ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS CANADA 1923
To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

Send a full list of the Officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.
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Yonge Street and Davenport Road, Toronto.
Proceedings of the

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONs of CANADA

at the Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation

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Held in the Masonic Temple, 888 Yonge Street
City of Toronto, Ontario
Wednesday, February 28th, and Thursday,
March 1st, A.D. 1923, A. Inv. 2453

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

R. H. SPENCER, Trenton, Ont.  HENRY T. SMITH, Toronto, Ont.
Grand Z.  Grand Scribe E.
Grand Chapter of Canada

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Toronto, Ontario, Wednesday, February 28th and Thursday, March 1st, A.D. 1923. A.Inv. 2453.

Present

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer .......... Grand Z.
R. " " W. H. Davis .......... Grand H. } Grand Council
R. " " K. J. Dunstan .......... Grand J. }
M. " " George Moore .......... Grand Treasurer
R. " " Harry F. Moulden .... Grand Scribe N.
R. " " E. A. James .......... Grand Registrar
R. " " E. B. Brown .......... Grand Historian
R. " " J. B. Nixon .......... Grand Lecturer
" " W. H. McNairn...as Grand Senior Sojourner
" " Charles Wheat...as Grand Junior Sojourner
R. " " H. G. C. Ledger...as Grand Sword Bearer
R. " " J. H. Shaw.........as Grand Master 1st Veil
" " C. E. Watkins......as Grand Master 2nd Veil
" " Richard Routley...as Grand Master 3rd Veil
" " O. H. King .......... as Grand Master 4th Veil
" " J. G. Mohan.........as Grand Standard Bearer
V. " " Harry P. Reid......... Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V. " " W. R. McQuade...as Grand Organist
V. " " E. J. Luttrell .......... Grand Pursuivant
V. " " A. E. Annis .......... Grand Steward
" " E. J. Wright...as Grand Steward
" " J. H. Edworthy...as Grand Steward
V. " " V. W. Bryant .......... Grand Steward
V. " " James Herriot ...as Grand Steward
" " W. F. Harden......as Grand Steward
V. " " W. E. Clark .......... Grand Steward
V. " " G. W. Slack.........as Grand Steward
V. " " Edward J. Everett...Grand Steward
V. " " S. G. Newdick.....as Grand Steward
GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. J. H. C. Woodward......London Dist. No. 2
" " " Arthur J. Peachey......Simcoe " 3
" " " Finlay Smith .................Galt " 4
" " " John E. Riddell............Hamilton " 5
" " " Robt. Wilson Clements.Kincardine " 6
" " " John Edgar Yocom.....Dunnville " 7
" " " Edward Lankin ..........Toronto " 8
" " " A. C. Larter ..............Toronto " 8a
" " " Frank Seath Lewis.....Collingwood " 9
" " " Rev. Edgar William Pickford ...............Brighton " 10
" " " William James Hill.....Madoc " 11
" " " Charles T. Wilkinson.Brockville " 12
" " " Alexander W. Grant....Ottawa " 13
" " " Albert Milton Frank..Port Arthur " 14
" " " A. H. McLeod .............Winnipeg " 15
" " " C. A. Needham ............Saskatoon " 20
" " " Lorne A. Kennedy........New Liskeard " 23

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

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

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 178 Warranted Chapters, and 2 under Dispensation on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 141 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui,
       Kingston.

       V. Ex. Comp. V. W. Bryant; R. Ex. Comps. W. Y. Mills (Proxy), W. M. Campbell, P.Z.'s.

No. 2. The Hiram, Hamilton.

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

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

No. 5.  
*St. George's, London.*
Ex. Comp. Harry E. Abell (Proxy); V. Ex. Comp. F. S. Thomson, P.Z.'s.

No. 6.  
*St. John's, Hamilton.*
Ex. Comp. H. R. Clark (Proxy); V. Ex. Comp. H. A. MacKay, P.Z.'s.

No. 7.  
*The Moira, Belleville.*
Ex. Comp. J. B. Boyce, Z.; M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.Z.

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

No. 15.  
*Wawanosh, Sarnia.*

No. 16.  
*Carleton, Ottawa.*
Ex. Comp. Stewart Witten, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. A. W. Grant, P.Z.

No. 18.  
*Oxford, Woodstock.*

No. 19.  
*Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
Ex. Comp. John Herod (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 22.  
*Grenville, Prescott.*
Ex. Comp. A. I. Lane, Z.

No. 23.  
*Ezra, Simcoe.*
No. 24. **Tecumseh, Stratford.**

No. 26. **St. Mark’s, Trenton.**

No. 27. **Manitou, Collingwood.**

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

No. 30. **Huron, Goderich.**
R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Beck, P.Z.

No. 31. **Prince Edward, Picton.**

No. 32. **Waterloo, Galt.**

No. 34. **Signet, Barrie.**
Ex. Comp. J. Shrubsole, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. A. Cowan, P.Z.

No. 35. **Keystone, Whitby.**

No. 36. **Corinthian, Peterborough.**

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

No. 40. **Guelph, Guelph.**

No. 41. **Harris, Ingersoll.**
Ex. Comps. W. A. Sutherland, R. H. Reid, P.Z.’s.
No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
Ex. Comp. A. J. Wilson, Z.

No. 46. *St. James, St. Mary’s.*

No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
Ex. Comps. F. A. Steinke, H.; W. H. Ferguson, P.Z.

No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*
R. Ex. Comp. H. F. Moulden (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*

No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
Ex. Comp. J. A. Coleman (Proxy); R. Ex. Comp. F. J. McClelland, P.Z.’s.

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

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

No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*
Ex. Comps. William Root, Z.; M. Brown, P.Z.

No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*
Ex. Comp. M. A. Brandon, Z.

No. 62. *York, Toronto.*

No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*

No. 64. *Willson, Welland.*

No. 65. *St. Paul’s, Toronto.*
No. 67.  Enterprise, Harriston.
   Ex. Comp. J. Corbitt, Z.

No. 69.  Grimsby, Grimsby.
   Ex. Comp. Frank E. Russ, J.

No. 70.  Grand River, Bracebridge.
   Ex. Comp. W. C. Fryer, Z.

No. 71.  Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.
   Ex. Comp. W. S. Wigle, Z.

   Ex. Comp. Earl Bell, H.; R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts, P.Z.

No. 75.  St. Clair, Milton.

No. 76.  Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.
   R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Swannell (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 77.  Occident, Toronto.

No. 78.  Minnewawa, Parkhill.

No. 79.  Orient, Toronto.

No. 80.  Ark, Windsor.
   Ex. Comp. James Stewart, Z.; P. J. McConnell, P.Z.

No. 81.  Aylmer, Aylmer.
   R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Fear, Z.

No. 82.  Shuniah, Port Arthur.
No. 83.  
Ionic, Orangeville.  

No. 86.  
Macpherson, Meaford.  
Ex. Comp. A. W. Bright, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. A. G. Bright, P.Z.

No. 90.  
Golden, Kenora.  
R. Ex. Comp. H. M. Frank (Proxy).

No. 91.  
Antiquity, Toronto.  

No. 94.  
Midland, Lindsay.  

No. 95.  
Tuscan, Sudbury.  
R. Ex. Comp. A. D. Meldrum (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 100.  
St. Lawrence, Brockville.  

No. 102.  

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

No. 104.  
White Oak, Oakville.  

No. 110.  
Warkworth, Warkworth.  
Ex. Comp. S. Oliver, Z.

No. 112.  
St. John's, Morrisburg.  
R. Ex. Comp. W. C. Davy (Proxy), P.Z.
No. 113. **Covenant, Cornwall.**
Ex. Comp. O. F. Eaman (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 114. **Bonnechere, Renfrew.**
Ex. Comp. J. P. Morrison, Z.

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

No. 117. **Kitchener, Kitchener.**
Ex. Comp. S. Halfyard (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 121. **Wascana, Regina.**
R. Ex. Comp. F. B. Reilly (Proxy), P.Z.

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

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

No. 134. **King Darius, Cannington.**
R. Ex. Comp. E. J. Free (Proxy).

No. 135. **Succoth, Uxbridge.**

No. 138. **Shekinah, Toronto.**

No. 140. **Fort William, Fort William.**
Ex. Comp. C. E. Watkins, Z.

No. 143. **Glengarry, Maxville.**
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Munro, Z.

No. 144. **Presque Isle, Brighton.**
R. Ex. Comp. E. W. Pickford (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 145. **The St. Patrick, Toronto.**
No. 147.  
\textit{Lucknow, Lucknow.}
Ex. Comp. J. W. Joynt, Z.

No. 148.  
\textit{St. John’s, Vankleek Hill.}

No. 149.  
\textit{Atwood, Rainy River.}
R. Ex. Comp. H. G. C. Ledger (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 150.  
\textit{London, London.}

No. 151.  
\textit{Laurentian, Pembroke.}
R. Ex. Comp. A. W. Grant (Proxy).

No. 152.  
\textit{Alberton, Fort Frances.}
R. Ex. Comp. D. J. Gillon (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 153.  
\textit{Sombra, Wallaceburg.}
Ex. Comp. T. M. Irwin (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 155.  
\textit{Ancaster, Ancaster.}

No. 160.  
\textit{Prince Albert, Prince Albert.}
M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt (Proxy).

No. 161.  
\textit{Madoc, Madoc.}
Ex. Comp. George West, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hill, P.Z.

No. 162.  
\textit{Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw.}

No. 163.  
\textit{The Beaches, Toronto.}

No. 164.  
\textit{Lorne, West Lorne.}
Ex. Comps. B. Skinner (Proxy), D. Turner, P.Z.’s.

No. 165.  
\textit{Saskatoon, Saskatoon.}
R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Needham (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 166.  
\textit{Moose Mountain, Arcola.}
No. 167. Kichikewana, Midland.
   Ex. Comp. J. G. Mohan, Z.

No. 168. Ionic, Campbellford.

No. 169. Temiskaming, New Liskeard.

No. 171. Rabboni, Dauphin.
   R. Ex. Comp. Edward Lankin (Proxy).

   R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner (Proxy).

No. 175. The Hamilton, Hamilton.

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

No. 185. Toronto, Toronto.

No. 186. Unity, Swift Current.
   M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer (Proxy).

   R. Ex. Comp. A. H. McLeod (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 194. Orient, Moosomin.

No. 195. Peel, Brampton.

No. 198. Couchiching, Orillia.

No. 203. Cobalt, Cobalt.
   Ex. Comps. T. E. Armstrong, Z.; Frank H. Todd, P.Z.

No. 205. Victoria, Thornhill.
No. 208. Assiniboia, Assiniboia.
R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Smith (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 209. Humboldt, Humboldt.
R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood (Proxy).

No. 211. Shaunavon, Shaunavon.

No. 212. Mount Sinai, Toronto.
Ex. Comps. I. Finberg, Z.; A. Brookstone, P.Z.

No. 213. Northern Lights, Timmins.
Ex. Comp. C. G. Kimsley (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 214. Vimy, Inwood.
Ex. Comp. A. Johnston, Z.

No. 215. Mimico, Mimico.

No. 217. St. Alban’s, Toronto.

No. 218. Prince Edward, Shelburne.
R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis (Proxy).

No. 219. Ulster, Toronto.

No. 220. Lebanon, Lambton Mills.
Ex. Comp. J. A. Evans (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 221. Durham, Durham.

No. 222. Ottawa, Ottawa.
Ex. Comp. F T. Gordon, Z.

Ex. Comp. H. E. Warner, Z.

No. 225. Beaver, Toronto.
Ex. Comps. H. A. Miller, J.; Joseph Baker (Proxy), P.Z.
No. 226. *Prince of Wales, Perth.*
   Ex. Comp. W. W. A. Trench (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 227. *Quinte Friendship, Belleville.*
   Ex. Comp. J. O. Herity, Z.

No. 228. *Tugaske, Tugaske.*

No. 229. *Eagle Lake, Kindersley.*
   R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth (Proxy).

No. 230. *Port Credit, Port Credit.*
   Ex. Comp. W. G. Price (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 231. *St. Clair, Toronto.*
   H. Eversfield; V. Ex. Comp. E. D. Grant, R. Ex.
   Comp. Edward Larkin, P.Z.'s.

No. 232. *King Cyrus, Toronto.*
   Ex. Comp. W. H. Hedges, Z.

No. 233. *Oakwood, Toronto.*
   V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell, Z.; Ex. Comp. Wm.
   Hyndman, P.Z.

No. 234. *Halton, Georgetown.*
   Ex. Comps. Henry Corke, Z.; J. T. Cameron, J.

No. 235. *Aurora, Aurora.*
   Ex. Comp. W. R. McQuade, Z.

No. 236. *Caledonia, Caledonia.*
   Ex. Comp. Charles Fortune, Z.

No. 238. *St. Andrew, London.*
   R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Z.

No. 239. *Blenheim, Blenheim.*
   Ex. Comps. W. L. Shillington, Z.; J. L. Rutherford,
   H.

No. 240. *Smithville, Smithville.*
   Ex. Comps. W. R. Kelly, Z.; John H. Patterson, H.

No. 241. *University, Toronto.*
   Ex. Comp. C. H. C. Wright, H.

No. 242. *St. Paul's, Lambeth.*
   Ex. Comp. A. E. Somerville, Z.
Eighty-three Chapters were represented by regular officers, 53 were represented by proxy, 5 were represented by Past Z.’s, making the total Chapters represented 141. Thirty-seven Chapters were unrepresented. There were 378 delegates registered, making a total of 624 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. HAENTSCHEL, Chairman.
A. G. HORWOOD,
W. J. ARMSTRONG,
E. J. REPATH,
AUSTIN EVANS,
Committee.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

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

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Hamilton, Wednesday, February 22nd, 1922, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and

Resolved,—“That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Wednesday, February 22nd, 1922, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed.”

CIVIC WELCOME.

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt,—I have the privilege and the pleasure of introducing to you and to the Excellent Companions of Grand Chapter His
Worship, Companion Alfred Maguire, Mayor of Toronto, who is here for the purpose of extending to Grand Chapter a welcome from the Citizens of this fair City. It is a great honor to be elected Chief Magistrate of a City of the size and importance of Toronto, although when I recall the great responsibility and arduous duties it involves, I must confess that it is an office I would not, under any circumstances, be willing to accept. The duties of the position in a City such as Toronto are so varied and exacting in their nature that the occupant, if he discharges them faithfully and zealously has little time to devote to other activities. The ratepayers of any city are hard to please, and I might be permitted to suggest if he could see his way clear to relieve his fellow citizens of the payment of all taxes and perhaps offer them a small bonus in addition, he will achieve undying popularity. It will be a source of pleasure to you Excellent Sir, as it is to his fellow Companions of the City, to note that our Chief Magistrate appears before you clothed as a Royal Arch Mason. I esteem it a privilege to introduce to you Excellent Sir, and to the Excellent Companions of Grand Chapter, His Worship, Comp. Alfred Maguire, Mayor of the City of Toronto.

M. Ex. Comp. Spencer,—It is a great pleasure, Comp. Maguire, to welcome you to Grand Chapter in your official capacity, as Chief Magistrate of the City of Toronto. Will you, accompanied by your escort, approach the Grand East, so that I may greet you.

Comp. Mayor Maguire,—M. Ex. Sir, and Ex. Companions of Grand Chapter, it is a long time since I have had the privilege of taking an active part in the Royal Craft. The important duties which fall upon one engaged in public life, to which M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt has referred, do not permit one to take the active part in the work of the Royal Craft one would like, did circumstances permit. It is with much heartiness that I extend a Civic Welcome to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Can-
ada on the occasion of their Annual Convocation here. I do so also with warm fraternal feelings as a Companion of the Royal Craft.

I appear before you primarily as Chief Magistrate of Toronto, but being a Royal Arch Mason I cannot forget that I appear here with inside knowledge of the Craft. That induces me to say whether inside or outside tyled doors, that the world is better for the existence of the Craft that both among its members and beyond its bounds the influence which it exerts is beneficent, humanizing and stimulating to good works; that it promotes brotherliness in daily life; moderates the asperities of political and other controversies; and ever proclaims that all men are children of a common Father.

The Craft has no ulterior purposes to serve; it has no secret aims; it does not interfere in politics or religion; and it does not set up Masonry as a religion.

I have only to look around this Grand Chapter and note the men who compose it; I have only to recall the names of the gentlemen who have occupied the high Masonic office which you now fill to realize that the Craft does not stand in need either of defence or apology.

The Masonic Craft in its different branches is strong in the city, and it includes in its ranks a large proportion of our best citizens. I do not mean by that expression the men of greatest wealth, but I mean the men who are active in the affairs of life, who carry the burdens and discharge the duties of life, and who in doing so are guided by the principles of action which the Craft sets forth and whose hearts are warmed by its spirit of brotherhood.

When we consider the state of the world at large, and particularly the European part of it, we can make bold to say that if the people there were to imbibe the spirit of brotherhood which characterizes our Masonic Craft they would be lifted to a higher plane, and the world would be vastly benefited.
The Convocation of your Grand Body here recalls to us the fact that in 1800, that is only seven years after Governor Simcoe fixed the seat of Government here, the Royal Craft was introduced, as appears from the minutes of Rawdon Lodge of that time. For one hundred and twenty-three years the Royal Craft has offered up its devotions here to the Great Jehovah, and I understand that the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto, has unbroken connection with the pioneer organization of those early days.

May I express the earnest hope that your present prosperity may continue without interruption, and that the good influence of the Royal Craft among men may grow more and more.

M. Ex. Comp. Spencer,—Comp. Maguire, I appreciate your Worship's very cordial and warm words of welcome to your fair city, and I should be derelict in my duty if I did not give expression to that appreciation on behalf of this large gathering of Royal Arch Masons. Your City of Toronto, I am proud to say, is a very progressive city. I have been coming in your midst for a great many years. I might say, I enjoy the proud distinction of having been one of the visitors at the opening of the first Industrial Exhibition held in this city in the year 1879. Since that time that great Institution has been steadily growing and has contributed greatly towards placing Toronto on the map. I hope your City will continue to grow and become even more prosperous than it has been in days gone by. I will not detain you longer, but will ask M. Ex. Comp. Ponton to make a few remarks in recognition of your hearty welcome.

M. Ex. Comp. Ponton referred to the appropriateness of two men from the Bay of Quinte, with its associations with the names of Rawdon and Moira so prominent in Masonic annals—giving expression also to the appreciation of the very fine welcome from the Chief Magistrate of 575,000 loyal patriotic citizens who so nobly led in service during the great
war and who have led in every patriotic and philanthropic work. Certainly, Mayor Maguire, had taken a deep, personal, Masonic and civic interest in the welfare of the "boys," and Grand Chapter appreciated the welcome they had received from him. Some of the Companions had pleasant memories of Toronto, and all had hopes of being back in Toronto again to drink the cup of laughter, the cup of memory and of hope, they were all going to drink the "stirrup cup" of good cheer, and were going to enjoy themselves in Toronto. Grand Chapter was bringing to Toronto representatives from the States of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, and representatives from our Sister Province of Quebec, and were thus doing service by centralizing in Toronto for the time being from distant places the thoughts and activities of the Royal Craft.

TORONTO CHAPTERS TENDER GREETINGS

Ex. Comp. Oscar King,—M. Ex. Sir, I am delegated to convey to you and this Grand Body the felicitations and welcome of the Capitular bodies meeting in the City of Toronto, and on their behalf tender to you this address of welcome:—

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Richard Henry Spencer, Esq., and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

We, the First Principals of the nineteen Chapters meeting in the City of Toronto, tender to you the cordial greetings of the Companions of the City as this the Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In welcoming you, we realize that you have faithfully upheld, by earnest endeavors, the best interests of Grand Chapter, during the past year, not only within the confines of our own Jurisdiction, but also among our Royal Craftsmen in the United States of
America. The cheering greetings you have received and the words "Come Again," in the several American Jurisdictions you have visited, recalls to mind Byron's words, "Tis sweet to know there is an eye which marks our coming, and looks brighter when we come."

As for duty, you have promptly and faithfully carried on the affairs of your exalted position in Capitular Masonry, with an energy and activity that could scarcely be excelled. To you, the idea of a thing well done was to do it. In your varied visitations to the Chapters of this Jurisdiction you impressed upon the Companions the idea you were a man, and that whatever concerned the welfare of your fellow Royal Craftsmen was of interest to you.

It will undoubtedly please you to know that in this City Royal Arch Masonry is progressing in a most favorable way, that never in the history of Capitular Masonry was it meeting so agreeably with the demands made upon it. The Companions are today realizing more than ever, that the beautiful precepts taught within the portals of the Chapters have a most beneficial effect for the best ideals in human development. They fully realize that the greatest of all law is one of progressive development, for under it, men grow wiser as they grow older.

Most Excellent Sir, we trust, that the deliberations of this Grand Body here this year will be both pleasant and profitable. Nothing is denied, it is said, to well-directed labor, therefore, may the deliberations be so directed for the general development of our Royal Craft, that this, the first time in the history of our Grand Chapter, in having two days in which to conduct its business, be looked upon as one of the most successful Annual Convocations ever held.

St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4, G.R.C., Geo. W. Slack, Z.
King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, G.R.C., S. N. Francis, Z.
York Chapter, No. 62, G.R.C., J. P. Argue, Z.
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St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, G.R.C., R. W. Mann, Z.
Occident Chapter, No. 77, G.R.C., J. W. Lawrence, Z.
Orient Chapter, No. 79, G.R.C., F. G. Russell, Z.
Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, G.R.C., W. J. Armstrong, Jr., Z.
Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, G.R.C., E. C. Tyers, Z.
The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, G.R.C., Robt.
Sproul, Z.
The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, G.R.C., H. J.
Wharin, Z.
Toronto Chapter, No. 185, G.R.C., W. G. Becker, Z.
Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, G.R.C., Isidor Fin-
berg, Z.
St. Alban's Chapter, No. 217, G.R.C., F.
Clinckett, Z.
Ulster Chapter, No. 219, G.R.C., Wm. Steen, Z.
Beaver Chapter, No. 225, G.R.C., J. E. Baker,
Acting Z.
St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, G.R.C., John T. Ed-
worthy, Z.
King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, G.R.C., W. H.
Hedges, Z.
Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, G.R.C., Ed. J. Lut-
trell, Z.
University Chapter, U.D., G.R.C., W. J. Mc-
Collum, Z.

Toronto, February 28th, 1923.

M. Ex. Comp. Spencer,—Excellent Sirs and Ex.
Comp. King, it is indeed gratifying to know that
among the words you have spoken to-day to me, you
have credited me with having been a man. I have
endeavoured during my term as Grand First Prin-
cipal to do my duty as a man, and to assist others
in doing their duty. I am delighted to know that
the Chapters in Toronto are growing, and I may say
that I am watching your career closely, because I
receive each month one of those little booklets which tells me the work that is being carried on. It is evident by the splendid attendance of representatives here to-day that it was a wise change we made by extending the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to two days; we are going to have more time for deliberation, more time to get acquainted. In days gone by we had one day only, we rushed through business, we went home, and we did not know one another. I am glad that Grand Chapter last year in its wisdom made the change, and the splendid gathering you see before you is conclusive proof of that wisdom. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the very kind words you have expressed to me to-day.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith .................. Alabama
R. " E. M. Carleton .................. British Columbia
R. " J. W. Rogers .................. California
R. " J. McC. Potts .................. Colorado
R. " R. W. Clewlo .................. District of Columbia
R. " James H. Cowan .................. Florida
M. " W. N. Ponton .................. Georgia
R. " John Stevenson .................. Indiana
R. " W. Y. Mills .................. Louisiana
R. " Henry T. Smith .................. Michigan
R. " Oliver Ellwood .................. Minnesota
R. " A. G. Horwood .................. Missouri
M. " R. H. Spencer .................. Nebraska
R. " Walter H. Davis .................. New Hampshire
R. " Kenneth J. Dunstan .................. New Jersey
R. " Francis B. Reilly .................. New South Wales
M. " F. W. Harcourt .................. New York
M. " George Moore .................. Nova Scotia
V. " Hugh A. MacKay .................. Ohio
R. " R. J. Reade .................. Pennsylvania
R. " E. B. Brown .................. Quebec
R. " W. H. Wardrope .................. Scotland
R. " Walter G. Price .................. Tennessee
M. " E. T. Malone ................. Texas
R. " J. B. Nixon .................. Vermont
R. " Joseph W. Hickson ........... Victoria
R. " William Panton .............. Western Australia
R. " William J. Wadsworth ........ Wisconsin

The Representatives were accorded Grand Honors, and were welcomed by the M. Ex., the Grand Z., as follows:

Most Excellent, Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companions, as Grand Representatives of the several Jurisdictions which you represent, it is indeed a pleasure to welcome you here this morning. Formerly we were only able to entertain you for one day. It was a long way for some of you to come from your homes for such a short period, but we have extended the time to cover two days, which will give us more time, so that we can get better acquainted. Companions when you return to your respective homes I trust you will convey to the Jurisdictions which you represent the warm and cordial greetings of the Grand Chapter of Canada; say to them that the spirit of Unity is growing throughout the world, which from day to day is becoming better and better. I am going to ask R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown to respond for all of you.

R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown,—M. Ex. Sir, I have been taken completely by surprise; I think I am the junior of many of my fellow Representatives and hardly know what to say. I, however, have some ideas about the duties of Grand Representatives, and some knowledge of the manner in which their work is done in other Jurisdictions. It has been suggested, M. Ex. Sir, that Grand Representatives may find a great deal of pleasure and obtain much valuable information if they could make it convenient, instead of relying upon correspondence with headquarters, to attend the Annual Convocation of the Jurisdiction they represent, and report personally to their Grand Chapters. It was gratifying to hear the announce-
ment that several of the Representatives of this Grand Chapter, near other Grand Bodies, were present at this Convocation, and would report personally to their Grand Chapter upon the work done here. On behalf of the Grand Representatives I thank you, M. Ex. Sir, for your cordial welcome, and I assure you that it will be our pleasure and duty to convey to our respective Jurisdictions, and Grand Chapters, the fraternal greetings of this Grand Body.

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

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

At this the Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter held in Toronto I bid you welcome. May our deliberations be fruitful of good results for the further development of the precepts of our Noble Order.

It must be gratifying to know that the Royal Craft is growing numerically year by year. This year we are to have two days in which to conduct the business affairs of our Grand Chapter. The change from one to two days will be appreciated, for we will be able to more fully discuss the matters coming before us and comprehend what we are doing.

Since we last met three of the most devoted members of this Grand Body have passed away, M. Ex. Comps. Abraham Shaw, W. S. R. Murch, and W. G. Reid, Past Grand Z.'s. For years these Companions took a very active interest in the Royal Craft; they were in constant attendance with good advice at our Annual Convocations. We learn, Companions, to understand what death means when it falls upon those whom we love. The Committee on the Fraternal Dead will, I feel sure, make fitting references to our lamented Companions who will be sadly missed today from this gathering.

Membership Increasing.

Notwithstanding the depression in business it will be seen from the reports to be presented that we continue to prosper. During the past year we have had an increase in membership of 1,563, and our splendid financial condition is being maintained under the guiding care of our Executive Officers.
Benevolence.

Year by year it is gratifying to note that our benevolence is increasing, not only among our constituent Chapters, but by this Grand Body. No deserving call, I feel sure, is ever refused assistance.

Visitors from other Jurisdictions.

We have to-day with us representatives from the Province of Quebec, as well as representatives from neighboring jurisdictions in the United States, namely, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan. This fraternizing of Companions from various jurisdictions tends to cement a companionship which it is to be hoped will be a lasting one, especially as it should further strengthen the good feeling now existing between the two Great English-speaking Countries on the American Continent. Friendship, it is said, is the only thing in the world, concerning the usefulness of which all men agree. May the Governments of our two great countries endeavor always to follow out the ideal of true companionship when dealing one with the other in the great questions of the day.

Courtesies.

During the past year courtesies have been extended between Chapters, belonging to some of our Canadian, as well as American Jurisdictions, in conferring degrees upon brethren who have requested the favor. These courtesies have a very pleasing effect.

Grand Chapters in Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The question of organizing Grand Chapters for the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan is becoming a lively one, and if this Grand Chapter is asked for its consent, as I believe it will, to the formation of a Grand Body in each of these Pro-
vinces, it will be heartily given, I feel sure, with best wishes for the future success of these bodies. “For no joy in nature is so sublimely affecting, as the joy of a mother at the good fortune of her child.” Other Grand Bodies that have separated have had our best wishes and have succeeded, and why should not those in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Visitation in an American Jurisdiction.

The question of visitation having arisen, owing to a Companion of Sussex Chapter, Brockville, wishing to visit a Chapter in the State of Pennsylvania, our Grand Scribe E. communicated with the Grand High Priest, M. Ex. Comp. Joseph E. Quinby of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, who replied, December 11th, 1922, in a letter to the Grand Scribe E. as follows:—

“I am in receipt of your most courteous letter of the 6th instant and desire to express to you my sincere regret that any Companion from the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada, for which we entertain the most kindly regard, should have been subject to the embarrassment referred to in your letter, and in order that he may have the privilege of meeting with the Companions of Chapter No. 195, I have made the decision, of which I am enclosing you a copy, and sincerely trust it will clear the way for Companion Fisher to establish as friendly relations with the Companions of that Chapter as now exist between the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and that of Canada.”

Following is the decision in full:—

“WHEREAS: It has come to my knowledge that Companion Berton A. Fisher, reported to me as a Royal Arch Mason, in good standing, and now a member of Sussex Chapter No. 59, stationed at Brockville, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, a Grand Chapter, with which we are in fraternal relations, has applied for permission to visit Portage Chapter No. 195, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and has been denied such privilege by reason of his not having the Word of the Chair.

“AND WHEREAS the law of the Grand Chapter of the Dominion of Canada does not permit the conferring of the Degree of Past Master, nor does it make the Word of the Chair a prerequisite to admission to a Chapter within its Jurisdiction.
"NOW THEREFORE, believing it to be for the best interests of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and for the maintenance of the present fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada. By Virtue of the Power and Authority in me vested, as Grand High Priest, I direct that, if the Companion referred to can be properly vouched for as a Royal Arch Mason, with the exception of the Word of the Chair, and it meet with the approval of your Officers and Members to extend to him the courtesy asked for, the same may be done, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing herein contained shall at any time be construed as in any way changing the present requirements for membership in a Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

"Given under my hand and seal at the City of Philadelphia this Eleventh day of December, A.D. 1922, A.I. 2452.

J. E. QUINBY,
M.E. Grand High Priest."

Order of De Molay for Boys.

The Fraternity known as the "Order of De Molay for Boys" was organized in Kansas City, Mo., in the month of March, 1919, under the sponsorship of the Scottish Rite Bodies. It has grown with so much rapidity that on April 8th, 1922, there existed 465 Chapters, located in 42 States of America, the Philippines and Porto Rico, with a membership of more than one hundred thousand, and it is becoming world wide in its influence for good.

It is not a Masonic organization, and has never solicited the Grand Masonic Bodies to endorse its work or to take any action therein, but fully 40 Grand Bodies in the United States have done so. Approximately 150 Chapters of the Order are sponsored by Scottish Rite Bodies, while the remaining Chapters are sponsored by Royal Arch Chapters, Commanderies and other Masonic Bodies.

Membership in the Order is composed of the sons of Master Masons and their chums between the ages of 16 and 21 years. Naturally good morals and other fundamental requirements are insisted upon. A boy upon reaching his twenty-first birthday automatically ceases membership in the Order and can
no longer attend meetings of his Chapter or enter into its activities.

The purpose of the Order of De Molay is to make better boys, better men and better citizens. It teaches reverence, patriotism, filial love, clean living and good citizenship. The ritualistic work is embodied in two degrees, the initiatory and the De Molay. The first inculcates the Cardinal virtues which are deeply impressed upon the mind through a symbolic journey, splendidly portrayed, while the degree of De Molay is historical and spectacular, affording an opportunity to the boys with dramatic ability to display their talents. No adult is permitted to take part in any of the ceremonial work. Master Masons may attend meetings of the Order and are permitted to witness the Ceremonial Work.

I would like to see some of our large Chapters sponsor a Chapter of this Order of De Molay, and if deemed necessary permission be given them to do so by this Grand Body.

**Testimonial to M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton.**

On May 10th, under the auspices of St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto, a most inspiring gathering of Royal Arch Masons took place, when M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, our Immediate Past Grand Z., was presented with a handsome Grandfather’s clock. The presentation was made by me, owing to the absence of M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Chairman of the Testimonial Committee. During the evening a reception was also tendered to R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Grand Third Principal, who is an old and esteemed member of this well-known Chapter. To mark the event, R. Ex. Comp. Dunstan was the recipient of a large basket of beautiful roses.

**Season's Greetings.**

At the approachment of Christmastide I directed the Grand Scribe E. to issue the following Card of Greetings:
"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA."

"To all our Companions—Enlightened Citizens of God's world and children of the Omnipotent,—

PEACE, GOOD-WILL AND FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

Richard H. Spencer, Grand Z.
Walter H. Davis, Grand H.
Kenneth J. Dunstan, Grand J.
George Moore, Grand Treasurer.
Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

Christmas and New Year 1922-1923
Toronto, Ont.

From the many responses received in reply to this card, it would seem that the annual sending of these Greetings is very much appreciated.

As to District Jurisdiction.

Wellington Chapter No. 47, Chatham, notified the Grand Scribe E. on January 11th, 1923, that the Chapter had by resolution, ceded to Blenheim Chapter, Blenheim, concurrent Jurisdiction in the village of Merlin. This was a most commendable act on the part of Wellington Chapter. It shows the true spirit of our Order.

Sombra Chapter.

Through an understanding between the Grand Superintendents of the St. Clair District No. 1 and the London District No. 2, Sombra Chapter, No. 153, decided, with my consent, to remove from London District to St. Clair District No. 1. This removal of Sombra Chapter to St. Clair District will, I trust, prove to be a most favorable one for the Chapter.

Special Committee on Draft By-laws.

I appointed a Special Committee in compliance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to prepare a set of Draft
By-laws as a model for the constituent Chapters. The Committee appointed subsequently advised me that as Grand Lodge was preparing such a set they deemed it advisable to let the matter rest in abeyance for one year.

**Visitations to other Jurisdictions.**

With the Grand Scribe E. I visited the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapters of the Province of Quebec, and the States of Michigan and New York, and I also visited the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton. The greetings we received were most cordial. These visitations, I trust, will be continued.

**Home Chapters Visited.**

In the month of June, in company with the Grand Scribe E., I visited several of the Chapters in Northern Ontario, and I found everything in connection with Capitular Masonry in a most prosperous condition. Greetings were extended by the Companions of St. John’s Chapter, North Bay; Northern Lights Chapter, Timmins; Abitibi Chapter, Iroquois Falls; Temiskaming Chapter, New Liskeard, and Cobalt Chapter, Cobalt. At each Chapter meeting I impressed upon the Companions the necessity of living up to the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry.

A most regrettable disaster took place in the fall of last year, in part of the Northern Country where the Grand Scribe E. and myself had been so warmly received. Immediately on hearing of the terrible fire, and its results, our Grand Treasurer was instructed to send $500 to the Grand Superintendent of District No. 23, to be applied in any way he saw fit in relieving Companions who would need speedy assistance as a result of the calamity.
In Central and Eastern Ontario.

I visited many of the Chapters in the Central and Eastern parts of Ontario. In these Chapters I found an earnest desire for knowledge, concerning the esoteric lessons of the Royal Craft, and with the assistance of our Grand Scribe E. it was imparted to the Companions. In many of the Chapters in the Eastern part of Ontario I also installed and invested the officers for the ensuing year.

Visit of The St. Patrick Chapter to New York.

On the evening of October 12th last, I accompanied a number of Companions of The St. Patrick Chapter to New York City, for the purpose of visiting Ancient Chapter No. 1 of that city. Among the party from Canada were M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, R. Ex. Comp. William Croft, V. Ex. Comps. John A. Cowan, George McQuillan, Ex. Comp. H. F. Cowan, the First Principal, and other Companions with a number of ladies. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the officers of The St. Patrick Chapter in a manner that brought forth merited praise from such prominent American Masons as M. Ex. Comps. Willard T. Chevalier, P.G.H.P., of New York; Howard K. DeWolf, G.H.P. of Rhode Island; Ex. Comp. Edward F. Rolle, P.H.P., of Ancient Chapter No. 1; M. Ex. Comps. Henry DeWitt Hamilton, P.G.H.P., of New York; James A. Rogers, P.G.H.P., of Rhode Island; R. Ex. Comp. George E. Briggs, D.G.H.P., of New York, and others. The reception accorded to the Canadian Companions could not be excelled. It was an event that will long be remembered by those who were present.

Winnipeg Visited by Grand Scribe E.

I directed the Grand Scribe E. during the first week in the month of October last, to visit Prince Rupert Chapter, Winnipeg, on the occasion of the
celebration of its Fiftieth Anniversary. I have learned through the Grand Superintendent that his visit proved most beneficial to the Royal Craft, the fruit of his visit being the formation of two new Chapters, one instituted in the City of Winnipeg, and the other in the vicinity of that City.

Grand Representatives.

In 1907 it was resolved by our Grand Chapter “That the absence of any Grand Representative from three successive Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter, shall vacate such office, and that the Grand Scribe E. shall upon such Office being vacated notify the Grand Chapter affected, and request that a Commission should be issued appointing some other Companion recommended by the Most Excellent Grand Z.”

To my mind some action should be taken in carrying out the spirit of this resolution. Many of the Grand Representatives never attend our Grand Chapter Convocations. We have Companions identified with this Grand Body who are young, energetic and devoted to the best interests of the Royal Craft. They should be recognized, and by appointing them to positions of this kind would undoubtedly inspire them to further effort for the general welfare of our Grand Chapter.

Rulings.

1. The question was asked as to whether the village or Westport was within the area of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth, or of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.

   My answer was, that Westport was strictly in the territory of Prince of Wales Chapter, Westport being only 18 miles from Perth, while Kingston was 30 miles in a direct line.

2. I was asked to define Section 230a of the Constitution respecting the conferring of degrees upon candidates.
I interpreted the section to mean, that the M.M.M. and M.E.M. degrees could be conferred on candidates at the same meeting, but that only the Royal Arch degree could be conferred upon candidates at the one meeting, or in other words, the Royal Arch degree must be the sole and only work of the evening.

3. Respecting the conferring of M.M.M. degree upon candidates at the institution of a Chapter in a rural constituency.

I directed that the M.M.M. degree could be conferred on candidates who presented themselves after their application had been passed upon by the petitioners on the occasion of the institution of a Chapter, but the candidates must be regularly ballotted for.

4. As to Chapter procedure I ruled, that the Chapter at all Regular Convocations must be opened in the Royal Arch degree, and when the degree of either the M.M.M. or M.E.M. is conferred the Chapter should be "Called Off," and after either of the degrees of M.M.M. and M.E.M. had been conferred the Chapter is "Called On" or "Resume Labor," and then proceed to close in the regular form.

5. I was asked whether the Jewel of a Knight Templar, or of a Knight of Malta, could, according to Section 283 of the Constitution, be worn in our Chapter rooms. I said, no.

6. A Chapter desired to know whether it would be permissible to insert in its By-laws, without conflicting with the Constitution, that "No Companion was eligible for the J.'s Chair, who had not served a full term as Principal Sojourner."

I informed the Chapter that I was not in favor of this paragraph being inserted in the By-laws.

7. It was brought to my notice that some Companions in the Western part of our Jurisdiction attended a Masonic funeral wearing the regalia of a Royal Arch Mason.
I directed that the Chapter be advised that it was strictly unconstitutional for the Companions to attend a Masonic funeral wearing the apron and sash of the Order.

8. The question was asked as to whether a Past H. or Past J. retained his title, and was he qualified to a seat to the right or left respectively of the Throne.

As the title of “Excellent Companion” was given to each of these Officers when they were installed, I pointed out I did not see how it could be taken away, and I therefore ruled that they were entitled to the rank. Not having passed the Chair of an Excellent First Principal I did not consider, however, they were entitled to sit on either side of the Throne.

9. I also ruled that an application for membership from a brother, minus the thumb of his right hand, could be received, providing he was capable of explaining or exemplifying the secret work, and that his disability would not make him a burden on the Chapter.

10. A Chapter was desirous of conferring the rank of a Past Z. on a Companion who had rendered faithful service to the Chapter, and a notice of motion was given:—

“That the Chapter confer upon the Companion the rank of a Past Z. and instructions be given to make application to Grand Chapter for a dispensation, authorizing the Chapter to take this action.”

I pointed out that a constituent Chapter had no such power, that it was only within the power of Grand Chapter to confer such rank, and that this Grand Body on several occasions had refused such a request when placed before it.

Appointments.

Vacancies having occurred in the representatives of other Grand Bodies near the Grand Chapter of Canada, I recommended the names of the following who were approved:
Connecticut—Harvey J. Milne, Kingston, Ont.
New Hampshire—Walter H. Davis, Hamilton, Ont.
Pennsylvania—Robert J. Reade, Toronto, Ont.
South Carolina—James B. Little, Trenton.
Wisconsin—Wm. J. Wadsworth, Toronto, Ont.

Vacancies having occurred in the representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the other Grand Bodies, I approved of the following recommendations:

- District of Columbia—Lucien G. Young, Washington.
- Maryland—Chas. Herbert Burns, Baltimore.
- Michigan—Chas. A. Conover, Coldwater.
- New York—Edward F. Rolle, New York City.
- South Dakota—L. M. Simons, Belle Fourche.
- New Brunswick—Edward W. Mair, St. John.

Respecting the Michigan appointments, this is the first time that an exchange of representatives has taken place between the two Grand Bodies.

**New Chapters.**

Dispensations for the following Chapters were issued by me during the past year:

- Aurora Chapter, Aurora, Ont.
- Caledonia Chapter, Caledonia, Ont.
- Whitesand Chapter, Canora, Sask.
- The St. Andrew Chapter, London, Ont.
- Blenheim Chapter, Blenheim, Ont.
- Smithville Chapter, Smithville, Ont.
- University Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
- St. Paul's Chapter, Lambeth, Ont.
- Kildonan Chapter, East Kildonan, Man.
- Prince of Wales Chapter, Winnipeg, Man.

I refused to sanction the issuance of a Dispensation for a Chapter at Kamsack, Sask., being advised by the Grand Superintendent of the District that he
did not think there would be any chance of a Chapter succeeding at Kamsack on account of the close proximity of Whitesand Chapter at Canora, Sask.

Consecrations and Dedications of Chapters.

The following Chapters were consecrated and dedicated by me during the year, assisted by many Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers:

Port Credit Chapter, No. 230, Port Credit, Ont.
St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, Toronto, Ont.
King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, Toronto, Ont.
Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, Toronto, Ont.
Tugaske Chapter, No. 228, Tugaske, Sask.
Eagle Lake Chapter, No. 229, Kindersley, Sask.

were consecrated and dedicated by the Grand Superintendents of Saskatchewan Districts, Nos. 21 and 20, respectively.

As for the new Ceremonies and the Ritualistic Work commendations as to the improvements made in these have been heard quite frequently by me in the Chapters dedicated, and also in the Chapters visited.

Dispensations.

Many dispensations have been issued under my instructions, and I have revised and amended many By-laws. I am glad to note that many of the Chapters, not only in the cities, but in the smaller places, are steadily increasing their exaltation fee, as well as their annual dues.

Grand Superintendents.

To the Grand Superintendents I would suggest that upon taking up the Office they immediately get in communication with the Chapters of their respective Districts, and if any assistance is needed by the weaker ones, see that it is promptly given. When visiting the Chapters they should see that the books of the Scribes E. are in keeping with the
demands of the Chapters. It will be my endeavor this year to see that the Grand Superintendents are properly instructed as to the duties of their Office, especially as to the esoteric work and the proper equipment of a Chapter room.

Grand Scribe E.'s Office.

During the past year while in close touch with the Grand Scribe E. I find the work of his office is conducted in a most efficient and business-like manner. I was surprised to see how closely his office works with the Scribes E. of the constituent Chapters. Every detail for the advancement of the Chapters is being watched. I think we should be more liberal in our support to that office, both in remuneration and in supplying any equipment the Grand Scribe E. may desire for the carrying out of his efforts, in a business way, for the general welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

Installation of Officers in Constituted Chapters.

The question of having the Chapters hold the election of their officers in the month of November and their installation in the month of December of each year should be immediately taken into consideration. As it is now Chapters hold the election of their officers at different times in the year, the result being that some Scribes E. are not prompt in sending in their Returns. This delay would in a great measure be overcome if the universal custom was to have the election and the installation of the officers in all the Chapters take place at the end of the year.

Companions in Office.

To my Companions who have labored with me in Office my greatest thanks are due. No word of discord has disturbed our happy relationship. To the Past Grand Z.'s, to whom I have turned for counsel I recognise my deep obligation to them. As
for the Grand Scribe E., he has been to me a wise counsellor, and for his untiring and unselfish service I am indeed grateful. To all of the Companions who have given of their time and energy for the welfare of our Noble Craft I also extend to them my heart-felt gratitude.

A Word to the Chapters.

I would urge the prompt opening of Chapters and an expeditious performance of the Work, at the same time remembering that our aim should be to make Royal Arch Masons, and not just Chapter members.

Let it be understood that Royal Arch Masonry is not a stepping stone or an after thought, that has been tacked on to Ancient Craft Masonry, but that it is part of that Ancient body, although working under a Grand Body of its own.

Make it known to Master Masons that the Most Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch is calculated to impress upon one’s mind a firm belief in the existence and attributes of a Supreme Being, and that it directs a due reverence for His great and Sacred name.

Closing Words.

In placing before you the labors of the past year, I had in view that what men want to-day, is not talent alone, but a purpose, in other words, not the power alone to achieve, but a will to labor, for without labor nothing prospers. I trust my labor for the Royal Craft will not have been in vain, but that good results will follow. Excellence in any department, I am fully persuaded, can be attained only by diligent and persistent labor. With that thought in view let us continue with increased efforts for the general welfare of our Noble Order.
Companions, one year ago you placed me in this high and honorable office. I have endeavored to do my duty and my record is before you. I thank you for the honor so generously conferred upon me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. A. Spencer

Grand Z.

Trenton, February 26th, 1923.

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

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

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

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

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District No. 1. Throughout the whole District the Chapters are under the supervision of efficient and energetic officers, and the Chapters show the result of this work.

Companions at Blenheim presented a Petition for the institution of a new Chapter there. I was glad to be able to recommend that a Dispensation be granted for the institution of this Chapter which, I believe, will strengthen Capitular Masonry in this District.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg.—On the 28th of April in company with several Companions from King Cyrus Chapter I paid my official visit to this Chapter when the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Campbell with his regular staff of officers in a most efficient manner, after which a very sociable time was spent at a buffet lunch. The records of the Prince of Wales Chapter are well kept; the officers are efficient, and I believe this Chapter may look forward to a very prosperous year. Prince of Wales Chapter has suffered a severe loss since my visit in the death of V. Ex. Comp. Overholt, whose regular attendance and enthusiastic work will be much missed.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.—This is my home Chapter and I have attended every one of the convocations during the year. I paid my official visit on November 7th, when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Dewar and his regular staff of officers. King Cyrus Chapter has done very little work during the year, but its affairs are in a flourishing condition; its
records well kept and the Companions very sociable and enthusiastic.

A Chapter of Instruction.—On November 27th a Chapter of Instruction was held at Windsor. The Most Excellent Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Campbell of Prince of Wales Chapter in a most satisfactory manner at the afternoon session, and in the evening the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Anderson of Ark Chapter, and his regular staff of officers, in a splendid and impressive manner. During intermission a banquet was served in the Banqueting Hall. Most Excellent Companion Wilcox, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan and many other Excellent Companions from Detroit were in attendance, and made eloquent addresses during the banquet and at the conclusion of the work. Ex. Comp. McConnell looked after the necessary arrangements in a way which merits my thanks, and the high opinion which the Companions of Ark Chapter have of him is fully justified.

Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne.—On January 3rd I paid my official visit to this Chapter. The officers-elect were installed by Ex. Comp. Turner in a most efficient manner, after which Ex. Comp. McCall and his officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a manner which left no room for criticism. Lorne Chapter is handicapped by reason of not having sufficient room in which to hold their Chapter meetings. The minutes and books are in good condition, but the finances are low. I think the initiation fees and dues should be raised. After the regular meeting we all repaired to the hotel where a most sumptuous banquet was provided. The spirit of good fellowship and enthusiasm which seems to fill every Companion in this Chapter augurs well for its future success.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.—On January 11th I made my official visit to Wellington Chapter and presented R. Ex. Comp. D. W. Mc-
Donald with his Past Grand Superintendent's Regalia. The only work was the installation of officers, which was ably performed by V. Ex. Comp. Smith of that Chapter. Wellington Chapter is in a most flourishing condition; its records well kept, its furnishings excellent and its monthly summonses most attractive. It is one of the most prosperous Chapters in this District and has a very bright future before it. After the work of the evening a banquet was served in the Masonic banquet room and a most enjoyable time was spent.

ARK CHAPTER, NO. 80, WINDSOR.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on the 15th day of January, and assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Dixon and Ex. Comp. Anderson, installed the officers-elect. Ark Chapter has excellent quarters in the new Masonic Temple. The officers are able, well skilled, and enthusiastic. The records are exceptionally well kept by Ex. Comp. McConnell. The Chapter is in a very prosperous condition. Ark Chapter is most favourably situated, in that, it is so close to many Chapters in Detroit, and at most of their meetings many visiting Companions from these Chapters are present and there is a splendid feeling of brotherhood between the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction in Windsor and those in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. After the installation of the officers a banquet was served in the banquet room, and Ex. Comp. McMillan, Past Grand High Priest of Ionic Chapter, Detroit, made a splendid address, as did Comp. E. C. Wigle, Comp. Wilson, the Mayor of Windsor, R. Ex. Comp. Edgar, R. Ex. Comp. Copus, R. Ex. Comp. Squires and several other Companions, and I also desire to take this opportunity of again thanking the Companions of Ark Chapter for presenting me with a most attractive bookrest which I will long treasure as a memento of this happy occasion.

ERIE CHAPTER, NO. 73, RIDGETOWN.—I was to make my official visit to this Chapter on the
15th day of May and the automobile in which I was driving broke down, making it impossible for me to arrive. I regretted this very much, as from the report of this meeting, the work was excellent and a banquet had been prepared. I met many of the Companions of Ridgetown at the institution of the new Chapter at Blenheim and they are most enthusiastic. I shall visit this Chapter before my term of office is over.

MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.—I am to visit this Chapter on the 8th day of February, The reports I got show it is alive, and the officers are able and enthusiastic.

Blenheim Chapter, No. U.D., Blenheim.—I instituted this Chapter under Dispensation on the 10th day of August. Ex. Comp. Shillington and officers seemed very enthusiastic. Masonic bodies in Blenheim have leased new quarters and will be occupying them about the middle of February, they had hoped to be in earlier, and I have been waiting to make my official visit until they could get in the new quarters. I shall visit them again, however, and make a special report. I believe this Chapter is going to be very prosperous.

In concluding I desire to express my appreciation to the Companions of this District in having honored me by electing me Grand Superintendent for this year, and I also wish to express my appreciation of the efficient co-operation I have received not only from the officer of the different Chapters but also from many of the Past Grand Superintendents of this District. I have formed many new acquaintances and friendships during my term of office and will always look back on it with a great deal of pleasure.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. C. Awrey,
Grand Supt., St. Clair District No. 1.
Leamington, Ont.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the London District, No. 2, for the year 1922, it is a great pleasure to be able to state that almost without exception progress has been made throughout the District.

During the year every Chapter has been visited by me, and in most cases, on more than one occasion special attention being given to the U.D.'s and weak Chapters.

Chapter of Instruction.—At the request of the Grand Z., a Chapter of Instruction for the District was held in London, on Wednesday, September 13th, which was visited in person by the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. Every Chapter in the District was represented, as also were some Chapters in the adjoining Districts. In all, 115 representatives were present, which fully compensated for the time and trouble taken in the arrangements. The work of the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. W. U. Latornell and the officers of Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas, in a faultless manner, which drew from R. Ex. in a faultless manner, which drew from R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., a very eulogistic and appreciative address. The work of the Most Excellent Master degree as exemplified by Ex. Comp. W. H. Hunt and the officers and members of Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia, was a revelation of the real beauty which may be attained by careful preparation of this ceremony. The musical portion under Comp. Workman, as Organist, was eminently appropriate and striking. The floor work of the Companions throughout the ceremony drew from M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, high words of praise and commenda-
tion. The officers of The St. Andrew Chapter, U.D., opened their Chapter at 7.30 o’clock in regular session and exemplified the general routine in Capitular Masonry. Ex. Comp. N. F. Newton and the officers of Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill, then assumed the chairs and exemplified the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a most satisfactory manner.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 3, London.—I visited officially this Chapter on Wednesday, May 31st. There were a number of visiting Companions present, among them being R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Davis, Past Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District, No. 12, who was in London on account of the death of his distinguished father, Ex. Comp. T. G. Davis, of this Chapter. Not only St. John’s Chapter, but also every other Masonic body in the City regrets the loss of Ex. Comp. T. G. Davis, whose kindly companionship is still a very pleasant memory. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred upon three candidates by Ex. Comp. H. C. Ives and his officers in an almost faultless manner. The Organist and Choir were very efficient. I could not help being impressed by the manner in which the routine duties of the Chapter were conducted, and the kindly consideration and ready help meted out. On Wednesday, November 22nd, I had a further opportunity of visiting this Chapter and witnessing the exemplification of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch by its officers, and was again very much impressed by the excellent quality of the work. St. John’s Chapter is a tower of strength in this District, and it proudly and unobtrusively maintains itself as premier Chapter, if not in membership, certainly in service.

St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, London.—This Chapter I visited officially, on Friday, October 27th. There was a good turnout of the Companions and the Mark Master Mason Degree was
worked by Ex. Comp. W. M. Noble and the regular officers in a satisfactory manner. Numerically this is the largest Chapter in the District, and the fact of two new Chapters being organized within its jurisdiction during the year is having no effect whatever on the influx of new members.

Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia.—I visited officially this Chapter on Friday, May 12th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. A. S. H. Cree, E. Smith, and W. Lancaster. A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and two candidates were examined and passed a very creditable test. The Most Excellent Master degree was then conferred by Ex. Comp. W. H. Hunt and his officers in a most capable manner. There was a large turn out of Companions and visitors from the State of Michigan, among them being Ex. Comp. Robert P. Anderson, a Past High Priest of Huron Chapter, Port Huron, Mich., and present Grand Master of Michigan. On the 23rd of May, the Port Huron Chapter entertained the members of Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, and exemplified the Royal Arch degree for their benefit. It was my further privilege to witness the officers of Wawanosh Chapter, in special session, on Friday, August 25th, when they were rehearsing their work for the District Chapter of Instruction.

Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia.—This Chapter I visited officially on Wednesday, October 18th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. T. W. Copp and J. W. Wallace. Ex. Comp. J. C. Reid and his officers conferred the Most Excellent Master degree. We were delightfully entertained by the Companions, and the feature of the evening was the presentation of "fifty dollar bills" to R. Ex. Comp. John Sinclair, who after fifty years of faithful service to the Chapter, is retiring from the office of Scribe E. Notwithstanding his physical frailties, the R. Ex. Comp. delivered an inspiring address to his Companions, who surely have a very wonderful example to follow for never failing loyalty to duty.
Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas.—I visited officially, this Chapter on Thursday, April 18th, accompanied by several Companions from the London City Chapters. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. W. U. Latornell and his officers upon a class of candidates in an impressive and excellent manner. I was pleased to note that the officers of this Chapter take great pains to impress the candidates with the lessons taught in the work, and that the Instruction Committee is functioning properly, and the members are being coached in the recognized questions and answers for examination purposes. It was my pleasant duty on this occasion to present R. Ex. Comp. T. L. Cochrane, on behalf of the District, with a suit of official regalia.

Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy.—This Chapter was visited officially, on Monday, May 1st, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. W. Lancaster and U. A. Buchner. The Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees were conferred by Ex. Comp. T. A. Wilson and his officers in good style. The jurisdiction of this Chapter covers too large a territory and some of the officers come from a considerable distance which has a tendency to prevent punctuality, consequently the gatherings lose interest on that account. The officers were urged to correct this condition and I am led to believe some improvement is taking place. I again paid a surprise visit to this Chapter at its October meeting.

Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.—I visited officially this Chapter on Monday, September 11th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. H. Cree, Ex. Comp. F. M. Brickenden, and Comp. E. S. F. Houghton. The Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was worked by Ex. Comp. N. F. Newton and the officers in a most satisfactory manner. This Chapter has now a complete set of new equipment and an enthusiastic membership and is steadily forging ahead.
AYLMER CHAPTER, No. 81, AYLMER.—This Chapter was visited officially by me on Thursday, October 12th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. J. S. Barnard and Ex. Comp. J. W. Wallace. A good number of the old Past Officers turned out, but there was a lack of interest displayed by the younger generation. This Chapter has had a rather hard time during the last few years, but the clouds are rolling by and prospects are brighter for a return to its earlier standing and prosperity. The records were very imperfectly kept, but the Scribe E. is being instructed and this condition is being improved. The older officers were urged to train the younger Companions in the work of the Chapter and to permit them taking up the reins of office, and an assurance has been given that this is now being done.

LONDON CHAPTER, No. 150, LONDON.—I visited officially this Chapter on Tuesday, November 14th, at an Emergent Convocation specially called for the purpose. The Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred by Ex. Comp. T. W. Copp and his officers, and the features of the evening was the courtesy extended by London Chapter to St. Paul’s Chapter, U.D., in exalting five of the candidates of the latter. It is very gratifying to be able to report that the four London City Chapters have taken St. Paul’s Chapter, U.D., Lambeth, under their wing and are working together in perfect understanding and harmony, and that Royal Arch Masonry is so firmly established there.

SOMBRA CHAPTER, No. 153, WALLACEBURG.—I visited officially, on Tuesday, April 11th, this Chapter, accompanied by Comp. J. W. Wild. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. E. W. Shaw and his officers in a very creditable manner. The accommodation and equipment of the Chapter are very good and prospects for the future improving. Owing to arrangements having been satisfactorily completed for a recommendation
to the Grand Z. to authorize the transfer of this Chapter to the St. Clair, No. 1 District, which, if approved, will finally remove the last difficulties of the members of this Chapter to its progress.

**Vimy Chapter, No. 214, Inwood.**—This Chapter I visited officially, on Monday, May 15th, The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. W. R. Dawson and his officers upon W. Bro. William Graham, the candidate of the evening, in a very satisfactory manner. This Chapter is making steady progress and has every prospect of a bright future. The Companions take a great pride in their work and in beautifying and adorning their quarters. They have changed their By-Laws to permit of the officers being elected and installed in December instead of June, but the officers installed in June, 1922, will continue in office until December, 1923.

**The St. Andrew Chapter, U.D., London.**—On Wednesday, May 10th, it was my pleasant duty, under instructions from the Grand Z., to institute this Chapter. I was very ably assisted by R. Ex. Comps. J. A. Barnard, W. Lancaster, U. A. Buchner, T. Rowe, V. Ex. Comp. Chas. Gilbert, Ex. Comps. J. A. Elgie and C. H. Gould, and Comp. H. Haring. This Chapter has received excellent assistance from all three of the other London City Chapters, and is in a very fair way becoming established among the older Chapters. From results already attained I shall have no hesitation in recommending that this Chapter receives its Charter at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

**St. Paul’s Chapter, U.D., Lambeth.**—On Tuesday, October 3rd, it was with pleasure that I presided, under instructions from the Grand Z., at the institution of this Chapter in Lambeth, and was very ably assisted in the ceremony by R. Ex. Comps. J. S. Barnard, W. Lancaster, O. Ellwood and U. A.
Buchner, V. Ex. Comps. T. P. Elliott and Chas. Gilbert, Ex. Comp. S. R. Sampson and Comp. E. Chamberlain. This Chapter has also received timely help from the London City Chapters, and through their co-operation has become fully equipped with paraphernalia. The present condition of this Chapter warrants my recommendation that it receives its Charter at the next Convocation of Grand Chapter.

REMARKS, GENERAL.—Capitular Masonry in this District is active and many fraternal visits between Chapters are reported. The four London City Chapters are working together in close harmony and now use one jointly owned set of paraphernalia. They also have a joint committee for arranging social gatherings, which convene under the auspices of the whole of them. The notices of motion coming up for consideration of next Grand Chapter have been discussed and are generally approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. C. WOODARD,
Grand Supt., London District, No. 2.

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

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report on the condition of Chapter Masonry in Wilson District, No. 3. I wish to thank my Companions for the high honor conferred upon me by electing me to this responsible office. I visited all the Chapters, and find that perfect harmony prevails throughout the District. The officers and Companions are taking a keen interest in their work, which can have only one result. One outstanding feature on my visits was the large attendance, which was very encouraging to the First Principals.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.—On May 5th I officially visited this Chapter. The work of the evening included the exemplifying of the Royal Arch degree. This work was in the capable hands of Ex. Comp. Morrison, and his very efficient staff of officers, who received many complimentary remarks from local members and visitors alike. Following this Brant Chapter conferred the Most Excellent Master Mason degree in a most acceptable and efficient manner. The books and records are well kept by Ex. Comp. Biggins. The prospects of the Chapter are very bright.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—Having attended all the meetings during the year, I was officially received by my home Chapter on May 25th. This was also Past Principals’ Night, who conferred the Royal Arch degree, in a very able and impressive manner. I had the pleasure of installing the officers on January 4th, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Christie, who has been for many years an enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason and has contributed largely to the prosperity of the Chapter. The books and records are kept in a very satisfactory manner by Ex. Comp. L. F. Aiken.
BRANT CHAPTER, No. 115, PARIS.—On October 30th, I paid my official visit to Brant Chapter. I again had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch degree conferred. The work was carried on in an excellent manner under the guiding hands of R. Ex. Comps. Jas. R. Inksater, W. J. Logie and Jas. Smiley. The Chapter is prosperous, and the prospects for the year are very bright.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 20, BRANTFORD.—My official visit was made on November 3rd to this the largest Chapter in the District. The work of the evening, was the conferring of the Most Excellent Master’s degree on a number of candidates in a very impressive manner. Ex. Comp. Kitchen and his officers are to be congratulated in the manner in which they conduct the affairs of the Chapter. The books and records in charge of R. Ex. Comp. Blain is sufficient guarantee, that they are well kept.

HARRIS CHAPTER, No. 41, INGERSOLL.—On November 24th, I officially visited this Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was again conferred to my entire satisfaction, as well as to many visitors, who were present. Ex. Comp. McGill and his officers are doing good work, and the prospects of the Chapter were never brighter. Ex. Comp. Woolson keeps the books and records in a very creditable manner.

In conclusion, I wish to thank again the Companions of Wilson District for the honor they conferred upon me, by electing me as their District Superintendent. I also wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality extended to me by the officers and Companions of every Chapter on the occasion of my visits, and I sincerely wish, the greatest prosperity in the future, for the Chapters in Wilson District.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR J. PEACHEY,
Grand Supt., Wilson District, No. 3.
Simcoe, Ont.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District No. 4.

On the 16th of March I was called upon to institute a new Chapter in Georgetown to be called Halton Chapter, U.D., I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. B. H. James and L. W. H. Ingall, of Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt. I was most ably assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The new Chapter was instituted with nineteen members and the prospects for success are good.

Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter and received a right royal welcome. This being Past Principals' Night all the offices were filled by the Past Principals of the Chapter. They conferred the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a most creditable manner, and it says a very great deal for the Past Principals of Waterloo Chapter that they keep in such close touch with the work.

Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.—I visited this Chapter on the 16th of May and I received a most hearty welcome from the officers and Companions of this Chapter. Ionic Chapter is in a splendid condition. The officers do excellent work, as was shown by the way in which they conferred the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch the night I was there. I had the great pleasure of meeting R. Ex. Comp. Robert Irving, a veteran of Royal Arch Masonry in the District, and really the father of Ionic Chapter.

Chapter of Instructions.—On the afternoon and evening of June 14th I held a Chapter of Instruction under the auspices of Waterloo Chapter,
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No. 32, Galt, when the several degrees of Royal Arch Masonry were splendidly exemplified by Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, of Kitchener; Guelph Chapter, No. 40, of Guelph; and Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, of Galt. The meeting was a grand success. We were honored on this occasion by the presence of R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, who gave the Companions present some very valuable information concerning Capitular Masonry and Craft Masonry in general.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 218, SHEL-BURNE.—I visited this Chapter on the 16th of June and was most heartily received by the officers and Companions of the Chapter. I was not able to learn how the officers of Prince Edward Chapter could do the work, as it was the officers of another Chapter who conferred the Royal Arch degree. This Chapter is a comparatively young Chapter and it has prospered well since it started and its prospects are good.

DURHAM CHAPTER, NO. 221, DURHAM.—I visited this Chapter on the 19th of June, and from the hearty welcome I received I concluded there was a good deal of enthusiasm among the Companions of Durham Chapter. The officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a manner not easily surpassed. Ex. Comps. Clark and Croft see to it that the work of the Chapter is done as it should be. Its prospects are excellent.

KITCHENER CHAPTER, NO. 117, KITCHENER.—I visited this Chapter on the 2nd of June. This is one of the most efficient and prosperous Chapters in the District, full of life and energy. The Companions received me with open arms, and I felt very much flattered at the welcome they gave me. The officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a manner not to be excelled. This Chapter is in splendid condition and their prospects splendid.

GUELPH CHAPTER, NO. 40, GUELPH.—On the 13th of October I visited this Chapter, and was very
warmly received by the officers and Companions. This is one of the oldest Chapters of the District and I cannot speak too highly of the excellent work the officers do. They conferred the degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a splendid manner, and this Chapter is in good condition and its prospects exceedingly bright.

**Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston.**—I visited this Chapter on the 2nd of October and I found it somewhat handicapped on account of so many of its officers living a considerable distance from the location of the Chapter. Nevertheless I also found that the officers do very good work, as shown by the splendid way in which they conferred the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The Chapter is in good condition and its prospects are bright.

**Halton Chapter, U.D., Georgetown.**—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the 20th of October. This is the "Baby Chapter" of the District. The Chapter, though only started on March 16th, 1922, is in a most prosperous condition. It started with 19 members and when I visited them they had increased to 39, and I have no doubt, but that they have now over 40. The officers conferred the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in the most perfect and impressive manner.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the Chapters in the District for their kindness and generosity to me when I visited each of them. It was a very pleasant time for me and the kind consideration I received from every Chapter in the District shall not soon be forgotten. I found in going about that Capitular Masonry in Wellington District is in a most flourishing condition.

Fraternally yours,

**Finlay Smith,**
Grand Supt., Wellington District, No. 4.

Galt, Ont.
HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

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

I have the honor to submit my report, on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 5, for the year 1922. I desire at the same time to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, by the representatives of the different Chapters of the District by electing me their Grand Superintendent.

That in all my official and fraternal visits, I am pleased to state, I received a most cordial welcome, and the utmost harmony and brotherly good feeling existed at all times.

All of the Chapters in this District are progressing very favorably, although not to the extent of former years, doubtless owing to the severe depression of business in all lines, but I bespeak for the incoming years, as business returns to normal, that there will be a great increase of membership into the Royal Craft.

I did intend during my term of office, to have held a Chapter of Instruction in this District, but owing to the roads leading to the rural Districts having been broken up, and the detours being in bad condition, I deemed it advisable to cancel it, but I trust that the incoming Grand Superintendent will have one during his term, for by then all roads will be safe to travel upon.

All Scribes I notified verbally in the City Chapters not to neglect having returns in at the proper times, also rural Chapters by mail. All the Scribes E.'s books are kept in a clean, efficient and up-to-date manner.

The sudden death of Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw I regret exceedingly, he was a great worker in Capitular Masonry, and the loss of such an eminent member is keenly felt by Grand Chapter.
I also wish to thank all Excellent Principals and Companions for their presence in accompanying me on my several visits, and especially Ex. Comp. Robt. Buchanan, who made all arrangements and the hearty support he always gave me on my visits.

CALEDONIA CHAPTER, U.D., CALEDONIA.—On April 11th I accompanied R. Ex. Comp. Geo. H. Britton, along with a large member of Excellent Principals and Companions and instituted Caledonia Chapter, U.D. R. Ex. Comp. Britton officiated. I not having been installed into office of Grand Superintendent, owing to my absence from the country at the proper time. The officers of the Chapter are all proficient in their duties. We were fraternally received and hospitably entertained after the ceremonies.

On October 12th, 1922, I paid my official visit, accompanied by a number of Principals and Companions, and was received most heartily and invited to the East. The degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred in a very impressive manner. The finances are in good shape (no liabilities). I suggested that the Chapter should increase its insurance on the paraphernalia. This they have decided to do. This Chapter is going to be active and progressive in advancing Capitular Masonry in the District.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, MILTON.—On May 18th I paid this Chapter a fraternal visit, accompanied by several officers and Companions of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, and was warmly welcomed. The officers of St. John's Chapter conferring the Royal Arch degree on five candidates in a highly satisfactory manner. After the degree was finished, I was requested to present three Past Z.'s Jewels to Excellent Principals, who had performed their duties, and rendered great assistance to the Chapter in former years. On September 21st I officially visited this Chapter and was fraternally received with the usual honors. The Royal Arch degree was
conferred by the officers in a very impressive manner. The Companions of Halton Chapter paid a visit on this occasion and were warmly welcomed and hospitably entertained. St. Clair Chapter is one of the leading Chapters in this District, and can always give a good account of its stewardship, and I can bespeak a larger number of applicants to the Royal Craft into this Chapter in the near future.

**Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton.**—On April 18th I attended the regular convocation of Hamilton Chapter and was installed into the office of Grand Superintendent by R. Ex. Comp. G. H. Britton and invested with the regalia of office. On October 17th I officially visited this Chapter and was received most cordially. There were a large number of Companions present to welcome me on this occasion. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on several candidates in a favorable manner. On December 19th I fraternally visited the Chapter and conducted the election of officers for 1923, and they are well skilled in their duties. After the election the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very impressive and becoming manner by the Past Principals. This Chapter has had a very successful year under the capable guidance of Ex. Comp. Maw, and I am sure, that the Chapter will be just as successful in years to come.

**White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville.**—I fraternally visited this Chapter on June 20th, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore and other Excellent Companions from this District. We were most cordially welcomed. There were also in attendance at this meeting the Principals and Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew & St. John, of Toronto. It was a most enjoyable and instructive meeting. The R. Ex. Grand Scribe E. gave a most interesting explanation on the Royal Arch degree, and was listened to with very careful attention. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore gave some timely advice and in-
structions also. I also visited this Chapter officially on November 21st accompanied by several Excellent Principals and Companions, and was extended all the honors pertaining to my office. There was a large attendance, and the Royal Arch degree was presented for my inspection and was conferred very impressively. The Chapter is laboring under the disadvantage of having only one Blue Lodge to draw members from, and therefore not in the same position as other Chapters of this District in securing members. I would suggest that this matter be referred to a committee to see if some solution may be found to give this Chapter a larger source from which to draw its candidates, for I feel that if such could be arranged, the officers would be proportionately encouraged in their work.

Keystone Chapter, No. 224, Hamilton.—I officially visited this Chapter on December 4th. There was a large attendance. I was cordially welcomed and honored, and conducted the election of officers for 1923, and I must congratulate this Chapter on their excellent work, which they have done this year, every officer has his work up to perfection, and the incoming officers I feel sure are quite capable of conferring the various degrees just as their predecessors. The energy and enthusiasm shown by the Companions of this Chapter is going to make it one of the finest Chapters in this jurisdiction. I also fraternally visited this Chapter on June 5th, when 14 candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch by Ex. Comp. Donald Munro, ably supported by his officers, and it was most impressively conferred. I was requested to present four Life Membership Certificates to different Companions. This is one Chapter where harmony and brotherly love is carried out to the fullest.

Ancaster Chapter, No. 155, Ancaster.—This Chapter I visited frequently and was fraternally
welcomed, saw the degrees at various times, which were creditably exemplified. I also visited this Chapter officially on December 5th, accompanied by several Past Principals and Companions of the city, where I was duly welcomed. I conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year and the selection was unanimous for every office. There has not been so many candidates for the past year as formerly. The Companions claim that the low price for agricultural products produced by many of the Masons eligibly in this District is responsible for this, but they expect that times will be more prosperous for 1923. I recommended that they place more insurance on their paraphernalia, etc., and also that instead of "Calling Off" during the months of July and August, they should meet and carry on the work, if only for practice if no candidates were available, so that the interest and success of the Chapter would be assured and not lag.

St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton.—I have visited this Chapter fraternally, also in my official capacity on December 14th, and was welcomed in a fitting manner. I conducted the election of the officers for 1923. The incoming officers are all proficient in the different degrees. There has not been so many applicants this year, as in previous, but the incoming year looks very bright, many Companions having assured the officers, that they have applicants in view. This Chapter has no liabilities, and have a very large reserve fund well invested. They have also presented to all Royal Arch Masons, who were exalted during the war time, with their regalia, as it was impossible to procure regalia during those years of struggle, and I can assure Grand Chapter that St. John's will always be in the forefront, in keeping up their reputation in the Royal Craft.

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.—I officially visited this my Mother Chapter December 22nd, and was most heartily welcomed, and grand
honors were accorded me. I conducted the election of officers for the year 1923. This Chapter is one of the oldest in this jurisdiction, is always to the front in securing good candidates, and the degrees are all conferred in a very impressive manner, and the officers elected for 1923 are well skilled in their duties, and there should be no fear of “Hiram” falling back. They have good reserve fund well invested and properly managed by their Treasurer, M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore, who gives them some sterling advise, and which is invariably acted upon. After the election of officers the Mark Master degree was conferred upon two candidates.

The Hiram and St. John’s Chapters have appointed a committee to consider the advisability of increasing yearly dues, which at present are only $3.00 per member, and I strongly recommend an increase. This amount might have been adequate 25 or 30 years ago, but not now. I also visited this Chapter fraternally several times, and all degrees and work were performed in a very high and efficient manner.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN E. RIDDELL, SR.,
Grand Supt., Hamilton District, No. 5.

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

It is with pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the year 1922, and in doing so, desire to record my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the Huron District, in being recommended to the Grand Z. for the appointment as Grand Superintendent.

Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel.—To this Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comp. W. J. Morrison, I made my first official visit on May 12th. We were met by R. Ex. Comp. Blackmore, who accompanied us to the Chapter room where a royal welcome was extended from a large and whole-hearted group of Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred with an impressiveness which only Companions of appreciation and experience in the work could do. The First Principal Ex. Comp. Nichol and the Principal Sojourner are to be congratulated on the manner in which they did their work. The books are well kept by Comp. Blackmore. After the work the Companions repaired to the banquet hall where a very pleasant hour was spent listening to speeches.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on May 16th, and was given a warm welcome. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Sowerby, is fortunate in having such a capable staff of officers. Ex. Comp. Dunlop is to be congratulated on the manner in which he delivered the Mystical Lecture. The books are well looked after by Comp. McKay. The banquet proceedings were enjoyed by all.

Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton.—I visited this Chapter on October 3rd, and was warmly
welcomed by the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in an excellent manner. Not only the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Poole, but also all the other officers of the Chapter showed a keen interest in the work which augers well for this Chapter. The books are well kept by R. Ex. Comp. Hillmer. After the close of the Chapter a pleasant hour was spent in the refreshment room.

Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell.—On the 17th October I visited this Chapter where a very cordial reception was given me. Ex. Comp. Stewart, with his officers, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very impressive manner, showing that they have the welfare of this Chapter at heart. Comp. Babb looks well after the books. At the close of the degree work a very sociable time was enjoyed in the banquet hall.

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford.—I visited this Chapter October 27th and was met at the depot by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Atkins, and R. Ex. Comp. Stevenson, the Scribe E., who took me to the hotel, and afterwards to the Chapter room. I was looking forward to seeing good work performed and I was not disappointed. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a faultless manner. The Chapter is to be congratulated on having a staff of officers so well skilled in the work. The books are exceedingly well kept by R. Ex. Comp. Stevenson. At the banquet a very enjoyable time was spent in speeches and songs. A special feature of the evening being an entertainment given by Comp. A. McGregor of Galt.

Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow.—Accompanied by Ex. Comp. E. Miller I visited this Chapter on November 9th. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Joynt, and his officers, are to be congratulated on the very able manner in which they conferred the Mark Master Mason’s degree. The officers show
they are interested, and no doubt this Chapter will prosper. The books are well kept by Comp. Hill, who is very painstaking. A number of Companions came from Lebanon Chapter, Wingham, to be present. A very sociable hour was spent in the refreshment room after the close of the Chapter.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, NO. 46, ST. MARYS.—On November the 15th I visited this Chapter, and was met by R. Ex. Comp. Constable, who escorted me to the Chapter room where I was given a warm welcome. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Smith, and his staff of officers. Ex. Comp. Hardisty keeps the books very neat and up to date. The festive proceedings brought a delightful evening to a close.

HAVELock CHAPTER, NO. 63, KinCARDINE.—This being my mother Chapter, I was present at all the Convocations during the year. I paid my official visit on November 17th, and was accorded a very warm welcome. A number of Companions were present from Lucknow Chapter. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. E. Hall, and his officers, in a very impressive manner. Comp. J. A. McKenzie, Scribe E., is an efficient officer. After the degree work we repaired to the banquet hall where an enjoyable time was spent.

THE MALLOCK CHAPTER, NO. 66, SEAFORTH.—I was indebted to Ex. Comp. Barber for his courtesy in calling an Emergent Convocation for November 20th in order that this visit might suit my convenience. I received a very cordial welcome. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a manner that showed the officers were well skilled in the work. The books are well kept by Ex. Comp. Barton. A very sociable time was spent after the close of the Chapter.
LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 84, WINGHAM.—I visited this Chapter on November 21st and was met by R. R. Ex. Comp Coutts and the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Smith, and made to feel at home. I was given a very hearty reception at the Chapter where a large attendance was present, there being a number from Lucknow Chapter and also from Havelock Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Smith, and his staff of officers. The books are being well looked after by R. Ex. Comp. Tamblyn. After the close of the Chapter we repaired to McKay's restaurant where a very sumptuous repast was enjoyed.

I wish to express my appreciation of the assistance given me by R. Ex. Comp E. Miller, Ex. Comp. MacPherson and Ex. Comp. Morrison during my term of office. I visited every Chapter in the District and found the utmost harmony and good will prevailing.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of Huron District for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the exalted position which I have endeavored to fill to the best of my ability, and for the courtesy and kindness with which I was received throughout the District. I have been privileged to renew many valued friendships and to have been enabled to form many new ones which I will treasure among the most pleasant memories of my term as Grand Superintendent.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. W. CLEMENTS,
Grand Supt., Huron District, No. 6.

Kincardine, Ont.
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 honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Niagara District, No. 7, for the past year; in doing so I desire to express my sincere appreciation to the Companions for the very great honor conferred in electing me to the high and honorable Office of Grand Superintendent.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 57, PORT COLBORNE.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the 8th June. I found a fair attendance of the Companions and I was received most heartily by Ex. Comp. D. McCracken, who was acting as First Principal. Although this Chapter had suffered the loss of several of their regular officers, the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a most impressive manner, and the books of the Scribe E. are well kept. I was accompanied on this visit by R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parkes, Ex. Comps. Richards, Congdon, Griffith and a number of Companions of McCallum Chapter. After the work of the evening was finished we all enjoyed a pleasant hour at the festive board.

MT. NEBO CHAPTER, NO. 76, NIAGARA FALLS.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on October 20th in company with a number of officers and Companions of McCallum Chapter, and was greeted by a good turnout of the Companions. I have been acquainted with R. Ex. Comp. Swannell for many years and my reception by all the Companions was most cordial. The work of the Mark Master Mason was conferred on one candidate by the regular officers in a very efficient and impressive manner. This is a very steady Chapter, and its members are of the finest type. R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Swannell is
a very efficient Scribe E., and his books are kept in splendid shape. Ex. Comp. E. C. Gillerand, the Z., was assisted in the work of the evening by Ex. Comps. C. W. Anderson, C. H. Stringer, W. C. Sells and R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Swannell.

After the business of the evening was concluded, we adjourned to the banquet hall where the good things provided were partaken of and a number of interesting addresses given.

WILLSON CHAPTER, No. 64, WELLAND.—There were about 65 Companions present when I made my official visit on October 25th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parkes, Ex. Comp. Griffith and several Companions of my home Chapter. I was introduced to the officers of Willson Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. Ross, familiarly known as "Daddy," who is held in very high esteem by all who know him. My reception was most kind and I received a right warm welcome from the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Holstock, and his efficient staff of officers. The books are well kept and one could not expect anything different with such an efficient Scribe E. as Comp. Wells. The Royal Arch degree was worked in a very efficient manner, Ex. Comp. J. C. Fralick giving the Mystical Lecture in a very creditable manner. After the meeting all repaired to the banquet hall, where the ladies of the Guild provided a sumptuous supper, after which a pleasant hour was spent and a number of interesting addresses given.

NIAGARA CHAPTER, No. 55, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE.—I visited this old Chapter on November 10th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Harrup and Comp. N. W. Loohart of Mt. Moriah Chapter, St. Catharines, and four Companions of McCallum Chapter. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp McLelland and was given a hearty welcome by the First Principal and his regular staff of officers. Few Scribes E., if any, can excel Comp. Wood in penmanship, and the Book of Marks and the minute book, are
kept in a manner that any Chapter should be proud of. Two candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a most excellent manner by the First Principal, who did all the work of the Z., including the Mystical Lecture, and his regular officers. After the closing of the Chapter the Companions repaired to the banquet hall, where an excellent repast was enjoyed, followed by speaking and songs.

McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.—I visited this, my home Chapter, on November 17th, being introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Amsden, who paid in a few well-chosen words a glowing tribute to the Superintendent. I was received by Ex. Comp. R. F. Richards and the Companions in a manner that made one feel at home in every sense of the word.

Four candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a most excellent manner by the regular officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. B. Bunn, who in a very efficient manner gave the Mystical Lecture. After the work of the evening was concluded, Ex. Comp. Thos. Marshall, on behalf of the officers and Companions of McCallum Chapter, presented to six Past Principals a jewel of their Office in a very impressive manner. After the meeting all repaired to the banquet room where the Ladies' Aid of Grace Church had provided a very substantial repast, concluding with a social hour.

Smithville Chapter, U.D., Smithville.—It was indeed a pleasure for me, under the direction of the M. Ex. Grand First Principal, to journey to Smithville on August 17th, for the purpose of instituting this Chapter. I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. R. F. Richards, all the regular officers of McCallum Chapter, No. 29, and several Past Z.'s. After the ceremony of institution was completed Ex. Comp. Thos. Marshall presented to each of the Charter Members a Chapter penny of McCallum Chapter as a memento of the occasion. A banquet
and toast list was presented in the banqueting hall, and a very enjoyable hour spent.

**GRIMSBY CHAPTER, No. 69, GRIMSBY.**—I paid my visit to this Chapter on December 4th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Jas. Wray and A. Phipps and welcomed by the officers and Companions of the Chapter. There were forty Companions present, and the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on one candidate and the work was, as a whole, very impressive and dignified, which is quite in keeping with their splendid Chapter rooms. The affairs of the Chapter are in splendid shape, the books being well kept by R. Ex. Comp. W. F. Randall, and the enthusiasm displayed by the officers and Companions was of the highest order. I had the pleasure on behalf of the Chapter of presenting to Ex. Comp. Jas. Thiel a Past Z.’s Jewel. The Chapter was then closed and a fine lunch was served in the banqueting room.

**MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, ST. CATHARINES.**—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 8th, and was given a hearty welcome by the officers and Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a faultless manner, and Ex. Comp. Christie, an old veteran of this Chapter, deserves great credit for the manner in which he gave the Mystical Lecture. The books of the Chapter are well looked after by R. Ex. Comp. Lindsay, and the prospects of the Chapter are good, having two Blue Lodges within the City to draw from. The officers of this Chapter are very fortunate in having the services of such able Past Grand Superintendents as R. Ex. Comps. Burtch, Lindsay and Smith to assist them. After the Chapter was closed we adjourned to the banquet room where an enjoyable hour was spent.

**SMITHVILLE CHAPTER, U.D., SMITHVILLE.**—My first official visit to this Chapter after its institution was paid on December 28th at an Emergent Convoca-
tion, when I was cordially received. I was surprised to see that this Chapter, although only a few months old, was splendidly equipped, and the officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on two candidates in a manner that would have done credit to a much older Chapter. Ex. Comps. Kelly, Merritt and Patterson, and all the officers and Companions show great enthusiasm, and I can bespeak for this Chapter a bright future, they having exalted 30 Companions to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. I had the pleasure of presenting an apron and sash to Companion Thompson, who had recently lost all his personal effects in a fire. The proceedings were concluded with a banquet and a pleasant hour was spent. The hospitality and intense interest of Smithville Chapter in Masonry needs no comment.

In closing may I say, I did not deem it the duty of the Grand Superintendent to criticize harshly, even if occasion had arisen, but to direct the energies of the officers to promote the welfare of the District in particular, and Capitular Masonry in general, to aim to get uniformity of work and to try to impress on the officers no matter what their rank was, their presence at Chapter Convocations was necessary for the welfare of the Chapter, as well as for their own instruction.

Again I wish to thank the Companions for their kindness in according me the privilege of being placed in this high office.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. YOCUM,
Grand Supt., Niagara District, No. 7.

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

My first official act as District Superintendent of Toronto District, No. 8, was a particularly pleasant duty. It was to bring into existence a new Chapter where none previously existed. As the first official act of a District Superintendent it was highly appreciated, and a delightful and novel privilege.


Ex. Comp. Oscar H. King, First Principal of The Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, accompanied by his officers and a large number of members, attended at the same time and opened the Chapter in the prescribed form at eight o'clock p.m. The First Principal of the new Chapter, Ex. Comp. W. R. McQuade, was placed in his Chair by R. Ex. Comp. Shelley. The Second Principal was seated by myself, while Ex. Comp. Charles F. Ewers, the Third Principal of the new Chapter, was placed in his seat by R. Ex. Comp. A. C. Larter.

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith in a most pleasing manner conducted the ceremony of placing the other officers in their proper chairs with the assistance of V. Ex. Comp. S. Newdick and other Past Principals present.

When the ceremony was completed the gathering was addressed by the Grand Scribe E., who gave to the assembled Companions valuable advice upon the conduct of the new Chapter. Following this
short but most interesting address a complete set of most beautiful and serviceable paraphernalia was then presented to the Chapter by its different members. Ex. Comp. Lem. Atkinson, on behalf of Doric Chapter, Newmarket, presented to the Chapter, in words expressing the sincerest good wishes, with a beautiful volume of the Sacred Law and a suitable Triangle. This gift was very much appreciated and shows the good feeling which exists between Doric Chapter, of Newmarket, and the new Chapter, the members of which are largely members of the Newmarket body.

By the costly and appropriate appointments donated to this new Chapter by its members, there was shown that sincere appreciation of and enthusiasm for Royal Arch Masonry which Grand Chapter has always striven to instill in the hearts of all members of the Royal Craft. The splendid manner in which the proceedings of the evening were conducted and the proficiency shown by the officers, as well as the large number of applications brought forward at this meeting, indicates that another mile-stone has been passed in the proper dissemination of the light of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario.

THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, NO. 4, TORONTO.—On June 16th, 1922, I officially visited this, my mother Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, R. W. Clewlo, W. G. Price and others. After a very cordial reception from the Presiding First Principal, Ex. Comp. Oscar H. King, the officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a manner befitting the oldest Chapter of this jurisdiction.

During the evening R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Clewlo, in most flattering words, presented me with a beautiful floor lamp, which was gratefully received, and I keenly appreciate the spirit of my Companions in giving me this token of their goodwill and esteem. Afterwards Ex. Comp. Oscar H. King, on behalf of
the Chapter, presented Comp. W. H. Knowlton with a beautifully engraved walking cane in commemoration of the 51st anniversary of his exaltation in this Chapter. Comp. Knowlton expressed his deep appreciation of the gift and the kindly feeling of the Companions which prompted it. The records of the Chapter are well kept and it is financially flourishing.

**KING SOLOMON’S CHAPTER, NO. 8, TORONTO.**—I officially inspected this Chapter on the evening of June 22nd, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred. The work was done in a creditable manner. The choir, composed of members of the Chapter, rendered the musical ritual in a most beautiful manner.

This Chapter is one of the most progressive Chapters in the jurisdiction and is taking in a large number of candidates. It is financially strong, and its records and accounts are kept in a manner to reflect credit upon the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. F. D. Hunt. From the number of applications received this year, the enthusiasm displayed by the members, and the proficiency of the officers, I can report most favorably upon the present condition and prospects for the future of this Chapter.

**DORIC CHAPTER, NO. 60, NEWMARKET.**—I visited this Chapter on the evening of June 7th, and although the members had notice of my intended inspection there were only nine Companions present, three of whom were Past Principals. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very creditable manner.

The three Principals are dividing their time between the new Chapter in Aurora and this their mother Chapter. It appears that a germ of indifference had, up to date, sapped this body of all enthusiasm. In the first half of this year the Chapter had exalted two candidates. At six meetings held the average attendance had been thirteen.
Strange as it may appear, lack of interest in this body is displayed principally by the Newmarket Companions. From what some have told me personally I have reason to believe that in the near future the Chapter will receive more support from the Companions in Newmarket. I have been promised by some of them their active support, and I believe that if they exhibit the enthusiasm which they have promised, the Chapter will again prosper.

Ex. Comps. Atkinson, Winn and Whyle, who were present this evening, spoke in a most encouraging manner with reference to the future of the Chapter. The records are well kept and the finances appear to be satisfactory. This Chapter will require close attention during the next few years. Proper management and guidance by those capable of reviving enthusiasm for the Royal Craft will guarantee for this Chapter the success it merits. A town the size of Newmarket, with its prosperous surroundings, should be the site of one of the most enthusiastic Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry in this entire jurisdiction, and I hope Doric Chapter will soon be described as such.

York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto.—I officially attended this Chapter on Friday evening, May 5th. This Chapter is presided over by Ex. Comp. Chas. Murphy, whose executive ability and efficiency has already been proven by his work in York Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of which he is a Past Master.

This Chapter, one of the oldest in this jurisdiction, appears to have been making steady progress. Considering the fact that its membership is not confined to the northern suburbs of the city, the average attendance at its convocations is satisfactory.

The Royal Arch degree, which was exemplified for my inspection, was worked in a very satisfactory manner, the music accompanying it lending greatly to its effect. The Chapter is apparently in the hands of very capable officers, with the result that its continued success is assured.
This Chapter follows the practice of presenting each of its Companions upon his exaltation with a Royal Arch Jewel. This is by no means the usual practice in this jurisdiction, and I mention it here as I consider it a commendable practice. The presentation of such a token tends, in my opinion, to engender more enthusiasm among the members, and is a tangible proof of the efficiency acquired in the Craft.

I attended this Chapter the second time in a semi-official capacity. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. C. Murphy, arranged a Ruling First Principals' Night on Friday, the 3rd of November. The work of the Holy Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the Ruling First Principals of the Toronto Chapters. I was delighted to be present to see the proficiency with which the work was done, and had occasion required it any criticism of the work would have been immediately communicated to all the Chapters.

For the purpose of obtaining uniformity and exactness in the exemplification of the ritual, I believe that a First Principals' Night of this kind does more to obtain the desired object than a Chapter of Instruction. In the month of May Occident Chapter in my sister jurisdiction held such an evening and the effect was marked. I hope that in the future one Chapter in each District will hold such a night for the purpose, not only of giving the First Principals a better opportunity of becoming acquainted with each other, but also for the purpose of gathering them together to receive instruction in the work of the degree.

In my opinion Ex. Comp. Chas. Murphy and the officers and members of York Chapter have earned the appreciation of this District for their delightful First Principals' Night.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, No. 65, TORONTO.—At the request of Grand Chapter, St. Paul's Chapter on May 10th acted as host to the members of that
Among the large number of past and present Grand Chapter Officers, there were present M. Ex. Comps. R. H. Spencer, W. N. Ponton, E. T. Malone and others. A most sincere and cordial welcome was given to all the visitors and members of Grand Chapter, by Ex. Comp. Robert Cassels.

During the course of the evening M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer presented the Immediate Past Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, with a beautiful clock as a token of the esteem and appreciation felt by Grand Chapter for the efficient and kindly manner in which the Immediate Past Grand First Principal had presided over the destinies of Grand Chapter during his term of office. After a most eloquent and feeling reply by M. Ex. Comp. Ponton the assembled Companions took occasion to felicitate R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan upon his election to the office of Grand Third Principal. R. Ex. Comp. Dunstan has long been an active worker in this Chapter, and the congratulations extended to him were sincere and hearty.

After the Chapter was closed the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred upon a large class of candidates by the Past Principals of the Chapter. The meeting was very largely attended and the greatest enthusiasm shown for the Royal Craft by all present.

I attended this Chapter for the second time on November 8th, when the annual Past Principals' Night was celebrated. The Council on this occasion was composed of M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, First Principal, and R. Ex. Comps. R. J. Reade and E. B. Brown, respectively Second and Third Principals, while R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan acted as Principal Sojourner. The degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner. The attendance was large and the meeting was made more pleasant by a most instructive and interesting address by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, who was present to assist in the ceremonies.
To this Chapter I paid my official visit on the evening of December 13th. I was welcomed in a most pleasant manner by Ex. Comp. Robert Cassels, who gave expression to the sincere loyalty this Chapter felt for the Grand Chapter. Throughout the course of the evening I could not help but feel impressed with the ardor and zeal of the Companions of this Chapter for the Royal Craft.

The elections of the Chapter were held at this Convocation, and it was indeed pleasant to see the manner in which all the officers of the Chapter were advanced without exception by unanimous vote. After the elections the Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and a class of seven candidates advanced.

The records of the Chapter are well kept and it is in better financial position than it has been for years. It has taken a foremost part in all Chapter activities in this jurisdiction throughout the year. A great deal of the credit for this is due to the indefatigable exertions of its genial First Principal, Ex. Comp. Robert Cassels. The efforts of the First Principal have borne fruit in the increased attendance at all convocations, and more particularly in the renewed interest in Chapter activities shown by all the Past Principals. I was delighted on all my visits to see the manner in which the past presiding officers attended the meeting. The records further show that a greater number of candidates have been received during the past year than have been admitted for many years. The progress made by this Capitular body during my term of office is worthy of particular mention.

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.—This Chapter officially received me on the evening of May 11th. It mourns the loss of one of its best known Past Principals in the person of Ex. Comp. D. D. Grierson who joined Orient Chapter on September 25th, 1890. He was an active Mason for many years, and
his kindly disposition and love of the fraternity endeared him to many friends.

The Chapter is presided over by Ex. Comp. Ernest J. Wright, who is supported by capable officers. The Royal Arch degree, which was conferred for my inspection, reflected great credit upon those who took part in it.

From a perusal of the records it is clearly shown that the Chapter has had a steady growth, and with the ability displayed by its officers, there is every indication that its good work will continue in the future. The Chapter records are kept most efficiently by V. Ex. Comp. J. M. Malcolm. The old records of the Chapter, which for some time had not been given due care, have now been placed in order and the accounts and books are kept in admirable form by this efficient officer.

THE ST. PATRICK’S CHAPTER, NO. 145, TORONTO.—I officially visited this Chapter on Saturday, the 21st of October, 1922. This was my second visit. On the evening of Saturday, April 15th, in pursuance of a cordial invitation received, I attended their Convocation, at which members of the Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite filled the different offices and conferred the Royal Arch degree. In company with M. Ex. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, E. T. Malone and George Moore there were present a large number of Past Grand Chapter Officers.

The work of the evening was done in an exceptionally dignified and impressive manner, showing clearly the great ritualistic abilities of these deservedly honored Companions. Ex. Comp. Herbert F. Cowan, the First Principal of this Chapter, very ably expressed the appreciation felt for the work which had been done by the officers of the evening and recalled the exceptional manner in which the minor officers had performed their work. Those who had the privilege of attending this meeting had forceably brought to their attention the necessity
of even the most minor officers using expression and dignity in their rendition of the ritual.

On my official inspection I found the work conferred quite in accordance with the high traditions of this Chapter. The records and accounts of the Chapter are well kept by Comp. Harry Leeson, who this year celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his incumbancy of the office of Scribe E. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition, and gives every indication of remaining for some time to come the strongest numerically of all the Chapters in this District.

**Beaches Chapter, No. 162, Toronto.**—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith I officially visited this Chapter on the evening of June 5th. About thirty-five members were present out of a total membership of about one hundred and fifty. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a creditable manner. The Council of this Chapter are capable ritualists and able officers. The junior officers also evince an interest and enthusiasm which satisfied me that this Chapter will continue to progress. The membership has not increased rapidly, but there is that gradual increase in numbers which portends steady growth in any institution.

During the evening of my inspection feeling references were made to the death, during the past year of Ex. Comps. Barker and Grierson. This Chapter deeply feels the loss of these two worthy Royal Arch Masons.

**St. Alban’s Chapter, No. 217, Toronto.**—For the purpose of my official inspection the officers of this Chapter conferred the Royal Arch degree on the evening of Tuesday, May 23rd. The rendition of the ritual was satisfactory.

This Chapter was honored at the same time by a visit from the Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, who with the Grand Scribe E., was welcomed in a very happy manner by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. A. E. Covell.
During a very interesting evening many references were made to the death of R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson, our late Grand Third Principal. The loss of this truly excellent Companion is felt deeply by this Chapter, whose existence is but one of the many memorials bearing testimony to the zeal and energy in the cause of Masonry shown by our deceased brother.

A very pleasant incident of the evening, showing a love for the Craft not confined to one's own particular body, was the presentation to this Chapter by Ex. Comp. G. L. McHenry, Immediate Past Z. of Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, of a beautiful set of carved gavels.

After the degree was worked the M. Ex. the Grand Z. spoke to the Companions assembled, and the Grand Scribe E., addressed the gathering upon topics arising out of the recent meetings of the Grand Chapters of the United States.

The records of the Chapter are in good hands and the bright prospects predicted for this Chapter by my predecessor R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare at its institution on the 30th of April, 1920, have been realized. The loss of R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson will for some time be felt, but Ex. Comp. J. A. Cooper, one of those who assisted in forming the Chapter, is gradually assuming the well merited title of "Father" in the Chapter. I feel sure that this young body will continue to prosper.

Beaver Chapter, No. 225, Toronto.—I officially inspected this Chapter on the evening of September 13th when the Royal Arch degree was conferred. The work was done satisfactorily. The work of the junior officers, particularly, merited approval, that of the Principal Sojourner being especially well done.

Under the guidance of R. Ex. Comp. B. Cairns this Chapter is making most satisfactory progress. It was instituted on April 13th, 1921. This year it has taken in about thirty new members, which will bring its membership to well over two hundred. The
acquisition of members has not been the only aim of this body as there is manifested a spirit of enthusiasm and ardor which is a credit to the Royal Craft. The records of the Chapter are in excellent condition and the financial statement shows it to be flourishing financially.

The future of this, one of our youngest Chapters, is assured so long as it continues to have the support of such enthusiastic Craftsmen as R. Ex. Comp. B. Cairns, Ex. Comp. T. H. Graham, V. Ex. Comp. D. S. L. MacDougall, and that indefatigable Mason who unselfishly gives of his best to the entire Royal Craft, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, the Chapter's Historian.

Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Toronto.—It was delightful for me to attend at Uxbridge on the evening of September 14th, to visit this Chapter and witness the conferring of the Royal Arch degree. This Chapter is worthy of every praise. This year they will take in at least fifteen members, making their total membership about one hundred and thirty-five.

The progress and enthusiasm shown by the Chapter is the natural result of the untiring efforts of three Right Excellent Companions who were so instrumental and active at its inception, namely, R. Ex. Comps. D. A. Clark, W. S. Ormiston and V. M. Hare. Of these three, R. Ex. Comp. Clark has moved away, and the task of guiding the destinies of this Chapter has fallen in a large degree to the remaining two Right Excellent Companions. The records show that both attend with the greatest regularity, particularly R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, who since the inception of this Chapter in 1903 has not missed a single convocation. On the evening of my visit, Principals, Past Principals and Companions from Zephyr, Port Perry, Epsom and surrounding country helped to swell the large attendance.

On December 8th, 1921, this Chapter made provision for a benevolent fund consisting of ten per cent. of the initiation fee and fifty per cent. of the
affiliation fee. This benevolent fund has been used continuously. The provision for this fund is a matter worthy of note and emulation by other Chapters of the jurisdiction.

The work of the evening reflected great credit upon the officers of the Chapter and I came away feeling that Royal Arch Masonry in Uxbridge is in capable hands.

Victoria Chapter, No. 205, G.R.C., Thornhill.—Chapters outside the limits of the cities are sometimes described as country Chapters, and there is a tendency for many to consider that work is not done as proficiently therein as it is done in city Chapters. My visit to Victoria Chapter, No. 205, at Thornhill, on the 11th of October, was proof to the contrary. This year this Chapter will have increased its membership by fifteen members. The books are kept in excellent condition and the Chapter is financially sound. The officers all appear to know their work and the Chapter in every way is prospering.

Aurora Chapter, U.D., Aurora.—I have already reported the circumstances connected with the institution of this Chapter on March 29th. On October 25th I visited this Chapter for the purpose of ascertaining the progress made since its institution. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on seven candidates. The work was done in a satisfactory manner. This Chapter is very much handicapped owing to the fact that it has no Past First Principals to assist it. In Ex. Comp. W. R. McQuade, however, they have an indefatigable worker who performs all the duties of his office with enthusiasm. He is assisted by officers who will in the course of time develop great ability. They had previously worked this degree with four candidates so that their experience in rendering this ritual has not been very great. Considering the opportunities they have had I consider the work they did for my inspection to be very creditable.
Since the institution of this Chapter fourteen candidates have been admitted. They had previously held five regular meetings and two emergent meetings at all of which work was done. The books and records have been kept by a novice in Comp. W. J. Buchanan, but they have been kept in accordance with the constitution and in a neat concise manner which deserves credit. The finances of the Chapter are in satisfactory condition, for although their expenses have been approximately five hundred dollars they still have a substantial surplus of about two hundred and fifty dollars with no outstanding accounts or indebtedness of any kind. The furniture had been augmented since my last attendance, and although not entirely complete is sufficient.

It is noticeable that since the institution of the Chapter applications have been constantly received and everything tends to point to a very satisfactory increase in membership before the end of the year. I intend to report most favorable to the Committee on Warrants as to the work of this Chapter in the hope that the Grand Chapter will grant a Warrant to this body.

I visited this Chapter for the third time on the evening of November 15th in the company of M. Ex. The Grand First Principal and R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith and E. A. James. Special preparations had been made by this Chapter for our reception. A large concourse of Royal Arch Masons was present from Newmarket, Thornhill, Richmond Hill and surrounding country.

A most hearty welcome was accorded us and while in the Chapter room most interesting addresses were given by the Grand First Principal and the Grand Scribe E., as well as other visitors. When the Chapter was closed an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall where a sumptuous repast was prepared by the ladies of the Chapter. The attendance was well over one hundred and twenty-five members of the Royal Craft, and the greatest en-
thusiasm was shown throughout the evening. The enthusiastic reception accorded to the Grand First Principal gave evidence of the loyalty of these Companions to Grand Chapter as well as to the Grand First Principal personally. The evening was a marked success and its efforts will be felt. It will, I feel sure, result in a marked increase in enthusiasm for the Royal Craft in the entire District between Lake Simcoe and the city of Toronto.


The proceedings were opened by St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65. The officers of Grand Chapter, members of the new Chapter and visiting Companions were severally introduced and welcomed in a delightful manner by Ex. Comp. Robert Cassels. After the officers of the new Chapter had been placed in their respective chairs, R. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis, Grand H., addressed the assembled Companions upon the duties and obligations of Royal Arch Masonry. He was followed by R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, Grand J., who felicitated the new Chapter upon its many advantages.

I firmly believe that fostered by such skilled Craftsmen as its First Principal, R. Ex. Comp. W. J. McCollum, and its Immediate Past Principal, R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Horwood, and guided by men of the calibre of its other officers, this new addition to
Royal Arch Masonry will forge ahead and become a great credit to the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction.

On the evening of December 5th I attended this Chapter for the purpose of ascertaining the progress made since its inception. Since institution the Chapter has held two meetings and conferred the Mark Master Mason degree upon twenty-five candidates. Four additional candidates have already been accepted and ten applications received so that by the end of this year there should be at least fifty active Royal Arch Masons constituting the Chapter.

The work of the evening was the Holy Royal Arch degree. After seeing its exemplification on a class of seventeen candidates I am able to report most favorably upon the ritualistic and executive ability of the officers. I have particular pleasure in reporting in this manner in view of the fact that practically all the officers, with the exception of the First Principal and Immediate Past Principal, did the work for the first time. In Comps. C. H. C. Wright and A. A. Kinghorn, the First Principal has two assistants who without doubt will reflect credit upon this Chapter in the coming years. The work of the Principal Sojourner was also excellently rendered. The proceedings of the evening were made more pleasant by the vocal music of the quartette of the St. Patrick’s Chapter.

It will give me pleasure to recommend to the Committee on Warrants that Grand Chapter do issue to this Chapter a Warrant.

In summing up the general conditions that have prevailed in this jurisdiction throughout the past year, may I state, that all has been harmony and, as the schedule to my report will show, progress has been marked. Increased use of the musical ritual is a gratifying development. It is now only on exceptional occasions that the musical ritual is omitted from the ceremony of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. When the same interest is extended to the Mark and Most Excellent Master de-
degrees and the musical ritual used therein to the same extent these degrees will be made more attractive and impressive.

The commendable practice of presenting newly exalted Companions with Chapter Jewels is increasing. I consider that the presentation of this jewel should be more than a mere extract from the ritual, but should actually be the presentation of an identifying jewel to be used by the recipient on all occasions when he attends or visits a Chapter or even a Symbolic Lodge.

In a more critical strain; may I express my disapproval of a practice which has grown up in this District whereby on official visits of inspection the work of the evening is not always done by the officers of the Chapter, but with the assistance of the Past First Principals. The Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John was the only Chapter in the entire District at which on the night of my official inspection, the First Principal rendered the entire ritual set apart for his rendition, in the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. I hope that in future representatives of the Grand Z. will not be able to make this comment. Inspection, as I understand it, is primarily for the purpose of informing Grand Chapter, among other things, as to the proficiency of the officers in the constituent Chapters. This purpose cannot be accomplished when past officers, or visiting Excellent Companions, render the ritual. On other occasions I consider it a most desirable practice to have the work done as much as possible by Past First Principals as in this manner their interest in the work of the body cannot help but be sustained.

My attention has been called to the fact that on some occasions Chapters in this jurisdiction have introduced more than one candidate at a time during the first part of the Mark Master Mason's degree. I wish to place myself on record as not favoring this practice. I am not passing upon the question of the
constitutionality of this practice, but I do not consider it in the best interest of the Craft to have it continued. Anything which tends to detract from the impressiveness of the ceremony should not be encouraged. Speed in advancing candidates is no justification for something which might tend to lessen the influence made on the candidates.

It is gratifying to report that the rendition of the ritual in all the Chapters has reached a very high degree of excellence. Without exception the Companions realize that the essence of the work is to create a proper impression on the candidate which necessarily entails the habit of care and attention in even the most minor and seemingly unimportant parts. The improvement of the work in this respect is worthy of special commendation.

I desire to openly express my sincere appreciation for the countless favors received by me at the hands of R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, the Grand Scribe E., and the great assistance that he has been to me throughout the year. He has repeatedly gone out of his way to lighten the responsibilities of my office and most of my visits have been made more pleasant for me and more instructive for the Companions by his company.

When looking back over my official year the feeling of thankfulness and appreciation I felt when I assumed my official position becomes intensified. I appreciate now more than ever the high honor which was accorded me when I was elected and appointed to this office, and I wish to express my thanks for this signal honor. I have enjoyed a year of harmony and prosperity in the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. On all occasions I have been received in my official capacity with the greatest respect and amidst the sincerest expressions of loyalty to the Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter. My heartfelt wish is that my successors for time to come will find the same harmony and concord, the same progress and prosperity, the same loyalty and enthusiasm
that has been my privilege to find without exception during my term of office in Toronto East District, No. 8.

Respectfully submitted,

E. LANKIN,
Grand Supt., Toronto East District, No. 8.

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

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, the report of this District for the past Masonic Year. Before doing so, I wish to thank the representatives of the various Chapters in the District for the very high honor they conferred upon me, when they recommended me to the Grand First Principal for the very important position of Grand Superintendent in this District for the past year.

It has been a season of profit and pleasure to me, and I can only express the hope that the Companions of the different Chapters throughout the District have experienced a like result from my visits.

Regarding the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Toronto West District, No. 8a, I am glad to report that it is in a most satisfactory condition, and also in all the Chapters, I have been impressed with uniformity of the work done, which I think, reflects the splendid efforts of my predecessors, as well as the good judgment of the Companions of the various Chapters in selecting enthusiastic and capable officers.

The social side of Royal Arch Masonry, throughout the District, is of a most pleasing character, the entertainments, as well as the speeches given during my official visits were in keeping with the dignity of the Order.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto.—On October 13th I had the pleasure of officially witnessing Occident Chapter confer the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The work of the evening being directed by the Presiding Principal, Ex. Comp. R. L. Shriner. On this occasion I was accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Ed. Grant, R. Ex. Comp. E. Lankin, V.
Ex. Comp. D. S. L. MacDougall and Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty. The degree was conferred in a most commendable manner. The officers giving evidence of being thoroughly conversant with their duties, and I have no hesitation in predicting a continuation of harmony and success of Occident Chapter. The books are neatly and legibly kept and the Mark Book is up to date.

Considering the large membership the dues in arrears are very few, and Occident Chapter is to be congratulated on having so efficient Scribe E. in V. Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick. It is gratifying to note the particularly happy position of this Chapter in respect to its finances. I several times visited Occident Chapter unofficially and always found their work to be of the usual high standard.

I had particular pleasure in being present at Occident "Indian Night," which is now an annual affair. As is usual in this Chapter a large number of visitors were present to enjoy the hospitality for which this Chapter is famous throughout the jurisdiction. Among those present were: R. Ex. Comps. K. J. Dunstan, R. J. Reid, E. J. Luttrell, V. Ex. Comp. D. S. L. MacDougall, Jas Herriott and a large number of Ex. Companions from Sister Chapters. A unique feature of this night was the Indian tone throughout, the menu and programme being in Indian language, all entertainers being in Indian costume and the different numbers of an Indian nature. Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty is to be congratulated on instituting this annual night as it will no doubt do much to carry on the harmony and good fellowship of Occident Chapter for years to come.

ANTiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto.—On June 28th, accompanied by my Secretary, Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty, I officially visited Antiquity Chapter and witnessed the conferring of the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, under direction of Ex. Comp. J. F. Neild. The officers are thoroughly interested in their work and conferred this degree in most impressive manner,
and in full accordance with the usages and customs of the Order.

There were no arrears of dues and fifty per cent. of the current year's dues are already paid. The Mark Book is carefully looked after and up to date. From the neatness and accuracy of the books Antiquity Chapter is to be congratulated on its efficient Scribe E. Antiquity Chapter is also to be congratulated on its high average attendance, and shows evidence of continuing that steady progress that has marked its career up to this period of its existence.

On December 27th I again visited Antiquity Chapter and assisted R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith in the installation of officers for 1923. On the same evening this Chapter had their annual Christmas Tree, which if possible was a greater success than ever before. It was an inspiration to look over the beaming faces of 150 "kiddies" and 60 mothers from the West End Creeche. After the bountiful dinner Santa Claus appeared on the scene much to the delight of all and presented each child with a cap, stockings, mitts, scarfs, toys, fruit and candies. Santa Claus' pack also contained a present for each mother. The Chapter is to be highly complimented on this wonderful work. This is their fourth Christmas Tree, and is greatly appreciated by the "kiddies."

This report would not be complete if the names of Comp. E. D. Stokoe and Ex. Comp. S. McHenry were not mentioned, as a great deal of the success of the evening depended on these Comps.


Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, West Toronto.—On October 10th I officially visited this Chapter and was given a most cordial welcome by Ex. Comp. S. A. Ash, First Principal. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a faultless and praiseworthy man-
ner. A result of careful study and hard work on the part of every officer. The books of the Scribe E. are beautifully kept and it certainly was a pleasure to peruse them, this officer should be highly complimented on the work he is doing. The amount of outstanding dues is small and the finances are in good condition. After the work in the Chapter room, we retired to the banquet hall where a splendid programme had been prepared for our entertainment. I was accompanied on this visit by Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty, District Secretary, and Ex. Comp. R. L. Shriner, First Principal of Occident Chapter. Among the Past Principals present were R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth, Ex. Comps. R. R. Hopkins, F. F. McLennan, John Marr, H. R. Butterill and G. G. Elliott.

On November 14th I had great pleasure in being present at Shekinah Chapter on the occasion of the visit of the M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z. to this Chapter. Compliments are due Shekinah Chapter for the large attendance that turned out to do honor to the Grand First Principal. Among the large number of visitors present were R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price, R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, V. Ex. Comps. E. J. Luttrell, S. G. Newdick, J. Herriot and Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty. A very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table, and all joined in good wishes to the Grand Z.

It was my pleasure on January 9th, 1923, to assist R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., with the installation of the officers of the Chapter for 1923.

TORONTO CHAPTER, No. 185, TORONTO.—I paid my official visit to Toronto Chapter on May 15th, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick, and Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty, and was accorded a very pleasant reception by Ex. Comp. S. Hunt, the presiding Principal. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred in a most acceptable manner, showing careful study by the various officers and a desire to confer this degree in the ancient and prescribed
form. A pleasant instance of this meeting was a visit of Ex. Comp. H. G. Meir, of Toronto Chapter, now a resident of Georgetown, and Second Principal of Halton Chapter of that town, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Corke, Z., and Ex. Comp. J. D. Cameron, J., of Halton Chapter.

The efficient bookkeeping system of this Chapter is to be commented upon. The dues for 1922 are largely paid and comparatively few are in arrears for 1921. The Mark Book is practically up to date, the minutes neatly and plainly kept and properly signed, and Toronto Chapter is carrying on the work of Capitular Masonry in most approved manner. On April 17th I had the pleasure of attending Toronto Chapter’s Ladies’ Night and spent a very pleasant evening.

On December 18th, 1922, I assisted R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith to install the officers-elect of Toronto Chapter. Under the direction of Ex. Comp. W. G. Becker as Z. this Chapter has a very bright outlook for the coming year. Adjourning to the banquet room, we partook of pleasant refreshments and jolly entertainment, dispersing with feelings of mutual goodwill and a desire to meet again.

PEEL CHAPTER, No. 195, BRAMPTON.—This Chapter was officially visited by me on June 6th. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., Ex. Comp. R. L. Shriner, First Principal of Occident Chapter, and Comp. Hugh Freestone, of Occident Chapter. We received a hearty welcome from the First Principal, Ex. Comp. T. W. Fereday, and the Companions of the Chapter who were present in large numbers on this occasion. The Royal Arch degree was very well and impressively conferred. The books of this Chapter are kept in a very neat and business-like way, and the finances are in a splendid condition. I am pleased to report that the officers are enthusiastic and the future looks very bright for Peel Chapter. I was pleased to meet Ex. Comps. R. W. Lowry, T. H.
Moorehead, W. E. Holwell and L. R. Halman, Past Principals of the Chapter. A very handsome honorary membership Certificate was presented to R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, who thanked the Chapter in a very able and pleasing manner.

In the banquet room, a splendid supper was served followed by music and speeches.

On November 7th, 1922, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty and Comp. H. L. Freestone, I unofficially visited Peel Chapter and witnessed their conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree, which was done in workman-like manner. It was particularly gratifying to note the large attendance of members who turned out to attend this ceremony. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall where the Companions indulged in community singing.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto.—On October 3rd, accompanied by Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty, I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to Mount Sinai Chapter, being received most cordially by Ex. Comp. Louis M. Singer. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified for my inspection, the work of the officers from the Veils to the First Principals was almost ritualistically perfect, the excellence of the work done, brought forth many comments from the Brethren. I was glad on this occasion to note the splendid attendance of the Presiding Principals of the city Chapters showing their interest in Royal Arch Masonry. The books are all in excellent order with a financial balance on the right side. There are practically no arrears of dues, and the Mark Book very nearly up to date.

Mount Sinai generously honored me on this occasion by presenting me with a beautiful fountain pen. The banquet proceedings of Mount Sinai Chapter differs from those of the Sister Chapters, in the personal touch of its liberal hospitality, which is pleasantly appreciated by visitors on all occasions,
and is no doubt one of the magnets that bring friends to its portals on every convocation.

MIMICO CHAPTER, NO. 215, MIMICO.—My official visit of inspection to Mimico Chapter, No. 215, was paid on May 3rd. I was accompanied by V. Ex. Comps. S. G. Newdick, E. J. Everett, and W. Geo. Varty. Under direction of Ex. Comp. Percy Weise the Chapter conferred the degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a most capable manner. The officers are to be commended on their earnest endeavor to impress the candidates, and give them a proper conception of this Exalted degree. The books are neatly and correctly kept, the minutes properly and regularly signed, and the Mark Book up to date.

A surprisingly large proportion of 1922 dues are already paid and none are in arrears, consequently the financial statement shows a balance in the right side of the ledger, and I have no hesitation in saying Mimico Chapter has a bright future before it.


ULSTER CHAPTER, NO. 219, TORONTO.—I paid my official visit of inspection to Ulster Chapter on October 24th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Chas. Wheat and W. Geo. Varty. Ex. Comp. Frederick Dane received us most pleasantly. Their exemplification of the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was performed in a manner that would do credit to any Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry, and Ulster Chapter is to be congratulated on the earnest work of its officers. The books are all in order with no arrears of dues and finances in good shape, and I believe Ulster Chapter will capably carry on its good work.
Ulster Chapter is noted for its whole-hearted Irish hospitality, which they extend as only Irishmen can. The banquet proceedings which were very much enjoyed were brimful of songs, stories and short speeches.

On December 26th, I assisted R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley at the installation of officers, when Ex. Comp. Wm. Steen was regularly installed and the new officers given a good start along the path for 1923.

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 220, LAMBERTON MILLS.—My visit of inspection of Lebanon Chapter was paid on May 25th, 1922, Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty, accompanying me. With Ex. Comp. J. A. Evans as Z., Ex. Comp. R. E. Porte acting as H., and Ex. Comp. J. T. Phillips, J., the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred in a manner comparing favorably with any Chapter in the District. The books are kept neatly and carefully. The Mark Book is up to date and the minutes regularly signed.

There are practically no arrears of dues and their finances properly looked after, and I take pleasure in reporting that Lebanon Chapter has a bright future in store for it.

We adjourned to the banquet room to partake of a light repast, after which an impromptu entertainment was presented which proved one of the most pleasing evenings I have spent in any of the Chapters.

Price introduced Ex. Comp. J. J. Foy as Z.; Ex. Comp. Geo. P. Duncan, as H.; Comp. W. Harry McNairn, J., who with the other officers were installed and invested according to the ancient usages and customs of the Order. On completion of the ceremony a very pleasant time was spent at the banquet table, M. Ex. Comp. the Grand Z. speaking in his usual happy style.

On November 30th my visit of inspection was paid to Port Credit Chapter. Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, V. Ex. Comps. E. Grant, E. J. Luttrell, and Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty, a very happy reception was accorded us by Ex. Comp. J. J. Foy. We witnessed the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree, which was done in a manner most creditable to so young a Chapter. Though so recently constituted Port Credit Chapter shows considerable progress and has every indication of becoming a valuable unit in Capitular Masonry. The minutes are neatly kept and regularly signed and the Mark Book is up to date. One hundred per cent. of the dues are paid and its financial position is excellent.

with a beautiful umbrella. St. Clair Chapter has every indication of being a valuable part of Royal Arch Masonry.

My official visit to St. Clair Chapter was paid on June 22nd. On this occasion I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.; R. Ex. Comp. Briggs, and Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty. With V. Ex. Comp. E. D. Grant presiding, the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in a manner that disclosed the earnest conception of their work, and the enthusiastic desire of the officers to carry on the work of Capitular Masonry in the interest of St. Clair Chapter in particular and the community in general. The books are all in order, legibly and painstakingly kept and a balance in the credit side of the ledger.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, R Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith presented to me, on behalf of the Chapter, a beautiful basket of flowers which were truly appreciated. After which the visitors were entertained in the banquet room, where St. Clair Chapter as usual presented a splendid entertainment and exhibited that hearty good fellowship of which they are noted.

On December 28th I had the pleasure of assisting R. Ex. Comp. E. Lankin in the installation of the incoming officers for the year 1923.

KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 232, TORONTO.—On May 2nd, another promising Chapter was constituted and dedicated, when M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., assisted by R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Reade, acting Grand H., R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Grand J., directed this beautiful and impressive ceremony and installed R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker, as Z.; Ex. Comp. W. H. Hedges, H.; Ex. Comp. B. Sproul, J., and Ex. Comp. I. T. Stickwood, I.P.Z., of King Cyrus Chapter. This pleasing ceremony was accompanied with full musical ritual. Present at this meeting were R. Ex. Comps. E. Lankin, J. J. Shelley, W. J. Wadsworth, and Dr. W. G. Price, V.

I officially inspected the work of King Cyrus Chapter on November 21st, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick and Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty. I experienced a very pleasant reception at the hands of R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker. The Chapter presented for inspection the Mark Master degree. For a new Chapter the work was excellent and compared favorably with any Chapter in the jurisdiction, and I have no hesitation in saying that King Cyrus Chapter has a bright and prosperous future before it. The Mark Book is up to date. The minutes properly signed and the books neatly and legibly kept, and though it is a young Chapter it has already a good balance in the bank. After the degree work had been completed the Chapter held its first election of officers, which was accomplished with complete unanimity.

On December 19th I assisted R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley in the installation of officers for the ensuing year. King Cyrus Chapter is to be congratulated on its choice of officers with Ex. Comp. W. H. Hedges as Z., Ex. Comp. B. Sproule as H., and Ex. Comp. F. Power as J., who will no doubt preside at their convocations with all credit to the Order.

OAKWOOD CHAPTER, NO. 233, TORONTO.—Oakwood Chapter was consecrated and dedicated in the Masonic Temple, Yonge St., April 20th, 1922, in the presence of a large gathering of Royal Arch Masons. M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand First Principal,
conducted the ceremonies, and was assisted by R. Ex. Comps. K. J. Dunstan, Grand Third Principal, Dr. R. J. Read, Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.; Rev. A. S. H. Cree, of Parkhill, Ont., Grand Scribe N.; E. A. James, Grand Registrar; V. Ex. Comps. H. P. Reid, Grand Director of Ceremonies; E. J. Everett, S. G. Newdick, E. D. Grant, D. S. L. MacDougall, Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty, and a number of other Excellent Companions from city Chapters.

This beautiful ceremony being concluded M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith were presented with the Chapter Jewels. Then on behalf of Oakwood Chapter R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith presented the Grand Z. with a silver casserole, which was accepted by the Most Excellent Companion in a most suitable and fitting manner. Adjourning to the banquet room the Companions spent a very pleasant hour.

I had previously visited this Chapter on March 9th unofficially, and witnessed the conferring of the Mark Master Mason, and Most Excellent Master degrees, the work being performed in a highly creditable manner under the able guidance of V. Ex. Comp. Ed. J. Luttrell, the First Principal. The Chapter is progressing and is in a healthy condition, the officers being enthusiastic and painstaking.

On October 17th, the Chapter visited St. Mark's Chapter, No. 28, Trenton, Ont., the mother Chapter of the Grand First Principal, where they exemplified the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. On this occasion Illuminated Honorary Membership Certificates of the Oakwood Chapter were presented to M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith.

Then on November 16th, I again visited the Chapter, when the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was presented for my inspection. Needless to say that the work was perfectly done and the officers of Oakwood Chapter are to be congratulated on their proficiency. The books of the Chapter are well kept, and the prospects for the future are bright.
ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, No. 65, TORONTO.—On May 10th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty, I had the pleasure of visiting St. Paul's Chapter, on this occasion the chairs being filled with officers of Grand Chapter. A very large number of Past and present Grand Chapter Officers as well as a number of Ex. Companions assembled to witness the ceremony of the Holy Royal Arch. At the conclusion of which, M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton was presented with a magnificent Grandfather's Clock.

AURORA CHAPTER, U.D., AURORA.—Through the kindness of R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley, on March 29th, I motored to Aurora with a large number of Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers for the purpose of instituting the above Chapter, which was started under very favourable auspices, most of the furniture and regalia for Chapter work having been presented by members of the Chapter. The Companions were all very enthusiastic, which speaks well for the future of this Chapter. A most elaborate banquet was furnished by the wives of the members of the Chapter and was very much enjoyed by all.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the uniform kindness and hospitality extended to me by all the Chapters during my term of office. This report would not be complete, if I did not express my sincerest thanks for the splendid assistance and kindness received at all times from R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., nor can I forget the assistance given me by Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Varty, District Secretary, and the many other Companions who accompanied me on all my visits.

I shall always look back with a great deal of pleasure to the year spent with my Companions of the District.

Fraternally submitted,

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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 as Grand Superintendent of Georgian District for the year 1922. I would take the opportunity to thank the Companions of the District for the honor conferred upon me and also for the cordial reception I have received on my official visits. While I have been somewhat derelict in performing my duties I trust that the present prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry in this District will serve somewhat as an excuse. I am pleased to record that in spite of 41 withdrawals during the year the membership has increased 25 and is now well over 1,000. I have enjoyed very much the official visits I made, largely on account of the atmosphere of Masonic fellowship which greeted me on every visit. I feel certain that the District will continue to prosper.

Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia.—I visited this, my home Chapter, on May 12th, on my first official visit in the District. Ex. Comp. H. S. Fenton; assisted by Ex. Comp. Patmore and the regular officers, conferred the Royal Arch degree in a manner worthy of the traditions of this comparatively young but superlatively active and efficient Chapter. A high standard of work was set by the first officers when the Chapter was organized and it is a pleasure to note, as the years roll by, that the standard is steadily improving instead of retrograding. It is a matter of pride to a Superintendent to feel that he belongs to a Chapter that is whole, sound and active in every sense of the word. Couchiching's past has been bright, and its future shows every indication of continued activity and usefulness.
MACPHERSON CHAPTER, No. 86, MEAFORD.—On June 29th was the date of my official visit to this Chapter, and accompanied by R. E. Comp. Zimmerman, V. Ex. Comp. Robertson, and Comp. Coles, of Manitou Chapter, Collingwood, I motored to Meaford. Though the evening was warm, it could not dampen the enthusiasm of the Meaford Companions, and a very creditable Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Bright and his officers, assisted by V. E. Comp. A. G. Bright. While Macpherson Chapter has been unfortunate in the loss of so many of its past officers by removal, or for other reasons, the torch is still held high, and those who still remain compensate for their small numbers by their interest in the Craft. The hospitality extended to visitors was heart warming. A feature of the banquet being the attendance of the Town Band. It was truly a noble reception to a District Superintendent.

KICHIKEWANA CHAPTER, No. 167, MIDLAND.—I visited this Chapter on October 27th, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Zimmerman, of Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, and received a warm welcome from E. Comp. Luke and his officers. Ex. Comp. Luke, assisted by Ex. Comp. Keefe, conferred the Royal Arch degree on two “floor” candidates, the two candidates for the evening being unavoidably absent. I cannot praise the work and the interest of the officers of Kichekewana too highly. Seldom, if ever, have I seen a better balanced set of officers, and the interest manifested by the members and Past Z.’s of the Chapter assures us that the Chapter is in good hands and alive in every sense of the word. A very pleasing banquet presided over by R. Ex. Comp. Raikes terminated the evening’s enjoyment.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 34, BARRIE.—My official visit to this Chapter took place on November 14th, at a regular meeting, and the Royal Arch degree was
conferred by Ex. Comp. Simpson, assisted by his officers and Past Z.'s. It was a pleasure to see R. Ex. Comp. Cowan in harness as an active officer, and I feel that with the interest displayed by the past officers present, Signet Chapter's future is in good hands. Owing to the many Masonic activities in Barrie, the work and interest in Royal Arch Masonry has lagged at times, but with the strong nucleus of interested past officers this condition is bound to be only temporary. The hospitality of the Barrie Companions, both in and out of the Chapter, left nothing to be desired.

Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound.—I visited this Chapter on November 28th, and received a warm welcome from Ex. Comp. Sutherland and the Companions. I was much impressed with the beautiful Chapter room possessed by this Chapter, and also the general air of prosperity surrounding Chapter Masonry in Owen Sound. Ex. Comp. Sutherland and officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in the usual good form observed in the work throughout the District, and I was pleased to observe a good attendance and assistance from past officers. After the work of the evening a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room. For the information and interest of the Companions throughout Canada I wish to place on record the fact that the active Scribe Nehemiah of Georgian Chapter is ninety-two years old, but not too old to maintain an active interest in Royal Arch Masonry. It is probable that this is the oldest active officer in Royal Arch Masonry in Canada.

Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood.—On December 15th was the occasion of the installation of the officers of Manitou Chapter, and I was honored by being requested to conduct the ceremony of installation. I was assisted by R. E. Comps. Whipps and Zimmerman, and Ex. Comp. Hughes. This was also the date of my official visit, and after
the work an enjoyable social hour followed. Judging from the calibre of the officers installed, the future of Manitou Chapter will be as the past, bright and unsullied. I have visited this Chapter at most of its meetings during the year and can testify as to the excellence of its standard of work, its hospitality and general activity for good in the community. I am deeply indebted to the past officers of this Chapter for many kindnesses and assistance in my work during the year.

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, NO. 70, BRACEBRIDGE.—I arranged to visit this Chapter on December 21st, but a business call prevented my filling this engagement. I hoped to make a visit early in January. Under the guidance of Ex. Comp. Andrews I feel safe in saying that Grand River Chapter will maintain its record.

AMABEL CHAPTER, NO. 131, WIARTON.—I was unable to arrange a visit to this Chapter. Owing to the fact that so many of the Companions are sailors, it is impossible to arrange a meeting on short notice. I would have liked to have visited this Chapter on my trip to Owen Sound, but for reasons stated above, abandoned the idea.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—On Friday, October 13th, a Chapter of Instruction was held in the Chapter room of Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, which was attended by representatives from Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia; Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland; Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton; Macpherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford; Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, and members of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelburne. In all some 800 Companions were present to see the following Chapters exemplify degrees:

Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland, opened the proceedings by exemplifying the Mark Master Mason degree, and Ex. Comps. Luke and Blackburn
presented a smooth working set of officers, whose degree work was impressive and correct.

Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia, then took charge and conferred the Most Excellent Master degree, and made friends for this usually abused and neglected degree by a splendid exemplification of the floor work. Ex. Comps. Fenton and Patmore were warmly congratulated on the quality of the work.

An intermission occurred from 6 p.m. until 7.30 p.m., when the Companions were entertained at dinner by Manitou Chapter, No. 27. Music being furnished, and much appreciated by the celebrated Kilties Band of Collingwood.

At 7.40 Manitou Chapter, No. 27, in charge of R. E. Comps. Whipps and Stephens, V. E. Comp. Hughes opened and worked the Royal Arch degree in an impressive and acceptable manner. The visiting Companions expressed themselves edified and delighted by the afternoon and evening's work, and I hope to arrange that automatically this District will have a Chapter of Instruction every year.

I must record my thanks to the officers and members of Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, for their kindness in undertaking the entertainment, and to R. E. Comp. Whipps and Ex. Comp. Patmore for their assistance in criticizing the work in the various degrees.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK S. LEWIS,
Grand Supt., Georgian District, No. 9.

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

I have the honor to submit my report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10, for the year 1922.

In doing so I wish first of all to express my deep sense of the honor conferred on me by the Chapters of the District in electing me to this high office and to acknowledge the kindness extended to me by all the Companions at my official visits: and especially to Victoria Chapter, Port Hope, for their loyal co-operation in allowing me to hold my Chapter of Instruction in their Lodge room. My official visit to Port Hope Chapter had been arranged for the 12th of January and has not taken place at the present time of writing. Apart from this I have visited every Chapter in the District. In doing so I have experienced considerable difficulty on account of awkward train connections and would earnestly and respectfully suggest the consideration of some rearrangement of the District.

On the whole I found the work usually well done and the officers and Companions alert and enthusiastic. There has been some numerical increase, but one or two Chapters report a smaller membership than last year. Most of the Chapters are well equipped and in quite a few musical ritual has been adopted.

Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford.—According to the established custom of my predecessors I made this Chapter my first official visit on the anniversary of their institution, the 17th of March. I had not been in Campbellford for a Chapter meeting for a good many years, but found that the Companions still keep up their reputation of doing the work well. The Royal Arch degree was con-
ferred. The Companions are hopeful of being in new quarters in the not very distant future.

Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.—Excelsior Chapter is still prosperous, and I was greeted by a large number of the Companions when I drove over on the 4th of April, accompanied by a strong contingent from Presqu’ile Chapter. Unfortunately the Excellent Z. was forced to be absent. The Past Principals, however, have always kept their work up and the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a splendid manner.

Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay.—This Chapter has recently fitted itself out with new regalia, and on the occasion of my visit on the 20th of April they certainly did themselves justice in working the Royal Arch degree. The Scribe E., Ex. Companion Davidson, is an enthusiast on Capitular Masonry, which means well for progress of the Chapter.

I revisited Midland Chapter on Sunday, the 18th of June, and had the privilege of preaching before some two hundred Companions in St. Paul’s Church, by the kind permission of the Reverend Canon Marsh. Whitby, Peterborough, Cannington and other places were represented by Companions.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.—I visited Corinthian Chapter on the 28th of April. Here the Lodge room and appointments are a model of completeness and comfort. The Royal Arch degree was conferred with musical ritual.

Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.—I attended Warkworth Chapter on the 15th of May, driving over with a very large number of Companions from Brighton. The prospects here are good—better, I understand, than for some time past. The Royal Arch degree was worked well.

Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.—Although my visit was timed for the 6th of June, when, on account of the heat, attendance usually be-
gins to fall off, yet I was greeted by a goodly turnout of the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred and the officers had their work well in hand.

**Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.**—I paid my official visit to Whitby on the 15th of September and witnessed a most excellent exemplification of the Most Excellent Master degree. The floor work was specially worthy of mention, everything being done with almost military precision.

**King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington._**—The Chapter has not had a very prosperous year, and on the occasion of my visit on the 8th of November there was no work to be done. The territory covered by its jurisdiction is large and though about three petitions have been accepted, the candidates, living at a considerable distance, have not yet attended for advancement. The officers are enthusiastic and the prospects seem to be good for an improvement in the future. The Scribe E., Ex. Companion Bigg, is very much devoted to the Chapter, and has his books in good shape.

**St. John’s Chapter, No. 28, Cobourg.**—I found St. John’s Chapter very prosperous when I made my official visit on the 28th of November. The Royal Arch degree was conferred and I was very much struck with the impressiveness of the work. There was a solemnness that showed the whole Chapter was behind the officers in attempting to have the work well done. Ex. Comp. Spragge, the First Principal, is an efficient officer. A considerable part of the work was done by Past Z.’s, a thing to be very much desired in all Chapters.

**St. Andrew’s Chapter, No. 139, Havelock.**—This, my mother Chapter, I visited on the 11th of December. I had been up there previously on the occasion of a “Ladies’ Night,” but the Chapter was
not opened. There was no work on for the date of my visit, but the Companions seem enthusiastic and the prospects are good.

PRESQU’ILE CHAPTER, NO. 144, BRIGHTON.—At my official visit on the 15th of December we had the extreme pleasure and honor of having the Most Excellent the Grand Z. with us. The Most Excellent Master degree was well worked with musical accompaniment.

I held a Chapter of Instruction in the Masonic Hall at Port Hope on the 6th of December. The Most Excellent, the Grand Z., was present, and the occasion was very successful, except perhaps in the matter of attendance, not so many Chapters being represented as one could wish. The Mark Master Mason degree was put on by Ionic Chapter, Campbellford, most efficiently; and the Most Excellent Master degree was worked by Companions who volunteered on the spot. V. Ex. Comp. Yates, Grand Senior Sojourner, acted as W.M. In the evening the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by St. John’s Chapter, Cobourg, and was done even better than on my official visit to that Chapter. I would earnestly recommend to my successors in office the advisability of holding more frequent Chapters of Instruction, not only for the sake of improving the work, but also for the strength and unity such gatherings are calculated to give to the Royal Craft in the District.

Fraternally submitted,

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Grand Supt., Ontario District, No. 10.

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

It is my pleasure to submit for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year 1922, and the work done by each Chapter.

Again I would express my sincere appreciation for the honor conferred upon me by the Companions and the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in my election as Grand Superintendent of District No. 11.

Each Chapter in the District has been visited by me and some Chapters more than once. At five of my official visits the Chapters and myself were honored with the presence of M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand First Principal, and his escort. We did not hold a Chapter of Instruction this year, for after discussing the advisability we concluded, that owing to the excellent way in which the degrees were conferred, and the inter-visiting of the Companions of the different Chapters that the benefit would not justify the expense. My own Chapter being at the extreme north of the District it would be inconvenient for a number of the Companions to attend. It is most gratifying to report that harmony exists in each and every Chapter, and generally throughout the District.

MADOC CHAPTER, No. 161, MADOC.—On October 10th I paid my official visit to my own Chapter and was most cordially welcomed, and was especially pleased to have with us on this occasion M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., Ex. Comp. Robinson, Comp. W. H. Ireland, M.L.C., Ex. Comps. Geo. Dulmage, E. T. Cherry, W. C. Mikel, K.C., R. Ex. Comp. C. Wensley, and many visiting Companions from
throughout the District. Ex. Comp. W. H. Nugent and the officers of the Chapter presented the Royal Arch degree for inspection, which was conferred in an excellent way. I do not wish to be personal in reporting the work of any officer, but feel I would be doing Ex. Comp. Nugent an injustice were I not to make special mention of the excellent and impressive interpretation he gave to the work. Ex. Comp. Nugent travelled fifty-two miles to attend each convocation of the Chapter, to fulfil the responsibilities of his office, and to be with his Companions. The books as kept by Ex. Comp. Geo. M. Wright, Scribe E., are most satisfactory and reflect credit on his efficiency. The matter of members in arrears has been dealt with, and I am endeavoring to have same adjusted before the expiration of my term of office. The utmost harmony prevails in the Chapter, the attendance fair, and a Book of Marks is kept and used.

After the close of the Chapter the visiting Companions were royally entertained at a banquet given under the auspices of Madoc Chapter. When those present had partaken of the excellent menu, provided by Comp. T. F. Blue, Ex. Comp. Nugent, who acted as Chairman, called upon the various Companions to propose and respond to the usual toasts, which duty was performed in a most able manner, and speeches pleasing and instructive were made. The programme was brightened by the rendering of songs and musical selections—thus bringing to a close a night of complete enjoyment and one long to be remembered in the history of Capitular Masonry in Madoc.

Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton.—On November 6th, accompanied by Comp. W. Smith, I visited this Chapter and was most cordially received by Ex. Comp. Masten, Officers and Companions. M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., and escort of six were present. This Chapter has the most beautiful room in the District; the Ex. First Principal and officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a most
exemplary and impressive manner, after which the election of officers was held. An invitation was extended to M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, Grand Z., to install the officers at the December convocation, which was accepted, and I again visited the Chapter where harmony and good fellowship abound. Comp. John L. Graydon, Scribe E., is one of the most efficient Scribes I have met, and the form of Summons the best I have seen in the District. His books are in complete order with the Constitution. At the installation ceremony held December 4th an invitation was extended to R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and it is to be regretted that illness prevented his acceptance, though at some future date I am looking forward to meeting him at this Chapter. Prospects are bright for the prosperity of this Chapter. Each convocation was followed by a banquet, but space will not permit special mention of the eloquent addresses or form of entertainment.

The Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.—The opportunity of meeting this Chapter has been afforded me three times during the year, but I paid my official visit on November 7th, when I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. Nugent, Wright, Marcellus, West, and Comps. Allen, W. Smith, E. Smith, Rev. S. G. McCormack of Madoc Chapter. M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., and escort of Companions from Trenton, and many other Companions, were present. A hearty welcome was extended me by the Chapter. Ex. Comp. E. T. Cherry and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree upon nine Most Excellent Masters in a most able and impressive manner. The work was creditably performed and the prospects for this Chapter exceedingly bright. A pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation to the M. Ex. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., of a beautiful painting with a basket of roses for his good wife, Mrs. Spencer. V. Ex. Comp. C. B. Scantlebury, Scribe E., is to be complimented upon his efficiency in the duties of the office, and would
make special mention of Comp. Willoughby Anderson as Principal Sojourner. When I visited this Chapter in June the Ancient Cataraqui Chapter worked the Royal Arch degree in a most able manner, and was also present when the Chapter as Royal Arch Masons attended Divine Service and were treated to an excellent discourse by Comp. Rev. Mallotte of Bridge Street Methodist Church. Accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand First Principal, I had the pleasure of presenting regalia and certificates, at one of the meetings, to a large number of Companions of this Chapter.

KEystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.—On November 20th I visited my mother Chapter, accompanied by a number of Companions from Madoc Chapter, and was received most heartily. This Chapter is in splendid financial standing, all dues being paid, and the atmosphere of the Chapter is one of good fellowship. Ex. Comp. Bedford and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree letter perfect, but I think all officers spoke too fast and did not leave the impression that should be left with the candidate. R. Ex. Comp. J. McC. Potts, Scribe E., is very efficient in his duties and keeps an excellent Book of Marks. When Chapters are fortunate in having such Masons as R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Potts, and R. Ex. Comp. Dr. C. F. Walt in their Chapters they cannot go wrong. After closing an enjoyable banquet was held and addresses of interest given by M. Ex. Comp. Spencer and others.

St. Mark’s Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.—On November 21st, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Nugent and West, and Comps. W. Smith, E. Smith, Brooks and Curry, I visited St. Mark’s Chapter and there received a hearty welcome. Perfect harmony prevails in the home Chapter of our M. Ex. the Grand Z. At the convocation election of officers was held and the Mark Master Mason degree conferred. Ex. Comp. Miller and his officers do their work well. The
finances are in a good healthy condition and a Book of Marks kept. All records, communications and summons are written in the proper colored ink. I might here state that in District No. 11, all Scribes keep an excellent set of books, but Comp. McClung merits special mention. My expectations were fully realized as to the general efficiency of the Chapter under the careful instructions and direction of M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer. The usual banquet and programme of addresses closed a night of profit and pleasure.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, No. 44, NAPANEE.—I visited this Chapter on December 6th and was cordially received by Ex. Comp. Corknill, First Principal, his officers and Companions. Having previously visited this Chapter and knowing the work to be well done, that harmony prevailed, attendance good and finances satisfactory no degrees were conferred, but was pleased to witness the installation of officers by R. Ex. Comp. Harvey Milne of Ancient Cataraqui Chapter, and would express my appreciation of the services rendered so willingly by R. Ex. Comp. Milne. R. Ex. Comp. E. J. Walters has everything pertaining to his office most creditable, and the future of this Chapter's progress seems assured. R. Ex. Comps. McGregor, J. S. Finnel, Walters and many others of the older Companions are very vigilant in upholding the principles of Masonry in Napanee.

QUINTE FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 227, BELLEVILLE.—I visited this Chapter on December 12th and was received right royally. Ex. Comp. Schryver being unavoidably absent, the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comps. Chesher, Harden, and Nugent. The work was very well done. On account of the protracted illness of Comp. L. C. Yeomans, Scribe E., the books had not been kept as accurately as they should be. Harmony prevails, attendance fair, finances in good condition, and I predict a
bright future for Quinte Friendship Chapter. Letters of regret were read from a number of Companions unable to be present. Ex. Comp. Schryver, when acting as Toast Master at the banquet explained how necessary it was for him as a druggist to remain until business closing upon this particular occasion, but through the year it had not been so.

The Royal Arch Mason degree at Madoc, Belleville and Picton was conferred, I might point out, with musical accompaniment, which added to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

Concluding, I wish to express appreciation for my election as Grand Superintendent, gratitude for the courteous treatment received, and the spirit of good fellowship that has always been in evidence upon my visits throughout the District, and the personal kindnesses extended during the many happy hours I have been privileged to spend with the Companions, and regret that limit of space will only permit this general reference. The year has been full of profit and pleasure, and in my limited way I have endeavored to fulfill my duties faithfully. I am indebted to M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., who so cheerfully and ably assisted me during my term of office. With feelings mingled with pleasure and regret I now hand my Sceptre to my successor, but the broad mantle of Masonic fellowship that has always been extended to me during my term of office will ever remain with me a happy memory. If in my remarks at the various Chapters I have left a thought that will help us as Masons to become bigger of heart and stronger in Masonic Charity I am gratified.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM JAMES HILL,
Grand Supt., Prince Edward District, No. 11.

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

I have the honor to respectfully submit for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 12, for the year 1922.

At the offset I would like to express my sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by the representatives of the various Chapters of the District assembled in convocation at Hamilton for their recommendation, and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for confirming and installing me as Grand Superintendent of this District.

It was with a feeling of timidity that I accepted the responsibility of representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in this District, but I have endeavored to discharge the duties to the best of my ability.

During the year I visited all of the Chapters in the District and am happy to report a year of steady progress with harmony and good fellowship abounding. In nearly all of the Chapters there was marked enthusiasm and activity, and I trust that our duty and responsibility for the general welfare of the Royal Craft will be greatly felt.

I am very pleased to report that the District was honored by several visits from Most Excellent Companion Spencer and I am sure that good results were obtained from each visit.

I strongly recommend interchange of visits between Chapters throughout the District, with the following results.

On May 19th, St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton, Ont., visited Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, and conferred the Royal Arch degree. They were accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Spencer. On June 7th, Sussex Chapter, No.
59, and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville, visited Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque, and jointly conferred the Royal Arch degree. On this occasion also we had the pleasure of receiving M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, who offered kindly and valuable advice. On June 13th, St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, visited Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, and conferred the Royal Arch degree. All visits were most pleasant and helpful, and I am sure lasting good will result. On May 30th, St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, took its charter and regalia and went to Athens, a village within its jurisdiction, and through the kindness of Rising Sun Lodge conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on five candidates in their Lodge room. About forty members made the trip and were present. Good results was forthcoming from the visit.

All the Chapters throughout the District are blessed with a good set of officers who perform their work well. The Scribes E. in all cases keep their books in a neat and satisfactory manner, keep the arrears of dues well collected, and the Books of Marks neat and well recorded.

I strongly urged all of the officers to greater zeal and to put the greatest amount of energy in their work to make it most impressive and the members to show more interest by being present at all meetings, and to bring in more candidates for the officers to work upon. I also advocated punctuality on all occasions and more attention to the musical, instructional and social side of the work.

The condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the District seems to be in a very healthy condition. The membership has grown and great interest is being shown by all. The presence of Past Grand officers and Past First Principals and the interest shown by them as well as by the members is evidence that Capitular Masonry is on the ascendancy.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those that accompanied and assisted me in my visits, and
especially to Ex. Comp. Wolthausen of St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, for very valuable assistance and to all of the Chapters for the very hearty and warm receptions accorded me.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARAQUI CHAPTER, No. 1, KINGSTON.—On November 17th I officially visited this Chapter, and after having been cordially received was surprised and greatly pleased by the announcement and reception of M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, who came unexpectedly to all.

The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred in an excellent manner by Ex. Comp. Moore, assisted by several Past First Principals, and his regular staff of officers. Great skill was shown by all who took part and great interest was apparent by all the Companions. This Charter is making rapid strides for the good of Capitular Masonry. A social hour was spent after the degree work was over and good advice was offered by M. Ex. Comp. Spencer.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT.—On May 9th I visited this Chapter unofficially and saw the Most Excellent Master degree put on in a very creditable manner. On June 13th I officially visited this Chapter. On this occasion about forty Companions from Brockville came along and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree, which was appreciated by all. Afterwards a social hour was spent, which was very pleasant, and was marked by absence of many speeches, hearty community singing being in evidence, which was entered into heartily by all. On November 28th I accompanied M. Ex. Comp. Spencer on a visit to this Chapter and spent a very pleasant and profitable evening. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Ault, assisted by several Past First Principals and his regular staff of officers in a very able manner. During the social hour which followed M. Ex. Comp. Spencer gave a very interesting, instructive and encouraging talk.
on matters pertaining to the welfare of Capitular Masonry, which was well received. Community singing added to the success of the evening. The prospects of this Chapter is most encouraging.

Sussex Chapter, No. 59, and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville.—On November 27th I paid an official visit to these two Chapters. M. Ex. Comp. Spencer paid a visit on this occasion, and he with myself and all Past Grand Chapter Officers were received most enthusiastically. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred, the first part by Ex. Comp. Board and the officers of Sussex Chapter, and the second part by Ex. Comp. Wolthausen and the officers of St. Lawrence Chapter. The work was exceedingly well done by both Chapters, and as I had many occasions to see work performed by these Chapters throughout the year, can say that they are both alive and progressing very favorably. The officers are most enthusiastic, and there is a friendly rivalry between them, one set of officers trying to outdo the other in Excellence, which is very good for both Chapters. The harmony existing between these two Chapters is perfect and inter-visiting is universal. M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, as on all similar occasions, gave a very interesting and instructive address during the social hour that followed the work of the evening.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta.—I visited this Chapter officially on October 6th and was warmly received by the Companions. The Convocation was called for 7.30 p.m., but was not opened until nearly 9 o’clock, which was a great mistake, and which I drew their attention to. I urged them to be punctual. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred upon one candidate in a very creditable manner by Ex. Comp. Love, who has filled the First Principal’s chair for several terms. The Third Principal seemed to be alive and enthusiastic and makes a good officer, but most of the other officers I learned
were being filled by past officers and visitors from Brockville. I tried to impress upon them the necessity for more enthusiasm and activity among the younger members, and with proper nursing and help from members of other Chapters can be made a real live Chapter. I trust that the Companions from Brockville and Prescott, the two nearest places, will take a wider view, and when possible lend assistance by their presence to try and build up their weaker Sister for the general good of Capitular Masonry in the District.

ST. JOHN’S CHAPTER, No. 112, MORRISBURG.—On October 13th I visited this Chapter officially, and from the very hearty greetings extended to myself and my accompanying Companions without and the warm reception I received within the Chapter room, I felt that I was in the Company of a body of true Companions. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which Ex. Comp. Robertson and his officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree. I was also glad that several Past Grand Superintendents and First Principals keep up their interest and assisted in the work. The prospects of this Chapter are bright. They have an energetic and enthusiastic set of officers, and I am sure the Chapter will prosper. Their quarters are commodious and well appointed, and the social hour spent in the banquet room was very entertaining and beneficial.

COVENANT CHAPTER, No. 113, CORNWALL.—My official visit to this Chapter occurred on October 18th, and from the time I arrived until I took my departure I was right royally entertained. I had a most hearty reception within the Chapter room, and the way in which the business of the evening, the closing of the Chapter and the exemplification of the Mark Master Mason degree by Ex. Comp. Eaman and his officers was conducted deserved great praise. Past Grand Superintendents and First Principals were present to lend assistance and encouragement,
and around the festive board showed that harmony existed throughout. I predict a good future for this Chapter.

**Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.**—I am very sorry to report that I was a couple of hours late in arriving to pay my official visit to this Chapter on June 7th, due to a confusion of time between my starting point and destination, the one having Standard and the other Daylight Saving Time, and also partly due to the speed of the boat in which we were travelling being much slower than advertised, however, we were gladly greeted and with M. Ex. Comp. Spencer received a hearty reception in the Chapter room. I was accompanied by about twenty Companions from Brockville, representing Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters who conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree. Their quarters are well laid out and convenient. The after gathering in the banquet hall was very entertaining and instructive as we had the pleasure of listening to M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, whose presence and fraternal hand-clasp always makes one feel that he is a true Companion.

While the year ending has not brought out many candidates, yet there is enthusiasm among its members and they have good officers and we may look for prosperity for this Chapter.

In conclusion I wish to state that I was received most cordially on all of my visits, that harmony exists, and the class of work performed by all of the Chapters is of a high standard and in conformity with instructions laid down by Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

**C. T. Wilkinson,**
Grand Supt., St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

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

I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District, No. 13, in which I have visited all the Chapters, and am pleased to report that I have found them all in a prosperous condition and working according to the Ritual.

Not having had the pleasure and privilege of attending Grand Chapter Convocation at Hamilton in 1922, I was installed in my official capacity by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. G. Garrioch in Carleton Chapter, No. 16, on March 17th, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking him for his kindness. I also wish to thank the Companions of the District for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to this the highest office in their gift, and also for their hearty assistance and co-operation in every possible manner during my term of office.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 148, VANKLEEK HILL.—My first official visit of the District was made to this Chapter on October 6th. Ex. Comp. Shepherd, the Z. of the Chapter, was unable to be present, as he resides some twenty miles from the town and the night was very disagreeable, but all the other officers were present. Ex. Comp. Elvidge occupied the Chair and conferred the Mark Master Mason's degree in a very creditable manner, all the other officers performing their duties remarkably well. The membership and finances of the Chapter are in good shape although there is a considerable amount of outstanding dues. The prospects of this Chapter are good.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, No. 226, PERTH.—I paid my official visit to this, the youngest Chapter in the District, on October 12th, and received a wel-
come as royal as the name of the Chapter implies. After the Chapter business was disposed off the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Avery, the Third Principal, the Z., Ex. Comp. Hutchinson, administering the obligation. The work was well done by all the officers, in fact much better than in some of the older Chapters of the District. The Chapter is blessed in having a very efficient Scribe E. who keeps his correspondence and dues up to date. The outlook of this Chapter is an assured success.

St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smith Falls.—I visited this Chapter on October 13th. The Z. of the Chapter, Ex. Comp. Graham, was absent and the Chair was occupied by Ex. Comp. McDonald. The Third Principal, Ex. Comp. Grant, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very efficient manner, the obligation being given by Ex. Comp. McDonald. St. Francis' Chapter have always been noted for doing good work, and the present officers are maintaining the standard. One of the mainstays of the Chapter is the Scribe E., Comp. Fluker, whose devotion to Capitular Masonry and St. Francis' Chapter are worthy of remark. The large attendance of Companions living at a distance from the Chapter is an indication of the interest taken in Capitular Masonry in this centre.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.—I visited this Chapter on October 16th, and found a large number of Companions present. Ex. Comp. Mayhew, the Z. of the Chapter, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very able manner. His officers are well informed in their duties, some of them being Past Principals, and needless to say the degree was well exemplified. The books of the Chapter are well kept and the outstanding dues comparatively small. Capitular Masonry has a bright future in Renfrew.
Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on October 19th. Ex. Comp. Dr. Josephs, the Z. of the Chapter, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a manner that was above criticism for both senior and junior officers. The condition of Capitular Masonry in Laurentian Chapter has wonderfully improved during the last few years, and no small measure of its success is due to the untiring efforts of the Ex. Z., and R. Ex. Comp. Sparling. The future prospects of this Chapter are bright.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on November 3rd and found a goodly number of Companions present. Owing to the absence from the town of the candidates whose names appeared on the Summons no degree work was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Kyle and his officers, but I have seen these officers confer degrees previously and know that they are well skilled. My predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. Sutherland, keeps the officers and Companions up to date both in the work and attendance. The books are well kept and the dues promptly paid.

Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.—On November 9th I visited this Chapter and although the weather was very bad there was a large attendance. None of the candidates on the Summons put in an appearance and so no degree work was exemplified. A very profitable evening was spent discussing Masonic questions, however, which the Companions had evidently been storing up for just such an occasion. The opening and closing of the Chapter as well as the conducting of the routine business were well done by Ex. Comp. Wright and his officers. The Past Principals of this Chapter take an active part in its convocations, which is one of the best indications of any Chapter's future success.

Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.—This Chapter had the misfortune to lose its hall and
furnishings by fire in 1921 and have had no convocation since, as no suitable place was available until November 17th of this year, on which date I paid them my official visit. The Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees were conferred by Ex. Comp. McDougall and his officers, assisted by the officers of Covenant Chapter of Cornwall, who very kindly brought along the necessary regalia and furnishings. The Companions have taken hold again in reviving the interest in Capitular Masonry and will no doubt make it a success.

OTTAWA CHAPTER, NO. 222, OTTAWA.—I have visited this Chapter frequently during the year, as I am one of its charter members, but I visited it officially on November 20th, on which occasion I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Tobey, the present Z. of Carleton Chapter, Ex. Comp. Gray, the present Provincial Prior for the Ottawa-Kingston District, and Ex. Comp. McKee, the present D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District. The Ex. Z. of the Chapter, Ex. Comp. Gowling, and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in their usual faultless style. This is the second youngest Chapter in the District, and as far as I am aware none of the present officers have ever held a Chapter office before, but this does not appear to handicap them in any way as each officer did his part well. The books are well kept and the dues well paid. A bright future is in store for this Chapter.

CARLETON CHAPTER, NO. 16, OTTAWA.—This is my mother Chapter and it is also the oldest in the District. I visited it officially on November 27th at an emergent convocation, when the Ex. Z., Ex. Comp. Tobey, and his officers, conferred the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees. This Chapter has always stood out prominently in degree work, and its reputation is still unimpaired. All the officers are regular in attendance and take a keen interest in Capitular Masonry. The member-
ship of this Chapter is very large, comprising over one-third of the whole District. All the records and finances are in good shape and the dues are well kept up.

MAPLE CHAPTER, No. 116, CARLETON PLACE.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 1st, when the Ex. Z., Ex. Comp. Porterfield and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree. This appears to be the most well-balanced Chapter in the District, all the officers from the Z. to the Tyler doing their work perfectly. No doubt the credit for this condition of affairs is due to the enthusiasm and perseverance of the Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. McIntosh, who appears to be able to enthuse others with his high ideals of Capitular Masonry. This Chapter has the smallest amount of outstanding dues in the District, and it is second in membership. The outlook of Capitular Masonry in this centre is good.

On November 29th a Chapter of Instruction was held in Ottawa under the auspices of Carleton Chapter. On this occasion the Ottawa Chapters acted as hosts, the work being done by the officers of the outside Chapters of the District. The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by the Second Principals, the Most Excellent Master degree by the Past Grand Superintendents, and the Royal Arch degree by the First Principals of the District. The order of seniority was determined by the registered number of the Chapter. All the Chapters took part except two, and considering the fact that many of the Principals had to be introduced to each other the work was well done. On this occasion the Most Excellent the Grand Z. was present and gave some very practical and instructive criticism. Credit for the successful outcome of this convocation is mostly due to the untiring efforts of Ex. Comp. Tobey and his Scribe E., who managed the details and great amount of necessary correspondence of the under-
taking. It is to be hoped that this will become an annual affair in the District.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of the District for their hearty co-operation and trust that it will also be continued to my successor in office.

Fraternally submitted,

A. W. Grant,

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

It is with pleasure I submit my report as Grand Superintendent of Algoma District, No. 14. In doing so I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Companions of this District for the honor conferred on me in electing me to occupy such a responsible position, and also to express my grateful thanks to all Companions of the District for the very many courtesies extended during my term of office.

This District had the distinction and very great honor this year of being visited by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, I.P.G.Z.; Most Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore, Grand Treasurer; R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, Grand Second Principal; R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.; and many other distinguished Companions in emergent convocation held in Shuniah Chapter rooms, Port Arthur, Ont., on Monday evening, July 17th, under the joint auspices of Fort William Chapter, No. 140, and Shuniah Chapter, No. 82. A noteworthy feature of this convocation was the presence, besides the above named Grand Chapter Officers, of representatives of every Chapter in this District, namely, from Rainy River, Ont.; Fort Frances, Ont.; Kenora, Ont.; as well as Fort William and Port Arthur Chapters. At the banquet given in honor of the Grand Officers, many inspiring addresses were listened to with rapt attention, which no doubt will have a lasting beneficial effect on Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction.

During my term of office it was my privilege and pleasure to visit every Chapter in the District, and in every instance was most cordially and hospitably received. The degree work in all cases is put on with due solemnity and impressiveness, the officers of each Chapter being fully qualified to perform their respective duties.
Worthy of note is the increased attendance of Companions at the convocations, which tends to show an increase of enthusiasm in the beautiful ritualistic work. Owing to the great distances separating the various Chapters in this jurisdiction it is impossible to hold Chapters of Instruction, but I found, in seeing the various Chapters put on the different degrees, a strict uniformity in the work, and an earnest desire to properly impress the candidates of the importance of the lessons taught.

Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William.—Ex. Comp. J. D. Weegar, being the Z., I had the pleasure of paying an official visit to this Chapter, of which I have the honor to be a charter member, on the evening of Friday, June 3rd. The Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred in a most impressive manner, each officer seeming to feel the personal responsibility of his position. This Chapter is enjoying a splendid attendance at their convocations. A pleasing feature which also helps enthusiasm, is a live entertainment committee, whose duty is to provide a speaker to explain some part of the work or discuss important historical events for the better enlightenment of the Companions. Another commendable feature is the presence at all convocations of many of the Past Principals, who are always ready and willing to give of their experiences and help when occasion requires. In the person of Comp. R. Dagger, this Chapter has a painstaking and courteous Scribe E., by whom the many minute details of the Chapter are carefully looked after. On the evening of Friday, December 15th, I had the honor of installing the officers of this Chapter, being ably assisted by other Past Principals. During the past year Fort William Chapter has enjoyed prosperity and can well look forward to the coming year with confidence.

Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances.—Ex. Comp. W. J. Clark being the Z., I paid an official visit to this Chapter at their regular convocation
held on Tuesday, August 8th. On being introduced by Ex. Comp. J. P. Wright, one of the grand old men in Capitular Masonry, I was most cordially welcomed by the officers and Companions. This Chapter has now the good fortune of meeting in a splendidly equipped and commodious new Temple building, which is a credit to Masonry in this District. The appointments are first-class and the paraphernalia of the best. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in such a creditable manner as to leave no doubt of the ability of the officers to perform their whole duties with credit to themselves as well as the Chapter as a unit. I wish to take this opportunity of publically thanking Ex. Comp. W. W. Wees, Ex. Comp. J. W. Walker, Comp. F. H. Huffman, and the many other Principals and Companions for their many acts of kindness and hospitality shown me on my visit to Fort Frances. This Chapter is now embarked on an era of prosperity which augers well for the future.

ATWOOD CHAPTER, NO. 149, RAINY RIVER.—Ex. Comp. H. H. Mills being the Z. Through the courtesy of the officers and Companions of this Chapter, I was enabled to visit them officially at an emergent convocation, called especially for the purpose, on the evening of Thursday, August 10th. Through an accident in the railway service, causing the cancellation of the daily train, I was only enabled to be present through the kindness of Ex. Comp. Wees, who placed himself and his automobile at my service and drove from Fort Frances to Rainy River, making a trip of 128 miles. We were also accompanied by Ex. Comp. Walker and other Companions of Alberton Chapter. Not being able to reach Rainy River till about six o’clock in the evening, I did not have the pleasure of fraternizing with the many Companions of Atwood Chapter as I had anticipated. I had the honor of being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. H. G. Gorham, and was most heartily welcomed by Ex. Comp. H. H. Mills, First Principal, and the rest of the Companions. Although the even-
ing was excessively hot, a splendid turnout of Com-
panions greeted me, and a most enjoyable evening
was spent in reference to the detail work of the
Chapter, but owing to the intense heat this was can-
celled. From the manner in which the preliminary
work was done, there is no doubt of the officers be-
ing fully qualified to perform their duties in these
respects. The keynote of all addresses by the Com-
panions was the desire to become more efficient in
the work. With this desire in mind Atwood Chap-
ter will no doubt forge ahead with prosperity.

GOLDEN CHAPTER, NO. 90, KENORA.—Ex. Comp.
W. Robertson being the Z., I had the honor of visit-
ing this Chapter officially on Friday evening, August
18th, being introduced by V. Ex. Comp. W.
Whitaker, and was most cordially received by Ex.
Comp. Robertson, the First Principal, and his
efficient staff of officers and Companions. This
Chapter is most fortunate in having a large number
of learned and enthusiastic Past Principals always
in attendance, which is a decided asset to any Chap-
ter. A noteworthy feature of this Chapter being
an evening at which the Royal Arch degree is con-
ferred, all the offices being filled by Past Principals
of the Chapter. The work of the evening was the
conferring of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal
Arch. This was done in a most efficient and impres-
sive manner by the sitting officers, the solemnity
manifested duly enhancing the ritualistic work.
Golden Chapter is most fortunate in having such an
efficient Scribe E. as V. Ex. Comp. H. S. Galloway,
who considers no duty too small or too great to be
well and truly performed. It is my desire to take
this opportunity of thanking the three Principals,
Ex. Comp. A. I. Katz, V. Ex. Comp. Galloway, and
the many other officers and Companions of Golden
Chapter for their many courtesies extended and the
opportunity afforded me to visit places of interest
on the beautiful Lake of the Woods during my visit
among them.
SHUNIAH CHAPTER, No. 82, PORT ARTHUR.—Ex. Comp. Arthur Hodgins being the Z., I had the honor of being installed as Grand Superintendent in this, my mother Chapter, on the evening of March 15th, by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Morgan, a Past Grand Supt. of this District, to whom I herewith express my gratitude for his help and advise. I paid my official visit at an Emergent Convocation held Wednesday evening, October 4th, at which a very large number of Companions were present. Through unforeseen circumstances this Chapter lost two of its valued Principals in the person of First Principal Ex. Comp. A. Hodgins and Third Principal Ex. Comp. A. Elliott, by their removal from the city to eastern points, a circumstance much regretted by all Companions. On being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. S. W. Ray and R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Morgan I was officially welcomed by the Immediate Past Z., Ex. Comp. Thos. Gray, acting First Principal. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Royal Arch degree, the work being done in a most excellent manner, the officers being highly complimented in addresses made by many past officers present. This Chapter is also enjoying splendid attendance of Companions at each convocation. A feature of Shuniah Chapter is the versatility of its officers, thus enabling them to exchange positions, which helps each to become more proficient in conferring parts of the different degrees during their official progress. I also had the honor of installing the officers of this Chapter for the ensuing year, on the evening of Wednesday, December 13th. During the past year Shuniah Chapter has had marked success, and from the enthusiastic attitude of its new officers, much may be expected in the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

A. M. FRANK,
Port Arthur, Ont.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba East District, No. 15, for the year 1922.

PRINCE RUPERT, NO. 52, WINNIPEG.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe N., Ex. Comp. G. R. Fowler, Ex. Comp. W. M. Boyd and a number of the Companions of Connaught Chapter, I made my official visit to Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, on November 9th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a faultless manner by a number of Past Principals. The interest maintained by the Past Principals is one of the outstanding features of Prince Rupert Chapter, and augers well for its continued success.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 99, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—I paid my official visit to Keystone Chapter, No. 99, on November 10th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe N., Ex. Comps. George Syme, William Fingland and W. M. Boyd. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by Ex. Comp. McKay, the First Principal, and his efficient officers. The prospects of Keystone Chapter are very bright. I found everything in splendid working order.

KING EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 136, NEEPAWA.—Accompanied by Ex. Comps. William Fingland and G. R. Fowler I paid my official visit to King Edward Chapter on November 15th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Pollock and his efficient officers in a faultless manner. It was indeed a pleasure to see such excellent work. This Chapter I found to be the banner Chapter in this District.
The officers are all capable, painstaking and enthusiastic. After the conferring of the degree we were tendered a banquet and an enjoyable entertainment.

Connaught Chapter, No. 187, Winnipeg.—This being my own Chapter I was present at almost every meeting during the past year. My official visit was made May 26th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. F. Taylor and R. Ex. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe N., when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a most creditable manner by the Past Principal. The books of the Chapter are carefully kept by Ex. Comp. John MacWhirter, and the affairs are in good condition. Under the new officers elected I feel confident this Chapter will maintain the high standard it reached in the past.

Rabbonai Chapter, No. 171, Dauphin.—I regret that circumstances over which I had no control, prevented me from paying my official visit to Rabboni Chapter as I had planned on December 12th, as it was my intention to visit each Chapter in the District. I am informed that Rabboni Chapter is doing exceptionally good service in caring for distressed Companions. The work of the Chapter is well done and prospects are very bright.

On October 5th Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, marking an epoch long to be remembered in Capitular Masonry in this city and country. The Grand Chapter of Canada was represented by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., who left the impress of his personality upon the Companions in this city in such a manner as to stimulate them to greater efforts on behalf of the Royal Craft. The immediate result of his visit is revealed in the fact that dispensations for the formation of two new Chapters are being applied for and others are under consideration.

I cannot conclude my report without taking this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the
Chapters in this District for the honor conferred upon me in being chosen their Grand Superintendent. I desire also to express my appreciation of the assistance cheerfully given on all occasions by R. Ex. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe N., and the other Companions who accompanied me on my several visits. Finally I wish to assure the M. Ex. Grand Z. and officers that Capitular Masonry in this District is coming into its own. The future looks bright with promise, and with the increased enthusiasm, no fear need be entertained for the realization of our hopes.

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. McLeod,
Grand Supt., Manitoba District, No. 15.

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

I beg to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba West District, No. 16, for the year 1922, and in doing so I wish to thank my Companions for conferring this great honor on me in electing me to the exalted position of Grand Superintendent of the District. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of this high office to the best of my ability, and I hope with some satisfaction to the Companions.

All the Chapters in the District I have visited with the exception of Mount Sinai Chapter of Rivers, I had intended to visit this Chapter at their regular Convocation in December, but was unable to do so. From my personal knowledge of the officers and on inspection of their report I am satisfied they are in a good healthy condition as a Chapter.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, Boissevain.—I officially visited this Chapter on December 13th, and was well received by the officers and Companions. The Chapter is in a healthy condition and in the hands of able officers. There was no degree work on the occasion of my visit, owing to two candidates not being able to be present, but I have seen the degree work conferred by the officers and know they are proficient. The books are in the capable hands of R. Ex. Comp. Jas. Johnstone, and are well looked after.

Avondale Chapter, No. 156, Hartney.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on November 10th, and was well received. This being my mother Chapter I am proud to say it is in a healthy condition, with a good staff of officers who are proficient in their work. The books are in capable hands and are well kept.
Keystone Chapter, No. 141, Brandon.—I paid my visit to Keystone Chapter on December 4th and was given a hearty welcome by the officers and Companions. There was no degree work, as the candidate for the Royal Arch degree was taken suddenly ill. This being their annual election of officers, there are a good staff of officers elected for the coming year, and I look for good progress being made by Keystone Chapter. I found the books in good condition under the capable management of R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Crawford.

Capitular Masonry in this District is in good condition. The Chapters of the District hold what we call a Re-Union, or Lodge of Instruction, each year at one place or another. The work is divided among the different Chapters and are a great benefit to all, both to the officers and the Companions.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. Taylor,
Grand Supt., Manitoba West District, No. 16.

Hartney, Man.
I have the honor to respectfully submit for your consideration and approval, my report on the conditions of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan District, No. 20, for the year 1922, and in doing so desire to thank the officers of Grand Chapter for my appointment and to express my thanks to the Companions of this District for their recommendation and for the many courtesies extended to me and the many favors shown me during my visits and for the loyal support accorded me in the work. It has indeed been a pleasure and a privilege to meet and become acquainted with the officers and Companions of the different Chapters of this District.

I am pleased to report that Capitular Masonry in this District is in a healthy condition. Harmony prevails throughout the District, and the officers and Companions are most enthusiastic in the performance of their duties. The work is being conferred in accordance with the prescribed Ritual, and in excellent manner. Finances of the Chapters are in good condition, the books are well kept, attendances are fair. In some cases dues have been allowed to fall behind, owing to the financial condition prevailing during the last two years, however, I feel sure that this condition will right itself in the near future. The Chapters in this District are very fortunate in the fact that every one of them have a real live Scribe E.

One Chapter was instituted during the year, and one Chapter was consecrated and dedicated.

A Chapter of Instruction was held in Saskatoon on December 1st, and was attended by a large number of officers and Companions from Chapters in the District; Battleford Chapter, which is 100 miles from Saskatoon, being represented by twelve of its
members; Whitesand Chapter, Canora, the baby Chapter of the District, which is over 200 miles from Saskatoon, sent one of their officers. The Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. A. Rutherford, assisted by the other officers of the Chapter, in a splendid manner, and the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. McGregor and his officers in a very dignified and impressive manner, after which a general discussion of the work took place, which proved interesting and instructive. I feel sure that this meeting will be productive of good results, and I hope a Chapter of Instruction will be held every year in the future at some point in the District. Through the kindness of Saskatoon Chapter a dinner was provided at six o'clock in the dining-room of the Masonic Temple and was enjoyed and appreciated by all. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Saskatoon Chapter for their assistance in making this Chapter of Instruction a success.

During the year there has been under consideration by the different Chapters in the District the advisability of asking the Grand Chapter of Canada for the authority of forming a New Grand Chapter for Saskatchewan. I am glad to say that it is not prompted by any ill feeling for the Grand Chapter of Canada, as the treatment of the Grand Scribe E. and the officers of Grand Chapter have ever been cordial and courteous. It is on account of the great distance that separates Saskatchewan from headquarters. It is almost impossible for Saskatchewan to be represented by any large number of its officers at Grand Chapter meetings, owing to the time required to make the trip and the great cost of travelling so great a distance, and it is felt that if Saskatchewan could have a Grand Chapter of its own that greater interest would be taken in Capitular Masonry and would be beneficial to the officers and Companions and would add greater interest in the work and would enable more frequent
visits from Grand Chapter Officers to the different Chapters in the Province.

SASKATOON CHAPTER, No. 165, SASKATOON.—This being my mother Chapter I have been in attendance at nearly all of the convocations. I was installed by R. Ex. Comp. C. H. Crandon and R. Ex. Comp. A. R. Orme at the regular meeting of the Chapter held on March 17th. I made my first official visit at the regular meeting held on May 19th, and was received with Masonic honors. During the evening the Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by Ex. Comp. J. McGregor and his officers in a faultless and impressive manner. All the officers have their work up in the several degrees in excellent shape. The books are well kept by Ex. Comp. R. Hawkins. The Mark Book is kept up to date. This is the largest Chapter in the District, the attendance at the meetings is good and the future of the Chapter is bright, the finances are in good shape and the officers and Companions are working in harmony. The officers and Past Principals have been very kind to me during my term of office and have assisted me in many of my official visits.

EAGLE LAKE CHAPTER, No. 229, KINDERSLEY.—At the request of the M. Ex. the Grand Z., this Chapter was consecrated and dedicated on July 25th. The ceremony was ably performed by R. Ex. Comp. A. R. Orme, assisted by Ex. Comps. J. McGregor, T. Fox and G. Swain, who accompanied me from Saska- toon for this purpose. I made my official visit at the same meeting and was received in a truly Masonic manner by the officers and Companions. Ex. Comp. C. R. S. Stewart and his officers have the work well in hand and the future of this Chapter is assured. The attendance is good, the books are well kept by Comp. O. B. Elliott, and the right spirit prevails. After the meeting we enjoyed the supper which was well served, and during our stay in Kindersley we
were royally entertained by the Companions who took us for a drive around the country, which was enjoyed very much.

**Whitesand Chapter, No. U.D., Canora.**—Following the request of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., I proceeded to Canora on September 15th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. A. R. Orme from Saskatoon, Ex. Comps. Thos. R. Vause and E. G. Brand from Victoria Chapter, Wynyard, and on my arrival at Canora met Comp. G. Calvert of Saskatoon Chapter, and Ex. Comp. J. Clark, Ex. Comp. F. J. Moritz and Ex. Comp. E. Pinkerton from King George Chapter, Yorkton, who had motored across some forty miles for the meeting. The Chapter was duly instituted and the officers placed in their chairs, the visiting officers assisting me in the ceremony. While this Chapter has not a large Masonic field to draw from I feel sure that with the able guidance of Ex. Comp. E. M. Vesey, the First Principal, and Comp. O. C. Boyce, who is Scribe E., that there is no doubt of the success of the Chapter. All the officers seemed anxious to learn more about the work and I know will make for the good of Masonry in the District. After the meeting we all enjoyed the supper that was served in the Lodge room.

**Prince Albert Chapter, No. 160, Prince Albert.**—On October 17th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. M. Morrison, who is a Past Principal of Prince Albert Chapter, and now a resident of Saskatoon, I made my official visit to this Chapter. I sincerely regret that the First Principal, Ex. Comp. J. M. Deans, was not present at the meeting. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. E. J. Coster, in a very creditable manner. This is the oldest Chapter in the District, and although the membership shows a decrease this year the officers and Companions are faithful workers. The attendance is fair, and I feel sure with co-operation, next year they will make a good showing. The books
and records are being well looked after by Comp. J. McMillan, who is a very capable Scribe. Prince Albert Chapter is fortunate in having a beautiful Chapter room to meet in, it is one of the best in the Province. Adjoining the Chapter room is a banquet hall where we were well supplied with good eatables after the meeting. During my stay in Prince Albert I had the pleasure of being shown over the city which I greatly enjoyed.

**Victoria Chapter, No. 216, Wynyard.**—On October 20th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. A. R. Orme, Ex. Comps. T. Fox, G. Swain, Comps. A. Mason and H. Potter, I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to Victoria Chapter and was received with true Masonic honors. There was a record attendance, and while there was no work conferred at this meeting I know that the officers are very efficient in their work, and Ex. Comp. S. M. Creelman is to be congratulated on the enthusiasm shown. All the officers were in their places. This is one of the livest Chapters in the District. The books and records are beautifully kept by Comp. E. G. Brand, the finances are in good shape and the prospects for the future are excellent. The members of Victoria Chapter are royal entertainers, after the meeting we enjoyed their hospitality, and were treated to a musical evening, at which we listened to some of the best piano playing and singing that we had heard for some time. Before leaving each of the visitors were presented with a souvenir which will be cherished by all with the kindest remembrance of our visit to Wynyard. The next morning while watching for our train we enjoyed an automobile drive around the town and out to the lake and back.

**Humboldt Chapter, No. 209, Humboldt.**—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on November 16th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. T. Fox, and was royally welcomed. It was my privilege to assist in the consecration and dedication of this Chapter in
1917, and it was a great pleasure to again visit this Chapter in my official capacity and see the progress they had made. There was a good attendance. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by R. Ex. Comp. O. W. Anderson in an able and impressive manner, although there is not any great increase in membership this year the Chapter is very active, and Ex. Comp. W. R. Russell and his officers are enthusiastic and have their work up well. The books of the Chapter are a work of art and great credit is due Comp. H. J. Foik, who is the Scribe E. The Mark Book is kept up to date and the finances of the Chapter are in good shape, there is no doubt about the future success of this Chapter. The Past Principals are always ready to help and harmony prevails. At this meeting the election of officers for 1923 took place. After the meeting we were entertained at R. Ex. Comp. Anderson's home.

BATTLEFORD CHAPTER, NO. 181, BATTLEFORD.—I visited this Chapter on Thursday evening, December 21st, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. McLeay and received a hearty welcome from the officers and Companions of the Chapter. It was my good fortune to assist at the consecration and dedication of this Chapter some ten years ago and I was indeed pleased to again visit them and to see the progress they have made. There was no degree work conferred at this meeting. The officers for 1923 were installed into office by R. Ex. Comp. McLeay. I found Ex. Comp. R. W. Dodds and his officers enthusiastic and a true Masonic spirit prevailing. The books are well kept by Comp. Burlingham and the finances are in good condition and the prospects for the future are bright. The new officers are well skilled. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Principal's Jewel to Ex. Comp. Dodds in token of appreciation from the officers and Companions of Battleford Chapter. During the afternoon, before the meeting, I spent a very enjoyable afternoon in and around Battleford, being entertained by Ex.
Comp. W. R. Ridington who is Second Principal this year and who is the First Principal for 1923.

KING GEORGE CHAPTER, No. 207, YORKTON.—On Thursday evening, January 11th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, it being my last official visit. I intended making this visit before the end of the year but circumstances were such that I was unable to get away. I had the privilege of assisting at both the instituting and consecration and dedication of this Chapter some years ago, and it afforded me a great deal of pleasure to again meet and renew old acquaintances. In spite of considerable sickness there was a good attendance at the meeting. There was no degree work, but I know that Ex. Comp. E. Pinkerton and his officers are well skilled in the work and a keen interest has always been taken in this Chapter by both officers and Companions. The books are well looked after by Comp. C. Holmes, the finances are in good shape and prospects are bright for the future. Harmony seems to be the key note of the Chapter. At the conclusion of the meeting a lunch was served in the Lodge rooms, which was enjoyed by all.

I have been very fortunate in being able to visit all the Chapters in the District, having travelled almost two thousand miles in doing so, however the work has been a pleasure to me and I shall always cherish pleasant memories of my year as Grand Superintendent of District No. 20, and sincerely hope my endeavors may have some good results.

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. NEEDHAM,
Grand Supt., Saskatchewan District, No. 20.

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

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Saskatchewan West District, No. 21, for the year 1922.

I have visited each Chapter in the District with the exception of Moose Jaw and Unity Chapters, which, however, I intend visiting before the meeting of Grand Chapter.

On March 9th I visited Assiniboia Chapter, No. 208, Assiniboia, and was installed into office by R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Smith, I paid my official visit to this Chapter November 9th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. W. Webber, of Shaunavon Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in a most worthy manner, all of the officers displaying a most perfect knowledge of their work.

I had the honor on July 26th of consecrating and dedicating Tugaske Chapter, No. 228, Tugaske. I was accompanied by nine Companions from Moose Jaw Chapter, who assisted in conducting the Ceremonies. R. Ex. Comp. J. R. York and Ex. Comp. T. Whitehead installed the officers. This Chapter promises to become one of the most progressive in the District, Ex. Comp. J. S. Crozier, First Principal, being a most enthusiastic leader.

On December 8th I visited Weyburn Chapter, No. 173, Weyburn. There were no degrees conferred, it being the evening for the installation of officers. The officers elected were of the ability which preconceives a most prosperous year for this Chapter. This is the home Chapter of R. Ex. Comp. C. P. Moore, whose ideal is efficiency in the smallest details of the work and he sees that the officers perform their duties accordingly.
I visited on December 12th Estevan Chapter, No. 180, Estevan, and here again no degrees were conferred, it being the installation of officers, and as this was the Chapter in which I was exalted I was naturally most interested in their progress, and was very well pleased to find it in such a flourishing condition, and under the officers elected should have a most successful year.

Shaunavon Chapter, No. 211, Shaunavon, is my home Chapter, and I have attended every Convocation with the exception of one during the year, and have observed all the degrees conferred and assisted with other work of the Chapter. The Chapter has an enthusiastic and well-qualified staff of officers for the coming year who takes a deep interest in every Convocation.

In conclusion I have much pleasure in stating that there has been more than the usual activity in our work during the past year, and the Companions are taking a greater interest in Capitular Masonry and working with greater enthusiasm and more unanimous purpose than in former years throughout this District, and I believe the same condition exists throughout Saskatchewan.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me by appointing me Grand Superintendent of this District.

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS ROULSTON,
Grand Supt., Saskatchewan West District, No. 21.

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

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Saskatchewan East District, No. 22, for the year 1922.

Moose Mountain Chapter, No. 166, Arcola.—I visited this Chapter on December 8th, when I saw part of the Mark Master Mason degree conferred in a very creditable manner. They have a splendid room for working degrees, and as this was the night for the installation of officers I was asked to do it, and I believe that from the officers installed that night we will see good results from Moose Mountain Chapter this year. Their hospitality was unquestionable, and I am sure that in years to come I will have many pleasant recollections of my visit to Arcola.

Trinity Chapter, No. 182, Melville.—I visited this Chapter on December 14th and found everything in good shape, and while there was no work done I am satisfied that the officers of Trinity Chapter can do their work well, more especially when they have with them such a lover of Masonry as R. Ex. Comp. John Henning, who as Scribe E., keeps their books in a very satisfactory manner. We had an enjoyable time at the banquet proceedings when some interesting and instructive speeches were made. I see no reason why Trinity Chapter should not make progress during 1923.

Golden Compass Chapter, No. 170, Sintaluta.—I visited this Chapter on December 21st and found there a splendid Chapter room, well furnished and a set of officers well skilled in their work, and
very exact as regards their regalia. The Scribe E. keeps his books in a businesslike manner and I believe makes his returns promptly. As Sintaluta is where I settled nearly thirty years ago I was pleased to meet some Companions that night whom I had known in the early days, and I am sure the reception I got there will long be remembered.

**Orient Chapter, No. 194, Moosomin.**—I visited this Chapter on December 22nd, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Railton of Sintaluta. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in such a manner that no criticism was necessary. The officers are well skilled and the books kept by Comp. E. C. Gross are in good shape. I wish here to especially thank the Companions of Orient Chapter for their hospitality, and from the efficiency of their officers I see no reason why this Chapter should not share its degree of prosperity during 1923.

**Govan Chapter, No. 193, Govan.**—I made my official visit to this, my home Chapter, on November 14th, when I witnessed the Royal Arch degree conferred by the Ex. Z., in a very creditable manner. This Chapter has apparently fallen down as compared to what we were doing in 1921, but I believe this is principally due to financial conditions in the District. I know that a good set of officers are elected for 1923, and with reasonable assistance from the Companions Govan Chapter will not lose its footing.

**Wascana Chapter, No. 121, Regina.**—I visited this Chapter on January 8th, 1923, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. J. O. Clarke and Ex. Comp. J. H. Edwards of Govan Chapter. This was the night on which the officers for 1923 were installed, and it was an inspiration to us to see the way in which Ex. Comp. Moore did it. The officers are all well skilled and their books are well kept by R. Ex. Comp. F. B. Reilly. Wascana Chapter, with its present membership of 348 and still growing needs no comment un-
less it be of a complimentary nature. The reception they gave us was first-class and the banquet proceedings were all that could be desired.

Permit me to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me Grand Superintendent of Saskatchewan East District, No. 22. I was barred from making my visits during the summer (through circumstances over which I had no control. During the winter very often the weather or roads keep Companions from attending, but I must say that on each of my visits I felt there was a good attendance, everything considered, and there apparently exists the best of harmony among the Companions.

In concluding I wish to thank the Companions of the various Chapters of this District for their hospitality and assistance on each and all of my visits, and I can assure them that I will long remember our evenings spent together.

Fraternally yours,

JNO. GILROY,
Grand Supt., Saskatchewan East District, No. 22.

Govan, Sask.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

NORTHERN ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 23.

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

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Northern Ontario District, No. 23. Upon receiving my appointment, as Grand Superintendent for this District, I was installed by R. Ex. Comp. S. C. McDonald, Past Grand Superintendent, in Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard. I have officially visited each Chapter in the District, and was warmly welcomed on each occasion. My visits have convinced me that the Companions in this District are taking a lively interest in the work.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.—I visited this Chapter on the 11th January, 1923. The candidate for the Most Excellent Master degree was unfortunately unable to be present and no work was conferred. Ex. Comp. W. J. Jardine presided. This Chapter is in good financial condition, but is working under difficulties by reason of the limited extent of its territory. Its prospects, however, are much better than formerly.

Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.—I visited this Chapter on the 9th January, 1923. Ex. Comp. J. K. Workman presided, and the business of the evening consisted of installation of officers by R. Ex. Comp. Meldrum. I have to congratulate him on the very efficient manner in which he performed this important ceremony. This Chapter is in a most prosperous and flourishing condition.

Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.—My visit to this Chapter was made on the 12th February, 1923. No degree work was conferred, but the opening and closing was well done
under the First Principal, Ex. Comp. H. F. Hesson. This is by far the largest Chapter in the Northern Ontario District.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 103, NORTH BAY.—I visited this Chapter on the 10th January, 1923, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. R. Y. Angus, Past Grand Superintendent. Ex. Comp. T. L. Thacker presided. The candidate for the Most Excellent Master degree was apparently too bashful to put in an appearance, and no degree work was conferred in consequence. The officers and Companions of this Chapter take a keen interest in the work which augurs well for its continued prosperity.

TEMISKAMING CHAPTER, NO. 169, NEW LISKEARD.—I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Chapter on the 1st March, 1922, and I made my official visit on the 3rd January, 1923. Ex. Comp. John Donaldson presided. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates, the work being most efficiently performed by all the officers. The prospects of this Chapter are very bright.

COBALT CHAPTER, NO. 203, COBALT.—I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Chapter on the 16th May, 1922, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, of Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, as well as by several Excellent Companions of Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169. My official visit to this Chapter was made on the 16th January, 1923. Ex. Comp. T. Armstrong presided. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a manner most creditable to all the officers, and showed that a keen interest in the work is taken. The prosperity of this Chapter continues to be very good.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER, NO. 213, TIMMINS.—I visited this Chapter on the 21st December, 1922. Ex. Comp. Charles B. Kemsley presided. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred most
efficiently by all the officers. The conditions of this Chapter have improved remarkably, and it is now in a very prosperous condition.

Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls.—I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Chapter on the 26th May, 1922, and made my official visit on the 22nd December, 1922. Ex. Comp. H. E. Reuwald presided. The Mark Master degree was conferred and I wish to compliment the officers of this Young Chapter on the excellence of their work.

The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, R. H. Spencer, accompanied by R. Ex. Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith, visited this District in the month of June and I had the honor of accompanying them on their visits to Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins; Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls; Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard; and Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt. The clear, concise and comprehensive addresses made by these Grand Officers and their fraternal good-fellowship with the Companions, were a delight and inspiration to all and has made stronger the ties of companionship enjoyed by the Grand Chapter and its subordinate Chapters.

I desire to express the warmest appreciation of the Companions of this District for the prompt relief contributed by the Grand Chapter to apply towards alleviating the distress occasioned by the disastrous fire which occurred here on the 4th October last. Some idea of the spontaneous generosity of the Grand Officers may be had when it is known that the sum of $500 was forwarded by the Most Excellent the Grand Treasurer and was in my hands within three days after the fire, and was the first contribution of money to be received here from any source for the fire sufferers. As money was needed for the immediate purchase of supplies I contributed a portion of the monies received to the local fund
which was raised for the immediate relief, and the balance was contributed to the general Masonic fund which was created here to take charge of all donations from the several Masonic organizations. This general fund was placed in the hands of a committee composed of: R.W. Bro. N. J. McAuley of Haileybury, Chairman; Ex. Comp. T. E. Armstrong of Cobalt, Secretary; and a representative of the Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard Lodges, A.F. & A.M., Cobalt and Temiskaming Chapters, R.A.M., the presiding Preceptor of the Temiskaming Preceptory, and the representative of Rameses Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., the D.D.G.M. of the District and the Grand Superintendent of the District. I also wish to express my thanks to R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood of London, Ont., for the sum of $40 forwarded by him on behalf of the Companions of the several Chapters of his city. This contribution I also turned over to the general Masonic Relief Committee.

In conclusion I would like to express my sincerest appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the exalted position of Grand Superintendent of this District, and to thank the Companions of the District for the kindnesses shown to me during the year. I have been very much impressed with the enthusiasm of the officers, the high quality of their work and the fraternal spirit exhibited by the Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

L. A. KENNEDY,
Grand Supt., Northern Ontario District, No. 23.

New Liskeard, Ont.
YUKON TERRITORY.

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

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Yukon Territory, for the year 1922.

During the past year Klondike Chapter, No. 154, has held four regular and three Emergent Convocations and I have had the pleasure of being present at each.

At the December Convocation the Royal Arch degree was conferred by the Past First Principals, assisted by the officers of the Chapter. R. Ex. Comps. A. J. Gillis, G. A. Jeckell, and W. H. S. McFarland officiated in the East and I acted as Principal Sojourner in the West.

The financial position of the Chapter remains about the same as last year, and the books and records of the Chapter are kept in a very satisfactory manner. When it is taken into consideration that there are fifty-one life members and that a large number of the remaining members live outside of the territory and only pay three dollars a year dues, the officers have done exceedingly well to keep expenditures within income.

The mining conditions in the territory having become more settled it is expected that 1923 will see a great improvement in the activities of the Chapter. The members residing in Dawson are taking great interest in the work, which should show results for 1923.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in having been appointed Acting Grand Superintendent.

Fraternally submitted,

F. C. Powell,
Acting Grand Supt., Yukon Territory.

Dawson, Y.T.
It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and—

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of districts be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, to report later at this Convocation.
M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt:—Most Excellent Sir, we are from New York, New York is the centre of North America, I might almost say of the Universe; so it is sometimes asserted—my loyal Irish blood throbs at the thought (Laughter). I have experienced the great hospitality of New York, and can testify to the great warmth and wholeheartedness of the welcome which visitors from this Jurisdiction receive at the hands of the Companions of that Great City. I have the honor and the pleasure of presenting to you M. Ex. Comp. George E. Briggs, Grand High Priest; R. Ex. Comps. F. L. Dutcher, W. A. Russell, Charles Hammel, Miller G. Sherwood, and E. F. Rolle, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of New York. Now Most Excellent Sir, our visitors come here to get warm; it is a bleak climate in New York, while we have solubrious and invigorating climate, we have shown our appreciation of the climatic advantages we enjoy and our sympathy with their suffering by allowing them to take a few cart loads of our coal (Laughter). We are glad to see them, and I can assure them that all the Companions love to go to New York knowing that there they will be received in the spirit of fraternal and brotherly love, with kindness and generous hospitality.

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore:—On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Canada, permit me to assure you of the gratification and pleasure which we derive from your presence here this morning. Coming from a Jurisdiction lying alongside the International Line which we pretend never to see, your presence here is an evidence that you are endeavoring to practice the many things which we inculcate in all our Companions, the spirit of good fellowship and of association with our brother Masons from jurisdic-
tions outside our own. We extend to you, Most Excellent Sir, and to those Companions who accompany you, a real "triangular" welcome, a full measure of welcome packed down and running over. Please accept on behalf of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and the members of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada a hearty welcome.

FROM QUEBEC

R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown:—Most Excellent Sir, I have the great honor and the great pleasure of introducing to this Grand Chapter of Canada a very important delegation from the neighboring Province of Quebec and the Grand Chapter of that Province, M. Ex. Comp. Henry Willis, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, M. Ex. Comp. W. J. Francis, Immediate Past Z., and R. Ex. Comp. W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E. We are extremely fortunate in having them with us to-day, not only because they represent the Grand Chapter of Quebec, but also because it gives us an opportunity to see what they are like and how well they represent that Province. I might say that the Grand Chapter of Quebec owes the high position it occupies among the Grand Chapters of the world to the fact that it is composed of Companions of high character, great literary ability, and being our nearest neighbors, and fellow Canadians we have the greatest regard and affection for them, and I ask you, Most Excellent Grand First Principal, to receive these Companions from the Grand Chapter of Quebec with a warm and cordial greeting.

M. Ex. Comp. Ponton:—It is a very great privilege indeed to be honored with the pleasant duty of welcoming these distinguished Grand Chapter Officers from Quebec and they will, I trust, find themselves surrounded by an atmosphere of hospitality and good fellowship. Companions I appreciate this, in every sense of the word a great oppor-
tunity, because in my early boyhood days I had experience of the hospitable spirit which is characteristic of that grand old City of Quebec. We are all citizens of a common Country and I do trust, that although you are all Montreal men, you will give us your aid in making Toronto a seaport town so that we may open up and extend the usefulness of our rivers and lakes to commerce and industry. The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal has asked me to welcome you because as Grand Master I take special pleasure of welcoming R. Ex. Comp. Williamson not only as Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, but also as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. We may have different views in Ontario in regard to some matters, but we are all one family and we bid you a hearty welcome and trust your stay among us will be a pleasant and an enjoyable one.

**FROM MICHIGAN**

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith:—Most Excellent Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, near this Grand Body, and also as an Honorary member of that Grand Body, I have the pleasure of announcing the presence of M. Ex. Comp. Roy Andrus, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, also the presence of R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Goff, Captain of the Host of that Grand Body, a host in himself in any way you choose to take him, and also R. Ex. Comp. H. L. Izor, Grand Principal Sojourner. Most Excellent Grand Zerubbabel, these three typical Michiganders represent more than 164 Chapters and fully 44,000 Royal Arch Masons in the State of Michigan. Permit me in making this observation, beyond the formal introduction of these distinguished visitors, Most Excellent Sir, to say, that we the Companions of this Grand Body are greatly indebted to the Grand Chapter of Michigan, because 65 years ago in the
City of Hamilton there was a Past Grand High Priest of that Jurisdiction named, M. Ex. Comp. Czar Jones, who installed the first Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Most Ex. Grand Zerubbabel I now leave them in your hands for your warm cordial greetings.

M. Ex. Comp. Spencer:—M. Ex. Comp. Andrus, R. Ex. Comps. Goff and Izor, we extend to you a very hearty welcome to this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Possibly the Companions grouped around us do not know the connection which exists between the Grand Scribe E. and myself and our guests whom we are glad to receive and welcome here to-day. We are a pair of lucky twins born in Michigan last year in the month of May, because we were then made honorary members of that Grand Body. I trust that your stay here M. Ex. Comp. Andrus and you Right Excellent Companions will be so extremely pleasant that you will so far forget your old home as to want to remain in Canada and live. We intend to make it warm for you, and I turn you over to the warm-hearted Companions of this Jurisdiction to take care of you and to make their welcome so extremely warm that when you return to your native land you will tell your Companions that Canadians have as warm hearts as they have. Most Excellent Sir will you, and your Right Excellent Companions kindly continue under the guidance of your escort to the East that I may tender to each of you the “personal touch.”

GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone:—Most Excellent Sir, it is my great pleasure to introduce to you and to the Companions, although personally he needs no introduction, the Most Morshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton. It is not necessary for me to
take up the time of Grand Chapter in enumerating to you his many virtues. He has served Grand Lodge in various officer for a great number of years. In Grand Lodge, as he is with us, he is a man of work; I have served in Grand Lodge under a great number of Grand Masters during the past 20 years, and I can say candidly that I know of no Grand Master who has put in more hard work and who has been more enthusiastic than M. Ex. Comp. Ponton.

M. Ex. Comp. Spencer:—It is fitting to-day M. Ex. Comp. Ponton that you should be received within the portals of this Grand Chapter as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The Sovereign body of the Craft—the foundation stone of Royal Arch Masonry. A great many of the Companions may not know that M. Ex. Comp. Ponton and myself are particular neighbors, he lives in the suburbs of my town, and I am proud to say, that when I turn to him for advice or counsel in connection with the work of the Grand Chapter, he being so handy, I have always been well served by him. It is a great pleasure indeed to receive you in this Grand Chapter to-day.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS

R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills:—It is my privilege and pleasure, Most Excellent Sir, to present to you and to this Grand Chapter M. Ex. Comp. Curtis Chipman, Grand High Priest, R. Ex. Comp. Charles E. Cooke, Deputy Grand High Priest, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Hammell, Grand Captain of the Host, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. These Brethren come, as the old saying is, from the East, and they come from a Country, that we as Canadians, of all the nations of all the Countries in this world, in common with the British Empire, perhaps most admire, respect and honor. Their Country, like our own, has gone through a period of turmoil and of distress. They come, too, from a Country where
men live who love honor and integrity, where men are still willing to live and die in the cause of temperance, truth and liberty, and I assure you that their coming among us to-day will further cement the bonds of friendship and brotherly love which has always existed between, not only the jurisdictions of Capitular Masonry, but between all English-speaking nations. I know it is a feeling of satisfaction to them to know that they have our warmest sympathy. I know that they will be welcome and that they will receive a heartfelt and cordial greeting.

R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan:—M. Ex. Comp. Chipman, R. Ex. Comp. Cooke and R. Ex. Comp. Hammell, it is my privilege to extend to you a very hearty cordial fraternal welcome to this Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada. We are very glad to have you with us, to know you, and we also welcome you because you hold high office in the Royal Craft. I think perhaps I may say without any disrespect to the Companions from New York and Michigan that the State of Massachusetts is especially attractive to those who are English born. It may be we like to welcome you because you have given to art, to science and to State-craft many eminent men, men who have been prominent in your National life. You are welcome because you are delegates from the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and the best evidence that Masonry knows no international boundaries is that we have you with us here to-day. We trust that your stay will be as agreeable and pleasant to you as it is to us to have you here. We are neighbors, we are both engaged in the same work and doing perhaps more for the material prosperity, doing more to bind the world together, than perhaps any other institution. Therefore it is a peculiar pleasure to me to welcome you, Most Excellent Sir, and the Companions with you.
FROM PENNSYLVANIA

R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Reade:—M. Ex. Sir, it is with great pleasure as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Canada, I present to you M. Ex. Comp. John M. Core, Grand High Priest; M. Ex. Comp. Joseph E. Quinby and R. Ex. Comp. R. E. Umbell from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. They have come here to fraternize with us and to become better acquainted. The welcome accorded them I feel sure will be a true Masonic one.

R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis:—Most Excellent Sir, it is a source of great satisfaction to me that I have been selected by you to welcome our distinguished visitors from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, M. Ex. Comp. John M. Core, R. Ex. Comps. Joseph E. Quinby and R. E. Umbell. For many years the Freemasons of Canada have been in the habit of disregarding that imaginary line which marks the boundary between Canada and the United States. As an illustration of the fact that Masonry knows no boundary line I might mention that Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, of which I am a Past Master, was founded by United Empire Loyalists, men who with their families had been driven from their homes in the United States to the wilderness of Canada where they had hewn out new homes. An illustration of the fraternal feeling which binds Masons together is to be found in the records of Barton Lodge, upon which the brethren inscribed a resolution of sympathy and placed their Lodge in mourning for Bro. George Washington. We in Canada are proud that we recognize no line of demarcation between the Brethren of the Masonic Craft in Canada and the Brethren in the United States; men who are actuated by the same high moral ideals. We welcome you among us and trust that your stay will be pleasant and profitable to you and to us.
M. Ex. Comp. Spencer:—Will you M. Ex. Sir and your Companions continue under the guidance of your escort and advance to the East and receive the "personal touch."

M. Ex. Comp. Spencer:—Evidently Companions you may think I have been derelict in my duty to the distinguished Companions who have come across the line, as well as from our Sister Province, to honor us with their presence to-day. But I have acted deliberately, and instead of giving them honors separately, I am going to have them given to all our visitors collectively, as they all belong to our own tribe and family to-day.

Grand Honors given led by V. Ex. Comp. H. P. Reid, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

ADDRESSES FROM SOME OF THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M. Ex. Comp. H. Willis, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec:—M. Ex. Comp. Spencer and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and I include M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton. I am reminded M. Ex. Sir, that the Grand Chapter of Canada 47 years ago granted us our Charter as the Grand Chapter of the Province of Quebec, and by that action recognized us as a Grand Chapter, so that we from Quebec are daughters in our Mother's house; yet mistress in our own, and to-day I have the pleasure to report to you that we are prospering probably as much as any other Grand Chapter on this Continent, or in the English-speaking world; working under conditions that are not exactly the best, because we have limited material at our disposal, but we are making our members well and strong, the foundations are well and truly laid, and we are endeavoring to uphold the principles of the fraternity. It is a pleasure to bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and to be here to-day, and I am reminded that I am flanked on the one side by the flag of the
Empire and on the other by “Old Glory,” those two emblems of the Anglo-Saxon race which secure to their citizens that liberty and freedom which is their right. This past year we have instituted two new Chapters, both in the City of Montreal, and consecrated them. We now number 18 Chapters on our Grand Register and four under dispensation. As I look around this Grand Chapter I find myself among friends. I do not find myself among strangers. I find that you are just the same as the Companions in other jurisdictions, we are all one, brethren of the same tribes and families, with the same ideals, the same aspirations, and we are maintaining in this Canada of ours the same fraternal principles as those to which our Companions to the South subscribe. Talk about boundary lines, there is no boundary line between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race, so far as Royal Arch Masonry is concerned. I thank you for this most cordial welcome and hearty greetings. I am especially pleased to be here and to hear you unanimously, without one dissenting voice, grant to two more Provinces of your Jurisdiction the right to set up houses for themselves. There only remains of all your fair daughters still standing by you, the Yukon, that far flung frontier of snows to the north of us. It should be to you, M. Ex. Sir, and to all the Excellent Companions of this Grand Chapter a great gratification to know that after all the Chapters that originally were under your Jurisdiction had set up for themselves the old Mother Chapter is growing better and stronger every day. An evidence of the noble work you have done is found in the fact that to-day the Companions in two great Provinces in the West are strong enough to set up houses for themselves. I thank you Most Excellent Sir and the Grand Chapter of Canada for the warm and cordial welcome you have given me, and extend to you all the good wishes one Royal Arch Mason can wish to another.
M. Ex. Comp. George E. Briggs, Grand High Priest of New York State:—M. Ex. Sir, I am sure it is a great pleasure to be here to-day and look into your faces and say that it is my first visit to Toronto, my first welcome by the Grand Chapter of Canada. From the time of my arrival in the City this morning to the present moment it has been one continual performance of graciousness, of cordiality and hospitality. My good friend in presenting the delegation from New York this morning accused me of responsibility for keeping coal that belonged to Canada. I have only been in the office of Grand High Priest about four weeks. I have been several years working up to it, and I have had a great many different offices imposed upon me, but up to this time, I have not been called upon to take the responsibilities of a Fuel Commissioner. I want to say to you and to my good friend who made the accusation, that when I go back to the Empire State I will get in touch with Saratoga, and I will see that the next day the coal or what is left of it comes back to you. I have heard so much of that unearned increment that I will send you a few carloads of Saratoga mineral water, and it will not cost you anything. I was going to say that if you want to return the compliment, you gentlemen of Canada might send something back that will be equally welcome. (Laughter). I bring you, M. Ex. Sir, and Companions, greetings from the Empire State, from some 65,000 Royal Arch Masons divided into 220 Chapters, and on Friday night I hope to constitute another Chapter, and later still another one at Buffalo. Sixty-five thousand Royal Arch Masons, all of whom have the same ideals, whose hearts are throbbing with the same loyalty to Masonry, whose loyalty is or should be spent in the endeavor to raise up, not only the members of our Craft, but men outside of it to a better life; men who are striving to make the community in which they live better, to make citizenship more ideal, and to do everything
from the getting up in the morning until the lying down at night, they can for furthering the good and great principle of the brotherhood of men. I want to thank you Most Excellent Sir for all that you have done for me and my colleagues during our stay thus far in this City, and I hope that my successors may see their way clear to come to this City or some other City to visit your Grand Chapter and enjoy the same hospitality, the same generous spirit, the same warm handclasp that have greeted us.

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Core:—M. Ex. Sir. Our visit to the Grand Chapter of Canada has been a very pleasant one, although this is my first visit to a Masonic body in Canada. I am not an entire stranger to your Country. I have had the privilege of travelling over this vast Dominion from Vancouver to Montreal and I have not got over it yet. You Most Excellent Sir remarked that you had travelled across Saskatchewan or some of the Western Provinces and though you would never get out of them. I thought I would never get to Montreal. I was for some five days and nights, travelling some 3,000 miles through a most wonderful Country, with its rich resources. This has been a wonderful day that I shall remember with a great deal of pleasure for the rest of my life. The granting of charters to two new Grand Chapters at one and the same Convocation has never before, as far as my knowledge goes in Capitular Masonry, happened in the world. You have made history to-day, it is something for you to look back upon and you will be justly proud of it. And those Companions in Saskatchewan and Manitoba Provinces will be proud that their Mother Chapter set them on their feet and started them on the way to carry forward the banner of Capitular Masonry in that vast Empire. The vast resources of our Country. I speak of "Our Country" as of North American, we are all on the same Continent. We have not begun to realize what we have in this Country; those resources that are given to us to de-
velop carry with them a responsibility and a very large responsibility rests upon those who constitute the Masonry of Canada and the United States, because they are the men who in a large degree are doing the work of the world to-day, and because they are doing that work so well they have promoted prosperity and benefited mankind. It has certainly been an inspiration to come here and bring to you greetings from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. We have a Grand Chapter there of which we are proud. It was my pleasure to be present at the 125th Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of New York, and I understand my Companions of Massachusetts will celebrate their anniversary on the 14th of this month, so you see that Masonry is not a new thing in the eastern part of the United States. We have tried it there and are very much pleased with it. It has been the foundation practically of our Government. Those of you who have had the opportunity of studying our Constitution know that it was based upon the laws of English Masonry. I was very much struck some years ago when the matter came before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of recognizing a beautiful Island down in the Atlantic Ocean. A Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, himself a very eminent lawyer, used a term which to me was new at the time, but I have since then thought a great deal about it, “that the genius of Freemasonry is Anglo-Saxon.” We down south in the United States are proud of the fact that we got our Freemasonry from England, and in no part of the Continent to-day is Freemasonry adhering more closely to the underlying ideals and principles than in the State from which I have the privilege of coming. If any of you come down there you will find that in our work, either Symbolic or Capitular, we are striving to adhere very closely to the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry. We have not introduced a lot of new things; we do not believe it is proper so to do. We take Freemasonry from our
forefathers and try to transmit it to our children without impairment and in all its virgin purity.

M. Ex. Comp. Curtis Chipman, Grand High Priest of the State of Massachusetts:—Most Excellent Grand First Principals and Companions. I wish I could put into words the emotion I feel at the thought that for the first time in history (as I am informed) a Presiding Grand High Priest of Massachusetts stands here in your Grand Jurisdiction, bringing the greetings of a Grand Body 125 years young, to a lusty cousin of 65 years; and the consciousness that this proud privilege should be mine will ever be a source of greatest happiness. Kindly reference has been made to the fact that the representatives of Massachusetts came a long distance on their journey hither and words of appreciation at our presence have constantly been spoken. I feel rather that we owe you an apology for not coming before, but the warmth of your welcome assures us of forgiveness, now that we have come at last. May I take occasion to voice the high regard we hold in Massachusetts for those noble Ambassadors of International Companionship, M. Ex. Comp. Spencer and M. Ex. Comp. Ponton. They have brought to us in their delightfully characteristic manner all the gracious warmth and charm of your hospitable country and I feel that we have missed much in not coming to you years ago.

I feel something like an adventurer, penetrating an unknown country in search of treasure, always here yet never before discovered. My journey of exploration may be likened to that recently undertaken in Egypt where after these 3,000 years the vast treasures of the Pharaoh Tutankhamen has been found. What a wonderful thing that has been for the world, what a romantic search for the unknown! Somehow man loves a mystery. He professes a devotion to exact knowledge yet all the materialism, the sophistication, the cynicism of the world to-day
cannot stifle the thrill of discovery. We can picture the anxious expectancy with which the workers there in Egypt broke down the wall that held they knew not what, and the full heart and shining eyes with which they viewed the opened treasure.

Yet every day each one of us has the opportunity of discovery close at hand. We have the habit of classifying our fellow men as mostly uninteresting. We regard them as stupid, selfish, conceited, narrow, weak and so on. They are literally sealed tombs so far as we are concerned. Yet they are really full of interest and we can find in them many beautiful qualities, many fine, strong traits, if we are as much in earnest in seeking for them as were the searchers at Luxor. So let us break down the walls of reserve that hide us from our fellow men. Let us take up the definite task of bringing to light the undiscovered beauties of character that lie hidden behind the wall of reserve. Let us make the Companionship of our Order a very real and vital thing. Life is a complex affair and all of us are busy with the every-day things that are necessary for our material being; but we must be ever alert not to miss the opportunity when it shall come to us, of saying or doing the thing that we may have been created to accomplish.

It may be that generations have been born to bring each one of us to a point where somewhere, somehow, we are to stretch forth the hand to a fellow being at his hour of need; when the one great purpose of our lives shall be upon us, and we must not fail. We must keep our eyes clear that we may see the need, our ears keen that we may hear the call to the service of humanity. I am far from depreciating the value of organized effort. It fills a wonderful place in our lives; but it is the personal responsibility, which is wholly individual, that we need to cultivate. Let us then be a little braver when the skies are grey, a little stronger when the
way seems long, more patient with our fellow men, more kindly and gentle to those about us, more charitable towards each other's failings. These will break down the walls of doubt, and liberate the gentle spirit which is within every man, and so shall we be worthy of our inheritance and pass on, undimmed, the torch of light, kindled by the Master to illuminate the world.

M. Ex. Comp. Roy Andrus, Grand High Priest of the State of Michigan:—Most Excellent Grand Z. and Grand Companions. I want to say at the outset that I am not an Orator. In our Jurisdiction we have one or two orators and whenever we want any particular flowers plucked out of the air and distributed among those present we call upon them. After hearing the different Companions presenting and welcoming the visiting delegations I came to the conclusion that you all are orators here, and I was wondering whether it was the air, or the water, or what kind of food these orators lived on that made them so eloquent. Companions if it were possible for me to say in a very informal measure, just what I feel in my heart, I would say that you have taken me completely off my feet. We from Michigan have enjoyed ourselves, I speak for all, because I know I express the sentiments of all here, from the minute of our arrival up to the present, and we are going to continue to enjoy ourselves; we have made up our minds to that. I think that if an Egyptian mummy from King Tutankhamen's tomb were to come here he would certainly have some life if he remained very long. In the first place we are returning the personal visit of your Grand First Principal and Grand Scribe E., who visited us last year, and we came to receive at your hands a report of how our members comported themselves on that occasion. We have received a very favorable report and we were wondering whether all your Companions were such genial good fellows as those two Companions who visited us. We did not think it was possible, but
they have amended our opinion. As has been remarked to you, the Grand Chapter of Michigan constituted the Grand Chapter of Canada some 65 years ago, and we came to see how our child was getting along. We have found you to be a very lusty child indeed. As a matter of fact we have found that you have more Chapters here than we have in our State, and although you have lost or put into the Jurisdictions of Saskatchewan and Manitoba a number of young Chapters you still have more Chapters than we. Our total membership is somewhat larger than yours, being 44,000, but as we have been in existence some ten years longer than you we shall have to bestir ourselves or within the next ten years you will pass our mark. Reference has been made to the vast extent of territory under your Jurisdiction, and I have been surprised to hear the distances some of your Companions have been called upon to travel, even as great as 1,800 miles, to attend Grand Chapter. We too have a very large Jurisdiction in Michigan. Last autumn I paid a visit into the western part of the peninsula and at Ironwood I found I was farther from my home than when I visited the Federal Grand Chapter in Asheville, North Carolina. It has been a surprise to me to find that taking a point in the South Eastern part of my State, and with a radius extending to the North Western part of the peninsula, the circle drawn north includes New York City, so that you will realize we too have some extent of territory. We have no other object in coming here than to cement more strongly that strong bond of fraternal friendship and fellowship which exists and has existed between us for many years. As a matter of fact we have paid fraternal visits to your Jurisdiction to a greater extent than to neighboring sister Grand jurisdictions of our own Republic. We hardly realize that we are in separate countries in Michigan, we are so near to you, so many of our people have come from your Country and there is such a warm feeling between us that we
scarcely look upon you as a different Country. When we stop to consider there is something like 4,000 miles of unfortified boundary on land and four great Lakes upon which I have never seen a man-of-war, we all realize the significance of that motto, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in peace and unity." And if we the two greatest nations in this world thus dwell together in harmony and peace it seems to me there is certainly hope that in future peace and disarmament may reign among all nations. There have been many things that have interested me and my Companions from Michigan; your manner of conducting business in Grand Chapter and your degree work have been very striking indeed. After witnessing the Royal Arch degree conferred last night in Antiquity Chapter I remarked to R. Ex. Comp. Izor that the Companions reminded me of the DeMolay Boys in Michigan. This may seem a very strange and possibly a rather derogatory remark, comparing your Companions with the DeMolay Boys, but before I conclude you will realize that as far as I am concerned I regard it as the highest compliment. The Order of the DeMolay is growing rapidly in Michigan, and the Grand Chapter of Michigan is responsible for its presence there, a delegation having visited the Mother Chapter in Kansas City, and R. Ex. Comp. Izor reporting so enthusiastically what he had seen, that our Grand Chapter unanimously yielded to his advice and established the Order in our Jurisdiction. Out of the Mother Chapter of DeMolay born in Lansing we have now some 45 Chapters in the State, and it has been a wonderful effect upon thousands of young men. Patriotism as you know is the idea of the Order. The founder of the Order realized that there was a period in the life of boys from 16 to 21 years of age, when they are too old to be mere boys and too young to be men, too old to belong to such an organization as the Boy Scouts and too young to belong to the Masonic Order, and he
conceived this idea of the Order of DeMolay. To show what effect the teachings of the DeMolay Order is having upon the boys who belong to it I would like to mention an incident which was told me by a Companion who overheard one boy, counselling another, "You have to cut out some of these things now, we both belong to the Order of DeMolay and you cannot belong to the Order and do these things," and the speaker had been one of the worst boys in that City. These boys are full of life, they have the most wholesome and wholehearted fun, yet in their lodge room the work is performed in the most impressive and dignified manner, and it was because you perform your work in such an impressive manner that I made the comparison. In Michigan we confer our Royal Arch degree in an impressive manner, but I desire to make this frank confession that I have been deeply impressed with your degree work and for that reason I enjoyed your degree. They call me a crank in my State on the subject of having the degree work done impressively and dignified; my views on that point have been considerably strengthened by my visit here. I want to say to you I have enjoyed your work immensely. In Michigan we are considering, and to my mind rightfully so, the elimination of some levity which has crept into our Past Master's degree. Companions I have been told there are three principles that apply to public speakers; first, have something to say; second, say it; third, stop talking. Companions I do not know whether you have the opinion that I know anything about the first two, but I don't want you to have the impression that I know nothing about the third. I thank you.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION TO R. EX. COMP. E. F. ROLLE, OF NEW YORK

M. Ex. Comp. Spencer:—Companions, I have a pleasing duty to perform which I understand has never been performed in this Grand Chapter before.
You see before you the genial, good looking Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of New York. Will you R. Ex. Comp. E. F. Rolle kindly step to the Grand East that I may read to you your Commission. I might say, Companions, that the ink on this dispensation was hardly dry before the Right Excellent Comp. started for Canada to appear in person at this Grand Chapter.

The Commission having been read by the Grand Z. it was formally presented to R. Ex. Comp. Rolle, who in reply said: Most Excellent Sir, I thank you for your compliment and the confidence reposed in me. It places me in a peculiar position which reminds me of a story I recently heard down in Arkansas of the darkey who accompanied his master on a hunting trip and who, as was the custom, was called upon to verify the story of his master having shot a crow through the neck and also through the hind quarters. With much stammering and hesitation the darkey explained that after tramping a long way through the bush and over the clearings just as they got to the top of a hill they saw a crow scratching its ear with its claw and the master shot it through the neck and its hind quarter at the same time. On the way home the darkey appealed to his master. "Say, boss, next time you want me to explain please give me a little more time." I am in much the same position as the darkey, and would ask you Most Excellent Sir on the next occasion you give me a little more time to think about it. I thank you most heartily for the honor conferred upon me.

COMMUNICATIONS

Acknowledgments were read from the Private Secretary of H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, the Private Secretary of the Governor-General of Canada and others expressing their appreciation of the Christmas and New Year's greetings that had been sent them by the Grand Principals and Officers of Grand Chapter in the month of December last.

There were also received letters from Fort William Chapter, Fort William; Shuniah Chapter, Port Arthur; Golden Chapter, Kenora; Atwood Chapter, Rainy River; and Alberton Chapter, Fort Frances, extending an invitation to the Grand Chapter of Canada to hold its next Annual Convocation at Fort William, as well as letters from several constituent Chapters respecting the proposed amendments to the Constitution. A telegram was received from M. Ex. Comp. John M. Gibson, P.G.Z., regretting his inability to be present.

FORMATION OF A GRAND CHAPTER FOR MANITOBA

A Communication, dated Winnipeg, Manitoba, February 7th, 1923, addressed to the Grand Scribe E. was read, in which it was stated:—

"We enclose herewith Petitions signed by eight of the nine Chapters in the Province of Manitoba, asking for approval and recognition of a Grand Chapter for the Province of Manitoba by the Grand Chapter of Canada. Will you please present these Petitions to the Grand Chapter at the approaching Annual Convocation.

The Companions in Manitoba appear to be unanimous in the matter, as Corinthian, No. 101, (Boissevain), has intimated that they expect to pass a similar resolution at their meeting on the 14th inst. There will be representatives from the Winnipeg Chapters at the coming Convocation, and we
trust that these Petitions will receive your favorable consideration."

Yours fraternally,
(Signed)  F. W. BROWNELL,
          W. A. MCKAY,
          W. D. LAWRENCE,
          HARRY F. MOULDEN."

FORM OF PETITION PRESENTED

Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, located at Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, and owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

Doth, hereby humbly petition the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada to graciously grant its consent to the formation of a Grand Chapter to have jurisdiction over the whole of the Province of Manitoba.

Given under its Seal, and attested by the signature of its proper officers, this Seventh day of December, 1922.

This Petition as well as the others set forth were signed by the First Principals and Scribes E. with the Seals of the Chapters attached.

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FORMATION OF A GRAND CHAPTER FOR SASKATCHEWAN

A Communication, dated Regina, Sask., February 2nd, 1923, addressed to the Scribe E., was received from R. Ex. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, which read:
"I have the honor on behalf of the majority of the Chapters of Saskatchewan to forward you to place before the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Canada their Petitions, respectfully asking that a Grand Chapter be formed for the Province of Saskatchewan.

Petitions from 17 Chapters are enclosed, namely: Wascana, No. 121; Prince Albert, No. 160; Moose Jaw, No. 162; Saskatoon, No. 165; Moose Mountain, No. 166; Golden Compass, No. 170; Weyburn, No. 173; Estevan, No. 180; Battleford, No. 181; Unity, No. 186; Trinity, No. 192; Assiniboia, No. 208; Humboldt, No. 209; Shaunavon, No. 211; Victoria, No. 216; Tugaske, No. 228, and Eagle Lake, No. 229.

R. Ex. Comp. Needham advises me that he was present when Yorkton Chapter, No. 192, passed a resolution favoring the proposition, Govan Chapter, No. 193, has not reported, and Moosomin, No. 194, voted against the proposal. This makes 18 and possibly 19 favorable out of 20, a much better vote than we had anticipated. We trust these will be favorably considered. Please advise if any further information is required. I expect to be at Grand Chapter and will try and see you a day or two before the Convocation.

FRANCIS B. REILLY.
FORM OF PETITION PRESENTED

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

"The undersigned being a regular Chapter under the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, having well considered the proposal of forming a Grand Chapter for the Province of Saskatchewan, believing that such a Grand Chapter will further the interests of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan and having the well being of the Royal Craft at heart, humbly petition the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada for approval and recognition of a Grand Chapter in the Province of Saskatchewan."

Petitions signed by the First Principals and Scribes E. as well as Seals attached of the Chapters have been received as set forth.

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The Communications respecting the formation of Grand Chapters in the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, with the Petitions from the Chapters, were on Motion of R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, referred to a Special Committee for report.

FORMATION OF A GRAND CHAPTER IN EACH OF THE PROVINCES OF MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN APPROVED

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of this Grand Chapter to consider the respective petitions of constituent Chapters of this Grand Chapter situated in each of the respective Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan requesting the consent and approval of this Grand Chapter to the contemplated formation of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in each of the said respective Provinces, beg to report as follows:—

In connection with the Petition from the Chapters in the Province of Manitoba we find that nine of our Warranted Chapters are working in the said Province, that eight of these Chapters are strongly in favor of the formation of a Grand Body in the Province having exclusive jurisdiction over and in connection with Capitular Masonry in the Province.

It is to be regretted that owing to apparently uncontrollable circumstances a quorum of the Companions of Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, Boissevain, could not be obtained in order to hold the Meeting called for the purpose of considering the question.

In connection with the Petition from the Chapters in the Province of Saskatchewan we find that this Grand Chapter has working in the Province twenty-one Chapters, twenty of which are duly Warranted, and one working under Dispensation. All of the Chapters but one appear to be unanimous in the desire to form a Grand Chapter to have exclusive jurisdiction over Capitular Masonry in that Province.
From statistics placed before us we find that the constituent Chapters in each of the said Provinces are in a prosperous condition with an active enthusiastic membership and with bright prospects for the future.

We find that the Petitioners from each of the said Provinces have strictly complied with all the requirements laid down by this Grand Chapter in the year 1919 in connection with petitions for a similar purpose.

While we deeply regret the loss to this Grand Chapter of so many of its prosperous Chapters and of the loved Companions owing allegiance to said Chapters, nevertheless we are of the opinion that by granting the prayer of the respective Petitions the Royal Craft in each of the said Provinces will be better served.

Your Committee recommend that the consent and approval of this Grand Chapter be given to the formation of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in each of the said Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the activities of each Grand Chapter when formed to be confined to its respective Province.

Your Committee further recommend that each Grand Chapter when so formed be requested to have the Warrants issued by this Grand Chapter to its constituent Chapters in existence in said Province at the date hereof, be returned for cancellation and if subsequently a request be made for the return to the Chapters of the cancelled Warrant the Grand Scribe E. be empowered to comply therewith.

Your Committee further recommend that on the receipt of formal notice of the formation of a Grand Chapter placed before us, this Grand Chapter extended fraternal, recognition thereto and contribute from and out of its funds to each of said Grand Chapters the sum of $1,500.00 to assist it in its formative stages, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the said sum of $1,500.00 to each of the said Grand Chapters.
Your Committee further recommend that the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Right Excellent the Grand Scribe E. convey to the respective petitioners the fraternal regards of this Grand Chapter and its best wishes for a bright and prosperous future with an earnest truth that the old Mother Grand Chapter may long continue to be held in affectionate regard by the Companions of the respective Provinces.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. Malone,
Chairman.
E. W. Pickford,
W. G. Price,
Edwin Smith,
A. Cowan,
Committee.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Special Committee on the request of the Chapters in Manitoba and Saskatchewan to form Grand Chapters in those Provinces be acceded to by this Grand Body.

This resolution upon being submitted to Grand Chapter was unanimously adopted.

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO PROVINCES OF MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton in eloquent and appropriate terms extended to the Grand Chapters to be formed the warm and sincere congratulations of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The separation of these Provinces did not, he said, constitute a loss to the Royal Craft or to this Jurisdiction. It afforded opportunities for greater development in those Provinces. The old Mother Grand Chapter had merely undergone the triumphant pangs of childbirth and
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had given to the Royal Craft twins, a lustier and finer pair had never been brought into Masonry than those which had seen the Light of day. To-day Masonic history had been made by the Mother Grand Chapter; in the creation of two Grand Chapters at this Annual Convocation had established a record. He assured the Companions of the new Grand jurisdictions that they were embarking upon their career with the heartiest wishes of every Companion of the Mother Grand Chapter for health, wealth and prosperity in the future that lies before them.

The Grand Z. also extended to R. Ex. Comp. H. F. Moulden, of Winnipeg, and R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Needham, Saskatoon, and R. Ex. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, as representatives of the new Grand Chapters, his felicitations upon the happy event and requested them to convey to their respective Grand bodies the assurance that they had the warmest sympathy and heartiest good will of the Mother Grand Chapter upon whom they could rely for cordial support in building up strong and vigorous Grand bodies in their great territories. While this Grand Jurisdiction was losing a magnificent territory, one whose boundaries were almost unlimited, he had been from the east to the west of it, and thought he was never going to get out of it, he was assured the new Grand Chapters would thrive and grow in that fertile western soil. If they could grow Royal Arch Masons as well as they could raise wheat they would have excellent Grand Chapters. He expressed his pleasure at the presence of R. Ex. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, of Regina, to whom he paid a warm tribute for the active part that Right Excellent Companion had taken in the preliminary work leading up to the happy event which had to-day been brought to a culmination.

R. Ex. Comp. F. B. Reilly, in reply assured the Companions of Grand Chapter that the Companions in Saskatchewan only asked for the formation of a new Grand Chapter because they were convinced it
was in the interests of the Royal Craft. They realized that in one sense a severance from the Mother Grand Chapter would be a great loss to them, if they were to be altogether cut off from fraternal association, but they felt that they would not be cut off. On the other hand, while still remaining in close fraternal relation with this Grand Chapter the interest of the Royal Craft in the west would be promoted by having their own Grand Body and more rapid progress would be made as a result. He referred to the disadvantage under which the Royal Craft had been carrying on in Saskatchewan and the West, the great distance they were from headquarters, depriving them of the privileges enjoyed by the Companions in the east of regular attendance at Grand Chapter Convocations, and fraternal visits which contributed so much to keep alive the enthusiasm and encouraging and inspiring them in the work. The recent visit of M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton to the West had, he was assured, been of great benefit to Royal Arch Masonry in that territory. It would, he said, be a pleasure when he returned to Saskatchewan to convey to his Companions the good wishes of the Mother Grand Chapter for their future prosperity, and he was confident the Companions in the East would not regret the formation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. It was only a few years ago that the Grand Lodge had been formed with a few scattered lodges; to-day they had 75 lodges with a membership of 14,000, and he was satisfied that in a few years the new Grand Chapter would be able to show equally satisfactory results. The Companions of Saskatchewan would not forget the kindesses shown them by their Companions in the East.
GRAND TREASURER’S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
1st February, 1922, to 31st January, 1923

Received by Grand Scribe E. from Chapters on account of Dues, Fees, etc $20,377 17

Interest on Investments 2,847 94

$23,225 11

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Accounts Paid—
Cheques and Cash $13,179 45
Benevolent Grants 3,435 00

$16,614 45

Excess Receipts over Payments 7,061 19

Increment on Change of Investments 450 53

$23,675 64

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments — 31st Jan., 1922, at cost as per last Account $52,487 66

Bought 5th May, 1922, 5% First War Loan Bonds due Dec., 1925, cost $1,173 00

$5,500.00 5½% Fourth War Loan Bonds due 1st Dec., 1937, cost 5,444 22

Bought 15th Jan., 1923, 5½% 6th War Loan Bonds due 1st Nov., 1934.... 10,147 50

$3,000.00 5½% Fifth War Loan Bonds due 1st Nov., 1933 3,000 00

$9,617 22

Matured 1st Dec., 1922, Town of Oshawa Bond $1,359 14

$10,976 36

Investments—31st Jan., 1923, at cost as per Schedule 55,761 80

$66,738 16
31st January, 1922, Capital—
   At Canadian Bank of Commerce...$ 9,807 11
   Incidentals Account hand .............. 24

   $ 9,807 35

   Investments, as per Schedule ....... 52,487 66

   $ 62,295 01

31st January, 1923, Capital—
   At Canadian Bank of Commerce...$13,568 73
   Incidentals Account in hand ............ 25 67

   $13,594 40

   Investments, as per Schedule........ 55,761 80

   $ 69,356 20

   $ 7,061 19
INVESTMENTS HELD 31st JANUARY, 1923

$16,352 30 Cost of $17,000.00 Toronto Industrial Debentures. Interest 5%, Principal due 1st December, 1925.

2,521 00 City of Stratford, Ontario, Debentures. Interest 4%, Principal due 1st January, 1927.

3,135 00 Cost of $3,000.00 Canadian War Loan (5th), Interest 5½%, Principal due 1st November, 1933. Bought March, 1919.

3,000 00 Cost of $3,000.00 Canadian War Loan (6th), Interest 5½%, Principal due 1st November, 1934. Bought November, 1919.

5,737 50 Cost of $6,000.00 Canadian War Loan (5th), Interest 5½%, Principal due 1st November, 1934. Bought January, 1921.

2,842 50 Cost of $3,000.00 Canadian War Loan (5th), Interest 5½%, Principal due 1st November, 1934. Bought April, 1921.

3,954 00 Cost of $4,000.00 Canadian War Loan (6th), Interest 5½%, Principal due 1st November, 1934. Bought December, 1921.

3,969 00 Cost of $4,000.00 Canadian War Loan (6th), Interest 5½%, Principal due 1st November, 1934. Bought January, 1922.

10,147 50 Cost of $10,000.00 Canadian War Loan (6th), Interest 5½%, Principal due 1st November, 1934. Bought May, 1922.

4,103 00 Cost of $4,000.00 Canadian War Loan (6th), Interest 5½%, Principal due 1st November, 1934. Bought January, 1923.

$55,761 80 Total Cost. Face Value:
Municipal Debentures...$19,521 00
Dominion Bonds .......... 37,000 00

$56,521 00

(Signed) GEO. MOORE, BRYAN PONTIFEX, F.C.A.,
Grand Treasurer. Auditor.
REPORT OF THE GRAND Scribe E.

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

We have reason to congratulate ourselves on the continued growth of the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction. While the activities of the Chapters have not exceeded those of the previous year, yet our total membership reached 27,549, on the 31st December, 1922.

Masonry was the only world’s organization, that emerged from the Great War, without a general breaking up. We are stronger than ever before, and it would appear that in diffusing proper Masonic light among the people, we are discharging a duty as citizens in building up a bulwark of peace and goodwill in the land.

There are problems we have to contend with as Royal Arch Masons, but they are being dealt with in an altruistic manner, and consequently there is a strong bond of sympathy being created between the constituent Chapters and this Grand Body that it is our duty to cultivate.

NO DELINQUENT CHAPTERS

Every Chapter throughout the Jurisdiction has forwarded its Return for the year 1922 to the Office of the Grand Scribe E. This year a better return of the officers of the Constituent Chapters has also been made.

DISPENSATION

There have been issued ninety-nine Dispensations during the past year, some for qualifying Companions elected to fill positions of First and Second Principals, others for changing dates of Convocations of Chapters, a few for holding “At Homes,” and wearing Royal Arch regalia, while others were issued
to permit rural Chapters to confer the Royal Arch degree in conjunction with the other degrees on the same evening.

Receipts from Chapters

From the Annual Statement attached to this report it will be seen that the receipts from the Constituent Chapters, in fees and dues were $20,377.17, the amount of which is fully set forth with the disbursements in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Audit and Finance Committee.

Certificates of Standing

During the past year a Certificate of good standing was issued to Comp. James Edward Mercer, who had been a member of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 179, G.R.C., previous to its withdrawing from the Grand Chapter of Canada, to become connected with the Grand Chapter of Alberta, in the latter part of the year 1916.

A Certificate of good standing was also issued to Comp. Launcelet A. S. Dack, of Crow's Nest Chapter, No. 137, G.R.C., Fernie, B.C. This Chapter became dormant on January 29th, 1918, by surrendering all of its books and Warrant to Grand Chapter. Comp. Dack, subsequently affiliated with The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto.

New Chapters

The authorized Warrants, after the last Annual Convocation, were engrossed and forwarded to the proper officers for the following Chapters:

Tugaske, No. 228, Tugaske, Sask.
Eagle Lake, No. 229, Kindersley, Sask.
Port Credit, No. 230, Port Credit, Ont.
St. Clair, No. 231, Toronto, Ont.
King Cyrus, No. 232, Toronto, Ont.
Oakwood, No. 233, Toronto, Ont.
Chapters Under Dispensation

Halton Chapter, Georgetown, Ont., received its Dispensation, February 20th, 1922, and was Instituted on March 16th, 1922, with twenty petitioners. It was continued under Dispensation last year.

In addition to the foregoing the following Chapters were granted Dispensations on the dates set forth:

Aurora, Aurora, Ont.—March 1st, 1922.
Caledonia, Caledonia, Ont.—March 16th, 1922.
Whitesand, Canora, Sask.—April 3rd, 1922.
St. Andrew, London, Ont.—May 4th, 1922.
Blenheim, Blenheim, Ont.—July 14th, 1922.
Smithville, Smithville, Ont.—August 1st, 1922.
University, Toronto, Ont.—September 26th, 1922.
St. Paul's, Lambeth, Ont.—September 29th, 1922.
Kildonan, East Kildonan, Man.—January 18th, 1923.
Prince of Wales, Winnipeg, Man.—January 25th, 1923.

Present Standing of Membership

The following tables show the present standing of the membership in Grand Chapter:

Number of Chapters, Warranted .......................... 178
Number of Members, December 31st, 1921..25,986
Number of Registrations, December 31st, 1922 ..........................1,963
Number of Joinings, December 31st, 1922 .................................. 397
Number of Restorations, December 31st, 1922 .......................... 82
Number of Withdrawals, December 31st, 1922 .......................... 289
Number of Suspensions, December 31st, 1922 ......................... 315
Number of Deaths, December 31st, 1922 ................................ 275

Net Gain .................................................................. 1,563

Total Membership, December 31st, 1922 .............. 27,549


Ontario ................................. 1,517 ................................. 67
Manitoba ................................. 32 ................................. 1
Saskatchewan ............................ 102 ................................. 16
Yukon Territory .......................... 4

1,651 ................................. 88

The Jurisdiction embraced 178 Chapters, December 31st, 1922, distributed as follows:

Province. No. of Chapters. Membership.

Ontario ................................. 147 ................................. 23,497
Manitoba ................................. 9 ................................. 1,461
Saskatchewan ............................ 21 ................................. 2,487
Yukon Territory .......................... 1 ................................. 104

Total ................................. 178 ................................. 27,549

ACTIVE CHAPTERS

The Chapters reporting during the year 25 or more exaltations are as follows:

Occident, No. 77, Toronto, 65; Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto, 46; St. Clair, No. 231, Toronto, 43; Ark, No. 80, Windsor, and King Cyrus, No. 232, Toronto, 37 each; Smithville, U.D., Smithville, 36; Beaver, No. 225, Toronto, 35; King Solomon's, No. 8, Toronto, 33; The Moira, No. 7, Belleville, 31; Ulster, No. 219, Toronto, 30; Shuniah, No. 82, Port Arthur, 29; Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa, and Fort William, No. 140, Fort William, 28 each; St. Andrew and St. John,
No. 4, Toronto, and Shekinah, No. 138, Toronto, 27 each; St. Lawrence, No. 100, Brockville, and The St. Patrick, No. 145; Toronto, 26 each; Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston, 25.

**BY-LAWS**

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

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1; Waterloo, No. 32; Wellington, No. 47; St. John's, No. 103; Shekinah, No. 138; Couchiching, No. 198; Durham, No. 221; Prince of Wales, No. 226; Quinte Friendship, No. 227; Eagle Lake, No. 229; St. Clair, No. 231; King Cyrus, No. 232; Oakwood, No. 233.

Amendments to By-laws of Chapters have also been submitted and approved as follows:—

St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4; Carleton, No. 16; Keystone, No. 35; Corinthian, No. 36; Mount Sinai, No. 44; St. Paul’s, No. 65; Enterprise, No. 67; St. Clair, No. 75; Occident, No. 77; Aylmer, No. 81; Golden, No. 90; Antiquity, No. 91; Midland, No. 94; St. John’s, No. 112; Covenant, No. 113; St. Francis, No. 133; Atwood, No. 149-; Kichikewana, No. 167; Hugh Murray, No. 184; Unity, No. 186; Cobalt, No. 203; Humboldt, No. 209; Shaunavon, No. 211; Northern Lights, No. 213; Vimy, No. 214; Victoria, No. 216; Prince of Wales, No. 226.

**ANNUAL STATEMENT**

**YEAR 1ST FEBRUARY, 1922, TO 31ST JANUARY, 1923.**

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Fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.

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

Resolved—That the statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1922 be received and referred to the Executive Committee for report thereon at the present Convocation.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

WARRANTS

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

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows:

Halton Chapter, Georgetown, Ont., was reported last year as having received a Dispensation, with twenty petitioners. It was instituted March 16th, 1922, and it now has a total membership of forty-three.

Aurora Chapter, Aurora, Ont., was instituted March 29th, 1922, with seventeen petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-four.

Caledonia Chapter, Caledonia, Ont., was instituted April 11th, 1922, with fourteen petitioners, and it now has a membership of twenty-nine.

Whitesand Chapter, Canora, Sask., was instituted September 15th, 1922, with fourteen petitioners, and it now has a membership of twenty-four.

The St. Andrew Chapter, London, Ont., was instituted May 10th, 1922, with twenty petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-nine.

Blenheim Chapter, Blenheim, Ont., was instituted August 9th, 1922, with twenty-one petitioners, and it now has a membership of forty.

Smithville Chapter, Smithville, Ont., was instituted August 17th, 1922, with twelve petitioners, and it now has a membership of forty-nine.

University Chapter, Toronto, Ont., was instituted October 17th, 1922, with fifteen petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-six.

St. Paul's Chapter, Lambeth, Ont., was instituted October 3rd, 1922, with ten petitioners, and it now has a membership of twenty-three.

The Grand Superintendents of the respective Districts, in which the Chapters are located, report that the officers of the several Chapters are all capable of
performing their duties, that the records of the Chapters are regularly kept, all have proper regalia and equipment, and they all recommend that the Chapters named should receive Warrants at this Annual Convocation.

That Kildonan Chapter, East Kildonan, in the vicinity of Winnipeg, Man., was granted a Dispensation with fourteen petitioners, January 18th, 1923. It was instituted, February 15th, 1923.

That Prince of Wales Chapter, Winnipeg, Man., was granted a Dispensation with twenty-five petitioners, January 25th, 1923. It was instituted February 9th, 1923.

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

- Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown, Ont.
- Aurora Chapter, No. 235, Aurora, Ont.
- Caledonia Chapter, No. 236, Caledonia, Ont.
- Whitesand Chapter, No. 237, Canora, Sask.
- The St. Andrew Chapter, No. 238, London, Ont.
- Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim, Ont.
- Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville, Ont.
- University Chapter, No. 241, Toronto, Ont.
- St. Paul's Chapter, No. 242, Lambeth, Ont.

As for Kildonan Chapter, East Kildonan, Man., and Prince of Wales Chapter, Winnipeg, Man., your Committee recommend that these two Chapters be continued under Dispensations for another year.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES MCC. Potts,
Chairman of Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications for relief presented to them and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made:

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"145—Widow of R. M. 50 00
"150—Comp. J. H. D. 100 00
—Daughter of W. G. R. (Special) 150 00

$3,010 00

All of which is fraternally submitted.

F. W. HARcourt,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and—

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

Your Committee on Audit and Finance, begs to submit the Financial Statement for the year ended January 31st, 1923, together with the Auditor's Certificate as to the financial standing of Grand Chapter at that date.

Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on the numerical and financial progress made during the past year, and notwithstanding the extraordinary calls upon our resources, through the New Ontario disaster (a call which was responded to with commendable alacrity by the M.E. the Grand Council) and other unforeseen expenditures we have still been able to augment the Capital Account of Grand Chapter to the extent of $7,061.19, this being an increase of $168.08 over the amount set aside last year.

The Grand Treasurer is to be commended for his diligence and great credit is due him for the profitable handling of Grand Chapter investments.

During the year some short term securities were disposed off to advantage, bringing an unearned increment of $450.53. These funds, together with other available funds were re-invested in Dominion of Canada bonds of longer date bearing interest at 5½ per cent., and bringing our total investments to $55,761.80 as against $52,487.66 at the end of the previous year.

The investments are all in good sound securities and may be summarized as follows:

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The details of these investments are all recorded in the Grand Treasurer's Report.
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1923

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1923.

RECEIPTS

Balance, 31st January, 1922, as per last Account, at Canadian Bank of Commerce $ 9,807 11

Incidentals Account, Balance in hands
Grand Scribe E. 24

$ 9,807 35

Receipts from Chapters—
Certificates $2,090 00
Dues 14,422 45
Fees 2,075 00
Dispensations and Warrants 467 00
Constitutions 512 20
Sundries 810 52

$20,377 17

Investment Account—
Interest Received 2,847 94

$23,225 11

Investment Account—
War Bonds sold May, 1922, cost $9,617 22

Increment on change of Investments 450 53

$10,067 75

Bonds Town of Oshawa, Matured... 1,359 14

$11,426 89

$ 44,459 35

EXPENSES

Benevolence $2,935 00
Special re Northern Ontario Fire Disaster 500 00

$3,435 00

Investment Account—
$10,000 6th War Loan Bonds bought $10,147 50
$4,000 6th War Loan Bonds bought 4,103 00

$14,250 50

Charges—
Salaries $4,250 00
Superannuation 1,000 00
Foreign Correspondence Report 250 00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc. 1,243 10
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Grand Scribe E.—
Office Incidental, Postages and General Expenses 404 57

$13,179 45

Balance, 31st January, 1923—
At Canadian Bank of Commerce...$13,568 73
Incidental Account in hands of Grand Scribe E. 25 67

$13,594 40

$44,459 35

I have maintained a running Audit during the year and have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Grand Chapter. I certify that I have found them in order and that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts. I also certify that I have verified the securities, the property of the Grand Chapter and that they are of a total (cost) value of $55,761.80 and face value of $56,521.00.

(Signed) BRYAN PONTIFEX, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

Toronto, 12th February, 1923.
Your Committee recommends the following appropriations for the current year:

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We further recommend the re-appointment of Bryan Pontifex, F.C.A., as Auditor.

We have also great pleasure in certifying to careful and efficient management of Grand Chapter business through the office of the "Grand Scribe E."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. ELLWOOD,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.
GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

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

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to report as follows:—


This Companion was convicted of robbery with violence in connection with the Wyoming Bank robbery, and on September 28th, 1922, was sentenced to be imprisoned in Portsmouth Penitentiary, Kingston, Ont., for 14 years by the Honorable Mr. Justice Lennox.

He was subsequently suspended by the Grand Superintendent of London District, No. 2, while acting as First Principal of St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, on the occasion of his official visit to said Chapter on 22nd October, 1922.

Your Committee desire to point out the Companion has not yet been tried by his Chapter for the said offence in accordance with the rules respecting trials for Masonic offences and recommend that the matter be referred back to St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, for that purpose, and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. COWAN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, and—

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

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

Your Committee is again privileged to report that all is well with the great co-operative Commonwealth of Capitular Craftsmanship—that the various officers and committees are functioning properly and productively and that the membership continues to be of that excellent calibre and quality which should always characterize a living vital organism of men of goodwill whose central ganglion is that spirit of duty, discipline, devotion and reverence which animates and is reflected from the stately and rhythmic ritual, and the principles and teachings of our Royal Craft. It is not a theory or code of ethics alone, not a visionary and unattainable ideal, but a condition, an experience, a philosophy of life. Watchmen on the look-out towers of the outposts, what of the Night? All's well! Stewards of the Mysteries nearer the centre, what of the Night? All's well! Custodians and Trustees of the treasures—what of the Night? All's well! The Day is at hand. The pulse is quickening. Royal Arch Masons are awakening to their opportunities for good in constructive policies; and with greater numbers they add more concentration of purpose and unanimity of aim.

A Review of the impressions of the year obtained by having been in contact with the activities of the Chapters, and also derived from the more than usually pregnant reports of the Grand Superintendents, must lead to the conviction that the large majority of the Royal Craftsmen realize the honor conferred upon them by being chosen of the true, and reflect it in their life—collective life and individual example. In this confidence we can then truly say the Condition of Royal Arch Masonry is sound and
requires no artificial tonic. Like the Empire it is its own best asset—and its labor of love—of truth and of duty, is its own most adequate reward. Of the living stones of which we of royal lineage build the temple of faith, freedom, friendship and fraternity we may say that they have been tried by the unerrning square and plumb and right angle, and the Royal Craftsmen have done their duty—good work, true work, square work, well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty. And if some few have fallen short and have not attained this ideal of fortitude, fidelity, stability, harmony and concord, then they furnish us with our present and pressing opportunity to fortify their purpose and strengthen their faith in themselves and their Companions and in our Creator, “Help me to need no aid from men, that I may aid such men as need.” We must perpetuate this art of building, this companionship of character, of ability and of reliability—and the Great Companion will crown our work, if we build according to Deity’s Divinest plan, just the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

While it is universally true, that a good man never dies, and while those who have passed over the Mystic River have left vivid memories of meritorious lives well lived, yet it is also humanly true that the death within two years of four who honorably filled the office of Grand First Principal in this Grand Jurisdiction, must “give us pause,” especially when we realize how few are the survivors of those who have served in that high office, the responsibilities of which are increasing year by year. The condition of Capitular Masonry must be affected by their transition. For them and for many other members of the Royal Craft who have presented their work in the terrestrial quarries for inspection of the Great Overseer in the Globe Celestial, where many mansions are, let us lift up our hearts in prayer—May eternal light and peace perpetual be theirs (and ours in time) for evermore.
But it would be a sad commentary on the conscious condition of Chapter Masonry if Death were needed to lift aside the veils—to realize the truth and its signet—to grasp the Revelation of the God of the Golden Rule upon the Judgment Throne. Life not death is our mainspring. The Mystical Lecture glows with an illuminating light. Dominus illuminatio mea! And here and now we must bring the experience of the past to the service of the present and exemplify in good work and thought and deed the Supreme Degree. To the foundation stone, the Rock of Ages, let us add the keystone and copestone of the Royal Arch which never sleeps.

Go and toil in any quarries
Do not fear to do and dare;
If you want a field of labor
You can find it anywhere.

Thus working together in happy harmony and grateful for the past, expectant of the future, high hope we will realize as good men and true, resolute in the present, that

“If we’re thoroughbred here
We’ll be thoroughbred there.”

Your Committee have no desire to preach or to exhort, but more and more in these days of material unrest, of unsettled conditions; of the craving of the young for light amusements as palliatives for pain or grievance in the body politic; of the impatience of authority and the lack of dignity and reverence, are we impressed with the importance of the high mission and ministry of Royal Arch Masonry—standing four-square to every wind that blows, resisting pressure either lateral or perpendicular; and more especially must we realize the great trust reposed in those chosen men, the Grand Superintendents of the Districts, and the Principals of the constituent Chapters (all units in an orbit) on whom devolves the proud responsibility of being both leaders and exemplars in that “more excellent
way” of which our great Apostlic Brother and Com-
panion St. Paul wrote:—What a glorious oppor-
tunity these Corps Commanders, these Captains
Courageous, these semaphores and sentinels, have
of shedding that light of radio-activity which both
illumines and warms, and of erecting and maintain-
ing that living arch of humanity—God-fearing, law-
abiding, virile and companionable men.

That the Principals of the Chapters are all earn-
est and in the main capable men who have caught
the spirit of enthusiasm so necessary to animate
the work—who can light their own fire and kindle
fire in others, is the belief of your Committee based
upon the records and chronicles of the Chapters for
the last year—for as the Lodge is the Master’s
mirror, so does the Chapter reflect the character
and calibre of the Principals. God endows us with
diversity of gifts and the Creator is a great handi-
capper, so Chapters are fortunate in having, and
our forefathers were wise in giving, three Prin-
cipals to each Chapter—each the complement of the
other—the eternal triangle in the best Masonic
sense. Those Chapters ring true in creative work
that discriminately, and judiciously select their
Principals by merit proved, and not by mere me-
chanical rotation of promoton pro forma alone. No
prouder honor to a Royal Craftsman than to have
wielded the sceptre of Z., H. and J. by the choice
gift and grace of his Companions.

The Grand Superintendents, who carry the mes-
sages and commands of the Grand Z. to their re-
spective Districts, and whose privilege and delight
it is to unify with the cement of diplomatic am-
bassadorship, and vivify with the ardour of chosen
leadership, the Chapters under their immediate
charge and guidance, have had a busy year of
fertile and fruitful work, and with the officers of
the Chapters have earned in amallest form the
gratitude of this Grand Chapter. Some nuggets
of good advice, just comment and pure gold from
their Reports, selected at random, may be interesting and instructive as reflecting the qualities of the men in charge, and also the close contact with an analytical observation of the Masonic life of the Districts they have shepherded and superintended so well.

Some illuminating extracts illustrative of good work and high standards:

Its records well kept and the Companions very sociable and enthusiastic.

During intermission a banquet was served Most Excellent Companion Wilcox, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan and many other Excellent Companions from Detroit were in attendance and made eloquent addresses.

The finances are low. I think the initiation fees and dues should be raised.

There is a splendid feeling of brotherhood between the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction in Windsor and those in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

To bring into existence a new Chapter in a District where none previously existed as the first official act of a District Superintendent is a highly appreciated, delightful and novel privilege.

Another mile-stone has been passed in the proper dissemination of the light of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario. This Chapter will require close attention during the next few years. Proper management and guidance by those capable of reviving enthusiasm for the Royal Craft will guarantee for this Chapter the success it merits.

This Chapter follows the practise of presenting each of its Companions upon his exaltation with a Royal Arch Jewel.

I believe that a First Principals' Night of this kind does more to obtain the desired object than a Chapter of Instruction.

Throughout the course of the evening I could not help but feel impressed with the ardor and zeal of the Companions of this Chapter for the Royal Craft.

Those who had the privilege of attending this meeting had forcibly brought to their attention the necessity of even the most minor officers using expression and dignity in their rendition of the ritual.

The loss of this truly Excellent Companion is felt deeply by this Chapter whose existence is but one of the many memorials bearing testimony to the zeal and energy in the
cause of Masonry shown by our deceased brother.

That indefatigable Mason who unselfishly gives of his best to the entire Royal Craft, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, the Chapter's Historian.

Chapters outside the limits of the cities are sometimes described as Country Chapters, and there is a mistaken tendency for many to consider that work is not done as proficiently as it is done in City Chapters.

Fostered by such skilled Craftsmen as its First Principal, R. Ex. Comp. W. J. McCollum, and its Immediate Past Principal, R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Horwood, and guided by men of the calibre of its other officers this new addition to Royal Arch Masonry will forge ahead and become a great credit to the Royal Craft.

Increased use of the musical ritual is a gratifying development.

Inspection, as I understand it, is primarily for the purpose of informing Grand Chapter, among other things, as to the proficiency of the officers in the constituent Chapters.

I wish to place myself on record as not favoring this practise. My attention has been called to the fact that on some occasions Chapters in this Jurisdiction have introduced more than one candidate at a time during the first part of the Mark Master Mason’s degree.

The Chapters in this District are very fortunate in the fact that every one of them have a real live Scribe E.

A Chapter of Instruction was held in Saskatoon on December 1st and was attended by a large number of Officers and Companions from Chapters in the District, Battleford Chapter which is 100 miles from Saskatoon, being represented by twelve of its members; Whitesand Chapter, Canora, (the baby Chapter of the District), which is over 200 miles from Saskatoon, sent one of their officers.

It is felt that if Saskatchewan could have a Grand Chapter of its own, greater interest would be taken in Capitular Masonry and would be beneficial to the officers and Companions and would add greater interest in the work and would enable more frequent visits from Grand Chapter Officers to the different Chapters in the Province.

All the officers were in their places. This is one of the livest Chapters in the District.

I found the officers enthusiastic and well skilled and a true Masonic spirit prevailing. The books are well kept by Comp. Burlingham and the finances are in good condition and the prospects for the future are bright.

I have been very fortunate in being able to visit all the Chapters in the District, having travelled almost two thousand miles in doing so, however, the work has been a pleasure to me.
The officers elected were of the ability which preconceive a most prosperous year for this Chapter. This is the home Chapter of M. Ex. Comp. Moore, whose ideal is efficiency in the smallest details of the work.

For the incoming year as business returns to normal, there will be a great increase of membership in the Royal Craft.

All the Scribes E.'s books are kept in a clean, efficient and up-to-date manner.

M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore gave some timely advice and instruction also.

They have also presented to all Royal Arch Masons, who were exalted during war time, their regalia, as it was impossible to procure regalia during those years of struggle.

Hiram and St. John's Chapters have appointed a committee to consider the advisability of increasing yearly dues, which at present are only $3.00 per member, and I strongly recommend an increase.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred with an impressiveness which only Companions of appreciation and experience in the work could do.

I have been privileged to renew many valued friendships and to have been enabled to form many new ones which I will treasure among the most pleasant memories of my term as Grand Superintendent.

This is a very steady Chapter and its members are of the finest type.

The book of Marks and the Minute Book, are kept in a manner that any Chapter should be proud of.

The work was as a whole very impressive and dignified, which is quite in keeping with their splendid Chapter rooms.

I did not deem it the duty of the Grand Superintendent to criticize harshly, even if occasion had arisen, but to direct the energies of the officers to promote the welfare of the District in particular.

One outstanding feature of my visits was the large attendance, which was very encouraging to the First Principals.

This is one of the most efficient and prosperous Chapters in the District. Full of life and energy, they received me with open arms.

The work of the Most Excellent Master degree as exemplified by the officers and members of Wawanosh Royal Arch Chapter, was a revelation of the real beauty which may be attained by careful preparation of this ceremony.

St. John's Royal Arch Chapter is a tower of strength in this District and proudly and unobtrusively maintains itself as premier Chapter, if not in membership, certainly in service.
The R. Ex. Comp. delivered an inspiring address to his Companions, who surely have a very wonderful example to follow for never-failing loyalty to duty.

The Instruction Committee is functioning properly and the members are being coached in the recognized questions and answers for examination purposes.

The older officers were urged to train the younger Companions in the work of the Chapter and to permit them taking up the reins of office, and an assurance has been given that this is now being done.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that the four London City Chapters have taken St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, U.D., under their wing and are working together in perfect understanding and harmony, and that Royal Arch Masonry is so firmly established in this locality.

The Notices of Motion coming up for consideration of next Grand Chapter have been discussed and are generally approved.

I have been impressed with uniformity of the work done, which, I think, reflects the splendid efforts of my Predecessors, as well as the good judgment of the Companions of the various Chapters in selecting enthusiastic and capable officers.

On the same evening this Chapter had their annual Christmas Tree which if possible was a greater success than ever. It was an inspiration to look out over the beam ing faces of 150 kiddies and 60 mothers from the West End Creche.

The Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified for my inspection, the work of the officers from the Veils to the First Principal was almost ritualistically perfect, the excellence of the work done, brought forth many comments from the brethren.

The "Fourth Degree" of Mount Sinai, differs from those of the Sister Chapters, in the personal touch of its liberal hospitality, which is pleasantly appreciated by visitors on all occasions, and is no doubt one of the magnets that bring friends to its portals on every Convocation.

The Ulster Chapter is noted for its whole-hearted Irish hospitality, which they extend as only Irishmen can.

The interest maintained by the Past Principals is one of the outstanding features of Prince Rupert Chapter and augurs well for its continued success.

The officers are all capable, painstaking and enthusiastic.

Rabboni Chapter is doing exceptionally good service in caring for distressed Companions. The work of the Chapter is well done and prospects are very bright.
On October 5th Prince Rupert Chapter celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary, marking an epoch long to be remembered in Capitular Masonry in this City. The Grand Chapter of Canada was represented by Grand Scribe E., who left the impress of his personality upon the Companions in this City in such a manner as to stimulate them to greater efforts on behalf of the Royal Craft. The immediate result of his visit is revealed in the fact that dispensations for the formation of two new Chapters are being applied for and others are under consideration.

The future looks bright with promise and with the increased enthusiasm, no fear need be entertained for the realization of our hopes.

I have enjoyed very much the official visits I made, largely on account of the atmosphere of Masonic fellowship which greeted me on every visit.

The regular officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a manner worthy of the traditions of the comparatively young but superlatively active and efficient Chapter.

It is a matter of pride to a Superintendent to feel that he belongs to a Chapter that is whole, sound and active in every sense of the word.

The hospitality extended to visitors was heart-warming.

Seldom, if ever, have I seen a better balanced set of officers.

For the information and interest of the Companions throughout Canada I wish to place on record the fact that the active Scribe Nehemiah of Georgian Chapter is ninety-two years old.

The excellence of its standard of work, its hospitality and general activity for good in the community.

Besides the Grand Chapter Officers, 16 representatives of every Chapter in this District were present, namely, from Rainy River, Ont.; Fort Frances, Ont.; Kenora, Ont.; as well as Fort William and Port Arthur Chapters. At the banquet given in honor of the Grand Officers, many inspiring addresses were listened to with rapt attention, which no doubt will have a lasting beneficial effect on Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

Worthy of note is the increased attendance of Companions at the Convocations, which tends to show an increase of enthusiasm in the beautiful Ritualistic work. Owing to the great distances separating the various Chapters in this Jurisdiction it is impossible to hold Chapters of Instruction, but I found, in seeing the various Chapters put on the different degrees, a strict uniformity in the work, and an earnest desire to properly impress the Candidates of the importance of the lessons taught.
A pleasing feature which also helps enthusiasm, is a live entertainment committee, whose duty is to provide a speaker to explain some part of the work or discuss important historical events for the better enlightenment of the Companions.

The appointments are first-class and the paraphernalia of the best.

This Chapter is most fortunate in having such a large number of learned and enthusiastic Past Principals always in attendance.

The solemnity manifested duly enhancing the ritualistic work.

A feature of Shuniah Chapter is the versatility of its officers, thus enabling them to exchange positions, which helps each to become more proficient in conferring parts of the different degrees during their official progress.

I had the privilege of preaching before some two hundred Companions in St. Paul’s Church.

I paid my official visit to Whitby on 15th of September and witnessed a most excellent exemplification on the Most Excellent Master degree. The floor work was specially worthy of mention, everything going with almost military precision.

In St. John’s Chapter there was a solemnness that argued that the whole Chapter was behind the officers in attempting to have the work well done.

I would earnestly recommend to my successors in office the advisability of holding more frequent Chapters of Instruction, not only for the sake of improving the work, but also for the strength and unity such gatherings are calculated to give to the Royal Craft in the District.

I trust that our duty and responsibility for the general welfare of the Royal Craft will be greatly felt.

I strongly recommend interchange of visits between Chapters throughout the District.

I strongly urged all of the officers to greater zeal and to put the greatest amount of energy in their work to make it most impressive and the members to show more interest by being present at all meetings, and to bring in more candidates for the officers to work upon. I also advocated punctuality on all occasions and more attention to musical, instructional and social side of the work.

Afterwards a social hour was spent, which was very pleasant and was marked by absence of many speeches, hearty community singing being in evidence.

The officers are most enthusiastic and there is a friendly rivalry between them, one set of officers trying to outdo the
other in Excellence, which is very good for both Chapters. The harmony existing between these two Chapters is perfect and intervisiting is universal.

I trust that the Companions from Brockville and Prescott, the two nearest places, will take a wider view and when possible lend assistance by their presence to try and build up their weaker sister for the general good of Capitular Masonry in the District.

The candidate for the Most Excellent Master degree was apparently too bashful to put in an appearance and no degree work was conferred in consequence.

The clear, concise and comprehensive addresses made by the Grand Z. and the Grand Officers and their fraternal good-fellowship with the Companions, were a delight and inspiration to all and has made stronger the ties of companionship enjoyed by the Grand Chapter and its subordinate Chapters.

I desire to express the warmest appreciation of the Companions of this District for the prompt relief contributed by the Grand Chapter to apply towards alleviating the distress occasioned by the disastrous fire which occurred here on the 4th October last. Some idea of the spontaneous generosity of the Grand Officers may be had when it is known that the sum of $500.00 was forwarded by the Most Excellent the Grand Treasurer, and was in my hands within three days after the fire, and was the first contribution of money to be received here from any source for the fire sufferers.

I also wish to express my thanks to R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood for the sum of $40.00 forwarded by him on behalf of the Companions of the several Chapters of his city.

I have been much impressed by the enthusiasm of the officers, the high quality of their work, and the fraternal spirit exhibited by the Companions.

During the past year Klondike Chapter, No. 154, has held four regular and three emergent convocations, and I have had the pleasure of being present at each.

The mining conditions in the territory having become more settled it is expected that 1923 will see a great improvement in the activities of the Chapter. The members residing in Dawson are taking great interest in the work, which should show results for 1923.

I know that a good set of officers are elected for 1923, and with reasonable assistance from the Companions the Govan Chapter will not lose her footing.

I received a welcome as royal as the name of the Chapter implies.
A very profitable evening was spent discussing Masonic questions, however, which the Companions had evidently been storing up for just such an occasion.

This Chapter has always stood out prominently in degree work and its reputation is still unimpaired. All the officers are regular in attendance and take a keen interest in Capitular Masonry.

This appears to be the most well-balanced Chapter in the District, all the officers, from the Z. to the Tyler, doing their work perfectly. No doubt the credit for this condition of affairs is due to the enthusiasm and perseverance of the Scribe E., who appears to be able to enthuse others with his high ideals of Capitular Masonry.

I make special mention of the excellent and impressive interpretation he gave to the work.

Many others of the older Companions are ever vigilant in upholding the principles of Masonry in Napanee.

If I have left a thought that will help us as Masons to become bigger of heart and stronger in Masonic Charity I am gratified.

The fruitful contribution to the healthy condition of Capitular Masonry is not due to Principals and Grand Superintedents alone. The Grand Z., Grand Scribe E., Grand Treasurer, and the several Chairmen of Committees have all been diligent in business—fervent in spirit, ubiquitous in visitations, and assiduous in performance of their respective official duties, with just enough of the personal human nature thrown in to attract and hold good men and true, and to express in action the true philosophy, the firm stability, the broad humanity of that Royal Arch which like the bow in the clouds, is a covenant and testimony between the Companions themselves, and between them and the great Creator who as the Father All Merciful does not expect too much from us men in a world of men—but let us remember enlightened men, children of the Omnipotent whom we serve and from whom we can—if we will—draw man-power without limit for the cause that needs assistance, 'gainst the wrong that needs resistance, for the future in the distance, and the Good that we can do—
For the Love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

So let us be Companions in our Benevolence, in our practical philanthropy, in our chivalrous consideration for the rights and feelings of others, yet staunch Defenders of the Faith, and determined to maintain the Standards of right. May we humbly yet confidently hope that these permanent and sustaining ideals characterize to a greater extent than ever before the present condition and aspirations of Royal Arch Masons—who are loyal to the Royal in themselves—who love life and would see good days.

A word on our material condition—our members, our resources. We have now 180 Chapters in our 22 Districts, and a total membership of 27,549 Chapter Masons—a good increase of 1,563.

Our invested assets are $66,738.16.
Our revenue for the year $23,675.64.

Our expenditure for Benevolence $3,435.00, this, of course, independently of all the contributions of constituent Chapters, many of whom have been most generous not merely in relieving distress but in organizing Christmas Trees and Entertainments for the children, widows of Companions who have gone before—and for the Hospitals. All honour to those whose hearts God has thus touched.

If our Companions in Saskatchewan and Manitoba decide to form new Grand Chapters in those Provinces of vast areas and varied resources, then we will lose in membership, but will retain, we are sure, the affection of loyal Daughters to whom we will wish God speed, and with whom we will closely co-operate in the years to come in raising the Royal Arch and building of the Nation—a united Canada linked east and west by the joined hands of Comrades. And after the triumphant pangs of childbirth we of the Mother Chapter, the mother of lusty twins—will renew strength and vigour. This condition will be a rallying call for a campaign of mem-
bership among those men of good will—those Master Masons, tried and true, who offer such a fertile field and vineyard for our earnest endeavour. It will be a challenge to work, who best may work—who best agree.

Let us maintain and increase the present close relationship and good understanding between the Mother Chapter Lodges and our Chapters. All the Reports show not merely the interchange of courtesies, but also of visits; the intermingling and association of not merely the officers but also the Members of those cradles and centres of true Masonry—the Lodges and Chapters—each the complement and fulfilment of the other; not dependent, but interdependent.

The Grand Officers of our Grand Chapter and of the Grand Lodges (whose membership shows a marvellous increase even in these days of necessary economy) set a splendid example in this regard, and travel and visit together on many occasions—representing Canada in other Jurisdictions which are no longer foreign, but fraternal and neighborly. Your Committee cannot too highly commend the energy and good comradeship shown by the Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. (accompanied by their escort) in thus extending the hand and heart of good will and cordial greetings to the Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges of other Jurisdictions by whom they have been received with the most gentle courtesy, bountiful hospitality and warmest welcome. The prosperous hospitality and warmest welcome. The prosperous finances of this Grand Chapter fully justify a most liberal allowance for this broad-horizoned purpose during the coming year. One of the delightful results of this linking up of the golden chain is the welcome presence among us to-day of honoured representatives of five Grand Jurisdictions, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan and Quebec, who do in truth constitute within these welcoming portals our five points of fellowship. In this
connection the visit of The St. Patrick Chapter to New York, and of other Chapters to Detroit and Buffalo should receive commendatory notice.

The publication of the History of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, is worthy of more than passing note and is commended to the perusal of all Companions seeking light on the foundation years of this Grand Chapter. Every Chapter should have an Historian and Archivist. Every Chapter should have a Library and Librarian, "Truth and knowledge ever keeping pace."

If and when any Grand Lodge within our Jurisdiction decides to establish a Home and Hospital for the fatherless children, for the aged, afflicted and distressed, your Committee suggests that this Grand Chapter should co-operate with unanimity of purpose in this and every other laudable philanthropy. It has been suggested that Grand Chapter might specifically identify itself with one wing, or one building, or some one feature on which we might worthily concentrate. This may be a factor in our condition of Capitular Masonry in the near future. If Royal Arch Masons seek an outlet and expression for their creative energy and charity, surely the homeless child appeals to us all.

More and more the Books of Marks are being better kept. Those Chapters that do not make the registration of the individual mark a condition precedent of obtaining the Arch Degree are violating the Constitution and traditions—but what should be a more effective persuasion to voluntary action, is that Companions lose by their neglect the opportunity of saying to their sons, "After me cometh a Builder, but tell him I too have known."

The erection and dedication of a monument to the worthy memory of the first Grand Master William Mercer Wilson by the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario—is not without interest to us, for as he was the first Grand Master, it should not be forgotten that he was also the first Grand Z. of this
Grand Chapter. It has been well suggested that we might take charge of the maintenance of the Plot immediately surrounding the Granite Monument in that beautiful Simcoe Cemetery which is indeed "God's Acre."

We cannot close this Report without a word of grateful commendation for the good work done by the Principals' Associations, the Society of Masonic Research, the Librarian and Committee of the John Ross Robertson Library, the Masonic Press, and the various Bureaus and Organizations and Committees that contribute so largely to the good work and activities of the Chapters and of this Grand Chapter—and last but not lease, to those who with music, vocal and instrumental, recall to us that the "Morning Stars sang Together," and that the Daughters of Music are not to us yet brought low. With anthem, psalm and hymn our ceremonies have an added dignity, and all organists, choirs and quartettes merit and receive appreciative recognition. The Toronto Male Chorus contributed of their talents most generously and delightfully, and entertainers at our Refreshment hours, have made and kept life better worth living.

This Grand Chapter and the constituent Chapters will be asked by our British Brethren, and will be prompted by our own patriotic desire, to take part in the great work of welcoming to their new homes in Canada the tide of British men and women who may be expected to fill our waste places, to cultivate our rich soil, to enjoy our broad areas and invigorating air—Britain has men, Canada has room. We the Builders should do our share of Nation Building for and through the sojourners within our gates—brethren of our own tribes and families—our own Anglo-Saxon kith and kin. Thereby we will strengthen and elevate the condition of Masonry, and will see to it that the Arch of Empire falls not through any fault of the Dominion that extends from sea to sea and from the River (in our Masonic
brotherhood) to the ends of the earth. Recruiting for citizenship is a worthy aim.

Your Committee have confidence in the abiding strength and creative vitality of the condition of our Masonry so long as we of one accord are animated by the spirit of that virile virtue which rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, vaunteth not herself, thinketh no evil. Let sincerity be our motto. We cannot camouflage before the Almighty. Let us keep in touch with the centre and enlarge our concentric circle. Let us stand four square together, this Grand Chapter being the expression of the will and the spirit of all; and believing in the symbolism of the immortal Triangle, let us make and keep the Royal Arch Temple of humanity a great laboratory wherein is moulded, developed and evolved the triple alliance of mind and heart and will.

"That faultless trinity—
Of body, mind and spirit;
Whoso would mark and reach
The height of man's election
Must still achieve and teach
Th' Triplicate perfection."

And amid lofty ideals, and depth of thought and educative influences in this great school of character—the Chronicles of the Chapters tell us that the members are buoyant optimists and do not neglect the joy of life as gatherers of gladness, and that touch of nature which makes and keeps the whole world kin.

"These are the things I prize,
And hold of dearest worth:
Light of the sapphire skies,
Shadow of clouds that swiftly pass,
The smell of flowers,
And of the good brown earth,
And, best of all, along the way,
Friendship and mirth."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM N. PONTON,
Chairman.
It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and—

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

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Com-
panions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

The Executive Committee through its Sub-Com-
mittee on Constitution Laws and Jurisprudence in
presenting the following Report deem it advisable to
inform the Companions that in dealing with the
Notices of Motion on the Agenda, the merits of same
have not been considered, the duty of the Committee
is to consider each Notice of Motion and decide
whether there is any legal objection to the sub-
mission of same to Grand Chapter for discussion
and action.

1. By M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton—
The insertion of new Sections in the Constitu-
tion to be numbered 86a and 86b and 86c, for the
objects and purposes set out in the Notice of Motion.

There is no legal objection to Grand Chapter con-
sidering this Motion.

The Committee would suggest that proposed Sec-
tions 86b and 86c be amended by providing for the
reinstatement of a Companion who after taking his
demit from a Craft Lodge has again become an
affiliated member of a Craft Lodge.

2. By M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone—
This Notice of Motion was prepared under in-
structions from Grand Chapter in order to make pro-
visions for the holding of a two days' Session of
Grand Chapter. There is no legal objection to Grand
Chapter considering this Motion.

3. Motion by R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker—
The object of this Motion is to provide for the
election of the Grand Superintendents in the respec-
tive Districts instead of at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

There is no legal objection to Grand Chapter considering this motion, unless Grand Chapter shall have previously adopted that portion of Notice of Motion No. 2 covered by sub-section (g) thereof.


There is no legal objection to Grand Chapter considering this motion.

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. Malone,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp E. T. Malone, and—

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

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead present the following:—

We have arrived at the conclusion of our year’s work and we have abundant reason for thankfulness in the fact that we are permitted thus to meet, yet, bringing to our memory that some who were present with us last year have fallen by the wayside.

DEATH IS THE LAW OF OUR LIFE. These words are of solemn import and they fall heavily upon our hearts. We cannot by any means evade or resist it. “It is appointed unto men” unto all men as sons of Adam we must die. For by one, sin entered into the world, and from sin cometh death. Death closes our earthly existence and marks the beginning of another phase of life. Death then should be the crown of life. This great event has occurred and we pass a tribute to those we mourn.

M. Ex. Comp. William G. Reid, of Hamilton, Ontario, better known as Captain W. G. Reid of the 13th Royal Regiment, died at his daughter’s residence, 26 Rutherford Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, on Tuesday, February 20th, 1923. Although in poor health for some time, he was not considered to seriously ill, until a few days previous to his death.

This Most Excellent Companion was born in Peterhead, Scotland, 86 years ago, and received his education at the schools in Aberdeen. At the age of 16, and for the following ten years, he was attached to the Liners, plying between Scotland and Quebec, after which he settled in Hamilton, where he conducted a Commission Business, later becoming a commercial traveller, by which he became better known throughout the Province of Ontario. In public life, for nine years he was a member of the Hamilton Board of Education and later for three years a member of the City Council.
He was initiated into St. John's Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., G.R.C., Hamilton, on November 17th, 1870, and was Worshipful Master in 1881, advanced in St. John's Chapter Royal Arch Masonry, No. 6, Hamilton, in 1872, also a Charter Member of Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Royal Arch Masonry, Godfrey De. Bouillon Perceptory Knights Templar, Murton Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix, also a member of Moore Consistory, and one of the oldest members of Rameses Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Toronto, as well as a Charter Member of Mocha Temple, A.A.O.N. M.S., London.

In the year 1881, he was D.D.G.M. of Hamilton District, and in 1883 Grand Superintendent of the same District, and then in the years 1899 and 1900 was honored by the Royal Arch Masons by being elected their Grand First Principal. As a man and a Mason, he was unselfish, always ready to assist and help the struggling along life's pathway by either extending financial assistance or advice.

M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, of Kingston, Ontario, who was well known throughout the Dominion of Canada as one who took an active interest in Masonry in its various branches, died suddenly at the Union Station, at Brockville, on the 3rd of May, while conversing with friends, preparatory to taking a train for his home. He was seventy-three years of age and for many years was Inspector of Customs for Eastern Ontario.

The late Most Excellent Companion was a native of Kingston and entered the Customs Service in 1875, being promoted as Inspector in 1896. A few months before his death he was placed on the retired list. He was also a veteran of the Fenian Raid. At one time, he took an active part in Municipal activities and was Mayor of Kingston. He had been President of the Sunday School Association of Ontario and was looked upon as a prominent Methodist.

He received Masonic light in the City of Kingston, and was connected with all branches of Ma-
sonry in that City. At one time he was District Deputy Grand Master of Frontenac District, No. 14. He joined Cataraqui Chapter, No. 12, Kingston, receiving the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees on the 21st of November, and the Royal Arch degree on the 14th of December, 1871.

The Most Excellent Companion was First Principal of Cataraqui Chapter, No. 12, in the year 1844. This Chapter subsequently amalgamated with Ancient Frontenac Chapter, Kingston, on the 19th of March, 1886. He was also an Honorary Member of several other Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction.

He was Grand Superintendent of the Central District in the year 1890 and was the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the years 1903 and 1904. His last office was that of Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar Body of Canada in 1920 and 1921. This active interest in the several Masonic Bodies will make his death undoubtedly a loss to them.

M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, who was Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the years 1915 and 1916, died at Westport, Ontario, on October 28th, 1922, and was buried with Masonic honors in the cemetery at Westport on October 30th, 1922.

He was born at Chagford, Devon, England, on December 25th, 1859. He came to Canada in 1863 with his parents, was educated in the public schools of Bolton, entered the employ of C. Page & Sons, Yonge St., Toronto. Afterwards he became connected with the well-known firm of John McDonald Co., Toronto, subsequently moving to Kingston, Ontario, then to Westport, Ontario, where he was Police Magistrate up to the time of his death.

In Central Lodge, No. 110, G.R.C., Prescott, Ontario, he was initiated in Freemasonry, June 2nd, 1885. Afterwards, he affiliated with Cataraqui
Lodge, Kingston, and was its Master in 1907 and 1908. He was appointed Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1919.

He became a member of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, December 8th, 1894, and was their First Principal in 1901 and 1902. Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District in 1902, and subsequently became Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1915 and 1916.

M. Ex. Comp. Murch was a Knights Templar, being a member of Hugh de Paynes Preceptory, No. 1, Kingston, and also he was a member of Kingston Lodge of Perfection, and Rameses Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Toronto.

He was very much devoted to the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry, and to him can be credited the bringing about the happy conditions of peace now existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The Most Excellent Companion was a regular attendant at the Anglican Church of Westport where a special service was held previous to conveying his remains to the cemetery by his brethren.

To-day as we think of these three Most Excellent Companions, our thoughts wander away to days of bygone happiness when they were with us and our hearts cry, "O, for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still."

"Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not the goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the Soul."

—Longfellow.

R. Ex. Comp. William Rea died in Toronto, on November 12th, 1922. He was born in the City of
York, England, on the 24th day of July, 1838, and came to Canada with his parents when he was twelve years of age. After receiving his education in Toronto he moved to the city of Ottawa, where for 33 years he was Secretary of the Ottawa Public School Board, returning to Toronto in 1910.

The R. Ex. Comp. was initiated in Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa, on June 22nd, 1866. He acted as Secretary in that Lodge for ten years and became its Master in 1896. For 30 years he was Secretary of the Ottawa Masonic Hall Board, and an active member of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for 48 years serving on the Board of General Purposes of that body. He was First Principal of Carleton Chapter and Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District in 1902; a member of Ottawa Preceptory of Knights Templar, and one of the original members of the Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix Chapter of the Scottish Rite Body. He was widely known and highly esteemed.

R. Ex. Comp. William Cowan, Grand Superintendent of Wellington District No. 4, in 1885, who passed away December 3rd, 1922, in the City of Galt. He was a Past District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District.

It is within the mark to say that never was there a citizen of finer social qualities with a deeper instinct for friendship or a more constant and unswerving loyalty to those whom he esteemed as friends than was the late Right Excellent Companion. His real wealth was in the hearts of those that loved him and were loved by him in return.

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Scullard, of Chatham, Ontario, Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District No. 1, in 1909, died February 13th, 1923. This Right Excellent Companion occupied the office of First Principal in Wellington Chapter in 1887, 1888, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900. He was a devoted member of the Chapter.
R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Stephenson, of Guelph, Ontario, Grand Superintendent of Wellington District No. 4, in 1913, died November 29th, 1922.


R. Ex. Comp. James Aylesworth, Napanee, Ontario, Grand Superintendent Prince Edward District No. 11, in 1892 and 1893, died October 14th, 1922.


R. Ex. Comp. Thomas C. Rundle, of Guelph, Ontario, Grand Superintendent of Wellington District No. 4, in 1918, died February 5th, 1923.


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V. Ex. Comp. Frank B. Gregory, of Collingwood, Ontario, Grand Steward in 1880, died February 14th, 1922.


V. Ex. Comp. Benjamin P. Overhault, Ontario, Grand Steward in 1921, died May 14th, 1922.

V. Ex. Comp. Horace Hardy, Toronto, Ontario, Grand Sword Bearer in 1918, died December 22nd, 1922, also Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of Grand Lodge for 1922 and 1923.

V. Ex. Comp. George T. Pendrith, of Toronto, Ontario, Grand Organist in 1913, died June 22nd, 1922.

These Companions while living were faithful workers in the Royal Craft.

"Death stamps the character and conditions of men for eternity—As death finds them in this world, so will they be in the next—Therefore let us not by lamentations and mournful chants celebrate the funeral of a good man, but by hymns of praise, for in ceasing to be numbered with mortals or Masons, we believe he has entered upon the heritage of a diviner life."

A TRIBUTE TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

"Death has deprived them of good men and true—To them we trust that the Grim Reaper is, but the dropping of a flower, which will bring forth greater happiness as it blossoms forth in its fuller radiancy of power."
NOVA SCOTIA—Donald Darrach, P.G.H.P., died December 13th, 1921, and we were notified of his death by the Grand Secretary March 14th, 1922.

NEW ZEALAND—Herbert James Williams, Hon. Past Grand Z., and at the time of his death, March 29th, 1922, had been for upwards 29 years Grand Scribe E. of that Grand Body.

AMERICAN JURISDICTIONS

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

Arkansas—James Buchanan Baker, P.G.H.P.

Colorado—Lawrence Nicholas Greenleaf, P.G. H.P.; Thomas E. Shears, P.G.H.P.; Henry Tracy West, P.G.H.P.

Connecticut—Rev. Charles W. Boylston, Grand Chaplain

Indiana—Edgar H. Bristol, P.G.H.P.; John E. Redmond, P.G.H.P.

Illinois—William Charles Sommer, P.G.H.P.

Iowa—William Henry Norris, P.G.H.P.; Eugene Schaffter, P.G.H.P.

Kansas—Aaron Hendrick Connett, P.G.H.P.; John Appley Ferrell, P.G.H.P.

Kentucky—Robert Rodes Burnam, P.G.H.P.; Laban T. Everett, P.G.H.P.
Maryland—Charles C. Homer, P.G.H.P.

Massachusetts—Warren B. Ellis, P.G.H.P.

Michigan—Oliver Lyman Spaulding, P.G.H.P.; William Irving Latimer, P.G.H.P.

Missouri—Robert Emmett Bainbridge, P.G.H.P.; Albert E. Diamant, P.G.H.P.; Austin Lee McRae, P.G.H.P.

Nevada—Samuel Willis Chubbuck, Dep. G.H.P.; Robert Lewers, P.G.H.P.

New Jersey—Henry Snowden Haines, P.G.H.P.; Lorenzo D. Sanborn, P.G.H.P.

New York—Dana B. Pratt, P.G.H.P.; Alfred A. Guthrie, P.G.H.P.

Oregon—Silas M. Yoran, P.G.H.P.

Tennessee—Wilbur Fisk Foster, P.G.H.P.

Texas—Frank Nusom, P.G.H.P.; Felix Wood Fitzpatrick, P.G.H.P.

Virginia—George Wilson Poe, P.G.H.P.

Companions: We may learn at the grave of our lost ones how to live with the living. It is a fearful thing to live so carelessly as we often do with those dearest to us, who may at any moment be gone forever. The life we are living, the words we are now saying will all be lived over in memory over some future grave of a beloved relative, friend or Companion.
“A voice within us speaks that startling word—
'Man thou shalt never die.' Celestial voices
Hymn it into our souls; according harps,
By angel fingers touched, when the mild stars,
Of morning sang together, sound forth still
The song of our great immortality.”

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDWIN SMITH,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis,
seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on the
Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The report on Fraternal Correspondence, that appears as an Appendix to these Proceedings, was presented by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown in a few well-chosen words, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and—

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

R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown stated, he would not be able to continue writing the report on Fraternal Correspondence. After a few laudatory remarks from several of the delegates, it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and—

Resolved—That the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to the R. Ex. Companion for the able services he had rendered during the past few years as the writer of the report on Fraternal Correspondence.

In a few well chosen remarks R. Ex. Comp. Brown accepted the cordial vote of thanks presented to him.
REPORT OF TESTIMONIAL COMMITTEE

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

The Special Committee appointed to select and present a testimonial to the retiring Grand First Principal report as follows:—

M. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Griffin was elected Grand First Principal of this Grand Body at its Annual Convocation in February, 1921. Almost immediately after his election he was stricken with an illness which prevented him from performing his duties as Grand First Principal, and which resulted in his sad death on 27th of June, 1921.

His immediate predecessor, M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, although overburdened with duties in Craft Masonry, willingly undertook the burdens and responsibilities which would have been borne by M. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Griffin had he lived, and performed them with his usual ability and thoroughness.

At the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, a resolution was passed appointing a Committee, composed of the undersigned, to select an appropriate testimonial and to arrange its presentation to the Most Excellent Companion as evidence of the appreciation of this Grand Body for the good services rendered by him during the said term on their behalf. This committee chose a Grandfather's Clock, which was presented to the M. Ex. Comp. with the hearty consent of Ex. Comp. Robert Cassels, First Principal of St. Paul's Chapter, at its regular Convocation in May, 1921. The presentation was made by M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, our present Grand First Principal, at a most interesting Convocation in the presence of an assembly of Grand Chapter Officers and Companions.

May our dear Companion be spared to carry on his great Masonic work for many years in the future. When advancing years demand their inexorable toll
compelling him to cease from his great activity and to rest beside the family hearth, may the chimes of the Grandfather's Clock recall pleasant memories of work well done, and assure him of the heartfelt appreciation of his brethren in all walks of Masonry. May he find solace in his enforced retirement in the fact that the records of Grand Chapter and of Grand Lodge will tell of the great and lasting work he has done for Masonry, and will speak for him to future generations.

Listen to his own words: "It is universally true, that a good man never dies, and those who have passed over the Mystic River have left vivid memories of meritorious lives well lived," expressed by eloquent words containing a noble thought.

Verily, 'tis true; "to know him is to love him," and his brother Masons will never forget him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. W. Harcourt, Chairman.
George Moore,
K. J. Dunstan,
Henry T. Smith, Committee.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on the testimonial presented to M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton be received and adopted.
Grand Chapter was then called from labor to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations were submitted to the M. Ex., the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed:

R. Ex. Comp. Dougall Turner, West Lorne, Ont. ..................................St. Clair Dist. No. 1


“ “ “ John Fisher Marr, Guelph, Ont. ..................................Wellington “ 4

“ “ “ James Nisbet McGregor, Oakville, Ont. ..........................Hamilton “ 5

“ “ “ Anderson Stevenson, Stratford, Ont. ..........................Huron “ 6

“ “ “ David Hendry McCracken, Port Colborne, Ont..............Niagara “ 7

“ “ “ Walter Edwin Hopkings, Toronto, Ont. ..........................Toronto East “ 8

“ “ “ Robert William Lowry, Brampton, Ont. ..........................Toronto West “ 8a

“ “ “ DeForest Charles Patmore, Orillia, Ont. ..........................Georgian “ 9


“ “ “ Maurice Brown, Lyn, Ont. ..........................St. Lawrence “ 12

“ “ “ Martin Ward Shepherd, Bradley Creek, Ont. ..........Ottawa “ 13

“ “ “ William J. Clarke, Fort Frances, Ont. ..........................Algoma “ 14

“ “ “ Frank Herbert Todd, Cobalt, Ont. ..........................New Ontario “ 23

“ “ “ Francis Caleb Powell, Dawson, Y.T. ..........................Yukon Terr’y “ —

SCUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT

The Grand Master appointed the following Scrutineers of the ballot, who were duly sworn in:

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

**Called off**

Grand Chapter was called from labor at 5 o'clock p.m., to meet again at 9 o'clock a.m. the following day.

**Thursday, March 1st, 1923.**

**Called on**

Grand Chapter resumed labor at 9.15 a.m., the Grand Z. on the Throne.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND Z.'S. ADDRESS

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

Your Committee on the address of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal express gratification on the success which Grand Chapter has enjoyed during the past year, and while our numerical increase did not reach the high point of the previous year there is at the present moment great cause for congratulation on the results attained.

We mourn with those who have been bereaved by the death of loved ones. Many distinguished Companions have been called away. There will long remain with us the remembrance of happy associations with M. Ex. Comps. Abraham Shaw, W. S. R. Murch and W. G. Reid, all Past Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Their voices will no longer be heard, but their influence will continue to live beyond the grave.

With the Most Excellent the Grand Z. we join in an expression of satisfaction that not only Grand Chapter, but also the constituent Chapters have given freely to benevolent purposes. The finances of Grand Chapter are now in a satisfactory condition and no deserving call should go unheeded. It would be a wise and advantageous policy for every Chapter annually to set aside a sum for benevolent purposes.

We rejoice with the Most Excellent the Grand Z. at the presence here to-day of so many distinguished Companions representing Quebec and United States jurisdictions.

With pleasure we note the exchange of courtesies extended between the Chapters of the jurisdictions of both Countries.

Your Committee are in accord with the views of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. regarding the formation of Grand Chapters in the Provinces of
Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It is a natural desire and laudable ambition to seek to control their own destinies. It is their faith in their own prowess and resourcefulness, which leads them to seek to govern themselves. While the severance of the ties will be regretted by every member of Grand Chapter, yet not only will the request of our Western Companions be honored with fervent hopes for future prosperity, but this Grand Chapter will use every endeavor to further the interests of our new Sister jurisdictions.

The correspondence between M. Ex. Comp. Joseph E. Quinby, the Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, relative to the question of right of visitation—which is fully reported in the address of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. was amicably and satisfactorily terminated by the Grand High Priest, M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Quinby, who promptly and courteously granted the request of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The contents of the letter and the decision rendered by the Most Excellent the Grand High Priest are interesting matter, full of delightful courtesy and pure brotherly sentiment.

The Order of "De Molay for Boys" has apparently had very rapid growth in the United States, its object is to make better boys and better future citizens, a most laudable desire on the part of its sponsors. Up to the present there are no branches of the Order in Canada; it is not a Masonic organization, although sponsored by Masons. While it may be in every sense a most worthy institution, yet it is new to the members of this Jurisdiction, and your Committee believe that the interests of Grand Chapter will be best served by observing at least for the present a judicious period of observation.

Your Committee note with pleasure the testimonial presentation to Most Excellent Companion,
W. N. Ponton, Past Grand Z., by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. on behalf of Grand Chapter. The splendid event was a fitting climax to this illustrious Companion's term of office, and a magnificent tribute to his sterling worth as Grand Z. of this Grand Chapter. We join the Most Excellent the Grand Z. in congratulations to M. Ex. Comp. Ponton, and R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Grand Third Principal, who was also honored by the Companions on that memorable occasion.

The Christmas Greetings issued by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. were splendidly received by the Companions, and brought forth many happy responses.

The question of District Jurisdiction between Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham, and Blenheim Chapter, Blenheim, also the removal of Sombra Chapter, No. 153, from London District to St. Clair District, met with the approval of the Grand Z. and your Committee concur.

The official visits of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.G.Z., and the Grand Scribe E., to the several jurisdictions in the United States and the Province of Quebec, are of great importance in so far that through them a happy and fraternal spirit has been generated. The truth of this statement is in evidence to-day by the presence here of so many representatives from the United States and Quebec. Your Committee join with the Grand Z. in welcoming these distinguished Companions; they are our honored guests at this Convocation. We extend to them every courtesy and our earnest desire is that they shall be comfortable and happy while they remain within our Canadian Jurisdiction.

The visits of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. accompanied by the Grand Scribe E. to Chapters in our own Jurisdiction, particularly those to Chapters in Northern Ontario are considered by your Com-
mittee to be of greater importance than visits to Chapters more favorably situated.

The visit of The St. Patrick Chapter of Toronto, accompanied the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, with many other distinguished Companions, was the International event of the year, being attended by many prominent Companions in the State of New York. The reception tendered to the Canadian Companions will long be remembered.

The special visit of the Grand Scribe E. to Winnipeg, resulted beneficially, the Convocation being held to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Prince Rupert Chapter. Unfortunately the Grand Z. was unable to undertake the journey, and prevailed on the Grand Scribe E. to take his place.

The fire disaster which occurred in Northern Ontario in October, 1922, called for instantaneous action on the part of the Grand Z. Communication was established as soon as circumstances would permit with the Grand Superintendent, and a cheque for $500.00 payable to his order was issued with instructions to use it wherever his judgment dictated, irrespective of creed or nationality. Your Committee concur and commend the prompt action of the Grand Z.

Your Committee commend the suggestion of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. regarding the attendance of Grand Representatives at Annual Convocations. Action should be taken immediately to remedy this growing evil.

The rulings of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., the appointment and dispensations have all been characterized by constitutional knowledge, and will doubtless prove satisfactory to all.

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. expressed satisfaction at the efficient and business manner in which the office of the Grand Scribe E. is conducted. That Grand Chapter is faithfully served in every detail by the Grand Scribe E. is the firm belief of your Committee. We are of the opinion that the equipment
of the office should receive attention, and that the remuneration should be adjusted so that all concerned may be contented and happy in their work. The office is the axis around which the Grand Chapter revolves.

Your Committee concur in the view of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. regarding the months for holding elections and installation ceremonies. Where a universal system prevails trouble seldom ensues.

After a careful review of the year your Committee congratulates the Most Excellent the Grand Z. on the efficient manner with which he has conducted the affairs of Grand Chapter.

On behalf of the Committee.

GEORGE MOORE,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address be received and adopted.
NOTICES OF MOTION
RE. BUSINESS OF GRAND CHAPTER

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton,—

That the Constitution of Grand Chapter be and the same is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) Amending Section 25:—

(1) By inserting in a separate line after the words “of business” in the third line of said Section the words “on the first day of the Annual Convocation.”

(2) By inserting immediately after order of business No. 7 a new order of business to be numbered 8 and styled “Nominations as called for by Section 43.”

(3) By striking out the figures and words “9 Elections: 10. Installation and closing,” and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

“On the second day the first business shall be the reception of the report of the Committee on Credentials, and next the election of the Officers, members of the Executive Committee and selection of the place of holding the next Annual Convocation, and thereafter the order of business shall be as follows:—

I. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.

II. Considering reports in the order in which they are presented.

III. Receiving and, if expedient, considering further reports of the Executive Committee.

IV. Receiving and, if expedient, considering reports of Special Committees.

V. Considering motions, general business, etc.

VI. Closing.

(b) By striking out the words “two o’clock in the afternoon of the day of the election” where they appear in Section 38, and substituting therefor the words “nine o’clock on the morning of the second day of the meeting.”

(c) By striking out the words “twelve o’clock noon” where they appear in Section 43 and substituting therefor the words “five o’clock in the evening.”

(d) By striking out the words “at the end of its first session” where they appear in Section 46, and substituting
therefor the words “on the first day of the meeting.”

(e) By striking out the words “two o'clock in the afternoon of the” where they appear in Section 47, and substituting therefor the words “nine o'clock on the morning of the second.”

(f) By striking out the words “2.30 o'clock in the afternoon” where they appear in Section 50 and substituting therefor the words “eleven o'clock in the forenoon.”

(g) By inserting after the word “elected” where it appears in the second line of Section 60 the words “at the hour of o'clock p.m. on the first day of the meeting of Grand Chapter” and by adding after the words “Grand Z.” at the end of said Section 60 the words “the result of such election shall be forthwith communicated to the Grand Scribe E. by the Chairman of the District meeting.”

In connection with the above Notice of Motion Grand Chapter will be asked to authorize the Grand Scribe E. to re-arrange and re-number the sections of the Constitution where the same may be found necessary.

Respecting paragraph (b), of the Notice of Motion, it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John Riddell, that the hour be “ten” o'clock on the morning of the second day of the meeting instead of “nine” as it appears.

After some discussion this resolution was carried.

It was suggested in paragraph (g) that the words “during the recess of the first day” take the place of “at the hour of ............. o'clock p.m.,” etc.

This suggestion was accepted by the mover of the Motion.

M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone moved, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, and it was unanimously

Resolved—That the Notice of Motion, as amended, be now adopted.

JEWELS OF OFFICE

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and unanimously

Resolved—That Section 278, respecting the jewels of office be amended to read:—
"The jewel of office worn by present and past Grand Z.'s. as well as the jewels of office of the Grand H. and Grand J., may be suspended from a chain collar of gold or other metal gilt; that of other elected officers from a ribbon collar of three colors, viz.: purple, crimson and pale blue, four inches wide, edged with gold lace. Appointed officers a similar ribbon collar edged with gold lace of narrower width."

MOTION AS TO MODE OF ELECTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS WITHDRAWN

R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker’s amendment to the Constitution respecting the mode of electing Grand Superintendents was withdrawn.

DEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton moved, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. G. B. Foster,—

That the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by inserting the following sections:—

86 (a) Any member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has been declared suspended for non-payment of dues or any other cause in a Masonic Craft Lodge shall ipso facto stand suspended in his Chapter.

86 (b) Any member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has demitted from a Masonic Craft Lodge shall (unless he remains in good standing in another Craft Lodge) after one year from the date thereof ipso facto stand suspended in his Chapter.

86 (c) Immediately upon receipt of a written notice from the Masonic Craft Lodge to the Scribe E. of the Chapter that the member thus suspended has been reinstated by his Lodge he shall ipso facto forthwith be reinstated in his Chapter.

It was finally decided after discussion that M. Ex. Comp. Ponton should change his Motion so as to read:—

That the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by inserting the following sections:—

86 (a) Any member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has been declared suspended for non-payment of dues or for any other cause in a Masonic Craft Lodge
shall ipso facto stand suspended in his Chapter, unless in the opinion of the Grand Z. such special circumstances exist as should exempt him from the operation of this section.

86 (b) Any member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has demitted from a Masonic Craft Lodge shall (unless he remains in good standing in another Craft Lodge) after one year from the date thereof ipso facto stand suspended in his Chapter unless in the meantime he again becomes an affiliated member of a Craft Lodge.

86 (c) Immediately upon receipt of a written notice from the Masonic Craft Lodge to the Scribe E. of the Chapter that the member thus suspended has been reinstated by his Lodge he shall ipso facto forthwith be reinstated in his Chapter unless by resolution the Chapter decides otherwise.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Owing to the death, during the past year, of M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, and R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon's term, as a member of the Committee on Benevolence having expired, on Motion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, it was resolved that R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon be re-elected for a further term of three years, and that R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price take the place of the late M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:

M. " " F. W. Harcourt, retires in 1925.
R. " " J. B. Nixon, retires in 1926.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following Companions were elected by Grand Chapter as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood .................................................. London, Ont.
“ “ “ Walter G. Price .................................................. Port Credit, Ont.
“ “ “ George L. Gardiner .................................................. Toronto, Ont.
“ “ “ Alexander Cowan .................................................. Barrie, Ont.

HISTORIAN ELECTED

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, that R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown be re-elected Historian for the ensuing year. This motion on being put to Grand Chapter was carried unanimously.

TORONTO NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Cities of Toronto, Fort William and London having been nominated for the next Annual Convocation, to be held Wednesday and Thursday, February 27th and 28th, 1924, and being put to the ballot, the result showed Toronto had received the highest number of votes, and that City was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and—
Resolved—That the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker, Chairman, and the other Excellent Companions who acted as Scrutineers for the services so capably rendered in the election of officers.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE RECEIVES THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Shaw, and—

Resolved—That the Credential Committee receive the thanks of this Grand Body for the able way the members of the Committee have fulfilled the task allotted to them.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO TORONTO COMPANIONS

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. Cowan, and—

Resolved—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Body be tendered the Toronto Chapters for courtesies extended, to the Directors of the Masonic Temple Corporation, Ltd., for the use of the rooms, to R. Ex. Comps. A. C. Larter and Edward Lankin, Grand Superintendents of the Toronto Districts, to Ex. Comp. W. H. Hedges for looking after automobile transportation, as well as to the Toronto Companions in general for their kind attention and fraternal reception accorded to the officers, delegates and distinguished visitors in attendance at this Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, assisted by several present and past Grand Chapter Officers, then proceeded with the Installation and Investiture of the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

INSTALLING BOARD RECEIVED THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, and—

Resolved—That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to M. Ex. Comp. George Moore and the other members of the Installing Board for the able manner in which the ceremony had been performed.
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APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE

The following appointments by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel.......................... Haileybury, Ont.
“ “ “ James McC. Potts................................. Stirling, Ont.
“ “ “ M. E. Sherwood................................. Woodstock, Ont.
V. “ “ A. D. MacIntyre.................................. Ayr, Ont.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Toronto, Ont. .......................... Grand Lecturer
V. “ “ Francis Louden Smiley,
New Liskeard, Ont. .......................... Grand Senior Sojor’r
“ “ “ Oscar H. King, Toronto,
Ont. .................................... Grand Junior Sojor’r
“ “ “ Frederick Wolthusen,
Brockville, Ont. .......................... Grand Sword Bearer
“ “ “ T. C. S. Harrison, Toronto,
Ont. .................................... Grand Master 1st Veil
“ “ “ Charles Richard Hoare,
London, Ont. .......................... Grand Master 2nd Veil
“ “ “ Daniel Peter McDiarmid, Maxville, Ont. .......................... Grand Master 4th Veil
“ “ “ Alder Vaughan Forster Bliss, Port Arthur,
Ont. .................................... Grand Stand. Bearer
“ “ “ William George Varty,
Toronto, Ont. .......................... G. D. of Ceremonies
“ “ “ Robert Buchanan, Hamilton,
Ont. .................................... Grand Organist
“ “ “ Vernon Coulter, Brighton,
Ont. .................................... Grand Pursuivant
“ “ “ Dr. R. R. Hopkins, Toronto,
Ont. .................................... Grand Steward
“ “ “ Leslie Fletcher Aiken,
Simcoe, Ont. .......................... Grand Steward
“ “ “ William Jamles Morrison,
Kincardine, Ont. .......................... Grand Steward
“ “ “ George Mowat Wright,
Madoc, Ont. .......................... Grand Steward
“ “ “ Robert Love Pollock,
Galt, Ont. ................................ Grand Steward
Herbert Stuart Fenton, Orillia, Ont. ....................Grand Steward
Walter T. Congdon, Dunnville, Ont. ..................Grand Steward
Arthur W. Smith, Barrie, Ont. ..........................Grand Steward
William Wentworth Miller, Glen Miller, Ont. ....Grand Steward
Ernest J. Wright, Toronto, Ont. .......................Grand Steward

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 12.45 o'clock noon, Toronto, Thursday, March 1st, 1923.

Henry J. Smith,
Grand Scribe E.
GRAND CHAPTER BANQUET AND LOCAL RECEPTION

At the conclusion of the Proceedings of Grand Chapter on Wednesday afternoon, the officers of Grand Chapter with the invited guests from the Province of Quebec and from the States of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan, with the newly selected Grand Superintendents, and others, dined together at the Queen’s Hotel, Toronto, M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, the Grand Z., presiding at the dinner. At the conclusion of the dinner the Companions, to the number of fifty, repaired to the Freemasons’ Hall, College Street, and there, under the auspices of Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, witnessed the Royal Arch degree admirably conferred by officers of that Chapter with V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell, acting as First Principal. This was followed by a banquet, presided over by Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, Jr., at which fully three hundred and fifty Companions were present.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE


BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding..................................Hamilton
“ “ Michael Walsh.............................................Ingersoll
“ “ George Moore ............................................Hamilton
“ “ F. W. Harcourt...........................................Toronto
“ “ A. S. Gorrell.................................................Regina
“ “ W. N. Ponton...............................................Belleville
“ “ R. H. Spencer, Grand Z................................Trenton
“ “ H. Robertson..............................................Collingwood
“ “ Harry H. Watson........................................Vancouver
“ “ E. T. Malone...............................................Toronto
“ “ A. T. Freed..................................................Hamilton
“ “ John M. Gibson............................................Hamilton

R. Ex. “ K. J. Dunstan, Grand J............................Toronto
GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Dougall Turner, West Lorne, Ont. ........................................St. Clair Dist. No. 1

" " Norman Fisher Newton, Parkhill, Ont. ........................London " 2

" " Robert Henry Reid, Woodstock, Ont. .........................Wilson " 3

" " John Fisher Marr, Guelph, Ont. ..............................Wellington " 4

" " James Nisbet McGregor, Oakville, Ont. .................Hamilton " 5

" " Anderson Stevenson, Stratford, Ont. .........................Huron " 6

" " David Hendry McCracken, Port Colborne, Ont. ..........Niagara " 7

" " Walter Edwin Hopkins, Toronto, Ont. .........................Toronto East " 8

" " Robert William Lowry, Brampton, Ont. ...................Toronto West " 8a

" " DeForest Charles Patmore, Orillia, Ont. ....................Georgian " 9

" " Israel Arthur Humphries, Campbellford, Ont. ...........Ontario " 10

" " Edward C. Garbutt, Picton, Ont. ..........................Prince Edward" 11

" " Maurice Brown, Lyn, Ont. ............................St. Lawrence " 12

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS


ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER


" " Walter G. Price........................................Port Credit, Ont.

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" " Edwin Smith.............................................London, Ont.

" " Alexander Cowan.........................................Barrie, Ont.
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R. " " W. Y. Mills.......................... Kingston, Ont.

SUB-COMMITTEES

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AUDIT AND FINANCE


GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS


WARRANTS


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CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE


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PRINTING COMMITTEE


CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE


FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton (Chairman).

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No. 86. Ronald Fraser White, George Tudor Harries.


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No. 112. Louis Burton Tripp.
No. 119. George McLean.
No. 132. W. J. Berry.
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No. 150. Carl August Oettinger.
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No. 187. Frederick W. Kerr, George Douglas.
No. 198. A. C. Young, J. E. Ayres.
No. 207. Harold Llewelyn Edmunds.
No. 208. Calvin M. Roberts, David Nathaniel Howell.
No. 214. Chas. N. Sarney, Spencer Lee Aylesworth.

SUSPENDED FOR U.M.C.

No. 5. E. A. McMullen.

RESTORATIONS

Chapter
No. 2. Solomon Frank.
No. 3. Harold S. McPherson, J. Hersey Dorman.
No. 20. Alfred Robbins.
No. 24. R. Bruce Brown.
No. 27. C. S. Stewart.
No. 29. Theo. J. Wardell.
No. 31. Christopher Atkins.
No. 35. George A. Britton.
No. 47. George W. Sulman.
No. 48. J. R. Irwin, George Guillet.
No. 52. Albert Ernest Sharp.
No. 55. William Samuel James.
No. 56. James S. Paul, Ernest C. Revell.
No. 60. D. W. J. Stevenson.
No. 62. James Cherry.
No. 64. Robt. E. Waugh, Harry O. Lovejoy.
No. 70. Richard Mills.
No. 73. George Ernest Armour, James Humprey Burgess.
No. 74. Arthur Carrothers.
No. 77. David Cunningham, Jeremiah Millar.
No. 79. Emory Herbert Briggs, James A. Casci, George M. Gardner.
No. 80. William Reid, William Haggart.
No. 82. Robt. Scott Misner.
No. 83. Alexander McElwain.
No. 88. Duncan Paterson.
No. 90. Hamilton Douglas.
No. 99. Alfred Babb.
No. 100. C. E. McLean.
No. 102. Chas. H. Way, George E. Wishart, Wm. Henry Mole.
No. 103. George P. Angus.
No. 119. W. F. Williams.
No. 130. J. C. Hawley, Charles E. Stait, D. D. McLeod.
No. 135. Wm. E. Tummonds, Wm. R. Murray.
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No. 156. Alvin E. Wilson.
No. 165. Thomas Wesley Fawcett, Augustus Fowler.
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No. 171. William Hall Sutherland.
No. 180. Chas. Edward LaBlanche.
No. 192. Benjamin Brooks.
They Rest in Peace

“We understand death for the first time when he puts his hand upon one whom we love.”
M. EX. COMPANION

Abraham Shaw
GRAND Z., 1903-4
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE—CONNECTICUT

DIED MAY 3rd, 1922

KINGSTON, ONT.

M. EX. COMPANION

William S. R. Murch
GRAND Z., 1915-16
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE—NEW HAMPSHIRE

DIED OCTOBER 28th, 1922

WESTPORT, ONT.

M. EX. COMPANION

William G. Reid
GRAND Z., 1899-1900
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE—IILLINOIS

DIED FEBRUARY 20th, 1923

HAMILTON, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION

Thomas Scullard
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ST. CLAIR, DISTRICT No. 1
DIED FEBRUARY 13th, 1923
CHATHAM, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Andrew Fisher
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4
DIED SEPTEMBER 28th, 1922
HARRISTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

W. G. Stephenson
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4
DIED NOVEMBER 29th, 1922
GUELPH, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION

William Cowan
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4
DIED DECEMBER 3rd, 1922
GALT, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Thomas C. Rundle
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4
DIED FEBRUARY 5th, 1923
GUELPH, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Robert Charles Smith
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10
DIED SEPTEMBER 10th, 1922
PORT HOPE, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION
James Aylesworth
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11
DIED OCTOBER 4th, 1922
NAPANEE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION
William Rea
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13
DIED NOVEMBER 12th, 1922
TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION
James D. Baine
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
MANITOBA DISTRICT IN 1902
DIED SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1922
BOISSEVAIN, MAN.
R. EX. COMPANION

Joseph J. Hoidge
PAST GRAND SCRIBE N.

DIED JUNE 20th, 1922

TORONTO, ONT.

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R. EX. COMPANION

Robert J. Craig
PAST GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

DIED JULY 17th, 1922

COBOURG, ONT.

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V. EX. COMPANION

Robert Henry Robinson
PAST GRAND MASTER 1st VEIL

DIED OCTOBER 11th, 1922

ORANGEVILLE, ONT.
V. EX. COMPANION

George H. Lanigan
PAST GRAND MASTER 1st VEIL

DIED JANUARY 18th, 1923
HAMILTON, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

J. E. L. Goodwill
PAST GRAND MASTER 4th VEIL

DIED MARCH 9th, 1922
PETERBOROUGH, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

George T. Pendrith
PAST GRAND ORGANIST

DIED JUNE 22nd, 1922
TORONTO, ONT.
V. EX. COMPANION

Frank B. Gregory

PAST GRAND STEWARD

DIED FEBRUARY 14th, 1922

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

W. A. Lyon

PAST GRAND STEWARD

DIED JUNE 25th, 1922

TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Benjamin P. Overhault

PAST GRAND STEWARD

DIED MAY 14th, 1922

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.
V. EX. COMPANION

Horace Hardy
PAST GRAND SWORD Bearer

DIED DECEMBER 22nd, 1922

TORONTO, ONT.

"Farewell, friends! Yet not farewell;
Where I am, ye too shall dwell,
I am gone before your face,
A moment’s time, a little space;
When ye come where I have stepped,
Ye will wonder why ye wept;
Ye will know, by wise love taught,
That here is all, and there is naught.
Weep awhile, if ye are fain—
Sunshine still must follow rain;
Only not at death—for death,
Now I know, is that first breath
Which our souls draw when we enter
Life, which is of all life centre.

—Edwin Arnold.
Deaths

Chapter


No. 2. James Whitney, 27 Feb., 1922; William Stroud, 18 April, 1922; Abraham Shaw, 3 May, 1922.


No. 4. Robt. J. Beeman, 30 Aug., 1922; John Stewart Donaldson (date not given), 1919; Charles Eugene Howarth, 12 Sept. 1922; Wm. Squire Rome Murch, 28 Oct., 1922; James Guthrie, 8 Jan., 1922; John Alexander Carr, 16 Dec., 1918.

No. 5. M. Brown, 4 April, 1922, J. R. Stewart, 3 Feb., 1922.


No. 7. Abraham Shaw, 3 May, 1922; Byron Way, 30 June, 1922; William H. Biggar, 10 July, 1922; Richard H. Fox, 27 Dec., 1922.


No. 15. H. E. Dahl, 14 April, 1922; James W. Jackson, 9 Dec., 1922; Frank J. McKee, 7 June, 1922; W. A. Wiggins, 30 Dec., 1922.


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No. 20. Herbert Read, 19 Nov., 1922; James Fraser, 28 Dec., 1922.


No. 27. W. C. Playter, 10 Jan., 1922; Robert Elmer Mortimer, 28 Aug., 1922; Frederick Walter Churchill, 20 Aug., 1922; Frederick A. Hodgson, 7 Aug., 1922.

No. 28. Mervin John Rowe, 28 May, 1922.


No. 32. George Manson Riddell, 15 Feb., 1922; William Cowan, 3 Dec., 1922; Fred D. Palmer, 16 Dec., 1922.

No. 34. Philip Benjamin Giles, 17 May, 1922; Alexander Milne, 14 Dec., 1922; William John Sutherland, 16 Jan., 1922; John Bingham McPhee, 7 Dec., 1922; Jas. Choppin Morgan, 1 Aug., 1922; D. F. MacWatt, 12 Feb., 1920; Robert Oliver Bunt, 27 May, 1922; David Lewis, 21 Feb., 1922; Stephen West, 1 Nov., 1922.

No. 35. John Bright (date not given).

No. 36. James Edmund Goodwill, 9 March, 1922; Isaac Richardson, 5 May, 1922.

No. 37. Alanson Gardiner Maybee, 14 March, 1922; Robert Charles Smith, 10 Sept., 1922; George Bennett, 19 Nov., 1922; Arthur Farrow, 10 Dec., 1922.

No. 40. Beatus Linner, 7 March, 1922; William George Stephenson, 29 Nov., 1922; James Davidson Doughty, Jan., 1922; Alfred Thomas Price, Jan., 1922; James Goldie, Jan., 1922.
Deaths

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No. 41. Charles Beard, Edward W. Hughes (dates not given); Jeremiah Haycock, 28 Feb., 1914; Fred R. Miller, 30 Aug., 1922; Wm. Charles Davis, May, 1922.

No. 44. James Frederick Bird, 29 July, 1922; James Aylsworth, 14 Oct., 1922.


No. 52. James H. Allen, 6 April, 1922.


No. 55. George Irving, 3 Dec., 1922.

No. 56. Harry Wright, 6 June, 1922.


No. 59. Ross Thompson, 27 Sept., 1922, Robert Picken, 8 Nov., 1922.

No. 60. John Reginald Stallard, 29 May, 1922.

No. 61. John Ballantyne, 28 April, 1920.


No. 66. Jno. Rankin, 26 March, 1922.
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Chapter


No. 95. Thomas Fraser Kilpatrick, 24 April, 1922; William Arthur Wilson, 20 Dec., 1922.

No. 100. R. N. Dowsley, 3 July, 1922.


No. 102. Samuel Jacob Robb, 22 Sept., 1922.


No. 117. Talmon R. Rieder, 15 April, 1922; Abraham Shaw, 3 May, 1922; Theo. Zoellner, 10 May, 1922.

No. 119. John W. Thompson, 5 Jan., 1916; John E. Cullen (missing since 1908); George M. Dalley, 29 Oct., 1922.

No. 121. Calvin Thomas Laird, 3 Dec., 1922.


No. 130. T. H. Burns (date not given).


No. 134. Thomas H. Foster, Aug., 1922; Henry Glen-dinning, Feb., 1920; Robert Reid, Clare Oswald Doble (dates not given).

No. 135. Martin Alonzo Gilpin, 1 Aug., 1922.

Deaths

Chapter


No. 141. James Smith, 22 March, 1913.


No. 146. John George Watson, 9 Nov., 1922.

No. 147. Walter A. Wilson, 7 July, 1922.

No. 148. Gilbert Armstrong Fitzpatrick, 20 April, 1922; Alexander R. Fraser, 20 May, 1922.


No. 154. George John Strachan, Nov. 1922; George Kenney Fitzpatrick (date not given), 1921.


No. 163. D'Arcy D. Grierson, 6 April, 1922; R. J. Winsor Barker, 24 May, 1922; Horace Hardy, 22 Dec., 1922.

No. 165. Kenneth D. Sinclair, Jan., 1922.

No. 167. Harry Johnson (date not given).

No. 168. William Smith, 20 Dec., 1922; Crozier A. Moore, 31 March, 1922.

No. 171. James Scott Cowan, 1 Oct., 1922.


No. 185. Joseph Oliver (date not given).


No. 198. T. C. Doidge, April, 1922.


Deaths

Chapter
No. 212. Abraham W. Lipson, 10 Nov., 1922.
No. 213. Harry A. Peters, 1 July, 1922; John Ezra McAllister, 11 Nov., 1922.
No. 217. R. J. Gibson, 21 Feb., 1922; William E. MacPherson, 3 April, 1922.
No. 225. Oliver Cecil Chalk, 1 Sept., 1922.

They have departed from our midst.
RICHARD HENRY SPENCER
M. Ex. Grand Z.—1922-23
RICHARD H. SPENCER.

(A MAN OF SPLENDID ENTHUSIASM AND WITH A FINE SENSE OF DUTY.)

"The heights by Grand Z.'s reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they while their Companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

The few, the very few, who have worked their way up the long and arduous ascent that leads through the enchanted realms of Masonry from the portals of the Symbolic Lodge to the high and exalted position of Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with a Jurisdiction surpassing in extent that of any other Masonic Ruler, will appreciate as no one else possibly can the truth of the above well-known lines borrowed from Longfellow, and slightly adapted to suit the requirements of the moment.

While in any department of human endeavor, the lonely hours of the night must be utilized if the larger success is to be attained, yet it is particularly true of those who have high aspirations in Masonry, because Masonry is a field lying entirely outside and beyond the sphere of a man's daily activities, the sphere in which he is compelled to employ hand and heart and brain in order to maintain in reasonable comfort, himself and those dependent on him.

It follows from this, that the highest positions in Masonry are for those alone who have a passionate love for the Science, who are devoted heart and soul to its principles, who never weary in their search for the hidden mysteries that lie beyond and are ever luring them on, and who count no effort too exacting or no sacrifice too great, if thereby these hidden secrets are being one by one revealed.

The success that has been achieved by the present incumbent of the office of Grand Z. has been won despite the fact that he has been denied the great advantage that comes from a College
education, and despite the further fact that his life has been an unusually busy one, affording no leisure time beyond what he could find in the quiet hours of the night when the work and worry of the day was over.

There is no one who will not readily admit that the success that has been won by M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, under these circumstances, is all the more creditable to him and entitles him in a very special manner to the highest respect and esteem of every member of the Craft.

A few facts regarding his life will be of interest. He first saw the light of day in Camden Township, down in Addington County, and received his primary and secondary education in the schools of Newburgh and Napanee. Like many others in those days he entered the teaching profession and wielded the rod and taught the earliest rudiments in a rural school for a few years, but becoming tired of this, he left the profession and entered the sphere of Accountancy which he soon found much more to his taste. He set himself seriously to work to master its principles, and for a period of seventeen years he held the position of Chief Accountant of the Central Ontario Railway, a line which has recently been merged in the Canadian National System. This position he left to accept a more lucrative one with the old lumber firm of Gilmour & Co., and when the business of this firm was acquired, about eighteen years ago, by the present firm of Gill and Fortune, his services were retained.

He has always been regarded as a public-spirited and worthy citizen. He has at all times recognized his obligations to the community of which he is a member and has rendered very valuable public service as a member of the Town Council, and as Secretary-Treasurer of the High and Public School Boards there.
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It can truthfully be said that there is no work which he has ever undertaken that does not bear upon its face the seal of "efficiency."

In the field of Masonry it is, however, that M. Ex. Comp. Spencer has found his heart's delight and his soul's truest and best expression.

He was made a Mason in Trent Lodge, No. 38, on the 24th day of January, 1893, just thirty years from the day upon which this sketch is being penned. He was exalted in St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, on February 14th, two years later. On April 19th, 1898, he was made a Knight Templar in King Baldwin Preceptory, No. 6. In November of the same year he was made a member of Rameses Temple, Toronto. In 1907 he became associated with the Kingston Lodge of Perfection, and in 1921 with the Kingston Rose Croix Chapter. He also became a member of Moore Consistory, Hamilton, and in May of last year attained the 32°.

In 1919 he was honored by his Companions by election to the office of Grand J. Two years later he became Grand H., and last year he received the highest honor in the power of the Royal Craft to bestow. He is at present Treasurer in his Mother Lodge which he regularly attends and to which he has always been a source of life and inspiration. He is thoroughly at home in every phase of Masonic work and at any moment can discharge the duties of any officer. For twenty years he has officiated as Installing Officer and those whose privilege it has been to see him function on one of these occasions will not readily forget it.

It is the conviction of those who are nearest to M. Ex. Comp. Spencer and who have watched him most closely, that in his discharge of the onerous and responsible duties pertaining to the office of Grand Z. he has thus far acquitted himself with distinction and has fully maintained the high traditions of the position. No one has brought to
the work a greater enthusiasm or a more passionate devotion to the principles of Masonry, for these are part and parcel of his very being and as natural to him as the breath he draws.

He has mastered the work in its every phase and is regarded as one of the most expert ritualists in the Craft.

With him business methods should have their application in the Lodge room no less than in the office. Thoroughness and close attention to the smallest details characterize all his work. He neglects nothing, and no matter what duties may be assigned to him, he may be depended upon to be prepared to act when the time for action comes.

He is pre-eminently a man of the people, genial, kind-hearted and free, and recognizes true worth wherever it is seen. As Grand Z. these qualities are still in evidence, for while in the serious hours of labor he expects, and would insist upon if necessary, the homage and respect that is due the exalted position he holds, yet in the lighter hours of refreshment, he is thoroughly at home with the brethren and accessible to all, with the result that he is appreciated wherever he goes for his geniality and good-fellowship.

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer may be old in Masonry, but he is yet comparatively young in years, and it is the earnest hope and prayer of all who have come in contact with him that he may be spared for many years yet, to give of his best to the work which lies so near his heart and which has been the great impelling motive of his life.—ROBERT WHYTE.
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REPORT ON
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:—

In this our 8th annual report, or survey of the wide field of Capitular Jurisdictions outside of our own, we shall follow traditional lines. The task we essay is to us a pleasant one, and we hope to interest our readers. We are well-assured that there is much matter in the volumes before us, and so we begin with—

Alabama.

The proceedings at the 95th Annual Convocation, held in Montgomery on the 5th and 6th December, 1921, were very interesting—the chief features were an excellent address by the Grand High Priest and another by the General Grand High Priest, who was a distinguished visitor.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest was William Lovard Lee, a native of Alabama, born in 1873, a graduate of the University of Alabama, for a few years a schoolmaster, afterwards a lawyer practising in Clayton and Columbia, a member of the State Legislature from 1900 to 1904, the father of a large family, and an eminent Mason. Read what his biographer says of him:—

"As a lawyer he is regarded as one of the best of the profession; as a citizen he is esteemed as one worthy of the highest honours; and as a man he is loved and respected by all who know him for his frankness, sincerity, and the honest ruggedness of his character, as well as for his friendly and kindly disposition."
"As a Mason he has exemplified the highest principles of the Order in his daily life. His attentive ear has ever been open to the call of his Brethren, and heart, brain, and hand have ever been ready to use their best endeavours for them and the good of the Order."

From his address we take the following paragraphs:

"Let us never forget our mission; let us ever be watchful that the household may be faithful, ever developing more harmony and cohesion among the Craft, remembering that the acme of Masonic life is complete service to humanity; that its field of activity is the advancement and betterment of mankind and an unfaltering devotion to our blessed and glorious country."

"Our Masonic Home is a monument to the principles of charity and benevolence, which we teach and demonstrate in practice. Each child trained and educated in the duties of life there is worth the entire Masonic effort to date. We have made no sacrifice in reaching partly our ambition. If we will realise our ambition and fulfill the duty that is ours, we see our Home only in its infancy. Many noble, trained, and finished sons and daughters of Masons influencing and giving inspiration to life in the nobler things of life, should be the ultimate desire of every Mason, and such is the work of the Home if we will only equip and finance it."

Grand High Priest Lee attended the 11th Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association held in Alexandria in February, 1921, and said this about it:

"The Masons of Alabama should recognise and appreciate more fully the purposes of this association. We have not given the association the moral and financial support that our allegiance to the Craft demands. A memorial to the life of Washington as a Mason should commend itself to every thoughtful and active Mason."
The General Grand Chapter meeting at Asheville in September, 1921, was also attended by Companion Lee in company with other Alabamans. He says:—

"It was an ideal place for entertainment, and nothing was left undone for our pleasure. Such meetings are broadening in their effect and are very beneficial to the Craft. As your representatives we stood for the sovereignty of our Jurisdiction, and it is my opinion that no constitution should ever be adopted which will destroy the sovereignty of the Jurisdiction of the respective States."

Seven of his decisions were reported by the Grand High Priest. One of them we find interesting:—

"Query: Would a Brother, who had been ordained a minister of the gospel and preached occasionally, be allowed his initiation fees in a Chapter?

"Answer: If he is an ordained minister and his avocation is preaching, the fact that he preaches occasionally and not regularly does not preclude him from being allowed his initiation fees. He can be actively engaged in ministerial work and only preach occasionally. The edicts authorise Chapters to give to ministers of the gospel, who are actively engaged in ministerial work, their initiation fees and dues."

This, as it strikes us, leaves too much to the imagination. The question does not state that the Brother is "actively engaged in ministerial work." Suppose he had another, and possibly a lucrative, calling, but, having been ordained, occasionally preached, he would scarcely come within the spirit at least of any "edict" providing for the remission of fees in favour of ministers of the gospel.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama is prosperous. On the 15th October, 1921, there were 83 chartered Chapters and two under dispensation, with a total membership of 12,456, and a net gain of 1,691 in a year. The Grand Treasurer reported a good surplus in hand.
The address of General Grand High Priest William K. Kuhn, of Missouri, is replete with good things. Take these as examples:—

"In my journey through the Masonic vineyard, and by using a sort of mental measuring stick on all Masons that I chanced to meet, they naturally divide themselves into three classes: the King Solomon Freemason, the philosophical Freemason, and the intelligent, practical Freemason.

"By the 'King Solomon Freemason' is meant that credulous man who swallows every fable, myth, tradition, and Masonic gossip, as actual facts and history. He believes that King Solomon was the first Grand Master, that the two Saints John were Master Masons, that the Fraternity of Freemasons was actually organised and founded by King Solomon, and that we are still using the ritual that he prepared. He fails utterly to grasp the symbolism and beauty that lies underneath it all."

"The philosophical Freemason is the one who is ever up in the clouds, whose feet never touch the ground, who is forever lost in a fog bank of metaphysical speculation; often erudite, scholarly, and broad in his sympathies, but so interested in attempting to solve what he thinks is the riddle of the universe, that mother earth and the mortals who dwell thereon are forgotten."

"The third class, and I rejoice that the number is increasing with wonderful strides, is the intellectual and practical Freemason. He is a reading, thinking, studious Freemason, who sees in Masonry, above all things else, the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brother of Man; who will use his knowledge, however meagre or great, for practical ends. Who sees in Freemasonry a brotherhood, dependent and interdependent, who believes and practises that humanity needs less of abstract, philosophical cobwebs, and theological dogma, but more of goodwill; less imaginary symbols, but more of love; less of 'tithes of mint and anise and cummin,'
but more of mercy, faith, and charity; who will recognise, whatever his creed may be, more fully the beautiful life and teachings of Him who ‘was set as a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel.’”

“I plead for an intelligent Royal Arch Masonry. I have but one theme of propaganda—it is the dignity, the sacredness of Royal Arch Masonry, with its wide field of historical research and its profound moral application.”

The address of Brother Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, delivered on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple in Birmingham, Alabama, on the 26th October, 1921, is printed in an appendix to these proceedings. It has been widely circulated and read, and we do not intend to quote from it now, more especially as the date of its delivery has receded into the past; but one thing perhaps should be told. The address begins: “Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Masonic Orders, My Countrymen, All.” Thus the President, probably without being aware of it, has settled a great question. There are “ladies of Masonic Orders.”

In another appendix we find the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, written by the eminent Craftsman Lawrence H. Lee. We regret that he is cribbed, cabined, and confined by space limitations. Fifty-one Grand Chapters have sent him their reports, and with each he deals faithfully, but alas! very briefly. Under “Canada, 1921,” he remarks: “Notwithstanding the fact that in recent years two Grand Chapters have been given birth and sustenance by the Grand Chapter of Canada, it is one of the large and important Chapters of the world.”

Robert T. Ward, Dadeville, Grand High Priest.
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.
Alberta.

The 8th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was held in Calgary on the 8th and 9th March, 1922. The Immediate Past Grand Z., M.E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod, presided in the absence of Dr. Hiram Darling, Grand Z., whose health had not been sufficiently restored after a severe illness to enable him to face a north-western climate in March. Companion Macleod had in fact been acting Grand First Principal throughout the year, and it was he who prepared and delivered the annual presiding officer’s address. The Grand Second Principal (now Grand Z.) is also a McLeod—spelling the name differently.

One gracefully worded paragraph in the address referred to the occasion on which Dr. Darling was installed as Grand Z.:—

“You will be pleased to hear that, through the kindness of the Grand Chapter of Canada, M. Ex. Comp. Darling was installed at their Convocation at Hamilton, Ontario, February 23rd, and we tender them our warmest thanks for their courtesy. Lacking the opportunity of having this ceremony performed among home associations, our regrets are tempered by the knowledge that, failing this, there is no place these could be more nearly approached than in the midst of our Mother Grand Chapter, especially with M.E. Comp. W. N. Ponton presiding.”

The address—otherwise of a strictly business character—concludes humorously thus:—

“Companions, I thought I had sung my ‘Swan Song’ at our last Convocation. I am a little like our friend the ‘drought’ which has had so much free advertising lately—we both appear unexpectedly after every one believes he had bid us a fond farewell. For the sake of all interested, here’s hoping this may be the last appearance of both.”

In the report of the Grand Scribe E., R.E. Comp. John E. Johnson, we find the statistics: 24 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation; total member-
ship at the end of December, 1921, 2,629; net gain in a year, 139.

Companion Johnson did not offer himself for re-election as Grand Scribe E., saying that his "public duties in the future will not permit of a continuance in this office." He was elected Grand J.

The most notable of the Companions of Alberta whose deaths occurred in the year preceding this Convocation was A. W. R. Markley, Past Grand Treasurer, who died on the 16th December, 1921. "He was Treasurer of the Grand Chapter from its inception till the close of the year 1919, a painstaking, conscientious officer and an enthusiast in all branches of Masonry."

The Report on Correspondence is written by M.E. Comp. M. M. Downey, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He has before him the proceedings of 50 Grand Chapters, but does not review them seriatim. He takes something from each, and arranges his selections under appropriate headings. This is called a "topical review." There is a great deal of interesting matter in it.

George B. McLeod, Edmonton, Grand Z.
Edwin G. Ironside, 513, 21st Avenue West, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

Arizona.

Charles Francis Philbrook, of Bisbee, elected Grand High Priest in February, 1921, died suddenly on the 29th December, 1921, after having served faithfully in his high office for the greater part of a year. The 32nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in Tucson, on the 15th February, 1922, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Frank Goldwin Brown, of Prescott, presiding. In his address he mentioned that the Grand King, Arioch Wentworth, had also died during the preceding year. We find no biography of either of these distinguished Companions. From "mourning pages" inscribed to their
memory we learn that Companion Philbrook was born in 1859 and Companion Wentworth in 1850.

The Committee on Necrology said that the deceased Grand High Priest was an enthusiastic Mason and especially devoted to Royal Arch Masonry. "Moreover, he was a man of the highest integrity and a citizen of wide influence. As an educator of our youth and an organiser and builder of educational systems and methods, he laboured with fidelity and zeal in our State for nearly a score of years, and the things he accomplished will be his finest monument." Of Grand King Wentworth it was said that he "was one of Arizona's pioneers, who grew up with the Territory and State, and during the years of his Masonic career was respected and loved by those who knew him well as a man of good repute and a consistent Mason."

The Grand Secretary's report shewed 10 active chartered Chapters and one under dispensation; total membership, 1,181; net gain in a year, 62.

Fay Hempstead, Past Grand High Priest and now Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, was received with high honours, made an eloquent speech, was elected an honorary Past Grand High Priest of Arizona, and presented with a jewel appropriate to that office.

There is no correspondence report.

Frank Goldwin Brown, Prescott, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas assembled in regular Annual Convocation in the Albert Pike Consistory in the city of Little Rock, on the 17th November, 1921. The proceedings are minuted with elaborate care, the services of a stenographer having evidently been requisitioned. We sometimes question whether this is an advantage. Things are recorded which appear
to have little importance or even relevancy—like the remark of Mr. F.'s aunt that "there are mile-stones on the Dover-road."

The presiding Grand High Priest was N. C. McCrary, of Ashdown. In his address he said that most of the Chapters of the Jurisdiction were active and flourishing and the membership had been substantially increased, "but there are some which habitually relapse into a state of lethargy or even coma from which it is hard to arouse them." One Chapter surrendered its charter during the year, and of it the Grand High Priest said: "The demise of this Chapter can be traced directly to over-indulgence in levity, undignified conduct, and horse-play in conferring the degrees."

In ingenuous fashion the Most Excellent tells of a visit to his mother Chapter, where he "installed the officers, the ladies of the Eastern Star being present, after which talks were made by several of the Companions. . . . After the installation ceremonies most delicious refreshments were served." How are talks made, and why were the Eastern Star ladies at an installation?

On the 9th March, 1921, at Monticello, Arkansas, died Thomas Marsh Horsfall, Deputy Grand High Priest, and one of the patriarchs of Masonry. He was born in Lancashire, England, in 1838, and spent his early life in England. In 1873 he came to America, married, and settled on a farm near Hazen, Arkansas, where he lived until shortly before his death. He was Grand Lecturer for many years, and was useful to Masonry and popular with the Brethren in all branches.

The Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Asheville was held shortly before the Arkansas Convocation and an account of the proceedings was given in the address.

The Grand Secretary's figures were as follows: 92 Lodges, including 4 under dispensation; population, 6,955; net gain in a year, 548.
The Report of the Committee of Review and Correspondence, a highly condensed summary, is again written by Past Grand High Priest Mark P. Olney. Dealing with "Canada, 1921," he makes several woeful mistakes, due, we think, to hurry. Among other things he says that "British Columbia and New Brunswick are still in the Grand Chapter of Canada." He seems to be impressed by the foreign visits of Grand Z. Ponton, and quaintly says, "He certainly had the runarounds."

James W. Oglesby, Gravette, Grand High Priest.
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

British Columbia.

The youthful Grand Chapter of British Columbia is more than holding its own. It is rapidly extending its fraternal relations with other Grand Chapters; and peace and harmony prevail within its own borders.

The presiding officer at the Fourth Annual Convocation, held in Prince Rupert on the 21st June, 1922, was D. H. Morrison, of Prince Rupert, Grand Z. We were glad to find a portrait of this distinguished Mason in the forefront of the volume, accompanied not only by a biographical sketch, the work of the Grand Scribe E., but by an "appreciation" written by R.E. Comp. A. M. Manson.

Companion Morrison has had a busy life and a varied one—his activities in business and in Masonry have not been confined to one continent. He was born in the town of Gould, Quebec, 55 years ago, got his schooling there, and there began his business career in the building trade. In this business he has continued, but not in Gould. He has lived in Vermont and other States of the Union, in Rhodesia, South Africa, and in British Columbia, where he helped to found the new city of Prince Rupert. He first saw Masonic light in Barrie, Vermont; and afterwards joined Lodges in places where he was for the time sojourning, both in America and South
Africa. He was exalted in Friendship Chapter, No. 13, Cookshire, Quebec, in 1902, was First Principal of that Chapter in 1907, and since then has been an active worker in the cause of Capitular Masonry in the Grand Jurisdictions of Quebec, Canada, and British Columbia.

Companion Manson concludes his appreciation thus:—

"Recently M.E. Comp. Morrison has removed from the city of Prince Rupert, where he has resided for the last 13 years, to take up his abode in the State of California. British Columbia Masonry has sustained a real loss by his removal. Few have served the Craft with such diligence and so well as has Companion Morrison. The good wishes of all the Brethren and Companions of British Columbia will follow him and his family to his new home."

The address read by the Grand Z. at this Convocation was a record of tireless work in the interest of the Royal Craft. It is practically confined to that, and there is nothing to quote.

The report of John M. Rudd, Grand Treasurer, showed increasing financial prosperity.

John William Prescott is a large contributor to the volume of printed proceedings. His report in his capacity of Grand Scribe E. gives interesting figures: 21 Chapters, including 3 under dispensation, all of which were chartered at this Convocation; total membership, 2,177; net increase in a year, 120.

Grand Lodge met in Prince Rupert in the same week as Grand Chapter. Doubtless, many of the Brethren were entitled to seats in both august assemblies. Of the trip from Vancouver to Prince Rupert and return Companion Prescott writes:—

"Any report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter would be incomplete if the voyage by the good ship Princess Charlotte of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Service from Vancouver to Prince Rupert and return was not mentioned."
“It was complete happiness, and even if it did cost $20,000 it was money well spent.”

From Monday night to Sunday afternoon the Brethren and Companions lived in luxury upon this fine boat—and we do not wonder that they were sorry to leave it.

The Report on Correspondence is also the work of the indefatigable Prescott. It begins thus:—

“It is our privilege again to submit the report on the doings of Sister Grand Chapters, and we sincerely hope that the information so recorded may be of use to those who read it.

“To a new Grand Chapter there is much in the manners and methods of Sister Jurisdictions that is of interest and instruction, and in this review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters an effort has been made to place on record material that may be interesting and sometimes instructive.

“Perhaps, after all, it is the Companions at home, who do not always have the time or opportunity to cull for themselves, who most appreciate information that may be useful to them in the direction of their own individual Chapters.

“Also an earnest effort has been made to avoid criticism, that being left for older heads, at any rate for the present, as it would ill-become such a youthful Scribe to cross pens with venerable writers of 30 years’ experience.”

Vigorously written reviews of 41 sets of Grand Chapter proceedings follow in alphabetical order. The notice of Canada, vintage of 1922, is full and only too flattering.

C. F. Sherwin, Riondel, Grand Z.
J. W. Prescott, 603 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E.

California.

A clear statistical statement is made by Grand Secretary Thomas A. Davies: 109 chartered Chapters and 3 under dispensation; 19,244 members on
the 1st April, 1922; net gain in a year, 2,004—nearly as great as in the previous year, which was the banner-year.

Mattison Boyd Jones, of Los Angeles, Grand High Priest, presided at the 68th Annual Convocation, which was held in San Francisco on the 18th and 19th April, 1922. In his address he referred feelingly to the death, on the 18th December, 1921, in Sacramento, of William Buckley Davis, Senior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, who was born in Ohio in 1844, was a veteran of the civil war, and was Grand High Priest from April, 1892, till April, 1893.

The Grand High Priest had worked hard during his year of office. The record of his official visits to Chapters is an unusual one—he was present at meetings of 100 out of the 112 Chapters.

He also attended the General Grand Chapter sessions in Asheville, North Carolina, in September, 1921, and had the honour of being elected General Grand Master of the Second Veil. If he lives 30 years, or perhaps less, he may be General Grand High Priest. He is evidently an able man, and we take him to be a lawyer, though we are not told. He confesses that Kentucky was his native State.

The Order of De Molay for boys finds a strong advocate in Most Excellent Companion Jones. He tells us some interesting things about the Order. We quote:—

"The organisation has as its working tools the Holy Bible, the American flag, and a bundle of school-books strapped together, thus emphasising religious liberty, civil liberty, and intellectual liberty. Another very striking feature of the work of this Order is that the Order has five obligatory observances, namely: De Molay Day of Comfort, a day on which it is the duty of every member to visit hospitals and homes where sickness exists; Devotional Day, a day on which it is the duty to attend some church in a body; Patriot’s Day, a day on which it
is the duty of each Chapter to arrange a special patriotic meeting; Educational Day, a day on which the Chapter considers matters pertaining to the public schools; and Parents’ Day, a day on which special exercises are given to teach love and consideration of parents. What a wonderful programme for the vigorous young and worthy manhood of the nation! Let it be understood that the Order of De Molay is not a part of Masonry, and hence effort is made to keep the boys away from the idea that membership in the Order of De Molay is a guarantee or promise that they will ever be Masons. But blind indeed is he who cannot see that the atmosphere is charged with Masonic possibilities. The object is, first, to make real men out of these boys, who will be able rightly to choose for themselves whatever fraternal connections may thereafter appeal to them.”

It was resolved by Grand Chapter that “the Order of De Molay be approved, and that subordinate Chapters be instructed to foster the movement.”

One of the decisions of the Grand High Priest, approved by Grand Chapter, was given in answer to a query whether Chapter degrees could lawfully be conferred without charge upon a Minister of religion. The written law of California is strict upon this point. The answer was that sec. 122 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter forbids any Chapter conferring any degree gratuitously, and also forbids any Chapter donating fees back to the candidate under any pretext whatever.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence for the year ending March, 1922, is the work of a new hand, that of Companion Max A. Plumb, Chairman of the committee. In a semi-humorous introduction he explains that he is an electrical engineer who works 16 hours a day, and conjectures that he was chosen as correspondence scribe under the well-known rule that it is only an extraordinarily busy
man who can be trusted to take on extra work. A part of the introduction is as follows:—

"Your Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence presents the annual report, which includes the study of 44 proceedings of Grand Chapters, all that were available up to 6 weeks before our own.

"A suggestion that brevity was desirable, and a haunting fear that on submitting this report to our R.E. Grand Secretary he would again suggest in his kindly way that about half of it had better be cut out, have prevented the presentation of such a report as the Chairman would have liked. Fine and brilliant things have been said which I would like to have quoted, and among them some beautiful things by other Grand Correspondents, but the above is reason enough for their omission.

"I have adhered to the 'topical' form of report because I believe that is what a majority of those who will read it will desire and because that form has been so well received in this Grand Chapter as well as in the Grand Lodge of California. I have refrained, in this first effort, from attempting the form which was received so enthusiastically on the floor of the Grand Chapter in 1917, for there is but one Charlie Adams and I had some doubts of my ability. I am aware that I cannot expect the commendation of my fellow-correspondents, for most of them still favour the older type of review, as evidenced by one of them in speaking of a topical report in this manner: 'The matter given is good but it certainly does not contain all that would be interesting and instructing that is to be found in the 56 volumes it is said to review.' Thus, I expect, will this report be 'damned with faint praise.'"

In the 44 sets of proceedings "Canada, 1921," is included; and the first quotation in the review, under the head "Benevolence and Philanthropy," is from one of the many eloquent addresses of Grand Z. Ponton; again, writing of "Increase in Membership,"
Companion Plumb quotes the report of Chairman K. J. Dunstan on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Canada.

We have an open mind on the subject of "topical" reports. They may be as good or even better than the orthodox reports. All depends upon the scribe. The present writer doubts his own ability to present a good review in that form, and he is not convinced that Companion Plumb has achieved a great success. His work is promising, however, and we hope he will continue in it. This may be called "praising him with faint dams," as our local humourist hath it.

Hiatt Tisdale Hiatt, Ochener Building, Sacramento, Grand High Priest.

Thomas A. Davies, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Colorado.

A year ago we had no Colorado. Now we have the printed proceedings of the 47th Annual Convocation, held in Denver, on the 22nd September, 1921.

Perhaps the principal feature of the address of the Grand High Priest, Mark B. Gill, of Fort Morgan, was the allusion to the death, on the 20th February, 1921, of Most Excellent Companion Charles Henry Jacobson, Grand Secretary. This distinguished Craftsman was born in Niagara county, State of New York, in 1852. In 1875, he trekked to Colorado, and since 1887 has lived in Denver, where he died. He had been Grand Secretary since 1904. Of him the Grand High Priest wrote:—

"Holding himself to the strictest accountability, he was ever patient and tolerant with the weaknesses and errors of others. In his life he so exemplified the teachings of the Craft as to be the very personification of the spirit of Freemasonry. With a powerful intellect, a profound understanding, wide reading, a facile and busy pen, and a gift of eloquence vouchsafed to few, his years of service to the Fraternity in our Jurisdiction have left a mark
that time will not efface. He was in every truth a mighty builder, and his passing marks the end of an era."

The Committee on Necrology added one word—"Beloved."

Past Grand High Priest William W. Cooper, by appointment of the Grand High Priest, filled out the term of the lamented Companion Jacobson as Grand Secretary, and was elected to that office at this Convocation.

The condition of the Royal Craft in Colorado, as the Grand High Priest pointed out, was all that could be desired, and no reports of dissensions or trouble in any of the constituent Chapters had been brought to his attention.

The report of the new Grand Secretary showed 50 Chapters, with 7,580 members at the end of July, 1921; net gain in a year, 388.

Ernest Le Neve Foster, Past Grand High Priest, made a remarkable statement in presenting the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. It was his 34th annual report, and his first was made 38 years before this one. He "dropped out," as he expressed it, for a few years. It is really a wonderful record, but it is equalled by that of Companion Chambers of Quebec, whose 34th report was also presented in 1921—his were made in consecutive years. Most of our Companions of the Round Table are mere fledglings, in the face of these records. We observe that Companion Foster was slated for the report of 1922, and has doubtless made it before now—we are writing in October, 1922. The 34th report, now before us, is not, in our judgment, inferior to such of the earlier ones as it has been our privilege to peruse. The proceedings of 44 Grand Jurisdictions are carefully and ably reviewed in a little over 100 pages. Our Grand Chapter of Canada, meeting in February, 1921, receives much attention and discriminating commendation.
A tragic announcement was made in Grand Chapter just before the reading of the Grand High Priest's address. John B. Hershey, Past Grand High Priest, died suddenly at Trinidad, Colorado, 3 days before this meeting, which he had proposed to attend. He was, it would appear, a physician, and expired in his garage after returning from a round of professional visits.

Samuel John Sweet was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1921-22. He was born in 1871, in Cornwall, England, came to America with his parents in 1880, and since 1896 has made his home in Denver, where he is employed in an executive capacity by one of the largest mercantile firms of that city. "Inspired by the highest ideals, blessed with a genial disposition that endears him to all with whom he comes in contact, and possessed of an inexhaustible supply of energy and enthusiasm, he assumes the office of Grand High Priest amply endowed with all the qualifications necessary to enable him to fill the position with credit to himself and lasting benefit to Capitular Masonry."

Samuel J. Sweet, Denver, Grand High Priest.
William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Columbia (District of).

The business transacted at the 55th Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia, held in one of the Masonic Temples of Washington on the 8th February, 1922, was not large in volume. Indeed the Grand Chapter, though an important one, is not rich in constituent Chapters nor in members. The year preceding this Annual Convocation was considered a remarkable one for growth, the membership having increased from 5,259 to 5,984—a net gain of 725. There appear to be now 14 Chapters, a new one having been instituted during the year. The Grand High Priest, Joseph Harcus Milans, said in his address that "by reason of the reduction in
employees, particularly in Government circles, in our city, incident to a return to normal conditions, some of the Chapters have suffered losses, and this lack of employment, coupled with reduction of salaries in many cases, has doubtless prevented some of our Masons from becoming identified with a Royal Arch Chapter. With these considerations in mind, our Grand Chapter, in point of increase in membership, has had a remarkable year."

Much was said by the Grand High Priest and others of two eminent Royal Craftsmen of this Jurisdiction who had passed beyond the veil. We quote from the Grand High Priest's address:—

“For years we have habitually looked to the left of our Grand Chapter room and have seen the aged form of our beloved companion, Past High Priest Orville Drown, the then Grand Visitor and Lecturer. He has gone to the Great Beyond, but leaves a fond recollection throughout the entire Jurisdiction. Nearly all of our officers of the present generation have stood before this venerable man to receive their instructions in ritualistic work and his certification of their qualifications officially to serve their Companions. But these lessons of purely book or secret matters were always overshadowed by the virtues of fidelity, brotherly love, and exemplary conduct, so apparent in the life of this Companion.

“Past Grand High Priest Adolphus Gude has also completed his life's work and is missed by us. The Grand Chapter seems incomplete without his cheerful presence and ready co-operation. Our associates in the grand line of many years past will always remember the loving touch of ‘Dolph’ Gude when, speaking his affection through the flowers that he grew, he so frequently pinned them to their coat lapels while visiting over Anacostia way. He had a great love for his Companions, and they loved him. The flowers, which in their sweetness so beautifully portray the character of the man, will be a constant
reminder to us of his unremitting service and loyalty to the Craft.”

Joseph Hercus Milans, the 51st Grand High Priest in the line of succession, was born in Pennsylvania, we are not told in what year, but we may conjecture that it was about 1875, for in 1899 he received from the Columbian (now George Washington) University the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He practises in Washington as a patent and trademark lawyer, and is evidently a man of intellect and force of character. His address, though excellent in form and substance, contains nothing of striking importance from a general standpoint. In behalf of the High Priests’ Association of 1921, he was presented with a testimonial—a handsome gold watch and chain. The presentation was made by our old friend Roe Fulkerson, who at this Convocation was advanced to the station of Deputy Grand High Priest.

“The Capitular World—Doings of the Various Grand Chapters—Report of the Committee on Correspondence.” Under this heading, Past Grand High Priest William M. Jermane presents his second annual correspondence review—a carefully and ably prepared document and one of outstanding importance. He does not deal with the small chit-chat of the reports which he reviews, but confines himself to meaty subjects. Reviewing the proceedings of Canada, 1921, he shows that he has acquired a competent knowledge of our situation and prospects.

The volume before us contains portraits and biographies of several past and present Rulers of the Royal Craft in the District—a valuable feature.


Arvine W. Johnston, Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C., Grand Secretary.

Connecticut.

Edgar B. Ellis, of Bridgeport, Grand High Priest, presided at the 124th Annual Convocation of the
Grand Chapter of Connecticut, held in the Masonic Temple, Hartford, on the 9th May, 1922. Our own Companion Ponton—who is sorely afflicted with the "runarounds," according to the opinion expressed in another Grand Chapter—was one of the distinguished visitors, representing Canada. New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania, as well as the General Grand Chapter, were also fittingly represented.

In his address the Grand High Priest said that, while nearly all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction were still very busy, the great demand for admission had somewhat abated—a return to normal conditions was indicated. It is rather remarkable that 4 new Chapters were constituted in Connecticut in the year 1921-22, while for the 16 previous years there had been no new ones.

Notable Craftsmen had died during the year. Among them was Charles W. Skiff, who at the time of his death was the oldest surviving Grand High Priest; he died at the Masonic Home in Wallingford, in August, 1921. Born in the State of New York in 1839, he practised as a physician in both Danbury and New Haven, but retired from active practice many years ago. He was Grand High Priest in 1881. Charles W. Boylston was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1854. He was a graduate of Trinity College and Berkeley Divinity School, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and for 20 years rector of St. Paul's, Riverside. Becoming a Mason in 1882, he was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter from 1900 till 1919; his health then being impaired, he was unanimously elected Grand Chaplain Emeritus for life.

We have pleasing recollections of the visit of M.E. Comp. Ellis to our Grand Chapter meeting in February, 1922, in Hamilton; and were delighted to read in his address of the impression made upon him by what he then saw and heard. "I was very much impressed," he said, "with the enthusiasm and
earnestness of the Companions of Canada, when one considers that some of them travel from 1,000 to 1,800 miles to attend their Grand Chapter. I am not sure but staid and conservative old Connecticut might wake up under the leadership of such a magnetic and enthusiastic personality as Companion Ponton.”

The able and genial Grand High Priest concluded a very careful and comprehensive address by urging the Companions to show to the world, by devotion to God, loyalty to their country, and service to their fellow-men, that Royal Arch Masons are trying to do their part to bring the world back to sanity and right living.

The report of Grand Secretary George A. Kies, P.G.H.P.—his 5th annual report—showed 55 chartered Chapters; 14,390 members on the 30th April, 1922; and net gain in a year, 1,263.

In easy and pleasant style M.E. Comp. Kies, in his other capacity of reviewer, tells briefly of the doings of 57 Grand Chapters, of which Canada (vintage of 1921) is one. The introduction to the reviews will add to the gaiety of nations;—

“Somewhat recently, a very prominent Western Royal Arch Mason said to your reporter: ‘I always read your reports, and then I rest.’ In spite of the above wet blanket, we are desperately trying to ‘buck up,’ and now inflict our 14th annual review upon our long-suffering readers.”

Arthur N. Nash, Pawcatuck, Grand High Priest.

George A. Kies, Masonic Temple, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware.

The volume of printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1922 contains a brief account of the Grand High Priest for 1921, W. Harry Lewis. He was born in Wilmington in 1881, and has always resided in that city. We should like to have been told
something more of his life and his pursuits than is found in the following paragraph:—

"As a boy and young man he has always been deeply interested in athletics of all kinds, entering this field with the same enthusiasm that has characterised his whole life. He has always taken the keenest interest in civic affairs, but has never aspired to nor held public political office. He is blessed with a genial disposition that endears him to all with whom he comes in contact."

It was the 45th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware at which this genial gentleman presided, and it was held in Wilmington on the 18th January, 1922.

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief and was strictly confined to a statement of the year's work.

The year has been a fairly prosperous one. There are only 5 Chapters, 3 of them being in Wilmington. The total membership at the end of 1921 was 1,968; and the net gain for the year, 58.

A special committee on Past Grand High Priests' portraits presented a report. The collection is now nearly complete. Accompanying the report is a series of short historical sketches of the past dignitaries whose counterfeit presentments had been procured during the year.

The Report on Correspondence, his 6th annual, was presented by Past Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas J. Day. He briefly, but efficiently, reviews the proceedings of 49 Grand Chapters—Canada, 1921, is one.

George A. Salmon, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

Stuart J. Horn, P.O. Box 94, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

England.

A beginning having been made last year, we now find reports of the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England
dealing with the Quarterly Convocations held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 2nd November, 1921, the 1st February, 1921, the 3rd May, 1922, and the 2nd August, 1922. On all occasions, Lord Amt-hill, the Pro First Grand Principal, presided. The records are purely formal. The human element enters into them to a very slight extent. We notice that each of the petitions for authority to form new Chapters designates the Lodge to which the Chapter is to be attached. The following item in the report of the Committee of General Purposes at the November Quarterly may be quoted as typical of the business done at Quarterlies:—

"The Committee has received a memorial from the Chapter of Affability, No. 308, Todmorden, Yorkshire, W.D., praying for a charter authorising the members to wear a centenary jewel. The memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommends that the prayer thereof be granted"—and it was granted.

"Affability" is a good name for a charter. We are reminded of Sir Piercie Shafton.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Grand Z.

P. Colville Smith, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. 2, Grand Scribe E.

**England and Wales.**

Reports from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales reach us intermittently and seldom afford any matter for comment or record. The proceedings of 1922 are no exception. We have received a report of the minutes of Quarterly Communications held at Mark Masons' Hall, London, on the 28th February, 6th June, and 5th September, 1922, as well as three reports of the General Board and a statement of accounts for the year ending on the 31st March, 1922. At the September Quarterly, the death of the Deputy Grand
Master, Sir Richard Vassar-Smith, an eminent financier, was announced.


Arthur David Hansell, Mark Master Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. 2, Grand Secretary.

Florida.

The Grand Chapter met in its 76th Annual Convocation, in the city of Jacksonville, on the 30th and 31st May, 1922. The Grand High Priest, John L. Hall, of Jacksonville, presided, and delivered a fine address, in which he said that the total membership of the 48 Chapters was, at the close of the year 1921, 6,629, showing a net increase for that year of 1,020, which compares well with the growth of other Grand Chapters. No death had occurred during the year among the "official family" nor among the Past Grand High Priests.

Alluding to the September, 1921, Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, at Asheville, North Carolina, the Grand High Priest said that he was much impressed with the splendid personnel of the membership. In preparation for this Triennial Convocation, Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, of Florida, had prepared an historical abstract showing the connection of the Grand Chapter of Florida with the General Grand Chapter—"one of the most valuable additions to our records that has ever been made."

The Grand High Priest had himself made no official visits during the year. The Chapters had, however, been visited by the other principal Grand Officers. His opinion was that "official visits do not in all cases accomplish any real good;" and he suggested that a regulation of Grand Chapter which provided for a regular inspection of all the Chapters should be modified so that the officer assigned for inspection should use his own judgment as to
whether to make or not to make a visit to a Chapter, without placing himself in the position of being derelict in his duty. In accordance with this suggestion, regulation 30 was amended so as to read as follows:

"30. This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into four districts, and one of these districts shall annually be assigned to each of the four highest elective Officers of this Grand Chapter, who shall make such official visits to the Chapters in their respective districts as their judgment may deem necessary, or they may hold district conventions in lieu of such visits. The necessary expenses of such officers in carrying out this regulation shall be paid by the Grand Chapter."

R.E. Comp. Ely P. Hubbell, of Bradentown, who, we observe, is now Deputy Grand High Priest, takes high rank among the reviewers. We have before us his 6th annual report, and find it both interesting and instructive. The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1921 (it might almost have been 1922) are carefully noted and discriminatingly commended. At the close of his report he makes judicious comments upon matters of importance dealt with in the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters, and says that "there is everywhere expressed a growing determination to have the Royal Craft stand for specific purposes."

Why does not Florida provide biographical sketches of her notables?

R. J. Kishpaugh, West Palm Beach, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia.

Welby C. Jordan, of Athens, Grand High Priest, opened the 100th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, assembled in the city-hall, Macon, on the 12th April, 1922, and welcomed
George A. Beauchamp, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of Alabama, and Joseph E. Quimby, Grand High Priest, and John M. Core, Grand King, of Pennsylvania.

In his address Grand High Priest Jordan first reminded the Companions that they were holding a centenary meeting. "Our honoured ancestors," he said, "laid the foundation of Capitular Masonry deep and strong . . . and their posterity has continued to build slowly and surely. From a few struggling Chapters, lean in membership, which met in Louisville in 1922, you are here assembled to-day representing 165 Chapters and 20,000 loyal Companions."

The pressure of bad times has been felt in the Chapters of Georgia. Wise words were uttered by the Most Excellent:—

"It is with regret that I note that many of the subordinate Chapters are suspending members by the wholesale this year. It is nothing but right to suspend a member who fails to pay his dues, say for two years; but to carry members for many years during prosperous times, and then suspend them when times of depression come, is neither good business nor in keeping with Masonic principles. Some of our Chapters have taken the more charitable course of cancelling back dues, where members will pay a part of their indebtedness, thus retaining their goodwill and membership, and at the same time securing some money now that they would not have received, and placing the Companions under such obligations that they will not again get behind with their dues. Many of the Chapters which have suspended large numbers of members have not been meeting regularly and are not proficient in the work. Where such is the case, it is not difficult for members to fall behind, especially if the Secretaries are not persistently after them, and it is a hard proposition for the Secretaries where their Chapters are practically dormant."
APPENDIX

The report of Grand Secretary E. A. McHan showed that, in spite of stringency in money matters and the wholesale suspension of members by many Chapters, the year 1921 had not been a bad one. Collections had "held up well," and there had been an increase of 565 in the total membership of the 165 Chapters, which now reached 18,220.

The session of Grand Chapter was continued and concluded on 13th April. On the evening of the 12th the special celebration of the 100th anniversary was held in the city-hall, Macon. The volume before us—the printed proceedings of the 1922 Convocation—gives only a brief account of the celebration. A souvenir book is to be issued containing historical matter, portraits, and the addresses made on this occasion. The Grand High Priest said that, while 1822 was the year in which the Grand Chapter of Georgia obtained its charter, Royal Arch Masonry in Georgia was much older. The first Companion called upon to speak was a former Grand High Priest and the oldest member of the Grand Chapter of Georgia—Dr. James W. Taylor. "Companion Taylor," records the Grand Secretary, "addressed the assembly for 30 minutes or more, proving conclusively that he had lost none of his speaking and entertaining qualities, even if he was the oldest man in the State." The historical address was delivered by M.E. Comp. H. Warner Hill: and the three distinguished visitors already mentioned spoke most felicitously.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, submitted by our old friend Charles L. Bass, contains reviews of the work of 45 Grand Chapters, of which, to our regret, Canada is not one. It will be observed that, meeting as our Grand Chapter does towards the end of February, its proceedings cannot easily be in the hands of a reviewer in time to be included in a report presented at a meeting held early in April. That feat was accomplished in 1921, but not in 1922.
Notwithstanding the omission of Canada, we find Companion Bass’s reviews excellent reading. We give his pleasant conclusion;—

“No one who loves Masonry can review the proceedings of the past year without a sense of gratitude and a feeling of pride. From every section comes the tidings of growth and prosperity. The most unprecedented increase in membership and extraordinary activity in Royal Arch circles everywhere is noticeable. The numerical increase is not the cause alone for rejoicing; above this, the real ground for thanksgiving for the record of the past and hope for the future is in the growth of the spirit of Masonry, the emphasis placed upon the teachings of the Order, and the increase in its constructive work, which is seen in every section.”

Augustus G. Miller, Waycross, Grand High Priest.

Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Idaho.

The proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho, held in the Masonic Temple, Payette, on the 25th and 26th May, 1922, were quite interesting. It was the 14th Annual Convocation, and all the reports were encouraging. The Grand High Priest, Ernest J. Ostrander, of Twin Falls, addressing the assembled Companions, said:—

“There is a demand to-day for careful and painstaking service on the part of every man who has the interest of humanity at heart and of every organisation that seeks to elevate mankind by its teachings—and you, as officers in your several Chapters, should appreciate the liberties and responsibilities which are yours. There never was a time when the world needed the priceless influence of its teachings as it does now. You have the opportunity to help in the present world-crisis—and when success comes
you will have done a work that will last throughout eternity."

There are 23 Chapters, including one under dispensation, with a total membership at the end of 1921 of 2,461, showing a net gain of 265 for the year.

The sudden death of Ralph Todd Morgan, of Kellogg, Idaho, Deputy Grand High Priest, on the 4th September, 1921, was a great blow to Royal Arch Masonry in Idaho. He was born in 1867, in Illinois, but had spent his life chiefly in Idaho, where he practised as a lawyer. He was for 4 years a District Court Judge, and was "a grand character," highly esteemed and beloved.

The fraternal correspondence report by George E. Knepper, of Boise—his third annual report—is delightful reading, not the less so because he writes enthusiastically of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1921.

Francis Jenkins, Moscow, Grand High Priest.

Perry C. Marshall, Boise, Grand Secretary.

Illinois.

Of William Clay Hadley, of Collinsville, who presided as Grand High Priest and delivered the principal address at the 73rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, held in Chicago, on the 26th and 27th October, 1922, we gave a short account in our last report, and looked with interest to what he should say of his doings during his year of office.

In his address, which is called the "Grand High Priest's Annual Report," he referred in fitting terms to the death of his immediate predecessor, Andrew Duff Webb, on the 29th December, 1921, shortly after he had closed his labours as Grand High Priest. Companion Webb was born in Illinois in 1864, and was a successful lawyer, practising in Mount Vernon, in that State. Another Past Grand High Priest, William Charles Sommer, died on the 9th April,
1922. He was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1849, but lived most of his days in Springfield, where he was in business as an optometrist. The total death-roll of the year was 784.

The Grand High Priest in his “report” faithfully recorded his official acts and told of his visits, which were numerous, considering his advanced age. He also visited the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan, the Masonic Orphans’ Home at La Grange, and the Masonic Hospital in Chicago, and was much impressed. He recommended donations to each institution, and the recommendation was endorsed by Grand Chapter in a liberal spirit.

The conclusion of the address or report was touching. The veteran Mason said that he had enjoyed almost perfect health during his year of office. Soon after his installation, however, he had been ill for a short period, during which the Grand Secretary had relieved him of a great deal of the routine work, for which he said, “I am profoundly thankful.” He gratefully recognised the assistance he had had from all the Companions, specifying each group in turn—among them “the faithful Royal Arch Workers’ Club of Chicago, who have done so much for me during my several visits to this city, who have entertained me so lavishly, and who have contributed so much of their time and Masonic knowledge in order that my visitations could be pleasant and enjoyable.”

The report of Grand Treasurer G. W. Curtiss showed a healthy condition—total receipts for the year, $92,262.80; total disbursements, $53,034.32; balance on hand, $39,228.48; moneys invested in securities, $35,000.

The Grand Secretary’s statistics are as of the 30th June, 1922, at which date the total membership of the 225 chartered Chapters and 6 under dispensation was 78,270, and the net gain in a year, 5,180.

In these and all other respects the year was most successful. The Committee on the Annual Report
of the Grand High Priest congratulated Grand Chapter "that there was found to such marked degree in the distinguished personality of your Grand High Priest the wisdom of experience, the strength of purpose, and the beauty of character to direct its affairs in such markedly successful manner."

The Grand Chaplain, Companion J. S. Cummins, delivered the annual "Oration." His endeavour was to "set out the merits which Masonic symbolism, its precept, and its clearly defined inference, contain." "There is," he said, "a profound philosophy of life running through the entire fabric of the Craft which only the thoughtful and discerning will discover." And he proceeded, in eloquent words, to expound that philosophy. He was thanked for his address in a resolution carried by a unanimous rising vote, and the whole of the address is printed in the proceedings.

William A. Eichler, elected Grand High Priest for 1922-23, was born in Chicago on Christmas-day, 1869, and has lived there ever since. We find in the volume of printed proceedings his portrait and a biographical sketch, from which we quote:

"He was educated in the city schools. At the age of 15, during vacations and other spare time from study, he began working at the plumbing trade. At the age of 21 he became a plumbing contractor, in which business he is still engaged and in which he has been eminently successful.

"Companion Eichler was made a Master Mason in Garden City Lodge on October 7th, 1902. Exalted in LaFayette Chapter on December 1st, 1902, he presided over that body as Excellent High Priest during the year 1908. He is also a member and a Past Master of Palestine Council, Royal and Select Masters, and of Apollo Commanders, Knights Templar.

"Companion Eichler was appointed a member of the Board of Grand Examiners in 1910 and served in that capacity for 6 years, the last 3 as chairman."
He was a member of the committee which revised and compiled our present Grand Chapter ritual, and as a ritualist stands second to no man in this Grand Jurisdiction. He was elected Grand Master of the Second Veil in 1916, since which time he has been regularly advanced until reaching the exalted office of Grand High Priest on October 27th, 1922.

“Companion Eichler is blessed with a most remarkable memory, a splendid personality, and a thorough knowledge of Royal Arch affairs. He is of unquestioned integrity, a man of high moral ideas, and will undoubtedly be a successful and acceptable presiding Grand Officer.”

After Companion Eichler’s installation as Grand High Priest, he called attention to the approach of the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, and appointed a committee to make preparations and plans for its due celebration.

Quietly and without fuss and feathers the work of this great body of Royal Arch Masons is carried on. To read the modest record is a pleasure.

Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull opens his “Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations,” 1922, with the statement that in reading the reports from other Grand Jurisdictions he finds that the Chapters have not done so much work as in the two preceding years, but that they are, taken as a whole, prosperous and healthy and have excellent financial statements. “A few in the south,” he says, “complain of the damage done by the boll-weevil. One new Chapter even refused to be constituted and returned the charter on account of the desperate financial condition caused by the ravages of the cotton-pest.” The report contains reviews of 56 sets of proceedings, and is consistently good throughout. There is much wisdom in Companion Turnbull’s remarks anent the characters and attainments of Rulers of the Craft, found under “Canada, 1922.”

Considering the size of the volume and the importance of its contents, the index seems inadequate.
William A. Eichler, 2110 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Grand High Priest.

James E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.

Indiana.

The Hoosier State produces a good crop of Masons and Royal Arch Masons. The printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter in 1921 were received by us too late to be noticed in 1922, and they now demand attention. The Convocation of 1921 was the 76th Annual, held in Fort Wayne, on the 19th and 20th October. The volume is prefaced by portraits of Thomas F. Spink, Grand High Priest 1920-1921; Edward B. Raub, Grand High Priest 1921-1922; the late Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary 1901-1920; and Robert Archer Woods, Past Grand High Priest, Present Grand Secretary and Reviewer; also by a picture of the Scottish Rite Cathedral of Fort Wayne, and a "Proemial," which we take leave to quote;—

"The 76th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Indiana was unsurpassed in interest, entertainment, work accomplished, and Capitular spirit, by any in the history of the Order in Indiana. The meetings were held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral at Fort Wayne, itself unsurpassed for architectural design and interior arrangement.

"The Companions of Fort Wayne left nothing undone in providing for the comfort and divestiture of the attending grand officers, representatives, and ladies. Banquets, receptions, music, theatre-parties, auto-trips, and good fellowship abounded. Those present will remember the occasion with pleasure the balance of their days."

M.E. Comp. Thomas F. Spink, Grand High Priest, presided at this Convocation, and in his address said:—

"The year just passed has been one of unprecedented growth in numbers, and I hope and believe in quality of membership as well. The report
of the Grand Secretary will show our wonderful numerical increase, but only time can demonstrate that we have spread true Masonic light among the uninformed and that those whom we have admitted within the veils of the Tabernacle have been truly exalted and have become worthy members of the Royal Craft."

Two new Chapters had been instituted during the year, and were chartered at this Convocation. The Grand Secretary reported that on the 15th October, 1921, there were 127 active Chapters; that the total membership was 30,078 on the 1st January, 1921: and that the net gain for 1920 was 4,222. It will be remembered that 1920 was in the case of nearly every Masonic body on this continent the peak-year.

Grand Chapter voted $500 to the Indiana Masonic Home, to be applied to the permanent endowment fund.

In pursuance of the excellent plan adopted by this Grand Chapter, biographies of the newly elected Grand High Priest and Grand Royal Arch Captain, the latter being the new born member of the "official family," appear in the volume of proceedings.

We learn that M.E. Comp. Edward B. Raub, Grand High Priest-elect, was born in Indiana in 1871; that he is a graduate of De Pauw University and a lawyer practising in Indianapolis; that he has held various high positions in the community, and is a director of several banks. He has not reached the highest office in any other of the branches of Masonry, but he is active in them all, and is still a young man—measured by the Grand High Priest standard.

Of Eleazar K. Amsden, Grand Royal Arch Captain-elect, we learn that he was born in Indiana in 1885, and is a farmer and an active Mason.

The General Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. William F. Kuhn, was present at this Convocation, and acted as installing officer. Other distinguished
visitors were present, and addresses were made, which however, are not recorded. Comp. Kuhn's subject was the symbolism of the Royal Craft.

The Annual Capitular Review was written by Robert Archer Woods aforesaid—his 11th annual report. He reviewed the proceedings of 46 Jurisdictions, of which Canada (1921) was one. An excellent series of reviews concludes with these words:

"The growth of the past year has been miraculous; such was the indication when I began to write, and such is the verdict now that the end has been reached. What are we going to do with these vast accessions? Let them drift? Let them lose interest and fall under suspension? God forbid. Let us awake to our duty. Here is our work mapped out for us. And it is a glorious even though strenuous work, one worthy of the best endeavours of honest, consecrated hearts. Arise ye, my Companions! For the everlasting good of Royal Arch Masonry, get to work, and that right zealously!"

The printed proceedings of the 77th Annual Communication, held in Indianapolis on the 18th and 19th October, 1922, contain a number of well-executed portraits, enabling us to gaze with admiration upon the features of some of the active rulers, past and present, of the Royal Craft. First comes Edward B. Raub, Grand High Priest in 1921-22, whose address we shall presently notice; then Roy Edgar Tilford, the Grand High Priest elected and installed at this Convocation; Herbert Arnold Graham, Grand Lecturer; Edgar H. Bristol, Past Grand High Priest, recently deceased; John E. Redmond, Past Grand High Priest, also recently deceased; and Robert Archer Woods, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Correspondent or Reviewer. The last is particularly interesting; for, when we know a man from his writings, we like to look upon his face.

The address of the Grand High Priest, while not pretending to be more than a business document, is
so well-framed and expressed in such clear diction, that it is in its way a classic. Some remarks of general application should be quoted:—

"I am not unaware that some of the best Chapters in the State have been officered by the same persons, or practically the same persons, for a number of years. I have noticed that in practically every Chapter where the work and spirit of the Chapter is at low ebb, the officers lethargic and negligent, and where the Chapters are all but dead, the Companions officering these Chapters have been in office for years. While long-term officers may not intentionally discourage the activities of the newer and younger members, yet the younger members and eligible Master Masons, who would probably add life and enthusiasm to the organisation, feel that they are not wanted either as members or officers. Chapters having available material, in my opinion, should practise rotation in office and give the younger men and competent Companions, who have not been officers, an opportunity to become active in the Chapter.

“What I have just said is not meant to apply to Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers, yet these officers also, after long years of service, too often become independent and careless. Officers of Chapters must realise their responsibility. Invariably, where you find good officers, you find good Chapters, and where we have poor Chapters we find negligent and careless officers. My hope is that every High Priest who realises that his Chapter is low in spirit and enthusiasm, and where there is a lack of attendance and work, will search out the cause and determine what share of these defects can be attributed to him and his co-officers.”

These are wise words, and it took some courage to utter them, we trow.

Grand Secretary Woods presented his 3rd annual report—from which we take the first paragraph:—
"It is a matter for congratulation that our net increase in membership far exceeds that of any previous year in our history except the two abnormal years of 1920 and 1921; in the making of this record, 26 Chapters had no part, 20 of them showing a loss and 6 at a standstill. It is worthy of note, and an evidence of what organised effort can do, that Scottsburg Chapter with 93 members had a net increase of 79."

The active Chapters on the 15th October, 1922, were 128 in number; the aggregate membership was 31,960, and the net gain for the year, 1,892.

John E. Redmond, Past Grand High Priest, died at Franklin, Indiana, in December, 1921. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1840; served in the civil war; became a builder and contractor in Indiana; and left his mark upon the State by the erection of many public buildings. His Masonic career was all in Indiana; he was Grand High Priest in 1896.

The death of Edgar H. Bristol, Past Grand High Priest, also occurred in December, 1921. Born at Palestine, Illinois, in 1860, he made his home in Salem, Indiana, where he engaged in the furniture business, and it was there that he died, after an illness of several years' duration. He was a very active Mason as long as his health permitted, and was Grand High Priest in 1907.

A very useful purpose is served—as we have often pointed out—by the giving in the printed proceedings of some particulars of the life and work of each new Ruler of the Craft. This admirable custom is followed in Indiana, and we thus have presented to us, not only in effigy, but by the written word, the Grand High Priest elected at this Convocation, M.E. Companion Roy Edgar Tilford, who was born at Martinsville, Indiana, as lately as 1879, of Scottish-Irish stock. His home is still in Martinsville, and he is by occupation a pharmacist. He is devoted to good works in his own town, and has had a dis-
tinguished Masonic career, culminating in the highest office in the gift of his Companions.

Grand Secretary Woods is, as we have mentioned, the writer of the Annual Capitular Review. That before us is his 12th. It begins thus:

"For the twelfth time it becomes my pleasure and privilege to submit my review of the Capitular doings of other Jurisdictions. Take the dose and let the physic work; it will do you good, even though administered by me. You will discover that the gains in membership are considerably less than during the past few years; that the Order is settling down to normalcy, its pristine saneness; that it is turning towards education of its own members and of the people generally, as an outlet for its pent-up energies and responsibilities. May we not aid in this work, to the glory of Capitular Masonry in particular and the betterment of the world at large?"

The review covers 54 Jurisdictions, of which Canada (1922) is not the least considered. The reviewer has nothing but good to say of us, although he does not know what to make of a "diatribe" against members "who dabble as Masons in certain extraneous Orders (male and female) that have nothing to do with pure Masonry, least of all with the Royal Craft." But are not, for instance, the "Patrons" of the Order of the Eastern Star chosen as such because they are Masons?

We cannot omit the fervent "Conclusion" of Companion Woods:

"Another journey through the widely-extended Capitular vineyard is ended. It has been pleasurable and fraught with increased respect for the institution we all love and serve. He who reads the various addresses, orations, and other studied documents of the Craft, must necessarily be deeply impressed by the beneficial aspects of Masonry, in the impulse it exerts towards true civilisation, the advantages it sheds upon the business relationships of men, and the ethical tone it imparts to its member-
ship. These benefits will continue to be felt as long as the sublime principles of our institution shall be properly appreciated within the body of our organisation, and earnestly and sincerely promulgated. To effect these ends perfectly, the pure enthusiasm of the past must inspire us in the present, and be transmitted a glowing flame to the future. This is our work; it is right before us; the Temple must be builded in our hearts for eternity; therefore, hence to the quarries."

Roy E. Tilford, Martinsville, Grand High Priest.
Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary.

Iowa.

This Grand Chapter was not heard from in time for our last report. We have now the printed proceedings of 1921, those of the 68th Annual Convocation, held at Muscatine, on the 13th and 14th October of that year, under the presidency of Charles C. Schrader, Grand High Priest. General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig was introduced among the distinguished visitors, but he is in fact a permanent member of this Grand Chapter.

Grand High Priest Schrader is presented to us in a portrait and biographical sketch. His biographer tells us that Companion Schrader is reticent about his early life. Even the year of his birth is not given. The dates mentioned are those of his marriage (1900) and his initiation into Masonry (1904). He graduated from the State University of Iowa, went into business as a druggist in Iowa City, and continued therein until he was elected County Treasurer in 1916. He still holds that office.

The death, in June, 1921, of Frank Nickerson Fowler, who was Grand High Priest in 1915-16, and was highly esteemed, was the subject of a touching reference in the Grand High Priest’s address.

After the Grand Convocation of 1920, two newly chartered Chapters were constituted, and in 1921
dispensations were issued for the formation of two new Chapters.

The growth in numbers in the year 1920 was phenomenal. The total membership, in the 127 Chapters, at the end of that year, was 20,778—net increase, 2,549. Speaking generally, 1920 was the banner-year in the Grand Chapters of this continent.

The business of the Grand Chapter was transacted in an orderly and efficient fashion, but there is not much in the proceedings that will bear transplanting.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by Edward M. Willard, P.G.H.P., with whose good and true work we are already familiar. The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada in February, 1921, are noticed with kindly appreciation. In his conclusion Companion Willard says:—

"We have reviewed 52 proceedings of Grand Chapters and submit the results of our labours.

"We have endeavoured to take the best thoughts as expressed by others in the belief that they will lead and direct one along the channel of life in upbuilding of character.

"To open the gate to the true temple of character, whereby we may walk and participate in the beauties of life, that all may be the better for coming in contact with the great principles of Masonry, is one of the great ambitions that should be in the thoughts of man."

Charles B. Whelpley, Cedar Rapids, Grand High Priest.

Orvis F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

Ireland.

Disturbed Dublin is the centre of Royal Arch Masonry in Ireland. It is refreshing to read the calm announcement of the quarterly meetings regularly held in Freemasons’ Hall, Dublin, when we know of fighting, rapine, and destruction going on at the very times of the meetings. In the small
pamphlet before us—the Report for 1921 of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland—there is not one word about the troublous times, the burning of lodge-rooms, and other tribulations, of which we read elsewhere. The report is by the Grand Registrar; it shows considerable progress; 19 new warrants were issued during 1921, all, or nearly all, for Chapters in Ireland itself. There are many Chapters under the Irish constitution in outlying parts of the Empire. The information afforded by the report is meagre.

The Lord Muskerry, Springfield Castle, Grand King.

Henry C. Shellard, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, Grand Registrar.

Kansas.

The Grand Chapters of Canada and Kansas meet annually in the same month, February. The Kansas proceedings now before us are those of the 57th Annual Convocation, held on the 13th and 14th February, 1922, in Topeka. The volume was received soon after our own meeting—it could not conceivably have been received in time for review in 1922. It is nobody's fault that the matter for consideration is somewhat stale.

Charles G. West, Grand High Priest for 1921-22, was born in West Virginia in 1866. He is largely a self-educated man—not in the sense that he had no schooling, but that he procured it by his own labour and probably knew the value of it. He settled in Emporia, Kansas, when he was 22, and his business and Masonic careers are associated with that place. As secretary and manager of the Emporia Lumber and Coal Company he has been most successful. A manly, honourable man, he is a doer rather than a talker. This is told in a brief biographical sketch, evidently written by one who knows his subject well; and the accompanying portrait may be said to verify the letter-press.
The address delivered by Companion West was very carefully prepared and quite comprehensive. We find in it, however, nothing suitable for quotation or comment. The Committee of Grand Chapter to which the address was referred said that "the record was one of activity with little to cause a ripple on the ever-placid Capitular waters."

The Grand Secretary's figures for 1921—not the best year in Kansas or elsewhere—were heartening; 92 chartered Chapters; population, 18,668; net gain in a year, 2,419.

The General Grand High Priest, William F. Kuhn, was a welcome visitor at this Convocation. His visit was stated to be an "official" one; but we are not told what he did or said.

A question as to the attitude which Capitular Masonry in Kansas should assume towards the Order of De Molay having been raised, a special committee of Grand Chapter reported as follows:—

"We are in hearty accord with the aims and efforts of every organisation having for its object the furtherance of good citizenship and the upbuilding of the youth of our common country; yet we do not deem it our duty to sponsor any particular Order in the conduct of its own affairs."

The report was adopted.

A delightful Report on Correspondence prepared by Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson appears in the appendix. We are a little surprised at his expression of opinion that the General Grand Chapter would have done well to approve the purposes and aims of the Order of the Eastern Star. If it be the truth that the Eastern Star is not a Masonic body, it seems to us that a stamp of approval by the Grand Chapter would be impertinent. If it is a Masonic body—there is some evidence that it so regards itself—it perhaps stands in need of recognition, which the General Grand Chapter was too astute to give. Companion Wilson's reviews are pleasantly written, and his opinions are, in our judgment,
almost always sound. “Canada, 1921,” is the subject of flattering notice.

Owen J. Wood, Topeka, Grand High Priest.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky.

The proceedings for review are those of 1921—the 104th Annual Communication, held in Louisville, on the 18th and 19th October of that year. James F. Winn, of Winchester, who laid down the Grand High Priest's sceptre at the conclusion of this meeting, is the subject of one of several portraits which adorn the volume. But there is no biography, and the volume of proceedings is not indexed. These omissions we regret, but they did not spoil our enjoyment of the proceedings.

Grand High Priest Winn in his address said that the year had been a most prosperous one in Capitular Masonry. Although it was a time of financial depression, there had been "no falling off in the accession to our numbers, nor any weakening in the great work of Masonic charity. It is this great work which has won for Kentucky Masons the love and admiration of the world."

Distinguished visitors at this Convocation were Mattison B. Jones, Grand High Priest of California and Grand Master of the Second Veil of the General Grand Chapter, and Bernard G. Witt, Past General Grand High Priest.

The Grand Secretary's statistics are a little uncertain in one respect. He gives the 30th October, 1921, as the date at which the total membership of the constituent Chapters is calculated. That is an impossible date in view of the fact that the report was presented on the 18th October, 1921. Whatever the date, the membership statement is a most satisfactory one—16,574 members and a net gain in one year of 3,166. We do not find any statement of the number of Chapters. We gave the number last year as 111, and we find that some dispensations have
since been granted for new Chapters. We shall not be far out if we reckon the total at 115.

The Masonic Widows’ and Orphans’ Home and the Old Masons’ Home of Kentucky were the subject of a report by the Committee on Homes. The management appears to be efficient, and the Homes are well-supported by the Brethren and Companions, but there is continual need for additional equipment—and of course more money. Having set their hands to the plough, for the Kentucky Brethren there is no looking back.

The report of the Committee on “Doings of other Grand Chapters” is written by the well-known and well-skilled Royal Craftsman William W. Clarke—an excellent piece of work. Canada (1921) is treated with understanding and appreciation.

Hanson Peterson, Cynthiana, Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana.

The 75th Annual Grand Convocation of the State of Louisiana was held in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on the 7th and 8th February, 1922.

B. B. Purser, of Amite, Grand High Priest, presided and delivered an address, from which we quote:

“Owing to the large number of young men who came into the Craft during the period of the war and immediately thereafter, Capitular Masonry has been advanced greatly in number, and, from the record made by the constituent Chapters, we believe has also been advanced in spirit and usefulness. While we have lost 288 members by death, demit, and other causes, the net gain for the year of 970 members shows the activity of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.”

The Grand High Priest attributed the advance “as much to the sincerity and zeal of the junior officers of the Grand Chapter and the officers of the
constituent Chapters as to the revival of the Masonic spirit generally."

The total membership at the end of 1921 was 6,781, and the constituent Chapters then numbered 51.

In presenting his second review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, Companion John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, remarked that a survey of work of many Jurisdictions convinced him that Masonry was putting its teachings into practice and had joined hands in entering into enterprises for the betterment of mankind. His brief review of Canada (1921) is appreciative. He describes Grand Z. Ponton's address at London as a "strong document."

Joseph Sinai, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.
John Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine.

This Grand Jurisdiction is an old and important one. It was the 97th Annual Convocation which was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, on the 2nd and 3rd May, 1922.

Wilson D. Barron, of Camden, Deputy Grand High Priest, presided and made the annual address, which begins sorrowfully thus:—

"Through the illness and death of our Grand High Priest L. Elwood Jones, it has devolved upon me to carry on his work for almost the entire year. . . . The Grand Chapter has suffered a serious loss in the death of our Grand High Priest on the 19th December, 1921, after a long illness."

Levi Elwood Jones was born in 1865, of sturdy Quaker stock, and lived his life in Winthrop, Maine, where he was successful in a grocery and hardware business. He became a Mason in 1890, and was active in all branches. "His was a life of quiet unostentation, full of sympathy and friendship. His object was service, and faithfully did he practise the duties inculcated in the degrees of that Masonry he
so loved.” Thus wrote Thomas H. Bodge, P.G.H.P., a lifelong friend and associate of the departed Grand High Priest.

“One of the strongest pillars of the Masonic fabric of this State,” Albro Elmore Chase, fell in September, 1921. He was born in Paris, Maine, in 1844. In 1865 he graduated from Harvard; became in 1877 principal of the Portland High School, and continued in that position until 1907, when he retired. He was admitted to the Bar early in life; but apparently did not practise. His Masonic career was an active one: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1889; Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1897 and 1898; Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1896; and Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1904. At the time of his death, he had been serving all four of the Grand Bodies as Grand Treasurer for about 10 years. “But it was in his work as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of Grand Lodge, following the late Brother Josiah H. Drummond, that he did his monumental work. His wise and conservative handling of these reports has made the name of Albro E. Chase known and respected the world over.”

The Deputy Grand High Priest’s address was a brief one. Of the condition of the Royal Craft he said:—

“The year just closed, while not equalling the preceding year in the number of Companions exalted, yet shows a strong, healthy growth. The report of the Committee on Returns will show that we have exalted 1,488 Royal Arch Masons, and have a total membership of 15,418. From my own inspections and the reports of the inspecting officers, the various Chapters seem to be showing an increase in their interest in a correct rendition of the ritual, and in the uniformity of work throughout the State.”

There appear to be 65 active constituent Chapters, with membership as above stated, and the net
gain for the year ending with April, 1922, was 1,250.

R.E. Companion Convers E. Leach was appointed Grand Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of the eminent Chase, and was elected Grand Treasurer at this Convocation.

This Convocation was in itself a noteworthy one. Though only the 97th, it marked the centenary of the Grand Chapter, which was organised in 1822. In 1834 and 1835 and again in 1841, Grand Chapter did not meet. The centennial exercises were held after the election of Grand Officers on the 2nd May. The programme included music, invocation, an historical address by Thomas H. Bodge, P.G.H.P., and an oration by Companion Ashley A. Smith, D.D., Grand Chaplain, followed by a dinner—the menu is given and makes one's mouth water—and post-prandial addresses by noted Masonic dignitaries from other Jurisdictions. Chief among them was George E. Corson, Past General Grand High Priest; but perhaps the speech of the evening was made by the oldest living Past High Priest of Maine, Ex. Comp. Francis E. Chase, of Portland, who was installed in 1872. Though 82 years of age, the record says, Companion Chase responded vigorously to the ovation he received on rising. One of Maine's nearest neighbours is Quebec, and it is a pleasure to read that the Grand Chapter of that Jurisdiction was represented by Walter J. Francis, Grand Z., and William W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E. The Grand Secretary of Maine tells us that "perhaps the most inspiring moment was when M.E. Comp. Francis concluded his brilliant 10-minute address." The band struck up "God Save the King," and "the 400 Companions present arose and joined in singing, some the English (British?) National Hymn, and some to the same refrain the words of our own 'America,' after which the cheering was wildly continued until the band responded to the encore."

The M.E. Comp. Bodge referred to above is the committee sole on correspondence. We have more
than once expressed our admiration for his work. The reviews before us are 55 in number and include Canada, 1921; our proceedings are fully noted, and the comments are both fair and generous.

Throughout the Maine proceedings references are found to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in Portland in 1924. Like Mr. Pott of the Eatanswill Gazette, we pen the words, “We will be there.” The genial General Grand Secretary has invited us.

Wilson D. Barron, Camden, Grand High Priest.
Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

**Maryland.**

Prosperity was still the report of the Grand Chapter of Maryland when the 124th Annual Convocation was held in Baltimore on the 17th November, 1921.

A year ago we gave a synopsis of the biography of Louis Dorsey Gassaway, the Grand High Priest elected and installed in 1920, and we now find him presiding in 1921 and delivering a well-worded and business-like address from which we quote:—

“From the report of the Grand Secretary, shortly to be submitted, you will learn that during the past 12 months our numbers have been increased by 1,340 newly exalted members; and that there are now enrolled in our 24 subordinate Chapters 8,230 Royal Arch Masons; a net increase of 1,251.”

Death has been active during the year, and had not spared the ranks of the Past Grand High Priests of Maryland. The oldest of them, William Francis Cochran, died in April, 1921, near Chicago, where in 1887 he had gone to live. He was born in Baltimore in 1843, and was Grand High Priest in 1881. Edwin Jerome Griffin, Grand High Priest in 1915, died in February, 1921. He was born in Baltimore in 1852, practised as a lawyer in Baltimore, and was held in high affection and esteem by the Brethren and Companions.
M.E. Companion William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, was present at this Convocation, was received with the highest honours, and delivered an able address on "The Dignity of Royal Arch Masonry."

The Grand High Priest elected at this Convocation was Le Page Cronmiller, who was born in his ancestral home, Howard County, Md., in 1861. He entered mercantile life in Baltimore after leaving school, and is now and for some years past has been the southern sales representative of a prominent New York manufacturer. We quote a few words from the brief biography, signed "E. L. P.:"—

"His wide experience and knowledge of animals has made his services in great demand as a judge in the field-trials, in this and other near-by States, where he has a large circle of friends. Companion Cronmiller is a model citizen, a good Mason, a wise counsellor, and a true friend. The zeal and efficiency that have characterised his work in the Lodge and Chapter bespeak for him a most successful administration in the exalted position to which he has been called by his Companions."

The Grand Secretary, Gustav A. Eitel, is a tower of strength to this Grand Chapter and to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, of which he is Grand Treasurer.

The report on Correspondence was again the work of the Reverend Henry Branch, D.D., a distinguished writer. He is held down to a small space for his report, but manages to make it lively and interesting. He is witty, too. Under "Canada, 1921," he re-quotes Grand Z. Ponton's Horatian excerpt—

"Lusisti satis, edisti satis, atque bibisti:"

Tempus abire tibi est."

and Asks, "How about that "bibisti?" "What does it mean? Where can you get it?"

Massachusetts.

This Grand Chapter has a very large membership. On the 31st August, 1921, it was 35,003. There are not as many constituent Chapters as one might expect, but some of them are very large; the largest has 1,784 members and the smallest 59. There are 88 Chapters in all. The net gain for the year ending on the date mentioned was 3,525, which was a little larger than the gain for the previous years.

The proceedings of 1921 are recorded in a comely volume, and comprise special Convocations as well as the Quarterlies and the Annual. The presiding officer at all these meetings was Grand High Priest John J. VanValkenburgh, who in December, 1921, completed his third year of office, and made way for his successor—not, however, the Deputy Grand High Priest, but one whose name did not appear in the list of Grand Officers for 1921 at all—Curtis Chipman, of Boston. Indeed, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, as well as the Grand High Priest for 1922, all appear to have been elected from the floor.

There were several deaths of Past Grands during 1921. The most notable was Albert Calvin Smith, who was born in Boston in 1842, and died there in August, 1921. He was Grand High Priest for three years, 1882-1884.

At the Annual Convocation many distinguished visitors were present, including the Grand High Priests of New York, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. This was the 123rd Annual, and was held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 13th December, 1921. Grand High Priest VanValkenburgh made the usual address, but it was confined almost altogether to matters of business.

Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Frederick T. Comee presents the “Capitular Review,” covering the doings of 53 Grand Chapters. His reports are brief, but are written with care and
in an easy pleasant way. He has been on the job a long time, but has not become a slacker. Canada in 1921 is pleasantly reviewed. Companion Comee approves of the rule which requires a candidate for Chapter degrees to be a Master Mason of 3 months' standing—and says that, with Grand Z. Ponton, he does "not believe in giving too much consideration to the convenience or desires of candidates." In his "conclusion" the learned reviewer makes some forceful remarks on the support and extension of the public school system, which he thinks might be advanced by Masonic organisation.

"We must remember," he says, "that the men and women, the citizens, who will govern this country and make it a desirable or undesirable place of abode, and the Masons, of a not very distant future, are in our Public Schools to-day, and deserve and are fully entitled to receive the best and only the best opportunities for their future welfare and advancement, free from foreign intrigue and bigoted sectarianism, which it is possible for us as free-born, law-loving, and law-abiding Americans to provide."

Brace and wise words!

Curtis Chipman, P.O. Box 363, Boston, Grand High Priest.

Frederick T. Comee, Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand Secretary.

**Michigan.**

Frank Pomeroy Wilcox, of Detroit, Grand High Priest, presiding at the 74th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, welcomed, as distinguished guests, William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, and our own Richard H. Spencer and Henry T. Smith, respectively Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. All three were made honorary members of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
We learn from a biographical sketch of M.E. Companion Wilcox that he was born in 1854 and brought up on a farm in Iowa; that he is now in the clothing and tailoring business in Detroit; and that, although he did not take the first step in Masonry until 1901, his advancement was rapid. He was Master of a Detroit Lodge in 1907, High Priest in 1912, the holder of a minor office in Grand Chapter in 1913, and elected Grand High Priest in 1921. He is deeply interested in the Order of De Molay for Boys, "and says he wants no other monument to his memory than the close relationship he has enjoyed with these sons of Masons and their chums."

A most faithful worker in all branches of Masonry, his friends are legion.

This meeting of Grand Chapter was held in Grand Rapids on the 16th and 17th May, 1922, and was largely attended.

The death of Past Grand High Priest W. Irving Latimer, in Portland, Oregon, on the 18th April, 1922, was recorded. He was Grand High Priest in 1885.

The Grand High Priest in his address said:—

"One of the early acts of my official year was the summoning together the Grand Chapter officers for conference on matters of importance, and to arrange a division of the work whereby all might operate in harmony to the end that the best interests of the Craft might be conserved. The results of the year, as summarised in the several reports herewith, attest the efficiency with which each officer did his part. I am pleased to give my hearty endorsement of the system of field-work inaugurated under Past Grand High Priest Atherton’s administration, which can no longer be viewed in the light of experiment."

The dream of Companion Wilcox during his official career was to see "State-wide concurrent jurisdiction an established fact." He firmly believes that sentiment in its favour is growing. The wiping out of jurisdictional lines in Missouri, he is credibly
informed, has been the dawning of the "perfect day" Masonically for Missouri, whose Chapters to-day are enjoying unprecedented harmony and prosperity. We humbly join in the devout aspiration of the Most Excellent Companion.

We are glad to read in the address this tribute to Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover, who is highly esteemed in Canada as well as in every State of the Union:

"On April 20th I visited the Grand Secretary's Office at Coldwater, where I met all the members of the Finance Committee, and also the Grand Treasurer, Emerson M. Newell. We were received by the Grand Secretary with extreme cordiality and shown through the several apartments of the place, including the 'secret vault,' disclosing a system of keeping and preserving records that might well elicit the envy of any business establishment. The Grand Chapter may feel proud of its headquarters and is to be congratulated on having Charlie Conover."

The Grand High Priest recommended the following benevolences:

"To the Order of the Eastern Star, Michigan, $1,000 toward their Villa Building Fund.
"To the Salvation Army, $500 for their work in Michigan.
"To the Volunteers of America, $500, also for their work in Michigan."
"To the George Washington Memorial Association, $1,000.""

The recommendation was adopted by Grand Chapter.

Michigan, it appears, stood almost alone among Grand Chapters in having no Grand Representative system. At this Convocation it was decided by resolution to exchange representatives with other Capitular Jurisdictions.

So far as appears, General Grand High Priest Kuhn made no address.

The Grand Secretary's statistics are: 162 chartered Chapters, 3 under dispensation; membership
36,146 at the end of 1921; net gain in the year, 3,982. The net gain in 1920 was 5,169. The gain for 1921 was, all things considered, remarkable. We congratulate Michigan upon its continued prosperity, but more especially upon its harmony and abundance of good works.

Grand Secretary Conover again wields the pen of the ready writer. His "Scrap-Book, a Substitute for a Correspondence Report," has become an institution. The "Further Notes on the Temple," that is, of course, King Solomon's Temple, which appear in the appendix to the proceedings of 1922, are most interesting and instructive.

Roy Andrus, State Accident Fund, Lansing, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota.

The 60th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was held in St. Paul on the 11th October, 1921; M.E. Comp. John W. Hays, of Dover, Grand High Priest, presiding in the Grand East. In his address he said that the Order had made a wonderful growth, the net gain being 30 per cent. greater than the previous year, which had been up to that time the banner-year. The gain was reckoned by the Grand Secretary as 1,465, the total membership of the Chapters being 13,546. Dispensations for 3 new Chapters were issued during the year. There appear to have been 79 active Chapters at the time of this Convocation.

There is a correspondence report, but we are not told who the writer is. Perhaps it is Charles S. Schurman, of St. Paul, who is put down as Chairman of the Committee for 1922. The reviews are few (40)—Canada, 1921, is noticed with appreciation.

John H. Anderson, Austin, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.
Mississippi.

Much was expected from Henry Clay Yawn, whose accession to the Grand High Priesthood of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi we chronicled a year ago, and much was given—a year's hard work and a really beautiful address delivered at the close of the year to the Companions assembled for the 74th Annual Convocation, held in Meridian, on the 24th February, 1922.

One whom we, in common with the whole of the Masonic World, greatly admired, had passed away during the year 1921, and his passing was the theme of many passages in the book of proceedings before us. The Grand High Priest said:—

"During the year Death has invaded the sanctum of our official family and removed one of our brightest and best. Oliver Lee McKay, P.G.H.P., our beloved and efficient Grand Secretary and Correspondence Reporter, fell asleep at his home in Meridian, on the 20th September, 1921."

There is a portrait of this eminent Royal Craftsman and a brief memorial. We find that he was born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1859. His 62 years of life were "so filled with business activity, beneficent deeds, and unselfish service, that it were worth a cycle in the 'sweep of time.'" He was for a long term an efficient servant of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company—so efficient that on several occasions his employers refused to accept his resignation. He was made a Mason in 1891, was Grand Master in 1901, Grand High Priest in 1903, Fraternal Correspondent in Grand Chapter from 1909 until his death, and Grand Secretary from 1919 until his death. He was a delightful writer—we paid tribute to him a year ago, little knowing that he was then already numbered among the departed.

His successor as Grand Secretary is Companion Edward L. Faucette, of Meridian, who was appointed to fill the vacancy for a few months, and then elected at this Convocation.
In his address the Grand High Priest made some remarks about the Homes which we take leave to quote:—

"The Masonic Home at Meridian is not only a matter of pride to each Mason of the State, but it is an institution in which each feels an abiding and sacred interest akin to that awakened by the sanctity of his own home.

"From the ashes of the past has arisen a beautiful dormitory, furnished throughout. The building is equipped with an up-to-date heating system, and has hot and cold water, bath-tubs, and all modern conveniences.

"The Harry Howard Infirmary has been repaired and furnished.

"The grounds have been terraced, graded, and sodded, so that the surroundings furnish a beautiful setting for the magnificent buildings that crown the brow of the Place Beautiful.

"Through the munificent donation of Brother B. B. Jones, a Mississippian, who now lives in Washington City, and Brother H. L. Whitfield, former President of the I.I. & C. at Columbus, 343 acres of land with two beautiful dormitories, furnished throughout, have come into possession of the Grand Lodge. This property is near Columbus. It is under the management of Brother H. L. Whitfield. All boys over 12 years of age are sent there, where they receive an industrial as well as a literary education.

"There are 132 children in the Home proper, all of whom are healthy and happy. Brother Hill and his good wife are dedicating their lives and energies to these children, and they deserve and have the grateful appreciation of the Brotherhood of the State."

The new Grand Secretary gives the statistics, which are very encouraging: 68 Chapters: 6,829 members; net gain in a year, 834.

The newly elected and installed Grand High Priest, Emmet N. Thomas, is presented to us in
portrait and biography. Born in Texas in 1885, he was educated in Mississippi and became a practising lawyer. From 1904 to 1906 he was Speaker of the House of Representatives. Since 1910 he has been and now is Chancellor of the 9th Chancery District. His Masonic career has also been one of distinction. He has "held every station in Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, and Council; has served the Grand Lodge as Grand Master; the Grand Commandery as Grand Commander; the Grand Council as Grand Master; and is now serving the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest; was Chairman of the Law Committee of the Grand Lodge for many years, and, while holding that position, prepared the Judicial Laws, Decisions, and Digest of the Grand Lodge."

Much is expected of him also.

George C. Myers, P.G.H.P., of Jackson, Mississippi, presents the Correspondence Report, begun by his eminent predecessor and completed by himself. We observe that he is again appointed for 1923. His reviews are excellent both in form and substance. He cannot be a complete novice. The report of our doings (Canada, 1921), is very complete—he shares his predecessor's admiration for our own Past Grand Z.—Companion Ponton.

Emmet N. Thomas, Greenville, Grand High Priest.

Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary.

Missouri.

The proceedings before us are those of 1922. A portrait of Sidney Lee, the ruling Grand High Priest for 1921-22, is the first item in the make-up of the volume, and we find a biographical sketch somewhere about the middle. This is signed by no less distinguished a person than William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest. We quote the opening paragraph:

"It is worthy of congratulation and commendation that the 71st Grand High Priest of the Grand
Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri is such a distinguished native son, citizen, and Freemason. Seldom does it come to one man to bear the civic, business, and Masonic honours that have come to him.”

Companion Lee was born in Mansfield, Missouri. At the age of 19 he engaged in the “railroad tie” business, and has for many years been vice-president and treasurer of the Hobart-Lee Tie Company, doing an extensive business. For the past 10 years he has been president of the Springfield Grocer Company. He has lived in Springfield, Missouri, nearly all his life. His civic and religious activities are numerous, and his Masonic affiliations also. Becoming a Mason in 1893, he has advanced steadily in all branches. “A plain, unassuming, modest man—a man of few words. Decision and action are foremost with him in everything.”

The address read by Grand High Priest Lee at the 76th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, held in St. Joseph, on the 11th and 12th April, 1922, was a remarkable one. Saying that he had come to render an account of the work done during the year, he continued:—

“It has been a year of national and world-wide re-adjustment. The war changed the boundaries of nations, the government and ideals of many peoples, and the beginning of the year disclosed many a dark cloud on the horizon of our own national vision. The nations of the old world were jealous of our possibilities, preparations were being made throughout the world for larger and greater navies, preparatory to a future war, more awful than the one just closed, and it looked as though nothing could stop it and the smallest spark might kindle the conflagration at any time. In this world crisis a Royal Arch Mason, who has knelt at our altar and has taken the obligations as you and I, putting into practice the ideals learned in our beloved Order, realising that every man is his brother’s keeper, and that men are
created to build and not to tear down and destroy, invited the nations of the world to meet in our own land around the council table and discuss their differences as men and as Brethren. The result of this conference you well know, and I can come to you today at the close of my year’s work with a new message of hope for universal peace made possible through the efforts of a Companion of our great Fraternity.

"Masonically, the year has been one of progress. Our net gain in membership for the year was 3,918, giving us a total membership on the 31st December, 1921, of 29,732. Three new Chapters have been organised in localities with much work in sight and which give assurance of developing into strong, active Chapters. Missouri has been signally honoured this year in having one of our own Past Grand High Priests selected to preside for the next 3 years over the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States—our own beloved Companion Dr. William F. Kuhn, of Kansas City."

In the year’s list of fraternal dead is included the name of Past Grand High Priest Austin Lee McRae, who died at his home in Rolla, Missouri, in March, 1922. He was a distinguished scientist, a graduate of Harvard, and a public-spirited citizen. Born in Georgia in 1861, his life was spent in different States. His Masonry began in 1891, and he was Grand High Priest in 1911.

In concluding his address, the Grand High Priest said that the success of the work done during the past year was due more to the untiring energy and devotion of the Grand Lecturer, Ex. Comp. Marquis, than to any other cause. The Grand Lecturer was doing a wonderful work, instructing and encouraging the Companions to better and more proficient exemplification of the degrees.

The year 1921 was almost as good as 1920 in point of gain in membership. At the end of 1921 the total membership of the 103 active Chapters had reached 29,732, and the net gain shown was 3,918.
We omitted from last year's review of Missouri a reference to the amendment made in 1921 of a standing resolution in the matter of "concurrent jurisdiction." The resolution, as amended, reads:—

"A candidate may petition any Chapter in this State for the degrees, except where the petitioner resides in a city or town where there is an established Chapter."

Standing by itself, this is none too clear.

But the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, by The Reverend Companion John Henderson Miller, is clarity itself—and very pleasant reading. Canada (1921) is favourably reviewed. We make no apology for quoting the whole of Companion Miller's apt "Conclusion:"—

"The Mission of Freemasonry is growing to meet the demands of the times. The original thought was of an association of congenial companions for mutual benefit, pleasure, and protection.

The remarkable changes which have been made by the many and great discoveries of science, the widespread line of schools, colleges, and universities, the influence of the newspapers, the adoption of equality for men and women in the sight of the law, and the opening of the door of the home for Public Welfare to enter and make its plea, all of these are responsible for the enlargement of vision for Masonic activity.

"Freemasonry is alive to-day to the necessity of defending the rights of the individual, the home, and the nation. Freemasons feel that they are not outside their bounds by advocating and defending honesty in purpose and performance in every public undertaking in city, country, and nation, and its aim is to see that the government of the United States shall be by the laws of our own country and not by any foreign power whatever.

"On February 15th, 1922, 12,000 Freemasons assembled in Convocation Hall in Kansas City, Mo., to deliberate on the duty of Masons as citizens of
the United States, and their obligations to defend American ideals.

"Companion William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, gave the following as his impression of that great assembly:—

"That Freemasonry is finally emerging from its swaddling clothes of mere signs, grips, steps, and words—sort of a system of gymnastics—into its full power of a practical agency to develop and enforce the great principles on which our country must rest. Freemasonry must educate, enlighten, and enforce Americanism. It is an enemy to the Red Flag and does not bow to the Red Hat."

Edmund E. Morris, Kansas City, Grand High Priest.

Robert F. Stevenson, 911 Locust Street, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska.

We give some extracts from the address of Most Excellent Companion Lewis E. Smith, of Long Pine, Grand High Priest, who presided over the 55th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, held in Omaha on the 14th and 15th December, 1921. These will serve to show the condition of the Grand Chapter. The address is a model one, and we regret that we can reproduce only parts of it:—

"While the world at large is still in a turmoil, peace and harmony prevail within the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction; and, despite a year of financial depression, the condition of our Chapters, generally, is exceedingly good. May we express the hope that those who have this year been admitted to our fellowship, fully realising the importance of the institution, will join hands with those who have so faithfully laboured for years in building up our Order?"

"While the distance that I live away from our headquarters has made it impossible for me to give
much time to the meetings, I have kept in close touch with the affairs of the Home and have seen our funds increase from year to year. I have also noticed, with great satisfaction, wonderful improvement in the management. To-day our Home is second to none. The residents are given every comfort and luxury and are as contented as it is possible for old people to be who have long since passed the meridian of life and are waiting for the setting sun. Our Grand Chapter may be proud of the important part they have taken in this work, and if the Companions could visit the Home and visit the residents, they would feel that the small amount that we pay to the Home each year, when we purchase stock, is wonderfully invested.

"Of all the work that the Masonic Bodies at Nebraska are interested in, none should appeal to us more than the care of the children who have been left to us, as wards. We now have already 50 children at our homes in Fremont. With the exception of the smaller ones, they are all attending the public schools. They are receiving every care and comfort that it is possible to give them, and I believe that they are getting a start in life that will make them good citizens of this great country of ours."

"Before closing, I desire to call to the attention of the officers and members, conditions as I see them. In my judgment, we are at the noon-tide of our growth. For the last few years Masonry, in all its branches, has been over-popular; many who have passed the Veils have not found just what they desire; and in consequence there may come a time when our suspension lists may overshadow our admissions, and our numbers, for a time, may be decreased. If this should happen, however, Companions, let us not be discouraged, for we may be well rid of any dead timber, but let us be cautious—not only of those who knock at our door—but especially let us keep our finances in such condition
that we may be able to meet our obligations to those dependent upon us."

Grand Secretary White gives the following figures: 54 active Chapters; 7,566 members; net gain in a year, 676.

All the reports show prosperity, harmony, and progress.

There is no correspondence report.

William W. Metz, Nebraska City, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, P.G.H.P., Omaha, Grand Secretary.

Nevada.

This Grand Chapter is one of the smallest, yet we never fail to find its proceedings interesting.

The 49th Annual Convocation was held in Reno on the 13th June, 1922, and was presided over by Hosea E. Reid, of Reno, Grand High Priest—a gentleman of intellect and dignity, we may guess from his portrait. In his address he expressed faith in the future of the Royal Craft, while he urged the Companions to bestir themselves and "do something worth while to be remembered."

There appear to be still only 9 constituent Chapters, but the year had brought an increase of 27 in the aggregate membership—an advance from 579 to 606 on the 1st May, 1922.

The making of plans for an appropriate celebration in 1923 of the semi-Centennial of Royal Arch Masonry in Nevada was entrusted to a special committee.

Among the deceased of the year were at least three notable Craftsmen:—

Adolphus Lee Fitzgerald was born in North Carolina in 1840, and died in Boston in August, 1921. He fought in the civil war, after which he moved to California and became professor of classics in a college in that State. In 1878 he was admitted to practise as a lawyer in California; in the same year,
he moved to Eureka, Nevada, where he practised until in 1887 he was elected to a District judgeship. In 1900 he was elevated to the Supreme Court of the State, voluntarily retiring as its Chief Justice in 1907. "A man of understanding and scholarship, conscientious, trustworthy, loyal, and without guile," writes the Grand Secretary. He was Grand High Priest in 1884 and Grand Master in 1887.

In November, 1921, died Samuel Willis Chubbock, in Oakland, California. Born of American parents at Queenston, Ontario, in 1837, he settled in Nevada in 1863, and became a State Senator and in 1898 Lieutenant-Governor of the State. He served the Grand Chapter as Grand Treasurer from 1869 to 1873, as Grand Secretary from 1873 to 1877, and as Deputy Grand High Priest in 1881. At the time of His death he had been a Mason for 63 years.

A much younger man, who was Grand High Priest as recently as 1917, was Robert Lewers, who died in January, 1922, having been born in 1862, in Nevada. He was at first a schoolmaster and afterwards a professor in the State University at Reno, of which he had been vice-president since 1906. He was said to have been an admirable teacher and an ardent Mason.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, 1922, is again written by Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary. He presents a capital report of the doings of 54 Grand Bodies, one of which is the Grand Chapter of Canada (1921)—honoured with a very full and appreciative notice. There is inspiration in Companion Vanderlieth's conclusion:—

"Greater to-day than ever before comes the call that every man should be the keeper of his brother-man. Be helpful, for helpfulness of man to man is a true part of our human nature. The care one takes of his own life is but half the battle. The teachings of the Craft demand that we fill our time with positive service and good for others. Just as far as
we possess the ability and just as far as chance permits, we must protect and help the lives of other people. ‘No man has come to true greatness who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to his race, and that what God gives him He gives him for mankind.’ How true to the lessons of the Royal Craft! And, if we would be happy and true to them, we must write our name in loving deeds of kindness, love, and mercy on the hearts of those we meet in the walks of life. There can be no real happiness without helpfulness.”

Louis G. Campbell, Winnemucca, Grand High Priest.

Edward B. Vanderlieth, Reno, Grand Secretary.

**New Brunswick.**

We have had nothing from the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick for two years, and now we have only the report of 1920.

On the 26th April, 1920, the 33rd Annual Convocation was held in St. John, Grand High Priest Horace A. Porter presiding. “Since we last met,” he said in his address, “there has been a great revival of interest in Capitular Masonry.” And the Grand Secretary’s report showed for 8 Chapters a membership of 949, being an increase of 86 in 1919.

There is no correspondence report.

Daniel W. Kyle, Moncton, Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, Ritchie’s Building, St. John, Grand Secretary.

**New Hampshire.**

In our report of last year we had no New Hampshire, but this year finds us with the proceedings of two years, 1921 and 1922.

Bert L. Stebbins (portrait but no biography) presided as Grand High Priest at the 102nd Annual Convocation, held in Concord on the 17th May, 1921. In his address he paid particular attention to the
worthies who had passed on during his year of office. Chiefest among these was John Francis Webster, who was born in Dorchester, Mass., in 1837, and died in Concord, N.H., in February, 1921. He spent most of his business life in the service of a great railway corporation, becoming assistant-treasurer in 1904, and retiring from active service in 1920. He served in the State Legislature in 1889. His Masonic career was a notable one—only two men in New Hampshire had ever been honoured with the holding of every grand office in Masonry, and Companion Webster was one of the two. He was Grand High Priest in 1886 and 1887.

Speaking of the Masonic Home, the Grand High Priest said that the great work being done by it was limited only by the capacity of the building and the funds at the disposal of the trustees.

The Committee on Chapters and Returns reported 26 Chapters on the roll, with an aggregate membership of 5,389, showing a net increase of 433 in a year.

Charles B. Spofford writes an able review of the proceedings of 53 Grand Bodies, including the Grand Chapter of Canada, proceedings of 1921. He calls Grand Z. Ponton's address a scholarly one and "from its many quotations and epigrams" selects "a few which are gems for any after-dinner subject."

William Dwight Chandler, of Concord, who was elected Grand High Priest in 1921, presided at the 103rd Annual Convocation, held in Concord on the 16th May, 1922. Among the distinguished visitors at this Convocation was William Nisbet Ponton aforesaid, Immediate Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

During the year death had again been busy among the elect.

Edward Oren Fifield, who was Grand High Priest in 1916, was born in Hopkinton in 1848, and died in Milford in July, 1921. He was for years a prominent manufacturer and one of the leading lumber
operators of the State of New Hampshire; also a member of the State Legislature.

An older Past Grand High Priest was Joshua Wright Hunt, who served Grand Chapter as its head in 1904-05. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1844, and died at Nashua, N.H., in August, 1921. For nearly 40 years he was engaged in the grain business, retiring 10 years ago.

In the Grand High Priest’s account of the proceedings of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in September, 1921, he said, among other things, that the consideration of the proposed revision of the Constitution, “which was very objectionable to your delegation, as well as to the delegations of all the New England Grand Chapters, was indefinitely postponed.” Then follows a curious paragraph, relating to something which we have not read of elsewhere, and which we quote without comment as something decidedly out of the ordinary:—

“I agree that another matter in which your delegation was interested did not result as desired, namely, in the defeat for election of one of the officers of the General Grand Chapter, whose election was opposed by nearly one-half of the members voting, because of certain well-authenticated stories which did not leave him like ‘Caesar’s wife.’ Upon the second ballot he was advanced.”

Grand High Priest Chandler made many visits during his term of office to the Grand Chapters and constituent Chapters of the neighbouring States, and frequently encountered Canada’s representative, Grand Z. Ponton, of whom he speaks in the highest terms.

The number of Chapters reported in 1922 was the same as in 1921—26—but the membership had grown to 5,759, an increase of 370.

Another fine Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Charles B. Spofford—his 5th annual fraternal review. He is again profuse in quotation from the address of Past Grand Z. Ponton at the
Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada in Hamilton in 1922.

Halbert Nelson Bond, Manchester, N.H., Grand High Priest.

Harry Morrison Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey.

Preceding the story of the 66th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey in the volume of proceedings for 1921-22, we find the minutes of 5 special Convocations held for the purpose of constituting new Chapters—an indication of growth and strength. At all of these and at the Annual Convocation held in Trenton on the 10th May, 1922, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Albert Leon, of Perth Amboy, presided.

At the opening of the Annual Convocation, the sad announcement was made that the well-known and well-beloved Henry S. Haines was very ill at his home in Burlington. The fear was expressed that his active days of usefulness to the Grand Chapter had ended. His Report on Foreign Correspondence appears in the appendix, and is up to his usual high standard, but lacks a "conclusion," from which we infer that the stroke of illness was heavy upon him for some time before the meeting. Me may quote his graceful introduction:—

"It is again our privilege to enter upon a tour of Masonic observation, and to render to our Companions an account of such occurrences in the Capitular world as we deem worthy of their special consideration. We neither expect nor desire to witness new things, but we do expect to find hearts gladdened and souls refreshed by renewed manifestations of enlarged benevolence and a stronger determination to make practical our professions, and to use more diligently and effectively the means. Providence has placed in our hands, through its ministry, to better the condition of mankind. This
purpose is worthy of the best endeavours of the reviewer, and is the only one that makes our toil a pleasure, inspiring the hope that, however feeble in execution our humble offering may appear, it may, at least, awaken in others, stronger than ourselves, a thought that will prompt them to the performance of greater and nobler things.

Reviewing our proceedings of 1921, he speaks of Canada's then Grand Z. as having "displayed to us a type of manhood all his own." He suspects the Roman Church of deep designs, for he writes, still under Canada: "May it not be true that numbers are flocking to our standard by providential direction, to avert the subjugation of our country from the domination of a foreign-born and foreign-bred hierarchy?" He has an appreciative word, strengthened by quotation, which he rarely uses, for Companion Dunstan's Report on the condition of Capitular Masonry, as well as for the address of Grand Z. Ponton, of which he says:—

"His message was one of congratulation, hope, and promise, and was, moreover, an essay upon the lofty ideals and the moral obligations of Freemasonry, delightful to read and profitable to consider, outlining a policy which, if pursued, would add materially to the dignity of our profession."

We have purposely set the masterly report of Companion Haines in the forefront, feeling, as every correspondent must, that what that wonderful veteran writes has a peculiar significance for all. We sincerely join in the prayers for his recovery, even accepting with sadness the dictum that his day of activity has come to an end.

Grand High Priest Leon announced the death, in February, 1922, in Albany, N.Y., of Past Grand High Priest Lorenzo D. Sanborn. We find that he was born in 1839, and was Grand High Priest in 1913-14.

The address of Companion Leon was not long, but contained a very precise account of the business of the year.
The report of Grand Secretary Peter McGill (12th annual) showed remarkable growth and progress. The membership on the 31st December, 1921, was 15,656, a net gain of 2,510, nearly as great as that of 1920, generally regarded as the peak-year. There are 51 constituent Chapters.

We notice with regret that the honoured name of Henury S. Haines no longer stands at the head of the names of the Committee on Correspondence.

The new Chairman is J. C. Hardenbergh, whose work we shall look for with interest.


Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico.

The 24th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico was held in Albuquerque on the 23rd February, 1922. The Grand High Priest, J. Smith Lea, of Roswell, in his address said that the year 1921 had been a quiet one. The Companions had been so busy advancing and promoting the cause of Royal Arch Masonry that they had no time for discords and contentions—certainly none had been reported to him.

Among the distinguished dead was Lewis H. Chamberlain, who was Grand High Priest in 1901-02.

The statistics are of the 31st December, 1921; chartered Chapters, 17; under dispensation, none; members, 1,717; net gain, 179.

Charles C. Manning, Gallup, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

New South Wales.

The proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales for 1919, 1920, and 1921, are before us in goodly array. Since our report of 1920, when we reviewed New South
Wales 1917 and 1918, we have until now had nothing from this antipodean Jurisdiction: it is a pleasure to greet it once again. We find M.E. Comp. Samuel Scott-Young, who was first installed as Grand First Principal in November, 1918, presiding in the Grand East at the first quarterly Convocation of 1919, in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh street, Sydney, on the 28th March. In his address the Grand Z. said:

"We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the spirit of anarchy, of revolution against order, rectitude, the sanctity of family life, and even the marriage tie, is rampant, not only abroad, but in our very midst. Let it be ours as Masons, and especially as R.A. Masons, to range ourselves on the side of purity of thought, speech, motive, and action, and so use our influence to lift our own immediate surroundings up out of the dangers that are threatening us."

At the November Quarterly, Comp. Scott-Young was installed as Grand First Principal for another year.

We do not find any membership statistics in the proceedings, but there is a roll of active constituent Chapters which shows the number to be 38.

In 1920 the number had grown to 43, and the Grand Z. said that the Order had made "steady and encouraging progress."

In the proceedings of the May Quarterly of 1921, we find the Grand Z. (Comp. Scott-Young) making the following allusions to the unhappy divisions still existing in New South Wales:

"I cannot conclude without an allusion to the operations of the District Grand Chapter of Scotland, which is still pursuing the evil practice of disregarding Masonic law and usage by illegally opening Chapters in our sovereign territory, to the discomfort of all bodies in the Craft and the detriment of Freemasonry in this State."

"What are we to do with such an unscrupulous body, which is prepared to outrage all Masonic law?
Surely it is a thorn in our side. Be it ours to set a good example of law-abiding, conscientious conduct, by persevering in our work on the lines indicated in my opening remarks."

In his "opening remarks" the Most Excellent had advised loyalty and the observance of the golden rule.

At the November Quarterly, 1921, Comp. Scott-Young retired from office, and was succeeded as Grand First Principal by Comp. Aubrey Halloran, who had filled the same high office in earlier years.

At the end of 1921 there were 46 constituent Chapters.

All the meetings during the three years of which the records are before us were held in Sydney.

The minutes of the meetings do not afford much material for the reviewer, but they plainly disclose the finest and best Masonic spirit.

There are no correspondence reports.
Aubrey Halloran, Grand First Principal.
A. J. Burbidge, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

New York.

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength" might be taken as the motto of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York. The "tranquility" and "stability" of which Mr. Bonar Law spoke—by the way he is not a Canadian, for he was born in New Brunswick before it was a part of Canada, and went to Scotland at an early age—characterise all the proceedings of this great body of Royal Craftsmen, more than 60,000 by the last recorded count. Indeed, perhaps strangely, the only departure from strict quietude in the printed proceedings before us—the minutes of the 125th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York, held in the historic precincts of Maiden Lane, Albany, on the 7th and 8th February, 1922—was made by a real British Canadian.
The address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Willard T. Chevalier, was a marvellous document, covering as it did all the events of an extremely busy year; but it was such a statement as might be made by the president of a great mercantile corporation at the annual meeting of shareholders therein, and was severely restricted to the business and work of this great body, if we except a short paragraph at the end, in which the Most Excellent spoke of the "enthusiasm of the Royal Arch Companies of this Jurisdiction, their desire to know more of our institutions, their eagerness to follow any leadership that will blaze the way to even higher standards of Capitular teaching and practice" as "at once an inspiration and a challenge to the man who is fortunate enough to be called to their service." And the annual address of the Grand Chaplain, the R.E. and Rev. Pierre Cushing, which is not, we are glad to see, called an "oration," was simple and unrhetorical; this did not, in our view, detract from its merit. The subject was "Masonry and Citizenship." The Grand Secretary in his note says that it was "an inspiring address," and "was listened to with close attention and heartily applauded at its conclusion." The speaker defined the avowed purpose of Masonry thus: "to make men honest, upright, true to their God, and just to their country, and to unite them in the strong bonds of friendship, morality, and brotherly love." Of these five purposes he selected the one expressed in the phrase "just to their country" as the particular theme of his discourse. As models and exemplars of American citizenship he mentioned three names—linking Roosevelt, "the prophet of civic righteousness," with Washington and Lincoln.

The only other considerable address recorded in the proceedings was by the Canadian to whom we have referred, M.E. Comp. William Nisbet Ponton, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, who said that he was now for the fifth time, as the representative of Canada, "the recipient of the golden
coin of your courtesy and the gracious gleam of your hospitality." The address, it need hardly be said, was couched in fervid language and of rousing character, in contrast to the prevailing tone, which we have called tranquility or quietude.

M.E. Comp. Charles C. Hunt presented his 10th annual report as Grand Secretary. He was "pleased to record a continuance of great activity among our Chapters, although the high mark of last year was not equalled." Returns had been received from all of the 217 chartered Chapters and two under dispensation, showing a membership on the 27th December, 1921, of 60,793, and a net increase of 5,498 for the year. The increase for 1920 was 6,800, but the gain of 1921 exceeded all records prior to 1920.

Any notice of the events of the year would be incomplete without a reference to the passing of the Senior Past Grand High Priest, William Sherer, who was born in Kentucky in 1837, settled in Brooklyn in 1850, became a bank-clerk, then a banker, and finally manager of the New York Clearing House, from which position he retired a few years before his death, which occurred on the 20th November, 1921, at his home in Brooklyn. He was Grand Master of New York Masons in 1891, and Grand High Priest in 1887 and 1888—"the Nestor of Freemasonry in the State."

M.E. Comp. Arthur Warren, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, discourses pleasantly, in what he calls "a blending of introduction and conclusion," which forms the preface to his reviews of the doings of other Grand Jurisdictions, of the wonderful activity, zeal, and enthusiasm of the Royal Craft in the United States and Canada. His notice of Canada (1921) leaves nothing to be desired by those who value intelligent appreciation of their work.

C. Tracey Stagg, Cornell University, Ithaca, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, Masonic Hall, New York, Grand Secretary.
New Zealand.

The 30th Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was held in the Masonic Hall, Wanganui, on the 1st February, 1922: M.E. Comp. E. Flavell, Grand Z., presiding. The Supreme Committee reported that the year 1921 had been the most prosperous since the establishment of Grand Chapter. The difficulty with the Grand Chapter of Scotland was, at least temporarily, settled by the acceptance of terms stated by that Grand Chapter as follows:—

“(1) To recognise the Grand Chapters under-noted, provided that it is understood we agree to establish no more Scottish Chapters in these territories except in connection with a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

“(2) That it be understood that otherwise the Grand Chapter concerned is supreme in its own district.

“(3) That all Chapters desiring still to adhere to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and any Lodges and Councils, or Councils, of Royal and Select Masters, which may desire, shall be at liberty to do so, and shall receive full recognition from the new Grand Chapter.

“(4) That this resolution shall apply to Queensland, West Australia, New Zealand, and the Phillipine Islands.”

In moving the adoption of a clause in the report of the Supreme Committee recommending the acceptance of recognition on the basis of these conditions, M.E. Comp. Esson suggested that it “afforded a solution of a difficulty which had seemed interminable. The Grand Chapter of Scotland had not conceded all we felt we were entitled to, but at the same time the terms offered gave an opportunity of terminating a difficult situation, with the ultimate prospect of a complete settlement. At present there were 12 Scotch Lodges in New Zealand, two of which already had Chapters attached. The remainder were
situated in places where New Zealand Grand Chapter had flourishing Chapters, and it was doubtful if Scotland would institute Chapters in opposition to the latter, especially as in the North Island the Scottish Lodges were not strong numerically. He pointed out that other Jurisdictions than our own had accepted similar terms, and he hoped that it would get fuller recognition later on. At present it could at least be said that we had the opportunity of happily ending a dangerous situation."

The motion for adoption was carried after much discussion and the voting down of an amendment.

Archibald James Graham, Palmerston North, Grand Z.

H. J. Williams, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

North Carolina.

The 74th Annual Conclave or Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina was held in Winston-Salem on the 9th and 10th May, 1922, under the presidency of John J. Phœnix, of Greensboro, Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest of South Carolina, Companion O. Frank Hart, was present as a visitor, but what the Grand High Priest of North Carolina said to the Grand High Priest of South Carolina is not told. (This is an obvious bromide, but we cannot resist it). Past Grand High Priest John H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, though at home, was treated as a distinguished visitor because of his rank as Grand Master of the First Veil in the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Grand High Priest Phœnix in his address alluded with sorrow to the death of Grand Secretary Emeritus James Cassidy Munds, in November, 1921. Companion Munds was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1851. He lived and died in that historic city, and was an untiring and effective worker in all branches of Masonry.
Education was the principal theme of the Grand High Priest's address. He urged the Grand Chapter to take a positive stand—"We should face conditions as they really are and not be satisfied to deal in generalities and be content that our State is about as well off as any. So long as a boy or girl in North Carolina seeks higher education, we should realise our duty. Masonry stands for progress and is the enemy of ignorance. The latest government statistics record 320,000 people in North Carolina who cannot read or write. It is true that we have made improvements and commendable strides during the past decade, but there is much to be done." He recommended that all educational work be handled on the loan system only, and that a loan fund be created at each of three State Institutions of higher education. This recommendation appears to have been approved by the Finance Committee in a report adopted by Grand Chapter.

The future of Masonry was discussed by the Grand High Priest in these words:—

"We are growing in numbers, but to grow in usefulness is the ideal condition that alone will perpetuate our Order. The statement was made at a recent convention, by a speaker, that in 25 years there would be no fraternal secret Order showing growth commensurate with our country. His theory was that the leading societies would not be the old organisations, such as Masonry, but progressive non-secret bodies.

"While I do not agree with this theory, still there is a warning that we should heed, and thus protect Masonry for the future. We number among our members the leading citizens of every community, but while this is so, we must admit, if our Lodge and Chapter attendance is investigated, that those members show small interest in our various Masonic Bodies. Every candidate for degrees should take his steps seriously with a view of absorbing the lessons as progress is made. He should so live before
the world as to reflect credit upon our Order and
honour to himself and family, and he should also
give his personal services to Masonry.

"The world must recognise Masonry as an enter-
prise for public progress and advancement and not
merely a play-house to satisfy personal entertain-
ment desires."

All of which may be taken to heart. We have
ourselves felt uneasy in contemplating the meagre
attendance at ordinary meetings, but we have often
been assured that Masons who make only occasional
appearances are yet sound in their allegiance and
to be relied on as supporters of the Order.

What are we to make of this paragraph of the
address?

"We have maintained very cordial relations with
this Grand Body in North Carolina, and I wish to
record the fact that the Eastern Star Chapters have
shown such lively interest in the Oxford Orphanage
that every Mason of our State should freely
recognise this splendid Order and give fraternal en-
couragement in his community."

Grand Secretary John B. Griggs did a great work
during the year in visiting the constituent Chapters,
especially the weak ones. He gives his whole time
to the duties of his office, of which visiting the
Chapters is one. His statistics are: 51 Chapters;
7,121 members; net gain, 614.

"Companion J. Edward Allen, Chairman of the
Correspondence Committee, submitted his report.
The same was ordered to be published in the pro-
cedings." This is extracted from the minutes, and
the excellent report is found in the appendix. Com-
panion Allen is a recruit—he is called Professor
Allen in the list of Committees appointed for 1923.
We should have appreciated some general remarks
from him by way of introduction or conclusion. He
restricts himself, however, severely to reviews of the
proceedings of Grand Chapters, in alphabetical order.
Canada is not forgotten, but it is Canada of 1921.
Companion Allen writes with ease and distinction, and is a welcome addition to the Round Table.

William Richie Smith, Grand High Priest.
John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota.

R. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, of Fargo, whom we had the pleasure of meeting last summer at Port Arthur, is permanent or quasi-permanent Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, and a great soldier in the army of Masonry. His biographies of the Rulers of the Royal Craft are always interesting. Introducing George Edzard Duis, the presiding Grand High Priest at the 33rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, held in Fargo on the 24th and 25th January, 1922, the biographer tells of the birth of Duis in 1863, in Illinois, and of his two vocations and two avocations. His vocations are selling farm machinery and implements and automobiles in Grand Forks and operating a large farm in Nelson county, where he specialises in blooded stock and bee-cultural avocations, first politics and second Masonry. He served a term as State Senator, and was, being a Democrat, Postmaster at Grand Forks during the Woodrow Wilson administration. His Masonic career began in Illinois, but on changing his abode he became associated with all the Masonic bodies of North Dakota. His year as Grand High Priest was characterised by activity and substantial progress. The personal touch is given thus: “George Duis is a man of commanding stature, and going with this is a big heart. His sympathies are generous, but he is no sense lacking in courage and the willingness to fight for a cause, and when once enlisted his face is always toward the foe.”

In his address this Grand High Priest said that during the year 53 Companions of the Grand Jurisdiction had passed to the Great Beyond, among whom was one of the older Past Grand High Priests,
John Holmes, who died in Portland in June, 1921.
“A kindly man from the sturdy stock of North Ireland.” He was Grand High Priest in 1903-04.

There is little else in the address of Companion Duis which calls for quotation or comment. This is no disparagement to the address—an excellent business summary. But the Grand High Priest grows enthusiastic when he acknowledges the services or the Grand Secretary. Here we must quote, for it is well to know something of the really remarkable men among the rulers:

“Of necessity much of the work of the Grand High Priest is in connection with the Grand Secretary. I take this opportunity to thank Grand Secretary Walter L. Stockwell, most heartily, for his kind assistance and co-operation: and to the Companions of this Grand Convocation I want to say that there is no man in this Jurisdiction who is doing and has done more for Masonry than has our Grand Secretary. He has delivered to thousands of Masons throughout this country and Canada a great message of service. The message that he has delivered has been fraught with lasting benefit to our Craft. He is making for this Jurisdiction a name throughout the nation, and it is a name of high ideals and service to our fellowmen. While at Asheville, North Carolina, the great service which he has rendered was recognised, and he was elected to one of the line offices in another great body, and in due time I am sure that he will become the presiding officer of that great body of Masons in the United States. May he continue in the good work in which he is now engaged.”

Companion Stockwell submitted his 12th annual report as Grand Secretary. He said that the year 1921 had been one of satisfactory numerical growth, and of decided gain in the interest taken in Chapter work, instancing the “splendid enthusiasm” of the District Convocations. “Let us,” he wrote, “connect up Royal Arch Masonry with Masonry, where it belongs, and forget about it being a prerequisite to
anything. Let it stand upon its own foundation, and it will merit the hearty support of every member who is really interested in Freemasonry."

There appear to be 27 Chapters, all more or less active; the total membership at the end of 1921 was 4,009; and the net gain for the year, 165.

A feature of the book containing the printed proceedings of North Dakota—not strictly part of the proceedings—is a page headed "Incidents." This is valuable, and we should like to see it introduced in our own Grand Chapter and others. The "incidents" of the 1922 Convocation were: (1) the conferring of the Mark Master's degree by one of the constituent Chapters; (2) a dinner given by one of the Fargo Chapters; and (3) a reference to two of the elder Companions. At the dinner, it was said, Past Grand High Priest Adolph M. Christianson, a distinguished jurist, "made a powerful plea for a greater interest on the part of Masons in the welfare of state and nation." The Senior Past Grand High Priest, Peter Pickton, aged 91, was reported to be in the hospital at Tacoma; and the third Grand High Priest, Frank Ingalls, was absent from this Convocation for the first time since the Grand Chapter of Dakota Territory was organised in 1885. Both of these veterans were missed.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was written by E. George Guthrie, P.G.H.P., of Fargo—his 8th annual review. The doings of 48 Grand Chapters—Canada (1921) being not the least considered—are reviewed in alphabetical order and in masterly style. There is also an interesting introduction, from which we quote two paragraphs:

"There is a splendid constructive work laid out for the Grand High Priests and the other Grand Officers: to look after the supporting, strengthening, and re-juvenation of dormant Chapters in their Jurisdictions. There are many chartered Chapters which needs a little spur and stimulus once and again, in order to revive their interests, to prevent
them from becoming decayed, defunct, and drifting down and out; Chapters which have started out at their constituting with much promise and vigour, but from one cause or another have lost their tenacity and are fast slipping away into the dead files.

“One manifest reason for this condition has been the indiscriminate granting of charters—the placing of a Chapter in a community already served by one not particularly robust to begin with, which means a distribution of material between two Chapters to the detriment of both and ultimate loss to the Craft.”

These are wise words.

Following the introduction are “Pick-ups along the Trail.” Two of the “pick-ups” are credited to our own Ponton, whose addresses are everywhere admired and treasured by the reviewers. “He is an exceptionally gifted man,” says Companion Guthrie, in his review of Canada, “and he lets his powers of description have full sway.”

Walter H. Murfin, Fargo, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Nova Scotia.

The 53rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over the Provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and the Colony of Newfoundland) was held in the town of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, on the 13th June, 1922.

Of Edgar Norwood Clements of Yarmouth, Grand High Priest, who presided at this Convocation, we know something and have written of him aforetime. In his address he paid an eloquent tribute to Lunenburg, the place of meeting, “one of the historic places of our beloved Province,” noted for its fishing-fleet, “second to none in the whole world,” its shipyards from which renowned craft have come, its
natural beauty, and the great spirit and enterprise of its inhabitants.

Proceeding in his address, the Grand High Priest said that on the 13th December, 1921, Donald Darrach, Past Grand High Priest, died at Kensing-ton, Prince Edward Island. "Dr. Darrach was one of our best known and most loved Companions, with a Masonic history and record most enviable and in private life most honourable and upright."

The first official visit made by the Grand High Priest during his year of office was to Shannon Chapter, No. 9, St. John's, Newfoundland, on the 20th October, 1921. In making this visit he travelled nearly 2,000 miles and was absent from his home for 10 days, but he was well repaid. The visit was a delightful one. In the words of a former Grand High Priest, "‘They’ (the Newfoundlanders) ‘have a sample of hospitality second to none on the American Continent.’" He expressed a wish that the next Annual Convocation should be held in Newfoundland, and we note that St. John's was actually chosen as the place of meeting—a noteworthy choice. We should like to be there.

Every constituent Chapter in the Jurisdiction was visited by this active Ruler of the Royal Craft, and everywhere he was received with the utmost kindness, courtesy, and hospitality.

The report of Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter showed 20 constituent Chapters, 2,586 members on the roll, and a net gain of 115 since the last report—not so large a gain as in the two previous years, but still an evidence of satisfactory progress.

Grand Chapter passed a resolution favouring recognition of the Grand Chapters of New Zealand and Western Australia and providing for an interchange of representatives.

A sum of $250 was appropriated to the endowment fund of the Masonic Home—"for this year."

The treasury is not overflowing, but shows a sufficient surplus to warrant this and other wise expenditures.
The "Report of Foreign Correspondence" is by Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary. There are 52 reviews; Canada, 1921, is one, and receives a great deal of attention. Companion Brenton shows aptitude for picking out the salient features of each set of proceedings, and has not studied in vain the art of condensation—"the last and greatest art, the art to blot."

M.E. Comp. William Nisbet Ponton, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was expected to attend this Convocation as a visitor. He wired to the Grand High Priest, "expressing deep and sincere regrets and disappointment that I am unavoidably prevented being with you at Grand Chapter. This disappointment is personal as well as official. Has looked forward very much to meeting, greeting, and renewing old friendship with you. Kindest regards and best wishes to you and that band of enlightened men whose hearts as Royal Arch Masons God has touched, over whom you so worthily preside." A characteristic message.

Edward T. Carbonell, Charlottetown, P.E.I., Grand High Priest.

Brenton F. Porter, Truro, N.S., Grand Secretary.

Oklahoma.

The Grand High Priest who led the forces of Capitular Masonry in Oklahoma during the year 1921-1922 was Eugene P. McMahon, of Lawton, who is presented to the reader of the volume of proceedings in a portrait and brief biographical sketch. He was born in Wisconsin in 1863, schooled in the common schools and the State Normal School, Oshkosh, moved to Kansas in 1886, and for 12 years was superintendent of city schools in that State. He went to Oklahoma in 1901, and settled in Lawton, where he has since lived and engaged in the loan and insurance business. Companion McMahon, his biographer says, "has won his Masonic spurs by hard work. He is a splendid executive, and the year
of his administration will stand out as a bright page in the history of Capitular Masonry in Oklahoma."

The 33rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma was held in Muskogee on the 5th April, 1922. Grand High Priest McMahon presided. Grand Secretary James A. Scott, who lives in Muskogee, was not able to be present, having been "the victim of a distressing accident" early in the morning of the day of meeting. The Grand Treasurer, M.E. Comp. Ira B. Kirkland, acted as Grand Secretary.

In his address the Grand High Priest said that the past year had been a prosperous one—at least financially and numerically. The increase in membership, while not quite so great as in the year next preceding, had exceeded that of any other year.

The Grand Secretary's figures are: 78 constituent Chapters: total membership, 11,712; net gain in a year, 1,755.

The Grand Chapter takes an active part in the work of maintaining the Masonic Home, which has been removed from Darlington to Guthrie; in educational work, and in encouraging the Order of De Molay for boys. It is also a member of the Masonic Service Association, which is perhaps an unusual thing in the case of a Grand Chapter.

Companion William Noble, of Oklahoma City, made his 4th Report on Fraternal Correspondence. He says, modestly, that he endeavours to present a fair survey and analysis of the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters submitted for review, and trusts that the Oklahoma Companions may find the report informative and instructive. It is indeed an excellent report. The only fault that we can find with it is that it contains nothing about the Grand Chapter of Canada—although Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and Quebec are reviewed.

Ernest Lane Wilson, Tulsa, Grand High Priest.

James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.
Oregon.

This is not one of the large Grand Chapters, but it is growing and its proceedings are always interesting.

The 62nd Annual Convocation was held in Portland on the 12th June, 1922. M.E. Comp. Walter R. Bilyeu, who presided as Grand High Priest, was, we learn from a brief sketch, initialled by Grand Treasurer David P. Mason, born in 1886 in Albany, Oregon, where he still lives and practises as a dental surgeon. That is all that is told of him except that he has rendered faithful service in all branches of Masonry.

In his address to the Companions, this eminent Ruler of the Royal Craft mentioned that he had represented Oregon at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in September, 1921. Oregon's attitude to the General Grand Chapter, it will be remembered, is different from that of other State Grand Chapters, in that it considers its status incomplete without a charter from the General Grand Chapter. Politely, but firmly, General Grand Chapter has more than once refused to grant a charter, deeming that it has no power to do so in the case of Oregon or any other Grand Chapter. Companion Bilyeu saw no reason for alarm.

The Grand Secretary's statistics showed 39 chartered Chapters and 2 under dispensation, with an aggregate membership at the end of 1921 of 6,327; a net gain of 528 during 1921.

The address of the Grand Orator, Comp. George T. Cochran, upon "The Dedication of the Temple," vividly pictured the ceremony and its attendant features.

The second correspondence report of Companion Walter O. Haines is more ambitious than his first. The reviews comprehend 54 Grand Jurisdictions, and there are an introduction and a conclusion, both of which are well worth reading. The conclusion is
addressed to the Foreign Correspondents of the various Grand Chapters. Companion Haines says:—

"In reviewing the proceedings for this year's report we are very forcibly struck with the absence of any well-thought-out plan for the discussion of topics of vital interest to the Craft. The general review is full of interest and of value, but would not the discussion of some one or more topics from the view-point of the law and usage of each Grand Chapter be of added interest and information to all?"

He then suggests some subjects, most of which have been pretty well discussed, but, he thinks, without coherence; and winds up thus:—

"The reports made by each of you, my Companions, have been of great benefit and interest to us, and we desire to thank you for the instructive material you have published. If we had any criticism to offer, it would be that critical comment is not frequent enough. Surely no one of the Correspondents would be offended at a frank and full expression of opinion on any subject, and, speaking for ourselves, we would welcome much more of it."

Of Canada's Grand Chapter, proceedings of 1921, the review is most favourable. It is always gratifying to read pleasant things about one's own citadel, but particularly so when, as here, the praise is judiciously discriminating.

Frank M. Patterson, Portland, Grand High Priest.

James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

**Pennsylvania.**

"The proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto Belonging, for the year ending the 27th December, 1921, being its 126th year," are before us for review, in very pleasing form. The paper, the type, and the arrangement are all so excellent that perusal is pleasure.
At the Quarterly Communication of March, 1921, Joseph E. Quinby, of Media, Grand High Priest, presiding, the statistics for 1920 were given by the Grand Secretary: 148 Chapters and 2 Mark Lodges; membership on the 27th December, 1920, 50,003; net gain, 4,780.

The Annual Grand Communication was held on St. John the Evangelist’s Day, the 27th December, 1921, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest Quinby again presiding. The Grand High Priests of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, and West Virginia, were among the distinguished visitors.

Addressing the members of Grand Chapter and visitors, the Grand High Priest said:—

“We are jealous of the standing of our Grand Chapter, for it has always stood for that which is good and true and noble in all the land; during the year we have endeavoured to bring to our Companions the message of individual responsibility. While we have made rapid gains in our membership and at present have 150 Chapters with more than 50,000 on our rolls, we must not forget that the reputation of our institution depends not upon the number of our members but upon the life and character of each individual Companion.”

Companion Quinby was re-elected, installed, proclaimed, and saluted as Grand High Priest for 1922.

There is an interesting preface to the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, by William B. Meredith, P.G.H.P., Chairman. He says that the committee is still made up of the usual number, 5, although 4 perform the duties. The 5th member, Companion William R. Murphey, was appointed a member of the committee on the 27th December, 1916, and performed his duties faithfully until prevented by serious illness. “He was a man of sterling qualities, skilled in his profession (the law), a bright and keen mind, a most pleasing and entertaining talker, a profound student of Masonry and of the
Holy Bible." He entered into rest on the 5th December, 1921. We greatly regret the passing of this learned and distinguished Companion, with whose work we are conversant.

Companion Meredith completes his introduction with some general remarks. He dates his report the 27th December, 1921, and he is therefore speaking of the year 1921 when he opines that the increase in membership throughout the Grand Jurisdiction was not so great as in the previous year.

"Peace and harmony," he says, "prevail in the Capitular world, only marred by the clouds which appeared in the horizon over the proposed amendments to the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which for a time threatened its peace, but they were quietly dissipated at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in September, when the proposed amendments were, by a large majority, laid upon the table, and now sleep the sleep that knows no awakening. The only good we could see in them was the hope that the General Grand Chapter, vested with greater power, might enforce uniformity in the work of the constituent Grand Chapters.

"One of the subjects frequently mentioned in the Jurisdictions is the revision of the ritual. It seems to us that the work should be unchangeable. That is our proud boast. We favour a uniformity of work in the several Jurisdictions of the United States. We tender to Capitular Masonry the unwritten work of the oldest Grand Chapter on the American Continent, Pennsylvania.

"The Capitular degrees are so beautiful, and the lessons they convey are of so much importance to mankind, that everything should be done to preserve them as they came to us, and transmit them to our successors as we received them.

"The Masonic year is practically ended. As we enter upon the New Year let it be with the resolve that we will strive to increase our interest and devotion to Capitular Masonry."
These calm and dignified words will, we think, be highly appreciated by many Grand Chapters.

The whole of the recorded proceedings have a dignified tone. It may well be said, in the words of Captain Shandon's prospectus for the Pall Mall Gazette, that the various reports and addresses are written "by gentlemen for gentlemen."

Companion Meredith is himself the writer of the review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, 1921. He describes Grand Z. Ponton as "a great man and a great Mason," and is generally complimentary to our institution.

There is much good matter in all the reviews of the 4 members of the committee.

Joseph E. Quinby, Media, Grand High Priest.

George B. Wells, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec.

M.E. Comp. Walter J. Francis, Grand First Principal, presided at the 45th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, held in the Masonic Temple, Montreal, on the 22nd March, 1922. It was the end of his second term of office, and in his address he spoke enthusiastically of the period of harmony, goodwill, and progress during which he and his Companions had worked together for the advancement of the institution. Two new Chapters had been instituted under dispensations during the year; and the Grand Z. believed that it would be in the interest of the Royal Craft if still other Chapters were formed.

Companion Francis did not forget to tell of his visit to our Grand Chapter, meeting at Hamilton on the 22nd February, 1922, where he and the then Grand Second Second Principal, R.E. Comp. Henry Willis, were honoured guests.

Perhaps the most generally interesting part of a very fine address from the Grand First Principal was the following:—
“Let us refer for a moment, before concluding, to two of the great objects of Masonry—knowledge and friendship, the obtaining of information and the development of acquaintanceship. Education, with its branches extending into the spiritual as well as the mental realm, is a wonderful thing, but lasting intimacy and friendship are even more wonderful. Just here let me dwell for a moment on a word peculiar to the Royal Craft—the expression ‘Companion.’ The word ‘brother’ may refer to blood relationship, but a ‘companion’ is of a man’s own choosing. Companionship embraces many wonderful characteristics, and out of companionship flow knowledge and friendship. When our Chapters have realised in the fullest sense the great value of companionship they will have gone far in attaining the great objects of our institution. Cherish our Order for itself and see that it is never treated as a mere stepping-stone for another goal.”

Companion Francis, as many of us know, is a famous engineer and a man of parts.

Grand Secretary W. W. Williamson in his report said that there were now 17 Chapters on the roll, 2 of which were under dispensation, having an aggregate membership on the 31st December, 1921, of 2,769, and a net gain of 311 for the year.

The Grand Lecturer, R.E. Comp. Joseph I. Phillips, whose whole heart and soul are in the work of improving the condition of Royal Arch Masonry, had this to say in his report:—

“The condition of the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction is especially good, either from an esoteric or an administrative point of view. Successive staffs of officers in subordinate Chapters are constant and earnest in their efforts to advance its best interests: the Scribes Ezra exceptionally so. Master Masons who make applications for the Royal Arch, by a very great majority, do so with a sincere desire of knowledge. It is possible that differing shades of feeling exist among the minority, but undue haste is
not observable in their setting out to explore 'high latitudes.'"

We must quote the opening remarks of M.E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.Z., the veteran reviewer, in his "Report of Foreign Correspondence:"—

"Once more, and for the 35th time, the undersigned faces the now somewhat familiar task of reviewing such of the volumes of Proceedings of Sister Grand Chapters as have reached him since the issue of his last report. It is a matter of regret to him that so many are missing from his table.

"It will be seen that each one received has been found to contribute something to interest the student of Royal Arch progress, from the small pamphlet containing a record of the Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and the annual ones of Arizona, Nebraska, and New Mexico, to the portly volumes from New York, Canada, New Jersey, and Ohio, and the still bulkier ones from the General Grand Chapter and from Pennsylvania and Texas.

"The outstanding fact in connection with Capitular Masonry during the last year, just as that disclosed by a study of the various Grand Lodge reports of proceedings, is the unusual rush of candidates for the degrees.

"This has been made much of in the addresses of presiding officers, reports of Grand Secretaries, and correspondence reports. Some have not forgotten to point out that this condition of affairs differs from Tennyson’s Brook in this respect, that it certainly will not flow on for ever. After the years of plenty, look out for those of famine. It has ever been so. Great wars drive men into Masonry. It was so during and immediately after the civil war in the United States, when it was followed by the customary reaction. Consequently those Masonic bodies will be wise which save their present earnings for the inevitable rainy day."
Some Grand Chapters may have escaped the net of Companion Chambers, but he reports on a goodly number—52—the proceedings of some of them being for more than one year. His individual reviews are perhaps shorter than heretofore; but that is not a fault when we consider that he has the wonderful gift of unerringly picking out in each case what is best worth recording.

Speaking of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1921, he says that the address of M.E. Comp. Ponton is a "gem," and is generally (but discriminately) complimentary in quotation and comment.

Henry Willis, Quebec, Grand Z.
W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Queensland.

From the youthful Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland, which has formed the subject of several reports as to its status, we have received a little book intituled "Proceedings to 1921." It contains a portrait of M.E. Comp John A. Miles, Grand First Principal, and an address dated at Brisbane and signed by him, to the Companions of the Jurisdiction, which, in order that the position may be made clear, we transcribe almost in full:

"Dear Companions:—We intend in this our first report to you all, after three years of strenuous but not unprofitable work, to give a brief résumé of our history since our inception up to the 30th September, 1921.

"As you are probably aware, when the Grand Lodge of Queensland was formed, the Constitution recognised Royal Arch and Mark Master Masons, but there was no attempt made to form a Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Fortunately for the members of the Queensland Constitution, the Grand Chapter of Ireland allowed the Hiram Royal Arch Chapter, No. 286, I.C., to retain its charter and carry on the rites and ceremonies of Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, otherwise they would not have been able
to obtain a knowledge of these degrees; as the District Grand Chapters of England and Scotland absolutely refused them admission.

"For some time the Hiram Chapter was able to fulfill all the demands made upon it; but after a few years it became impossible to cope with the large number of candidates seeking admission. When the matter was fully explained to the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, they, after careful consideration, decided to help the Hiram Chapter by opening in Queensland four Chapters and four Mark Lodges.

"It was at first intended to form these into a District Grand Chapter of New South Wales, but their success was so great that, on the advice of several Grand Chapters, it was decided to take steps to form a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland.

"On the 15th February, 1918, the Hiram Royal Arch Chapter circularised all District Grand Chapters and District Grand and Mark Lodges holding under the Grand Chapter and Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales. Those present passed the resolution that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Mark Lodge be formed, and that a meeting be held on the 9th July, 1918, to confirm the resolutions.

"All District Grand Royal Arch Chapters, District Grand Mark Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and Mark Lodges, were invited to the meeting on the 9th July, 1918. Only the same delegates attended that meeting, and confirmed the resolutions of the 14th May.

"It was resolved to hold a meeting on the 13th August, 1918, to elect officers and arrange for the consideration of Grand Chapter. All those who had been invited to the previous meeting were notified of the date of this meeting, and requested to attend. The following officers were then elected" (giving their names). "And a motion, of which previous notice had been given at the May meeting, 'That steps be taken to amalgamate the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland and the Grand
Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Queensland, under the one jurisdiction, similar to that now in operation in Hiram Royal Arch Chapter, No. 286, I.C.', was carried unanimously.

"The Grand Committee ordered that a copy of the resolutions for the formation of the Grand Chapter be sent to all Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges in the world. As four of the Chapters forming the Grand Chapter had been holding under the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, it was resolved, after recognition, that New South Wales be requested to consecrate, and install the first Grand Chapter Officers. The visiting members of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales consecrated and installed Grand Chapter Officers on Thursday the 31st October, 1918.

"During the three years that the Grand Chapter has been in existence, progress, so far as the new Chapters are concerned, has not been so good as might have been expected. There are many reasons for this, the most important being that the movement for forming a United Grand Lodge of Queensland had been more or less dormant; but, as soon as the Grand Chapter was formed, steps were taken to form a United Grand Lodge, and somewhat prevented the expansion of Royal Arch Masonry. The necessity of a Grand Chapter was, however, clearly demonstrated by the number of Craft Masons seeking admission into Royal Arch Masonry; during the three years of its existence the Grand Chapter has opened four new Chapters and exalted nearly 400 candidates. At the opening of one Chapter, 34 ballots were taken and 27 candidates exalted. Another Chapter signed a requisition and paid its fees, but, through the interference and misleading statements of members of one of the District Grand Chapters, they decided not to proceed, and the whole of their fees were returned, though the Chapter had already been completed.

"We have travelled 6,000 miles during the three years under report—consecrating, installing, etc.—
at a total cost to this Grand Chapter of £49 14s. 4d., which shows the true Masonic spirit, the average number of officers travelling being 8.

"The first Australian Grand Chapter to recognise the Grand Chapter was that of New South Wales, followed by New Zealand and Western Australia, with all of whom we have exchanged representatives. The first American Grand Chapter to give us recognition was Missouri, being quickly followed by Maine, New Hampshire, Wyoming, Arizona, Illinois, Alberta, Tennessee, and South Carolina; whilst many others are in fraternal correspondence with us and have placed us on their official lists.

"All the Chapters under this Jurisdiction are, I am pleased to say, doing well and becoming most popular.

"This is a very satisfactory state of affairs, because it is an inducement to the Brethren in Blue Masonry to come forward into the several Chapters.

"We have had to ‘hasten slowly’ because the expense has been heavy; but we are now forging slowly but surely ahead. I sincerely trust that by the time I give you my next report matters in this State will have improved to such an extent that we shall have nothing to worry over, except to keep our engagements with our daughter Chapters."

The roll of the constituent Chapters, 9 in number, is given, and a financial statement by the Grand Treasurer.

John A. Miles, Brisbane, Grand Z.
W. C. Hawkins, Brisbane, Grand Scribe E.

Scotland.

They do not spare printing in Scotland, although the printed matter relating to the Grand Chapter is not very satisfactory from the reviewer’s standpoint. We have before us the proceedings at Quarterly Convocations of the 16th September, 1921, and the 3rd March, 1922—the Vernal Equinox—of some special Convocations, and lastly of the
Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Grand Committee of the 2nd June, 1922. In addition to these, we have "Provincial Reports" and Lists of Grand Office-Bearers, etc. More recently we received the proceedings at the Quarterly Convocations of the 16th June and 15th September, 1922.

We confine our attention to the Annual Convocation of 1922, at which the Earl of Cassilis was reinstated as First Grand Principal by Sir Robert King Stewart, Past Grand Z. One matter of considerable interest came up at this Convocation. It appeared that four men, who were at one time Companions of the Royal Arch Degrees in Scotland, but, along with others, had been expelled therefrom, were under indictment in the State of Utah for offences against the laws of the United States, in respect of attempts, by means of fraudulent and false devices, to mislead and defraud innocent citizens by inducing them to become members of the "American Masonic Federation" or the "Confederated Supreme Councils" of the said Federation or their subordinate organisations. These spurious organisations were denounced by all the Grand Masonic Bodies of Scotland, and these Bodies were sending to the United States a deputation of eminent Scottish Masons to give evidence at the trial of the four men and supply needful information. Grand Chapter unanimously approved of a power of attorney being given to one of the deputation, M.E. Comp. John A. Forrest, to represent the Grand Chapter for the purposes of the trial. This being agreed to, the Grand First Principal said that he saw in this an opportunity to come to an agreement with the General Grand Chapter of the United States in respect of the unhappy differences that had arisen. What he now proposed was to give Companion Forrest a letter commendatory constituting him in fact an ambassador to make arrangements for the resumption of friendly relations. We give the letter, which was unanimously approved by Grand Chapter, in full:—
"Dear Companion Forrest:—With the authority and by the direction of the Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, presided over by the Right Honourable the Earl of Cassilis as First Grand Principal, I hereby place in your hands this letter of commendation on the footing that you are not merely commended to the fraternal regard of any Companions of the Royal Arch Degree or Office-Bearers of any Grand Chapter on your approaching visit to the United States of America, but that you are authorised and empowered specially to confer with the Office-Bearers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America upon the whole subject of the severance of friendly relations at the present existing between them and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and also between several of the other Grand Chapters in the United States which sympathise with their attitude.

"As our representative, which you are hereby constituted, it will be a pleasure if you can ascertain whether there is any possibility of solving our differences so that friendly relations may be, as we much desire, resumed. If any honourable solution of the difficulty can be arrived at in conference, it will be a pleasure to have a report from you suggesting what can be done. The Secretary of the General Grand Chapter is Companion Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Michigan, whom I think you will find a kindly, discreet, and very lovable Companion.

"The difference has arisen out of the granting by the Grand Chapter of Scotland of a charter to a Chapter in the Philippine Islands in connection with the Scottish Lodge there.

"The principle on which we proceed is that any Scottish Lodge is entitled to have its Chapter unless circumstances exist which render the granting of a charter for this purpose inadvisable."
"As we understand it, the General Grand Chapter challenges this view on the ground that each Chapter is an entirely distinct institution from the Lodge and has no necessary connection therewith, and, further, that as the Philippine Islands are a territory belonging to the United States, our action granting the charter mentioned was an invasion of their jurisdiction.

"Had we known their view, it is quite clear that we would have hesitated very greatly before granting the charter mentioned, and, personally, I doubt whether it would have been granted; but, it having once been granted under our Scottish system of Masonic jurisprudence, you will readily see that we cannot very well desert the Companions who have joined the Chapter. It can be made quite clear that we shall not grant any other charter in these Islands for a Chapter.

"It might be possible to arrange for the resumption of friendly relations without prejudice to the attitude of either party, but on the footing that no other charter will be granted in these Islands and that the present Chapter will be restricted to those who are members of the Scottish Lodge.

"I may add that the Chapter under the General Grand Chapter in Manila called Luzon is entirely averse to the severance of friendly relations and their representatives voted against this at the last meeting of the General Grand Chapter. It is also interesting to add that the Chapter under the General Chapter in Shanghai has never severed its connection with our earlier Chapter there, and, in point of fact, they visit one another regularly and mutually conduct Installations.

"Very faithfully yours, Alfred A. Murray, G.S.E."

Nothing could be clearer. We feel sure that Companion Forrest will find our old friend Charlie Conover ready to listen, and much may be hoped for from a not too formal negotiation. It will be
observed that this letter was written in March, 1922; it is probable that interviews have already taken place, although we have not heard of them. There will be no regular meeting of the General Grand Chapter until the autumn of 1924.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Grand Committee in June, 1922, "it was reported that in the case in the American Courts recently the expelled Masons from Scotland had been found guilty and fined in heavy sums as also awarded a sentence of imprisonment." But nothing as to Companion Forrest's mission of peace was reported.

The Earl of Cassilis, Grand Z.
Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray, 76 Queen Street, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

South Carolina.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter in 1922 are redeemed from dulness by a few interesting matters. All formal proceedings are more or less dull, and a special dulness seems to have settled on all the Grand Chapters in 1921 and 1922.

Eustace P. Miller, of Bennettsville, Grand High Priest, was the presiding genius at the 11th Annual Grand Convocation, held in Florence, on the 11th April, 1922. In his address he alluded to "the present period of deflation" as having, in spite of warnings, "descended upon us almost as a bolt from a cloudless sky." The effect upon the Royal Craft had been a decline in growth; but the year past had been one of good, earnest, hard work in the Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary's report, however, showed no great decline. Two new Chapters were instituted under dispensation in August, 1921, bringing the number up to 41, and the aggregate membership increased from 5,687 to 6,223—showing a net gain of 536.

On the 25th July, 1921, died Past Grand High Priest George Sewell Mower, of Newberry. At the
request of the Grand High Priest, our old friend (as we like to call him) James L. Michie prepared and read at this Convocation a memorial of this distinguished departed Companion. The memorial was in fact a graceful appreciation of the character and personality of Companion Mower, describing him as "possessing a dignified yet attractive presence, an intellectual, vigorous, and judicial mind, broad and generous sympathy, and unfailing courtesy." Nothing is told of his life and achievements. Companion Michie, forgetting perhaps that all readers have not access to the joint "In Memoriam" sent out by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, referred to that document as containing the information which all would like to have about a man who had held the highest office in each Grand Body.

We must quote one paragraph from the address of the Grand High Priest, that relating to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which gives a succinct account of the progress made:—

"On February 21st and 22nd, 1922, it was for a second time my delightful privilege to represent you at the Annual Convention of this association, this being the 12th such convention. Much progress has been made since my visit of two years ago. Architects' plans, together with a miniature model of the structure to be erected on the site belonging to the association, were submitted and adopted by the association. Much remains to be done in the way of providing sufficient funds to complete the undertaking, but so much progress has been made and so liberal have been the responses of our Brethren of all Masonic Jurisdictions, that tentative plans have been laid to celebrate the laying of the corner-stone in November of the present year."

We hope to hear more of this before we close our series of reviews. We are writing now in November, 1922; perchance the laying of the corner-
stone will take place on the American Thanksgiving Day. A year ago we made the same guess, but were disappointed.

That "a Master Mason who has lost his right hand cannot be admitted to the Capitular degrees" was the ruling of the Grand High Priest. This was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was adopted by Grand Chapter. A thousand pities!

The following extract from the address of the Grand High Priest will, no doubt, have a special interest for reviewers, if not for others:

"Foreign Correspondence. I feel that I should fall far short of my duty, did I not call to your careful consideration the excellence of the reviews of other Grand Chapters published from year to year by our Foreign Correspondent. Several copies of proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions have fallen into my hands during the past year and I have read them with much interest. Few of them compare favourably with the reports of our own Foreign Correspondent. Our 1921 proceedings carry 82 pages covering reports on 56 Grand Jurisdictions. For this excellent work, requiring a special fitness and no mediocre ability, this Grand Chapter appropriates the pitifully small sum of $300. I recommend the increase of this appropriation to at least $500."

In the estimates for the coming year the Foreign Correspondent's remuneration is placed at $500; and, by unanimous consent, the by-law of Grand Chapter on the subject was amended so as to read as follows:

"The Grand High Priest shall appoint annually a worthy Companion as a Fraternal Correspondent, who shall file his report with the Grand Secretary not later than April 1st of each year. He shall receive for the faithful performance of his duties the sum of $500 per annum."

In South Carolina, as we have remarked before, there is a Committee on Correspondence, of which the "Fraternal Correspondent" is not a member. We
take it that in most Grand Chapters the sum paid annually to the reviewer is not regarded as an adequate remuneration for the work done, but rather as a compliment or a part indemnity for the time taken from the ordinary duties of the reviewer's calling. We have not hitherto read of so large a sum being appropriated for the purpose. It is gratifying to know that Companion James L. Michie's work is appreciated in his own country as well as outside of it. The rule as to a prophet is, in one instance at least, inapplicable to a review-writer.

This brings us at once to a consideration of Past Grand High Priest Michie's 12th Annual Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions. All the United State Jurisdictions are reviewed save Rhode Island. New South Wales has not been heard of since 1916. The reviews number 58, and include, besides State Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter of the United States, England, Ireland, Scotland, Alberta, British Columbia, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Victoria.

Writing of the General Grand Chapter, Companion Michie refers to "a feeling among a few representatives that the report of the committee on the new constitution had been rather uncereemoniously disposed of"—"the motion of Companion White shut off all debate. Very probably the matter will crop up again."

Under "Canada" (1921), the genial reviewer asks, noting that with us "a Companion may become a member of as many Chapters as will have him," whether, if he be suspended for N.P.D. in one Chapter, he stands suspended in any other Chapter of which he may be a member. The answer is, "No," but aliter as to suspension for unmasonic conduct.

Taking the figures of 1921, Companion Michie awards the prize for the Capitular Marathon to Illinois with a net increase of 10,893 and a total membership of 73,067.

There is certainly nothing dull about these reviews. The Grand High Priest is right in his esti-
mate of the high standing among Correspondents of the South Carolina humourist and man of letters.

There was a general shake-up of the Officers of Grand Chapter. Grand High Priest Miller was not elected for a second term; Grand Secretary O. Frank Hart was elevated to the chief place; Comp. William W. Wannamaker remained Deputy Grand High Priest; Grand Treasurer T. Alex. Heise became Grand Secretary; and Companion Walter F. Going was chosen Grand Treasurer.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand High Priest.
T. Alex. Heise, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota.

The 23rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota was held in the city of Huron, on the 15th June, 1922. The Grand High Priest, Norris J. Hendrickson, of Rapid City, presided in the Grand East, and read a short but excellent address. Reviewing the doings of the past year, he said that the Chapters in general were in excellent condition and the gain in membership satisfactory, although not so great as in the immediately preceding year.

It was with the greatest regret that the Grand High Priest announced the death, on the 29th April, 1922, at his home in Huron, of the Grand Lecturer, Companion Benjamin F. Ives, who had been a member of Grand Chapter since 1895, and was Grand High Priest in 1899. He was appointed Grand Lecturer in 1900, and served in that capacity to the time of his death. Probably no Mason was more generally known and universally loved throughout the Jurisdiction than was Companion Benjamin F. Ives.

We find in the report of the Committee on Obituary mention of the death of another Past Grand High Priest, Samuel H. Jumper; but no further information is vouchsafed.
The Grand Secretary's report shows 39 chartered Chapters and 3 under dispensation; population, 6,063; net gain in a year, 400.

Charles L. Brockway, of Sioux Falls, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presents his second annual report, which covers, as he tells us, "the proceedings of such Grand Chapters as have come to my hands since the last Annual Convocation." These number 42. The "travelling" was all done in North America. "Canada" was not visited, but British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Quebec were. Companion Brockway expresses great admiration for the work of Henry S. Haines of New Jersey, but says nothing of E. T. D. Chambers of Quebec. The reviews are not lengthy, but each refers to something which has struck the reviewer as interesting or unusual. In conclusion he says:

"One is impressed with two things. That the dignity and merit of the Chapter Degrees are becoming more appreciated in all Grand Chapters, and that sincere and constructive work is everywhere carried on with a view of creating in the minds of the members a clearer conception of what may be done by dignified work in conferring the degrees and of the meaning of the ceremonies.

"To bring about the best results much attention is being devoted to clarifying the ritual. Where it has been given a fair trial, the revised ritual of the General Grand Chapter seems to have met with favour, and efforts to discard it have not been successful."

"Unless all signs shall fail, it looks very much as if the time is coming when the Chapter will no longer be a mere stepping-stone to 'higher degrees.' The work of rebuilding is the need of the hour. The Chapter emphasises this and points out very clearly the means by which it may be accomplished."

Charles N. Bontecou, Howard, Grand High Priest.
George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.
Highly interesting, as usual, are the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. Grand High Priest Frank E. Bartley, of Morristown, of whom we gave some account a year ago, presided at the 93rd Annual Convocation, held in Nashville on the 23rd and 24th January, 1922. There was a large assemblage of Companions, 82 of the 85 constituent Chapters being represented; and two distinguished visitors were received and honoured. One was William F. Kuhn, General High Priest, on an official visit. The Grand Secretary records the fact that Companion Kuhn made a decided hit, and that the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was greatly strengthened in its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter by his visit. We are not told what he said; but “a rising vote of thanks was extended” to him “for his visit and for the wonderful addresses that he delivered.” The other visitor was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas, T. M. Bartley. He also delivered an address, bringing fraternal greetings from his Grand Chapter, “and his visit was doubly enjoyable on account of his relationship to our Grand High Priest.”

The address of Grand High Priest Bartley was an excellent one. Referring to the arrest of the charters of several of the constituent Chapters, he said:—

“We now have something over 100 dead Chapters in Tennessee. This, no doubt, will make us the banner State for dead Chapters. There must be some reason for this. I am of the opinion that we have been a little anxious to organise new Chapters, and perhaps have not looked as closely as we should into the situation before granting dispensations and charters. I suggest that the Jurisprudence Committee look closely into this, and make whatever recommendation they deem best.”

Dispensations were granted for 5 new Chapters during the year, and 4 of them were chartered at this Convocation.
In the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, we find a clause, adopted by Grand Chapter, which reads:

"We think if our present laws were strictly adhered to, and the proper precautions taken when applications are made for dispensation for new Chapters, there would be no need for additional legislation upon this subject and there would be a smaller number of 'dead Chapters' to our discredit."

The Grand Secretary in his report said that the Chapters had done a little more work in 1921 than in 1920—the latter having been in nearly all Grand Chapters the peak-year. Twelve Chapters showed a decrease in the number of members, and the total decrease was 120, but this included a Chapter whose charter was arrested and one whose charter was surrendered. Two Chapters showed neither decrease nor increase. On the other hand, 73 Chapters showed more members than they had at last report. There were 1,387 exaltations and the gross increase was 1,251—net increase 1,131.

Several Grand Chapter notables died during the years 1920 and 1921:

Philip Neely Matlock was born in Davidson county, Tennessee, in 1844. He grew up on the home-farm, studied medicine, fought in the civil war and was thrice wounded. After the war, he completed his medical studies, and began to practise in Fredonia, Kentucky, where he was made a Mason. In 1869 he returned to Tennessee and practised in Obion county, where he affiliated with a Lodge and was its Master for 14 years. He was Grand Master of Tennessee Masons in 1896 and Grand High Priest in 1916. His death occurred in March, 1921.

Another noted departure was that of Archibald Nevins Sloan, who was Grand High Priest in 1911. Born in Polk county, Tennessee, in 1851, he settled in Chattanooga when a young man, entering the employment of a railroad company. He afterwards went into the insurance business and remained in it until his death. He was at one time a member of
the Civic Commission which governed Chattanooga. He died in November, 1920. His memorial appears in this volume of proceedings.

On the 17th January, 1921, at Quebeck, White county, Tennessee, died Andrew Parker Trogden, who was born in Van Buren county, Tennessee, in 1838. He also was a Confederate soldier in the civil war and after the close of it practised as a dentist. We are told little else about him. He was Grand Priest in 1909.

The evening of the first day of this Convocation was spent by the Companions in a novel way. It had been the custom for years to have the Royal Arch degree conferred before the Grand Chapter on that evening; but the Grand High Priest was of opinion that it would be better at this Convocation to have the Order of De Molay instead. And so the Chapter of De Molay at Memphis put on the De Molay degrees before the assembled Companions. "The work," quoth the Grand Secretary, "was magnificently done, and all the spectators were very much benefited by the performance."

Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister is Grand Lecturer. His report was an interesting one. Some things in it are of general application. For instance, he says that one of the things most needing correction in the Chapters is the practice of opening the Chapter late and permitting too much delay in preparation. "This," he says, "is very tiresome to the Companions not engaged in the work—it discourages attendance and destroys the pleasure and beauty of the work. The officers of too many Chapters are incompetent; that is, they do not know the ritual and endeavour to read it when conferring degrees. This is ruinous, besides being a violation of our law. This practice soon makes the members lose interest and, of course, cease to attend the meetings. The meagre attendance of the members of many of our Chapters is much to be regretted. In most cases it may be traced to the faulty and imperfect manner in which the degrees are conferred,
because the officers do not know the ritual, and can get no emphasis or expression into the ceremonies. A thorough knowledge of the work and promptness in execution will never fail to create interest and increase the attendance.”

The Grand High Priest elected and installed at this Convocation was John Wetzler, who was born in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1854, and in 1876 removed to Somerville, Tennessee, where he has since resided. For a number of years he has been engaged in the furniture business, and is exceedingly popular with all classes in his home-town, as well as throughout the State.

A year ago we referred to the fine report on correspondence by M.E. Comp. C. H. Smart—his second. This year (1922), the report is written by another hand, that of Ex. Comp. T. A. Hisey, P.H.P., who seized the opportunity for presenting “Some Thoughts concerning the General Grand Chapter,” which we feel that we ought to give in full. If his views are not novel—we do not know whether they are or not—they are at least plausible, and, we think, will interest many readers:

“The present constitution of the General Grand Chapter was adopted in 1859. At that time Most Excellent Companion Albert G. Mackey was General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. The records show that in 1845 M. Ex. Companion Mackey was the most active man in the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, and so continued until 1859, when M. Ex. Companion Albert S. Pike, a Past Grand High Priest, was made Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction.

“These two M. Ex. Companions were the leaders in the change made in the constitution of the General Grand Chapter in 1859 limiting its power and authority.

“No one questions the power and influence of these two Companions in the Scottish Rite, nor can their power and influence in Capitular Masonry be doubted.
"The question is, why did they contend for an organisation that had no power, other than advisory, in Capitular Masonry, and yet spend their lives in fostering and building up the Rite that is exactly opposite in its form of government? The mental attitude of these two illustrious men and Masons is puzzling as it relates to Capitular Masonry and its government in 1859 and the Scottish Rite then and since then. Both organisations have for their object the betterment of men, yet differ widely in form of government.

"It is safe to say that not less than 90 per cent. of the representatives at Asheville are 32 degree Scottish Rite Masons. They do not feel that their liberties are in any way infringed upon by being members of it, though it is governed by a close corporation. On the contrary, most of them feel that their liberties and privileges are enhanced by such membership. Now, why were all these good men in such a quiver of apprehension over the proposition to add to the prestige of the General Grand Chapter by changing the constitution?"

"Perhaps not less than 90 per cent. of the representatives who were at Asheville are members of the Mystic Shrine, and there is no question that the constitution of that organisation has and holds more authority over its members than does the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, yet not a single Noble feels himself shackled in any way, or deprived of any of his rights and privileges. Now why does he not feel the same way about his government in the Shrine that he does towards the government of the General Grand Chapter?

"No doubt quite a number of the representatives at Asheville were members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

"The constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star is quite a document and confers extensive powers on that General Grand Body, yet none of the members feel any fear of the results."
“Why the fear of conferring authority upon the General Grand Chapter, when the identical men are members of three or more bodies affiliated with Masonry whose constitution confer as great, or greater, powers upon the supreme government of their organisations? Can a reason be given why they are members of the Scottish Rite, the Mystic Shrine, and the O.E.S., without apprehension, and are fearful of adding anything to the authority of the General Grand Chapter?

“If the officers of the above-named bodies act justly and administer the laws of their organisations righteously, why fear that the officers of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons would fail to reach the same high standard?”

What we have quoted is the introduction to a series of rather brief reviews of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters. Companion Hisey is a competent reviewer, and we shall be glad to hear from him again, if it is intended that he shall alternate with Companion Smart, who, we see, is slated for the position of Correspondent in 1923.

Companion Hisey’s review of our proceedings of 1921 is appreciative and leaves nothing to be desired.

John Wetzler, Somerville, Grand High Priest.
Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Texas.

The volume of proceedings now before us is so large and contains so much matter of interest and importance that we enter with fear and trembling upon the task of giving an adequate synopsis of its contents.

Beginning at the very beginning, we notice a portrait of the Grand High Priest of 1921, O. O. Chrisman of Cleburne, who presided at the 72nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, held in Waco on the 5th, 6th, and 7th December, 1921. This Ruler of the Royal Craft de-
livered a more than ordinarily comprehensive address, reviewing his labours and those of others during the year.

Almost his first concern was to chronicle the deaths of Masonic notables, with suitable expressions in regard to each. We refer briefly to two of the number:

On the 28th November, 1921, at Georgetown, Texas, came the summons to Dr. George W. Foster, who was at the time of his death the oldest surviving Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We find no particulars of the career of Companion Foster. But the Grand High Priest said that Foster’s “life of usefulness as a citizen of Texas and his faithful service in the fraternal field of Texas Masonry are as well-known and well-recognised as any fact in the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas.”

More is told of the Masonic life of W. W. Peavy, of Cuero, who from 1914 until his death in February, 1921, was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter as well as of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, but nothing of his career outside of Masonry. He was apparently a native son of Texas, and was initiated into Freemasonry in 1882. He seems to have been very active in Masonic affairs and to have been greatly beloved by a wide circle.

Grand High Priest Chrisman’s year of office was full of strenuous labour. Unusual ordeals and perplexing possibilities arose out of the conditions obtaining in a period of reconstruction. In addition to his Masonic work, he had, as Judge of a County Court, important judicial duties to perform, and, as he said, “the responsibility of superintending the expenditure of very large sums of public money in highway construction of the very highest type in this State, and the overseeing of concrete and bridge construction staggering into millions of dollars of the public funds.”
One of the acts of Grand High Priest Chrisman during his year of office was the issue to all the Chapters of a pronunciamento penned by himself on "The Reconstruction Period and Masonry's Opportunity for Useful Service," with a command that it be read at a special Convocation of each Chapter to be held for the purpose. This is a notable document, but too long to be quoted in full—three short paragraphs must suffice:

"Let not the enemies of Masonry, who receive their inspiration, their edicts and their orders, from ecclesiastical headquarters, dictating the policy of State, inspired rulers across the seas or Imperial wizards entrenched behind a fortress of mythical magic and superstitious sepulchres, cast aspersions upon our beloved Fraternity with the time-worn and oft-refuted accusations that Masonry protects the criminal, encourages infidelity, or seeks to take the place of the Church. Masonry does not furnish a rendezvous for the unlawful or the intemperate, neither is it a peaceful abiding place for the irreligious libertine.

"Masonry very properly prohibits the passage through her private portals of the atheist and the infidel, requiring all to pass through an initiatory ceremony which ultimately leads to primary truth where each must announce a profound belief in the existence of the True and Ever-living God.

"History, ancient, mediaeval, and modern, discloses the fact that Masonry has ever been the promoter of education, the disseminator of knowledge and understanding, the hand-maid of virtue, the protector of the home, the defender of religion, and the preserver of the Bible. It has always given liberally of its substance to the support and maintenance of worthy widows and helpless orphans, and its sword is continuously drawn in the defence of innocent maidens and constituted authority."

The Aged Masons' Home at Arlington was the subject of a fervent appeal during the year by the Grand High Priest. "That cherished and beloved
institutions,” as he called it, needs substantial support and service, additional buildings, and contributions to the endowment fund. The response to the appeal was generous, but the urge for more and more is insistent.

Some light is thrown on Masonry’s relations with the Order of the Eastern Star by Companion Chrisman’s remark that during his travels to “took the liberty on convenient occasions to visit several Eastern Star Chapters in different sections of this States and to attend the Grand Body of this Order in session at Forth Worth, Texas; in October, 1921. I was, as your representative, treated with distinction on several occasions, and at the time of my visit at Waco witnessed the presentation by our Grand Secretary, in a beautiful address, of a very elaborately bound and gorgeously embossed Holy Bible, the gift of Waco Commandery No. 10 to the Waco Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Believing it to be in the best interest of Masonry, I am very much inclined to encourage the reciprocal interchanging of Masonic courtesies and Masonic visitations in all its various branches.” The bold face type is ours. Is the Eastern Star Order a branch of Masonry?

This is followed by a reference to what is perhaps another “branch” of Masonry:—

“On the occasion of our visit to Ranger, Whitney, Italy, and Fort Worth Chapters, and to our own Home Chapter, Mart No. 273, there was given, by these Chapters, the Good Samaritan Supper, and we were called upon to confer the degree of Good Samaritan upon the Companions, their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and daughters, totalling in all over 1,000 candidates, as a complimentary courtesy of these Chapters.

“Being a firm believer in the beautiful biblical lesson inculcated therein, I should be very glad to see our Royal Arch Chapters confer this degree more frequently, and thus permit our families to learn more of Masonry and become more familiar with its benign teachings and its beneficent activities.”
In addition to these extraordinary visits and the performance of his judicial and public duties, the Grand High Priest found time to visit nearly 100 of the 300 Royal Arch Chapters in the great Jurisdictions of Texas.

On the evening of the first day of the sessions of Grand Chapter, the Grand Orator, Ex. Comp. John R. Arnold, delivered an address on the "Mysteries of Mount Moriah," which is printed in full in the proceedings. Reports of various committees were then received and adopted.

Labour was resumed on the 6th December at 2 p.m., when the acting Grand Treasurer, Comp. W. B. Pearson, presented his report. The total receipts were $127,679.74 and the total disbursements, $70,014.41. Companion Pearson was appointed by the Grand High Priest, upon the death of Companion Peary, to act until this Convocation, at which R. E. Companion L. R. Conro was elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The report of Grand Secretary T. M. Bartley was next presented. It showed 301 active chartered Chapters, 5 working under dispensation, and 2 demised Chapters. The total membership as reported was $37,771 and the net gain was 4,458.

Other reports and the discussion of resolutions followed, also the annual elections, on the second day; and the proceedings terminated on the third day with the installation of the Grand Officers.

The charter of Mexico City Grand Chapter having been revoked by resolution of the Texas Grand Chapter at the 1920 Convocation, the Grand High Priest at this Convocation reported that the effects, moneys, papers, records, and other properties (with the exception of dilapidated regalia and lodge-room furniture) had been returned to him and placed in the Grand Secretary’s office for safekeeping. With regard to the disturbed condition of Masonry in Mexico, the Grand High Priest recommended "that this Grand Chapter refrain from further entanglements in Mexican Masonic affairs or alliances until
after their consolidation agreement is satisfactorily sutured and thoroughly tested out and entirely established beyond all reasonable doubts, hoping ever and praying always for the advent of that day when their differences will be remembered no more, and their Masonic preachments and practices become a reality that will comport creditably before all the Masonic world."

We cannot find in the proceedings any further reference to this recommendation.

M.E. Comp. P. M. Riley is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He was taken ill during the year, but not before he had written reviews of the proceedings of some of the Grand Chapters. His work was completed by Companion William James, who explained the situation in a short preface, followed by summaries of the doings of 42 Grand Chapters. Canada (1921) is one of these; it receives considerable attention and the right kind of commendation—the discriminating variety.

In conclusion Companion James said that he did not seek the reviewer's chair—he had in effect been forced into it and had done his best. He evinces a cheerful spirit, and his best is by no means bad.

John A. Atchison, Gainesville, Grand High Priest.

T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

Vermont.

Christie B. Crowell (portrait), of Brattleboro, Grand High Priest, presided at the 105th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, held in Burlington on the 16th June, 1922. In his address he deplored the death, in February, 1922, in Concord, N.H., of Daniel Payson, who was Grand High Priest in 1904. Companion Payson was long a resident of Windsor, Vermont, and there was brought brought to Masonic light.
The address was an excellent one, well-framed, concise, and to the point. We quote a part of it, as of general application:—

"While we are sailing on the wave of prosperity, as the record of the past year will testify, and it is with a feeling of satisfaction that we contemplate the distance over which we have travelled, truth compels us to note the fact that the wave is by no means as robust as it was last year. Not many years ago a gain in membership of 266 would have been beyond our expectations, but the record of last year prepared us for the present one and brought us to the state of mind where we expect large gains as a matter of course, and are somewhat disappointed that this year's is no larger, though it is a pleasure to note the fact that each Chapter reported work during the year. Thus easily do we forget the past in the light of the present. There is no reasonable ground for such expectation, however, and our favouring gale is likely to blow less strongly in the future, as there will probably be a less number of neophytes coming forward to raise the wind. But, regardless of the amount of work we have to do, let us keep the present high standing of quality and do our best to raise it higher from year to year. This we owe to our candidates, our Chapters, and the Rite at large.

"Perhaps it would be only natural if we in the East should congratulate ourselves upon the fine showing which the Grand Chapter has made during our year in office and the remarkable work which we have done; but truth compels us to say that, however natural this supposition may be to us, it is erroneous. While those of your officers who have laboured in the Capitular vineyard for a number of years may be entitled to some small credit, the most of it belongs to the loyal rank and file of our membership, who have done with their might what their hands found to do, and served as those who came up to help, aid, and assist without the hope of fee or reward. Here must always be the real strength of
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our Grand Chapter; and, whatever may be the measure of its growth and achievement, let us never forget that it is largely due to those who, placed oftentimes outside the probability of any but very limited recognition of the value of their work, for the love of Capitular Masonry alone have laboured with zeal and fidelity in season and out of season to uphold the standard which bears as a crest the sacred Ark of the Covenant.”

The statistical report of the Grand Secretary showed the number of chartered Chapters as 30, all of which showed work and had made returns; the aggregate membership as 5,628; and the net gain in a year, 266.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Eugene S. Weston, P.G.H.P.—his “6th journey through the quarries of the Capitular world,” he called it. The Canada quarry was not reached, for reasons unknown, but Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and Victoria, were exploited, as well as 41 State quarries. The report is a good one.

George F. Root, Newport, Grand High Priest.
Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Victoria.

The proceedings before us are those of 1921-1922; and the first record is of a Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria, holden at Freemasons’ Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on the 20th July, 1921—M. Em. Comp. W. P. Bice, Grand Z., presiding. His address, or “communication,” as it is called, contained a reference to the death of M. Em. Comp. Thomas Ford, P.G.Z., who passed away on the 19th June, 1921, at the advanced age of 89, one of the best known and highly esteemed Freemasons of Victoria. He was apparently never the actual ruling Grand Z.—the past rank was conferred upon him in
1914, in connection with the 25th anniversary of this Grand Chapter.

The next Convocation was at the same place, on the 19th October, 1921. First Grand Principal Bice, again presiding, announced that events of considerable importance had occurred since the last Convocation, referring more particularly to Craft Masonry, but having a deep interest for the assembled Companions. We quote:—

“During August the Masonic chain of Grand Lodges in Australia was completed by the installation of the Grand Master and Officers of the recently formed United Grand Lodge of Queensland, an event of great significance and interest. Our Grand Master of Victoria, M.W. Bro. Hickford, his Deputy G.M., and a large contingent of our Grand Lodge officers, took part in a ceremony which was carried out in a most impressive manner, and which was witnessed by a large assemblage.

“Consequent on this event it has been possible to arrange for an Australian Conference of Freemasons, the first of its kind in this part of the world, which is to be held in Melbourne during the second week in November, at which representatives from the Grand Lodges of all the Australian States will be present and discuss matters of great interest to the welfare of Freemasonry.

“The announcement that the Governor of Victoria, the Earl of Stradbroke, has consented to his nomination as Grand Master at the next meeting of Grand Lodge is an evidence that his fine Masonic work in England is to be continued in Victoria, and is very gratifying to every Freemason in this territory.”

At this meeting the further announcement was made that R. Em. Comp. G. L. Marquand intended to retire from the office of Grand Scribe E. in April, 1922.

A valuable paper on “The Tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant” was read by V. Em. Comp. Arthur Thewlis, and is printed in the proceedings.
At the next Convocation, on the 18th January, 1922, the consecration of two new Chapters was announced; William Player Bice was nominated for the 5th time for the office of First Grand Principal; and R.E. Comp. John E. Kennedy was elected Grand Scribe E., to take office in April.

The Convocation of the 19th April, 1922, was the last for the Masonic year. Sincere regret was expressed by the Grand Z. at the retirement of Comp. Marquand; it was said also that all the Companions were glad to know that the retiring Grand Secretary would fill for a year the important office of President of the Committee of General Purposes. Handsome gifts were made to this distinguished Royal Craftsman by his Companions at this meeting.

Companion Bice was of course re-elected as First Grand Principal and was duly installed, proclaimed, saluted, and showered with hearty good wishes, in response to which he made a few remarks which may be quoted:

"M. Em. Comp. W. P. Bice thanked the representatives of Sister Grand Chapters for their good wishes. Progress in Royal Arch Freemasonry was very satisfactory, and an interesting comparison might be made in the increase of membership during the last 10 years, viz., in 1911 the membership was 703; in 1916, 1,000; and in 1921, 2,039—figures that were very gratifying to those who had assisted in building up and fostering this institution. Perhaps the number might be considered small on a percentage basis of some 27,000 Master Masons, and, in his opinion, the membership should be at least 10,000. One very satisfactory feature was that there had been only 49 exclusions during 10 years. This year, he regretted to notice, 34 deaths had occurred, a much greater number than usual. There had been 132 resignations, but on the other hand there were 108 affiliations, which indicated that a number of Companions had resigned from one Chapter merely to affiliate with another."
There appear to be 33 active constituent Chapters.

William Player Bice, Grand Z.
John E. Kennedy, Cromwell Buildings, 366a, Bourke Street, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

Virginia.

At the 114th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, held in Richmond on the 25th and 26th October, 1921, Grand High Priest E. Fenno Heath, of Richmond, who presided, said in his address that the long season of Masonic prosperity had not passed, and he was pleased to report that Capitular Masonry had been benefited to the extent of approximately 1,900 exaltations during the year, giving a total membership of approximately 13,000. The Grand Secretary's figures were: 66 "going" Chapters, all but one of which had made their annual returns and paid their fees; 12,968 members; net gain, the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter, 1,910.

Joseph Virginius Bidgood, who was Grand High Priest in 1902-03, died on the 11th September, 1921. He was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, in 1841, and was a student of William and Mary College when the civil war broke out. He fought and was wounded and taken prisoner at Sailor's Creek in April, 1865. After the war he engaged in the book and publishing business. He was a Virginian gentleman of the old school—kindly, courteous, courageous, and constant.

In spite of increasing numbers, this Grand Chapter was, as reported, afflicted by a financial shortage. The Grand High Priest recommended that a special per capita tax of 25 cents per member be authorised, and the recommendation was adopted by Grand Chapter.

Grand Correspondent Joseph W. Eggleston presented another fine report on Fraternal Correspondence. We have had occasion to write of his
work in previous years, and find that he maintains his high standard. He reviews the proceedings of 40 Grand Chapters, Canada being one—indeed two, for both the 1920 and 1921 Convocations are brought on the carpet. The possessor of an easy and pleasant style, he makes his report both interesting and entertaining.

William Chapman, 408 Queen Street, Portsmouth, Grand High Priest.

J. Gus Hankins, P.O. Box 542, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

Washington.

The proceedings of 1922 are of more than ordinary interest. The 38th Annual Convocation was held in Aberdeen on the 15th and 16th May, and was well-attended.

John Martin Arntson, of Tacoma, Grand High Priest, presided, and read a capital address, in which he of course referred to the great loss the Grand Chapter had sustained in the death of Grand Secretary Yancey Crawford Blalock, to which we referred a year ago. Past Grand High Priest Henry L. Kennan filled the vacancy by appointment and was elected to the office at this Convocation. Another notable death was that of Past Grand High Priest David Lewis Paramore.

From a memorial of the departed Blalock, we learn that he was born in 1859, in North Carolina. The son of a physician, he himself became a successful physician, practising in Walla Walla. He entered Masonry in 1881 and developed a great love for it. In June, 1889, he was elected Grand Secretary and continued in that office until his death on the 12th May, 1921. During all that time he was also the writer of the Correspondence Reports of Grand Chapter—one of the most eminent of those who assembled about the phantom Round Table. His memorialist writes of him in these words: "Thus has passed to his reward one of the strongest men who ever graced the Convocations of Grand Chapter,
and whose work has left an imprint upon the minds of his confreres which will never fade until the last said requiem shall be sung over their remains; for, like the lengthened shadows of tall trees at sunset, the shadow of his personality will long persist.”

David Lewis Paramore was also a remarkable man. The memorial written to commemorate his life does not give the usual biographical details. We do not know when or where he was born, nor even when and where he was initiated into Masonry. He was High Priest of Snohomish Chapter in 1891, and Grand High Priest in 1899. His death occurred on the 7th August, 1921. We may infer that he lived in Snohomish, for we are told that the Snohomish Companions looked upon him as a Masonic oracle. We base the dictum that he was a remarkable man upon some of his sayings as recorded by his memorialist, a few of which we take leave to quote:—

“One of the greatest Masonic teachers the world has ever known says ‘Every Masonic Lodge is a Temple of religion, and its teachings are instruction in religion.’

“For here are inculcated disinterestedness, affection, toleration, devotedness, patriotism, truth.

“A generous sympathy with those who mourn, pity for the fallen, mercy for the erring, relief for those in want; Faith, Hope, Charity.

“It teaches us to have the ever-living God in our minds. We are told that our minds are in His likeness, invisible, impalpable; and we know not its form.

“The visible form we now occupy is transitory; we are here in this world for a time; we are taught that, after what we call death, there is a resurrection to a life beyond; and to prepare ourselves for that beyond.

“We are each one of us morally responsible to the ever-living God for our actions here on this earth.”
In his address Grand High Priest Arntson said that the system adopted of inspecting Chapters—namely, by visits from the Grand Officers—was better than none at all, but it fell short of accomplishing the purpose for which it was intended, and a better system should be devised, or the present one improved. He suggested the appointment of paid Grand Lecturers, not instead of, but in addition to, the Inspectors. Resolutions creating the office of Grand Lecturer were presented and referred to a special committee, which recommended "that the resolution be not approved and the Grand Lecturer (sic) system now in use be continued." The recommendation was adopted.

A Master Mason elected to receive the Degrees in a Chapter was, before he received them, injured in a railway accident—he lost his left leg below the knee and two fingers of his left hand. The Grand High Priest ruled that the applicant was physically qualified to receive the degrees. This decision—doubtless it was sound as well as liberal—was approved by Grand Chapter.

Some thoughtful remarks were made in the conclusion of the address:—

"With my report, and those of the other Grand Officers, the records of the past year will be before you, as far as relates to membership, financial condition, etc., which in reality are but the means employed in carrying forward the purposes of Capitular Masonry. As to the result of our work with reference to those high purposes, the records are silent. We do not know how many homes have been brightened, how many lives ennobled, nor how many Companions have been assisted or encouraged in their search for the true word. Perhaps it is well that we do not know. If we conscientiously perform our duty according to the light we have, we may safely and confidently leave the results to a higher power. The question, then, which every Royal Arch Mason should ask himself is: 'Have I done all I
could for Royal Arch Masonry, and, in doing so, have I given the best that is in me?" If we cannot answer this question satisfactorily to ourselves, let us resolve that during the coming year we will redouble our efforts to extend the uplifting influence of our Order and place it upon a still higher plane of usefulness, both socially and morally, for Royal Arch Masons should not be content merely to follow along with the procession, but, having set before them the high ideals of Capitular Masonry, should lead in the onward and upward march of the human race."

We quote the Grand Secretary's statistics:—

"An abstract of the returns shows 746 to have been exalted: 150 affiliated; 38 reinstated; 1 omitted in 1920 report; 131 dimitted; 5 dropped in Lodge; 88 dropped for N.P.D.; 88 died; 97 petitioners for new Chapters; giving a present membership of 7,223, and a net gain since last report of 720."

There are 39 chartered Chapters and 5 under dispensation.

Excellent Companion Fred Matthies, Grand Orator, delivered an address, which is printed in the proceedings, and which is a Masonic gem. The subject may be taken to be "The Teachings of the Chapter Degrees." The following paragraphs, curiously linking Woodrow Wilson with Washington and Lincoln, are worth quoting:—

"I can but think of certain of our great men, notably Lincoln and Wilson; two men more opposite can scarce be mentioned. Yet Lincoln did not more truly bow his head in the agony of beseeching for aid from above in the dark days of the Civil War than did the unbending Wilson in the hour when it seemed that civilisation was to be ruthlessly trampled under the nail-studded boots of a brutal barbarism. Washington at Valley Forge, Lincoln after Bull Run, and Wilson when annihilation of the world's democracy seemed inevitable before the Yanks could get into the field; these are the great examples of men, busy and loyal, enduring to the very end of their human strength, and looking up
for some manifestation from on High. And the Chapter Mason is only different from them in the degree of his burdens and responsibilities.

“And the fire from on High—how could one have a clearer lesson? Masons who behold this Most Excellent Master’s Degree walk among their fellows strengthened by the confidence that this will come. And Valley Forge becomes Yorktown; Bull Run ends in Gettysburg; and Chateau Thierry is but the sprinkling of the fire from on High. History tells the tale again and again; but men must know it is not only for nations, for Generals and Presidents on the battlefields and the great crises of international life, but also for themselves. And Capitular Masonry teaches it literally in words of fire.”

And one more paragraph from a masterly address:

“To Masonry, by some Providence into which we need not inquire, has been entrusted this work of transmitting from age to age those wonderful bits of wisdom that were gathered from many ages. These bits of wisdom have a way of being lost and found again and again; a new age finds in an old symbol the very truth it needs.”

The new Grand Secretary, Henry L. Kennan, P.G.H.P., takes on the work of writing the Correspondence Report, and achieves a pronounced success. “Canada” (1921) receives appreciative attention.


Henry L. Kennan, 1110 Old National Bank Building, Spokane, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia.

The volume before us has many portraits, but no correspondence reviews. The proceedings are of 1921—those of the 51st Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, held in the city of Parkersburg on the 14th, 15th, and 16th No-
November. Walter J. Boydston, of Fairmont, Grand High Priest, presided.

In his address he said that two Past Grand High Priests had died in his year of office, as well as a member of his "official family." Thomas Wilbur Hennen, Grand Master of the First Veil, was born on the 21st February, 1878, and died on the 29th November, 1920. Francis Edmund Nicholas, Past Grand High Priest, was born on the 20th September, 1846, and died on the 2nd December, 1920; he was Grand High Priest in 1912. Walling Wallenson VanWinkle, Past Grand High Priest, was born on the 19th November, 1845, and died on the 15th April, 1921; he was Grand High Priest in 1899.

The Grand Secretary's figures are: 44 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation; total membership, 10,395; net gain, 1,002.

The great feature of this Convocation was the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Home, in or near Parkersburg, on the 16th November. The record is brief: "Forming in procession, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, we joined in with the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and, after a short parade, took automobiles and proceeded to the Masonic Home, where the corner-stone was laid with true Masonic ceremonies; but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the addresses were postponed until the evening, when they were delivered at the Masonic Temple."

The Grand High Priest elected and installed at this Convocation was William E. Krupp, who was born in Germany and came to America with his parents when he was but 4 years old. His education was received in the public schools of Ohio and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1899 he was admitted to practise law in Ohio, and since 1901 has lived and practised in Wheeling, West Virginia. His Masonic life began in Ohio; but his chief Masonic work has been done and honours attained in West Virginia. He is frequently called upon to lecture on Masonic subjects, not only at home, but in other
Jurisdictions, where he is well and favourably known. These particulars are taken from a short sketch found in the volume of proceedings.


Wisconsin.

The 72nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin was opened in Milwaukee on the 21st February, 1922, and Grand Chapter continued in session upon that and the following day.

Distinguished visitors from Missouri were present—William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest of the General Chapter and Past Grand Priest of Missouri, and Ray V. Denslow, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri.

The address of Grand High Priest Edwin G. Nash, of Manitowoc, was a notable one. He said that there had come to his attention evidences that "there is going on in Wisconsin a great revival of Masonic religion—true Masonic religion, the gospel that we are to practise outside the Lodge the lessons we are taught in it. For many years, in the not very remote past, Wisconsin Masonry was cold, formal, and idle, . . . But . . . there have arisen . . . some big, broad-minded men—men of wide horizon and clear vision—who, during the past 3 or 4 years, have been consistently and persistently preaching the gospel that Masons have other duties to perform than to sit behind locked doors and closed window-blinds and confer degrees. The work of these splendid apostles of this new movement is seen and felt throughout the great State."

The Grand High Priest was glad to be able to report that the conditions of the Royal Craft in Wisconsin was quite satisfactory. The membership on the 31st December, 1921, was 19,515, and the net gain for 1921, 2,473. There had been during the past 3 years an abnormal increase in the member-
ship of the constituent Chapters, and he could not account for the marked increase. In 1918 the net gain in membership was 398, while the next year, 1919, the net gain jumped to 1,264, in 1920 to 2,164, and in 1921 to 2,473. For the 10 years prior to 1919 the average yearly gain was 454. The total net gain for the 10 years immediately preceding 1919 was 4,543, while the net gain for the 3 years since 1919 was 5,901. The increase did not seem to be confined to any one locality, but had been general throughout the State. The Chapter, as a distinct Masonic body, was coming to the front and taking the place among other Masonic bodies which its merits warranted.

During the year 254 Companions had died, among them Duncan McGregor, who was Grand High Priest in 1898 and 1899, and Robert Baldwin Lang, who was Grand High Priest in 1912. The latter, bearing a distinguished Canadian name, was in fact a Canadian, having been born near Montreal, in 1844. He got his schooling in Canada, part of it at a Jesuit seminary. His father was an officer in the British Army during the war of 1912, and he himself fought in the American civil war and afterwards served in the Canadian Militia from 1865 until 1885. In that year he settled in Racine, Wisconsin, and was a manufacturer until the time of his death. His Masonic record began in 1872—probably in Canada, though we are not told; but his high honours came to him in Wisconsin.

Duncan McGregor was born in Scotland, in 1835. He arrived in Wisconsin in 1857, and settled at Wausau; he was apparently a teacher all his life, and a successful one. He, too, served in the civil war. His great educational work was in the Platteville State Normal School, of which he was for many years president, and at the time of his death regent.

It is a pleasure to read of the achievements of these British-born citizens of the great republic.

In his address Grand High Priest Nash discussed at considerable length the important question of
“dependent membership.” He did not advocate the rejection of the doctrine and practice, but urged that, as “dependent membership,” that is to say, good standing in the Lodge being essential to good standing in the Chapter, was the adopted rule in Wisconsin, all the laws of Grand Chapter should be in harmony with it. He recommended the repeal of certain edicts and the addition of a clause to the constitution. The subject is a somewhat complicated one. The Committee on Constitutional Amendments recommended a comprehensive clause, on the lines suggested by the Grand High Priest, and the recommendation was, upon a vote taken, adopted by Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest commended the Masonic Home at Dousman to the good offices of Grand Chapter and the constituent Chapters. He said that it was a striking fact that this was the only charitable Masonic institution in the State—and he hoped that it would not long be the only one. He suggested that Grand Chapter should appropriate sufficient funds to equip the laundry, kitchen, and dining-room. This was endorsed by the general body, with a limitation of $5,000 upon the appropriation.

W. W. Perry presented his 21st annual report as Grand Secretary. We have already given his membership figures. The number of constituent Chapters appears to be 107.

A special committee appointed to investigate the order of De Molay made an exhaustive report. Jacques De Molay, a Crusader, was in 1297 constituted the 23rd Grand Master of the Order of the Temple, which was founded in 1113. His name is justly held in reverence, and is a fitting one to give to a new Order of modern chivalry. The committee reported that since the formation of the Grand Council in March, 1921, the growth of the organisation had been rapid. To-day there were over 400 De Molay Chapters with more than 150,000 mem-
bers. It is not a Masonic organisation, and should not be considered a proselytising agency for Masonry or any of its branches. The committee earnestly hoped that the Grand Chapter would unanimously vote to get behind "this wonderful movement, with all its heart and soul, and put it across in a manner which will make every citizen of Wisconsin glad that he is a part of this great State." The adoption of the report and the approval of the Order were unanimously resolved, and an appropriation of $1,500 was made for the furtherance of the movement.

In the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence we find this interesting clause:—

"In regard to the appointment of a representative near the Grand Chapter of Scotland, your committee find that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland is a regular and duly constituted Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin has been living on terms of amity and friendship with it for many years. We do not feel that it is wise to sever such relationship because of difficulties existing between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America. The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin is supreme, and, under sec. 8 of article III. of the Constitution, the Grand High Priest is empowered to issue commissions to representatives of this Grand Chapter near the East of other Grand Chapters. We see no reason why the Grand High Priest should not issue such a commission for a representative near the Grand Chapter of Scotland." The report was adopted.

Dr. William K. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, delivered an able address on "The Dignity of Royal Arch Masonry," and also directed the attention of the members of this Grand Chapter to the new Ritual of the General Grand Chapter. He was made an honorary member of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
The report of Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright as committee on Foreign Correspondence is in unusual form—but not such as to detract from its merits. While the Grand Chapters of the world are taken up one by one and reviewed according to the orthodox plan, the reviews are not arranged alphabetically. In fact, Victoria comes first, then Nova Scotia, then Wyoming—Ohio last of all. Were it not for the excellent index at the back of the volume of proceedings, it would be difficult to find the review of any particular Grand Chapter. Canada is discovered somewhere about the middle of the report. It is Canada of 1921, when the Grand Chapter met in London, Ontario. The notice, though not extensive, is appreciative. Companion Wright's "Conclusion" is decidedly worthy of quotation:

"In the 'Conclusion' of our last report, we stated that the impetus which Capitular as well as the other branches of Masonry had received that year, had surpassed anything before experienced. This year appears to have far surpassed last.

"One thing we notice, due probably to the excessive amount of work, is the disposition to simplify the work by divesting the rituals of unnecessary verbiage, incorrect historic allusions, mechanical appliances, etc.; that is, eliminating 'excess baggage' generally, thereby materially simplifying particularly the R.A. degree, so that the novice may determine readily whether solemnity is the prevalence of the ceremony, or whether he is merely the clown of the comedy.

"About half of the Jurisdictions of the country have adopted the General Grand Chapter Ritual, while about three quarters of the remainder have more or less revised their rituals within the last year or two.

"It appears that the greatest and most serious objections to revising or changing the ritual, as one of our Companions expresses it, is that "it puts all the old and tried workers out of business."
William F. Owen, Stevens Point, Grand High Priest.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Wyoming.

This word has a peculiar significance for the reviewer, marking usually the last mile-stone in his itinerary. The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming for 1922 are before us. The 14th Annual Convocation was held in Thermopolis on the 13th July, 1922; Companion Harry E. Crain, Grand High Priest, presiding; and 12 of the 14 constituent Chapters being represented.

In his address the Grand High Priest commend-ed the order of De Molay for boys. He also expressed his anxiety "that all the constituent Chapters in this Jurisdiction make a special effort to in-duce the young men of their respective Chapters to assist in doing the work of the Chapters." The ad-dress, while not of great interest to outsiders, gave a clear and succinct account of the work of the Grand Chapter during the Grand High Priest’s year of office.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed an aggregate membership of 1858 in the 14 Chapters and a net gain of 150 in a year.

A series of able reviews is contained in the Re-port on Correspondence, written by Grand Secretary Samuel Corson, P.G.H.P. Forty-four State Grand Chapters and 10 British figure in the analysis. Can-ad-a—1921—receives due meed of attention and very acceptable appreciation. Companion Corson knows how to make his report interesting. In conclusion he says that he has for the third time completed the duty assigned to him of reviewing the proceed-ings of other Grand Chapters; 54 sets found their way to his desk; and the task imposed proved to be a most congenial and delightful one. The Capitular year, he said, was "one marked with a very satis-factory degree of advancement and progress."
Conclusion.

Most of the foregoing reviews are of proceedings in 1922, but when membership statistics are given they are generally those of 1921. Probably the increases in membership in 1921 were not so great as in 1920, but they were nevertheless very considerable, and continued to be so in 1922, so far as reported. In some quarters a "slump" is anticipated; this is predicated on experience of former "booms." But there are factors in the present situation which are hopeful in regard to the future of Royal Arch Masonry. In the view of many writers, its distinct mission is being recognised in a way that it never was before, and it makes a strong appeal to Master Masons whose interest in the teachings of Freemasonry has been aroused.

There are some sad passages in the reports anent dead and dying Chapters. One State Grand Chapter admits that it holds the record for dead Chapters, more than 100 of those constituted during the long existence of the supreme body having become extinct. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the Companions in some localities lose interest in the Chapter, and cease to attend. Then the regular meetings are not held, no new members are introduced, and finally the charter is surrendered. We believe that in Chapters generally the attendance is not as good as in Blue Lodges. But instances of wonderful revivals of moribund Chapters are not lacking; and we seldom find that where Chapters are disappearing there are not new ones to take their places.

Some very interesting things will be found scattered through the pages of this report.

In Alabama two remarkable addresses may be referred to—one by the General Grand High Priest, William F. Kuhn, and the other by Companion
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Warren G. Harding, President of the United States. The latter we do not quote under "Alabama," supra, but it may be found elsewhere.

The Grand Orator of the Grand Chapter of Washington startled the Masonic world with an address in which he assigned to Mr. Woodrow Wilson a high place among the world-figures of the ages—linking him indeed with Washington and Lincoln.

The prosperity and progress of our young daughter Grand Chapters, Alberta and British Columbia, are marked, and we cannot but rejoice therein.

The Order of the Eastern Star does not come in for mention in Grand Chapter reports as often as in those of Grand Lodges—but we have noticed some instances of apparent recognition of the Order as a Masonic Order—whether witting or unwitting it is not easy to determine.

In the reports of the State Grand Lodges of America we find frequent mention of the inter-jurisdictional activities of M.E. Comp. William Nisbet Ponton, Past Grand Z. of Canada. Wherever he goes he arouses enthusiasm, and he manages to attend an astonishingly large number of Grand Chapter Convocations in the United States and Canada. In this he is doing a great work for Masonry. One reviewer humourously remarks that Companion Ponton "certainly has the runarounds."

Sorrowfully we note the passing of the great reviewer Haines of New Jersey. Ernest Le Neve Foster of Colorado and E. T. D. Chambers of Quebec are the surviving veterans, each with 35 annual reports—and such wonderful reports—to his credit. Another reviewer, James L. Michie, of South Carolina, has been greatly honoured in his own Grand Chapter for his work's sake, and has well earned the admiration, and indeed love, of his brother reviewers. He has been in harness for 13 years.

Fraternally submitted by,

EDWARD B. BROWN,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
ProceedingsReviewed.

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MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.), "in the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year when the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A. Inv.), "in the year of the discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except that Jewish chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.M.), "in the year of the world."

Knights Templars commence their era from the organization of their Order, ANNO ORDINIS (A.O.), "in the year of the Order."

Rules for Masonic Dates

**Ancient Craft Masons**—
Add 4000 years to the vulgar era.  
Thus: 1923 and 4000—5923

**Royal Arch**—
Add 530 years to the vulgar era.  
Thus: 1923 and 530—2453

**Royal and Select Masters**—
Add 1000 years to the vulgar era.  
Thus: 1923 and 1000—2923

**Scottish Rite**—
Add 3760 years to the vulgar era.  
Thus: 1923 and 3760—5683

**Knights Templars**—
From the vulgar era take 1119.  
Thus: 1119 from 1923—804
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The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation will be held at Toronto, Ont., on Wednesday and Thursday, February 27th and 28th, 1924, commencing on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock sharp, in the Masonic Temple, 588 Yonge Street.