report a year of truly successful effort. The chapters have not apparently seized on to the importance of this phase of work. They can't see why the chapters don't. 'The value of fellowship meetings is so great'."

A word from North Dakota:—

"Not all can perform great feats, nor all can produce enduring results. There are as few giants as there are pygmies, but all can do something and produce according to their gifts."

Sam J. Helm always furnishes the Reviewer something characteristic:—

"A noticeable tendency among Grand Chapters this year to say, 'let us go into the House of Masonry.'

"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."

The third page of the cover of this interesting volume is occupied by the comparison between Saskatchewan then and now.

SCOTLAND

The Earl of Cassillis, Grand Z.
Sir John Watson, Deputy Grand Z.,
C. C. Nisbet, Past Deputy Grand Z.,
T. G. Winning, Grand Superintendent.
George A. Howell, Grand Scribe E.

Quarterly Convocation was held 20th December, 1935, with a large attendance of Officers and members.

Great regret was expressed at the death of M.Ex. Comp. William Rennie, and at a subsequent meeting on the 21st of February the deaths of M.Ex. Comp. John Lindsay and Robert Buchanan are regretfully recorded.

Office bearers for the ensuing year were nominated and reports of Grand Superintendents, including Central South Africa and the Transvaal, were presented.

On the 6th of March, 1936, adequate and sympathetic reference was made to their mourning for the late King
George V. and the messages of sympathy and condolence to King Edward and to Queen Mary are recorded in full, beautifully worded.

The Annual Convocation was held in Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh, 21st March, 1936.
Claude E. W. James, of Tasmania, was welcomed.
Congratulatory cablegrams from India and other Daughter Chapters were received.
Honorary rank was conferred and Grand Chapter closed as follows:—
"There being no further business, the Hymn of National Prayer, 'Lord, while for all mankind we pray', was sung to the tune of 'St. Paul', and Supreme Grand Chapter was closed in ample form."
The Annual Banquet of the Vernal Equinox was held immediately after the meeting.
Masonic Jewels were worn but not Regalia.
The toast to The King and The Order was enthusiastically responded to. The next toast, which was drunk with great cordiality, was thus described:—
"The First Grand Principal said: 'Companions, I call upon you to be upstanding and drink to the toast of 'Her Gracious Majesty Queen Mary, The Duke and Duchess of York, and The Royal Family'."
In proposing the toast of The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, the Reverend T. Angus Morrison, Grand Superintendent of Dumbartonshire, said:—
"I visited the Quarries of King Solomon in company with a Government official and with the leading Arab guide.
'Masonry is a human institution. Economic stability is an essential necessity and presents problems which cannot be ignored.
'Life's stern necessities are curtailing men's activities, and only those institutions which serve good and helpful purposes can be maintained.
'. . . If we do, what more attractive place can the man in distress find than a Masonic Lodge or Chapter? There, amid the companionship of brethren, he can get away from the distractions of the outside world. But, companions, meetings are functional or they are purely negative. Unless they serve a definite and worth-while purpose they are liable to cease to be.
'The challenge which confronts us to-day is that of making a contribution to the individual, and through him to the world, that meets the exigencies of the day. We can meet that challenge and we are called upon to do it. Slovenly work will drive members away from our chapter meetings, but painstaking, earnest and sincere work will band them together.
'What, for example, does Initiation mean? Initiation is really an awakening into a new order of life, not hitherto experienced. It means that those who have come through that ordeal are entering upon a new phase of life.
'In days of old our Egyptian companions claimed admission to the Hall of Osiris on the ground that they feared God and honoured
the King, that they had given bread to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, and provided a boat to those who had suffered shipwreck. The companion who is able to make such a claim as this has solved the problem, 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"

The Grand First Principal responded, saying:—

"We are living in rather troublous times. The situation in Europe becomes daily more difficult; there is no feeling of security and one cannot look ahead with any confidence. We can only trust that the efforts of our statesmen to establish international peace will be successful ultimately.

"Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in a new role as Grand Superintendent of the Border Province. The last visitation that Supreme Chapter made was to a very happy local Festival of the Vernal Equinox, celebrated by the companions of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire.

"I was interested to see in looking over the attendance books of Lodge Mother Kilwinning for the year 1672 or thereabouts (which was the period of the Killing Times), that the members belonged to various political parties or factions, yet they were able to meet in the lodge room and forget all about the petty jealousies that divided them."

The term Most Excellent instead of our Right Excellent is used throughout the Scottish Jurisdiction.

M.Ex. Comp. Thomas Hunter, M.P., proposed "The Provincial District, and Daughter Chapters," saying:—

"Just as the state through its government depends upon the confidence and support of the people for any success it may achieve, so the Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland depends upon the activity and support of the Daughter Chapters.

"I would liken the Daughter Chapters to a wheel, of which the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter is the axis; we find the Daughter Chapters radiating from the axis, and the rim which holds them all firmly together is represented by the Provincial Grand Chapters."

Comp James said:—

"I think you will all understand, after having travelled 13,000 miles from the District in which I have the honour to be the Grand Superintendent, to be present at a meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter in Edinburgh.

"... Parliament in my own State, and when I speak of my own State we are so proud of our legislative institutions that they are moulded upon the institutions of this country from which we have sprung.

"I heard a companion sing a song that I heard in my own lodge—the name of which is St. Andrew Lodge—sung by a couple of hundred men, 'There's a wee hoose among the heather.' I heard that sung over and over again."

Sheriff Peter MacAusland proposed the toast to "The Guests", saying:—

"Companions all, in one minute it is impossible to do justice to a country with an area of two million square miles and a population of some four hundred millions, but I can assure you that our Scottish Royal Arch Masons in Shanghai do not take a second place in their allegiance and fidelity to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland."
"Most Excellent Companions, and Companions, many of you here to-night are guests of our First Grand Principal, who is indeed a Prince in the House of Israel, a Prince because of his kindliness and his hospitality.

"You come into a meeting where I hope you have all enjoyed yourselves with song and speech and wine wisely used. May I say about this wonderful Order of ours that in celebrating the Vernal Equinox, we go beyond the old Hebrew times to that time when men worshipped the sun, and the sun to-day has shone upon us and we have entered into Spring.

"You will find the Royal Arch is one of those Orders that is a key to the story of the world's life to-day.

"... a man might be your guest for the time being, but he is your friend for all time; at least that is what we expect."

The Earl of Lauderdale said:—

"I have attended any number of dinners, Masonic and otherwise, but I have never been to anything quite so well organized as the Supreme Grand Chapter function to-night."

M.Ex. Comp. Lindsay said:—

"There is an old saying that 'Good wine needs no bush', and if I suggest that most of my reply is personal to our First Grand Principal, to convey to you to-night this wish, that you, and Lady Cassillis who has done so much to back you during your long term of office for the good of our Order, may achieve complete success in everything you take up and all in all your efforts find as much happiness as is permissible to mortal man."

The Banquet closed thus:—

"The companions then circled round the hall, and in the 'Brotherly Chain,' with the old hand-clasp, sang 'Auld Lang Syne', and the festival was brought to a close in time-honoured fashion with the singing of the National Anthem."

Several grants bearing £30 to £15 were approved.


Another pamphlet contains a list of the fees received by the Supreme Grand Chapter from all the Daughter Chapters commencing with the first five which hail from Edinburgh, Stirling, Montrose, Banff and Linlithgow.

The charge account of the General Fund amounts to the sum of £23,666.

The last chapter on the list is numbered 682.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Edward H. Pinckney, Grand High Priest,
O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and twenty-fourth Annual was held in Rock Hill, April 15th, 1936.
Ten Past Grand High Priests graced the Grand East
William W. Wannamaker faithfully represented Canada.
Membership is reported as 2,059, a net loss of 159.
Distinguished visitors from North Carolina, New York
and Georgia were honoured.
The G.H.P.'s address was very interesting but commend-
ably brief. We quote:—

"There's little satisfaction to be gained from doing things
That hold no difficulties; it's the tough old task that brings
Keen sense of worth and power to the man who wins the fight;
His failures test his courage and his problems prove his might.

I'm thankful for the days of doubt, when it was hard to see
That all things work together for the good that is to be;
I'm glad for all that life has brought, because to-day I know
That men must brave adversities if they would greater grow!"

"From the Master's lips these words of cheer: 'Your work is found
both True and Square. Pass on'.

"Question: Can the Chapters of Allied Masonic Degrees (there
being two within our Grand Jurisdiction) resume activities? The whole
matter remains in status quo until our next Grand Convocation, and so
I rule.

"A companion who has been dropped by his Blue Lodge for N. P.
D. is ipso facto, immediately suspended in the chapter.

The Committee on Topical Reference said:—

"To those possessed of understanding and in whose breasts burn
the love of God and a desire to aid their fellowman, Freemasonry offers
an almost unlimited field of activity. The miller grinds the corn. The
trash and husks are rejected. He retains the wholesome, life-sustaining
meal. Thus it is with Masonry. Despite our winnowing processes, some
trash and husks are retained only to be later discarded as unfit mate-
rial. Not all who drop out are unfit. Adversity comes to most of us,
and good Masons have been forced to allow their membership to lapse,
but by far the larger part of our loss is made up of those who failed
to find something they thought they wanted."

The In Memoriam notice of the late M.Ex. Comp. Bryan
contained the following:—

"He never held public office, and did not aspire to preferment of
that kind at any time during his long life. But he was always to be
found on the right side of any civic or political issue, willing to do his
share of the work and to bear his portion of the burden..

"It was not surprising that General Lee remarked to General
Longstreet when the battle of Fredericksburg was at its height, 'It
is well that war is so terrible. . . . we should grow too fond of it!'"

"And as we proceed to study the Masonic record of the son, we
shall find much in it to remind us of the gallant General, officer of the
Confederacy, who was 'worthy of all praise,' and 'the very last to re-
tire'.

"And he faced whatever issue arose, whatever contest threatened,
with the same dauntless courage, like that of Cyrano de Bergerac, in
Rostand's immortal play:
"'What are you saying? That it is no use? . . . I know it! But one does not fight because there is hope of winning! No! No! . . . It is much finer to fight when it is no use! . . . What are all those? You are a thousand strong? . . . Ah, I know you now . . . all my ancient enemies. . . . Hypocrisy? . . . Compromises? and Prejudices? and dastardly expedients. That I should come to terms? I? . . . Never! Never! . . . spite of your worst, something will be left to me to take whither I go . . . and to-night, when I enter God's House, in saluting, broadly will I sweep the azure threshold with what, despite of all I carry forth unblemished and unbent . . . and that is . . . My plume!'"

The Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence reported on the Council Degrees as follows:—

"It is our judgment that the 'Councils' should surrender their charters, and that those who are responsible for promoting such organizations should cease all attempts to introduce this work within our State. At such a time as this, those Master Masons who seek further light in Masonry should seek it in the Royal Arch Degree, which is the completion and supplement of the Master's degree. We need to improve those systems which we have, rather than to encourage the introduction of new systems.'

L. E. Simpson was elected G.H.P.

James B. Little, of Trenton, is the honoured Representative of South Carolina.

The Fraternal Reviews are the able result of the good work of Henry Collins, who says in his introduction:—

"Interesting ideas, coming from the various leaders in the Capitular world, to break the monotony of threadbare phrases and statistics. Many Grand High Priests are confident that they know wherein the trouble lies but few of them show any real signs ofremedying it. Utah alone, of all the Jurisdictions reviewed, comes through with a net increase in membership. It was the result of painstaking plans and work.

"Various remedies for 'what ails us' are given. Education probably is necessary to interest those on the side lines. With this we most heartily agree. The time has come when we must awake to the fact that we cannot longer depend upon Ritual alone to hold the interest. How long will it take us to learn and accept this truth and start doing something about it?

"The most hopeful sign, it seems to us, is that there is a rugged determination being manifested everywhere.'

From the Review of Alberta the following:—

"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.'

This verse from Connecticut:—

"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.”

Canada is happily reviewed in friendly fashion. We quote:—

“Of three rulings, one was to the effect that a companion could not hold the office of Scribe E. of a constituent chapter and be Grand Superintendent at the same time. Another, that a companion could not hold office in a constituent chapter and reside outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

“We believe, however, that proper visiting done extensively means money to Grand Chapter and constituent chapters. We are more and more of opinion that Grand Officers, especially the Grand Z., should visit as much as possible consistent with reason.

“I firmly believe that the world will never be righted and its apparent wrongs adjusted until our churches are crowded on the Sabbath day as our houses of entertainment are during the week. It is encouraging to hear such advice coming from some source other than the pulpit. We notice, too, that twenty dispensations were granted during the year for chapters to attend divine service.

“On the Condition of Capitular Masonry, the Committee gives a fine review of conditions generally. This paragraph we quote: ‘Hope—the spark that kindles is growing brighter day by day, and which is indicated in the excellent condition of harmony so noticeable on all sides, and which happily prevails throughout the Craft.’

“Comp. Ponton presents another fine set of reviews.”

From the Review of the District of Columbia this outstanding message:—

“No chapter was ever a real success through accident.

“Somewhere off on the horizon, possibly not far distant, is the birthright of the Royal Craft in the future. We can see it but dimly now, catch but an occasional glimpse of its beauty as the way seems dark and difficult, but it is there.”

References to DeMolay are of course always to be found under Wisconsin, from the Review of which Grand Jurisdiction we quote:—

“Because we feel that the companions in South Carolina have had little or no opportunity to learn about the Order, and because this scribe started reading and couldn't quit until he had read the whole, we are going to present the full text of an address delivered on the occasion of the State Conference at Madison, by Edward Manthei, a member of DeMolay. We hope that it will be read by every Mason, particularly those who are fathers, in our Jurisdiction.

“Fifteen years ago Frank Sherman Land stretched out his hand to a sixteen-year-old fatherless boy and said, ‘Come to my office to-morrow. Mr. Lower, I want to get acquainted with you.’

“On the evening of March 24, 1919, ‘Dad’ Land said to nine young men, ‘Bring in all your pals next Wednesday night and we'll make a club of it.’

“During our early period of adolescence there were three major forces controlling and regulating our lives—the church, the school, and our own home environment. It was during this period that we either
won our battle against Sunday School, or lost it and attended with martyrlike submission. The church was for us the symbol of goodness and right, standing far above us in the clouds with its influence coming to us through diverse channels with which we had not much in common. The school was a necessary evil inflicted upon us to be borne with outward tranquility, but with inward rebellion. The home was the most intimate of these forces but in the early period of adolescence was at its best a serious of Thou Shalt's and Thou Shalt Not's.

"Good—Bad, and Right—Wrong, were not abstract concepts to which the young fellow pledged or denied his allegiance. The essence of wrong was the grizzly faced, two-fisted, two-gunned desperado of the western thriller, Law breaking, skipping school."

We quote at length in order that those who favour DeMolay may be gratified and those who are opposed to it may see the side which gives food for thought, and perhaps criticism.

SOUTH DAKOTA

John R. Johnson, Grand High Priest,
George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.
The Forty-seventh Annual met in Huron, S.D., June 11, 1936.

Twelve Past G.H.P.'s duly answered Roll Call and were received with Grand Honours.

From the G.H.P.'s address the following:

"With the honour of this position there is combined an enlarged opportunity for service. The pleasure of rendering that service far outweighs the trials and vexations experienced in sustaining the burden of my responsibilities. I hope my leadership has aroused your interest in Capitular Masonry.

"If I have united fraternal industry into fraternal love, we share equally the dividend of brotherly affection. I harbor the hope that I have in some small degree measured up to your expectations.

"So many good brothers are on relief and they, like good Masons, are doing their utmost to keep that sacred institution, 'The Home,' intact, and do not feel that they should deprive their dear ones from the necessities of life. I fully agree with them."

Royal Arch Masonry is on the up-swing.

"I find added interest by officers and companions alike, good attendance at all important convocations and at my visits, a real desire to do the work with dignity and correctness."


Canada was represented by L. M. Simons, Grand Representative.

Interesting and instructive talks were given by Grand Masters.

The Committee on Necrology quote:

"As Hiram slept, the widow's son,
So does our brother take his rest.
Life's battles fought, life's duties done;
His faults forgot, his worth confessed."
"Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and man.
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Beautiful calm when the course is run,
Beautiful twilight at set of sun,
Beautiful death with a life well done."

The Grand Representative of Manitoba brought greetings.
William T. Clark of Aberdeen was elected G.H.P.
From the In Memoriam pages the following verses:—

"Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not good-night, but in some brighter clime
Bid us good-morning."

"To enable our feet, in the next day's march,
To climb up that golden ridge,
We must all lie down for a one-night's rest,
Inside of the covered bridge."

R.Ex. Comp. William Downing of Kitchener, is the Grand Representative of South Dakota.
The Order of Anointed High Priesthood duly met.

TENNESSEE, 1936

W. Henry Blackwell, Grand High Priest.
Thomas Earl Doss, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation was held in Nashville, January 27th, 1936. Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present and honoured at the altar. Grand visitors from Georgia and Virginia were received with Grand honours. The Grand High Priest in his address distinguished between the Present and Past Grand Officers and the ordinary companions, in speaking of the fraternal dead. A new chapter made available membership of companions who had belonged to different chapters.

Among his rulings the following:—

"In this connection, McMinnville Chapter surrendered its charter in 1920 due to the fact that at that time the Masonic bodies had a very small hall, inadequate for chapter work, resulting in loss of interest.

"Nine members of the particular chapter constitute a quorum, and without these nine members of its own, no chapter can legally do anything except open and close, and confer the degrees. But query?"

Two charters were arrested.

Under visitations he says:—

"Believing that very little good can be accomplished by the flying type of visit, I divided them and assigned each group to one of the Grand Officers for visitation."
He thus concludes:—

"The nights have never been too dark, nor the road too long, for them to answer the call."

Membership, 5,874. Net loss, 444. Number of chapters, 78.

The Committee disagreed with the Grand High Priest in the following:—

"We non-concur in the recommendation to change the Code to legalize a quorum consisting of nine Royal Arch Masons of whom only five need be members of the subordinate chapter for the transaction of business."

B. Tate Dawkins was elected Grand High Priest.
John H. C. Woodwood of London is the honoured Grand Representative of Tennessee.
H. W. Goodloe represents Canada and was duly present.
In Memoriam pages record the death of thirty-nine Past Grand High Priests through the several jurisdictions.
The Capitular Review is a fine piece of work by J. I. Walker, Past Grand High Priest.

From Alberta review the following:—

"The address of the Grand First Principal is an inspiration, with beautiful phraseology, telling of his year's work in the interest of Capitular Masonry in Alberta. His welcome to the companions was of dual effect, since he is also Mayor of the City of Calgary."

This from the review of California:—

"If the Reds don't like our country, let them move on. Let them go to some other country where they may find others of like ilk and let them feed upon one another.
"Being cramped for space we can't say all we should like about what has happened in California under the efficient leadership of M. Ex. Abbott, so we close by saying the Capitular Ship of California is going places and is not waiting for a tide."

Canada is favourably reviewed in friendly fashion. We quote:—

"The address of the Grand Z. tells of a very busy year spent in the interest of the Royal Craft. I like his style very much. He puts emphasis on his welcome.
"There is a long list of companions receiving the long service, twenty-five and fifty year jewels. The writer is very much impressed with these rewards for they are an incentive to carry on.
"It is a far cry from the days when we as boys were required to clean our boots on Saturday night, when mother prepared the potatoes on Saturday night for Sunday's dinner and when the Sunday dishes were left until Monday to be washed, to the mad rush to get into the automobile and speed away, to wide open spaces to spend the Lord's day in pleasure.
"Secretary shows that one chapter had fifteen exaltations, one had nine, and four chapters had seven each. Not bad. The entire Capitular assets of this jurisdiction amount to $329,138.07. The chapter ex-
pended on benevolence $3,669.42 for the year. Committee on audit and finance recommends that the per capita tax on unemployed companions be revoked, where a chapter has remitted its dues. A true Masonic spirit. The Review is by that gifted writer Comp. Ponton. He has written many fine Reviews, but I think this one has more real interesting, instructive information than any so far.”

We take the following from the review of England:—

“M.Ex. Comp. Lord Ampthill presided on each occasion. Openings were in ancient and solemn form. It is indeed interesting and informative to read of the progress made, and the fervency and zeal displayed by our companions of England.

“I see no reason for anxiety, for much is being accomplished in the Royal Craft. Capitular affairs in this Grand Jurisdiction are in capable hands. May the future be bright for the companions of England.

“We rejoice with the Masons of England in the fact that they are still “builders,” since they have successfully raised funds for a Masonic Home.

“We Masons of America take courage when reading these splendid reports from across the waters. May you keep the good work up.”

New Jersey review strikes an encouraging note:—

“I would urge the companions to be of stout heart and of good cheer.”

From North Dakota the following:—

“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.

“North Dakota boasts of a very unique club called the Monkey Wrench Club. Its pass word is, ‘I object.’ The answer being, ‘I second the motion.’ I imagine there is plenty of fun here.”

A word of praise for Saskatchewan:—

“For twelve years, as their representative near Tennessee, I have watched the growth of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and I have no fear of the future of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. They are active and are keeping the faith.”

Texas gives us the following:—

“Well has Tennyson cried out against moral wrong when he says:

Cursed be the social ties
That sin against the strength of youth.
Cursed be the social lies
That warp us from the living truth.”

Grand Reviewer Walker makes the final appeal in his conclusion:—

“Companions, hold on, keep faith, our Royal Craft is on its way everywhere that sorrow needs a tear or where humanity needs a friend.”

**TEXAS**

George W. Clampitt, Grand High Priest,
T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-sixth Annual was held at Waco in the Grand Lodge Temple Chapter-room on December 2, 1935.
The following Foreword precedes the Proceedings, good, square and sound work:—

"This book completely composed, printed, and bound by the Department of Printing, Masonic Home and School of Texas, Fort Worth."

The Grand Representative of Canada did not answer Roll Call.

The G.H.P.'s address is one which becomes such a large Jurisdiction. We quote:—

"Adherence to the sublime and eternal principles of our Order and active energies, inspired with a common purpose and a common hope, have permeated our moral life and Capitular Masonry.

"His greatest pride and his greatest satisfaction came, no doubt, in his long and unrecompensed service as a member of the Board of the Home for Aged Masons.

"His career exemplified to a high degree those qualities generally acknowledged as admirable—honour, courage, brilliancy of mind, personal dignity, amiability and an urbane sense of humour.

"In one case, the companion had served as Secretary, and an audit of his books indicated a shortage in his accounts, for which he gave several notes payable monthly. The notes have not been paid, but his current dues have been paid. I held that if the notes represented dues owing by the particular member, the dimit should be refused, but since his dues were paid, and since secretaries are seldom charged with annual dues, the dimit should be granted. This debt is just the same as any other debt, and has no bearing on the granting or withholding of a dimit."

One new chapter was constituted during the year.

There was trouble at Austin, indicated by the following:—

"They informed me that I had no authority to remove officers unless I gave them my reasons, and after the removal of the three officers in April, those members attempted to appeal to the High Priest.

"A petition will be presented to this Grand Chapter for restoration of the charter, and, I am convinced that a restoration, to the present membership, would in effect amount to the adoption of the standard heretofore maintained by them, rather than require them to uphold the standard of this Grand Chapter."

Twelve charters were arrested and revoked. Five charters were surrendered and revoked.

Of the Home for Aged Masons, he speaks:—

"This splendidly equipped and ideally located institution, governed by a capable Board of Directors, under whose authority a competent manager presides, should be a source of pride to all Masons in Texas, and especially to Royal Arch Masons."

He makes some observations on the Condition of Affairs and asks these questions:—

"What will the individual member do to relieve this grave condition?
"What will the Grand Chapter do to remedy this situation?"

"Every one keenly realizes the extent to which chapters have been out of hand during these weary months."
The Committee on Obituaries quote:—

"To live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die."

"A change of residence a few years ago, when, upon being asked his reasons therefor, replied, 'Well, for one thing, I'll be nearer the Home.'

"His words were his bonds, his oaths his oracles,
His love sincere, his thoughts immaculate,
His tears pure messengers, sent from his heart,
His heart as far from fraud, as heaven from earth."

"Of plain devotedness to duty,
Steadfast and still, nor paid with mortal praise,
But finding amplest recompense, for life's ungarlanded expanse,
In work done squarely—and unwasted days."

"His life shall ever remain to us, a cherished legend."

"To the younger companions who may feel the urge to follow in their footsteps, may you be constantly reminded, that, 'though every bush contains a flame and every flame a call to service, yet, he only hears, who takes off his shoes.'"


The Committee on the Home thus conclude:—

"It is as a friend, a benefactor and an upright gentleman that he is remembered oftenest. The hearts of his many friends enshrine his memory."

Grand Orator Lightfoot said in his long address:—

"'Whence came you, as an entered apprentice?' and 'What came you here to do?' are questions that have been propounded to the initiates of Ancient Craft Masonry throughout the ages.

"Symbols were the most obvious method of instruction; for, like nature herself, they addressed the understanding through the eye.

"It is easily established that more than 1,500 years before the time of Moses, the priests of the temples of Egypt revered, in the mysteries, one supreme God called the 'Only Uncreated.'

"Initiation in the great mysteries of the temples of Egypt was the most difficult to obtain of any country in the world. Pythagoras, already an advanced seer, was compelled to wait 22 years before receiving the 'Light of Osiris' in the innermost sanctuary of the Temple.

"There has been a noticeable deterioration in the moral stamina of the nations, as well as a loss of that awe, reverence and adoration for the Supreme Architect of the Universe that clearly portrays a breakdown in the moral and spiritual progress of the world.

"This downward trend is to be checked, and the refining and sustaining influence of Ancient Craft Masonry preserved for the benefit of future generations, as it has served those of the past.

"As he grew up he showed a pregnancy of understanding much above those of his years, doing everything with such grace that in his very childhood he gave the world to understand what might be expected of him in time to come. He was such a miracle of a child for beauty and comeliness of stature.

"There were no schools or tutors for the children of the tribes of Israel."
"The temples were not open to them; the privilege of initiation into the mysteries was denied to all who were enslaved.

"There were no organized synagogues, no rabbis, priests, or prophets to teach the Hebrews the elements of religion or the fundamentals of faith. Their sole hope rested in the faint recollections of the first covenant made by God to the patriarch, Abraham.

"I am that I am," present and eternal, was the message that fell upon his inner ear, and in his desert contemplation of nature's flux, and reflux, the death that bounds her life, the life she brings from death, always consuming, yet never consumed, "I am that I am. I am hath sent me unto you," is the message he has sent from the wilderness of Sinai.

"And so it was suggested that the nature of the elements contained the revelation of God. For purple is for water; linen for earth; blue for air, and scarlet for fire.

"He then indicated the manner in which they conceal fundamental cosmic laws, and the perfect understanding of the structure of our solar system as possessed by Moses, and perpetuated in the symbolism of the tabernacle."

J. H. Moore was elected G.H.P.

The Chairman of Foreign Correspondence is paid $400 annually and well merits it.

The Committee on Doings report as to the G.H.P.:—

"Wherever he went, his hearers were delighted to know that they were listening to a man, not a manikin, a practical Mason whose daily life is the best address he has made during the year."

Canada's Grand Representative is E. R. Glover of Corsicana, and W. L. Stewart of London, well represents Texas.

The Capitular Review is a feature of Texas by S. J. Helm. We quote from the Introduction:—

"True troops who have stood the test, faithful and fearless men who have not fled in either rout or treachery under the fire of adversity. With solemn and determined countenances, these valiant veterans silently point to their ramparts and, looking, we see that the flag is still there.

"Debts unpaid, yet payable with the slightest fraction of their squandering on frivolous temporary pleasures. Deplorable conditions, indeed, during the past decade. But the flag is still there.

"For a few years, there were three flags on our battlements: the flag of Mammon, the flag of Numbers, and the flag of Masonry. Our flag is still there."

From the British Columbia Review this comment:—

"G.Z. devotes three pages of his address to the mission, the essence, the meaning of Masonry. A man may own a most valuable book without deriving any benefit from it if it is printed in a language which he does not understand."

This from California:—

"Unusual G.H.P. Most readers of Masonic proceedings will recall that it is customary for presiding Grand Officers to start off with a few words of welcome, and then say, in effect, 'I now render a report of my official acts,' the first item of which is a list of the distinguished dead, just as if he had killed them in line of his official duty."
“The Communists seem to have as little reverence for American traditions as Californians have for their ritual.

“Talking to a dear old companion last year, I mentioned the above differences, and he remarked: ‘Yes, but we are York Rite, and we do not do that.’ A nigghuh is jes’ a white man wid a black skin.”

Canada is favourably reviewed. We quote:—

“Seventy-seventh annual, M.Ex. Alexander Cowan presiding; 159 chapters.”

“The Texas G.R. was there for the first time.

“We are living in a time when people wish for, almost demand, amusement and entertainment.

“It might astonish many a G.C. if it discovered the number of officers in the grand line who were making no effort whatever to qualify for the Grand East.

“If the recipients are not more appreciative of this distinctive honour than are some G.H.P.’s in this country, they would rather have something they could eat or that would serve some material use—a set of false teeth in preference to a P.G.H.P.’s jewel.

“It is such a good index to the thoughtfulness of each reviewer who comes to the Round Table; if he starts a yowl about Canada’s having jurisdiction in Ontario only, we can size him up at once.

“Review is again the artistry of W. N. Ponton, so engrossing that I read even the quotations which, of course, I read months ago as I was reviewing them for Texas. Ponton-stamped reviews are like sterling-stamped silver—genuine.”

We thank our colleague for his generous reference.

This from Colorado:—

“Only lack of space denies you the privilege of reading many excellent excerpts of common sense, humour, philosophy and sarcasm. He is nauseated at the frequent use of the term ‘Blue’ Lodge, and unnecessary appellation in the American Rite, since the Mark (Red) Lodge is not a separate body with us.

“So we have Blue Grand Masters and Purple Grand Masters, but we have no Red Lodges, hence no necessity for the word ‘Blue’ in connection with the lodge. During the last few years, however, proceedings indicate that all the bodies are more or less blue in their contemplation of Masonic bodies being reduced to Masonic sizes; although there should be an instantly noticeable difference in the size of a Masonic roster and a city directory, this solemn truth has not yet been accepted in this country.”

We quote under Michigan:—

“It is doubtful if DeMolay Chapters are composed of the boys who most need help, even food if they are undernourished, and orphanage is not a qualification anywhere in the land, so far as I have ever heard. I see no connection between his premises and conclusion.”

A word from New Mexico:—

“They have really not known what actual working conditions were; they would blow into a town ten minutes before a convocation, receive the grand honours and a good feed, and blow out ten minutes later, feeling that Masonry was going as strong as the grand honours and grub; they were blissful in their ignorance.”

We close the Review by saying a real Helmsman is on the Bridge.
VERMONT

Henry L. Ballou, Grand High Priest,
Archie S. Harriman, Grand Scribe E.
The One Hundred and nineteenth Annual convened in Burlington, 9th June, 1936.
During this meeting Truman J. Allen was elected G.H.P.
The biography of G.H.P. Henry Lincoln Ballou is written, strange to say, by William J. Ballou, Grand Master.

"Comp. Ballou is a descendant of Maturin Ballou who was associated with Roger Williams in the settlement of Rhode Island near the middle of the seventeenth century."

Canada’s Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.
Distinguished visitors were welcomed from Quebec, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

From the address of G.H.P. the following:—

"A hundred years ago at this time Grand Chapter of Vermont was in an eclipse. In June of 1834 it had met as usual in Rutland.

"However fifteen years were to come and go before the Grand Chapter was to hold another convocation and then it was to meet in the city of Burlington."

"Then let us clasp hands as we walk together,
And let us speak softly, in love's sweet tone,
For no man knows on the morrow whether
We two pass by, or but one alone."

He announces the appointment of Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens of Hamilton, as the Grand Representative of Vermont. Both are to be congratulated.

Of the Grand Line and chapters generally the G.H.P. says:—

"In the natural order of events it takes thirty years to go through the line of the General Grand, a ridiculous condition, and no wonder that most of our General Grand High Priests are old men and P.G.G.H.P.'s in recent year are never more than three or four in number.

"The years required to pass through our Grand Line are eleven though often shortened by the death of a friend, a sad way to be advanced. With the condition that exists it seems to me wise to abolish the office of Deputy Grand High Priest.

"Also that the tendency is for the Grand Chapter to lord it over the Subordinate Chapters, to boss them about unduly, to make them toe the mark so to speak. I fear we have overdone it in some cases. The correct attitude, to my mind, is that of helpfulness."

The Committee on Necrology quote:—

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

The Convention of High Priesthood duly convened.
Archie S. Haven is the Grand Representative of Canada.
As in another Jurisdiction, Henry T. Smith is still entered as the Grand Secretary of our Grand Chapter. Good names never die and we take it for granted that his brother, M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, does not object.

VIRGINIA

Delamater Davis, Grand High Priest,
James M. Clift, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and twenty-eighth Grand Annual convened in Richmond, October 22, 1935.
At this meeting Grand King Charles H. Ergenbright was elected G.H.P.
It is noted in passing that M. Ex. Comp. James H. Price, Grand Treasurer, is Lieut.-Governor of Virginia.
Ten G.H.P.’s graced the Grand East.
Arthur L. Mattern of Richmond, duly represented Canada.
We note that one of the Representatives of Chapter No. 48 is named W. R. Canada.

The noble address of G.H.P. Davis is altogether out of the ordinary and we therefore give many quotations from this scholarly Mason:—

“To bring no disgrace to the city by dishonest act.
To fight for the ideals and sacred things, alone and with many.
To desert no faltering comrade.
To revere and obey the city laws and incite respect and reverence in those above us, who are prone to annul or set them at naught.
To strive unceasingly to quicken the public sense of public duty.
To transmit this city not less but better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.”

“I give you the Ephebic Oath of Ancient Athens as the Key note of this Annual Convocation. Shall we be content to pray that He may be pleased to send labourers into the harvest, or shall we ourselves, with a renewed sense of obligation, consider the problems confronting us and courageously work out solutions to the best of our ability? It is easier generally, and entails less mental effort, to travel the beaten path, but progress does not lie that way.

“The Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocation shall seriously discuss, consider, and transact all matters that concern the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in general, or private chapters and individual companions in particular.
"This has been to me a most happy Masonic year. The opportunity given to visit and counsel with the officers and members of our chapters, and the privilege of enjoying the hospitality of our sister Grand Jurisdictions, have been sources of pleasure and profit.

"How to conduct a successful fraternal organization. We dwell largely and expensively on the ritual and let the chapters find their own levels, without instruction, in the very practical matter of making membership in a chapter a pleasurable association of intelligent men united by a common bond—our ritualistic work. How can this type of leadership be developed? I submit, very confidently, only by experience. In my visits throughout the State I have wished I could get the officers of many of the chapters to visit neighbour chapters to see how a chapter should be conducted.

"The Junior Line Officers should have some definite duty to perform during the recess of the Grand Chapter to prepare them for the duties of Grand High Priest.

"The Craft is being well served by the Board, the Superintendent and the teaching and supervising personnel of the Home.

"The lecturers should be required to conduct schools of instruction and co-operate with the District Deputies. They should be allowed to hold office indefinitely and the office should not be allowed to become merely an honorary one.

"The Grand Lecturer is the last word, as a practical matter, in regard to the Ritual.

"Grand Chapter from time to time to meet in Annual Convocation in cities other than Richmond.

"When Thomas Jefferson was building the University of Virginia, he asked a very able and learned friend to draw up a plan for national education. His friend drew up such a plan, supplying every detail for its execution. Among other things he stressed the value of moral training in schools and suggested a prayer which he thought would be acceptable to the parents of children of every faith. That friend of Jefferson's was DuPont de Nemours, a Frenchman and progenitor of the famous DuPont family of Delaware. Here is the prayer:

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER:

May Thy name—pronounced with gratitude, love and respect be our consolation and our strength.

May our will be submissive to Thine and may our actions obey Thy wisdom as the stars follow the laws ordained by Thy goodness and power.

Give us this day our daily bread. We will try to deserve it by work done for others as well as ourselves.

Keep us from bringing on others sorrows that we are unwilling ourselves to bear.

Help us to be always ready to offer others the kindness that we want shown us.

Teach us to protect animals and plants in imitation of Thy benevolence.

May the realization of Thy goodness give us strength to resist temptation and keep us from all vice.

Accept our repentance for our faults. Grant that it may not be useless. Give us opportunity and ability to redeem them if there is time, or to atone for them as best we can, and in Thy mercy teach us to forgive those who have offended us, and pardon us in our turn.
Help us to bear inevitable sorrows; may our trust in Thee teach us to bear them patiently in the hope of a happier future. We thank Thee for allowing Thy children the comfort of offering their prayer to Thee.

So let it be!”

Membership, 12,325. Net loss, 868.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported, recommending that Grand Chapter recognize the Grand Chapter Regular of France and Colonies.

There were introduced the Grand Master and other Officers of Virginia and Grand Officers from D. of C., North Carolina, South Carolina, Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania and others.

Dr. W. J. McCollum, universally esteemed, is entered as Grand Representative of Virginia. We mourn his passing.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the capable and experienced hands of E. Fenno Heath, P.G.H.P., who says in his Introduction:—

“The Lynchburg case of when is a High Priest not a High Priest attracted wide attention and comment.

“Tom Bodge, reviewer extraordinary, our genial and illustrious Grand Representative near Grand Chapter of Maine, having been one of the principal conscientious objectors to our former complete roster, on the ground of extra and unnecessary cost.

“We have read and digested the proceedings of all the jurisdictions. but have found few proteins and scarcer vitamins.

“Grand Lecturers report little more, as they wildly race about to stem the tide of the so-called depression.”

He is favourably impressed with British Columbia and quotes:—

“Surely, companions, the way of Masonry is wise. Instead of becoming one more factor in a world of factional feud, it seeks to remove all hostility which may arise from social, national or religious differences. It helps to heal the haughtiness of the rich and the envy of the poor, and tends to establish ‘Peace upon earth.’

“Instead of criticising Masonry let us thank God for one altar where no man is asked to surrender his liberty of thought and become an indistinguishable atom. What a witness to the worth of an order, that it brings together men of all creeds, on behalf of those truths, which are greater than all sects, and deeper than all doctrines. Even the Glory and the Hope of Man.”

We appreciate his Review of Canada, in which with other comments he says:—

“Fifty-four pages were occupied with reports of Grand Superintendents, who seemed optimistic about the future of the Rite.

“Two amendments to the constitution were proposed, but only one was adopted; it permitted conferring ‘honorary membership in the executive upon any member thereof,’ total number to be limited to three at any one time.
"This Grand Chapter broke the ice in giving Committee on Appeals and Grievances something to do. It confirmed the action of a Chapter in expelling a secretary for misappropriation of funds. Proposed legislation as to life memberships was deferred 'until conditions improve.' 'Forget it' is the way we feel about it.

"Preceding and forming part of the review was a topical analytical index of three and one-half pages. Comp. Ponton's work is always thorough, and gives a splendid word picture of all that is transpiring in the Capitular world. He closes with 'Hail and Farewell' and signs his name."

Under D. of C. he welcomes a new face at the Round Table, Ex. Comp. Karsner, saying that the following views coincide with his:—

"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. If they desire solely education—in morality, in philosophy, in religion, the churches and the libraries of the world beckon them to come and take without price—limited only by their interest, energy and capacity. They need pay no petition fee of hard-earned dollars; assume no lifelong obligation of yearly dues.

"Accepted into the fraternity, the extent and duration of their interest will be determined by the collective character of the persons they encounter—the worthwhileness of the things with which they are found occupying themselves, and the fidelity with which they perform those acts of mutual obligation which are the basis of fraternal association." Under England he pays this worthy tribute:—

"Since writing the above we have learned with deep regret of the passing of Lord Ampthill. He was a typical English gentleman and a great Masonic leader, and the Empire 'has lost a public spirited servant, mankind a true friend, and Freemasonry in England, and indeed throughout the whole wide world, a noble and skilled Craftsman'"

Under Oregon he singles out M.Ex. Comp. Kelly in the following:—

"Dissertation on 'Ritualism':

THE MULE AND THE WOLF

"An old Spanish fable deals with a mule and a wolf. The mule was limping along with a nail in its foot. The wolf was trailing behind evidently waiting for an opportune time to make a meal out of the mule. The mule appealed to the wolf to pull the nail out of his foot. The wolf said: 'I am no surgeon; such a task is not mine to perform.' The mule made another plea, saying: 'You can see that I haven't long to live, why not relieve me of this distress and let me die in peace.' Being thus addressed, the wolf relented, and applied his teeth to the nail and extracted it from the mule's foot. Just as he did so, the mule lammed away and kicked that wolf with all his might. The wolf picked himself up and limped away, broken, bleeding and sore; but he soliloquized thus: 'That serves me right for trying to do something for which I am not fitted either by nature, inclination, environment or training.'"
“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. Our fourth degree, in my opinion, is twice as long as it should be. 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.”

WASHINGTON

Lewis A Bender, Grand High Priest,
Horace W. Tyler, Grand Secretary Emeritus,
Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary.
The Fifty-second Annual was convened in Tacoma, 14th May, 1936, and opened with the invocation and a vocal solo, “The Builders”.
The record number of Past Grand High Priests, 22 in all, were received and honoured.
Canada was not among the Grand Representatives present.
Distinguished visitors from Oregon and Minnesota and the Grand Master of Washington were welcomed.
The Roll of Honour is thus described:—
“The companions were called to their feet and while standing with bowed heads, a quartette of members of Tacoma Chapter sang in subdued tones a beautiful song, the Grand Secretary read the following list of names of those who have served this Grand Chapter as Most Excellent Grand High Priests, but who have now passed to their eternal reward.”

A letter from the late Sidney Forbes of Hamilton, was read. Many in Washington will regret to hear of his lamented death.
The G.H.P. said:—
“For several years the growth and prosperity of our beloved order has suffered in loss of membership and influence. This has been due primarily to economic conditions, but also in part from a lack or slack down of our own efforts to promote the interest and desire of Master Masons to become Royal Arch Masons. There can be no doubt that every Master Mason desires more light in Masonry.
“This desire can be created by the placing in the hands of every Master Mason for his information a copy of the booklet, ‘What Is Meant by the York Rite’.
“There should be a committee on entertainment, and every chapter should have such programs as often as their finances will permit in order to keep up or stimulate the fraternal enjoyment of companionship.”

A new chapter at Spokane was constituted.
He made many visitations.
This was one of his Rulings:—
“You are advised that I have no authority to consent to the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree in any other manner than is prescribed in our own Ritual, as adopted by the General Grand Chapter.”
The Reports from District Inspectors were edited and abridged.

Membership, 6,598. Net loss, 613.

The following are extracts from the address of the Grand Orator:

"The title of this sketch I shall call 'Our Constitution and Masonry'. I use the term 'sketch' as it means 'A simply constructed literary composition, as a short story'.

"This Spirit dwells only in the clean and understanding heart. The prayer of Solomon at Gideon was that God should give him an understanding heart and he might judge Israel and discern between good and evil.

"And, for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour.

"These are the only designs or plans by which a great nation can be built, or a great nation preserved.

"For He is good, His mercy endureth forever."

The Secretaries' Association duly met and did good work. The following is an extract from a resolution referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

"Whereas it has become a custom in this Grand Chapter for the Grand High Priest to advance the appointive officers one grade each year; and

"Whereas, it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter that this system has not always worked satisfactorily nor to the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry; therefore be it resolved, etc."

Walter H. Steffey of Seattle, was elected G.H.P.

Robert L. McCroskey is the Grand Representative of Canada.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Harry A. Berry, Grand High Priest.

G. M. Ford, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-sixth Annual was held in Charleston, October 12, 1936.

At this meeting Ira Sankey Nichols, Grand King, was elected G.H.P.

Distinguished visitors from North Carolina and Virginia, and the Grand Master were welcomed.

Canada was duly represented by Fred C. Steinbicker.

Sixteen P.G.H.P.'s faithfully answered roll call and were assured by the G.H.P. that they were the mainstay of Grand Chapter.

The G.H.P.'s address was a very brief one. He had found it impossible to visit many of the chapters. He refused two requests as follows:

"I had request from Williamson Chapter for permission to confer one or two degrees in Blue Lodge halls in their Jurisdiction. After
due consideration I refused the permission feeling that to grant same would establish a precedent that could easily be carried too far.

"I refused permission to confer the chapter degrees upon a brother who had lost his leg just below the knee inasmuch as there is no provision in the law of this Grand Jurisdiction permitting same."

The veteran and well known Grand Secretary closed his report as follows:—

"As we near the end of the Capitular year, we might all, with profit, take inventory, asking ourselves, If, We have lived up to the teachings of our Order?

"Are we doing our utmost to build up the chapters to which we belong?

"What is the trouble? There is nothing wrong with the institution, If anything is wrong, it is us.

"Then let us resolve that in the future we will give more thought to the needs of Capitular Masonry.

"The brethren of the lodge need the Royal Arch, and you will be doing them a kindness in bringing it to them."

"I learn as the years roll onward and I leave the past behind, That much that I counted as sorrow but proves that God is kind. That many a flower that I longed for has hidden a thorn of pain. And many rugged by-paths led to fields of ripened grain."

"The only thing new that might be of interest is that some of the Grand Chapters both in America and abroad, have recognized the 'Grand Chapter de Arche Royale'.

"This body was organized by English Royal Arch Masonry, has been working under its patronage for the past five years. It is regular in every respect, is supreme and self governing and is attached after the manner of Great Britain in Grand Lodge Nationale, Independent et Regulier, pour la France et les Colonies Francaises.

"We would suggest that no action be taken by this Grand Chapter until approached by that body."

The Committee on Necrology says:—

"We present the list of many companions dropping out of the line along the way in life's fitful and sable shadows.

"The mystery of man's existence, the coming and the going. The certain ending in sudden breaking of the ties of association. Man becomes reconciled but not comforted, as Faith lessens grief. No emotions of feeling or open expression have served to avert man from woeful memory of the incitement to mourning in the fateful course of life."

In the report of the Triennial we learn of two changes in the law.

"All requests for waiver of jurisdiction must go to the General Grand High Priest for his approval before going to the Grand High Priest of a Grand Chapter.

"After 1939 there will be four less elective officers in the General Grand Chapter. The office of the Deputy Grand High Priest will be eliminated, and the three Masters of Veils will be appointed by the General Grand High Priest.

"This is done to prevent a General Grand Master perpetuating the line of officers. There are sixteen Grand Chapters in the Orient."
In Memoriam of Carson Boyd Trenor, P.G.H.P., a verse not usually quoted:—

"His faults were light and few
As human faults could be.
And his virtues were as many too
As gems beneath the sea.
A calm release.
No clinging to his mortal clod
He's closed his eyes to lie in peace,
Before his smiling God."

M.Ex. Comp. Colonel Alexander Cowan of Barrie, is the worthy Grand Representative of West Virginia.

The Fraternal Reviews are preceded by the friendly features of G.M. Ford, whose noble brow, waving hair and alert glance give one good cheer.

From his Foreword the following:—

"After another trip around the Capitular world we find that the star was discovered in 1934 and disappeared in 1935. Yet another star has taken its place. The Grand Chapter of Nevada; with a membership of 577 made a gain of 13 or about 2\%; not a lot, but if all of the Grand Chapters would do as well, how happy we should be.

"They realize that interest among the members is the only way we can hope to start our Chapters on the upward road.

"But we must try to furnish something to please the companion on the side line, and there is no one thing that will do this. It will have to be a variety. While a good address would delight some, others would go to sleep.

"Doubtless all of us meet frequently, and talk occasionally, to a former member of our chapter. But we never mention chapter to them. Try talking to them of the beauties of the degrees and the pleasures enjoyed at the meetings, and let them see that you are taking an interest in them personally. This will help."

A touch from the Arkansas Review:—

"The mission of Masonry is to curb intemperate passions, and to reconcile conflicting interests, it is to extend to nations those principles of humanity in exercise of benevolence, which should actuate individuals to destroy the pride of conquest and the pomp of war."

This from British Columbia:—

"What is to be the future of the world, if the young man moving out from home into life is crushed upon the threshold? No work, no hope, no home for himself—just a cold, hard, ruthless world. What a tragedy! Money cannot measure."

Canada is fraternally treated in friendly fashion. He appreciates, as we all do, George L. Gardiner, and says:—

"A fine address was presented by the Grand Z. replete with good thoughts and suggestions.

"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.

"Dispensation granted to confer the degrees on a brother who had lost his left arm below the elbow."
“Lack of space prevents our quoting more of this excellent address.

“Changed time of holding Annual Convocation from February to
the third Wednesday in April.

“Grand Treasurer reports cash, $9,133.12; securities, $89,791.45.

“The usual complete report is made by Grand Scribe E. Smith and
the Grand Superintendents render complete reports.”

Under England of Lord Cornwallis, he said:—

“Lord Cornwallis, although a man of the most self-effacing char-
acter, was also a man of great determination, he would stand up for
what he believed to be true to the very utmost, and I think his intrinsic
goodness often won over an opponent.”

Ohio always furnishes something interesting:—

“Referring to the continued losses, ‘Has come to the conclusion, is
not a matter alone of geography or of material prosperity or of co-
operation of other bodies, or of work of Grand Chapter or its officers.

‘It is a matter of the Masonic spirit of the companions in the
subordinate Chapters.’”

This from the Saskatchewan Review:—

“Tyrants and dictators, as in the days of old, have driven freedom
from the scene. Masonry has been ruthlessly stamped out and her
leaders have been either killed or sent into exile.”

Scotland extends sympathy to American friends who have
suffered by the disastrous floods, which have repeated them-
selves tenfold during recent weeks.

WISCONSIN

Fred S. Thompson, Grand High Priest,
William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-sixth Annual was opened in ample form in
Scottish Rite Cathedral, Milwaukee, February 18, 1936. The
opening was preceded by an organ recital.

In addition to the Grand Master guests were welcomed
from Iowa, Illinois and Representatives of other Jurisdictions.

From the G.H.P.’s address we take the following cita-
tions:—

“We invite you to take an active part in its deliberations and feel
free to express yourselves.”

No less than three Past G.H.P.’s died during the year and
were remembered in dignified fashion.

Under State of the Craft he said:—

“During the first month of this administration the Grand Lect-
turer devised a system of reports.

“The tide is gradually receding.

“We have invariably found young men, with all their ability and
enthusiasm, occupying the chairs, hungry for information and willing
to carry on when they knew what and how.

“It is true we have some weak chapters; some that in the ‘horse
and buggy’ days were granted charters which, under present condi-
tions, would not have been; some that should be consolidated.
"We hear the cry for leadership, well and good; but a successful army is not made up of officers alone, there must be followers."

He speaks of Foreign Correspondence as follows:—
"A reading of these reports from year to year will give you much in return."

A word of praise for Manitoba:—
"We commend the Manitoba companions to you as the 'salt of the earth'."

DeMolay and Triple Tau receive due recognition.

The fee for Order of High Priesthood is $5.00 and each candidate receives a Bible with certificate.

Of the Masonic Home the following:—
"No one who has not visited the Masonic Home at Dousman or made a thorough investigation of the charity work performed by the Grand Lodge can appreciate the burdens lifted from the shoulders of the subordinate lodges of this State."

He recognized the services and sacrifice of his wife during the year.

11 Past G.H.P.'s were honoured in the Grand East.

Elmer S. Owens duly represented Canada.

The Committee adds a touch which has not been experienced by us this year in Canada:—
"Considering the sub-zero weather and snow-bound conditions throughout the state the Grand Chapter can be congratulated on its fine representation."

The Committee on Problems say:—
"Candidate with the mental glow of accomplishment. Let us make him feel happy that he possesses the 'proud title of a Mason'.
"Let us discontinue the thought of a 'candidate mill' and 'get the money' plan; and substitute in place thereof the thought of making Masons by imparting the beautiful lessons of our Order. Let each candidate feel that he has taken a step upward spiritually and that 'Man does not live by bread alone'."

Elmer D. Widmer was elected G.H.P.

From the report of the Committee on Obituaries the following:—

"I hold it truth with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones,
That men may rise on stepping-stones
Of their dead selves to higher things."

"My mark must link itself with Divinity.
"The ring, the signet ring, is produced and we continue our journey. The Holy City is our objective.
"I must not be content with a mere ritual. It is the alphabet of all my future lessons. It is the foundation."

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell
That mind and soul according well,
May make one music as before."
Membership, 20,009. Net loss, 1,327.

The Grand Lecturer presented a satisfying report:

"Continue to hold our fraternity where it belongs—on the top rung of the ladder of achievement.

"There has been in some of our chapters an apparent apathy on the part of the members, but not the officers."

From the report of the Ritual Committee:

"With the express intention to make our work more dignified and also more consistent with that of the Symbolic Lodge."

Some of the illustrated topics carried out by the special Educational Committee are:

"From the Perfect Cube to the Perfect Cross."

"The North East Corner, as the Alpha and Omega of Ancient Craft Masonry."

"What is the Hour?"

"Present your Work", explanatory of the "Mark Presentation" ceremony.

"The crowning glory of our efforts is recorded in Exodus 28:36, as true when it was written as it is to-day:

"The message of Angels, by Humanity heard,
While the Signet's perfection revealed the Divine,
Is 'the Word is with God and God is the Word'.”

In the Memoriam pages, with which are interspersed portraits of Deceased Grand Officers, we take the following:

"For thirty-two years he made his annual pilgrimage to the Grand Chapter and travelling with him on those occasion was always an adventure in delightful companionship.

"He was one of those who did his duty as if a pervading sense of the presence of the Immortals was with him. Edward Markham gives the key to this man's life in two of his poems. The concluding lines of each are sufficient to quote.

"Whether 'tis hidden or whether it show
Let the work be sound—for the Lord will know.”

"Silence, slave.
Men may not see; but the Immortals will.”

R.Ex. Comp. William J. Wadsworth, interested in Toronto’s civic as well as Masonic affairs, is the Grand Representative of Wisconsin.

Grand Secretary Weiler is also the able Reviewer of International Correspondence. We quote from his Foreword:

"Be noble and the nobleness that lies
In other men sleeping, but never dead, will rise
In majesty to meet thine own.”

"Nevada, which is the smallest of the Jurisdictions, showing a loss of approximately 52.”

"It is gratifying, however, to note that there is an upturn in Capitular affairs and that from now on the losses will be less.

"We have approximately 56,000 Master Masons and approximately 22,000 Royal Arch Masons. In other words, 30,000 Master Masons in
this Grand Jurisdiction have not completed their symbolic education; have not been shown.

"There has perhaps been entirely too much weeping and wailing over losses in membership. We might pattern after some of our service clubs along this line. If they can not keep up their end of the overhead expense, paying their dues, etc., they are just automatically out. We do not know if we would advocate going to that length in our Masonic institution but nevertheless it is a matter for us to consider."

He treats of the subjects topically.

He says under Schools of Education:—

"We know of no institution in which they put so little Masonry. We feel that a great many of our Jurisdictions are waking up to the fact that if they expect to get anything out of our institution, they must put more in."

Under "What of the Future" he asks:—

"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 men are privileged to come in contact. Masonry is dynamic. Masonry is activity. Masonry is doing."

From Charles H. Johnson, Grand Secretary of New York, we quote:—

"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. We cannot expect the other bodies to succeed if the lodge does not receive support."

Of DeMolay he says:—

"Wisconsin is practically the only Grand Chapter that is really sponsoring, if we may call it so, the Order of DeMolay. DeMolay has been one of the favoured Grand Chapter activities since 1921 and is still going strong."

"You and I who are DeMolays are not gathered here at this convention for a two days' program of mutual admiration. Rather we are here to discuss the problems of our organization, to choose its leaders. It represents the realization of the ideals of the first ceremony. It is the story of a man whose life was splendid and whose death was sublime."

Under False Economy:—

"We know of a certain Masonic Grand Body which cut out the Reviews, and spent three hundred dollars on a Past Grand's jewel. Certain individuals have their pet economies and to offset them, their pet extravagances.

"Masonry is no reform school; we should never take a man into Masonry to reform him.

"Masonry needs no 'props' to support it. Let's throw the crutches away.

"Sages and philosophers, steeped in its rich lore and logic, thoroughly conversant with its ritual, philosophy and symbolism, have been pleased to view it from various angles. One has defined it as 'A Song of the Human Soul'; another 'The Spirit of Service to Mankind'; another 'Masonry is Brotherly Love'; and again, 'A Science Engaged in the Search for Divine Truth.'"
"Then, brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother,  
For where love dwells, the peace of God is there;  
To worship rightly is to love each other—  
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer."

**WYOMING**

Henry G. Watson, Grand High Priest.  
Richard H. Repath, Grand Secretary.  

The Twenty-eighth Annual was held in Cheyenne July 14th, 1936.  
Four official lambskin aprons suitably embroidered and embossed were presented to the G.H.P., D.G.H.P., Grand King and Grand Scribe. They will be kept by the Grand Secretary between Grand Convocations.  
Ten P.G.H.P.'s honoured the Grand East by their presence.  

Distinguished guests from Nebraska were welcomed.  
Wyoming Commandery, No. 1, were co-hosts with the local Chapter, and the entertainment reached its climax at a joint dinner. Thanks were given in happy vein for the hospitality of Cheyenne companions, which culminated in an open-air luncheon at the country residence of Comp. Hewlett, and another bounteous luncheon at Cheyenne Country Club.  

Communications were received from Alberta and from Manitoba.  
Canada was duly represented by Richard H. Repath, whose brother in Canada we well remember.  
The roll of deceased P.G.H.P.'s is always read in this, and many other, jurisdictions.  

The G. H. P. said in his address:—

“If our institution is to grow and go forward we will need your counsel and advice to enrich our plans with new ideas which may better fit changing conditions.  
“We have to look to those who are coming up to carry on.  
“A petitioner for the degrees must be a member in good standing in some lawfully constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. If he has taken a demit from a lodge that bars him until he has petitioned and been accepted.  
“There is nothing in the law which requires such evidence to accompany the petition. However, the Committee to whom a petition has been referred, should, as a part of its duty, satisfy itself that the statements made in the petition are true. How else can the Committee make a favourable report to the Chapter?  
“I find nothing in the law limiting the conferring of degrees to the elective officers.  
“If attendance is not what it should be it is up to the officers to provide something of interest. Have a Past High Priests' night. Celebrate anniversary of the instituting or constituting of the Chapter.
Have a special program in honour of the 'old members'. A live set of officials can think up many programs that will attract interest and attendance. There is little satisfaction in teaching Capitular Masonry to empty chairs."

The Grand Secretary reports:—
"As said in a report yesterday to a HIGHER BODY on this subject: 'Next to the decreasing number of new members, it is apparent that suspensions are still our major problem'."

Why a higher body?
Membership, 1,800. Net loss, 84.
The G.H.P. of Nebraska said:—
"Nebraska was endeavouring to promote the custom of holding York Rite Councils or Festivals, bringing together in joint gatherings the various Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies and Councils, the purpose of which was to weld together the component units of York Rite Masonry and foster the true fraternal spirit."

The Committee on Necrology report:—
"May we not hope that for the important service they have rendered they have been crowned with crowns of eternal life and happiness."

William H. Jones of Buffalo, Wyoming, was elected G.H.P.
An expressive portrait of Grand Secretary Repath adorns the Proceedings and his touch is probably to be found in the following:—
"Open with all the accompaniments that would naturally occur to a generous Lord of the Manor. As one of the visiting members said: 'This is really a most sumptuous affair and quite out of the ordinary, bringing to mind scenes set forth in sketches from the history of the Gallant Knights of Old, who when resting from the hardships of battle doffed their plumed helmets and laying aside their swords and bucklers, refreshed themselves in anticipation of the next.'"

Howard E. Meadd of Cornwall is the worthy Grand Representative of Wyoming.
The correspondence is in the capable hand and springs from the capacious heart of Henry G. Watson, G.H.P.

He says in his introduction:—
"For the first time in several years we have been able to discern a tendency toward a breaking up of the clouds of gloom that have had such a depressing effect on Capitular Masonry. The real workers in Capitular Masonry continue their work. The lust for more members may serve to arouse those who believe that mere numbers mean strength.
"The net loss for the year shows a decrease of over 12,000 from the 1934 figures, which is most encouraging."

From the California Review the following:—
"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.
“We are not in any wise running a reformatory. We are pleased to invite the finest men in our communities to join our fraternity.”

This from Missouri:—

“The Review section was prepared by Grand Secretary Ray V. Denslow. We do not know whether he is limited to space but at any rate he got what he had to say into less than eighty pages. It is written in the topical form which seems to have become a habit with him. However, it is a good way to bring together various ideas on the same subject.”

Canada is fraternally reviewed. We take from it:—

“Dispensations allowed seem excessive to us, but many of them would not be required in Wyoming, twenty being to attend Divine Service, five to permit the advancement of officers who had not filled all of the requisite stations, six to dispense with Stated Convocations of Chapters during June, July, August and September,—we would just fail to send out notices for them,—and eight to hold social meetings.

“A dispensation to permit a chapter to ballot on an application when the petitioner did not have the required one year of residence was refused.

“A companion could not be a Scribe E. and a Grand Superintendent at the same time.

“Comp. Cowan suggested that the name of Grand Chapter be changed. There are plenty of arguments on both sides of the question.

“The reports of the Grand Superintendents show that they keep a rather close watch over the chapters entrusted to their care and most of them take their duties seriously.

“Comp. Ponton presented carefully prepared summaries of the doings of fifty-four Grand Jurisdictions. In addition to giving facts relating to the several Grand Chapters Comp. Ponton uses many brief quotations in order to give a clear picture of conditions.”

This from New South Wales Review:—

“We wish that other Grand Chapters in the Australian area prepared and printed reviews so that we could get a better picture of Capitular conditions over there. If Scotland is so much in the wrong as New South Wales claims, the nearby Grand Chapters should be the first in taking issue with Scotland as they have much more first hand information than we have.”
"AFTERWARD"

Thus ends another of the annual "Little Journeys" on which this Reviewer has for many years embarked as one of the Ambassadors of Good-will, linking up the hospitable home ports and portals of our sister and brother Grand Chapters in the good ship Fellow-ship. I have gathered a posy of other men's flowers and naught but the thread that binds them is mine own. Ave atque vale. Hail and farewell.

William Nisbet Ponton, P.G.Z.

Belleville, April, 1937.