PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONs
OF CANADA

« 1940 »

EIGHTY-SECOND
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HAMILTON, ONTARIO
APRIL 24th and 25th, 1940
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PRESENT

Ex. Comp. Fred Clarke .................................. as Grand H.] Council
Ex. Comp. E. O. Ellingsen .................................. as Grand J.
Ex. Comp. Thomas A. Firth ................................ as Grand Scribe E.
Comp. Gorge H. Capell ................................ as Grand Scribe N.
Comp. Matthew A. Jones ................................. as Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. George A. Jeckell ............................ as Grand Pr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Frank H. Osborn ................................ as Grand Sr. Soj.
Dist. No. 17
R. Ex. Comp. John Haliburton ............................. as Grand Dir. of C.
Comp. Edgar H. Searle .................................. as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:—

Ex. Comp. George N. Williams,
Comp. T. V. Sandys-Wunsch,
Comp. Charles H. Chapman,
Comp. John F. McLennan,
Comp. Alexander Seely,
Comp. Thos. R. Campbell,
Comp. Alexander A. Bigg,
Ex. Comp. H. M. Barr, Long Branch Chapter, No. 84, Long Beach, California.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.45 P.M., when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Covocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Klondike Chapter, No. 154, G.R.C. Royal Arch Masons of Yukon.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.10 o'clock p.m.

T. A. FIRTH,
Acting Grand Scribe E.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

An Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Temple, Front Street, in the Town of Strathroy, Ontario, on Friday, the First Day of December, A.D. 1939, A. Inv. 2469.

Present

R. Ex. Comp. R. E. Strain .................................. as Grand H. | Council
R. Ex. Comp. Dr. D. W. Duncan .......................... as Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ................................. Grand Scribe E.
V. Ex. Comp. A. V. Sedgewick ............................ as Grand Scribe N.
    Comp. E. S. Moran .................................. as Grand Pr. Soj.
    Comp. A. Morington .................................. as Grand Sr. Soj.
    Comp. C. Hollingworth ............................... as Grand Jr. Soj.
Ex. Comp. Stilson Swales ................................. as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:—

    Ex. Comp. O. G. Tremner,
    Ex. Comp. W. A. Campbell,
    Ex. Comp. Geo. Douglas,
    Comp. R. Ostergard,
    Comp. M. Muxlow,
    Comp. L. L. Shipley,
    Comp. T. J. Kersey.

Together with representations from the several Chapters from the adjoining Districts.

A Constitutional number being in attendance, Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 9.30 o'clock p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that this Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicated the Chapter Room of Beaver Chapter, No. 74, G.R.C. Royal Arch Masons, at Strathroy, Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.10 o'clock p.m.

Grand Scribe E.
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASON'S OF CANADA
AT THE
EIGHTY-SECOND
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

A.D. 1940

HELD IN THE SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL
Corner King and Queen Streets
HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 24th and 25th
A.D. 1940, A. Inv. 2470

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

LLEWELLYN F. STEPHENS, K.C.
Grand Z.
Hamilton, Ontario

EDWIN SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.
London, Ontario
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL, CORNER KING AND QUEEN STREETS, CITY OF HAMILTON, ONTARIO, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH AND 25TH, 1940.

PRESENT

R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden ....................... Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ......................... Grand Scribe E.
M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner .................... Grand Historian
R. Ex. Comp. Tom Hayhurst ......................... as Grand Pr. Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. William J. Shaw ...................... Grand Registrar
R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy ....................... Grand Lecturer
V. Ex. Comp. J. Arthur Spittle .................... Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. John Marchment ....................... Grand Asst. D. of C.
Comp. Harry Hamer ................................. as Grand Organist
Ex. Comp. Claude R. Lloyd ......................... Grand Outer Guard

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. Ex. Comp. D. W. Duncan ..........................London District No. 2
R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Anscome ........................Wilson “ “ 3
R. Ex. Comp. R. M. Finlay ..........................Wellington “ “ 4
R. Ex. Comp. R. Clark ..............................Hamilton “ “ 5
R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Mutton ........................Huron “ “ 6
R. Ex. Comp. L. G. Jackson ........................Toronto East “ “ 8
R. Ex. Comp. A. F. Tannahill ........................Toronto West “ “ 8a
R. Ex. Comp. M. Baird ..............................Georgian “ “ 9
R. Ex. Comp. S. N. Haskell ..........................., Ontario “ “ 10
R. Ex. Comp. N. M. Sprague ........................Prince Edward “ “ 11
R. Ex. Comp. D. A. Currie ........................St. Lawrence “ “ 12
R. Ex. Comp. G. A. McKenzie ........................Algoma “ “ 14
R. Ex. Comp. J. Milligan ...........................New Ontario “ “ 15
R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Hill .............................Temiskaming “ “ 16

PAST GRAND Z.’S

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

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

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. Ex. Comp. J. Arthur Spittle:


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


SISTER GRAND BODIES


Sovereign Great Priory, of Canada, Knights Templar—Most Em. Knight Davey Diamond, Grand Master.


Grand honours were extended, after which Most Ex. Comp. Gardiner referred to our guests as ambassadors of good-will and greeted them as fellow-workers in the quarries of the Royal Arch.

In greeting the American visitors he said: “We are proud and happy this morning to welcome you under the sheltering folds of the Union Jack—that flag of which Kipling wrote:—

“You may take the wings of the morning
And fly 'round the world 'till you're dead,
But you can't get away from the tune that they play
To that grand old rag overhead.”

Our pleasure in receiving you is greatly enhanced by the sight of Old Glory with its gleaming Stars and Stripes draped side by side with our Flag of Empire”.

In receiving the Canadian visitors as Kinsmen from Sister Provinces “members of our own tribes and families”, M. Ex. Companion Gardiner said “that although they hailed from other provinces they shared with the Companions of Ontario the priceless heritage of citizenship in the great commonwealth of nations known as the British Empire and as Canadians regardless of place of residence they stand four-square as a united people bravely facing whatever the future may hold. The war efforts and sacrifices have all been made and will be made in the days to come not in the name of any individual Province but in the broad name of Canada”.

Rulers of other branches of Masonry were cordially welcomed as fellow-members of the great Brotherhood of Masonry.

The Grand Master represented by M.W. Bro. Frank Copus and R.W. Bro. Dixon received a special welcome and a message of loyalty and good-will to be transmitted to the Grand Master who was unavoidably absent.

R. Ex. Comp. John V. Mills, B.Th., Grand Chaplain, offered the invocation:—
Omnipotent Father, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, in Thy Most Holy name we have assembled in this historic Temple to transact our proceedings. Grant that the sublime principles of Freemasonry may so subdue every discordant passion within us, so harmonize and enrich our hearts, with Thine own love and ineffable goodness that this convocation may reflect to the outside world that order and beauty which reign forever before Thy throne. Hear us with indulgence, have pity for our weaknesses, and aid us with Thy strength. Endow our Grand Council with the plentitude of Thy beneficent Grace, strengthen their good resolutions and enable them ever to prevail against the powers of selfishness and indifference in the world about us. Bestow the abundance of Thy manifold gifts upon our Sovereign Lord, George VI, endue him with wisdom and understanding that he may govern our peoples with justice and equity; grant him Thy mighty strength, so that he may be able to withstand and overcome the forces of oppression and ignorance, of bigotry and intolerance, grant him health that he may live long to reign over the vast Commonwealth of Nations which Thou hast put under him; to the end that they may enjoy happiness and prosperity and contribute to Thine honour and glory. Safeguard our Companions in the Air, the Sea, and upon the Land, may their faith be so staid upon Thee that they will face forward toward the enemy and fear no danger. Let the Great Light of Masonry o'er flow the world helping our feeble efforts to remove every obstacle to the final triumph of Thy great Law of Universal Love, and having faithfully performed our duties here below, wilt Thou be pleased to receive us at the eleventh hour of Life's Day, labourers from Thy earthly quarries, anxious, and in Thy Son's Name ready, to come under the humbling portal of that House not made with hands, where we hope to obtain exaltation throughout all eternity. IN THE NAME OF THE EXEGESIS OF JEHOVAH. SO MOTE IT BE.

The delegates joined in singing the following hymn and National Anthems:

“O God, our help in ages past,”
“God Save the King”
and “America”.
CIVIC WELCOME

"Grand Chapter was called off" at 10.15 a.m. to permit the presentation by the Grand Director of Ceremonies of His Worship the Mayor of the City of Hamilton, Bro. Wm. M. Morrison, K.C., who extended to the Delegates and Guests a most hearty welcome. He made reference to our thankfulness in being permitted to live and meet in this Democratic Country, reminding us no similar organization would be allowed in Europe, although we have the element that is endeavouring to tear down the church and home we must stand united. We believe in the church and freedom and should strive to assist in every way.

On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of the City, he welcomed us to the centre of the "Garden of Eden", invited us to come back again, and promised us that should we at any time be permitted to retire, or change our place of residence, a further welcome would be assured in Hamilton.

The welcome was acknowledged by the Grand First Principal Z.

Grand Chapter was "called on" at 10.40 a.m.

HAMILTON AND DISTRICT EXTENDS WELCOME

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

We, the undersigned, Presiding First Principals of the Chapters in Hamilton District, No. 5, desire to extend to you a most sincere welcome to Hamilton, on the occasion of the 82nd Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

We hope your visit to this city will be as much of a pleasure to you as it will be an inspiration and a delight to us. Since you have received such a generous welcome from His Worship, the Mayor, there is little left for us to offer, except our unbounded loyalty and devotion, which are hereby tendered to you.

We believe our various Committees have made complete arrangements for your comfort while you are here, but if anything has been omitted, we are confident they will meet every reasonable request you make.

The same warm welcome is extended to our neighbours visiting from the United States. As we look at their flag and at ours, which stand for the same high ideals of democratic
government, we pay tribute to both of them and to the countries for which they stand.

To all of you, we say "As often as you come you bring new friends and we keep the old,—the new are silver and the old are gold."

P. A. MACDOUGALL,
   The Hiram Chapter, No. 2,
GORDON WORRAL,
   St. John's Chapter, No. 6,
R. C. CUNNINGHAM,
   St. Clair Chapter, No. 75,
H. J. SMITH,
   White Oak Chapter, No. 104,
JAMES PICKARD,
   Ancaster Chapter, No. 155,
G. H. CUNNINGHAM,
   The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175,
A. F. TAPSELL,
   Keystone Chapter, No. 224,
RALPH LANG,
   Caledonia Chapter, No. 236,
W. M. CLAUS,
   McKay Chapter, No. 243,
F. W. DEAN,
   General Chairman,
      Joint Committee on Arrangements,
R. CLARK,
   Grand Superintendent,
      Hamilton District, No. 5.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES, 1939

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Eighty-first Annual Convocation, held in the City of Windsor, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26th and 27th, 1939, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26th and 27th, 1939, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed.
ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

Resolved,—"That the Grand Z. be given authority to alter the Order of Business at this Convocation in his discretion."

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. Lt.-Col. Reg. Conover, Chairman of the Credential Committees of Representatives and Proxies of the Chapters, reported there were 158 Warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 130 Chapters were represented by the following:—

No. 1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.

No. 2. The Hiram, Hamilton.


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

No. 5. St. George's, London.
   A. J. Elson, Z.

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

No. 7. The Moira, Belleville.
   K. Ackerman, Z.; H. C. McElrath, P.Z.

No. 8. King Solomon, Toronto.

No. 15. Wawanosh, Sarnia.
   A. H. Payne, Z.

No. 16. Carleton, Ottawa.
   S. R. Wagner, Z.; C. W. Powers, F. G. Smith, P.Z.'s.
No. 18.  
**Oxford, Woodstock.**

No. 19.  
**Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.**

No. 20.  
**Mt. Horeb, Brantford.**

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

No. 24.  
**Tecumseh, Stratford.**
George Atkins, Z.; F. A. Copus, P.Z.

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

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

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

No. 30.  
**Huron, Goderich.**
John Pease, Z.; H. B. M. Tichborne, P.Z.

No. 31.  
**Prince Edward, Picton.**
J. C. Cooper, Z.

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

No. 34.  
**Signet, Barrie.**

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

No. 36.  
**Corinthian, Peterboro.**
J. E. Girven, Z.; C. A. Solitt, P.Z.

No. 37.  
**Victoria, Port Hope.**
C. E. Stephenson, Z.; H. Mitchell, S. W. Haskell, P.Z.'s.
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No. 73.  
Erie, Ridgetown.  

No. 74.  
Beaver, Strathroy.  
L. J. Hardwick, Z.

No. 75.  
St. Clair, Milton.  

No. 76.  
Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.  

No. 77.  
Occident, Toronto.  

No. 78.  
Minnewawa, Parkhill.  
J. O. Brazell, Z.; Roy G. Nunn, P.Z.

No. 79.  
Orient, Toronto.  

No. 80.  
Ark, Windsor.  
Wilton R. Bricker (Proxy), Wm. E. Treganza, P.Z.

No. 81.  
Aylmer, Aylmer.  

No. 82.  
Shuniah, Port Arthur.  
A. P. Freed (Proxy).

No. 83.  
Ionic, Orangeville.  
Curry W. Marshall, Z.; A. H. Woodland, P.Z.

No. 84.  
Lebanon, Wingham  
R. C. Thompson (Proxy).

No. 88.  
MacNabb, Dresden.  

No. 90.  
Golden, Kenora.  
G. A. McKenzie (Proxy).
No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*

No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
C. L. Davidson, P.Z.

No. 95. *Tuscan, Sudbury.*
W. J. H. Bray, Z.

W. D. Boyd, Z.

No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
F. E. Ginn, Z.; Jas. Milligan, P.Z.

No. 104. *White Oak, Oakville.*

No. 110. *Warkworth, Warkworth.*
J. H. Mounyc, Z.

No. 112. *St. John's, Morrisburg.*
D. A. Currie (Proxy).

No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
W. J. Barber, Z.

No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*

No. 117. *Kitchener, Kitchener.*

No. 119. *King Cyrus, Leamington.*
E. H. Brennan (Proxy).

No. 129. *Elliott, Mitchell.*
H. A. Mutton (Proxy), E. Robinson, P.Z.

No. 130. *Chantry, Southampton.*
C. Fotheringham, Z.

No. 131. *Amabell, Wiarton.*

No. 133. *St. Francis, Smiths Falls.*
J. R. Hamilton, Z.
No. 134.  
*King Darius, Cannington.*
E. J. Hayes (Proxy).

No. 135.  
*Succoth, Uxbridge.*
C. E. Willis, Z.; C. A. E. Wass, H.; R. W. McKnight, J.; V. M. Hare, P.Z.

No. 138.  
*Shekinah, Toronto.*
E. W. Pearson, H.; T. Brann (Proxy), J. Marr, P.Z.

No. 139.  
*St. Andrew's, Havelock.*
H. F. McNickol, P.Z.

No. 140.  
*Fort William, Fort William.*
E. E. Wood (Proxy).

No. 144.  
*Presqu'isle, Brighton.*

No. 145.  
*The St. Patrick, Toronto.*

No. 146.  
*Bernard, Listowel.*
Percy Fatum, Z.

No. 147.  
*Lucknow, Lucknow.*

No. 148.  
*St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
A. D. McRae, P.Z.

No. 149.  
*Atwood, Rainy River.*
G. A. McKenzie (Proxy).

No. 150.  

No. 153.  
*Sombra, Wallaceburg.*

No. 154.  
*Klondike, Dawson, Y.T.*
Edwin Smith (Proxy).

No. 155.  
*Ancaster, Ancaster.*
Harry K. Oglesby (Proxy), E. G. Bennett, P.Z.

No. 163.  
*The Beaches, Toronto.*

No. 164.  
*Lorne, West Lorne.*
Dugald Turner, P.Z.
No. 169.  
Temiskaming, New Liskeard.  
Jos. Penman (Proxy), G. H. Hayward, W. H. Simmons, P.Z.'s.

No. 175.  
The Hamilton, Hamilton.  
W. B. Riddell, E. B. Thompson, W. J. Shaw, F. W. Dean,  
Joseph Fleming, G. W. Tebbs, Albert P. Goering, Samuel Vila,  

No. 184.  
Hugh Murray, Fort Erie.  

No. 185.  
The Toronto, Toronto.  
J. V. Mills (Proxy), Donald Calder, W. J. Stewart, P.Z.'s.

No. 195.  
Peel, Brampton.  
R. V. Conover, R. W. Hall, Jr., Harold Spratt, N. L. Powell,  
P. Warr, P.Z.'s.

No. 198.  
Couchiching, Orillia.  

No. 203.  
Cobalt, Cobalt.  
C. Southall, Z.; F. J. Hill, P.Z.

No. 205.  
Victoria, Thornhill.  
J. A. Thompson (Proxy).

No. 212.  
Mount Sinai, Toronto.  
D. Clapham, Z.; H. Gimskey, H.; P. Abrams, J.

No. 213.  
Northern Lights, Timmins.  
G. F. Mitchell, Z.

No. 215.  
Mimico, Mimico.  
W. Hall, Z.; L. Maude, P.Z.

No. 217.  
St. Alban's, Toronto.  
J. L. House (Proxy), G. Hosang, H. A. F. Shytte, G. McRae,  

No. 219.  
Ulster, Toronto.  
D. Coleman (Proxy).

No. 220.  
Lebanon, Lambton Mills.  
J. A. Evans (Proxy), Howard Carr, W. F. Luety, W. E. Mason,  
Jos. Molloy, R. Richmond, P.Z.'s.

No. 221.  
Durham, Durham.  
H. McKechran, Z.; R. W. F. Hughes, P.Z.

No. 222.  
Ottawa, Ottawa.  
No. 224. **Keystone, Hamilton.**
A. F. Tapsell, Z.; C. E. Fisher, H.; J. S. Drysdale, Robert Clark,
Chas. Dean, J. F. Gray, W. J. Rowney, J. A. Curno, P.Z.'s.

No. 225. **Beaver, Toronto.**
R. Wilson, Z.

No. 226. **Prince of Wales, Perth.**
C. M. Forbes, (Proxy).

No. 227. **Quinte Friendship, Belleville.**
J. E. Bateman, Z.; M. R. Anderson, P.Z.

No. 230. **Port Credit, Port Credit.**
C. A. Cooper, Z.; W. H. Shaver, H.; H. McNairn, W. G. Price,
W. A. Maxwell, W. H. MacEachren, C. H. Burgess, J. H. Pinchin,
P.Z.'s.

No. 231. **The St. Clair, Toronto.**
A. Art Gray (Proxy), J. W. Woodland, P.Z.

No. 232. **King Cyrus, Toronto.**
K. N. Carrie (Proxy), J. Marchment, P.Z.

No. 234. **Halton, Georgetown.**
Alex. Kean, Z.; Harold C. McClure, P.Z.

No. 235. **Aurora, Aurora.**
F. MacDonald, Z.; R. H. Cook, G. H. L. Ward, F. R. Underhill,

No. 236. **Caledonia, Caledonia.**

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

No. 239. **Blenheim, Blenheim.**
Ed. Shapley (Proxy).

No. 240. **Smithville, Smithville.**
F. Hays (Proxy).

No. 241. **University, Toronto.**
P. W. Rogers (Proxy), W. S. M. Enouy, P.Z.

No. 242. **St. Paul's, Lambeth.**
F. G. Fuller, Z.; R. J. Henderson, J.; A. Westwater, A. E.

No. 243. **McKay, Stoney Creek.**
W. M. Clark, Z.; J. H. Lee, J.; L. F. McDougall, Roland Wray,
P.Z.'s.
No. 245.  
_Preston, Preston._
    J. A. Mills, Z.; W. H. Renwick, G. V. Hillborn, P.Z.’s.

No. 246.  
_Humber, Weston._

No. 247.  
_Nilestown, Nilestown._

No. 248.  
_Dochert, Arnprior._
    Arch. McLaren (Proxy).

No. 249.  
_Palestine, Bowmanville._

No. 250.  
_Thomas Peters’, Windsor._
    T. B. Hoad, Z.

No. 251.  
_Kirkland, Kirkland Lake._
    H. S. Rood (Proxy), H. B. Hawley, P.Z.

No. 252.  
_Hiawatha, Sarnia._
    F. Tigwell, Z.

The following 28 Chapters not represented:—

No. 22.  
Grenville, Prescott.

No. 28.  
Pentalpha, Oshawa.

No. 56.  
Georgian, Owen Sound.

No. 58.  
Pembroke, Mattawa.

No. 61.  
Granite, Almonte.

No. 64.  
Willson, Welland.

No. 66.  
The Malloch, Seaforth.

No. 68.  
Maitland, North Augusta.

No. 71.  
Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.

No. 72.  
Keystone, Stirling.

No. 86.  
Macpherson, Meaford.

No. 100.  
St. Lawrence, Brockville.

No. 114.  
Bonnechere, Renfrew.

No. 116.  
Maple, Carleton Place.

No. 132.  
Leeds, Gananoque.

No. 143.  
Glengarry, Maxville.

No. 151.  
Laurentian, Pembroke.

No. 152.  
Alberton, Fort Francis.

No. 161.  
Madoc, Madoc.

No. 167.  
Kichikewana, Midland.

No. 168.  
Ionic, Campbellford.

Kitchener, Russell.

No. 214.  
Vimy, Inwood.

No. 218.  
Prince Edward, Shelburne.
No. 223. Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.
No. 233. Oakwood, Toronto.
No. 244. Cochrane, Cochrane.
No. 253. Regal, Port Dover.

82 Chapters were represented by Regular Officers.
35 " " " Proxy.
13 " " " Senior P.Z.'s.
28 " " not represented.

158 "

There were 458 Delegates registered, having a total vote of 701.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Reg. V. Conover, Chairman,
Wm. J. Armstrong, Vice-Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, seconded by
R. Ex. Comp. Reg. Conover, and—

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

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Lawrence, Toronto ................ Alabama
R. " " John M. Empey, Mitchell .................. Alberta
V. " " Percy Rogers, Toronto .................... Arizona
R. " " J. M. Burden, Toronto .................... British Columbia
R. " " C. H. Burgess, Port Credit ............... California
R. " " Harvey J. Milne, Kingston ................ Connecticut
R. " " Geo. W. Slack, Toronto ..................... Delaware
R. " " R. W. Clewlo, Toronto ..................... Dist. of Columbia
R. " " J. H. Cowan, Galt ......................... Florida
R. " " G. H. Hayward, Haileybury .............. Georgia
R. " " J. J. Shelley, Toronto .................. Illinois
R. " " A. P. Goering, Hamilton ................ Kansas
R. " " D. W. Evans, Hamilton .................. Maine
R. " " R. H. Reid, Woodstock ................. Manitoba
M. " " W. G. Price, Port Credit ................. Michigan
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, London ................. Minnesota
R. " " A. Art Gray, Toronto .................. Mississippi
R. " " Wm. J. Tow, Toronto .................. Missouri
V. " " James Herriott, Toronto ................ Montana
R. " " W. S. M. Enouy, Toronto ................ Nebraska
R. " " A. D. MacIntyre, Toronto ................. New Jersey
R. " " Frank A. Copus, Stratford ................. New Mexico
V. " " R. B. Dargavel, Toronto .................. New South Wales
M. " " W. Y. Mills, Kingston .................. New York
R. " " J. A. Evans, Toronto .................. New Zealand
R. " " F. G. McLean, Toronto .................. North Carolina
R. " " A. H. Monteith, Paris .................. Nova Scotia
M. " " Edwin Smith, London .................. Ohio
M. " " Llew. F. Stephens, Hamilton .............. Pennsylvania
M. " " Geo. L. Gardiner, Toronto ................ Quebec
R. " " John Boyd, Toronto .................. Queensland
R. " " Ed. H. Brennan, Leamington ............... Rhode Island
R. " " W. H. Wardrobe, Hamilton ............... Scotland
R. " " Wm. Downing, Kitchener ................ South Dakota
R. " " A. P. Freed, Port Arthur ................. Tennessee
R. " " W. E. Gowling, Ottawa ................ Texas
R. " " V. M. Hare, Uxbridge .................... Utah
R. " " Chas. Sheppard, Niagara Falls ............ Vermont
R. " " Fred. G. Smith, Ottawa ................ Virginia
R. " " W. J. Armstrong, Toronto ............... West Australia

The Grand Z. welcomed the forty-one Grand Representatives in suitable terms and requested that they convey the felicitations of the Grand Chapter of Canada to their various Grand Jurisdictions whom they represent. He stated that they are the official connecting link and trusted that they would continue to attend regularly.

Grand Honours were accorded to the Grand Representatives.

The words of welcome and felicitation were acknowledged on behalf of the Grand Representatives by R. Ex. Comp. A. P. Freed.
GRAND Z’s ADDRESS

Hamilton, Ontario, April 21st, 1940.

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

At the last Convocation held at the City of Windsor you honoured me with the highest office within your gift. I appreciate to the full the honour of this office but appreciate still more the good will, respect and affection of my Companions as evidenced by their having selected me for that office. At the same time I am fully conscious of the great responsibilities which devolve upon the incumbent from time to time of the office of Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter.

It is a great pleasure to welcome you today to this City of Hamilton, where our Grand Chapter had its inception on the 19th and 20th days of January, 1857, under the leadership of His Honour W. Mercer Wilson, then the Grand Master of the newly formed Grand Lodge of Canada. Then, eight members representing three Chapters had the courage and vision which resulted in the formation of this Grand Chapter. They builded well—I wonder often if not better than they knew or could possibly have envisioned. In the interval this Grand Chapter has been instrumental in organizing Chapters which, in the fullness of time, founded Grand Chapters in New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia and in Australia, taking over from us in all seventy-five prosperous Chapters with a total membership of several thousand Companions. These “daughter Chapters” were all founded with the blessing and good will of our Grand Chapter and throughout the years since they set up housekeeping for themselves we have followed their great expansion and prosperity with interest and pride.

Today, we have still upon our register 157 Chapters, all within the Province of Ontario with one exception, that of Klondike Chapter, Dawson City, Yukon Territory.

Foreign Relations

The relation between this Grand Chapter and all foreign bodies remains harmonious and in every respect cordial and fraternal.
Foreign Visitations

I have found it impossible to accept the great number of invitations which have been extended to me to attend the Convo- cations of the Grand Chapters of all Sister Provinces and of the United States of America. Time and the demands of our home Chapters made it possible for me to accept only two of these invitations. In October, 1939, I attended the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, meeting at Charleston, South Carolina. It was indeed an inspiration to meet with and learn from the Royal Arch Companions there assembled, coming as they did from all parts of the United States of America, Mexico, Philippine Islands and other jurisdictions—a wonderful group of sincere, earnest Royal Arch Masons.

I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania held in Philadelphia in December, 1939, and received from Most Excellent Companion Carwithian and his officers, a welcome which can never be forgotten.

Having received an invitation from the Grand Chapter of Virginia, but being unable to attend myself owing to a previous engagement, I requested R. Ex. Comp. Fred G. Smith, their Grand Representative, to attend their Annual Convocation on October 25th and 26th, 1939, and he reports a most cordial and truly Virginian reception.

It was with great regret that I had to miss the meeting of the Grand Chapter of New York, held in Albany on the 6th and 7th days of February, 1940. It is many years since “Can- ada” has not been represented at the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. I would like to quote shortly from the annual address of the Grand High Priest of New York, delivered at the Convocation, as follows:

"True, the scene of the conflict is some thousands of miles away, but nevertheless it has involved our good friends and peaceful neighbours to the North. To them we extend the hand of Brotherly love and affection and wish them well in this battle for democratic rights and principles."

This sincere expression of good will from our New York Companions is, I am sure, deeply appreciated by our membership.

I had had the pleasure on October 7th, 1939, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Shaw and R. Ex. Comp. John Drysdale of joining with Most Ex. Comp. Bowes, Grand High Priest of New York, in participating in District Meeting of Buffalo held
in Hamburg, Chapter 313, when the work was exemplified and criticised thoroughly by the Grand Lecturer.

On the 27th day of April I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec at Montreal. Owing to war time they confined their invitations to outside bodies to the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada and I was, therefore, the only visitor. However, what they lacked in numbers they certainly made up in the wealth and warmth of their hospitality to the Grand First Principal of Canada.

**Grand Council**

Immediately after the conclusion of our last Convocation, I arranged with the R. Ex. Comp. Empey and the R. Ex. Comp. Burden that the Grand Council should meet at least once each month. These meetings have been held regularly and I have had the great privilege of having the advice and assistance of the Grand H. and the Grand J. in disposing of the large number of matters which are brought before the Grand Z. for attention from time to time. I would like here to bear witness to my Companions to the loyal and unselfish service of these officers and also to express my appreciation of the work of the Grand Scribe E. during the past year. Under the direction of the Grand Council, and through the direct efforts of the Grand Scribe E., the office at Toronto has been entirely reorganized and put on an efficient basis and is now functioning to the great advantage of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction.

**Grand Lecturer**

I had pleasure in appointing R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy as Grand Lecturer of our Grand Chapter. Investigation showed me that the work of this office had not been appreciated by our Companions for some years past and I actively instigated the Companions of the various Districts to avail themselves of the services of the Grand Lecturer. I am pleased to say that this has been done and R. Ex. Comp. Enouy has held a number of Chapters of instruction as well as visiting a large number of private Chapters. From the reports I have received I know that this work has been excellent and that Grand Chapter is under obligation to him for the faithful manner in which he has performed his services.
Home Visitations

From my study of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in our own jurisdiction I was convinced, if this Grand Chapter is to thrive, as we would wish it to thrive, that the constituent Chapters must have a more virile and sustained supervision: they must be helped and encouraged by advice, visits and personal assistance. To this end, I have visited Chapters in many of our Districts, travelling in all somewhat over 18,000 miles during the year. It has entailed time, exertion and expense but I believe it has been worthwhile and has, to me, been a labour of love.

On many of these visits I have been accompanied by the other members of the Grand Council and Grand Scribe E.

In August, 1939, I had the pleasing duty of dedicating the new Chapter Rooms of Klondike Chapter, Dawson City, in the far-away Yukon Basin. The hospitality of our good Companions and their gracious ladies to Mrs. Stephens and myself was unbounded. Though separated by thousands of miles from other jurisdictions we found them loyal and enthusiastic members of our Grand Chapter. Masonry has a peculiar appeal to men so shut off from the outside world as are our Companions of the great North. The occasion of my visit was made a great assembly of all Master Masons in the Yukon District who, in the banquet room as guest of the Chapter members, were asked to be present and hear the address to be delivered by the Grand First Principal.

In arranging my visits to our own Chapters I have pursued a policy of requesting the Companions of the Chapters to invite all Master Masons of their immediate Districts to be their guests for the occasion. They have readily complied with my request and as a result I have had, during the year, the privilege of meeting and speaking to a great many members of the Craft, I trust leaving with them a better conception of the place which Royal Arch Masonry holds in the great Masonic system.

Divine Service

From the list of dispensations it will be shown that Divine Service has been held by a considerable number of Chapters, mainly in group District Services, during the past year. I have been able to attend and participate in a number of these meetings and found them inspirational. This is a part of our work to which I can give the most hearty approval.
Necrology

During the past twelve months the Grim Reaper has been busy among our membership and there are very many vacant places in the lists of our members. In each case your Grand Chapter Officers have done what they could to be present at and participate in the funeral service and to extend to the loved ones of the deceased our sympathy in their great sorrow.

William Nesbit Ponton

Most Ex. Comp. Col. William Nesbit Ponton, K.C., was born in Belleville, Ontario, in 1856, and lived his entire life in that City. He was not only active in Masonry and the Legal profession but was also the Officer commanding the old 15th Regiment of Belleville, from 1895-1901, retiring as their Honourary Colonel. He was keenly interested in the Great War, also in the Cadet Movement. A Member of the Senate of the University of Toronto and a former Chairman of the Belleville Board of Education.

In Masonry he was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. In 1916-17 he was elected Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in 1917-18 was elected Grand Second Principal, and in 1919-20 the greatest honour was bestowed upon him in electing him the Grand First Principal. He passed to the Grand Chapter above on September 6th, 1939, having been in ill-health for over two years.

Wilbur L. Stewart

Right Ex. Comp. Stewart, Chairman of the Committee on Printing, was born north of the town of Wallaceburg, in 1870, was stricken on October 31st, 1939, and an active career was brought to a close. Companion Stewart gave most of his life to the stage and theatrical work. In Masonry he was very active and had been a member of the Grand Chapter of Canada for some years, as well as Grand Superintendent of the London District, No. 2, in 1928. He was always willing to assist when called upon.

"Farewell: a little time and we
Who knew thee well, and loved thee here,
One after one shall follow thee
As pilgrims through the gate of fear,
Which opens on eternity."
Marshall E. Sherwood

R. Ex. Comp. Sherwood was born in Dereham Township but had lived in Woodstock over thirty-four years and was a Commercial Traveller since 1928. He was very active in Masonry, had been a Past Master of Oxford Lodge, a Past Principal of Oxford Chapter, and a member of other branches of Masonry. He had been a member of the Executive of Grand Chapter for many years and held the position of Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. He died on November 5th, 1939, and was buried with Masonic honours.

Appointment of Grand Reviewer

It was with a deep feeling and sincere regret that I heard on September 6th of the passing of our Grand Reviewer, Most Ex. Comp. Col. Wm. N. Ponton, and I immediately appointed Most Excellent Comp. George L. Gardiner to be the Chairman of “Fraternal Correspondence and Reviewer” and I trust that this meets with the approval of Grand Chapter.

Last year our Grand First Principal Most. Ex. Comp. Wm. Y. Mills, made reference to one of our Grand Representatives, R. Ex. Comp. Stanley C. Warner, of Denver, Colorado, and I am sorry to report at this Annual Convocation of his passing. Here we had a Companion who was exalted in Napanee, served his Chapter and District and then on account of his health moved to Colorado.

Grand Representatives

Vacancies having occurred in the Representation of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, I recommended the following who were approved:

Georgia—R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Hayward, Haileybury, Ont.
Texas—R. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Gowling, Ottawa, Ont.

Also, I have approved of Representatives near other Grand Chapters, to fill vacancies as follows:

New Mexico—Ex. Comp. John W. Elder, Albuquerque, New Mexico.


Dispensations

The following requests have been received and after due consideration were approved, the total one hundred and five:

Twelve for permission to attend Divine Service.
Thirty-two to change date of Regular Convocation or hour of Regular Convocation.
Twelve permitting Chapters to visit or to receive visit from Sister Jurisdiction to exemplify degrees.
Eleven dispensing with their Regular Convocations during the summer months, not provided by their By-laws.
Seven for the advancement of officers, as required by the Constitution.
Twenty for the purpose of holding “At Homes or Social Functions”.
Seven for the Installation of officers, other than the Regular date as provided by the By-laws.
Three to receive and ballot on application for Exaltation owing to the applicant being called for War Service.
One to hold the Election and Installation upon the same evening.

I also gave permission to permit a Chapter to receive and consider an application for Exaltation of a Brother, believing that although he had lost his right hand, he was quite capable of receiving and communicating the Secrets of the Royal Craft.

Rulings

Having received an enquiry as to the use of the “Triple Tau” and the request of a ruling, I replied: “That it is a matter of discretion with the Excellent Z. and Scribe E. of each Chapter to determine what, in their opinion, is “special important business”. It seems to me, if officers take their duties seriously, that every Convocation at which applications may come in, requests for benevolent grants be made, candidates balloted for, degrees conferred, visitors be in attendance to whom a real Royal Arch welcome can be given, or reports of sickness or death received and given sympathetic and appropriate attention, is a very special occasion”.
Chapter By-laws

During the year amendments to the By-laws of the following Chapters were considered and approved.

No.  7.  The Moira Chapter, Belleville, Ont.
No. 15.  Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, Ont.
No. 16.  Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, Ont.
No. 18.  Oxford Chapter, Woodstock, Ont.
No. 35.  Keystone Chapter, Whitby, Ont.
No. 47.  Wellington Chapter, Chatham, Ont.
No. 55.  Niagara Chapter, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
No. 76.  Mount Nebo Chapter, Niagara Falls, Ont.
No. 91.  Antiquity Nebo Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 103.  St. John’s Chapter, North Bay, Ont.
No. 119.  King Cyrus Chapter, Leamington, Ont.
No. 145.  The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 169.  Temiskaming Chapter, New Liskeard, Ont.
No. 175.  The Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, Ont.
No. 203.  Cobalt Chapter, Cobalt, Ont.
No. 227.  Quinte Friendship Chapter, Belleville, Ont.
No. 233.  Oakwood Chapter, Toronto, Ont.
No. 249.  Palestine Chapter, Bowmanville, Ont.
No. 252.  Hiawatha Chapter, Sarnia, Ont.

25-Year Veteran Jewel

The following Excellent Companions having been an exalted First Principal for twenty-five years have received their "Age with Honour" Jewels during the past year:

No. 6, St. John’s Chapter, Hamilton, Ont.—Ex. Comp. J. F. McDonald.
No. 16, Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, Ont.—Ex. Comp. R. W. H. Currie.
No. 19, Mount Moriah Chapter, St. Catharines, Ont.—Ex. Comp. A. T. Riddell.
No. 20, Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford, Ont.—Ex. Comp. C. D. Chaplin, Ex. Comp. Angus Campbell.
No. 26, St. Mark’s Chapter, Trenton, Ont.—Ex. Comp. W. M. Peck.
No. 27, Manitou Chapter, Collingwood, Ont.—Ex. Comp. W. H. Whipps.
No. 34, Signet Chapter, Barrie, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. John W. Merrick.
No. 37, Victoria Chapter, Port Hope, Ont.—Ex. Comp. H. W. Mitchell.
No. 69, Grimsby Chapter, Grimsby, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Culp.
No. 76, Mount Nebo Chapter, Niagara Falls, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Ed. L. Wallace.
No. 77, Occident Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. A. C. Larter.
No. 79, Orient Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Joseph Poulton.
No. 80, Ark Chapter, Windsor, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. W. E. Tregenza.
No. 91, Antiquity Chapter, Toronto, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. R. E. Port.
No. 95, Tuscan Chapter, Sudbury, Ont.—Ex. Comp. G. H. Davidson.
No. 112, St. John's Chapter, Morrisburg, Ont.—Ex. Comp. A. H. Casselman.
No. 117, Kitchener Chapter, Kitchener, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Downing.
No. 133, St. Francis Chapter, Smiths Falls, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Geo. H. Saunders.
No. 134, King Darius Chapter, Cannington, Ont.—Ex. Comp. James Parliament.
No. 140, Fort William Chapter, Fort William, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. A. D. Cameron.
No. 144, Presqu'Isle Chapter, Brighton, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Thos. C. Lockwood.
No. 167, Kichikewana Chapter, Midland, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. J. M. H. McGuire.
No. 175, The Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Riddell, Sr.
COMPANIONS FIFTY-YEAR JEWEL
Fifty Years Exalted—Continuous Membership

It has been expressed by many of our older members also by our Grand Superintendents, present and past, that recognition of the “Boys of the Old Brigade”, “Our Veterans”, who have been members of our Royal Craft for fifty years or more should be presented with a “Jewel”, as a mark of distinction and with the co-operation of the Grand Council and Grand Scribe E. a design was adopted, a Jewel struck off and an application form issued and below appears a complete list of those who are entitled to the award. The requirements are that the applicant must be an exalted member in good standing for fifty years, or more, with continuous membership.

The Jewel is a beautiful piece of Canadian workmanship on the bar or pin appears the figures and words “50 Years”, attached to the bar, a ribbon upon which is placed a Keystone, and hanging medallion, the ribbon being the colours of the veils, Blue, Purple, Crimson and White, which the brother passed in his exaltation. The medallion is chiefly of the colours of the Royal Arch, Purple and Crimson, around which appears the words “The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada and the Triple Tau”, the centre contains the Grand Chapter Crest within a Triangle, and on the back appears the name of the recipient with the year of exaltation and presentation or his Golden Jubilee, followed by the words “50 Years a Royal Arch Mason”.

I trust that my action will receive the approval of Grand Chapter.


St. Andrew and St. John’s Chapter, No. 4, Toronto—Comp. John Berkley Young, December 11th, 1884-1934.


Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines—Comp. Albert E. Swayze, December 14th, 1888-1938.


McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville—Comp. Samuel Amsden, September 29th, 1882-1932.


Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough—Comp. Robert Maxwell Dennistoun, March 4th, 1890-1940.


St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 65, Toronto—Comp. Wm. Shutt, Sabine Jackson, April 12th, 1879-1929; Comp. Wm. Robbins, July 30th, 1880-1930; R. Ex. Comp. Archibald Douglas Ponton, October 10th, 1883-1933; Comp. John Alfred McAndrew, November 29th, 1883-1933.


Masonic Charity

I am frequently asked the question “What does Masonry do”? at times the question accompanied with comparisons of Masonic work with the activities of service clubs. I think I can best answer the question by saying what Masonry does not do—“It does not advertise”. I wonder at times whether or not it would be advisable to change our minds upon this subject and let the world know more about the wonderful work of love and help constantly done by Masonic bodies and their membership.

In my own city I know of one Brother who, for twenty-five years, without fail has spent every Sunday afternoon at the Sanatorium guiding visitors to the sick; of another who for twenty years has never missed a Sunday visiting the sick at
our General Hospital, and these illustrations could be multiplied without end. Everywhere you go you will find members of the Masonic bodies bringing comfort to the afflicted and help to the destitute. Should we keep this knowledge to ourselves? I would like here to bear testimony to the devoted work of the Companions of the Toronto Districts. The Samaritan Club of Toronto, maintains a vacation home for needy mothers and children at Lake Simcoe, and the Toronto City Mission a like home at Bronte, on Lake Ontario. Our Toronto Companions assume all the burden and expense of transportation of all these mothers and children and their baggage to and from these resorts, and this work continues throughout the whole summer season. In eight years these Companions have travelled a total mileage in accomplishing this work of 198,720 miles, have transported 9,400 mothers and children to and from these resorts at a total cost (borne by these Companions entirely) of $5,619.80. Each of these mothers and their children receive a two weeks' vacation in God's great outside world, and our Companions have saved the Samaritan Club of Toronto City Mission an estimated expense for transportation of $7,300.00, thus enabling them to enlarge greatly the extent of their great work of love.

A perusal of our own financial report will show, during the past year this Grand Chapter has itself expended the goodly sum of $3,200.00 in direct relief to unfortunate Companions or their dependents. But, this is by way of supplement to the financial aid expended by our constituent Chapters in direct relief.

Chapter Summonses

I receive over 150 Chapter Summonses each month and to these I give careful and continuous study. It is an interesting study and I feel I can now fairly well gauge the qualifications of the various Companions serving the office of Scribe E. Many of the notices show the result of careful thought and preparation: many, far too many, are a waste of paper. I would urge our Committee give earnest study to ways and means of having the notices which are sent out monthly from the Chapters greatly improved. Nothing will cool the enthusiasm of the Companions of our Chapters quicker than careless, uninteresting notices.

Finances

I would urge upon our members that they give careful study to our financial report. It is well worthwhile. We owe much
to those faithful and zealous Companions who, in years gone by, created and built up our reserve funds. We must do our part now. It would be a great step forward were we able to attain such a financial position that the expenses of Grand Chapter could be paid entirely from investments. Then, every dollar paid into Grand Chapter by constituent Chapters could be used for the work so close to our hearts—for the relief of those who, through no fault of their own have fallen into difficulty. After all the widow and orphan are the special care of Masons everywhere. I sincerely trust any proposal to cut down the yearly contributions by constituent Chapters, now only 50 cents a year, will not be sustained.

Securities

As one of my duties I have personally inspected all our securities in safe keeping in our safety deposit box and find them all in good standing, fully registered, and, as our statement shows, far beyond in value of their original cost.

Non-resident Members

A perusal of the returns from our constituent Chapters shows a great number of Companions who, in course of time, have moved away from the territorial jurisdiction of their Chapters and are residing elsewhere. At my direction, the Grand Scribe E. had a complete record of all these non-resident members made, and then forwarded to the Superintendents of each District and officers of each Chapter complete lists of all members of other Chapters now living within their territory, with the request, emanating from the Grand Z., that immediate steps should be taken to contact these members and extend them the courtesies of the Chapter near which they now reside.

Grand Chapter Convocation

I am convinced that our system of holding our meetings in various cities and towns throughout the Province tends to stimulate and maintain the interest of the whole membership. However, members of the smaller centres hesitate to invite Grand Chapter because of the expense involved. I would suggest that our Grand Chapter adopt the system, now so prevalent in other organizations, of charging a reasonable registration fee, the same to go to the local Committee funds. I am sure every member attending Grand Chapter would gladly contribute in this way.
Correspondence Reviews

Our notices constantly contain mention of the establishment of Masonic Libraries and our Committee on Masonic Education is active in its duties. However, in visiting throughout the jurisdiction I find that our membership at large apparently is unaware of the fact that they have right at hand a wonderful source of Masonic Education. I refer to the Foreign Correspondence Reviews published with each Grand Chapter annual report. Here is a bird's-eye-view of the whole Masonic Capitular world. My enquiries as I move about the jurisdiction convince me that not 5% of our members ever see these reports; or, in fact knew anything about their existence. This is a matter which our Grand Superintendents might well take in hand.

Conclusion

I have heretofore made no mention of the one subject that is however foremost in all our minds. When Great Britain and France, two of the great democaries, were forced into a clash with the powers of the totalitarian states, Canada came readily to the side of the Mother Country. This is no place to discuss war matters but it is significant in the line-up of powers, both in the activities of war and in expressed sympathies, the countries where Masonry is permitted and welcomed and where it flourishes are lined up against the states which have suppressed all Masonic activities. Faith, Hope and Charity; Truth, Justice and Tolerance are abhorrent to the totalitarian states. Our greatest contribution toward the success of what we believe to be the cause of righteousness and truth is to carry on all our avocations with steady nerves, clear heads and warm, sympathetic hearts. May the great Jehovah have you all in his everlasting keeping.

Grand Z.

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. W. G. Price, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, 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 Report of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

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

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to submit herewith, for your approval, my report re Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 1.

May I first of all express my sincerest thanks and deep appreciation of the high honour conferred upon me by the Companions of this district in selecting me to the office of Grand Superintendent, to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for confirmation of same.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. L. H. Veale as District Secretary, the duties of which office he has performed in a most gratifying and efficient manner.

Visits of Inspection were made, viz:—

June 14th—Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim.
June 19th—Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown.
June 28th—Thomas Peters Chapter, No. 250, Windsor.
June 29th—McNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.
Oct. 2nd—Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.
Nov. 6th—King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.
Nov. 17th—Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne.
Nov. 23rd—Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.
Feb. 2nd, 1940—Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg.

On each of these visits I was accompanied by a goodly number of Companions from the different Chapters in the district, which courtesy I sincerely appreciated.

The respective reports of each Chapter have been duly forwarded to the Grand Scribe E., showing their status on my inspection visit and at the end of the year.

In arranging my itinerary immediately after Grand Chapter in April, each Chapter was individually communicated with to give them ample time to arrange for my visit of inspection.

January 10th a joint installation was held at Leamington, when the officers of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham; Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown; Blenheim Chapter, No. 239,
Blenheim; King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington, were installed in their respective offices. At this ceremony I had the honour of acting as installing officers and was ably assisted by R. Ex. Comp. E. H. Brennen, R. Ex. Comp. A. S. H. Cree, V. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Hay, and Ex. Comp. J. Gilchrist, several of the Companions giving short addresses to a very appreciative audience.

My next visit was to Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne, on January 29th, and assisted R. Ex. Comp. Turner install the officers.

March 1st—Installation of officers is planned for Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Armherstburg.

To date I have made 32 visits, and it is very gratifying to know that some of the almost dormant Chapters are going ahead with renewed life and vigour, several having the first applications in some years.

In all my visits I have tried to stress the necessity of more thorough instruction in the different phases of degrees. To impart the full meaning and importance of each step to candidates, officers must themselves have a thorough knowledge of their work, and, to this end, I have planned a Chapter of Instruction, which will take place early in April, and which, I trust, will result in added stimulation to the entire district.

To all Principals, Past Principals, Officers and Companions of the District I extend the sincerest thanks for their hearty co-operation and whole-hearted assistance, and trust the same will be given to my successor. The contacts of this past year will long remain a cherished memory.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

VICTOR R. WEATHERHEAD,
LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

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

In presenting my report for London District, No. 2, I feel that I would be greatly remiss if I did not express my appreciation to the Excellent Companions for the opportunity they have accorded me of serving as Grand Superintendent, also for the many expressions of friendship, co-operation and assistance I received.

To me the joy of associating with old friends, the making of many new acquaintances, and my increased knowledge and understanding of Capitular Masonry will ever be one of the brightest remembrances.

As the records of the various Chapters will be dealt with under a later part of the "Proceedings", a listing of the Inspections should suffice:

June 9th, 1939—Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia.
June 15th, 1939—Nilestown Chapter, Nilestown.
Sept. 27th, 1939—St. John’s Chapter, London.
Oct. 6th, 1939—Beaver Chapter, Strathroy.
Oct. 11th, 1939—The St. Andrew Chapter, London.
Oct. 16th, 1939—Minnewawa Chapter, Parkhill.
Oct. 26th, 1939—Hiawatha Chapter, Sarnia.
Oct. 27th, 1939—St. George’s Chapter, London.
Nov. 2nd, 1939—Aylmer Chapter, Aylmer.
Nov. 9th, 1939—Palestine Chapter, St. Thomas.
Nov. 13th, 1939—Vimy Chapter, Inwood.
Nov. 15th, 1939—Bruce Chapter, Petrolia.

On every occasion I was received with Grand Honours, and the warmth and sincerity of my reception left nothing to be desired, I was impressed with the uniformity and excellence of the Work, noting particularly the effort made to impress the lessons upon the candidates. It was my good fortune, on two occasions, to be accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Mutton, Grand Superintendent of Huron District, No. 6, and my thanks are herewith tendered to him.

DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICE

Following the customs of past years, a District Divine Service was held at Petrolia late in September. While the assembly was not as large as expected, those present received an inspiring and enlightening message.
Possibly the highlight of the year was the Dedication of the Chapter room of Beaver Chapter, Strathroy, by Most Ex. Comp. Stephens. The Grand First Principal ably demonstrated those qualities to which are due his present eminence.

During the year two joint installation ceremonies were held,—one of the six Chapters at London, and one of two Chapters at Vimy Chapter, Inwood. Both of these ceremonies were very colourful and interesting, and the evident benefit derived from them, certainly warrants their continuation.

To the Companions who accompanied me,—both from Bruce and other Chapters in the District,—I say "Thank You". I mention in particular my District Secretary, Ex. Comp. H. D. Sherrin, who has faithfully performed his duties, and I am sure the spirit he exhibited will do much to foster that important landmark of Companionship.

In closing, I could not fail to remark on the distinct loss suffered by London District in the death of three very prominent Companions—R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, Past Grand Superintendent, and member of the Grand Executive; R. Ex. Comp. John H. C. Woodward, Past Grand Superintendent and Chairman of the Scrutineers for many years; and Ex. Comp. W. T. C. Carter, the very efficient Scribe E. of London Chapter. These Companions have given much to Masonry, and their now barren niche will be hard to fill.

"Not dead, but only promoted,
They have entered the Order above,
And there 'neath the Smiles of the Master,
They will finish their labour of love."

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. DUNCAN,
WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

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

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District, No. 3, for the year 1939.

I wish to express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the district selecting me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for having confirmed the appointment.

Shortly after assuming office I appointed Ex. Comp. Milton Lucas, a Past Principal of Harris Chapter, No. 41, as District Secretary. Ex. Comp. Lucas accompanied me on my visits and performed his duty in a very satisfactory and efficient manner, and I offer him my sincere thanks and appreciation.

I have visited all the Chapters in the District and I am pleased to report that they are a credit to the Royal Craft and working together in harmony. My inspection visits were as follows:

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, WOODSTOCK.—On June 16th, I received a most cordial and fraternal reception from Ex. Comp. Thompson Laidler. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred by the Officer, assisted by the Past Principals in the very efficient and impressive manner. The books of the Chapter, in charge of Right Ex. Comp. R. D. Montgomery, Scribe E., are in a very commendable condition.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 20, BRANTFORD.—On October 6th, I was introduced by Very Ex. Comp. G. A. Bowdon, and properly received by Ex. Companion Melvin Cuthbert, the First Principal, in cordial manner. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by the officers and the Past Principal of the Chapter in a very impressive manner. Ex. Comp. G. F. Teenwith is a proficient Scribe E. and his books present an exceptionally neat appearance.

EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, SIMCOE.—On November 16th, I made by visit to Ezra Chapter, and was accorded a very hearty reception from Ex. Comp. F. M. Reid. The Holy Royal Arch was conferred and the work was exceptionally well done by the officers, assisted by Past Principals. The books of the Chapter, under the charge of Right Ex. Comp. Wm. F. Tyrell, Scribe E., are well kept.
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BRANT CHAPTER, No. 115, PARIS.—On November 2nd, I was accompanied by a number of Companions, and was introduced by Right Ex. Comp. Stobb and was royally received. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the officers of the Chapter, assisted by the Past Principals, in an exceptionally impressive manner and was a credit to them. Ex. Companion R. S. Stewart, Scribe E., is very proficient in his work and a most enthusiastic member.

HARRIS CHAPTER, No. 41, INGERSOLL.—On December 8th, I was introduced by Right Ex. Comp. R. S. Clark and was royally received. As there was no work, the election of officers took place, and Harris Chapter has a staff of officers for 1940 that will be of great service to the Chapter. The officers know their work well in all of the degrees and are well assisted by Past Principals. The books of the Chapter, under the charge of Companion H. T. Bower, Scribe E., are in excellent shape.

REGAL CHAPTER, No. 253, PORT DOVER.—On December 3rd, I was introduced by Ex. Comp. William Ferguson and was royally received by Ex. Companion J. Lamb. While no degree was conferred I have no doubt that any degree can be worked to perfection as I have witnessed their work on former occasions. The election of officers took place. The books of the Chapter are in excellent shape, under the guidance of Ex. Companion E. Hinds, Scribe E.

My term will close very soon, and I have enjoyed the work. The pleasant memories which surround the evenings do not easily lend themselves to words. The office so gracefully bestowed on me will pass to another, and I am sure my successor will have, as I have had, a full measure of kind consideration, loyal support, and brotherly love, all of which contributes so much to the purposes of Capitular Masonry and makes our duties easy and pleasant.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM L. ANSCOMBE,
Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 5.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

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

I have the honour to present herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District for the year 1939.

My sincere thanks are due to the Companions of Wellington District for the great privilege of serving them as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal. This great honour, which is shared by my Mother Chapter, Guelph, No. 40, will be a lasting memory, and my gratitude for the kind confidence of the Companions, and appreciation of the confirmation by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. will be ever manifest.

 Shortly after assuming office, I appointed Ex. Comp. John P. Gould, a Past Principal of Guelph Chapter, as District Secretary. Ex. Comp. Gould accompanied me on all my visits, and performed his duties in a very satisfactory manner, for which I express my sincere thanks.

Visits of Inspection were made as follows:

Sept. 15th, 1939—Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelburne.
Oct. 10th, 1939—Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Palmerston.
Oct. 16th, 1939—Durham Chapter, No. 221, Durham.
Oct. 20th, 1939—Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown.
Nov. 3rd, 1939—Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.
Nov. 7th, 1939—Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.
Nov. 10th, 1939—Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph.
Nov. 16th, 1939—Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.
Nov. 20th, 1939—Preston Chapter, No. 245, Preston.

In all Chapters I was received with the utmost kindness and courtesy, and with one exception, I had the pleasure of witnessing a degree conferred or exemplified.

The work is quite uniform, and the officers are well skilled, and perform their duties in a dignified manner. There is an honest endeavour to give the lectures, charges, and obligations, word perfect, and to portray to the candidate the practical import of the underlying principles of each degree.

The books of the Scribes E. in every case are kept in good order, and the officers responsible for their keeping are to be commended for their untiring efforts. For the most part they
were prompt in replying to communications, and I desire to extend my sincere thanks to them for their co-operation.

I regret to report a loss of 48 members in Wellington District during the year 1939. Death has taken 18 members, withdrawals 21, and suspensions 31. There were 13 exaltations and 9 affiliations.

The outstanding dues in the district are high, and I feel sure that the officers will put forth an effort to reduce them.

**District Divine Service**

Among the outstanding events of the year was the District Divine Service at Guelph on June 25th, under the auspices of Guelph Chapter, No. 40. The Companions present, numbering about one hundred, proceeded from the Chapter room to the Church of Christ, (Disciples) where the pastor, Ex. Comp. Rev. W. G. Kitchen, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and Past Second Principal of Pacific Chapter, Vancouver, delivered an appropriate and inspiring address. Ex. Comp. Rev. D. M. Kerr of Waterloo assisted at the service.

Another pleasing feature was the District reception to Most Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, Grand First Principal, held in the Masonic Temple, at Guelph, on Wednesday, November 1st, 1939. Most Ex. Comp. Stephens delivered an eloquent address, inspiring to all, and it will long remain in the minds of the Companions. Assisting us in the reception were a number of Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers from outside our District, among them being: R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Grand J., Toronto; R. Ex. Comp. R. Clark, Grand Supt. of Hamilton District; R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Mutton, Grand Supt. of Huron District; M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., London; R. Ex. Comp. W. S. N. Enouy, Grand Lecturer, Toronto; R. Ex. Comp. J. Drysdale, P.G.R., Hamilton, and others.

On May 30th, 1939, I had the pleasure of attending a reception to Most Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens tendered by the Hamilton Principals' Association, Hamilton, and it was a most enjoyable evening.

On December 1st, 1939, I attended a joint meeting of Enterprise Chapter, Palmerston, and Bernard Chapter, Listowel. The meeting was held in Listowel, and the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on two Brothers, one from each Chapter, by the officers of both Chapters. Again it was my pleasure to
meet R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Mutton, Grand Supt., and many distinguished Companions from Huron District.

I also had the pleasure, with the assistance of Past Principals of Guelph Chapter, of installing the officers of Guelph and Preston Chapters for the year 1940.

I wish to thank R. Ex. Comp. Robt. Clark, Grand Supt. of Hamilton District, for coming to Guelph and inspecting my Mother Chapter, also to say what a pleasure it was for me to do the same for him at his Mother Chapter, Keystone, No. 224, Hamilton.

I would suggest, when the time comes to print new statistical forms, that a larger sheet be used. I see no reason why the sheet should not be twice as long, thus leaving more space in each column for figures.

There is a feeling, more or less prevalent, throughout Wellington District, that the Wednesday morning session, at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, takes up too much time, leaving little or no time for the District Meetings. It is claimed that the selection of the Grand Superintendent is the only order of business that receives attention, and that there is no time to discuss anything that might prove beneficial to the District.

Some are of the opinion that the Grand Z. should touch only on the highlights of his address, leaving the remainder to be read by the delegates. One Chapter went on record to the effect that we ask Grand Chapter to have the Auditors' Report printed and distributed so that other delegates can follow the Grand Treasurer’s Financial Report.

Finally, may I acknowledge on behalf of Grand Chapter, my gratitude for the assistance, and loyalty extended by Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, Ruling and Past Principals and Companions who accompanied me on my visits. For the cordial welcome extended to me by every Chapter in the District I express my thanks, and may the same kindly consideration attend my successor in office.

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted,

R. M. FINLAY,
Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.
HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

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

In presenting this, my report of the activities in Hamilton District, No. 5, for the year 1939-1940, I desire first to express my appreciation of the high honour conferred upon me by the Companions of the District in selecting me to the office of Grand Superintendent and to Most Excellent Companion Stephens for his confirmation of that selection.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. Wilfred James Rowney as District Secretary and he has faithfully and efficiently performed the duties pertaining to that office.

Visits of Inspection were made as follows:

Sept. 19—The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton.
Oct. 4—McKay Chapter, No. 243, Stoney Creek.
Oct. 17—Ancaster Chapter, No. 155, Ancaster.
Oct. 19—St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton.
Nov. 6—Keystone Chapter, No. 224, Hamilton.
Nov. 9—St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton.
Nov. 15—White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville.
Nov. 23—Caledonia Chapter, No. 236, Caledonia.
Nov. 24—The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.

On each occasion I was duly received as the representative of the Most Excellent Grand Z. and was deeply impressed by the loyalty and devotion to Grand Chapter.

As individual reports have been submitted to the Grand Scribe E., giving details of the condition of the various Chapters, it would appear now only necessary to make passing comment.

I have made numerous visits to the Chapters in the District outside of Inspections, especially in the rural communities, with the object of trying to arouse enthusiasm in Capitular Masonry, which appears to be the outstanding need at the present time.

In this regard, I have been generously supported by the Past Principals' Association, who have undertaken on several occasions to confer both Chapter and Blue Lodge Degrees.

City Chapters, with their larger membership and financial reserves, are better able to function properly than are the rural Chapters, whose resources have, in most cases, been depleted.
which, with the lack of new applicants, outstanding dues, etc., makes it most difficult and discouraging to carry on.

I regret that the end of my term of office will come with so little accomplished, but I will continue to give all the assistance possible to my successor, whoever he may be, and would respectfully suggest that Grand Chapter take into its serious consideration some means whereby these less fortunate Chapters, not only in Hamilton District but in the entire jurisdiction, could be given at least some moral support and encouragement in their struggle for existence.

While I realize that this report strays somewhat from the beaten path of past years, it would appear that the time has come for action rather than glowing words, when such are not justified by conditions. Tribute should be and is hereby paid to a small group of faithful workers in these Chapters, who are striving valiantly to keep going under most discouraging circumstances. Records of all Chapters are neatly and properly kept and officers who are interested are doing good work, hence it is difficult to account for the lack of enthusiasm. No doubt Grand Chapter is, to some extent, aware of the circumstances of some of these small rural Chapters and is giving much thought to the subject, but while we are thinking, I am afraid the walls of our time-honoured institution are crumbling.

It is with deep regret that I find it necessary to present this gloomy picture, but, after serious consideration, conclude it is better that your Executive and the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry have facts rather than fiction to guide them in their future deliberations.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of Scribes E., and also even Grand Superintendents, in making their reports, to present as bright a picture as possible and, while this attitude is no doubt well meant, I submit that we are being lulled into a false security, which, if continued indefinitely, cannot fail to have serious consequences.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all those who have accompanied me on my visits to the various Chapters and for their assistance in making my term of office one which will remain long in my memory.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

R. CLARK,
Grand Supt. Hamilton District, No. 5.
HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

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

It is a privilege to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District, No. 6, for the year 1939.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Principals and Companions of this District for my selection and to Most Excellent Companion Llewellyn F. Stephens, Grand Z., for his confirmation of same.

R. Ex. Comp. Fred Porterfield, P.G. Supt., has been of great assistance to me, with his advice and co-operation, and has accompanied me on all my visits, in and outside the District. I would like also to pay tribute to him as an Installing Z. He has conducted the Installation Ceremony seven times this year and is in great demand for this work.


I also visited Guelph Chapter at the reception to Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens by Wellington District. This was an inspirational night and one to be long remembered by those privileged to be present and hear the message of the Most Excellent.

On December 1st, a joint meeting of Wellington and Huron Districts was held at Listowel. Bernard Chapter and Enterprise Chapter, Palmerston, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on two brothers, Bro. R. J. Brown, Listowel, and Bro. W. T. Brown, of Palmerston. The officers of both Chapters took part, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. Fred Edwards, P.G. Supt. of Enterprise Chapter, who is a real live Mason. R. Ex. Comp. R. Finlay and myself assisted in the degree.

On May 8th, I commenced my visitations at St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Marys, the home Chapter of my immediate predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. Dell, R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, Grand H., V. Ex. Comp. W. Bennet, and a number of other Companions of Elliot Chapter accompanied me. R. Ex. Comp. Empey, who is also a member of St. James Chapter, and R. Ex. Comp. Dell introduced me, and I was given a cordial welcome by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. G. W. Muma. The officers conferred the M.M.M. Degree on a splendid candidate, and showed by their co-operation that St. James...
Chapter is in the hands of a staff of loyal and efficient officers. Accompanied by Companions of Elliot Chapter, I visited Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham. This was an unique experience, as I was first introduced into Capitular Masonry in this Chapter, so my visit was in the nature of a home-coming. Visitors were present from Listowel, Lucknow, and Mitchell. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred under the able leadership of Ex. Comp. W. Stanley Hall, the First Principal. The various offices of this Chapter are well manned and they are fortunate in having the assistance of R. Ex. Comp. Ross, and R. Ex. Comp. Thomson.

On June 2nd, I visited Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel, and I was pleased to be present at the opening of the Chapter and witness the opening ceremony which was marked by earnestness and perfection. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. A. Dahmer, showed perfect command of his work and great skill in the exemplification of the M.M.M. Degree, and his staff of officers co-operated with him perfectly. He was assisted by Ex. Comps. Blackmore, Johnstone, Coglin and Oke. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Blackmore and Ex. Comp. Chapman. The former is a Past First Principal of Bernard Chapter for 30 years and is a tower of strength.

On June 20th, I visited Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, where the M.M.M. Degree was exemplified in a commendable manner by Ex. Comp. Jno. Pease, who was ably assisted by Ex. Comp. Bisset. Their spacious Chapter room lends itself to impressive floor work. The convocation was honoured by the presence of Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and R. Ex. Comp. Jno. Empey, Grand H. There were also many visitors from Mitchell, Lucknow, Wingham, London, and other Chapters. Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, which meets the same night, cancelled their meeting to be present in a body with their officers, which contributed to the success of the evening. R. Ex. Comp. Titchborne and R. Ex. Comp. Dunlop gave valuable assistance throughout the evening.

On October 20th, I made my Inspection visit to Havelock Chapter, No. 68, Kincardine. As there was no degree work, we had a most interesting meeting and my remarks were of an informal nature, and discussion of Masonic problems was conducted to which many Companions contributed. The Union Jack occupies a prominent place in their Chapter room.

On November 7th, I visited Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton. The veteran, R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Scott, wearing a Past Principal’s Jewel, dated 1904, introduced me, and I was
cordially received by Ex. Comp. Aitken, Z. There was no degree work owing to the continued absence of candidates. The Officers and Companions of Havelock Chapter made this an occasion to pay a neighbourly visit. Many of the Companions present assisted in the discussion. The Officers and Companions of Chantry Chapter have their lamps trimmed and burning and only require a few candidates to restore a period of prosperity.

On November 20th, I visited Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth, and I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Keating and warmly received by Ex. Comp. Pfaff, Z. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was ably exemplified by the officers. Ex. Comp. Keith McLean has been their acting Scribe E. owing to the illness of Ex. Comp. Harry Jeffrey and Ex. Comp. Chas. Aberhart. Malloch Chapter has always taken a keen interest in Capitular Masonry, and their Officers and Past Principals are well skilled in the Work. Malloch Chapter draws its membership from the towns of Seaforth, Exeter and Clinton.

On November 21st, I visited Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow, and I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Wesley Joynt, who referred to the Grand Superintendent as a Lucknow "Old Boy". The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a splendid manner, under the able leadership of Ex. Comp. Garfield MacDonald, Z. The officers were efficient in every detail of their work, and the assistance of the Past Principals added dignity to the occasion. Capitular Masonry is very much alive in Lucknow. Their Masonic Home is well equipped. Ex. Comp. Wm. Porteous is most painstaking as their Scribe E. Visitors from Listowel, Goderich, Wingham and Mitchell added to the large number present.

On November 24th, I visited Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, and I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Wilson and cordially received by Ex. Comp. Harold Lloyd, Z. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on five candidates in quite an exemplary manner. Tecumseh Chapter has many capable Past Principals who are very active. There was a very good attendance.

On December 5th, I finished my pleasant round of visits by visiting my home Chapter, Elliot Chapter, No. 129. R. Ex. Comp. Jno. Empey and R. Ex. Comp. Fred Porterfield introduced me, and I was properly and cordially received by Ex. Comp. R. B. Gillrie, Z. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred on a candidate in an efficient manner, and in keeping with the
high standard of Elliot Chapter. The Officers for 1940 were then installed and invested by R. Ex. Comp. Porterfield in his usual capable manner. I had the honour of acting as D. of C.

The Annual Divine Service was arranged to be held at Atwood, the home of the Ex Z. of Bernard Chapter, but owing to the Declaration of War it was postponed. We hope to hold this service in the spring. It is with regret that I close this Chapter for 1939, but it is with pleasure that I hand over these happy duties to my successor in office.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. MUTTON,
NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

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 Niagara District, No. 7, for the year 1939.

I wish to express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the District in selecting me to the office of Grand Superintendent and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for his confirmation of same.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. C. P. Gowland, of Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, as District Secretary, which duties he performed in a very satisfactory and efficient manner, accompanying me on all my official visits.

Following is a list of all Chapters in the District, with the dates on which they were visited:

- Sept. 11th, 1939—Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville.
- Oct. 2nd, 1939—Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby.
- Oct. 5th, 1939—King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.
- Oct. 10th, 1939—Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Fort Erie.
- Oct. 20th, 1939—Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.
- Oct. 25th, 1939—Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.
- Nov. 3rd, 1939—Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake.
- Nov. 10th, 1939—Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines.
- Nov. 17th, 1939—McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.

On September 11th, I visited Smithville Chapter, No. 240, accompanied by a number of Companions from Grimsby Chapter. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Frank Hayes and welcomed by Ex. Comp. Rinker. There were no candidates, but the opening and closing were done in a very capable manner.

October 2nd, I visited my Mother Chapter, Grimsby, No. 69, and I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Frank Carpenter, and received and welcomed by Ex. Comp. G. B. Lipsit. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred on two exceptionally good candidates in a very creditable manner.

October 5th, I visited King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, at Port Colborne. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. S. Allen, and received a very cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. Rivers. Ow-
ing to unavoidable absence of some of the principal officers, they did not work a degree, although they had a candidate in readiness. This Chapter has a very nice Chapter room, and I am quite satisfied they can do the work well.

October 10th, I visited Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, at Fort Erie North, and was introduced by Ex. Comp. J. H. Sampson, and received and welcomed by Ex. Comp. Wodle. This Chapter worked the M.E.M. Degree, and it was exceptionally well done. All the officers knew their work and it was very impressive.

October 20th, I visited Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, at Niagara Falls. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. H. Shepard, and was made very welcome by Ex. Comp. Jannati. There was a very good attendance of Companions and the M.M.M. Degree was exemplified in a very proper manner.

October 25th, I visited Willson Chapter, No. 64, at Welland, where I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Cohoe, and was welcomed by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver. I might say that this Chapter was named after our first Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Wilson, of Simcoe. They worked the M.M.M. Degree in a most effective and creditable manner.

October 27th, I visited Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, at St. Catharines. A very large number were present. Keystone Chapter (of Hamilton) Degree Team exemplified the Most Excellent Master Degree.

On November 3rd, I visited Niagara Chapter, No. 55, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and was introduced by my predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. Rogers, was given a welcome by Ex. Comp. Sharples. This Chapter worked the M.M.M. Degree, which was very well done. There were quite a number of visitors present.

November 10th, I was unable to visit Mount Moriah Chapter as I had to undergo an operation and was in Hamilton General Hospital on this date. R. Ex. Comp. C. W. F. Carpenter very kindly officiated for me. He was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Coombes and was warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Whitten. They conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on four candidates, in their usual efficient manner. They have exalted six candidates during 1939.

November 17th, McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville, was inspected. I was still in hospital, and R. Ex. Comp. Carpenter again officiated, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Parkes, and given a hearty welcome by Ex. Comp. Goodwillie. No
degree was conferred, but the opening and closing were done in a very proficient manner.

I have impressed on all the Officers and Companions of our District to be present at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to be held in the City of Hamilton in April.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. H. Culp,
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, No. 8

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

I submit herewith the Annual Report of the activities of District, No. 8, for the year 1939:

First, it is my duty to express the appreciation of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, G.R.C., for permitting one of their Past Principals to be honoured by being selected to the office of Superintendent for this District. Also my personal thanks for the confirmation of the selection by the Grand Z. and the generous support and warm welcome extended on all occasions during this year by the various members of the Chapters throughout the District.

Ex. Comp. Harry B. Pickrell was chosen to assist me in the capacity of District Secretary. A duty which he has performed capably and I believe to the satisfaction of the District as a whole.

R. Ex. Comp. Tannahill (Superintendent of District, No. 8A) and I exchanged inspections and I have received at all times an encouraging support from all the Chapters, comprising the two Toronto Districts. Unfortunately, many of the regular Convocations of the two Districts fall on the same evening, which has precluded as active an interchange of visits as might otherwise have been arranged. This is somewhat offset by the meetings of the Principals’ Association and more especially through the activity carried on by the Royal Arch Masons’ Welfare Committee which has again brought to a successful conclusion another period of service to the under-privileged under the leadership of V. Ex. Comp. James Woodland, the Chairman, and Ex. Comp. W. E. Pomeroy, the Secretary.

Work of this nature must be recognized and more tangible support given to it by our governing body if it is to reach the goal originally set for it. It is my considered opinion that Royal Arch Masonry must place before its members a definite humanitarian project, not only because it is a duty, but as a means whereby members’ interest and enthusiasm can be aroused and restored. I would submit the possibility of the Grand Executive giving consideration to the idea that our body should establish and maintain a home for elderly and indigent Royal Arch Masons, or as an alternative establish a summer recreational centre for those of our group who are unable to provide such for themselves. Such an undertaking
possesses the quality of personal unobtrusiveness, which Masonry should practice, and would perpetuate the memory of our Past Grand First Principals. A group whose numbers are rapidly diminishing.

The Ruling Principals of the thirteen Chapters, comprising this District, have met and worked together as a group this year under the leadership of Ex. Comps. Arthur Ward and Harold Perkins. This group had the privilege of being instructed in the Ritualistic Work at one of their meetings by our Grand Lecturer, R. Ex. Comp. Enouy. Ruling Principals' Nights were held at which the First, Second and Third Principals conferred the degrees of the Holy Royal Arch, Most Ex. Master, and Mark Master, respectively, and it is pleasing to record that the attendance was one hundred per cent on these occasions.

It is felt throughout this District, that our Grand Body would be well advised to consider the possibility of holding the Annual Convocation during the summer and that the Constituent Chapters hold their elections in May, with the installations, in either June or September, which arrangement would give a full calendar year, and enable the work of the Chapters to progress more smoothly than is possible under the present setup.

It was also considered that a more uniform and simplified system of bookkeeping could be inaugurated within the Chapters, or at least a uniform financial statement introduced. It was felt that the allocation of the Chapter Officers in the Most Excellent and Mark Master Degrees might be improved, and so arranged, that our future presiding Principals would be much better trained than is now the case. Forms are attached hereto giving in detail these two suggestions.

It is recognized that leadership is required to-day more than ever before, and the thought has been expressed, that by selecting the District Secretary rather than the Superintendent, the District would have an inspecting officer who possessed a year's experience and knowledge of the District which would be advantageous to him as Superintendent the following year.

District No. 8 has demonstrated during the past year its loyalty to the Governing Body, and while it would be pleasing to record the individual efforts of each Chapter, and the success attending these efforts, we are not unmindful of the fact that it is Royal Arch Masonry and not the individual which is to be placed first, and the satisfaction of contributing to the advancement of the whole body is to be preferred and it is my
pleasure to report that the entire District is individually and collectively endeavouring to maintain the fundamental, underlying principals of Royal Arch Masonry upon as high a plane as is possible. The material is present and ready to work and is looking to Grand Chapter to give the leadership which will enable our body to preserve its ancient landmarks and command a public reputation and respect which is its bounden right.

To all with whom I have been associated during this year I am indebted for assistance, support and encouragement. It has been with much pleasure that I have offered my little in the interests of District No. 8 and in submitting this resumé of the past months I would offer my sincere thanks to all and the hope that the future may be kind and generous to Royal Arch Masonry in general and this District in particular.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER G. JACKSON,
TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8A

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

I have the honour to forward for your consideration, the annual statistical report which, together with detailed reports on official inspections, outlines the data in regard to the progress of Royal Arch Chapters comprising Toronto District 8A.

Figures, data and statistics, however, do not make a yardstick with which to measure the progress of Royal Arch Masonry as an institution designed to promote the happiness of mankind. It is true that the further decrease in membership and in financial strength must cause concern, but the success and worth of our Order cannot be measured in numbers or monetary assets, but rather in the spirit and enthusiasm of its members and the good works that are done in its name.

One visiting regularly the various Chapters of the District becomes conscious of a new and richer enthusiasm amongst the Companions, and a deeper appreciation of our ideals and teachings. Talks on Masonry, Masonic symbolism and allegory have been received with interest and their lessons applied. One finds a feeling of closer fellowship, a desire to be happy and to communicate happiness to others—to extend the hand of friendship to those in need, to give a word of encouragement to those who find the road weary, and a kindly smile to those who look up for comfort and support. As long as our Companions render such offices in the spirit of kindness and helpfulness, the true teachings of Masonry are being practiced, and our Royal Craft is succeeding in its mission.

The spirit of helpfulness was again exemplified by the loyal support given to the work of the Royal Arch Masons Welfare Committee of Toronto, under the guidance of V. Ex. Comp. Jas. Woodland, Chairman, and Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Pomeroy, Secretary-Treasurer. Twenty trips were made by the Companions in their own cars, taking underprivileged children and their mothers to summer camps for a much-appreciated holiday. Ten trips were made to Valdai Camp operated by the Samaritan Club on the shores of Lake Simcoe, and ten trips to the camp at Bronte, supported by the Toronto City Mission. All the Chapters in the two Toronto Districts shared in this humanitarian work, thereby putting into practical use the lessons taught within the portals of the Chapter.

This past summer the work of the Committee was recorded on eight hundred feet of film in full colour through the kind-
ness of Bro. Russell Orr, who not only filmed the picture, but who has since placed himself and his projection equipment at the disposal of the Committee to show the film at the various Chapters and at other social functions. In this picture are depicted the homes, the environment and conditions under which the underprivileged live, their journey to and from camp, their happy, carefree days during their vacation in ideal surroundings, green fields, water, fresh air, nourishing food, recreation, comfort and care. More than ever the Companions of the Toronto Districts appreciate the service they are rendering, and the thanks of not only the Welfare Committee, but of Royal Arch Masonry at large are due to Bro. Orr for his outstanding contribution.

During the year Toronto was honoured on several occasions by the presence of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal. The first of these was at divine service, held under the auspices of Toronto Chapter in High Park Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 15th, at 7 p.m., R. Ex. Comp. Rev. John V. Mills, B. Th., Grand Chaplain, being the minister of the church. The Companions of both Toronto Districts joined together in worship, and Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens,, Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith as Grand H., R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Grand J., Most Ex. Comp. Dr. Walter G. Price, R. Ex. Comp. Lester G. Jackson, Grand Superintendent, Toronto District 8, Ex. Comp. John B. Wallace, First Principal, Toronto Chapter, and the writer were privileged to take part in the service. The Grand Chaplain, R. Ex. Comp. Mills, delivered a sermon full of comfort and good cheer.

Mimico Chapter held a Craft Lodge night on Wednesday, October 18th, 1939. This meeting was well attended, the Grand Council being present and many Grand Chapter members as well as many Royal Arch and Craft Masons. The inspired address of Most Ex. Comp. Stephens was received enthusiastically by all present and particularly by the brethren of the Craft lodges.

Grand Chapter Night at the St. Patrick Chapter in the Toronto East District was a red letter day in the history of the year. Most Ex. Comp. Stephens, Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, acting as Grand H., and R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Grand J., were accompanied by an imposing retinue of Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers. The Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred with R. Ex. Comp. John V. Mills, Grand Chaplain, occupying the chair,

The Principals' Association of Toronto held their annual dinner on Monday, January 29th, with the Grand Council as guests of honour. The Companions were delighted to have back with them R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, Grand H., who had been confined to his home for several months by physician's orders. A most pleasant and profitable evening was enjoyed, and once more the Grand Z. inspired the Companions by his address.

Through business necessity I was unable to attend Old Members' Night at Shekinah Chapter on Tuesday, February 13th, when the Grand First Principal and many Grand Chapter Officers were present. Long service jewels were presented to several Past Principals of the Chapter on that occasion.

Late in January of this year, Mimico Chapter was deprived of its meeting place by a disastrous fire which occurred in Connaught Hall, Mimico. Fortunately the damage to Chapter regalia was of a very minor nature, and while at the time of writing no definite arrangements have been completed for holding meetings pending repairs to the building, the lodges in the District have been generous in their offers of assistance and it is expected that regular meetings will be continued without interruption.

May I pay tribute to the First Principals and Officers of the Chapters of the District for their proficiency in our ceremonies. At every inspection one of the degrees was conferred or exemplified, and the work was of a most satisfactory standard. In spite of reduced attendance, these officers are carrying on with interest and enthusiasm, which speaks well for the future of our Order.

May I take but a moment to offer a comment to the new Ruling Principals of Chapters in a spirit of kindly helpfulness. Of recent years there has been a tendency towards late meetings, and some of our older members have been remiss in their attendance on that account. Agendas drawn up for each meeting are most helpful; open the Chapter punctually at the hour stated in the summons, move through the items on the agenda without haste, but without waste time, and meetings will be closed at a reasonable hour. The slogan "Every member home in bed by midnight" will do much to maintain interest and increase attendance.
To R. Ex. Comp. Lester G. Jackson, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District 8, I wish to express my thanks for inspecting my own Mother Chapter, Antiquity, No. 91, and for the privilege of performing a similar office in his own Chapter, The Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John. On all matters relating to Royal Arch Masonry in the two districts, R. Ex. Comp. Jackson has rendered ready and willing co-operation, and his kindness and consideration have been much appreciated.

To the Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, I owe a debt of gratitude for their counsel and support. On many occasions they have made the way easy and their kindly interest and encouragement have been a tower of strength in moments of need.

Ex. Comp. Sydney Biggs, a loyal and enthusiastic Past Principal of my own Chapter, has been a most efficient Secretary, and has discharged the duties of his office with zeal and fidelity. Already well beloved by the Companions of the District, his labours during the past year have earned him still greater esteem and affection. To him I tender my humble and sincere thanks.

In closing, may I express my sincere appreciation to the Excellent Principals and Companions of the District for the opportunity of rendering them service in the high office to which I was called. I have been ever conscious of the dignity, the duties and responsibilities of the office, and have endeavoured to carry the honours with modesty, and to discharge the duties faithfully. I carry with me the warmth of many true friendships, and know that my successor will be accorded the same measure of loyalty and encouragement extended to me in what I count one of the happiest years of my life.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

A. F. Tannahill,
Grand Supt. Toronto District 8A.
GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9

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

I herewith submit my report on the conditions of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9. I wish first to thank all Companions who in any way helped to place me in the position of Grand Superintendent and to express my debt of gratitude to V. Ex. Comp. Wm. Calvert, for his efficient service and loyal support as my District Secretary.

To my revered friend, Comp. T. G. King, my District Chaplain, because of his physical infirmities, was not able to give me active support, nevertheless he is an outstanding Mason, a good citizen, and a perfect gentleman, and was a real inspiration to me. I regret that in December last he was called to the Grand Chapter above.

Sleep on, dear friend, such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain
But shed an influence rare, Divine,
On lives that here remain.

I have made an Inspection visit to every Chapter in the District, and several special visits. On these occasions I have had the support of several Companions of Couchiching Chapter, which I appreciate. On my visit to Amabel Chapter at Wiarton, we were honoured by the presence of the Grand Chaplain, R. Ex. Comp. Rev. John Mills, together with eighteen Companions from Toronto.

On my visit to Couchiching Chapter, we were honoured by the presence of R. Ex. Comp. R. D. Keefe of Toronto, (formerly of Penetanguishene) together with several Excellent Companions from Toronto, including R. Ex. Comp. Lester G. Jackson, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District, No. 8, who, at my request, inspected the Chapter.

One of the regrets of my year was the closing of MacPherson Chapter at Meaford; this Chapter one of the oldest in the District, has had a splendid history. I made several trips to Meaford with a view to resuscitating them and had the hearty co-operation of a small band of faithful Companions, who made an honest effort to find a way out of the difficulty, but were finally forced to surrender their Charter.

All other Chapters in the District are in a sound condition, some of them with good prospects for the future.
We were requested at Grand Chapter not to refer to the festive hour, but I cannot refrain from mentioning one. It was a special meeting at Wiarton, arranged by Ex. Comp. MacLairen and the officers of Amabel Chapter, at which the most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. Stephens, of Hamilton; R. Ex. Comp. John Burden, of Toronto; Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, of London; R. Ex. Comp. O. D. Williams, of Barrie; R. Ex. Comp. R. R. Wilson, of Midland; R. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dobie, of Owen Sound, and several others from Toronto, Owen Sound and adjoining towns were present. The Companions of Amabel Chapter served a wonderful dinner of dressed baked trout, fresh from the waters of Georgian Bay, and the treat was enjoyed by all. The second feast of the evening was a stirring address by the Most Excellent Companion the Grand Z. This was a real delight and Amabel Chapter deserve credit for their initiative in putting on such an event.

To me one of the pleasant features of this work is the contact I have made with Companions of the several Chapters, meeting such men as R. Ex. Comp. Dr. S. E. Foster and V. Ex. Comp. John Macaulay of Wiarton. The veteran, V. Ex. Comp. George E. Atkey, Scribe E. of Georgian Chapter, Owen Sound; R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Currie of Manitou Chapter, Collingwood; Comp. Wm. McGregor, who is rendering a valuable service as organist of Kichikewana Chapter, Midland; R. Ex. Comp. Jas. Shrubsole of Signet Chapter, Barrie, who is laid up with a broken hip, but is not forgotten by his Companions.

In closing, I wish to thank the Companions for their kind receptions, for their loyal support, and splendid co-operation, and to my successor I wish every success and offer him my services, trusting that this will be a banner year for Royal Arch Masonry, not only in Georgian District but throughout Canada.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

**Mathew Baird**,  
ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

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

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10, for the year 1939, and take this opportunity of thanking the Companions of the District for selecting me to the high office of Grand Superintendent and also the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for his confirmation of the selection.

I had the great honour of escorting the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, to a church service organized by Excelsior Chapter, Colborne, on June 18th, at which it was my privilege to read the Scripture Lesson and to enjoy, with the assembled Companions, the most inspiring address given by the Grand Z. It was well attended, nearly every Chapter in the District being represented, also several Companions from District No. 11.

I made Inspection and other visits to every Chapter in the District, and I am pleased to say that with my District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Harry Mitchell, who has been a wonderful help to me, I was well received and welcomed with true Masonic friendship. Most of the Chapters conferred a degree in very creditable manner, in spite of the fact that many have had no candidates for some time.

Below is a list of my Inspection visits:

June 9th, 1939—Victoria Chapter, Port Hope.
June 19th, 1939—Palestine Chapter, Bowmanville.
June 21st, 1939—King Darius Chapter, Cannington.
Sept. 18th, 1939—St. Andrew’s Chapter, Havelock.
Oct. 6th, 1939—Excelsior Chapter, Colborne.
Oct. 16th, 1939—Ionic Chapter, Campbellford.
Oct. 19th, 1939—Midland Chapter, Lindsay.
Oct. 24th, 1939—St. John’s Chapter, Cobourg.
Oct. 30th, 1939—Warkworth Chapter, Warkworth.
Nov. 22nd, 1939—Corinthian Chapter, Peterborough.
Dec. 5th, 1939—Pentalpha Chapter, Oshawa.

I have strongly advised the Chapters to hold their regular Convocation and to work some degree every meeting to keep their present members active and to be prepared for better times. At every opportunity I have endeavoured to help in making the degree work more uniform and have made arrange-
ments to hold a Chapter of Instruction at Port Hope on March 7th. We hope to have with us at that time R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy as Instructor and Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., to make presentations of jewels.

The Chapters are in fair financial standing although some are not very active. My own Chapter is suffering from too many Life Members, there being at present more Life than Paying Members, but action is being taken to change this situation.

I had the privilege of officiating at the Installation and Investiture of the officers of Victoria Chapter, No. 37, on January 12th, 1940, and had the pleasure of being present at the Ceremony of Installation in Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, which was in the very capable hands of R. Ex. Comp. R. S. Cotton, with several Past Principals assisting.

In conclusion, let me once more thank those in the District who made it possible for me to receive this great honour, which will never be forgotten. I trust that every newly installed officer will put his shoulder to the wheel and keep pushing, and I am certain that Capitular Masonry will flourish.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

S. N. HASKILL,
Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.
PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

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

In presenting my report of the activities in Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year 1939-40, I express my deep appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the Companions, in selecting me to the Office of Grand Superintendent and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for his confirmation of that selection.

My first act was to appoint Ex. Comp. Henry Sager as District Secretary. I cannot speak too highly of him and of the support and assistance he has given me. He is very active in both branches of Masonry.

In May while on a trip to California and San Francisco Chapters in San Francisco. I had the great honour of being present when the Royal Arch Masons of San Francisco received their Grand High Priest for the State of California. I was extended a most hearty welcome and received with honours, and the visit will long remain in my memory.

On September 17th the District Divine Service was held in Trenton and the Companions attended King Street United Church where a very interesting as well as instructive sermon was delivered by Rev. J. V. Robbins. The special music for the occasion was under the direction of Bro. Leslie Hearts. I thank the Officers and members of St. Mark’s Chapter for the excellent arrangements.

My first visit was to Mt. Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, on September 20th, where I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. McGregor and received most cordially by Ex. Comp. Arthur Roy. There was no candidate but the Officers showed they were proficient in the M.M.M. Degree. This Chapter has undertaken a great deal of Masonic education and the Chapter is fortunate in having such a background of so many outstanding Masons.

On September 26th, I visited Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville, and I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Harry Clarke and V. Ex. Comp. W. I. Cole. This Chapter is well named, I have visited it many times and it lives up to the true spirit of “Friendship”. Ex. Comp. Isaac Stephenson and the Officers gave a fine presentation of the work in the M.M.M. Degree. Space forbids me but I would feel remiss if
I did not mention their efficient Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. W. I. Cole, one of the Old School, and still enthusiastic. This Chapter held a very successful Father and Son Banquet which filled their hall to capacity.

October 16th, I visited Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, where I was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. W. E. Vick and J. C. Cooper, and received a very hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. Dr. Slack. This was the greatest of all my visits, the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on Comp. Hilton McCartney, present District Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward District. The work as put on by this Chapter is remarkable, and each Officer is a master of his office, I have never seen the work done better, but that is to be expected where they have R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Cooper and many other outstanding Ritualists. They have the most up-to-date books of any Chapter, and these are looked after by their efficient Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. Dr. D. Gullett. The only regret I had was that my late Father was not present when I visited his Mother Chapter on this great occasion.

October 23rd, I visited Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc, and after being introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Wm. Hill and R. Ex. Comp. Buskard, I was given a hearty welcome by Ex. Comp. P. H. Nayler. There being no degree work, the Officers opened and closed in the several degrees. I made a thorough examination of the books and have made certain suggestions. Since my visit the Companions have suffered a great loss, their Temple was completely destroyed by fire during the extreme cold weather in January. This Chapter has great prospects, from its location.

October 24th, I visited Presqu’Ile Chapter, No. 144, Brighton. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Duer, one of the best known and most highly respected Masons. Ex. Comp. Hugh Maitland extended to me a very hearty welcome. This is the smallest Chapter in the District, but they have their dues under control and their finances are in excellent shape, due in a great deal to their Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. Vernon Coulter.

On November 7th, I visited the oldest Chapter in the District, Moira, No. 7, of Belleville, where after an introduction by R. Ex. Comp. J. O. McCurdy, I was received most graciously by Ex. Comp. Jack Nokes. The Officers conferred the M.M.M. Degree, and are very proficient. This Chapter also has a great background of many outstanding Masons, and is still
turning out many who will be great. Ex. Comp. Carl Crosby is doing excellent work as Scribe E.

November 13th, I visited Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling, where I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. G. H. Bedford, and I was welcomed by Ex. Comp. Eggleton. Their work in the M.M.M. Degree was very fine and showed they were taking a keen interest in view of the fact there was no candidate. The Principal Sojourner knew the degree very well. The Scribe E. is R. Ex. Comp. Thos. Solmes, and mention should be made of V. Ex. Comp. Dr. Carleton and R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Watt for their assistance in the Chapter.

On November 20th, I visited Ionic Chapter, Campbellford, Where I received a most cordial welcome by Ex. Comp. Lew Hay and his Officers. This Chapter is not in this district but some of the Officers had visited Madoc when I was there and wanted me to speak on the matter of "Unpaid Dues and their influence on a Chapter". It was a pleasure for me to meet again in their wonderful Temple which I helped to dedicate a year ago.

On November 21st, I made my last Inspection, that of St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton, which is my Mother Chapter. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Chas. Kinnear and W. J. Potts. I received a hearty welcome from the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Frank Sherbert. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred and the Officers are proficient. The books of this Chapter are in excellent shape and they have the least amount of outstanding dues of any Chapter in the District. This Chapter have undertaken to help the Red Cross, and as a result of showing the Royal Tour Pictures turned over to the Red Cross a sum in excess of $50.00. One regret I had on this occasion was the absence of the late M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer who during his life was the foundation of Masonry in Trenton and District. It was he who sponsored my applications and I have greatly missed his guiding hand.

Finally, from personal observation, I have tried to find out things that will improve Royal Arch Masonry. There is nothing that will tend to pull a Chapter down more than the matter of unpaid dues. Some are carrying members for years and they will never collect a cent. A Chapter must be put in good financial standing as no one will join a Chapter that is down. The matter of opening on time is also a serious matter and should be corrected as this tends to spoil the attendance. When there is no work, I have suggested some form of enter-
tainment. I have also suggested that Chapters affiliate themselves with some worthy cause, such as the Red Cross.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks to the Past Grand Superintendents for their assistance and guidance, and to the Officers and members of the District for their loyal support, and I hope that my successor will have the same support extended to him.

To all I extend fraternal greetings.

Respectfully and fraternally,

NOSTRAND M. SPRAGUE,
Grand Supt. Prince Edward District, No. 11.
ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

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

It is with pleasure that I have the honour to submit, for your information, my report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

I desire to express my appreciation to the Companions of this District for the very high honour they conferred upon me in appointing me to the very important office of Grand Superintendent, and also to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for confirming that appointment.

To R. Ex. Comp. Dr. G. M. Gorrell, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks, for his sacrifice of time, and great assistance in the position of District Secretary, and also to Ex. Comp. Wm. S. Weegar, who acted in that capacity through the unavoidable absence of Dr. Gorrell.

DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICE

On October 1st, District Divine Service was held in Brockville, under a Joint Dispensation granted to Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters, at the First Presbyterian Church, V. Ex. Comp. Rev. Henry Cousens, a Past Grand Senior Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, officiated. It was exceptionally well attended, practically every Chapter being represented, as well as some from other Districts.

VISITATIONS

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, was visited on June 15th, and the M.M.M. Degree was conferred, and was exceptionally well done. This Chapter deserves a great deal of credit as they are working under a great handicap, that of the distance their Companions have to travel in order to meet. The Brockville Companions deserve to be commended for the manner in which they lend support by their attendance.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, was visited October 10th. The H.R.A. Degree was exemplified, and was creditably performed. The officers take a great deal of pride in the way this Chapter is conducted. They are very fortunate in having such a wealth of well skilled Companions. The records are well worthy of mention, and the Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. E. Cook, is to be congratulated.
On October 11th, I attended a joint Convocation of Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters, at which each Chapter took a portion of the working of the M.M.M. Degree. The Ritualistic details were well observed, which in this particular case is two Chapters working jointly, points out the universality of “The Work”. The success of these Chapters is assured so long as their affairs are in the hands of such officers.

Leeds Chapter, No. 132, was visited November 2nd. This Chapter is forging ahead, and on this occasion a M.M.M. Degree was conferred. The Officers and Companions are all doing their utmost to make their Chapter a success, and from their expressed plans, I am sure their efforts will be crowned with success.

Covenant Chapter, No. 113, was visited November 15th. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred, and the work was of a high order, indicative of a great deal of effort on the part of its officers. Covenant Chapter may feel well satisfied for the part they are taking in maintaining the status of Capitular Masonry in this District.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, was visited November 17th. This Convocation was long looked forward to, as this Chapter has obtained considerable fame for the manner in which it confers the M.E.M. Degree. Under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. Harvey Milne, their Director of Ceremonies, they have obtained a high degree of perfection. I had the pleasure at this Convocation of again meeting our Immediate Past Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 112, was visited on December 15th, and the H.R.A. Degree was conferred. The officers are to be complimented on their work. St. John’s Chapter is very fortunate in having such Companions of long Masonic service as R. Ex. Comps. Dr. G. M. Gorrell and Dr. Will C. Davy, who are always ready to lend assistance and information from their store of knowledge. Thanks to the determined efforts of the officers and Companions, this Chapter has finally emerged from a state of depression.

As a result of my visitations, I find that Capitular Masonry in this District is, on the whole, progressing favourably. The spirit of companionship is markedly noticeable, interest is keen, co-operation is excellent, the financial standing of the Chapters is good, (with the exception of one or two and these have improved since the spring) and the Rules and Regula-
tions of Grand Chapter are being well adhered to. My reception was in all cases most courteous and hearty and the honours due the office were given in a most earnest manner, thus serving to show the great loyalty that exists between the Companions and the Grand First Principal.

In closing this report, I again wish to express my deep appreciation and thanks to all the Past Grand Superintendents, Officers and Companions who have so largely contributed to making my year in office such a happy and memorable one. My predecessors made my duties comparatively light and the year just closing will ever be remembered as one of the most instructive and happy periods of my life, and I ask, for my successor in office the same consideration and loyal support that has been accorded me.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

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

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

In submitting for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1939, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred upon me in appointing me to the office of Grand Superintendent and my thanks to the Most Excellent Grand Z. for his confirmation of that appointment.

I assumed the office fully conscious of my shortcomings and limitations. I was encouraged by the feeling that I would have wise counsel and loyal support from the Past Grand Superintendents and they have not failed me.

My detailed report of the inspection of each Chapter has been given to the Grand Scribe E. and to the First Principal. I have made one inspection, and several other visits to each Chapter in the District.

Visits of Inspection were made as follows:

May 19th—St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smiths Falls.
May 26th—Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.
June 7th—Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.
June 15th—Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.
Sept. 1st—St. John's Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill.
Sept. 14th—Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.
Sept. 18th—Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa.
Oct. 6th—Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell.
Oct. 17th—Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.
Oct. 18th—Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa.
Nov. 6th—Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior.

The warmth and cordiality of the reception extended was most gratifying, demonstrating in a marked manner the loyalty and obedience of the Companions to those who are entrusted with the responsibility of ruling the Royal Craft. Ritualistic work presented was invariably good. In the few Chapters where no degree work was exemplified the meeting took the form of a questionairs and a very pleasant and profitable evening ensued.

The secretarial work of the several Chapters is in good hands. I found the books in good order and kept neatly, the Book of Marks being given careful attention. A number of
Scribes E. are Past Principals, several being Past Grand Superintendents.

The Annual District Church Service was held September 17th, under the auspices of St. Francis Chapter, Smiths Falls. Seventy Companions from all parts of the District assembled at the Chapter room and marched in procession to the First Baptist Church, where Rev. Bryant gave an instructive and inspiring address.

Capitular Masonry in this District cannot be considered in a flourishing condition. A number of Chapters are kept going only by the loyalty of the Past Z.'s. The subject of bettering the attendance at our regular Convocations should be given serious and constructive consideration. The amount of outstanding dues is surprisingly great and an effort towards its reduction should be made by those responsible.

As only a small percentage of Master Masons seek further Light, it should be impressed upon the newly raised that it is essential to complete the Third Degree by being exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

For the hearty support and co-operation of my predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. Arch. D. MacCrae, and of all Past Grand Superintendents and Companions throughout the District, I express deep appreciation and sincere thanks. The year leaves many pleasant memories and I have made many new and interesting friendships. I ask for my successor in office the loyal support and co-operation that have been given to me.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ARCH. S. McLAREN,
ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

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

It is with great pleasure that I herewith submit my report as Grand Superintendent, on Capitular Masonry in the Algoma District, No. 14, for the year 1939.

I wish to express my hearty appreciation and thanks to the Companions of this District for the very high honour they have conferred on me in selecting me for the important office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for my appointment as his Representative.

In addition, I wish to thank Companion C. H. Tilley for his timely assistance and help, given to me as my Secretary; to him, I owe a debt of gratitude, he accompanied me upon most of my inspections.

During my term of office I visited each of the Chapters, and I was very well received on all occasions. The following is an itinerary of these visits.

SEPTEMBER 12TH, ALBERTON CHAPTER, NO. 152, FORT FRANCIS.—Accompanied by Comp. Stevenson, Scribe E., of Golden Chapter, and Comp. M. S. Taylor, we received a very delightful, cordial and fraternal reception from the Companions. For my inspection a Mark Master’s Degree was conferred by a very energetic and capable slate of Officers. The books and paraphernalia are in first-class condition and the prospects seem excellent.

SEPTEMBER 27TH, GOLDEN CHAPTER, NO. 90, KENORA.—This is my Mother Chapter and was a great pleasure to inspect. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred and exceptionally well done. The attendance was very gratifying and a splendid evening was enjoyed. The First Principal, Officers and Past Principals are to be highly commended on their work.

OCTOBER 19TH, ATWOOD CHAPTER, NO. 149, RAINY RIVER.—I visited this Chapter and although the attendance was small, this was offset by the splendid and friendly manner in their reception. This Chapter is steadily recovering from the previous fire loss of a few years ago, and the Companions are to be very highly commended on their efforts.

NOVEMBER 3RD, FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER, FORT WILLIAM.—Due to the distance from Kenora, I visited this Chapter alone and was warmly welcomed. The Principals, Officers and Past
Principals taking part in the exemplification of the Holy Royal Arch Degree are to be highly commended on the impressive and efficient manner in which each discharged his duty. The books of the Scribe E. are in very efficient and neat order.

**NOVEMBER 15TH, SHUNIAH CHAPTER, PORT ARTHUR.**—This visit was a very pleasant one, and for my inspection, the M.M.M. Degree was conferred. All Officers and Past Principals taking part, are to be complimented on their efficiency. The books of the Chapter, in charge of R. Ex. Comp. A. P. Freed, are very neat and well kept.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation and sincerest thanks for the co-operation and kind treatment extended to me by all Companions in Algoma District. I feel sure that we have all derived definite benefits from our year’s work, and I cannot help but experience a feeling of joy and sorrow that my term of office is over. Many new friendships have been made, and many old ones renewed, for which I again express my appreciation.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

**GEORGE A. MCKENZIE,**
NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 15

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

At the close of a very pleasant term of office as Grand Superintendent of New Ontario District, No. 15, I present this, my report of the activities for the year 1939-40.

I am afforded an opportunity to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by the Companions, also to thank the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for his confirmation.

I feel that I am voicing the sentiments of the members of St. John's Chapter, North Bay, and those of numerous Companions throughout the District, when I express to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, my personal appreciation of his appointment of R. Ex. Comp. B. F. Nott as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa near our Grand Chapter.

Visitations

ALGONQUIN CHAPTER, No. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—On September 22nd, I paid my visit to this Chapter and the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by its officers. Not only does this Chapter enjoy the facilities of a very fine Masonic Home, but also a true Masonic spirit reigns among the Companions. This, along with the welcome I received, made it an occasion long to be remembered.

TUSCAN CHAPTER, No. 95, SUDBURY, ONT.—This Chapter was visited on December 12th, and I received a most cordial welcome. It was unfortunate that the candidate of the evening was unable to attend, thus no degree was conferred. During the year the Chapter acquired quarters in the new Masonic Hall. These quarters are a great improvement over those they used previously, and this, along with the splendid spirit existing, I predict will mean future prosperity for Tuscan Chapter.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 103, NORTH BAY, ONT.—Although I visited all the Convocations of this Chapter in the past year, I paid my Inspection visit on January 5th, and assisted R. Ex. Comp. Charles C. Stenhouse of Pentalpha Chapter, Oshawa, in installing the officers for 1940. It was a pleasure indeed for me to renew my Masonic association in this way with my Companion in office of years ago, and to wit-
ness his very impressive installation ceremony. When the Masonic Temple in North Bay was taken over at the outbreak of war for military purposes, the Chapter moved to temporary quarters. While this has meant considerable inconvenience, St. John's Chapter enjoys a spirit of Masonic harmony which is unexcelled and the prospects of the Chapter are particularly bright.

**Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa, Ont.—** In view of Pembroke Chapter not having sufficient resident members to hold a meeting, I was unable to pay an Inspection visit, but from the report I have received from the Scribe E. there appears to be some prospect of an improvement in the near future.

In the three active Chapters in the District I was very impressed by the optimistic spirit of the Officers and Companions, also by the type of younger officers who will, in their turn, be expected to carry on.

I regret the Chapter of Instruction, planned to be held in North Bay last October, had to be cancelled on account of the Masonic Temple being used by the Militia.

In conclusion, let me pay tribute to the co-operation I received from the First Principals and Scribes E. of the Chapters, and the assistance and encouragement I received from my District Secretary, Ex. Comp. R. P. C. McLeod, with whom it has always been a pleasure to be associated.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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

I wish to express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the Companions of the District in selecting me to the office of Grand Superintendent and to the Most Excellent the Grand Z. for his confirmation.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. K. D. Mackay of Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, as District Secretary, which duties he performed in a very satisfactory and efficient manner.

I did not start my Inspections until the Chapters had resumed their Convocations after the summer recess owing to the bad conditions of the roads.

My first visit was to my own Chapter, Cobalt, No. 203, which I visited on October 17th, 1939. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Todd and received a warm welcome from the First Principal, Ex. Comp. E. Cawood. I appreciated the same very much, being the first Grand Representative in our new Chapter room since the loss by fire of our old Temple, March, 1938. We lost everything but the plate and Sacred Word which one of the Companions had taken home the night previous for cleaning. I may say that the Companions of this Chapter are worthy of great support for the work that has been accomplished in our beautiful Chapter room where there are only a small percentage of active members left in Cobalt owing to the closing of the silver mines and our members are scattered all over the north country.

Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213.—I visited this Chapter on October 18th, 1939, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. P. Ramsey and Dr. Day, and was extended a cordial welcome by Ex. Comp. H. F. McNamara. After the business, the M.M.M. Degree was exemplified by the officers in a most capable and impressive manner, being strongly supported by the experienced Past Principals who still retain their interest in the work, and who are a great benefit to the less experienced officers.

An examination of the records proved them to be neatly and accurately kept. The future is very promising.

On October 19th, 1939, I visited Cochrane Chapter, No. 244, Cochrane, Ont., and met R. Ex. Comp. H. E. McGill and Ex. Comp. Stopps. As we were unable to locate any other Companions we discussed the situation. After repeated efforts
of the Scribe E. having failed to bring out a sufficient number of members to form a quorum for any meeting I strongly advised them for an amalgamation with Abitibi Chapter at Iroquois Falls, this being the best solution to offer for the difficulty in which these Companions are in. Since then I have been asked by Ex. Comp. Stopps that the Companions of Cochrane Chapter be relieved of all their paraphernalia. On receipt of this letter I forwarded copy to the Grand Scribe E. to be taken up with the Most Excellent Grand Z. On December 16th, 1939, I received a reply from the Grand Scribe E. regarding the situation of Cochrane Chapter and the Most Excellent the Grand Z. I wrote immediately to Ex. Comp. Stopps advising him of the Most Ex. the Grand Z.'s opinion for the best advantage to the Companions, but at the time of making this report I have heard nothing further from Cochrane.

**Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls.**—I visited this Chapter on October 27th, 1939, being welcomed on my arrival by some of my old friends, R. Ex. Comp. Frank Ebbit, R. Ex. Comp. James Spence, and V. Ex. Comp. G. L. Cameron. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Cameron to the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Stables, receiving a very hearty welcome. There was no degree work at this meeting. After the business an inspection of records and books showed them to be most neatly and accurately kept.

**Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard.**—I visited this Chapter on November 1st, 1939, and was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. McCullough and received a very warm welcome from the I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. Sanderson, who took the chair for the evening owing to the illness of Ex. Comp. L. B. Wilson, Z. I am glad to report that he is now fully recovered and has resumed his work. There was no degree work at this meeting, the increase of membership in this Chapter has been slow for the past few years. I inspected the books of the Scribe E. and found them to be neatly and accurately kept. The finances of this Chapter are on a sound base, but the outstanding dues are quite heavy. In referring to this in my remarks I pointed out that while the finances were strong the incoming dues were not sufficient to carry on the Chapter without drawing on the capital.

**Kirkland Chapter, No. 251, Kirkland Lake.**—On December 16th, 1939, I visited this Chapter, accompanied by seven officers and members of Temiskaming Chapter, New Lis-
keard, being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. H. Hawley, receiving a very hearty welcome, extended to me by Ex. Comp. Quantz, the business being completed, the Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by the officers from Temiskaming Chapter, assisted by Kirkland officers in a most efficient manner. Being the youngest Chapter in this District, they are making substantial progress and undoubtedly have a bright future in this thriving mining town. The books and records are neatly and accurately kept.

Capitular Masonry in this District is holding its own even in face of very trying times. While some of the Chapters are having an uphill fight, others appear to be going forward with vigour and courage.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Companions of Temiskaming District for their kind support and co-operation extended to me during my term of office. I shall retire from this office with happy memories of a year well spent and feeling that I can serve Capitular Masonry even better in the future than I have in the past.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Francis J. Hill,
Grand Supt. Temiskaming District, No. 16.
YUKON TERRITORY, No. 17

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

In submitting this report, and again acting for and on behalf of R. Ex. Comp. Warren H. S. McFarland, who was very grateful to the Companions of Klondike Chapter, No. 154, for again selecting him to the office of Grand Superintendent for District No. 17, and also for the confirmation of same by the Most Excellent the Grand Z.

I can advise that this past year was a very poor one, having no petitions to deal with, but in other respects a notable term. The great pleasure we all experienced in meeting our Most Excellent Grand Z., Llewellyn F. Stephens, and his charming wife, he being here for the special purpose of dedicating our Chapter room to Capitular Masonry, on August 2nd, 1939. After the completion of this very impressive ceremony, Most Excellent Companion Stephens spoke for over an hour to the whole Masonic Craft, giving his interpretation of the Master Mason Degree, and which proved to be a real educational treat and a masterpiece of erudition, and historical Masonic significance. The favourable comments heard afterwards, and the congratulations showered upon our Most Excellent Companion, showed how all appreciated his commanding presence, his great fund of Masonic knowledge, and particularly, his outstanding ability to impart that knowledge intelligently to others.

Fortunately, the few hours the Most Excellent Companion had with us, our R. Ex. Comp. Warren H. S. McFarland, Grand Superintendent for this District, and who is the General Manager of the extensive Gold Dredging operations in the Klondike Placer Field, had the opportunity of showing our distinguished visitors over some of our important mining creeks, to view some interesting dredging operations, which, I am sure, was highly enjoyed.

To descend to sober prose, we are now very hopeful that 1940 will show much progress for Klondike Chapter, as we are starting the New Year with four (4) petitions for Exaltation, all splendid timber from Yukon Lodge, No. 45, A.F. & A.M., and it is intimated from reliable sources, that a number more are soon to follow.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. Firth, Scribe E.

for and on behalf of R. Ex. Comp. Warren H. S. McFarland, Grand Superintendent, District No. 17.
It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

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

Right Ex. Comp. Frank A. Copus, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, conveyed fraternal greetings, also congratulated the officers on their excellent International gathering and arrangements.

NOMINATIONS

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

ELECTION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

Grand Chapter was called at 12.10 o'clock noon from labour, to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

Luncheon 12.30 noon
Wednesday, April 24th, 1940

The Most Ex. the Grand Z., Guests and Delegates assembled in the Banquet Hall of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and listened with enjoyment to their distinguished speaker, Comp. Edgar Guest, Michigan's poet and writer.

LABOUR RESUMED

At 2.30 o'clock p.m. the Grand Chapter resumed labour, when the nominations for Grand Superintendents were submitted to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the following selections were confirmed:

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

1. R. Ex. Comp. Bruce Brown Foster ...........................................St. Clair District No. 1
2. R. Ex. Comp. John Oswald ...................................................London " 2
5. R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Thomas Barnard ..............Hamilton " 5
6. R. Ex. Comp. Wm. A. Fortescus .........................Huron " 6
7. R. Ex. Comp. John Herbert Sampson ......................Niagara " 7
The newly-appointed Grand Superintendents were subsequently addressed and given the necessary instructions as to the duties pertaining to their office, by Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, Past Grand Z., and the Grand Lecturer, R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy, and supplied with further equipment by the Grand Scribe E., Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

Letters and telegrams conveying fraternal greetings and expressing regrets for non-attendance were received from:—


Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware—Right Ex. Comp. John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary.


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


Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia—Most Excellent Comp. G. M. Ford, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta—Right Ex. Comp. C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia—Most Ex. Comp. F. C. Bird, Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba—Right Ex. Comp. A. Armstrong, Grand Scribe E.


All communications were received and ordered filed.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
March 1st, 1939, to February 29th, 1940

Received by Grand Scribe

E. from Chapters on account of Dues, Fees, etc. ....................$ 9,462.15
Interest on Investments and Bank Balances ... 4,187.48
Excess Disbursements over Receipts ............ 2,849.72
(See below "A")

$16,499.35

Amounts paid — Cheque and Cash ....................$13,389.35
Benevolence .................... 3,110.00

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments—March 1st, 1939, at cost, per last accounts ....................$94,791.45
Purchases .................... nil

$94,791.45

Investments—Feb. 29th, 1940, at cost, per schedule ....................$94,791.45

$94,791.45
February 29th, 1940, Capital:—

At Canadian Bank of Commerce—Current ..... $ 394.17
—Savings ..... 3,301.75
Incidental Account—Cash on hand ..... 10.11

$ 3,706.03

Investments 94,791.45

$ 98,497.48

March 1st, 1939, Capital:—

At Canadian Bank of Commerce—Current ..... $ 499.73
—Savings ..... 6,014.27
Incidental Account—Cash on hand ..... 41.75

$ 6,555.75

Investments 94,791.45

$101,347.20

Decrease—See above “A” ..... $ 2,849.72

All of which is fraternally submitted.

(Signed) E. J. CARTER, C.A.,
Auditor.

WALTER G. PRICE,
Grand Treasurer.
Chartered Accountants, Sharpe Milne & Co.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Empey, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the Statement of the Grand Treasurer for the year 1939 be received and adopted.
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:

Another year has rolled around to the time when it is necessary to record the activities of my service to Grand Chapter. I desire first to express my sincere appreciation for the promptness of most Scribes E. in replying to the correspondence they have received, which during the past year was much greater than in former years, brought about chiefly by the checking of the entire membership of our Grand Jurisdiction in accordance with the desire of the Grand First Principal. I found many unreported deaths and withdrawals, also a few exaltations and affiliations; these have been placed in this year's reports, thus the totals now noted in the statistical statement give to us a fair and correct representation of our Membership as at December 31st, 1939.

Immediately following the checking of the Membership I forwarded to the Scribes E. of the Chapters a list of Royal Arch Masons living in their vicinity and the Grand First Principal requested that they be made more welcome in their new place of residence. Companions, this was no small task and I trust that the names will not be overlooked but will be used to assist many of the weaker Chapters by adding new Members with experience from other sections of our Jurisdiction.

Returns.

I am pleased to report that all returns except from three Chapters, namely, Doric, No. 60, Newmarket, Macpherson, No. 86, Meaford, and Cochrane, No. 244, Cochrane, all of which are considered dormant, have been received, audited and recorded. Arrangements are being made for the transfer of the Membership of these three to adjoining Chapters, or to places in which they are now residing.

The Chapters are mostly prompt, although it was necessary to keep the books open until March 8th, 1940, before the final returns were received. As mentioned upon a previous report some Scribes E. procrastinate and apparently cannot be cured even by frequent pleading, nor do outspoken comments seem
to influence their movements one iota from their leisurely gait. They are the same every year and I believe are hopelessly incurable.

Chapter Summons.

Our Grand Z. is most desirous of improving the monthly Summons; some of which have become so stereotyped that the Members receiving them simply assign them to the waste basket, resulting in unnecessary waste of material and postage. For an improvement it is suggested that the First Principal and his Council take a few moments each of the nine or ten months and look over the nuggets in the proceedings and print the same, the expense will be trivial and I am sure that the Members will look forward to receiving them and the waste paper basket will not be their final disposition. If the above cannot be arranged I will be pleased to supply you with short interesting writings for reprint.

The accompanying statements represent the cash received at the office of the Grand Scribe E.

ANNUAL STATEMENT
Receipts and Ledger Balances
YEAR MARCH 1ST, 1939, TO FEBRUARY 29TH, 1940.

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During the year there were 247 exaltations as compared with 390 in 1938, our affiliations were 67 as compared with 45, and our restorations 46 as compared with 38; also our withdrawals were 357 as compared with 285, our suspensions 411 as compared with 397; our deaths 447, as compared with 397, thus showing our losses to be 855 as compared with 791 in 1938. Many of these losses were on account of the clean up or the failure of reporting upon previous returns. Our membership as at December 31st, 1939, was 17,252, of which 3,791 are commuted.

Chapters exalting five or more candidates in 1939 were:

- Ezra, No. 23, Simcoe ................................................. 5
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- The Toronto, No. 185, Toronto .................................... 5
- Humber, No. 246, Weston ........................................... 6
- Thomas Peters, No. 250, Windsor ................................. 9

During the year two Chapter Rooms were dedicated,—

- Klondike, No. 154, Dawson, Y.T.
- Beaver, No. 74, Strathroy.

It has been well said "That the Greatest of all dangers is the danger of not becoming our best". Let us therefore, spread Masonic Light and Truth to everyone of our Members and in time it will extend its splendid influence for good to bless our whole people.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Edwin Smith
Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1939 be received and adopted.
REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

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

Your Committee on Printing submit the following analysis of expenditures for the year ending February 29th, 1940:

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

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The Constitutions and Demits are saleable and will produce revenue.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. McLaren,
Edwin Smith.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

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

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

The Committee on Benevolence have considered the applications for relief and recommend that an appropriation be made in the estimates for grants to the following:

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Total: $2,940.00

We also recommend that a further amount of three hundred dollars be provided for Interim relief should it be required before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.
The grants made annually by Grand Chapter do not by any means represent all of the benevolent activities of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Your Committee acknowledges with pardonable pride and satisfaction the generous contributions made by many of our Chapters to the care of their dependants. But we appeal to all our Chapters for more co-operation and greater assistance in our benevolent work. We suggest that every Chapter might devote one meeting each year to the consideration of Masonic Benevolence. We frequently hear the complaint that the so-called “side-bencher” has little to do to show his interest or zeal for his Chapter. In every constituent Chapter there is a field of unlimited opportunity to engage the attention and efforts of the individual Companions, in bringing a word of sympathy and encouragement to needy Companions or their families.

It is estimated that Masonry in this Province contributes about one-quarter of a million dollars annually to bring relief and assistance to those in want and destitution. But what many of our dependants need is not only money but they also long for friendly counsel and advice and a word of cheer and comfort. The earnest wish and fervent desire of your Committee is that this work may be extended to include every Chapter and all of our Companions, that we may all have the benefit of being identified with this truly Masonic activity—of adding to the brightness of life and the joy of living.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL,
GEO. W. SLACK,
JOHN J. GARDINER,

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your committee has received and reviewed with much interest the inspiring address of our Grand Z., and desire to join with him in the warm fraternal greeting extended to our many guests and delegates.

His comments on the Historical phase of Royal Arch Masonry and his references to the City of Hamilton as the first place of meeting of this Grand Chapter at its inception in 1857 will be read with interest and appreciated by our visitors and members alike. We note with approval his remarks regarding the founding of the various Grand Chapters in sister Provinces and are pleased that he has not omitted reference to our far-flung outpost in Dawson City. We heartily endorse his references to the exceedingly friendly relationship existing among the governing bodies of the Capitular Craft and are pleased to note his friendly remarks regarding visitations beyond our Jurisdiction. In our opinion these fraternal visits to Sister Jurisdictions are highly important and no opportunity should be lost to keep warm the contact with our neighbours.

We agree that monthly meetings by the Grand Council and the reorganization of the office of Grand Chapter will prove a direct benefit to the Royal Craft.

It is with feeling of profound sorrow that we read his tribute to the late M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.G.Z., and other leaders of R.A. Masonry, each of whom is a distinct loss to this Grand Chapter—their places among us will not easily be filled. While no longer with us, yet will they live in all things that surround us, for death is but the golden key that opens the Temple of Immortality.

We concur in the Grand Z.'s Appointments, Dispensations and Rulings, all of which appeal to us as being in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry.

We applaud the action of the G.Z. in the institution of a “Fifty Year Jewel” and note with pride the many Companions who worthily qualify for this new decoration.

The Grand Z.'s comments under the caption of Charity will, we are sure, be most acceptable to every member of Grand Chapter. We are particularly happy to note his approval of the splendid work of the Toronto Districts in connection with the Samaritan Club and City Mission. A truly great undertaking that might be emulated by our Companions in the large centres throughout the Jurisdiction.
The Grand Z.'s reference to finances of Constituent Chapters, securities and non-resident members is timely and worthy of serious thought.

He has given us food for reflection in the suggestion with regards to a registration fee, and while we agree that some financial assistance should be given to smaller centres when entertaining Grand Chapter, we are inclined to suggest that the best method of doing so should be carefully canvassed by the Grand Executive before any definite action is taken. It is the studied opinion of your committee that all Grand Chapter expense, including Entertainment, should be under the control of the Executive Committee.

We endorse his remarks relative to the information contained in the Foreign Correspondence Reviews and trust that the day may not be far distant when our finances may enable a more generous distribution of these reports.

We agree entirely with his concluding remarks anent that subject which is uppermost in our minds. We understand his hesitancy in making extensive references to the war which is devastating Europe to-day. We heartily commend his suggestion that despite the turmoil and anxiety that surround us we can best serve by carrying on our avocations with steady nerves, clear heads and warm sympathetic hearts.

In conclusion, your committee desire to pay sincere tribute to the zeal and energy with which our Grand Z. has performed his exacting duties, that he has not spared himself is evidenced by the fact that he travelled some 18,000 miles in visitations among his Companions and most noteworthy his long journey to the far away Yukon to visit his Companions and dedicate the new Chapter Rooms of Klondike Chapter, Dawson City.

M. Ex. Companion Stephens has made for himself a place in the hearts and affections of the Companions generally and in our judgment has performed his many duties efficiently, with unflagging interest and worthy of the best traditions of the past.

Geo. L. Gardiner, Chairman,
Edwin Smith,
Walter G. Price,
W. Y. Mills.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s Address be received and adopted.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF
CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and the Com-
panions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of Canada;

Your Committee on "Condition of Capitular Masonry" begs to
report as follows:—

The Grand Superintendents of all districts visited by the
Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, make particular
reference to the inspiration and enthusiasm noticeable therein
after such visits. The Grand First Principal has a profound
knowledge of Masonic history and traditions, and he gives
of this knowledge in such an eloquent and interesting manner
that all may understand.

We feel that the knowledge and experience of the Grand
Scribe E. has contributed greatly to the well-being and general
condition of Grand Chapter, and his experience has also been
of great value to the constituent Chapters when he has con-
ferred with the officers of those Chapters on his many fra-
ternal visits.

While we must admit that in both numerical and financial
strength, Capitular Masonry is making little, if any, progress.
We see in the Grand Chapter an institution that is not known
by its numbers or the extent of its resources, but by the spirit
and enthusiasm of its members and by its good works. We
find that the question of outstanding dues is causing the
Grand Superintendents considerable alarm, and one puts his
feeling in these words, "There is nothing that will tend to pull
a Chapter down more than the matter of unpaid dues." We
note that the amount of unpaid dues in the jurisdiction is
$38,645.39, and this amount is owing by 2,580 members who
are twelve months or more in arrears, we feel that a strong
effort toward its reduction should be made by those respon-
sible.

We note from the Grand Superintendents reports that
petitions have been received and passed from 277 applicants,
and to offset this there are reported 447 deaths, 411 suspen-
sions and 357 withdrawals. Your Committee would stress the
importance of closer and more active co-operation of Chapter
Masons with the officers and members of Craft Lodges. We
should avail ourselves of the privileges of wearing Royal Arch
Jewels in all appearances in Craft Lodges, not merely when
visiting as a body but individually.
Some of the Grand Superintendents take an optimistic view of the suspensions and withdrawals and refer to them as lopping off of dead timber which obstructs healthy life and growth, but your Committee feels that the figures should be carefully considered, both as to cause and effect, by a Special Committee with power to make a thorough investigation and suitable recommendations.

Your Committee notices that many of the districts have Principals’ Associations, and the activities of these associations would indicate that the formation in all districts would assist the constituent Chapters and would also increase the interest in and enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry.

Your Committee wishes to embody in this report the following extract from the report of one of the Grand Superintendents, “It is my considered opinion that Royal Arch Masonry must place before its members a definite humanitarian project, not only because it is a duty, but as a means whereby members’ interest and enthusiasm can be aroused and restored.” Such an undertaking should possess the quality of personal unobtrusiveness which Masonry should practice, and might be designated as perpetuating the memory of all Grand First Principals.

Benevolence and Charity, those truly Masonic virtues, are not to be measured by financial contributions or donations alone. Often the clasp of the hand or a kindly word from an understanding heart is prized far beyond the receiving of money. The work of the Royal Arch Masons Welfare Committee of Toronto in this regard deserves favourable mention with respect to the humanitarian work it is carrying on. It is stressed that the work of this Committee should be studied by regular appointed Committees from other districts so that there may be a contribution to the general welfare of the community from other districts in this work which is praiseworthy and of practical social benefit.

Your Committee has found that there is a strong competition from Service Clubs and other similar organizations, and as one Grand Superintendent reports, “The subject of bettering the attendances at our regular convocations should be given serious and constructive consideration by the officers of the constituent Chapters, as strong competition from Service Clubs and other organization’s exists.”

Lost or wasted time is something which should be corrected. While the officers of the Chapter may be kept interested and occupied in the discharge of their duties, the mem-
bers must be kept in mind and all things which tend to waste time should be rigidly eliminated. Late meetings continue to be sore points. This state of affairs is entirely unnecessary. All Presiding Officers can not be too forcibly directed to their duty of opening at the hour announced in the summons, and that controversial matters or protracted discussions should be dealt with in Executive, rather than occupy the time of regular convocations.

It is recognized that leadership is required today more than ever, and the spirit of helpfulness should ever be present in loyal support given to the officers of the Chapter.

Your Committee feels that Capitular Masonry is not losing ground in the face of very trying times. While some of the Chapters are having an uphill fight, others appear to be going forward with vigour and courage.

To the Officers and Companions of the constituent Chapters, the members of this Committee would submit that while we glory in the history, the traditions, the philosophy, and the splendid ideals of Capitular Masonry, which we appreciate as a wonderful heritage, we should acknowledge our deep debts of gratitude for the great souls who have jealously guarded its portals and maintained its integrity. Our program today is not so much for greater numbers but for more Masons who daily live their Masonry and who will remember a brother's welfare, unselfishly, in time of need, without the hope of fee or reward.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. F. Tannahill,  
W. L. Anscombe,  
Fred. Fisher,  
A. H. Monteith, Chairman.

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

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

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

Your Committee on Investments beg to report that no investments were made during the past year. Therefore the amount of the investments remain the same as at the end of the previous year, as per the following schedule. It will be noted that one small investment of $2,000.00 in the National Trust Company, Limited, falls due on January 30th, 1941, just before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. We anticipate that this amount will be re-invested immediately on receipt on best available terms:

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, FEBRUARY 29th, 1940

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(Signed) E. J. CARTER, C.A., Auditor.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. Ellwood, Chairman,
L. F. Stephens, Grand Z.,
J. M. Empey, Grand H.,
Jno. M. Burden, Grand J.,
Walter Price, Treasurer,
Fred G. Smith, Chairman Audit and Finance,
Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and—

Resolved,—That the Statement of the Chairman on Investments for the year 1939 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

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

Most Excellent Companion Walter G. Price, P.G.Z., Grand Treasurer, has given the following Notice of Motion:—

“That Section 140 be amended by striking out the words and figures ‘For a dispensation to confer any degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution—$20.00’, and substituting therefor ‘For a dispensation to confer any degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution—$1.00’.”

Most Excellent Companion Edwin Smith, P.G.Z., Grand Scribe E., has given the following Notices of Motion:—

1. “That Section 173 be repealed and the following substituted therefor—

173. “Every Chapter shall annually elect by separate written ballot, at the Regular Convocation in November or December, by the vote of a majority of all the members present and voting the Z., H., and J., the Treasurer, the Scribes E. and N., the Principal Sojourner; and by open vote an Examining Board of three past Z.’s of whom the Z. may be one, two Auditors and the Outer Guard, and at the Regular or Emergent
Convocation in January following such election, after the minutes shall have been read and approved, they shall be duly installed and invested by a Companion not below the rank of Z. No Companion shall be elected to office in a Constituent Chapter unless he be at the time in attendance at the Chapter, or unless he shall have given his consent to acceptance of office, if elected."

2. "That Section 250 be repealed and the following substituted therefor—

"250. (1) Save as hereinafter provided a member of the Chapter not in arrears for dues may resign and upon doing so he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing. Such resignation shall take effect from the receipt of the same by the Scribe E. and shall be reported to the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

(2) The Chapter may by resolution accept the resignation of a member in arrears for dues, in which case the certificate of his standing shall state the fact and amount of his indebtedness.

(3) This certificate of standing must be produced with the application for Membership to any Chapter with which the Companion desires to affiliate, and upon payment of arrears, or such amount as may be required by the Chapter issuing such certificate (but such amount shall not exceed that owing at the time of Demit) the application may be considered.

(4) No member who is under suspension or against whom a charge of unmasonic conduct is pending shall have the right or be permitted to resign."

Most Excellent Companion William Y. Mills, P.G.Z., has given the following Notice of Motion:—

"That Section 89 be repealed and the following substituted therefor—

"89. No officer or member shall be permitted to be present at any Convocation of Grand Chapter without the proper clothing of a Royal Arch Mason except the Grand Master or a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, officially representing Grand Lodge, who may wear the regalia of Grand Lodge."

Right Excellent Companion William J. Shaw, Grand Registrar, has given the following Notice of Motion:—

"That Section 233 be repealed and the following substituted therefor—
“233. No Chapter shall admit a candidate who resides within the Jurisdiction of another Chapter or Chapters, without the written consent of such Chapter or Chapters as may be designated by the Grand Z. and as provided by Section 140 of the Constitution. (Such consent to be obtained by open vote after notice thereof has been regularly given at the previous Convocation and regularly communicated to all the members, and such consent signed by the Z. and Scribe E.).”

Excellent Companion Reginald E. Richmond, Past Principal of Lebanon Chapter, No. 220, Lambton Mills, Ont., has given the following Notice of Motion:—

“That Section 140, as shown in the Sixth Clause on page 40, be amended by striking out the following—

“For every Member of a Chapter, payable annually to the 31st of December in each year, except the first year of the organization of the Chapter. ........................................ 50c.”

and substituting therefor—

“For every Member of a Chapter, payable annually to the 31st of December in each year, except the first year of the organization of the chapter........................................ 25c.”

Excellent Companion W. G. Beach, Jr., Humber Chapter, No. 246, G.R.C., Weston, Ont., has given the following Notices of Motion:—

1. “That Section 225 be repealed and the following substituted therefor—

“225. He shall also furnish evidence of his good standing, and he must be a Master Mason before applying for advancement and exaltation, and shall present a petition giving his name, age, residence and profession, his mother lodge or the lodge of which he is a member, and be recommended by two Companions, being members of the Chapter.”

2. “That Section 230 be amended by striking out all words after the figures ‘273’, so that the section will read as follows:—

“230. No brother shall be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree unless he shall have received the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master, and has selected and handed in his Mark to the Scribe E., as prescribed by Section 273.”

There is no legal objection to either or all of these Notices of Motion going before Grand Chapter, but we do suggest that the words “the date of his raising” be retained in Section 225 as now provided for in the Constitution.
Right Excellent Companion N. M. Sprague, Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District, No. 11, has given notice of the following resolutions:—

1. “That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to waive for the year 1941 and thereafter until further notice, the per capita tax payable to Grand Chapter on all Companions who are confined to Mental Institutions, Homes for Incurables and Santoriums for Consumptives, provided a statement that such Companions are confined to such Institutions and that the Chapter has remitted their dues be furnished annually by the Constituent Chapter to the Grand Scribe E. under the seal of the Chapter and signed by the Z. and Scribe E.”

2. “That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to waive for the year 1940 and for the duration of the present war, the per capita tax payable to Grand Chapter on all Companions who have enlisted in the Canadian Active Service Force or any of our Allied Forces, and who have proceeded overseas (not service in Canada) provided a satisfactory statement of such enlistment and service and that the Chapter has remitted their dues be furnished by the Chapter to the Grand Scribe E. under the seal of the Chapter and signed by the Z. and Scribe E”.

There is no legal objection to the above resolutions being submitted to Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. E. GOWLING,
F. J. HILL,
R. M. FINLAY,
W. H. S. McFARLAND,
J. M. BURDEN, Chairman.

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

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

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

"The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in Heaven. What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?"

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil: for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

"There is a river we all must cross,  
Out from the hills of God it flows  
And on to the sunset sea,  
Where the noontide sun no shadow throws,  
And time is eternity."

Let us consider the good works, deeds of charity and benevolence of our departed Companions and pay tribute to their lives and reverence to their memory.

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON, K.C.

Masonry has lost a great patriot who stooped beneath the arch of years and was exalted by the Great Jehovah unto everlasting life on September 6th, 1939, in his eighty-fourth year. His was a spirit always benign, a nobleman who possessed an insight always discerning and a philosophy of his duties, ever wholesome. He served Grand Chapter well and long and while his body has been committed to the earth, we keep ever green his sainted memory in our hearts.

He was probably the most enthusiastic Mason of our day and generation; inspiring, convincing, fluent, and was able to lift his hearers to a high plain of thought as his mind was stored with the best utterances of the greatest writers of all time and which he was a peer in reproducing without effort. A fervent patriot, loyalist and Imperialist; his addresses
teemed with references to our duty to King and Empire, which he identified with the duties of a Mason.

His early education commenced in his native city, Belleville, and continued with many honours in Upper Canada College, University of Toronto, the Law School and Military College. A member of the Senate of the University of Toronto, a Governor of Upper Canada College and a retired honorary colonel of the old 15th Regiment, Argyll Light Infantry, of which he had command for several years.

In Masonry he had many affiliations and affections:—Initiated in Belleville Lodge, No. 123; exalted in Moira Chapter, No. 7; installed a Knight Templar in King Baldwin Preceptory and elected an honorary member of many Ontario Lodges and Chapters because of his popularity. In 1919 and 1920 he was Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which office he filled with distinction and was Grand Representative of the State of Georgia. Immediately following, he served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1921 and 1922. He represented the State of Massachusetts in that Grand Body. Possibly his greatest achievement was his Reviews of Sister and Foreign Jurisdictions, both in Grand Chapter and in Grand Lodge and which duty he performed for many years, until to-day these Reviews are read, studied and admired by the Masonic world over.

The following is a partial list of his civil achievements:—

In 1873, at the age of eighteen years, he edited the Upper Canada College Times and later an Associate Editor of Varsity as well as being a constant contributor and writer to the pages of many weekly and monthly publications.

In 1877 and 1878 he received the B.A. and M.A. degrees at Toronto University.

1880 Called to the Bar.

1908 Made a Kings Council and was retained as solicitor for the Bank of Montreal, Merchants' Bank and Royal Bank of Canada.

1906 and again 1912 he was delegate to the Empire meetings of the Chambers of Commerce and spoke at Guild Hall, London; Edinburgh, and other places.

Served four years as alderman and thirty-five years as member, two of which he was chairman of the Board of Education and also a member of the executive of the Board of Trade. In Red Cross work, he was a member council besides a First Vice-president of the Ontario Bar Association.
In him religion was deep rooted and meant much in his steadfast character, enduring, exemplary, kind, sacrificial; a hallowed life devoted in the cause for others.

"Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and man.
Beautiful calm when course is run,
Beautiful twilight at set of sun,
Beautiful death with a life well done."

MARSHALL E. SHERWOOD

The grim-reaper with his unblenching aim struck fast and sure, and has taken away from us a well beloved companion who through the years endeared himself to a host of friends, who will miss him for his kindly and happy disposition. He was a wise councillor, devoted in his interest to Masonry and for many years served faithfully the Executive Committee of this Grand Body as well as Wilson District, No. 3, of which he was the Grand Superintendent in 1919.

Born in Dereham Township and later farmed in South Warwick, but for the past thirty-four years has been a highly respected resident of Woodstock, Ont., where for some time, he was the travelling representative and Director of the well known firm of Bean and Westlake. A member of long standing, Director of the Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association.

His fraternal affiliations were:—Initiated in Oxford Lodge, No. 76, A.F. & A.M.; exalted in Oxford Chapter, No. 18, R.A.M.; a member of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, Knights Templar and Mocha Temple, Mystic Shrine, also a Past Grand of Olive Branch Lodge, I.O.O.F.

He was prominent in church work, being a Diocesan Lay Reader and member of the Select Vestry in the new St. Paul's Anglican Church, where he had charge of the Junior congregation.

Grand Representative for the State of Maine, in which capacity he had many interesting communications with that Grand Body.

The Great Jehovah called him to his reward on Sunday, November 5th, 1939, after a few short hours' illness, where he entered into the joy of his Lord. His mortal remains were laid to rest with Masonic Honours.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his bereaved family.
Sore indeed was the loss Royal Arch Masonry sustained on October 31st, 1939, when R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart of London was suddenly called home. Those of us who enjoyed the privilege of being admitted to the inner arcanum of his affections felt that his death removed one who was indeed a friend, quiet in manner, wholesome in friendliness, firm in his convictions of right and wrong, imbued with a great love for Masonry and held a high conception of his mission.

Initiated in Washington Lodge, No. 260, and later organizer and Past Master of Temple Lodge, No. 597, A.F. & A.M., of which he was, at the time of his passing, a member. Exalted in The St. Andrew Chapter, No. 238, and Z. in 1926. Grand Superintendent, London District, No. 2, 1928, and Grand Representative for the State of Texas. A member of the Executive Committee from 1933 to the date of his death, at which time he was Chairman of the Committee on Printing. He took a keen interest in other Masonic branches, being installed a member of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, Mocha Temple Mystic Shrine, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite and greeted a member of The Royal and Select Masters, Cryptic Rite, in which, in years gone by, he acted with true interpretation an exacting part in the dramatic degree.

The feelings of loving kindness go out to his beloved family.
In Memoriam

Our Departed Companions

“We know when moons shall wane,
When summer birds shall cross the sea,
When Autumn's hue shall tinge the golden grain;
But who shall teach us when to look for Thee,
O Death?”
MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION

William Nesbit Ponton

GRAND Z., 1919-1920
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
GEORGIA

DIED SEPTEMBER 6th, 1939
BELLEVILLE

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

Andrew G. Bain

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5, 1920
A MEMBER OF
THE HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 2

DIED MARCH 29th, 1939
HAMILTON

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

Wilbur Leonard Stewart

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2, 1928
A MEMBER OF
THE ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 238

DIED OCTOBER 31st, 1939
LONDON

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

Edward Lankin

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, No. 8, 1922
A MEMBER OF
ST. ANDREW & ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 4

DIED NOVEMBER 5th, 1939
TORONTO
RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

William Hugh Grant Garrioch
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13, 1912
A MEMBER OF
CARLETON CHAPTER, No. 16
DIED MARCH 28th, 1939
OTTAWA

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

Marshall E. Sherwood
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3, 1919
A MEMBER OF
OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
MAINE
DIED NOVEMBER 5th, 1939
WOODSTOCK

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

Albert N. Lindsay
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7, 1912
A MEMBER OF
MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19
DIED DECEMBER 18th, 1939
ST. CATHARINES

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

James H. Shaw
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3, 1918
A MEMBER OF
EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23
DIED FEBRUARY 27th, 1939
SIMCOE
RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

William McGuire
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3, 1918
A MEMBER OF
EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23
DIED DECEMBER, 1939
SIMCOE

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

Beatty G. Arnold
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4, 1934
A MEMBER OF
HALTON CHAPTER, No. 234
DIED FEBRUARY 2nd, 1939
GEORGETOWN

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

Urban A. Buchner
GRAND REGISTRAR, 1908
A MEMBER OF
ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5
DIED APRIL 12th, 1939
LONDON

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

E. H. D. Hall
GRAND REGISTRAR, 1880
A MEMBER OF
CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 36
DIED SEPTEMBER 29th, 1939
PETERBOROUGH
VERY EXCELLENT COMPANION

J. Percy Praggu
GRAND SENIOR SOJOURNER, 1930
A MEMBER OF
THE ST. PATRICK'S CHAPTER, No. 145
DIED NOVEMBER 2nd, 1939
TORONTO

VERY EXCELLENT COMPANION

James Kenneth Fraser
GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, 1937
A MEMBER OF
ANCIENT FRONTENAC & CATARAQUI CHAPTER, No. 1
DIED FEBRUARY 22nd, 1939
KINGSTON

VERY EXCELLENT COMPANION

George Powers
GRAND SWORD BEARER, 1929
A MEMBER OF
CARLETON CHAPTER, No. 16
DIED JANUARY 22nd, 1939
OTTAWA

VERY EXCELLENT COMPANION

Lyman Lee
GRAND ORGANIST, 1938
A MEMBER OF
THE HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 2
DIED JANUARY 3rd, 1939
HAMILTON
VERY EXCELLENT COMPANION

Edwin D. McClatchin

GRAND STEWARD, 1926
A MEMBER OF
DURHAM CHAPTER, No. 221
DIED NOVEMBER, 1939
DURHAM

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VERY EXCELLENT COMPANION

Eugene V. H. Underhill

GRAND STEWARD, 1939
A MEMBER OF
AURORA CHAPTER, No. 235
DIED NOVEMBER 12th, 1939
AURORA

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VERY EXCELLENT COMPANION

John William Stiling

GRAND MASTER OF THIRD VEIL, 1929
A MEMBER OF
OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18
DIED MARCH 8th, 1939
WOODSTOCK
DEATHS


No. 4. John Thompson, Joseph Whyte Rogers, Frederick Wm. Boustead, Arthur Fairbank, Edward Lankin, W. N. Ponton, David Stocks.


No. 16. Henry Charles Salveter, George Powers, Thomas Cameron Bate, Wm. Hugh Grant, Hiram Chamberlain.


No. 22. Chas. Gerald, Edward Moir.


No. 27. Wm. J. Honeyford, Alexander McIntyre.

No. 28. Robert Manning Armstrong, Edgar Lionel Miller.

No. 29. Thomas Bond, Richard Sheik.


No. 32. Andrew J. Oliver, William James Taggart, Charles R. Despond.


No. 41. Raymond B. Hutt, C. W. Riley.
No. 45. James Johnstone, Adam M. Millar.
No. 46. Norman L. Brandon.
No. 48. David L. Smythe, John Miller, Frederick Allport.
No. 56. James McConnell, Edgar W. McQuay.
No. 57. Charles Dominion Winn.
No. 58. David McVicar, Duncan Lunan, J. F. McDougall.
No. 59. Victor DeCarle.
No. 61. Wilmer Campbell.
No. 63. Wesley Dawson Bradley.
No. 64. Edward Henderson, Harry Herple, Harry E. Hill, Gordon P. Sommerville.
No. 66. Edwin Gregg, Wesley E. Moore.
No. 69. Ernest Albert Phipps, James Bertram Marlatt, George Edgar Miller.
No. 71. Harry Cook.
No. 72. John Barlow, Jacob F. Kennedy, J. H. Pearce, Wm. J. Broadworth.
No. 73. Neil Watson.
No. 75. James Peacock, Emmerson Featherstone.
No. 76. Mervin H. Biggar.
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Chapter


No. 84. Peter Wilson Scott.

No. 88. Joseph R. Campion, Burton Morrison.


No. 91. Walter Sirrett, Harry M. Bennett, Thomas Pretty, Walter Howard, Walter Warrington.


No. 100. W. H. Woodrow, H. A. Brown, H. A. Clarke.


No. 103. Arthur Ivan Poland, Samuel John Cherry.

No. 112. Herbert Allen Fink, Wm. Robertson Roach.

No. 113. Arthur Adams, Peter Hughes, Earl Minto Atkinson.

No. 115. Jas. Edward Richardson, Geo. C. Ferguson, Chas. Armstrong.

No. 116. John Andrew Fraser.


No. 130. David Murray Stirton, John D. McLeod.

No. 131. James E. Sutherby.


No. 134. Charles Gibbs Cowan, Frederick Holward.

No. 135. John Adolphus Hayden, Archie McDougal.


No. 143. George W. Shepherd, Farquhar John McRae, J. Finley Munroe.


No. 146. Edward Chamney.


No. 151. Harry M. Lover, George Thrasher, Albert Munro, Robert Dougherty, James W. Campbell, J. A. McCaulay.

No. 152. A. Spencer, Gerald R. Harmeling, David C. McKenzie.


No. 161. Frederick Edwin Houston.

Chapter
No. 169. John M. Baird, Edward M. Murphy.
No. 175. Homer James Hale, James Gill, Frederick J. Howell, Andrew
G. Bain, Charles Oswald Nichol, George Walker Raw.
No. 198. John Carruthers, Duncan McDougald, Thomas G. King.
No. 203. E. J. Bailiff, J. E. McCuaig.
No. 212. Wm. N. Ponton, Charles Mandel.
No. 213. William W. White.
No. 215. Frank Hughes.
No. 217. William N. Ponton.
No. 220. Carroll C. Hele.
No. 221. Edwin D. McClocklin.
No. 222. Andrew Fuller Macallum, Brock G. Dougherty.
No. 224. E. George Richardson, Andrew G. Bain, James W. Nairn.
No. 225. Edward McNaughton, John C. Wolfrain, K. J. Dunstan.
No. 227. Walter Patterson, Seldon E. Churchill, James Lorimer, Col.
Wm. N. Ponton, R. J. E Graham.
No. 231. Charles McIntosh, Edward Larkin, Thomas George Goddard.
No. 232. Peter Harmon, Thomas Eldridge.
Moore.
No. 235. John Wesley Fox, Samuel C. Taylor, Eugene Holt Underhill,
Chas. G. Southmayd.
No. 236. William Clelland.
No. 238. Wilbur L. Stewart, Howard Stewart Gartside.
No. 240. George Lea Griffin.
No. 245. Harry Clifford Edgar.
No. 246. James Minty Gibson.
No. 247. Charles E. Jackson.
No. 249. James W. Bowdler.
No. 250. William Carmody.
No. 252. Frederick E. Couse.

SISTER JURISDICTIONS IN CANADA
Manitoba—Henry Lamont Adolph, Grand Z., 1933. Malcolm Render, Grand J.

JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Georgia—William A. Simmons, Grand Chaplain, Emeritus.
Maine—Charles Wheeler Jones, P.G. Scribe, 1902.
Nevada—Frank Edward Murphy, Grand Captain of the Host.
South Dakota—John E. Hipple, P.G.H.P., 1908.
Texas—Charles Leslie Alderman, P.G.H.P., 1911-12.

One by one we miss the voices
That we loved so well to hear;
One by one their kindly faces
In the Darkness disappear;
One by one they cross the chasm
And they pass beyond recall:
Soft as loosened leaves of roses
One by one our loved ones fall.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK G. MCLEAN, Chairman,
J. H. CULP,
S. N. HASKILL.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received.
Grand Chapter was permitted to be "at ease" when Comp. Don F. Henshaw, Past Grand Orator, of the Grand Lodge of the State of Florida, addressed the assembled Guests and Delegates. His remarks were most fitting and received with enthusiasm by those in attendance.

Grand Chapter was "Called Off" at 4.15 o'clock p.m. to allow the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario to receive, set apart and anoint a class of Installed First Principals.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th, 1940

At 8 o'clock p.m. a very large number of Guests, Delegates and their ladies assembled at the Assembly Hall of the Scottish Rite Cathedral to listen to an Organ Recital and to witness a skit, entitled "The Case of Johnny Walker," following which they adjourned to the Ball Room and enjoyed a dance till one o'clock a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th, 1940

Grand Chapter was "Called On" at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner presented his report on "Fraternal Correspondence" and read the "Foreward" of the same.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

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

HISTORIAN AND REVIEWER ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—"That Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner be elected Grand Historian and Reviewer."
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions,—Your Committee on Audit and Finance has the honour to submit its report for the year ending February 29th, 1940.

CASH RECEIPTS

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Which shows that during the past year the total receipts were $388.19 less than for the previous year.

EXPENSES

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$11,354.20                                    $13,389.35

To which add Benevolence                      3,005.00       3,110.00

$14,359.20                                    $16,499.35

Which shows that during the past year the total expenses (exclusive of benevolence) were $2,035.15 more than for the previous year.

It is pleasing to note that the total balance due from Constituent Chapters on February 29th, 1940, has been reduced this year by $232.15, but there is still owing to Grand Chapter $2,539.45, of which $1,221.00 or nearly 50% is owed by eight Chapters.

Your Committee recommends that the Grand Council be requested to take immediate steps to have these outstanding balances liquidated before the next Annual Assembly of Grand Chapter.

Once again your Committee is compelled to call attention to the fact that the expenses are much greater than the receipts.

During the year ending February 28th, 1939, the expenditure over receipts amounted to $1,510.65. This year it amounts to $3,927.20. The attached graph illustrates the figures from 1933 to the present.

It will be noted in the report of the Grand Scribe E. that the net loss in membership up to December 31, 1939, was 855, which at that date left a total membership of 17,252, and of this number 3,791 are life members.
It will be seen from the foregoing that a paying membership of 13,461 costs this Grand Body 99 cents + or practically $1.00 per member per year.

Your Committee hesitates to make any definite recommendation for the curtailing of expenses as it is felt that this is a matter to be dealt with by a special committee, after a careful study of present conditions and future possibilities; but we respectfully point out that if, during the next five years, the annual expenses are allowed to exceed the annual receipts, a severe drain on the capital account will result.

Your Committee therefore recommends that a special committee be now appointed to make the necessary study of the financial standing of this Grand Chapter and report its findings and make its recommendations to the next Annual Meeting in 1941.

Your Committee submits herewith the “Summary Cash Account”, Balance Sheet, and Auditors’ Certificate, and recommends that they be printed in the Proceedings immediately following this report.

Your Committee wishes to take this opportunity of expressing its sincere thanks to the Grand Scribe E. for his continued co-operation.

Finally, we submit for your approval the following estimate of expenditures for the year ending February 28th, 1941.

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$13,818.90
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fred. G. Smith, Chairman,
H. A. Mutton,
D. A. Currie,
Jas. Milligan.

**SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT**

**RECEIPTS**

For Period March 1st, 1939, to February 29th, 1940

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**PAYMENTS**

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Audit and Financial Reports to February 28th, 1939 200.00
Expenses—I.P.G.Z. 75.00
Expenses—Grand Z. 635.87
Flowers 37.40
Educational 113.20
Publicity 25.00

Grand Scribe E.:—

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Jewels and Engraving 85.45
Honorarium for I.P.G.Z. 350.00
I.P.G.Z. Regalia 94.12
Interest on Bank Overdraft 16.04

Balances, February 29th, 1940—

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**BALANCE SHEET, FEBRUARY 29th, 1940**

**Assets**

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<td>(Market Value $101,595.00)</td>
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ANNUAL CONVOCATION, HAMILTON, 1940

Supplies for Use—
Certificates ........................................... $ 94.80
Jewels—25 years ........................................ 71.82
  ——50 years ........................................... 234.00
Stationery (estimated) ................................. 95.00

Deferred 1940-41 Expenses .......................... 335.64
Office Furniture and Fixtures (estimated) ........ 300.00
Grand Council Regalia (estimated) ................ 200.00

495.62

$104,492.97

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable ....................................... $ 359.39
Chapter—Credit Balances .............................. 49.85
Grand Chapter—Capital Account ...................... 104,083.73

$104,492.97

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the books and vouchers of Grand Chapter for the year ended February 29th, 1940, and found them to be in order and I certify that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts.

I also certify that I have inspected and found in order the Investments of Grand Chapter, the cost of same being $94,791.45 and the par value $93,500.00.

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

Toronto, Ontario, March 20th, 1940.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Smith, and—

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

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. Tannahill, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Fisher, and—

Resolved,—That R. Ex. Comp. George W. Slack be re-elected a member of the "Committee on Benevolence" for a period of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:

V. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, retires in 1941.
CONSIDERING NOTICES OF MOTION

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—"To amend Section 140 by striking out the words and figures 'For a dispensation to confer any degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution $20.00' and substituting therefor the words and figures 'For a dispensation to confer any degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution $1.00'."

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John V. Mills, and—

Resolved,—"That Section 173 be repealed and the following substituted therefor: 'Every Chapter shall annually elect by separate written ballot, at the Regular Convocation in November or December, by the vote of a majority of all the members present and voting the Z., H., and J., the Treasurer, the Scribes E. and N., the Principal Sojourner; and by open vote an Examining Board of three Past Z.'s, of whom the Z. may be one, two Auditors and the Outer Guard, and at the Regular or Emergent Convocation in January following such election, after the minutes shall have been read and approved, they shall be duly installed and invested by a Companion not below the rank of Z. No Companion shall be elected to office in a Constituent Chapter unless he be at the time in attendance at the Chapter, or unless he shall have given his consent to acceptance of Office, if elected'."

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John Empey, and—

Resolved,—"250, That Section 250 be repealed and the following substituted therefor: (1) Save as hereinafter provided a member of the Chapter not in arrears for dues may resign and upon doing so he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing. Such resignation shall take effect from the receipt of the same by the Scribe E. and shall be reported to the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

(2) The Chapter may by resolution accept the resignation of a member in arrears for dues, in which case the certificate of his standing shall state the fact and amount of his indebtedness.

(3) This certificate of standing must be produced with the application for Membership to any Chapter with which the Companion desires to affiliate, and upon payment of arrears, or such amount as may be required by the Chapter issuing such certificate (but such amount shall not exceed that owing at the time of Demit) the application may be considered.

(4) No member who is under suspension or against whom a charge of unmasonic conduct is pending shall have the right or be permitted to resign."

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

Resolved,—"That Section 89 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:
'No officer or member shall be permitted to be present at any convocation of Grand Chapter without the proper clothing of a Royal Arch Mason except the Grand Master or a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, officially representing Grand Lodge, who may wear the regalia of Grand Lodge.'

In the absence of R. Ex. Comp. Wm. J. Shaw, and at his request,

It was moved by Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—'That Section 233 be repealed and the following be substituted therefor:

'No Chapter shall admit a candidate who resides within the Jurisdiction of another Chapter or Chapters, without the written consent of such Chapter or Chapters as may be designated by the Grand Z. and as provided by Section 140 of the Constitution. (Such consent to be obtained by open vote after notice thereof has been regularly given at the previous Convocation and regularly communicated to all the members, and such consent signed by the Z. and Scribe E.)'"

In the absence of Ex. Comp. W. G. Beech, Jr., and at his request,

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Fisher, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. John Stewart, and—

Resolved,—'To repeal Section 225 and substituting therefor:

'He shall also furnish evidence of his good standing, and he must be a Master Mason before applying for advancement and exaltation, and shall present a petition giving his name, age, residence and profession, his mother lodge or the lodge of which he is a member, the date of his raising, and be recommended by two Companions, being members of the Chapter.'"

'To amend Section 230 by striking out all words after the figures 273, so that the section will read as follows:

'No brother shall be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree unless he shall have received the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master, and has selected and handed in his Mark to the Scribe E., as prescribed by Section 273.'"

The following resolutions were considered and upon motion of R. Ex. Comp. N. M. Sprague, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred. Fisher, and carried:

(1) "That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to waive for the year 1941 and thereafter, until further notice, the per capita tax payable to Grand Chapter on all Companions who are confined to Mental Institutions, Homes for Incurables and Sanatoriums for Consumptives, provided a statement that such Companions are confined to such Institutions, and that the Chapter has remitted their dues, be furnished annually by the Constituent Chapter to the Grand Scribe E. under the seal of the Chapter and signed by the Z. and Scribe E."

(2) "That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to waive for the year 1940 and for the duration of the present war, the per capita tax payable
to Grand Chapter on all Companions who have enlisted in the Canadian Active Service Force or any of our Allied Forces, and who have proceeded overseas, provided a satisfactory statement of such enlistment and service and that the Chapter has remitted their dues be furnished by the Chapter to the Grand Scribe E. under the seal of the Chapter and signed by the Z. and Scribe E."

**SCRUTINEERS OBLIGATED**

At the request of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, administered the Obligation of Secrecy of the ballot to the Scrutineers, after which they retired to assume their duties.

**GRAND CHAPTER “CALLED OFF”** At 11.10 a.m.

At 11.10 o’clock a.m. Grand Chapter permitted the Companions to cast their ballot for the elective officers and the next place of meeting.

**GRAND CHAPTER WAS “CALLED ON”** At 11.30 a.m.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION**

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

**Most Excellent Sir,—**Masonry is the application of noble ideas to practical life. To be able to memorize the ritual and all its details is very little, but to be able to interpret and to practice the spirit or revelation of the allegory of Masonry, distinguishes the true Mason.

The old ideals and traditions have been ruthlessly swept aside in our present era of ferment, unrest and uncertainty, but during it all we are learning something. There is nothing this distracted world needs now more than the making of friends, in spite of high walls and all fortifications. If we knew the inner hearts of men, we would discover a deep hunger for a greater friendship for each other. We believe in the Almighty, for that is one of the first lessons Masonry teaches us. Everything that is not built up on Truth, will fall, for a lie cannot stand.

Masonry is not really speculative but operative. It is the work of life bringing the highest and largest wisdom to glorify the active duties of home, society and country.

Masonry must walk in the open, appear in the crowded square, and teach men by her deeds and life more eloquent than lips. It is only by such moral art and social architecture that it can retain its ancient prestige and justify itself to men.
How then can we best learn of the true symbolism of Royal Arch Masonry in order that we may practice it in our everyday life. For this purpose our Library has been created and it is the privilege of all Royal Arch Masons to secure from its shelves those necessary readings that may improve their knowledge and develop an admirable science of Symbolism, which on account of its design and the means by which that design is accomplished is well entitled for its excellence, nobility, grandeur and utility to be called a Royal Art.

Royal Arch Masonry is an art which teaches the right method of symbolizing the technical language and material labours of a handicraft, so as to build up in man a holy house, to give perfection to man’s nature, and to unite mankind in one common bond.

We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth making if
It does not make the man.
Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the work unless
The builder also grows.

—Edwin Markham.

(Signed)
A. S. H. CREE,
W. J. DUNLOP,
W. S. M. ENOUY, Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved.—That the report of Committee on Masonic Education be received and adopted.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL REPORT—1939-40

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Cheques Received ........................................................................................................... $30.00
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List of Books Available

Masonic Temple, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.

(*Indicates U.S. publications)

Companions are requested to select two or more titles in case the
first mentioned is on loan; or else to state the subject on which informa-
tion is desired.

Antiquity of the Holy Royal Arch.
Apocalypse of Freemasonry.
Historical Analysis of the Royal Arch Ritual.
Organisation of the Royal Arch Chapter,
(all by Rev. F. Castells).
British Masonic Miscellany, Nos. 15 and 16.
Explanation of the Royal Arch Degree, J. S. M. Ward.
History and Allegory in the Royal Arch Ritual, Rev. W. W. Crump.
Introduction to Mark Masonry, J. A. Grantham.
Introduction to Royal Arch Masonry, “Essex Master”.

*King Solomon’s Temple: special data for M.E.M.

*Master Mason’s Marks: special data for M.M.M.
(both by Chas. A. Conover).

Lessons in Capitular Masonry, C. C. Hunt.

*Light from; the Sanctuary of the Holy Royal Arch, C. A. Snodgrass.
The Mark Degree, B. H. Springett.

*More Light, Dr. W. F. Kuhn.
Origin of the English Rite, W. J. Hughan.
Origin of the Royal Arch, Rev. G. Oliver.
Proceedings of The Grand Chapter of Canada since 1857.
Royal Arch Masonry, Dr. J. Stokes.
The Royal Rite, Wm. Moull.

Story of the Royal Arch, Wm. Harvey.
The Second Temple, Rev. W. S. Caldecott.
The Keystone.    The Perfect Ashlar.
Sidelights of Freemasonry.
Highways and Byways in Freemasonry.
(These four by Rev. J. T. Lawrence contain short addresses on
Capitular Masonry).
R. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre, Chairman, and R. Ex. Comp. W. Downing, Vice Chairman, presented the results of the Elections as follows:

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, 1940-1941

Grand Historian—M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, Toronto, Ont.
Grand Registrar—R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Fetterly, Morrisburg, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—ELECTED

R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Reg. V. Conover, Brampton, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Gowling, Ottawa, Ont.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation will be held in the City of London, Ontario, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 23rd and 24th, 1941, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as per Section 20, of the Constitution.

THANKS TO CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE


Resolved,—"That this Grand Body tender to the Credential Committee its thanks for the capable manner in which the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Committee discharged the duties allotted to them."

THANKS TO COMPANIONS OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON

Moved by Most Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, and—

Resolved,—"That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Canada be tendered to the Companions of the City of Hamilton, for the splendid manner in which the arrangements have been carried out, for the reception and entertainment of the delegates in attendance, especially are we pleased with the courtesies extended to our Guests and Ladies."
THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Shaw, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. J. Arthur Spittle, and—

Resolved,—“That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Chairman and other Companions who acted as Scrutineers, for the services rendered in the election of the Officers of Grand Chapter.”

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

Most Ex. Comps. W. Y. Mills, W. G. Price and R. Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean installed and invested the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

THANKS TO INSTALLING BOARD

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. Wm. C. Johnston, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Tom. Hayhurst, and—

Resolved,—“That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to Most Ex. Comps. W. Y. Mills, W. G. Price and R. Ex. Comp. F. G. McLean, who had charge of the Installation Ceremony, and those who assisted, for the able manner in which the ceremony has been performed.”

THANKS TO THE TOWERS LIMITED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John Burden, and—

Resolved,—“That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Directors of the Towers Limited for the privilege of meeting within their beautiful Cathedral, also we appreciate the additional service given to us by their staff, not forgetting our esteemed R. Ex. Comps. R. W. Evans and W. J. Shaw.

APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE

The following appointments have been made by Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn Stephens.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp. Fred. G. Smith, Ottawa, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Harvey Milne, Kingston, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. C. Alex. Sollitt, Peterborough, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Chas. H. Sheppard, Niagara Falls, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. N. M. Sprague, Trenton, Ont.
ASSISTANT OFFICERS—APPOINTED

R Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy .................................. Grand Lecturer
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Box 336, Burlington, Ont.

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V. Ex. Comp. Roderick Peter Campbell McLeod. Grand Junior Sojourner
138 Durrell St., North Bay, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn Howard Veale................. Grand Sword Bearer
175 Thames St., Chatham, Ont.

171 Dowling Ave., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Hyman David Sherrin .................. Grand Master 3rd Veil
Box 743, Petrolia, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Harry Mitchell .................... Grand Master 2nd Veil
Box 517, Port Hope, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Sydney Biggs .................. Grand Master 1st Veil
142 Lippincott St., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Thomas Hicks ..................... Grand Standard Bearer
Caledonia, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Dr. Harold Henry Abell ........... Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
Box 549, 71 Cobalt St., Cobalt, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. J. Earl Grady .................... Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
85 Balmoral St. S., Hamilton, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Henry Mitchell Boddy ................. Grand Organist
712 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Ezra Herbert Robinson ................ Grand Pursuivant
Box 59, Mitchell, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Robert Ferguson ...................... Grand Steward
Ancaster, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Cecil Philip Gowland ................ Grand Steward
Grassies, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Percival Edwards Baker ............. Grand Steward
Keewatin, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Henry Sager ............................ Grand Steward
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V. Ex. Comp. Wilfred James Rowney ................. Grand Steward
78 Norway Ave., Hamilton.

V. Ex. Comp. Milton Vermont Lucas ................. Grand Steward
68 Catherine St., Ingersoll, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Ernest Henry Robertson ................ Grand Steward
R.M.D. No. 1, Iroquois, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Francis Francis ...................... Grand Steward
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ASSISTANT OFFICERS—APPOINTED—Continued

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V. Ex. Comp. John Peter Gould .................................Grand Steward
20 Manchester St., Guelph, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. George Robert Clarke .............................Grand Steward
107 Daniel St., Arnprior, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Robert John Green ..............................Grand Steward
Bobcaygeon, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Maxwell .................................Grand Steward
Box 242, Port Credit, Ont.

Comp. Joseph Charles Simms ........................Grand Outer Guard
25 Grafton St., London, Ont.

CLOSING

The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter
was closed in ample form at 12.50 noon, Hamilton, Ontario, Thursday,
April 25th, 1940.

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND Z.'S DINNER

On Tuesday evening, April 23rd, 1940, the Grand Z., Most
Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens joined
with his Executive in holding a "Dinner" to his honoured
guests and ladies.

During the Convocation, many messages were conveyed to
the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada by the visiting
Companions.

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R. Ex. Comp. John M. Empey ..................................Grand H.
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126 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, Ont.

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38 Langford Ave., Toronto, Ont.

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137 John St., London, Ont.

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R. Ex. Comp. Lt.-Col. A. H. Monteith, K.C.,
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R. Ex. Comp. George W. Slack,  
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R. Ex. Comp. James Kenneth Martin..........Wilson  
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36 Church St., Waterloo, Ont.  
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Box 191, Milton, Ont.  
R. Ex. Comp. William A. Porteous ..........Huron  
Box 68, Lucknow, Ont.  
R. Ex. Comp. John Herbert Sampson ..........Niagara  
Box 142, 142 Fort Erie N., Ont.  
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584 Oakwood Ave., Toronto, Ont.  
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R.R. No. 1, Islington, Ont.  
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TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 8
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REVIEWS
FOREWORD

A report on Fraternal Correspondence from the pen of other than William Nisbet Ponton may well be considered a profane act. Something almost akin to sacrilege, yet, Time the relentless has removed from this earthly sphere him whom we have known and loved, and another assumes his task.

How true the words of Shelley—the flood of time is setting on—we stand upon its brink. How thankful we are that Col. Ponton’s passing was not hurried—rather he during the past two years moved quietly and without complaint towards that bourne from which no traveller returneth, finally to silently steal away—leaving soft memories of his virtues to linger as the twilight hours when the sun is set.

A wonderful stream is the River Time
As it runs through the realm of Tears
With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme
And a broader sweep and a surge sublime
As it blends with the oceans of years.

A beautiful September afternoon high upon the banks of his beloved Bay of Quinte, surrounded by his friends of the City of Belleville, members of the Bar and other public associations—his brethren of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and in the background a firing party from his old regiment—the flag draped casket containing all that was mortal of William Nisbet Ponton slowly disappeared from view while upon the still air came the plaintive notes of the bugler’s “Last Post.” “Fama sempre vivat”—a fitting tribute to a great man. Canada has lost a cultured and distinguished son, Masonry one of its ablest exponents, one known, respected and admired far beyond the borders of his native land. One whom we have loved long since and lost awhile.

Triumph not—0—Time—strong towers may decay
But a great name shall never pass away.

As befits the student who follows discreetly and with humility in the footsteps of one who has been a great master I reach for the pen which for many years has written the Review of Sister Jurisdictions. Yet, it is difficult in this atmosphere to properly compose and transcribe one’s thoughts. In presenting my first Review let me employ the eloquent language of my illustrious predecessor and say “I have gathered a posy of other men’s flowers, and naught but the thread that binds them is mine own.” It is not the intention to make further reference to my very delightful excursion through the caputlar world suffice it to say that I have established contact with many whom I should like to know more intimately and sincerely trust with the passing of time to add here and there a new link to my golden chain of friendship.

I trust that I may be pardoned if some reference is made to those World conditions which take premier position in our thoughts at this time.

One year ago we met under a cloud of doubt and apprehension—the grim spectre of war hovered over-head—leaving our minds in a
rather chaotic state. Twelve long eventful months have come and gone and all our fears and anxieties have been realized. Once again we are at war with its consequent trail of sorrow and hardship—once again the march of armed men—the rumble of artillery and the roar of aircraft falls upon the ears of war-stricken Europe. Oh! the tragedy of it all, yet, we in Canada as a definite part of that great champion of liberty and right—The British Empire—realize that if democratic institutions are to survive, if religious liberty—and the right of self-government is to be preserved—we must take our place among those who seek to stem the tide of dictatorism and bestial brutality. With sordid thoughts of war uppermost in our hearts and minds we face the future serene in the hope that Almighty God who has been an ever present shield and bulwark in our time of need may continue to lead us on and guide our footsteps into that pathway which ultimately will bring order out of chaos—restore peace and happiness to a troubled world and bring all mankind into one garden of love—where strife and bloodshed shall be unknown.

And ever the question arises
As portentous signs we trace
What will the final outcome be
And what the saving grace—
And Masonry makes answer
With its all sufficient plan
The Fatherhood of God
And the Brotherhood of Man.

GEORGE L. GARDINER,
Historian and Reviewer.

Toronto, April, 1940.
WILLIAM NISBET PONTON, P.G.Z.
Died September 6, 1939
GEORGE LAWRENCE GARDINER, P.G.Z.
ALABAMA

Henry Custis McGee, Grand High Priest.
Guy T. Smith, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Twelfth Convocation was held in the City of Montgomery, December 5, 1938.
A Special Convocation of Montgomery Chapter was called for the purpose of receiving the G.H.P. and the Officers of Grand Chapter.
From the splendid address of M. Ex. Comp. McGee we submit a few lines:

"This age is a distinct challenge to Masonry, in the fact that the great and grave problems it presents is one that has its only solution in the quality of men who determine its social, political and economical life. The men of to-morrow, whose decisions will make for devastating wars or constructive peace, are in the making to-day. It is our privilege to help determine the type. Our task is that of forging the bonds of Union in a spirit of brotherhood. Commerce, Education and Science must be saturated with 'Peace on Earth, Good-will toward All Men.'"

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence filed no report but William B. Clemmons, the chairman, expressed the hope that they would soon have an opportunity of preparing reports on the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions.
M.W. Bro. Samuel B. Adams, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, was among those present and thanked Grand Chapter for the support given the Alabama Masonic Home.
The Election of Officers followed and Roscoe O. Fleming was elevated to the Chair of G.H.P.
Alabama is represented in Canada by John W. Lawrence of Toronto, while Walter F. Estes represents Canada near the Grand Chapter of Alabama. We note with regret that Companion Estes did not respond to the roll call of Grand Representatives.

ALBERTA

A. B. McCurdy, Grand First Principal.
C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E.
The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Calgary on May 29-30, 1939.
A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was opened in ample form—M. Ex. Comp. McCurdy being ably supported by eight Past Grand First Principals.
In our journey through the various Grand Jurisdictions we are gradually becoming acquainted with the titles used in designating officers elsewhere—while these titles and our regalia vary the fundamental principles are the same, yet, to a Canadian Reviewer there is "something nice" a feeling that we are home again when we find the old familiar designation for the Grand Council as Grand First, Second and Third Principal.

In reading the Biographical Sketch which faces a portrait of the Grand First Principal as an introductory page to the Proceedings we note that M. Ex. Comp. McCurdy is of Scottish Ancestry, his forbears coming to Canada in 1750. He has a pleasing personality and is affectionately known as "Archie". Born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, he apparently absorbed in his youth that French-Canadian spirit which prompted Drummond to write so many wonderful stories in verse and prose of French Canada. M. Ex. Comp. McCurdy is also a writer of "Habitant" poems with which we note he delights his companions on Social occasions.

From his very delightful address we quote:

"'Time Marches On'—we pass the twenty-fifth milestone on the highway of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. A quarter of a century of toil, reward, pleasure and progress."

We note that during the year no rulings were asked for and only a few minor Dispensations covering routine matters.

He concludes with:

"Though it be night and hardships block our way
Though want, discouragement and famine fill the day.
We'll save our souls, we'll not surrender life,
We'll keep our Faith and win out in the strife."

We were proud and happy to note that the Proceedings were embellished by the insertion of portraits of Their Most Gracious Majesties—King George and Queen Elizabeth—commemorative of their visit to Canada. In this connection we mention a resolution prepared and forwarded to their Majesties. Space will not permit the reproduction of the entire resolution, but we give you a line or two—expressive not only of Alberta, but also of the entire Dominion:

"Our loyalty has been intensified, our hearts thrilled as a result of your visit—this Grand Chapter expresses anew its unbounded devotion and loyalty to our Sovereign and all that he represents."

Among the distinguished visitors present was M. Ex. Comp. W. E. Mercer of Manitoba, whose sparkling address is worthy of repetition. We cannot refrain from giving you a
few of his thoughts. He reminds us that these depressing times are not unique and takes us back to the long dead past when the following was written on an ancient papyrus of Egypt:—

“A few lawless men are depriving the land of sovereignty. The law-maker is lord of wealth, Scanty is gold, Craftsmen are without work—and the reaper of harvests get nothing.”

Concluding with:—

“There are thorns in our pathway now, but thank God for the gift of roses.”

“Through light and dark the road leads on
Till dawns the endless day
When I shall know why in this life
I walk the King’s highway.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence, as well as that of Grievances and Appeals, had nothing to present, which clearly indicates that Peace and Harmony prevail.

While E. G. Ironside presented a report on Foreign Correspondence we regret that his Review was not published.

M. Ex. Comp. Bell succeeds M. Ex. Comp. McCurdy as Grand First Principal.

Canada’s Representative is F. S. Watson, while Alberta is represented by John M. Empey, our genial Grand Second Principal.

ARIZONA

Chas B. Huestis, Grand High Priest.
Harry A. Drachman, Grand Secretary.

Forty-ninth Annual Communication held in City of Douglas, March 28, 1939.

Grand Chapter opens with prayer, M. Ex. Comp. Huestis presiding, with ten P.G.H.P.’s seated with him in the East.

The G.H.P. of California, L. B. Butterfield, was then introduced. He was accompanied by L. E. Thomas, P.G.H.P.

Other distinguished visitors were then received and welcomed. M. Ex. Comp. Butterfield presented the G.H.P. with a gavel as a gesture of fraternal good-will.

M. Ex. Comp. Huestis’s address was characterized by frankness in dealing with Capitular Masonry. He intimates that it is time for plain speaking.

Our comment is summed up in two words—“HOW TRUE.”

He assures us that what we need is an objective and a worthy one at that. This Reviewer has spoken along these
lines for years and is happy to find one who agrees with the thought.

He introduces his recommendations with one of Rudyard Kipling’s irrepresible poems:—

“To those who would accuse me of plagiarism I offer Brother Kipling’s verse, which he wrote when similarly accused:—

“When ’Omer smote ’is bloomin’ lyre,
He'd ’eard men sing by land an’ sea;
An’ what he thought ’e might require,
’E went an’ took the same as me!

“The market-girls an’ fishermen,
The shepherds an’ the sailors too,
They ’eard old songs turn up again,
But kep’ it quiet same as you!

“They knew ’e stole, ’e knew they knowed.
They didn’t tell, nor make a fuss,
But winked at ’Omer down the road,
An’ ’e winked back the same as us!”

Briefly he recommends that a committee be appointed to draft a unified plan of service:—

“That this plan be submitted to G.H.P.’s of other Grand Chapters seeking co-operation in a national objective and that funds be set aside for use of this committee. He believes that should the proposed idea be approved by other Grand Jurisdictions that we may have a purpose of some moment in the world.”

Under Necrology he pays feeling tributes to those who have crossed the Great Divide:—

“For some we loved, the loveliest and the best
That from his Vintage rolling Time has prest,
Have drunk their Cup a round or two before,
And one by one crept silently to rest.

I sometimes think that never blows so red
That Rose as where some buried Caesar bled;
That every Hyacinth the Garden wears
Dropt in her lap from some once lovely Head.”

The G.H.P. suggests arrangements be made for the fiftieth anniversary of Grand Chapter.

He closed a most interesting address with Leigh Hunt’s familiar poem, “Abou Ben Adhem.” And what could be more appropriate—this is a poem which occupies a premier position in our Book of Treasures.

Grand Secretary reports what, to us, appears a most insignificant loss in membership.

Shelton G. Dowell elected G.H.P. and later duly installed by M. Ex. Comp. Thomas of California.
Clark Clarence Ford presents an excellent Capitular Review even though he omits a review of the G. C. of Canada. Perhaps our fame has not spread to far away Arizona—our good wishes to Companion Ford are none-the-less sincere.

From Alabama he quotes:—

“I am not a pessimist but I do believe we delude ourselves when we think or say 'Things will surely get better' and then do nothing to improve them.”

Iowa supplies him with the following:—

“Like all great movements and faiths, Masonry flourished under opposition. The sneers of the scornful, the opposition of state and church and the persecution of fanatics compelled the early members to undergo the struggles and hardships that were necessary for healthy growth. Under these conditions, Masonry developed a strong frame, bound together by the iron sinews of a fellowship, the like of which the world has never known.”

James H. Barrett of Douglas represents the G. C. of Canada, while Percy W. Rogers, Toronto—a worker in all branches of Masonry—is Arizona’s representative near our Grand Chapter.

ARKANSAS

Joseph H. Watkins, Grand High Priest.
John Q. Wolf, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-first Convocation held in the City of Little Rock, November 23, 1939, the Grand High Priest presiding.
Nine of the eleven living P.G.H.Ps. were present.
Grand Representatives were received at the altar and escorted to the East. We regretfully note the absence of Canada’s representative—Geo. H. Wright.

Grand Honours were accorded the representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.
The report of M. Ex. Comp. Watkins is brief in the extreme. A bald statement covering his many official acts—the report concluding with these words:—

“And now, Companions, in turning over the gavel it is my earnest prayer that Heaven’s richest blessings be with my successor and each and every member of this Grand Body. May we be good men and true, and so live that when the summons comes we shall meet our maker in peace and receive a joyful entrance into the Glory Land beyond the skies, where the Supreme High Priest presides and will forever reign.”

The Committee on Memorials reported the passing of forty-eight Companions during the year. Closing with the following:—
"What we may say or do, if its effects do not last beyond our time, is of little value. That which has left its imprint for the better of country, community, or individual is the only act worth doing—and speaking about.

“So may it be, perchance, when down the tide.
Our dear ones vanish, peacefully they glide
On level seas, nor mark the unknown bound;
We call it death—to them 'tis life beyond.”

Walter C. Hickmon was elected and duly installed as G.H.P. The Installation Ceremonies being in charge of Mark P. Olney.

No report on fraternal correspondence appears in the Proceedings.

Grand Chapter closed with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Gilliam C. Yoes.

Frederick W. Elliott of Prescott, Ontario, represents Arkansas near the G.C. of Canada.

CALIFORNIA

Lue B. Butterfield, Grand High Priest.
Thomas A. Davies, Secretary.
The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation was held in Oakland, April 21, 1939.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was called to order and opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Companion Arthur W. Brewer.

The United States flag was presented at the Altar, saluted, the National Anthem sung and the flag duly deposited in the East.

Distinguished guests were then welcomed with the customary honours. These included Leon O. Whitsell, Grand Master, F. & A.M. of California, and many others representing the various Masonic Bodies of the State.

A special reception was then accorded twelve P.G.H.P.’s and the Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions.

Canada was represented by Angus L. Cavanagh. From the excellent address of the G.H.P. we quote:—

“Our meeting to-day in this beautiful city of Oakland, overlooking the inspirational vision of Treasure Island, should remind us that we are surrounded by a spirit which has surmounted every obstacle in its march of progress. In the face of international unrest, dictatorial suppression of liberties and removal of the right to permit men to meet in
the common bond of Brotherhood we may well be thankful that we still enjoy the privileges of a free people.

"We have seen the plight of our brethren in foreign lands. We know what happens when indifference supplants clear thinking. When ideals are shattered, when usurpers assume power of might, slavery and serfdom usually creep in. Masonry must take the lead in good citizenship and support free, democratic government and quench the fires of despotism."

In recommending a continuance of the minimum fee of $30.00, M. Ex. Comp. Butterfield very sagely remarks:

"While it is obvious that no value can be placed upon the worth of our Order to any Candidate, yet many promising prospective members are limited in their ability to pay for admission."

A perusal of California's financial statement shows a very substantial fiscal position with expenditures well within its income.

The report of the Special Committee on Six Months' Rule is quite interesting, dealing as it does with Grand Lodge legislation that prohibits a Master Master from making application for further advancement in Masonry until the prescribed six months have elapsed. The Special Committee recommends that a resolution be adopted and submitted to Grand Lodge seeking the removal of this six months' ban.

From far away Canada we suggest that Grand Lodge's action appears somewhat arbitrary and dictatorial, and its effect on Grand Chapter and similar Bodies must be far reaching. Let's hope it will be rescinded.

The report on Necrology is splendidly written, concluding with this very beautiful thought:

"Brief life is here our portion,
Brief sorrow, short-lived care.
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life is There."

The report of the Grand Lecturer, D. B. Richards, is well worth reading, clear, concise and comprehensive, but why not? We note that this is his twenty-second Annual Report. A record of service which should be an inspiration to those who lag and falter.

M. Ex. Comp. Carl R. Alexander was elected and duly installed as Grand High Priest, succeeding Comp. Butterfield.

No report on Fraternal Correspondence appears in the Proceedings.

California's Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada is Charles H. Burgess of Port Credit.
CONNECTICUT

Frederick W. Edgerton, Grand High Priest.
William L. Cort, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Convocation
held in Hartford, May 9, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form, with Invocation by
Grand Chaplain.

Fifteen P.G.H.P.’s graced the Grand East.

Distinguished guests from New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Maine and Missouri, followed by the Grand Master, A.F. & A.M., of Connecticut, and Grand Master Royal and Select Masters were then hospitably welcomed.

From the address of the Grand High Priest the following extracts:—

“Alas, how swift the moments fly. How flash the years along. The stream of life glides smoothly on and is past before we know. We greet thee, hand and heart. The established institutions of government seem to be disintegrating, rent asunder by hate and arrogance, accompanied by the rumble of unrestricted national egotism. Each morning we fearfully note the news of the world, each night we fall asleep apprehensive lest a new-dawning day bring messages of chaotic events fused into the scourge of war.

“I turn to Masonry for solace, it is a protective cloak preserving the warmth of human emotions and maintaining the vitality of the soul’s anticipation. Masonry does not reveal her secrets to the thoughtless, nor all in one degree. There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars says the Apostle, and one star differs from another star in glory. So in Masonry, one degree differeth from another degree in beauty, wisdom, truth. Someone has said “Gratitude is the memory of the heart”, so let it be with us; it is not so important that we have been here as it is that we have been here together.

“Believe in God, and in thine own self believe
All thou hast hoped for thou shall yet achieve.”

The G.H.P. made many visitations to other Jurisdictions, and refers to a notable gathering in Boston where a reception to a group of Masons from the British Isles was held. These brethren having come from Canada where they attended the 200th anniversary of the founding of the first Masonic Lodge in Canada.

From the Deputy G.H.P.’s report we learn of increased interest, an increase in the number of Candidates to what he terms a normal growth. Masonry is on the upward trend and is exemplifying the principles of friendship and brotherly love.
The Committee on Memorials are fortunate indeed in being privileged to say:

"Since our last Convocation death has not entered to break the line of our past or present official family."

A Special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held on April 29th, 1939.

Canada's representative is George N. Delap (the Grand Treasurer) while Harvey J. Milne of Kingston, an enthusiastic Mason, is the Grand Representative of Connecticut.

The election of officers closed the Proceedings.

Richard Hughes being installed G.H.P. for 1939.

No Fraternal Report is found in the printed Proceedings.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Geo. S. Foreman, Acting Grand High Priest.
J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

A special Convocation was held on July 8, 1938, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the Grand High Priest, M. Ex. Comp. Charles J. Armbruster, who died suddenly on July 5. Tribute to the life and character of the deceased G.H.P. was paid by the Acting G.H.P., while the Grand Secretary delivered a brief eulogy. Grand Chapter then proceeded to Fort Myer Chapel, where religious services of a beautiful and impressive character were conducted by the Grand Chaplain. Interment under Masonic auspices in Arlington National Cemetery. The funeral was one of the largest witnessed in the jurisdiction in recent years, an impressive tribute to the sterling qualities of mind and heart displayed by the late G.H.P. throughout his career.

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation held in Washington on February 8, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened by the Acting G.H.P., who was supported by eleven P.G.H.P's.

Visitors from Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia were extended a gracious reception.

From the address of the M. Ex. Comp. Foreman we quote the following:

"And now, my Companions, I wish at this time to pay tribute to the memory of our departed Most Excellent Grand High Priest with these words:
“He was a friend whose heart was good,  
Who walked with men and understood.  
His was a smile men loved to see,  
His was a hand that asked no fee  
For friendliness or kindness done.  
Now, that he has journeyed on,  
He leaves behind unnumbered friends,  
Who hold for him a love that never ends.”

After extending a very happy welcome to the delegates, he refers to the fact that G.C. has functioned for nearly three-quarters of a century and reminds the Companions that there is no man living who was a member at its formation—following with these significant words:—

“The only guarantee of the continued existence of this Grand Chapter is to be found in the maintenance of that form of government which defends freedom of action, speech and religious belief, and which protects the right of every citizen to enjoy the blessings of liberty and the right of assembly in a free country. Therefore, patriotism is a duty incumbent upon all Masons as a means of self-protection for themselves and the institution of which they are members.”

Under Condition of the Fraternity and with the aid of a most interesting graph he traces the growth and decline of R.A. Masonry from 1867 to 1937.

Decisions and Dispensations deal purely with routine matters, reference is made to many visitations and also to the splendid work being done by the School of Instruction.

In conclusion M. Ex. Comp. Foreman leaves this thought:—

“What the future holds for us, no one can foretell, but in our Capitular world, as well as in all human affairs, we may feel assured that constant attention and zealous effort will produce satisfactory results and bring commensurate rewards. My final words are an expression of confidence and hopefulness because I hold firmly to the belief that the beneficent teachings of Freemasonry will survive and that they will ever present a strong appeal to all who come within their influence.”

The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and appropriate welcome extended by the G.H.P.

Canada’s Representative, Lucien G. Yung, was present on our behalf.

From the address of the Grand Lecturer the following:—

“There is a charm about delving into the origin of things. The child asks where it comes from, and the adult speculates upon the same. Sometimes we wonder how much the average Royal Arch Mason gathers of the real meaning of the various degrees through which he passes, and how many of our officers are there who can explain or answer his questions. Underneath the legends and allegories, there is a depth, a living philosophy of life, which is touched by few. Knowledge and good leadership are required today and the more conversant they are with Royal Arch Masonry, the better they will be able to lead their Chapters.
Success does not come by accident but rather to those who put forth the effort and who appreciate the meaning of the responsibility placed upon them.”

Memorials to the memory of Charles J. Armbruster, Rev. Walter F. Smith and Fred A. Woodis were presented by a Special Committee who brought to a close a most eloquent tribute with these lines:

“They do not die who leave their thought
Imprinted on some recording page;
They pass, but the work they wrought
Lives on from age to age.”

Geo. S. Foreman was duly elected Grand High Priest and was subsequently installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. L. Whiting Estes.

J. Walter Karsner presented an admirable Review. His foreward furnishes a scholarly dissertation on the desirability of ignoring the prevalent demand for change and greater activity. He has this to say:

“Man has not changed; the fraternity should not.

“In these restless, trying days, perhaps more than any others, a Masonic body should be a quiet sanctuary where, for a time at least, a man may forget the insistent demands of the outside world, refresh his soul by returning for a time to the contemplation of the eternal fundamental truths upon which our life is based, and enjoy the comfort of close association with his brethren of the Craft. It is not necessary that the fraternity attempt to meet every social need, to plunge into every desirable communal activity. If it contributes but one or two of the vital fundamentals to the life of the individual member, it does that, indirectly but none the less definitely, to society, and is amply justified.

“We cannot change the world. We CAN make a world of our own; a world whose inhabitants, our brethren and companions, are like minded and congenial. men with whom we can be at ease, men we can trust, men we can love, and in that world, if only for a time, we can be at peace. Then, proudly as the Roman of old fared forth, we can stride confidently through the outer world of less-taught, less-privileged men, strong in the consciousness of our own unshakeable principles, doing our best, leaving the rest to God.”

Canada (1938) receives friendly consideration, little has been overlooked in a splendid word picture of our Convocation. Comp. Karsner takes time to make a humorous reference to our late Comp. Dr. C. W. Haentschel. We know just how he felt on the occasion of the King Edward Hotel incident. We too have suffered.

The late Col. W. N. Ponton’s Review is styled “up to his usual high standard.”
The Review of our Sister Province Quebec is also of more than passing interest to us—we note his further reference to Dr. Haentschel, “will we ever forget the day we met him in Toronto.” Certainly our late Brother must have made a distinct impression on Comp. Karsner. We like the last paragraph of the Quebec Review and express the hope that we may have him with us again in the not too distant future. We promise not to repeat Dr. Haentschel’s indiscretion.

From New York he cites the reply of the Grand Secretary who told a committee appointed to secure a testimonial for twenty-five years’ service:

“I have a fine wife, a comfortable home, an excellent job and a watch. What more can a man want?”

New Hampshire gives him this quotation:

“The modern man, geared as he is to a mode and an age that are maddening in their disregard of the spiritual and beautiful, because they are part of this modern world of speed and power, needs more than any other the solace which only a fraternity can furnish.”

His reference to Nova Scotia again assuming its place at the “Round Table” of correspondence earns our applause. We, too, are happy to again have a printed Review from the “Maritime Province”—and heartily endorse his comments on Comp. Macdougal’s report.

Robert W. Clewlo—one of our fine old veterans—represents D. of C. in this jurisdiction.

ENGLAND

The Duke of Kent, First Grand Principal.
The Earl of Harewood, Pro First Grand Principal.
Gen. Sir Francis Davies, Second Grand Principal.
Sydney A. White, M.V.O., Grand Scribe E.
Viscount De Vesci, Grand Scribe N.

Quarterly Convocation held in Freemason’s Hall, London, on February 1st, 1939, with the Pro First Grand Principal on the Throne. Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form.

The President of the Committee of General Purposes, Sir G. Stuart Robertson, K.C., prefaced his report by referring to the death of W. John Songhurst, P.A.G. Sojourner, in the following terms:

“He was a man of quite extraordinary knowledge in Masonic matters, whether in the Craft or the Royal Arch, and all the members I am sure feel that they have lost a Companion who can with very great difficulty be replaced. We shall always remember him with admiration for his
great qualities and affection because of his invariable kindness and courtesy."

The committee draws attention to the necessity for the Scribe E., of a Chapter to inspect the Grand Lodge certificate of all applicants for advancement, reminding the Companions that a knowledge that a Candidate is a Master Mason is not a sufficient compliance with the ruling which specifically requires a brother to present not only his certificate but also evidence of good standing in the Craft.

The committee ratifies the investment of a substantial sum in War Loans and recommends the approval of petitions for four new Chapters and the removal to other quarters of seven established Chapters.

Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

**GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONs OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Duke of Kent, Grand Master.
The Earl of Stradbroke, Pro Grand Master.
Rev. Canon Frederick Halsey, Deputy Grand Master.
The Earl of Courtown, Grand Senior Warden.
Brig.-General William H. Verelst Darell, Acting Grand Junior Warden.
Major Sir Thomas Lumley-Smith, Grand Secretary.
Quarterly Communication held February 28, 1939.
The Grand Lodge opened in ample form, the Pro G.M. on the Throne.

From an address to the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, upon his retirement from office, we give you:—

"Most Worshipful Grand Master. We, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Brethren of the Mark Degree in Grand Lodge assembled do desire respectfully to express to Your Royal Highness our profound gratitude for the benefits we have received during the period of thirty-eight years in which you have ruled our Order and the wise counsel and firm guidance always afforded to us.

"It was with the greatest regret that we learned of Your Royal Highness's decision to relinquish the task you have so wholeheartedly fulfilled since your election in the year nineteen hundred and one, and upon your retirement we would re-affirm our continued loyalty and abiding affection to Your Royal Highness's Person and House."

Sir Gerald Wallaston presented a resolution proposing the election of the Duke of Kent as Grand Master. We quote from the resolution:—
"We must count ourselves fortunate indeed that another member of the Royal Family, and one so closely related to His Majesty, has permitted his name to be put before us for election as our Grand Master. From the earliest days of Masonry, as we now know it, the Royal Family have been active in promoting its concerns, and His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent is no exception, for he has proved to us in many Degrees of Masonry that he is actuated and inspired by the traditions and the examples of his illustrious predecessors. Outside Masonry, too, the Royal Family have exemplified in their lives one of our greatest Masonic precepts: service to others. It may be, that that noble motto, "Ich Dien"—"I serve"—is the peculiar prerogative of the Heir Apparent to the Throne, but it is indeed apt to typify the life work of every member of the Royal Family, and by no means least His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent. Both, then, as a man and as a Mason, His Royal Highness will, I am sure, add lustre to this great office."

The Pro Grand Master followed with these words:—

"Brethren, we now have a new Grand Master, and his Personal Standard, accompanied by the Standard of Grand Lodge, will be carried at all our assemblies in future. I need hardly say that the Standard of His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, which with the Standard of our Order has been carried at all our Meetings for so many years, will find an honoured resting place in our new Headquarters."

The Deputy Grand Master then addressed the Pro Grand Master:—

"In 1938, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, you completed your twenty-fifth year in your high office, and it was felt that the occasion should not be allowed to pass without some tangible recognition of what every Brother in Mark Masonry feels towards you: an obligation, first of all, of gratitude for the service which you have rendered, and also, if I may say so, an expression of their loyalty to you, and I am quite sure I may add, their affection."

The Deputy G.M. then unveiled a portrait of the Pro G.M.—presenting it on behalf of all the Provinces and Districts.

The Pro Grand Master accepted the presentation in a splendidly worded address—a portion of which we quote:—

"As to this picture itself, I must say that the artist has been extraordinarily successful, as I think you will agree with me when I tell you that the severest critic that a married man can have, has approved of that picture.

"I am going to say something now which I feel perhaps you may consider to be a mark of conceit; because, much as I should like to retain that picture and keep it in my own possession, I am going to be so bold as to ask a favour of you, and that is, to allow me to present it to Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form. The Brethren joined in singing the National Anthem.

At the Quarterly meeting, held on June 6th, at which the Grand Director of Ceremonies announced:
“Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Most Worshipful Grand Master, is without, and demands admission in order that he may be installed. Is it your pleasure that an appropriate Escort be formed to introduce him in due form?”

An escort having been formed, the Duke of Kent, Grand Master-elect, entered and took the obligation of office. Present were delegations from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Ireland, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Grand Master, in addressing Grand Lodge, said in part:

“Brethren, it is my great privilege to be able to address you to-day for the first time as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. I can assure you that it will be my great endeavour during the time I hold this high position to do all I can to promote the interests of the Order, and to follow in the footsteps of my predecessor, my great-uncle, the Duke of Connaught, who ruled and guided our Order so wisely for such a long period.”

FLORIDA

John B. Phelps, Grand High Priest.
Cary B. Fish, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-third Annual Convocation was held in Jacksonville on May 15, 1939.

Upon the entrance of the Grand High Priest the Grand Chaplain offered up a prayer and Grand Chapter was declared open in ample form.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors then retired and upon returning introduced a number of guests representative of the various Grand Bodies of Masonry, headed by M.W. Bro. R. J. Kishpaugh, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

In an able address, Hon. Geo. C. Blume, Mayor of Jacksonville, tendered a civic reception.

The Grand Representatives were then received and while our Sister Canadian Jurisdiction of Alberta was represented our Representative, Chester de Rocher, failed to respond to the call.

Florida is represented near the Grand Chapter of Canada by a Masonic veteran, James H. Cowan, of Galt.

M. Ex. Comp. Phelps then delivered his annual address, which was brief, yet sufficiently comprehensive to cover his year’s work.
REVIEWS

The Committee on Memorials, in an eloquent report, referred to the serious losses of the year. We note that among the names recorded two of our own, P.G.Z.'s M. Ex. Comps. Haentschel and Dunstan. Feeling reference was made to the passing of the Grand Principal Sojourner, Rev. Albert E. Calkins.

"He loved Masonry and saw here an appeal to the noblest instincts of men. He exemplified in his daily life what it really means to be a Mason in the highest conception of the term."

The Election and Installation of Officers, with Jesse C. Clark advancing to the office of G.H.P., closed the Proceedings.

The Annual Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood was then convened.

GEORGIA

Paul H. Ponder, Grand High Priest.
Wm. J. Penn, Jr., Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation held in City of Macon, April 26, 1939.

Ex. Comp. Wm. A. Simmons led the entire assembly in singing that old battle hymn of Georgia Masonry, "How Firm a Foundation"—", followed by the opening Prayer.

The usual large gathering of guests were then introduced, these included many prominent and outstanding Craftsmen, including M. Ex. Comp. E. H. Johnston, G.G.R.A. Captain, General Grand Chapter, also E. C. Ponder, father of the G.H.P.

The Grand East was graced by the presence of fourteen Past Grand High Priests.

Among the Grand Representatives welcomed was our worthy Representative, Tom B. Elfe.

Georgia's Representative near Canada has been for many years none other than our late Reviewer—M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton.

We regret to report that after a lengthy illness, Comp. Ponton crossed the "Great Divide" on September 6th, 1939. Canada loses a well beloved leader—Georgia an enthusiastic Grand Representative and the fraternity at large a scholarly gentleman of the old school and an outstanding exponent of all that is best in Masonry. "Requiescat in Pace."

From the Grand High Priest's very interesting address we cull the following:—
"It is a real inspiration to look into your faces, mingle with you in the communion of fellowship, to feel the bond of friendship that comes with the clasp of the hand, a manifestation of the spirit of fraternity and brotherhood.

"May Peace return to all Nations of the Earth for the Power of Truth and Reason is seeking to destroy hatred, passion and prejudice and substitute government without tyranny, religion without superstition, and the Divine plan of harmony based on the fellowship of Love."

M. Ex. Comp. Ponder refers to many pleasant visitations and gives us this poetic nugget:—

"You cannot be kind and thoughtful,
You cannot be loyal and true
Without somewhere on Life's pathway
The echoes come back to you."

Grand Secretary established a record in collecting dues—travelling 32,304 miles by motor to do so.
Remarkable record and one which we all applaud.
The Foreign Correspondence, by P. T. McCutchen, is handled in masterly style. From the address of the G.H.P. of Arizona he clips:—

"The standing of Masonry to-day, in all its aspects, individual, lodge, concordant body, and even Grand Bodies, is gauged by financial and hard-headed business motives instead of being inspired by Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

Canada is reviewed generously as usual. He refers to M. Ex. Comp. Mills' remarks, and quotes:—

"The survival of justice and liberty, it seems, can only be preserved by war or by prodigious preparations for war."
"But truth is mighty and it will prevail."

We appreciate his friendly comment on dear old Col. Ponton's last Review.
From Manitoba he quotes from the Grand Z.'s address:—
"On land and sea—God has provided in super abundance, but man still displays the attributes of greed, and selfishness to his ultimate ruin."

From the various reports we take it that "All's well with Georgia," which is enjoying a great revival of interest.
The Election of Officers was the final business to come before Grand Chapter, and J. G. Standifer was elected and duly installed G.H.P.

IDAHO

John H. Barker, Grand High Priest.
Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.
The Thirty-first Annual Convocation held in Wallace, Idaho, May 16, 1939.
Grand Chapter, with M. Ex. Comp. Barker in the chair, opened in ample form.
John A. Johnson, Grand Commander of Knights Templar, and Dell O. Bellamy, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Idaho, were then introduced and accorded Grand Honours.

Grand Chapter called from labour for the purpose of tendering an informal reception to General Grand High Priest Mattison Boyd Jones of the General Grand Chapter of U.S.A.

The Grand Representatives were then received at the Altar and welcomed—a gracious response being supplied by Cary B. Forbes, Representative of Ohio.

The G.H.P., in his somewhat brief address, referred to his response to the toast of the G.M. on the occasion of Christmas observances by the Knights Templar. Here are a few lines from a very eloquent reply to this annual toast:—

“In other lands people are in dire distress and many are oppressed by the hand of a violent dictatorial administrator. We should be especially thankful that we live in a country where law and order abide; where truth, liberty and justice prevail.

“It was through the instrumentality of the Great Teacher that the Golden Rule was rediscovered and brought to light. It is our obligation, in carrying out that great principle, to assist in promoting domestic tranquility and securing for ourselves and our posterity the blessing of liberty.

We, as Royal Arch Masons and Sir Knights, must renew our allegiance to that principle, and to the flag of our country, which is the emblem and symbol of democracy.”

From the remarks of the Grand Lecturer the following:

“I was greatly impressed this morning by the remarks of our Grand Commander Johnson in his brief address to us and in which he stressed the importance of keeping our new members active and interested members of the Craft. In fact striving to develop them into real Royal Arch Masons instead of just new names on our membership rolls.”

G. Ray Nead, on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, presented a beautiful basket of flowers with fraternal greetings.

The report on Appeals and Grievances is happily expressed:—

“After diligent search throughout the Temple we have failed to discover anything of that character for its consideration indicating that peace and harmony prevail.”

A splendidly written report by Frank G. Burroughs provided most delectable reading, his introduction, under the caption of “Editorially Speaking,” is bright, breezy, and to the point.

A very comprehensive Review.

From Alamaba he quotes:—

“Sometimes I have been forced to think—and I ask you is it a fact?
—have we too many members who have no real interest in Masonry beyond wearing buttons and watch charms. May the time soon come when we will have leaders that can and will lead; servants that serve without the hope of fee or reward; Companions who are loyal to each other, their Chapters, their Country and their God.”

Canada receives attention, and M. Ex. Mills’ address is quoted at some length.

The comment to the effect that the G.Z. believes in preparedness is all too true. Subsequent events justify M. Ex. Comp. Mills’ prediction—another war, tragedy and chaos.

From Manitoba he gives space to the address of Grand Z. Johnson, who said:

“Bewilderment and disorder of the nations and their people continue. The outlaw nations have been accorded every encouragement to proceed with their blustering threats and bullying gestures. Peace loving nations have found their hands to be tied, fearing that any effort to curb such boldness, might precipitate a major disaster.

“Unfortunately the democracies are in the vise of an economic struggle. They are slowly beginning to recognize the cause, but lack a hero and a leader to conduct them to peace and security. Dean Inge (the gloomy Dean of England) says, “That we have known of Christianity for almost 2,000 years but the peoples of the world have never given it a chance.” The foundations of Christian and Masonic teachings are being severely shattered by their enemies, and Royal Arch Masons are being called to battle.”

Commenting on Oklahoma we read:

“If you were to ask me what is the one great need of our Order, I think I should give you an answer that would solve the problems of the world. Our need is for MEN, ‘tall men, sun-crowned, who rise above the fog in public life and private thinking’ and who will dedicate themselves to the service of their Companions. I think we probably have men of this type who would be glad to serve the Craft if by so doing they did not jeopardize or lose their economic substance.”

Under Saskatchewan he gives us:

“The present trend towards dictatorships means inevitably the imposition of greater restrictions on the Masonic fraternity and it makes us realize that democracy and Masonry are closely intertwined. If democracy fails, so does Masonry.”

Texas supplies the following:

“If an institution can be said to have a hobby, then the hobby of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas is its devotion to and its loving care of the aged Master Masons in our great state.

“With over a million dollars, representing 93 per cent. of our assets, invested in the home, we constantly remember to praise the vision of our Companions who, in the past generation, initiated this enterprise.”

G. Ray Nead, the newly-elected G.H.P., was duly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. Doehne, Jr.

Canada’s Representative near Idaho is Charles Hartung and we note with pleasure that he was “among those present.”

Idaho is represented near Canada by W. H. G. Garrich of Ottawa.
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ILLINOIS

Gustav H. Mueller, Grand High Priest.
Edward E. Core, Grand Secretary.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation held in Chicago on October 27, 1938.

Grand Chapter was opened by M. Ex. Comp. Mueller, the Grand Chaplain leading in prayer.

Twelve P.G.H.P.'s occupied seats on the dais. Many visitors were present from all parts of the United States—representing Sister Jurisdictions. We note also the presence of M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, Grand Z., of the G.C. of Canada, and M. Ex. Comp. Frank E. Simmons, P.G.Z., of the G.C. of Manitoba. The Grand Lodge of Illinois evinced its interest by sending a delegation headed by Deputy Grand Master Dan. Debaugh, a hearty welcome was extended by the G.H.P. and the guests accorded the usual Masonic Honours.

The Grand Representatives were presented and received the customary greeting. Companion Rapp, Representative of Iowa, responded briefly.

M. Ex. Comp. Mueller, under the caption of Annual Report", presented a very fine address, comprehensively dealing with the activities of the year and furnishing a capable survey of R.A.M. within his jurisdiction. In his introductory remarks he has this to say:—

"In these days when, in various parts of the world there are leaders of great numbers of men who encourage atheism, and not the worship of God, selfishness and not altruism, intolerance and not toleration, hostility and not neighborliness, hate and not love, we are fortunate indeed we are able to meet in peaceful surroundings and enjoy the fraternal fellowship which Capitular Masonry accords us."

He referred to the Certificates suitably inscribed which are given to Chapter members of fifty or more years and states that forty-seven Companions were so honoured during the year.

Among the G.H.P.'s recommendations the following are worthy of comment:

1. A contribution of $5,000.00 to Grand Lodge to assist in maintenance of R.A. Memorial Hospital.
2. A contribution of $1,000.00 to Illinois Masonic Hospital.

What further proof is necessary to establish beyond a peradventure—that our Illinois Companions are bountifully endowed with the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart—charity.
In conclusion the following:—

“The shades have been drawn upon another year of Grand Chapter history, and the duties, responsibilities, and high honors of this office will be assumed by another Companion.

“The memory of this year will long be cherished, and the friendships made, never forgotten.

“May the Grand Architect see fit to spare each of you for many more years of usefulness in our Capitular vineyard.”

Illinois reports an increase in exaltations and reinstatements—while the death, dimit and suspension list has decreased materially.

Among the receipts listed we find a member penalized $10.00 for a lost ritual. Here is a worth-while thought for our Grand Chapter.

From the Committee on the G.H.P.’s address we quote:—

“On the one hand we find ‘selfishness, hostility, intolerance, hate and atheism’ with all that such words imply. Here we may meet, as today, in fraternal fellowship and communion, still privileged to practice the virtues he listed as ‘neighborliness, altruism, toleration, love and worship of God.’”

The Committee on Obituary presented a lofty and impressive report, particular reference being made to the lamented death of P.G.H.P. Willis McFeely.

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

Would that we had space to quote more liberally from this wonderful tribute which concludes with this beautiful thought:—

“So as we turn away from these moments of quiet meditation to resume the duties that await us during our remaining mortal time, may we carry with us treasured memories of Companions who have gone on, happy feelings of close contact with the friends by whom we are still surrounded, and a strong determination to make our coming days and years, if such be still given us, more friendly, more useful and more befitting our Masonic character than we have ever known before, so that when Time shall no longer be counted for us, it will be the commencement of an eternity where even Time itself shall be forgotten.”

The address by the Grand Chaplain was a literary gem, a priceless contribution, that will long be treasured in our mental archives. Every Mason should have the opportunity of reading this powerful dissertation on Masonry.

We offer this all too limited extract:—

“I have been asked on several occasions if it was consistent with my profession as a minister of the Gospel to be a Mason and I have always
answered that the Mason who is not a religious man has forgotten his obligations.

"Freemasonry is founded on the sublime truths recorded in the Holy Scriptures and derives its origin from circumstances therein detailed, even although that origin is enshrouded in mystery. Its ritual contains enough Scripture to lead the sinner back to God and teaches him the sublime doctrine of the immortality of the soul. Its clearness of statement concerning religion and the freedom of the soul in matters of the soul has made Masonry obnoxious to mistaken sacredotalism and the application of its levelling qualities have made our Order a bugbear to the political dictators of the world."

A portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Everett R. Turnbull and a treatise on "The Dispensing Power", written by Comp. Turnbull for the North Carolina Lodge of Research, appear in the Proceedings as an introduction to his report and review of Fraternal Relations. His foreword is an academic presentation of world-wide conditions and their effect on this great Brotherhood of Freemasonry.

We heartily agree with his comment, particularly the following:—

"Today the 'ancient kings and princes' who wanted loyal and peaceable subjects have been displaced by dictators who rule by fear and might. In one country Masonic Lodges were ordered closed and their property confiscated because the dictator did not need them to help him govern the country. For similar reasons Masonry has been arbitrarily suppressed in other countries. The rule of hate, greed and selfishness has displaced the gospel of 'Peace on earth, goodwill toward men'. So the world goes blithely on toward destruction and civilization toward annihilation while the unholy lust for power by a few men continues to torment innocent people."

Three pages are devoted to Canada's 1938 Convocation at Kingston. Comment on the Grand Z.'s address, also on his rulings and dispensations is given considerable space. The G.Z. refused an application to permit the reception of petitions from two Master Masons who had been raised three days previous. Comp. Turnbull reminds us that Illinois has no time limit on such petitions. This ruling in Canada was made for the specific purpose of preventing R.A.M. from being used merely as a stepping-stone to the so-called higher degrees—we have found it a very definite safeguard against this very objectionable practice.

The late M. Ex. Comp. Ponton's Reviews come in for a few complimentary remarks—a paragraph on his opinion of the Royal Arch Degree is quoted.

Fred W. Soady represents Canada in Illinois, while Jos. J. Shelley of Toronto performs a similar duty for Illinois near our G.C.
INDIANA

Bert H. Askren, Grand High Priest.
Charles C. Thomas, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-third Annual was opened in Marion, on October 19, 1938, with the G.H.P. in the chair.

A portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Askren and a group picture of the Grand Officers preface the Proceedings. From the biographical sketch of the G.H.P. we learn of his early history, his business, Church and Masonic activities, and further that as a man, citizen and friend he holds an enviable place in the hearts of his Companions.

Among the 54 Grand Representatives present and officially received we note with interest Canada’s Representative, William H. Baugh.

A reception was then accorded nineteen P.G.H.P.’s of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, members of the Grand Council and delegations from Sister Jurisdictions and the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Honours befitting their rank were given.

From the G.H.P.’s address we quote:—

“As we assemble here this afternoon, we have three ways to look, backward, upward and forward. It is not hard to turn your gaze back-
ward, as in that direction, we see almost one hundred years of real achievement. Years in which Capitular Masonry in Indiana has ever kept pace with the times, and has made a real place for itself in the annals of Masonic history. Upward, we look for more Light and Divine guidance, to a Supreme High Priest, who is ever willing to aid and assist us in time of need and will direct our path on the right course, when called upon to do so. Forward, to the full knowledge, that we as men and Masons, must align ourselves with all the forces for good, to combat the devastating evils which are tearing at the very structure of our social fabric.

“With all the greed, intolerance and strife which are confronting our civilization, we should be justly proud of this fact: our Chapter Hall remains, one of the few places we may enter and amid good fellow-
ship, real friendship, peace and quiet, enjoy ourselves, and for a time forget the trials and tribulations which confront us, without.

“The future lies hidden from mortal eyes and therefore we cannot penetrate the veil and reveal events henceforth, but your Grand High Priest is happy to report that, not only has there been no backward trend in our Chapter movement this year, but on the contrary, every-
thing points to a brighter day for Capitular Masonry just ahead.”

The G.H.P. makes sympathetic reference to the deaths of Charles H. Warne, Grand Secretary; Orland W. Brownback, a P.G.M. and P.G.H.P., and many other distinguished Com-
panions of Indiana and of other Grand Chapters. He also
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gives a very complete report on the various phases of activity, such as visitations, decisions, appointments and recommendations.

The Grand Treasurer's Report carries the comforting assurance that the financial affairs of G.C. are on a solid foundation, this in a sense offsets the feeling of concern with which one notices from the Grand Secretary's Report a rather alarming loss in membership, death alone claiming 470 members.

Memorials with portraits of the late C. H. Warne and Dr. O. W. Brownback pay tribute to the high esteem in which these Companions were held. The memorials are beautifully worded and leave no doubt in the reader's mind as to the great loss G.C. sustained in their death.

"Peacefully they glide
On level seas nor mark the unknown bound.
We call it death, to them it is life beyond."

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. James R. Cawley, during the banquet held in the evening spoke to an enthusiastic audience on "Freemasonry in a Free Government"—we give you a line or two of this truly wonderful address:—

"In the recent advent of un-Americanism, Free Masonry has felt a lull in its growth. Is there any connection between the growth of un-Americanism and the falling off in the additions to Free Masonry.

"Certain it is that Germany, Russia, and Italy are not fertile soil for Free Masonry. It is like the sower who went forth to sow and all the seed of Free Masonry that had already sprung up in these lands has been crushed for want of proper nourishment in the soil.

"With the slackening in the interests in teachings of Free Masonry has gone the lessening of loyalties to Americanism. Let this truth be printed in bold headlines before every Free Mason. There can be no escaping this incongruity."

Frederick Daniel Carson was elected G.H.P. Terra Haute being selected as the next place of meeting.

The Committee on Foreign Relations presented a brief report, in which reference is made to the fact that there is no indication of anything disturbing the Peace and Harmony of the Capitular world.

No published Reviews.

As an appendix to the Proceedings a condensed History of the G.C. of Indiana appears. It is decidedly interesting—some of the Constituent Chapters were organized in 1819-1820, while the first G.C. came into being 1823.

John Stevenson of Stratford enjoys the distinction of representing Indiana near the G.C. of Canada.
IOWA

Clarence T. Jorstad, Grand High Priest.
Geo. E. Masters, Grand Secretary.
Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation held in Iowa City on April 18, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form, after which M.W. Bro. Realff Ottesen, Grand Master of the G.L. of Iowa, was escorted to the East, where he was tendered the gavel and addressed Grand Chapter.
P.G.H.P.'s, Grand Representatives and distinguished guests were then officially received and cordially greeted. At this juncture a beautiful basket of flowers was presented to Grand Chapter by representatives of the Order of Eastern Star.

From the splendid address of Grand High Priest Jorstad we quote here and there a paragraph or two:

"In these days of world-wide unrest and confusion, the principles of our Order are still clearly before us."

"Think what has happened in Austria, Russia, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Germany. There is no right of person or property in those countries. Freedom stands only as long as free men make it stand against the winds of intolerance and abuse.

"Companions, in viewing the fate of Freemasonry in these countries we see the disastrous results of the abolition of individual freedom and the crushing out of religious thought and worship.

"The world needs men and lofty aim,
Not merely men of skill and fame,
Not merely leaders wise and grave,
Or learned men or soldiers brave,
But men whose lives are fair to see,
Such men as you and I can be."

Under visitations and activities appears a very complete summary of many apparently delightful visits. Under Necrology fitting reference is made to the passing of John W. Cory, P.G.H.P., as well as to other Companions whose deaths are recorded since the last Convocation:

"Joy and peace shall crown the night
And perished hopes shall blossom bright
To aching hearts bring sweet repose
Beyond the night."

Many dispensations and decisions are set forth, all of which indicate that the G.H.P. has been a very busy man. He closes with the following:
"As we grow older, the thing that becomes more and more clear to us is the importance of friendships. I can conceive of no greater satisfaction than that of so conducting myself that I may constantly add to my list of friends and thereby obtain a fuller measure of life. To live for the most there is in life must mean that we cannot live to ourselves alone.

"Stand off by yourself in your dreaming
And all of your dreams are in vain;
No grandeur of soul or spirit
Can man by himself attain.
It is willed we shall live as brothers;
As brothers then we must toil,
We must act with a common purpose
As we work in a common soil,
And each who would see accomplished
The dreams that he's proud to own,
Must strive for the goal with his fellows,
For no man can do it alone."

"There emanates from this poem the spirit of intelligent co-operation which profits by the past and points to higher and better things for the future. It tells anew the truth that real success can be attained only when we work and build together."

Finances as reported by the Grand Treasurer appear in very healthy condition, while from the Grand Secretary's report we learn that while a loss in membership has been sustained, it is nevertheless the lowest in quite some years.

M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Thompson presented an eloquent report on the Fraternal Dead. In his tribute of respect he uses this very beautiful poetic thought:

"Some call it death when the Angel comes
To open the door of life,
The door that opens and shuts us in
From the world's toil and strife.

"Thank God for the door, by whatever name,
That waits at the turn of the road,
For it opens wide and lets us in,
To the Paradise of God."

A special memorial to the late M. Ex. Comp. Cory concludes with these words:

"An ancient philosophy has said:

"Here lies the tragedy of our Race:
"Not that men are poor;
Not that men are wicked.
Not that men are ignorant;
But that men are strangers.

"May we take away from this place not only the memory of the lives and services of our deceased Companions, but may we see through the words of another, all that Brotherhood and Companionship may and should mean."
"Write life without its friendships,  
And who would read it through?  
Paint life without its friendships,  
Where is the rainbow hue?"

"Build life without its friendships,  
And who would dwell therein?  
For friendship’s glow leads to the goal  
That each of us would win."

The elections resulted in the advancement of Harry B. Sherman to the office of G.H.P.

The Report on Correspondence is written by M. Ex. Comp. E. W. F. Holler, under the caption of Essentials, he introduces this timely query:—

"Is Royal Arch Masonry material or spiritual? What part does the material play in bringing to us the spiritual? On the material side, is it the Charter? is it the paraphernalia? is it the ritual? Are these things essentials or merely the vehicles to carry the essentials? To us the essentials are the great everlasting principles that go to make up character in man. These things incarnate in a human being make men worth while and real Masons. With this kind of officers and members we cannot help but believe many of our troubles of depleted ranks would be over. How can we get a candidate to see GOD and his LOVE, upon which all true fellowship is founded, if we do not see HIM ourselves?"

Under Canada we find a very fine review of our jurisdiction, nearly three pages being devoted to quote and comment, particular reference is made to M. Ex. Comp. Mills’ observations on “The World Situation”, also to his report on visitations to Sister Grand Chapters. The report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry is also deemed worthy of comment and generous extracts are quoted.

We are particularly impressed with Comp. Holler’s last paragraph, in which reference is made to the late Companion W. N. Ponton, in these words:—

“Companion Ponton’s reviews have always been a very great pleasure to your writer and this report is no exception to the rule.”

It is with a heavy heart that we take this means of advising Comp. Holler that our beloved P.G.Z. Col. W. N. Ponton has written his last Review, has laid aside his Working Tools, and entered into rest. His death a very distinct loss to our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in particular. Accept our sincere thanks for your kindly references.

In his final comments Comp. Holler in masterly fashion sums up the impressions gleaned on this journey through the realm of Royal Arch Masonry, we cannot refrain from giving you the following:—
"When we think of Spain and the sufferings of our Masonic brethren, does it not savor of another Spanish Inquisition? At this writing with the Dictators riding high your writer cannot help ask himself, 'How much is the Hierarchy behind these moves and how much did it stop help which might have been given to our brethren in Spain, Italy and Czechoslovakia?'

"This Journey has been one of those pleasant experiences which comes only as we have had experience and become more thoroughly acquainted with the situations of the several Grand Chapters, with their officers and especially with the members of the round table. We hope that the Proceedings of Iowa will carry as much pleasure to them as their Proceedings have carried to us."

May we say that we have thoroughly enjoyed reading this Review.

Canada is very happy in having as its Grand Representative—M. Ex. Comp. Holler.

R. Ex. Comp. Dr. B. F. Nott of North Bay, a stalwart in Masonry, represents Iowa near the G.C. of Canada.

KANSAS

William F. Shea, Grand High Priest.
Elmer F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation held in Wichita, Kansas, February 13, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form by M. Ex. Comp. Shea, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Representatives, numbering 43, were then accorded a fraternal greeting. Canada's Representative, Roy H. Clossen, answering the Roll Call.

Distinguished visitors were then presented and accorded appropriate honours.

Sixteen P.G.H.P.'s were seated in the East. We consider Kansas very fortunate in having the attendance of so many of the "Old Guard."

A few excerpts from the G.H.P.'s address follow:—

"Capitular Masonry still stands for all that is noble, for all that is good, and for all that is worthwhile. Yet Companions, from some of the letters I have received from the High Priests over the state, I am led to believe that a large number of our Companions have traded this heritage for the dinner clubs. I know that these things move in cycles and I am not greatly alarmed by the condition of Capitular Masonry in this great state."

He pays tribute to the services rendered by Harry O. Davis, Grand Lecturer, and refers to the laborious efforts of Comp. Wilson in compiling the History of Grand Chapter, which according to advance information, will prove very
interesting. Twenty Dispensations were granted covering routine matters, and a committee appointed to revise the ritual. His visitations were many and apparently covered the entire jurisdiction, his zeal in this regard is decidedly commendable as, owing to a shoulder injury, he was forced to drive his car with his left hand in order to attend a great number of District meetings.

He concluded his address with some good commonsense commentaries and with these words:—

"The record of my year's work is now before you. No doubt there were many mistakes, but if there were, I assure you that they were mistakes of the head and not of the heart."

"In a few hours I shall deliver the gavel to my worthy successor and retire to the ranks. I sincerely hope that I will not fall prey to this sleeping sickness, but that I may be alert and ready at all times to do anything that I am able to do for our beloved Order."

From the Biographical sketch of Comp. Shea we learn of his activity, enthusiasm and Irish wit. Member of the Lions Club, a director of the Y.M.C.A., Elder in the church, and vice-president of a bank. Despite these many activities he devotes much time to the various branches of Masonry, in all of which he appears to take a leading part.

Charles A. Loucks having been elected G.H.P., he was duly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. Neilson.

A memorial, with portraits of M. Ex. Comps. T. G. Fitch, Thomas L. Bond, and Charles Gregg West, pays tribute to the memory of these outstanding Masons whose deaths have been recorded since the last Convocation. We cannot refrain from mentioning a few of the beautiful thoughts incorporated in these pages:—

"A beautiful stream of life flowing from a golden heart has reached its haven in the ocean of eternity."

"Truly he wore the purple with becoming modesty and his rugged mannerisms could never conceal the large heart and the sterling qualities of this lawyer, business man, philanthropist and honoured Mason."

"He kept a tongue of good report."

"With all of his active service, never did he forget to "practice outside of the Chapter those virtues which are inculcated in it." His was a life of inspiration to his younger Companions. 'He kept a tongue of good report.'"

"He was a man. Take him for all in all, we shall not look upon his like again."

"His zeal for the Institution of Masonry in Kansas never faltered. Whether the station to which he was called to serve was humble or exalted, Charlie West gave to the work to be done the same degree of sincere, earnest and capable consideration. As a result, his work was always well done. 'He was a man.'"
A clear cut presentation of the activities of Sister Jurisdictions characterizes the Report on Foreign Correspondence by Albert K. Wilson.

Canada is very efficiently reviewed, and M. Ex. Comp. Mills' address freely quoted.

Our late Reviewer, M. Ex. Comp. Ponton, is also mentioned as presenting a splendid Review. We appreciate this comment, Companion Wilson.

From the District of Columbia he quotes:—

"The main lesson to us in our work is the same that all the world must learn and heed, if civilization is to survive. It goes to the point that there can be no failure and no discouragement in that which we are trying to do. We may be termed such, by applying ourselves with renewed spirit and vigour to the conservation of that which we have and by a broadening of the powers and influence of Capitular Masonry to the end that our future growth will soon erase the losses of recent years."

And from Illinois:—

"We are grieved at any loss we may sustain from our ranks, but when a giant oak of the forest falls which has stood the test of years and becomes a landmark or a beacon light to guide the steps of weary mariners of our Craft, then our sorrow and grief become mixed with the feeling of the real loss we have sustained."

New Jersey is quoted thus:—

"In a world torn apart by strife and bloodshed, we are, indeed, warned of the enemy at our gates. Masonry, in many of the European countries, is feeling the lash of the Dictators. Men are being turned away from God and led to worship the mythical things and false gods."

Companion Wilson's summary of the work of the various Grand Chapters is thorough yet brief.

Kansas is ably represented near the G.C. of Canada by A. P. Goering of Hamilton, Ontario.

KENTUCKY

C. E. Peterson, Grand High Priest.
Ray G. Tipton, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation was held in Louisville, October 17, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened by M. Ex. Comp. Petersen in ample form, he was supported by nineteen P.G.H.P.'s.

P.G.H.P. John M. Cochran introduced the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Karl M. Vetsburg, who was accompanied by his Grand Secretary, also C. E. Freeman. Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.
The G.H.P.'s address contained a resumé of the activities of the year.

Reference is made to the splendid work being done in the Old Mason's Home at Shelbyville, Grand Chapter has a heavy investment in this home.

On account of floods in several parts of the State a number of rituals were lost. The G.H.P. had them replaced at no expense to the losers.

M. Ex. Comp. Peterson concludes his address with a glowing tribute to his officers and particularly to the Grand Secretary and Past G.H. Priests Sulser and Cochran.

Ray G. Tipton, the Grand Secretary, presented a very comprehensive report in which the following attracts our attention:

"This is the House that shall stand,
A light at the summit of Society's hill
A voice that evil cannot still,
A source of blessing to the land:
Its strength, not brick, nor stone, nor wood,
But Liberty, Equality and Brotherhood."

"What the future holds for us no one can foretell, but our objective for the coming year must of necessity be a continuation of united effort to stem the tide of depleting ranks: co-operation and renewed vigor from all our companions is necessary. The welfare of our entire jurisdiction must be the objective of each officer in this Grand Chapter at all times, and to this end you are requested to guard the welfare of our constituent chapters, and it is only through this effort that the tide of suspensions will subside, and if accomplished, success will surely be ours."

From the report on Necrology this:

"There is no death to the splendid soul who, by the persistent surrender of self to unselfishness, demonstrates the will to win the battle of life eternal. The companion who bears in daily life the Mark of the Master, and who proves himself a Past Master in fulfillment of the Law of Love, places unerringly the Great White Stone . . . . the Keystone . . . . in the Royal Arch of Character and enters the Sanc-torium of the 'House not made with hands.' There the hosts of Heaven welcome another winner as they sing:

"The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of LIFE is won.
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Also this tribute to the late P.G.H.P. John C. Worsham:

"His industry was only the offspring of a conscience that refused him rest until his work was well done. And thus it came to pass that as he toiled long to perform the trusts he felt upon him, evening came early one time, touched him on the shoulder, bidding him home to receive his crown of glory."
"Dear mystical, magical River of Rest.
A storied, sweet stream is this River of Rest;
The souls of all time keep its ultimate shore;
And journey you east or journey you west,
Unwilling or willing, surefooted or sore
You surely will come to this River of Rest—
This beautiful, beautiful River of Rest."

Owen R. Meadors was elected and subsequently installed
as G.H.P.—a portrait of the new G.H.P. and a biographical
sketch add to the interest in reviewing the Proceedings.

The report on the "Doings of Other Grand Chapters" is in
the experienced hands of M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Cochrane.

Our primary interest is in the review of Canada at Wind-
sor. M. Ex. Comp. Cochran deals with us in a friendly
manner, touching here and there upon the high-lights of our
Convocation. He quotes from the G.Z.'s address as follows:—

"It would lengthen this address considerably if I attempted to outline
even briefly the many visits I have made to lodges and chapters all over
this jurisdiction."

"Congratulations, my honored Sir, for not printing this list of visi-
tations, though our curiosity will ever remain active to ascertain how
many so called banquets you attended and how many chickens made the
supreme sacrifice. Do you Canadians have fried chicken at your ban-
quets? It has always been a surprise to me that banquet chickens
always seem to have so many legs, which I detest, and so little of the
white meat which I love, and I always draw a leg."

Answering the query anent fried chicken at our banquets
in Canada—we say—YE GODS—no—that would be a rare
treat. Our banquets consist of a feast of oratory and a side
order of cold ham.

Thanks for the generous reference to M. Ex. Comp. Pon-
ton's reviews—we are sure that Comp. Cochran will learn
with regret that our genial and most eloquent Past Grand Z.
has answered the last great call—leaving behind him count-
less admirers and an indelible imprint upon all branches of
Masonry in Canada.

We are grateful for this sentiment which appears in the
review of British Columbia:—

"The outstanding event of the year was the visit of their Britannic
Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. From newspaper
accounts they must be a fine couple, doing a hard job in a most excellent
manner. With war clouds spreading over the far flung British Empire,
we say God save the King with more than mere lip service: with a heart
filled with sadness; with eyes filled with tears for those who must lose
their lives on the battlefield and with those who must remain at home
and suffer."
Canada is represented near the G.C. of Kentucky by M. Ex. Comp. A. Gordon Sulser—who was not only present but according to the Proceedings was exceedingly active.

R. Ex. Comp. Rev. A. S. H. Cree represents Kentucky and performs in a faithful manner all the duties of a Grand Representative—he never fails to answer the roll-call.

**LOUISIANA**

J. Luther Jordan, Grand High Priest.
Chas. C. Brown, Grand Secretary.

Ninety-second Convocation held in New Orleans, February 6, 1939.

Grand Chapter called to order by G.H.P., and after the Invocation by the Acting Grand Chaplain, was declared open. Sixteen P.G.H.P.’s were in attendance.

Grand Representatives were received and warmly welcomed. Canada’s Representative, John W. Armstrong, answered the call.

The G.H.P. opened a comprehensive address with:

"The whirling wheels of time continue to count with inexorable precision the passing days. We are constantly reminded that soon our individual stations will be filled by others and the light of our day will have been ended. This should spur us on to do our best in order that our example may be a guide to those who come after us and in order that we may transmit unimpaired the heritage that is ours.”

Among his Rulings we note that an officer of a Subordinate Chapter who moves from the jurisdiction of that Chapter does not of necessity create a vacancy of his office, unless he officially tenders his resignation.

In his reference to the Fraternal Dead he uses these lines from Grey’s Elegy in a Country Churchyard” (an immortal poem):

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth, e’er gave,
Await alike the inevitable hour;—
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

His comment on petty jealousies is worth recording:

"I am firmly convinced that if Masons generally were more concerned with promoting the institution, its teachings, its influence, instead of promoting their own personal ambitions, we would have a more prosperous fraternity spiritually and financially. It is better for both men and institutions that they render service and fill well whatever place to which they are called than it is to gain distinction by schemes, plans and unholy alliances. The rewards are for faithful stewardship.”
"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,  
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear  
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

It is interesting to note that among the visitors greeted was C. F. Ratcliffe, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Finances, according to Grand Treasurer’s report, appear in splendid shape.

G.H.P. each year presents an Altar Bible for the Chapter which achieves best record for the year.

The procedure evidently produces results. It is recommended that in future a Travelling Bible be employed—the Chapter holding it for one year and then returns it to the G.C. for presentation to the Chapter that earns the honour the following year. The name and date of each Chapter so honoured to be engrossed on fly leaf of the Bible. A splendid thought and one worthy of emulation.

John S. Burgess elected and installed G.H.P. Lee W. Harris elected Grand Secretary.

A group picture of the officers of Grand Chapter adorns the Proceedings.

The Foreign Correspondence Report was presented by Edwin F. Gayle. Brief, yet containing the salient features of the Proceedings under review.

Louisiana is ably represented in Canada by Bishop Seager of London, Ontario.

MAINE

Philip G. Hodsdon, Grand High Priest.
Convers E. Leach, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation held at Portland on May 2nd, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form, the invocation being offered by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. Francis Walsh.

The Roll Call of Grand Representatives was answered by a strong delegation, although we note with regret the absence of Canada’s Representative, J. Blaine Morrison.

Grand High Priest Hodsdon then delivered his address, which although not lengthy, was extremely interesting. His reference to the Fraternal Dead being especially touching—ending with these beautiful lines:—

"They are not dead who live  
In hearts they leave behind.  
In those whom they have blessed  
They live a life again,  
And shall live through the years."
“Eternal life, and grow
Each day more beautiful
As time declares their good,
Forgets the rest, and proves
Their Immortality.”

He gives a clear, concise account of his stewardship, covering visitations made and references to a few invitations from beyond his jurisdiction which he was unable to accept, among these being Canada; we too regretted his inability to be with us.

Dispensations, Decisions and Schools of Instruction all find their place in his remarks, which also include the following:

“The Masonic Fraternity has always stood for the best in good government, for the best in our home life and for the purest of morality. We have inherited these things. We should in turn, strive our utmost to preserve them for our successors, so that, when we are called upon to lay aside our working tools, we may indeed, be worthy, and well qualified to receive the wages of faithful craftsmen.”

While reports indicate a decline in membership the D.D.G.H.P.’s all refer to a renewed interest and increased enthusiasm throughout the various districts, and the Treasurer’s report furnished comforting assurance as to the welfare of Grand Chapter’s fiscal affairs.

M. Ex. Comp. Bodge assumed the chair and presided over the Election of Officers which resulted in the elevation of Benjamin W. Ela to the office of G.H.P. and the re-election of C. E. Leach as Grand Secretary.

Under Memorials a fitting tribute was paid to the Fraternal Dead:

“Not with hearts of men who mourn, rather with the Mason’s reverence for Him in Whom we put our trust, we pause to pay tribute to the memories of those Companions who have died during the past year. Dr. Faber has well expressed our confidence and fraternal sympathy in these familiar lines:

“Hark! hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling
O’er earth’s green fields and ocean’s wave-beat shore;
How sweet the truth those blessed strains are telling
Of that new life when sin shall be no more.
Angels of Jesus, angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night.”

On the close of Grand Chapter, the Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was convened.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the ready pen of Thos. H. Bodge—who among other comments refers to the discontinuance of published Reviews by many Grand Chapters.
We heartily agree with his remark:—

"I feel certain there must be a distinct loss because of the failure of the members to have available the opportunity of keeping in touch with other jurisdictions."

Yes, Comp. Bodge is right, it seems to us that the Fraternal Reviews provide one of the golden threads that bind us one to the other, it keeps warm the contact between the far-flung jurisdictions, and makes for solidarity in the Capitular World.

Canada receives friendly consideration. The 1938 Convocation at Kingston is carefully reviewed, with many quotations from Grand Z. Mills’ address. The Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry by R. Ex. Comp. Frank McLean also receives favourable comment; Comp. Bodge remarking:—

"I cannot refrain from quoting this paragraph which can well be pondered upon by Chapters everywhere."

"Particular notice is made and with mixed feelings of doubt and dismay, that some of the Chapters, with a view to stimulating interest, have lowered or contemplate lowering, the fee for exaltation and the annual dues. One of the dangers in so doing is the temptation of allowing the scales to weigh in favour of the physical strength rather than that of moral qualifications. This cannot be without seriously tampering with one of the safeguards which allows only the admission of those who recognize the light and are worthy of advancement."

Neighbourly greetings are extended to the late Col. W. N. Ponton, with kindly references to his last Review of Maine. Would that Comp. Ponton were here to enjoy the fragrance of this verbal bouquet.

From Texas he gives us this sage exhortation on the need for continued faithfulness:—

"The grand and glorious undertaking of rebuilding our mystic temple progresses in direct proportion to the sacrifices we are willing to make in continued devotion to the ideals of Masonry through active participation in the work of the lodge and chapter."

"We will rebuild the house of the Lord, Companions, we will rebuild."

"The temple of human character must be rebuilt, and it cannot be done until reverence for sacred things is restored; the man, who holds nothing sacred, is on a level with the brute creation; he must be raised to a higher level before he can build a temple which houses honour, integrity and truth."

The Grand Chapter of Maine at this writing is not represented near the G.C. of Canada, the commission being vacant due to the lamented death within the past month of one who for years has been an ardent worker in the vineyards of Masonry. The passing of Marshall E. Sherwood of Woodstock removes a familiar figure from the realm of Canadian Masonry.
MANITOBA—1938

E. T. Johnson, Grand Z.
Geo. Syme, Grand Scribe E.

Fifteenth Annual Convocation held in City of Winnipeg, February 9, 1938.

The Credential Committee, reporting that a constitutional number of Chapters were represented, the Grand Council entered and M. Ex. Comp. Johnson declared Grand Chapter opened in ample form.

Distinguished guests, representing Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota and North Dakota, together with representatives of the Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, were then severally presented and extended a warm welcome and honours suitable to their respective stations.

The National Anthem was sung followed by the singing of America in honour of the visitors from the United States. The Union Jack and the American flag appeared side-by-side.

M. Ex. Comp. Johnson delivered a brilliant address, commencing with:

"Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away.
They fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day."

"Yes, the year your officers have served has passed too quickly, so much to accomplish, so little time to perform those important duties.

"The programme of world events is worthy of brief consideration at this time in so far at least as it concerns Masonry and its future. Bewilderment and disorder of the nations and their people continue. The outlaw nations have been accorded every encouragement to proceed with their blustering threats and bullying gestures. Peace loving nations have found their hands to be tied, fearing that any effort to curb such boldness might precipitate a major disaster. Organized Communism and Fascism are gripping the throats of European peoples. Their propaganda is spreading to North America with dangerous rapidity—reaction is becoming rampant."

The address refers to many enjoyable visitations both within and beyond the Jurisdiction of Manitoba. The usual routine dispensations are mentioned. No rulings or decisions being made during the year. The Grand Z. tells of one Chapter which voted to extend the privilege of adjustment to all Companions who were due for suspension for failure to pay their annual dues. The motion provided that all arrearages would be cancelled if the 1937 and 1938 dues were paid by
January 31, 1938—the result was most gratifying, 80% took advantage and were reinstated.

He quotes from an address delivered in another Grand Chapter as follows:—

"Masonry would thrive and flourish on the fruits of the tree of Masonic Effort and not on its Root. The great men who lived in the past, and have left a Name, who have added glory and honour to our Family, University, Lodge, Community or Nation, have done it because of their Character and Life. It is the fruit that they have brought forth, that has given them a place on the honour roll of our esteem. Few of them could point to the roots from whence they sprang, as being out of the ordinary."

And concludes his address with this carefully phrased truism:—

"Finally, Companions, the tendency of the times is to rest on the laurels of the past in Masonry.

"But a changing world is forcing upon us new ideas, new conceptions of how to live, so the great Truths of Masonry must be expressed in a manner that will be readily recognized by this modern age. Faith in an All Wise, All Powerful Being is not sufficient for the salvation of man. We must act upon that faith."

Companion C. J. Hutchings presented a brief but interesting report on Fraternal Correspondence. No printed report of his “reviews” appear in the Proceedings.

From the Committee on Fraternal Dead:—

"The Infinite Deity—God—the Universal Life, Law, and Intelligence evolutes within itself, by the Law of Evolution, another name for the endless Law of Love, into the rational, independent individuality called Man. Mother Earth is the planet on which men live and move and have their being. Here he may unite his soul with that of “the Father Who art in heaven”—the Great I AM. Here he may learn and operate the one great Law, ‘That ye love one another.’"

Among the Grand Representatives received and welcomed was M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Brownell, our Representative.

Robert H. Reid represents Manitoba near our Grand Chapter.

The Proceedings closed with the election and Installation of Officers. S. D. Cruden being elected Grand Z.

MANITOBA—1939

S. D. Cruden, Grand Z.
Geo. Syme, Grand Scribe E.
Sixteenth Annual Convocation held in Winnipeg, February 8, 1939.
Grand Chapter declared open in ample form by M. Ex. Comp. Cruden.
Grand Honours accorded many visitors from neighbouring Jurisdictions, National Anthems of Great Britain and United States were sung, the flag of each nation being draped.

The address of the Grand Z. was inspirational, containing much food for reflection, from which the following is taken:

“The future of Royal Arch Masonry depends upon how well we plan, what kind of leadership we have and how fully we exemplify in our own lives the high ideals and principles of our beloved Order.”

“Let us make the ritual more radiant,
Its Philosophy more understandable,
Its Symbolism more luminous,
Its Spirit more active,
and its labours more practical and efficient.”

“The spirit of Fraternalism is the common property of the world; it makes us more useful and more capable of enjoyment, no matter what sphere of life we occupy. Everywhere you turn the voice of cordial greetings sound in your ear and the warm hand of brotherly love is extended. Surely the potent power which has brought about this condition is one of Heaven’s most priceless gifts to mankind.

“May each of us grow old reverently. For we should always bear in mind that each of us by mastery of himself may add a pearl of great price to the common wealth; each may set a new star in that sky which arches over our human world.”

References to routine matters and many delightful visits are embodied in the address which concludes with:

“I took a day to search for God,
And found Him not. But as I trod
By rocky ledge, through woods untamed,
Just where one scarlet lily flamed,
I saw his footprint in the sod.

“At last with evening as I turned
Homeward, and thought of what I had learned
And all that there was still to probe—
I caught the glory of His robe
Where the last fires of sunset burned.

“Back to the world with quickening start
I look and longed for any part
In making saving Beauty be
And from that kindling ecstasy
I knew God dwelt within my heart.”

From the address of the Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, we like the comments on the conditions obtaining in Transcona Chapter, smallest in the district. Tribute is paid to interest evinced by the officers, some of whom have to travel 118 miles to attend Chapter meetings. He ends his remarks with:
"Truly the Officers and Companions of this Chapter are:
"One equal temper of heroic hearts
Made weak by time and fate.
But strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find,
And not to yield."

Cecil J. Hutchings presented his usually well written report on "Correspondence", in which the keynote is best expressed in the last paragraph:

"In conclusion, I should like to leave with you this thought,—that present day conditions constitute a challenge to carry forward and spread the high moral principles and teachings of Capitular Masonry, but if every Companion will inject into his everyday life the high ideals, the honesty of purpose, and the zeal for service which he should, then we need have no fear for the future of the Royal Craft."

Reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters are not published.

Election of Officers resulted in the selection of M. Ex. Comp. Chas. E. Cole as Grand Z., and the re-election of R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Syme as G.S.E.

Next place of meeting—Winnipeg.

MARYLAND

Howard M. Emmons, Grand High Priest.
Charles H. Welden, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Convocation held in Baltimore, December 13, 1938.

Many distinguished guests were in attendance and these were severally introduced and acclaimed with Grand Honours. It is noteworthy that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, was the first of the visitors to be received.

Grand Representatives were then presented at the Altar and were warmly greeted by the G.H.P.

Canada was represented by John H. Lubbers.

M. Ex. Comp. Emmons presented a thoughtfully prepared address, commencing with:

"Leaving behind a trail of wonderful memories, the past three years have been among the most momentous in all our Masonic experiences, and how swiftly they have passed!"

He narrates the accomplishment of the year, interspersing here and there words of wisdom. His dissertation on the Seven Degrees of Ancient Freemasonry, in which he likens them to the "Seven Ages of Man" is a masterly treatment of a subject that should interest every Mason who is privileged
to read it. He traces the advancement of the neophyte from degree to degree, deals with the wonderful lessons contained in each and concludes with:—

"To the man who really has the desire, the urge to study these wonderful degrees, he will find a sermon, yea, many of them; in every step he takes there is unfolded at each rendition of the work new thoughts, new ideas, new beauties, if he will but look for them."

Official visitations, both within the jurisdiction and beyond its borders, are dealt with individually and convey the very definite impression that the G.H.P. has experienced a very happy if busy year.

In his concluding remarks he pays generous tribute to his successor, and expresses his feeling at transferring the mantle of authority to other shoulders as a mixed sensation of relief and regret, he leaves us with this beautiful thought:—

"May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon you all,
May the Spirit of the Almighty abide within the temple you have been erecting.
As the guide and rule of your conduct
The Succor and Help in time of trouble."

In introducing M. Ex. Comp. J. J. Anderson, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, the G.H.P. said:—

"Companions, some two or three of you may not return after dinner, so I want at this time to present to you the Deputy General Grand High Priest."

To which M. Ex. Comp. Anderson replies as a preface to a very fine address:—

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions, I take it from the remarks of the Grand High Priest that you are going to have dinner, and I am wondering what you are going to have at that dinner that some of you cannot come back. Of course in days of prohibition I would know what to expect.

"Now, I am not prepared to give you any advice. That sort of reminds me that my eldest son was making a speech and address of welcome at a lodge at Raleigh the other day when entertaining the veteran members. He said his father called his youngest boy to him one day and wanted to talk to him on the duties of life. He says, 'Now, son, I want to talk about the affairs of life.' Henry says, 'All right, pop, what do you want to know?'" (Laughter)

From a host of matters dealt with by the G.H.P. and Jurisprudence Committee the following is of interest. A Constituent Chapter sought to have their by-laws amended so that the Secretary would be exempt from dues. This, as pointed out by the Jurisprudence Committee, is in violation of a General Grand Chapter ruling. No member may be exempt from dues, but the Chapter may compensate the Sec-
retary by a yearly remission of dues, but this requires a definite resolution each year. This committee also approved a recommendation that representatives of Sister Jurisdictions be dropped if they fail to attend three Convocations.

To this we add our applause.

Grover L. Michael was elected G.H.P. for the ensuing year and subsequently installed as such. The Proceedings are graced by a portrait of the new G.H.P. and a brief recital of his business and Masonic record.

The Capitular Review is the joint effort of D. R. Vansart, Jr., R. W. Westerfeld, and W. P. Ramsay, and they remind us that this is the first Review prepared in several years without the able assistance of M. Ex. Comp. Howard M. Emmons who for ten years has served as Reviewer. The Review, following the "Foreword", is a capable presentation of what the committee has termed "The High Spots."

They ask that any critical comment be accepted in a spirit of kindness. Quite right, this correspondent also believes in frankness.

Naturally we first turn to the Review of Canada—where we find a very complete summary of our Kingston Convocation, under the efficient gavel of M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills. Here space is given to quotations from the Grand Z.'s address, the report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, a reference to the loss of a very dear friend in the death of M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore and a kindly word for the Review of Maryland by the late M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton.

Attention is drawn to the fact that at this Convocation Maryland was not represented.

Frank K. Ebbitt of Iroquois Falls, a well skilled craftsman, holds the commission for Maryland, and perhaps he may be forgiven for an occasional lapse when it is known that he has to travel some 700 miles to attend Grand Chapter.

From Quebec the following is deemed worthy of mention:

"We have been passing through a very difficult period, but I am satisfied that we have reached bottom and are now on the upward curve. May the experiences and knowledge gained in our years of adversity be valuable in our coming years of prosperity and may we so apply ourselves to the future as to be fully worthy of the high privilege which is ours."

"God grant us wisdom in these coming days
And eyes unsealed that we clear vision see
Of that new world that He would have us build
To Life's ennoblement and His high Ministry."
MASSACHUSETTS

Edward H. Whittemore, Grand High Priest.
Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Convocation was held March 8, 1938, and upon the entrance of the Grand High Priest and his Officers—the Grand Chaplain offered up the invocation, and Grand Chapter was declared open in ample form.

From the address of M. Ex. Comp. Whittemore we quote:

"On every side there is an indicated enthusiasm inspired by those who are devoted to their obligation. Yet, withal we must constantly keep before us the fact that to falter is to fall and the heights can only be reached by always facing forward. The goal of success will never be obtained no matter in which direction it may lie until we have surmounted the obstacles that lie in the path."

Among many interesting matters contained in the Proceedings we find Constituent Chapters seeking dispensation for the reduction of fees which in Massachusetts apparently must be deposited with the application. There is a thought here that might be worthy of consideration—not the reduction of fees, as that is merely an evidence of the "times", but the depositing of the cash in advance. In Canada we collect just prior to conferring the first of the Capitular degrees.

Quarterly Convocation held June 7, 1938.

From the Quarterly Report of the G.H.P. we extract the following:

"With every intent to respect the great accomplishments of past generations and with no desire to undo the good which has been established, I firmly believe we shall be counted neglectful by those who look back on our record, unless we show substantial evidence of a full appreciation of the problems of to-day. Otherwise we shall have little to pass on to posterity. To be in keeping with the historic past we should make our contribution to Masonry a lasting memorial to become forever a part of the Eternal Structure."

Quarterly Convocation held September 13, 1938.

The G.H.P. referred to the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in the following words:

"Nor does his exalted position remove him from our warm appreciation of his personal interest in the work we are trying to perform in the common field of labour."

The Annual Convocation was held on December 13, 1938, at Boston.

At this Convocation an exemplification of degrees was a feature.
We offer this excerpt from the G.H.P.'s address:—

"It is sometimes hard to recognize real progress in the direction we have chosen. Sometimes and far too often we weary of the toil and trudging, finding it much more to our delight to linger by the roadside, under a sheltering tree or by some babbling brook. And oh. how easy it is to bask in the sunshine when there is work to be done. If we are to attract the youth of this country to our banner—it must be held high, unblemished and held aloft by strong hands."

How true this thought.

Feeling reference was made to the passing of many distinguished Masons, among whom we find the name of our own well beloved M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore. The Report on Necrology concludes with this gem:—

**ADIEU**

"I leave upon the outward tide
I need no pilot, chart or star,
My Captain knows all seas to guide
As forth we voyage wide and far.
Some day you too will leave the shore
The self-same ship and Captain, too,
When we shall meet to part no more,
Till then, my love, Adieu, Adieu."

Reference is made to the many visitors, among whom at the several meetings it is noted M.W. Bro. Joseph Earl Perry, Grand Master, appears to be a regular attendant. This is as it should be and no doubt proves a source of inspiration and encouragement to our Companions of Grand Chapter.

Canada was duly represented at all Convocations by our accredited Representative, D. Henry Childs.

Massachusetts is ably represented by Archibald J. Strin-ger of Toronto.

The usual Convention of High Priesthood was held as part of the Grand Chapter Agenda.

Massachusetts, as usual, presents interesting reading.

**MICHIGAN**

Donald M. Wilson, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.


Before completing the opening ceremonies the guests were escorted into G.C., and received with honours befitting their stations in Masonry.
Among the many present we note that Canada was represented by John M. Empey, Grand Second Principal, and Edwin Smith, G.S.E.

Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, and the General Grand Chapter all furnished delegations, while representatives from the Knights Templar, Grand Council, R. & S.M., and our old and valued friend Francis B. Lambie, Acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, with his staff were all received and duly honoured.

Seventeen P.G.H.P.’s as well as a full attendance of Grand Representatives were officially greeted.

A beautiful basket of roses presented to the G.H.P. by Calvin Britain Chapter adorned the East.

Grand Chapter was then opened in ancient form, a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, completing the opening ceremonies.

M. Ex. Comp. Wilson then delivered his annual address—a fine presentation, comprehensively enumerating the work of the year, and furnishing much interesting material for the thinking Mason. We quote a few of the outstanding features—taken here and there at random from this splendid report:

“One year ago you elevated me to the high office I hold, the greatest gift within your power to bestow. It is a signal honor, the greatest that I shall ever experience. I have had no false illusions. I knew that I would receive much attention and many honors throughout the year and that I might easily become confused into feeling that these honors were directed to me personally instead of to the Jewel you gave me to wear. I have not made that mistake. I fully realized that were I to falter or fall the Mark would be carried on. I now offer my work for inspection.”

Referring to his visit to the G.C. of Canada held in Windsor he has many nice comments to make—including the following:

“The Canadian Companions, headed by M. Ex. Companion William Y. Mills, Grand Z., were fine hosts. It is expected that the King and Queen will visit Windsor in the near future. I can only wish for them the great display of courtesy and friendliness that was accorded our ladies and ourselves.”

Under the caption of “State of the Craft” he has this to say:

“We have experienced nearly a decade of depression, part of which has been apologetically referred to as a recession. This depression, with its many terrifying repercussions, has grown from a mere financial depression to one affecting the physical well being as well as depressing the morale of our people. In spite of all these disturbing factors it is my sincere belief that the last year has been a distinct improvement in our Capitular structure.”
We are quite interested in his comments with regard to Camp Rademaker, and note with interest that this fine work among the youth is continuing with unabated interest.

Among the By-Law revisions it is significant that a great number are for the purpose of reducing Fees. This surely marks the trend of the times. The address is concluded with this extremely pertinent comment:

“Our social structure is in a troubled state. From all sides come suggested panaceas. I can only say that if, when organized minorities are seeking control of our great country; when rabble rousers, lustful for power, are sapping the courage and endeavoring to destroy the morale of our citizenry with paternalistic and collectivistic schemes; if, when on all sides is heard the promises of false prophets, Masonry has helped men keep their heads and I, as head of our Grand Chapter, have helped to keep the lamp of reason trimmed and burning, then and then only, may I view my labors with some satisfaction.”

The report of the Grand Treasurer is encouraging even though Comp. Conover in his report as Grand Secretary presents somewhat disturbing statistics. Michigan is well and truly served by that Masonic veteran—Charles A. Conover—who for thirty-six years has assumed the onerous duties of Grand Secretary. We cannot refrain from quoting his opening remarks, so characteristic of the man:

“As I turn to the printed records to assist a fading memory I am greatly surprised at the present absence of the bulk of the members who responded to roll call at that time. That generation is largely gone and an entire new one has come upon the stage of activities. Of the chapter officers there is only an occasional name of a survivor. ‘Thus wastes man. Today he puts forth the tender leaves of hope, tomorrow—’ but why repeat those familiar words? Let us rather give thanks to be spared to witness the revolutionary changes which have come to this world in that more than a third of a century.”

In the report on the Committee on Obituaries feeling reference is made to the all too heavy losses of the year. A memorial to the memory of the late William N. Senf—especially affects the writer who established contact with Comp. Senf—during a visit to Michigan a few years ago—a brief meeting but one that left us with happy memories. This memorial quotes the following:

“Green, but far greener is the Faith
That gives us victory over death;
Fragrant, more fragrant far the Hope
That buoyis our spirits up;
Enduring, but the Charity
That Masons teach will never die.”
Guy Allen Birge was elected G.H.P., while Comp. Conover continues in office as Grand Secretary. Would that it were possible for him to provide a living emulation of Tennyson’s “The Brook”—and go on forever.

Detroit was selected as the next place of meeting. We regret that the Proceedings contain no report on Fraternal Correspondence and no review of Sister Jurisdictions. This is a keen disappointment to us in writing this our first Review. We were looking to our old friends in Michigan for inspiration.

Canada is proud to record Charles A. Conover as its Grand Representative—of course he was present—could the G.C. of Michigan meet without him?

Dr. Walter G. Price, our genial Grand Treasurer, fills a similar position on behalf of Michigan near the G.C. of Canada.

MINNESOTA

Harry L. Peterson, Grand High Priest.
John H. Anderson, Grand Secretary.

Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation held on October 10, 1939, in the City of St. Paul.

M. Ex. Comp. Peterson opened Grand Chapter in ample form, the occasion being made more colorful by the presentation of the colors by a Guard from Damascus Commandery, Knights Templar.

Grand High Priest William E. Pool of Wisconsin, P.G.H.P. Miller of North Dakota, and Chas. E. Cole, Grand First Principal of Manitoba, were then officially received and escorted to the dais.

Thirteen P.G.H.P.’s adorned the East by their presence.

A goodly array of Grand Representatives were received with honours, among these we note with satisfaction was Canada’s representative, J. Arthur Jensen.

The G.H.P. delivered a splendidly worded address from which the following is taken:

“In these days of world-wide unrest, war and confusion, when the privilege of gathering together in fraternal fellowship is denied to many, let us thank God that we, as citizens of this great Democracy, may enjoy the liberty which is ours.
“Perhaps the majority of us gathered here today sympathize with those nations that are at war to protect right against might. We must, however, guard against this sympathy leading us into participation. I say to you, my Companions, let each and every one of us use every precaution and every effort to retain our neutrality, that we may keep ourselves and our Government out of the present and all future entanglements.”

Among the amendments to By-laws approved by the G.H.P. we note one in which a section that exempts Past and Present High Priests from annual dues is deleted.

This seems to us a sensible measure in view of the financial difficulties which most subordinate Chapters labour under in these unusual times.

Among his many visitations we note the G.H.P.'s reference to his visit to the G.C. of Manitoba. Tribute is paid to the excellent work being done by the Grand Lecturer. Among the recommendations is one to present the retiring G.H.P. with a watch, a ring or charm suitably engraved, something that may be displayed beyond the limits of the Chapter room. We presume, of course, that the customary Jewel will not be discarded.

The address closes with:—

“Companions, my year is practically at a close. I assure you I have made an earnest and sincere effort to administer the affairs of this office to the best of my ability. For the errors I have made I ask your indulgence.

“May God grant to each of you his richest blessings in the years to come.”

Robert E. Dorn, Grand Chaplain, presented a really fine address, from which we quote a thought or two:—

“Again and yet again, man must bow in due reverence and utmost humility in the presence of his own being. Physically, he has many achievements to his credit: intellectually, he has some reason to be proud: but ethically and morally, he has just reason to be ashamed. While he possesses the power to love, he also possesses the power to hate. While he possesses the power, skill, and ingenuity to build, he also possesses the power to destroy. And there is much evidence that hate and destruction have taken a heavy toll in the realm of ethics and morals.”

“But notwithstanding the necessity and value of governments and systems, it is my conviction that we will never build a better society apart from better men and women. History will bear me out that great eras were always ushered in by great personalities, and never without them. I cannot conceive moral corruption entering any community in impersonal form. I cannot visualize a collective immorality which is not first and foremost a personal and individual immorality.”
“Our greatest need is not bigger and louder horns to toot and blow, but an ever-increasing number of people which will live on higher and ever higher levels of personal being, and who will meet life’s highest responsibilities. For the ultimate measurement of a man is not determined by what he possesses, but by what he achieves in and through personal character.”

William E. Pool writes the Report on Foreign Correspondence. We regret that no published reviews appear in the Proceedings; from his report the following is of interest:

“It seems to be the contention of some Reviewers that the purpose of a review is to acquaint the membership of their own Jurisdictions with the affairs of the Capitular World. Feeling that this contention has much merit I have endeavored in my journey about our State to bring to our membership information regarding the activities of all Grand Chapters.”

A very thoughtful report by the Grand Lecturer gives us the following:

“Emerson tells us ‘That every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm; that nothing great was ever achieved without it.”

“Two qualities are necessary to perpetuate the greatness of any organization, namely: loyalty and enthusiasm. In addition to loyalty and enthusiasm—in order to survive, an organization must have a purpose. Royal Arch Masonry has a definite purpose, a real mission and a philosophy of life that men need today.

“Our only enemy worth considering is our own apathy and indifference.”

The Committee on Necrology presented a very eloquent report, which concludes with this beautiful sentiment:

“We are therefore not here to celebrate our defeats but our victories. Not to lament in death but to rejoice in life. For death is not our despair but our hope; not our tragedy but our triumph; not the end but the beginning; not the evening twilight that fades into night, but the radiant dawn that precedes a new day.

“Hail, then, and farewell, our departed Companions, for in God we are not creatures of time but of the Eternal.”

L’ENVOI

“When Earth’s last picture is painted,
And the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded,
And the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith we shall need it
Lie down for eon or two,
Till the Master of all Good Workmen
Shall set us to work anew.”

The election of officers resulted in the advancement of Angus D. McCormick to the Chair of G.H.P. and the re-election of Comp. Anderson as Grand Secretary.

Oliver Ellwood of London is the able representative of Minnesota near our Grand Chapter.
MISSISSIPPI

Morris Goldstein, Grand High Priest.
Sid. F. Curtis, Grand Secretary.

Ninety-first Convocation held in Jackson, February 15-16, 1939.

The Grand Secretary, having announced that there was a constitutional quorum present, Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, the Grand Chaplain invoking a Divine Blessing on its labours.

From the G.H.P.'s really fine address we quote:—

"Let us approach the business of this Convocation with a sense of deep gratitude to Supreme High Priest of the Universe for the many blessings which have been ours this past year, humbly conscious of our frailties, and with hope and confidence let us look forward to greater blessings and accomplishments this coming year."

He paid a wonderful tribute to the late Edward Lee Faucette who for many years filled the office of Grand Secretary efficiently and well. A Past Grand Master—active in all branches of the Craft—he will be mourned and missed. Of him it can be truly said:—

"His Life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him that Nature
Might stand up and say
To all the world, 'This was a MAN.'"

Upon the passing of Comp. Faucette, the G.H.P. appointed the Assistant Grand Secretary, Sid. F. Curtis, a son-in-law of our late Companion, to assume the duties of Secretary.

In his address the G.H.P. gives an accounting of his year's stewardship, with the usual dispensations, visitations and appointments.

He concludes with the following:—

"What is Masonry to-day? Is its light still burning brightly, or is it being dimmed by events that are being shaped in our present world history? We as Masons must view with alarm the manner in which dictatorships have arisen and the steady increase of their power and influence; and you will notice that the first institution to be suppressed in these countries is the Masonic Order. Gone is that liberty of thought, liberty of speech, and liberty of action which we as Masons prize so highly. The present trend towards dictatorships means inevitably the imposition of greater restrictions on the Masonic fraternity, and it makes us realize that Democracy and Masonry are closely intertwined. If Democracy fails, so will Masonry fail."

The Grand Lecturer's Report is interesting and his method
of visiting Craft Lodges and the giving of instructive talks on R.A.M. is an attractive idea. There is no doubt it will be fruitful of the desired results.

The Grand Secretary’s Report shows a slight loss in membership. Finances are indeed on a solid footing.

As is usual in Mississippi, many distinguished guests were received and extended a warm fraternal welcome. Thirteen P.G.H.P.’s were also received with honours. Canada’s Representative, Dr. Lippincott, failed to answer the Roll Call of Grand Representatives.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is ably presented by I. J. Scharff, P.G.H.P., whose references to the inspiring sight of the Stars and Stripes floating side by side with the Union Jack on many Masonic occasions is of course greatly appreciated by us as loyal Canadians.

His Review of Canada is courteous and friendly. He tenders thanks to Col. Ponton for his comments on Mississippi. He will be sorry to learn of M. Ex. Comp. Ponton’s lamented death, but we trust the foundation of friendship so well and truly laid by our dearly beloved Companion may provide a solid base upon which we together may build a fraternal structure which shall endure in the days to come.

From Indiana he gives us:—

“Forward, to the full knowledge that we as men and Masons, must align ourselves with all the forces for good, to combat the devastating evils which are tearing at the very structure of our social fabric.”

Also an excerpt from the address of the G.H.P. of Louisiana:—

“Friendship, fraternity is the watchword of the age. The human race is drifting toward brotherhood. All the forces of history—religious, industrial, political and social—are drawing and binding men together. Never did the human heart know and feel a broader and deeper fraternal feeling. Touch the cord of sympathy, and it vibrates around the world. Reason may teach the unity of God, faith leaps to a trinity, but faith and reason declare the fraternity of men.”

From West Virgina the following:

“Amid the rush and turmoil of our daily experiences, it is helpful to know that within our Order is a place where peace and fraternity may be found, where friendship, fidelity, fortitude, liberty and justice inculcated: where the application of the Golden Rule is strongly urged. These may be found, not only within the walks of our Temples, but also in the heart of every true Royal Arch.”

And from the address of G.H.P. Nebraska he quotes this significant statement:—
"The three countries where there are no Boy Scout organizations are Germany, Italy and Russia. In these three Dictator-ruled countries, the organization of, or membership in, all or any Fraternal Orders are absolutely forbidden."

Congratulations, Comp. Scharff, a splendid Review.

Portraits of G.H.P.-elect and Grand Secretary embellish the pages of the printed Proceedings.

The election and installation of Officers followed by the presentation of Jewels, closed the Proceedings.

R. P. Neblett elected G.H.P.

Sid. F. Curtis confirmed as Grand Secretary.

The Annual Convention of Grand Council of High Priesthood was convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

A. A. Gray, Toronto, is the capable Representative of Mississippi near our Grand Chapter.

MISSOURI

Robert Lee Barger, Grand High Priest.
Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.

The Ninety-third Annual Convocation convened in St. Joseph on April 25, 1938.

Grand Officers entered to accompaniment of music by the Grand Organist. The G.H.P. proceeded to formally open Grand Chapter, after which the Grand Chaplain offered a most eloquent invocation. The opening words of which were as follows:—

"Almighty and invisible One, the only Absolute God, Creator of life and light, Fountain of knowledge and truth, Giver of all good gifts and graces, we adore Thy eternal and unchangeable attributes, the same yesterday, to-day and forever, and always our patient and loving Heavenly Father. We adore Thee with praise and thanksgiving for the countless bounties and blessings that have attended us on life's pathway, and especially, O God, do we thank Thee for the inspiration of this concourse of Companions."

Visitors hailing from various Jurisdictions, representatives of other branches of Masonry, and Henry C. Chiles, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri were introduced in due and ancient form and each received a happy word of welcome, all were accorded the Grand Honours due their rank.

Eighteen P.G.H.P.'s were presented and greeted as the pioneers of the Order—the G.H.P. using the following words:—
“Your interest in Capitular Masonry never wanes. Whatever Royal Arch Masonry has gained is because of you and your Most Excellent forbears. This day is brighter because of your presence here, you who have borne the burden and heat of the day, to become to us an unforgetable inspiration, setting a mark for those who follow you.”

The address of Grand High Priest Barger is of a very high order, one that will appeal to every thinking man. His reference to world conditions being timely and beautifully put together. As for example, read these lines:—

“We know as citizens and observers of the world, that the spirit of man rejoices in exertion; that it thrills at the challenge of danger; that it vibrates to the tense, piercing notes of fife and the roll of drums. We know that freemen never fretted over the temporary loss of bucolic, enervating peace, while slaves were ever denied the ecstasy of strife. The proof of manhood has always been in overcoming, and the paradise that men set their hearts upon has ever been the reward of him that overcometh.

“The times are not bad, my Companions. All times are God’s and therefore good and necessary in the perfect plan.

“Sweet are the uses of adversity, which like the toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in its crown.”

“Doubts can resolve themselves only into a firmer faith when aggressive discontent with evil results, as it must, in relative good which in turn yields, as it must, to the best. This is the road to the City of God, a city like King Arthur’s—

“Built to music and therefore never built at all,
And therefore built forever.”

A concise summary of the year’s work is presented in a form that is easily read and, above all, interesting. His decisions, recommendations and suggestions are clear cut, and if acted upon should prove helpful. He concludes a brilliant address with these very modest words:—

“I have now presented you my work for consideration. In weighing its worth, may you find in it only the elements of ‘good work’ and ‘square work.’ It is my sincere hope that nothing may be written thereon, save that which may bring credit and honour to Capitular Masonry.”

While the inevitable loss in membership is apparent. The finances of Grand Chapter appear healthy and comforting, and the reports of the various committees indicates that the affairs of Grand Chapter are in capable hands.

As a frontispiece to the Proceedings appears a gravure portrait of the G.H.P. and a Biographical sketch, which serves to introduce him as a man whom we would like to know.
The election and installation of Officers closed the Proceedings.

Carter W. Atkins being elevated to G.H.P. while Ray V. Denslow again assumes the duties of Secretary. The retiring G.H.P. was presented with a watch as a token of esteem by his Companions of Grand Chapter.

Ray V. Denslow's Review of the Capitular year is "one of the best"; rather unusual for a Grand Secretary to undertake this lengthy yet very pleasing duty. We presume that in selecting Comp. Denslow our Companions of Missouri had in mind that old adage—"If you would have a thing done right—give it to a busy man to do."

His foreword is somewhat lengthy but filled with interesting material—and, while we do not agree with all that he says, particularly with his plea for simplicity—we do like the business-like manner in which he marshals his thoughts and then parades them in orderly fashion. May we remind him that Masonry's greatest charm is found in its antiquity and any attempt at modernization would in this writer's opinion prove disastrous. We do agree with his remarks that judgment should be used in the use of titles and especially euphonic and periphrastic style in the preparation of addresses and reports. From this you will see, Comp. Denslow, that we are with you at least 50%, although we still like the term "Grand Bodies."

His Reviews are distinctly novel—being arranged under topical headings, and while they efficiently cover the various phases of our Capitular life, we have this complaint to register, one is forced to read the entire volume in order to learn what Comp. Denslow has to say with reference to a particular jurisdiction. Perhaps there is method in his plan, he is at least assured that his fellow-reviewers will read the whole presentation, which is more than this writer can really hope for. In any event, after an enjoyable evening reading a very fine collection of splendidly compiled thoughts and comments we find on page 62-C that our predecessor, the late Col. W. N. Ponton, has said in a well constructed sentence the thought we have been endeavouring to develop in a deluge of words.

We are represented in Missouri by Orson H. Swearingen, while William J. Tow, one of nature's gentlemen, represents Missouri in our Grand Chapter.
MONTANA

Miles S. Parsons, Grand High Priest.
Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

The Fiftieth Convocation held in Bozeman, June 20, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M. Ex. Comp. Ed. W. Spottswood, representing the General Grand Chapter, was welcomed and saluted with Grand Honours.

Facing the introductory page of the Proceedings is a portrait of the G.H.P.—a gentleman of friendly mien. In a short Biography we read of his many Masonic activities. The writer closing with this glowing tribute:—

"He has given greatly to us and made our lives richer and finer, and we hope to have many more years of his gracious companionship, each and every year to become a glowing white pearl upon the rosary of our life upon which our questing fingers shall pause as we count the beads of memory before the hearth fires of twilight yet to come.

"Of the future we claim for him the prosperity he has so fully earned, together with continuing and increasing happiness, until he walks through the Valley of the Shadow into the light of Eternity's Morn."

For brevity the G.H.P.'s address is unique, covering as it does his year's work in an extremely abbreviated form.

He refers feelingly to the death of M. Ex. Comp. James M. Burlingame, P.G.H.P.

He tells us of many pleasant visits throughout his jurisdiction, the dispensations granted, and submitted a recommendation to the Committee on Jurisprudence that a resolution be drafted to prohibit the serving of liquor in any form at Masonic banquets held under R.A. auspices. We heartily commend the G.H.P. for this decision. We are of the opinion that Masonry and liquor do not mix.

His remarks conclude with:—

"And now, may God bless us and keep us; may He cause his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; may He lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and forevermore."

The Grand Secretary's Report indicates a slight loss in membership but not nearly so heavy as preceding years.

The Committee on Distribution in well-chosen words refer to the G.H.P.'s term as one of accomplishment and meritorious service—they end an eulogistic report with this very lovely thought:—
"May all Love, unseen but felt, o'ershow thee,  
The Love of all thy Brethren encompass thee,  
The Love of all thy Companions cherish thee,  
The Love of all thy Friends comfort thee,  
Till God's Love set thee at His side again."

The Roll of Representatives was then called, and it is with pleasure that we record the attendance of Canada's Representative, Judge H. T. Cumming.

The Deput Grand Master of Montana, Edwin Fredlund; J. S. Carklet, Grand Master, R. & S.M.; C. A. MacKenzie, Grand Commander, K.T.; and John Kain, of the A. & A.S.R., were then accorded a reception in keeping with their exalted stations.

The Election of Officers followed, with Herbert E. Hosfeld being advanced to the Chair of G.H.P. A P.G.H.P.'s Jewel was presented to Comp. Parsons on his retirement.

A "no-host" dinner served to introduce the opening Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

In the Report on Fraternal Dead we note a sympathetic reference to the passing of two of our P.G.Z.'s, M. Ex. Comps. Dunstan and Haentschel.

In presenting a very fine Review, Claude J. McAllister, P.G.H.P., opens with these words:—

"Masonry deserves and demands our best, therefore:

"Build it well, what'er you do;
Build it straight and strong and true;
Built it clear, and high and broad;
Build it for the eyes of God."

"In our second pilgrimage through the Capitular World we discovered SCULPTORS OF THOUGHT labouring with diligence and precision, each exerting to create and perfect his conception of the true Masonic character from his model of TRUTH, LOVE and the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN."

His dissertation on Masonry merits repetition:—

"Our Fraternity cannot survive on past glory any more than a nation or an individual. It is said that Robert E. Perry, who was a Mason, leading his little band of heroes in his final dash to the North Pole, said to them: 'Whoever sits down will sleep, and whoever sleeps will perish.' If Masonry goes to sleep and fails in its duty of service to humanity it will perish. This is the law of Life. When a Mason neglects his obligations, leaving his duties to the Fraternity to be performed by others, believing his support is not needed and that a sufficient number will carry out the aims and purposes of the Craft, he jeopardizes the mission of the Masonic Institution.

"As the poet has written, 'Sculptors of life are we as we stand with our lives uncarved before us.' You and I, every individual, can do much
for mankind and self if we keep the models of GOOD before us. MARK WELL our entering into the temples of the Royal Arch and with our every going forth from our sanctuary carry the highest ideals of life to all men and nations and earnestly labour for their accomplishment that our mission may redound to the glory of the Craft and meet the approval of our Supreme Grand High Priest."

Under the caption of "Our Fallen Heroes" he leaves this poetic admonition:

"Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul,
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal:
While he who walks in love may wander far,
Yet God will bring him where the blessed are."

His eloquent conclusion contains this thought:

"Another rendezvous with the Masonic riches of intellectual leadership and the ennobling influence derived from our associations with the accomplishments and progress of the Craftsmen in their faithful labours in the Quarries of the Capitular World comes to an inspiring close."

Montana’s Representative to Grand Chapter of Canada is one dearly beloved by all who know him—James Herriot of Toronto.

**NEBRASKA**

Edwin D. Crites, Grand High Priest.
Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary.

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation held in Omaha, December 6th, 1939.

Delta Chapter was opened and received the G.H.P. with honours due his exalted station. The Grand Officers assumed their places and G.C. was then declared in session.

Among the large number of guests were representatives of Grand Council, R. & S. Masters of New York, the G.C. of Colorado, Missouri, South Dakota, and Iowa—these were followed by M.W. Bros. W. J. Breckenridge, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Twenty-nine Past Grand High Priests were received and acclaimed by the presiding officer—every resident P.G.H.P. being present—this in itself is somewhat of a record.

Grand Representatives were warmly greeted—we mark the absence of Canada’s representative, Clemens A. Speelman.

M. Ex. Comp. Crites delivered a most interesting address, covering the year’s work.

From his opening remarks the following:
“The future of Masonry rests with each and every member of the Craft. Upon each one rests the great duty of understanding Masonry, and of doing his part to make it a living, vital, and constructive force for the greater good of mankind.”

The G.H.P. paid tribute to the splendid work being done in connection with the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Among his many visitations he refers to the International Royal Arch meeting held in Des Moines on September 25th—when forty Companions from Winnipeg were the guests of honour.

From his concluding comments these words are of particular interest:—

“And it has been truly said that Freemasonry still has faith in humanity. An organization based on the theory of the brotherhood of man, justice to all without distinction, and equality as symbolized by the level, whose whole purpose is the development of the individual to fit him to take a place in the fight for the development of mankind as a whole, cannot but have faith in humanity. At a time when peoples all over the world have lost faith in themselves and have turned to the dictator to lead them from chaos, let us awaken to the realization that Masonry has a mission to perform in the twentieth century, as important as that which it performed in the eighteenth century.

“Masonry stands today for what it stood for then, and it is only necessary to remind you of it to convince you of it. There is a spark of fire in the heart of every man, in every land, that will ask for liberty again, and win it if need be.”

A portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Crites provides a frontispiece to the Proceedings. We learn from the biography which faces his portrait that Companion Crites has a long and honorable career—not only in Masonry but also in the public life of the State. A Past Grand Master and Foreign Correspondent of G.L.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead presented an impressive report from which we give you an extract:—

“It is our solemn and bounden duty to pay our tribute of respect to the deceased members of our craft, who have passed to their eternal rewards in the haven of rest, that peaceful home, where the weary cease from their troubles and find ever abiding repose, where strife and ambition for place, power, and applause are submerged in the sublime assurance of unending happiness and contentment.”

Thomas J. Aron was elected G.H.P. and was regularly installed into office by Henry H. Dean, G.H.P.

A Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Nebraska is worthily represented in Canada by R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy of Toronto.
NEW BRUNSWICK

J. William Duncan, Grand First Principal.
R. E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick assembled in its Fifty-first Annual Convocation in the City of Saint John on June 23, 1938.

M. Ex. Comp. S. D. Burrill, G.H.P. of Nova Scotia, was introduced and welcomed warmly by the Grand Z.

Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions were then received and duly honoured. We note the absence of our Representative, Comp. Edgar W. Mair.

From M. Ex. Comp. Duncan’s very interesting address we give you the following:—

"Many things have transpired in this old world since last we met but the spirit of true fraternalism is marching on. Our numbers may not be very great, yet my experiences this year have shown me that there exists a feeling of true loyalty and friendship and a desire to advance the teachings of our beloved Order."

Among the tributes to the departed we find the following:—

"The only lesson left us by their passing is for the improvement of life. We shall meet, but we shall miss them, and again we ask:—

"Oh Death! Where is thy sting
Oh Grave! Where is thy victory."

The unauthorized use of official stationery received the attention of the Grand Z., who informed Grand Chapter that while the misguided writer who used Chapter letterheads in writing on a business subject might have done so innocent of any wrong intent—the practice must be discontinued.

During recess a delightful sail on the Saint John River on the yacht of Bro. H. L. Marcus was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were privileged to accept Carleton Chapter’s kind invitation. The trip, lasting about two hours, was followed by a banquet in the Masonic Temple, with M. Ex. Comp. Burrill of Nova Scotia as the guest speaker.

The fiscal affairs of New Brunswick are in the capable hands of Samuel J. Parkhill and appear to be in an extremely healthy condition.

The election of Officers resulted in Temple E. Sutherland being elected Grand Z., while R.E. Comp. Roy Crawford was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

New Brunswick is represented near our Grand Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Elliott of Prescott.

No report on Fraternal Correspondence appears in the Proceedings.
Merwyn H. Brown, Grand High Priest.
Edward C. Peterson, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation held in Sparks, on June 6, 1939.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, the Grand Chaplain leading in prayer. Would that space permit the quoting in its entirety of this most eloquent Invocation. We give you his closing thought:—

"O Lord, support us all the day long of our troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is o'er and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at last."

Twelve Past Grand High Priests and seven Past Grand Masters were then received with honours.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Brown is a business-like presentation of his many activities. It contains the usual reference to routine matters, official visitations, and recommendations. Among these being a recommendation that suitable pages be set apart in the Annual Proceedings to pay due respect to the memory of departed Companions. This thought causes us to refer to the report of the Necrology Committee, and while brief it is impressive, closing as follows:—

"There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen
He reaps the bearded grain at breath
And the flowers that grow between."

The Grand Oration was delivered by Ex. Comp. Evans, Grand Orator. From his address we learn that it takes adversity to bring talent and courage to the fore. The Grand Orator admonishes the Companions to approach the Prayers used in our Ceremonies with reverence and reminds them that:—

"We have all erred and erring needs repentance."

A most helpful address.

We note that our Grand Representative, Peter Enreitti, was not among the goodly array of Representatives present. No doubt there was a good reason and we trust our genial friend Comp. Enreitti will not fail us too often.

Nevada is represented near the Grand Chapter of Canada by John F. Marr, Guelph.

Among the Resolutions claiming interest is one which deals with the necessity for the use of a uniform ritual. It
appears that all of the Subordinate Chapters have not been using the same "Work."

The Convocation closed with the Election of Officers, and M. Ex. Comp. Carl F. Dodge was elected and installed as Grand High Priest.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Clifford H. Burbee, Grand High Priest.
J. Melvin Dresser, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Concord, May 16, 1939.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, M. Ex. Comp. Burbee presiding.
M. Ex. Comp. Benjamin W. Ela, G.H.P., Maine; M. Ex. Comp. Dana S. Brownell, P.G.H.P., Vermont, with an imposing array of representatives of other Grand Bodies were then received with honours befitting their rank.

The G.H.P.'s address was a concise statement of his activities for the past year. His reports show that R.A.M. in New Hampshire is on the upgrade:

"More candidates, less suspensions, less dimits, increased attendance and a better rendition of the ritual."

Credit for this very satisfactory condition is given to the District Grand Lecturers.

The usual large number of Dispensations covering routine matters were approved. Among his recommendations we find a suggestion that more semi-public installations be held, particularly inviting Craft Lodge members. No doubt this is good propaganda but a little foreign to us in Canada where such ceremonies are held behind tyled doors. Recommendation is also made that the officers of Subordinate Chapters be encouraged to make greater use of the Royal Arch Educational Bureau. We are all for this recommendation—educate the members of the Royal Arch in all those fine studies pertaining to this branch of our ancient Order and you will find a reflection is an increased interest among members of Craft Lodges. Too many R.A.M.'s are ignorant of what we really have to offer.

A special report dealing with unfinished business refers to an amendment which sets the minimum fee for Chapter degrees as fifteen dollars, of which ten dollars must be deposited with the application and the balance before receiving the R.A. Degree. Little enough we say. We are strongly of
the opinion that fees should be commensurate with the dignity, and shall we say value of such advancement in Masonic Light. There is danger in an extremely low admission fee—prospective members take us at our own valuation and undoubtedly set little store on something “too cheap.”

Finances and General Conditions in New Hampshire may be listed under the category “All’s well.”

Allan M. Wilson was elected G.H.P. and was subsequently installed by M. Ex. Comp. Bond in due and ancient form.

Rev. Arthur McC. Dunstan worthily represents us in New Hampshire, while Walter H. Davis, one of our most illustrious Past Rulers, represents New Hampshire near our Grand Chapter.

No Fraternal Report appears.

**NEW JERSEY**

Floyd M. Smith, Grand High Priest.
Charles D. McCracken, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-third Annual Convocation was convened in Trenton on May 10, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form, M. Ex. Comp. Smith presiding. R. Ex. Comp. Naylor, Grand Chaplain, offered up the invocation.

Nine P.G.H.P.’s graced the East.

Distinguished Companions from other Grand Jurisdictions, representatives of R. & S. Masters, Knights Templar, A. & A.S.R., and M.W. Bro. Donald J. Sargent, P.G.M. of the G.L. of New Jersey, were introduced, fittingly presented and received.

The Grand Representatives roll was called and these Companions appropriately welcomed and addressed by Geo. W. Kite, P.G.H.P.

M. Ex. Comp. Smith then delivered a very earnest report on his year’s efforts.

In referring to the death of M. Ex. Comp. John G. Crawford and M. Ex. Comp. Howard L. Carter, he says:—

“We will miss the presence of these Companions at our convocations and the Grand Chapter will feel the loss of their advice and counsel.

“Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
‘Dust thou art, to dust returnest’
Was not spoken of the soul.”
We are shocked to learn of the death of M. Ex. Comp. Crawford—the writer was privileged to meet and personally entertain him at the 1936 Convocation of our Grand Chapter. How uncertain is life, yet we should not mourn the passing of our friends, rather should we think of them as resting—gathering strength for a better day to come.

Among the dispensations sought was one to reduce the fee to $10.00 for a period of six months. This was declined by the G.H.P. on Constitutional grounds.

The G.H.P.'s recommendations were of local interest with the exception of his suggestion that the G.H.P. be provided with the services of a secretary. From personal experience we would say that this is decidedly necessary, certainly a great aid to the presiding officer.

Comp. Smith brings to a close his address in the following words:

"And now, Companions, I say Good-Bye to you as your Grand High Priest and in our future progress in this life may we be guided by that Great Light in Masonry and may the blessings of heaven attend you.

"Grant me to close the day without regret;
   Let me not into careless conduct fall,
   Gaining my little purposes, and yet
   Wishing some hasty words I could recall.

"Increase my stock of patience, Lord, I pray!
   Let me not whimper loudly at my care;
   Let me take pride at evening in the way
   I met the trials which were mine to bear.

"Let me not stain my victories with hate;
   When night comes on let me look back and see
In all that I've accomplished, small or great,
Nothing which brings regret or shame to me."

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary might easily have been from any of the Jurisdictions we have reviewed. Finances satisfactory but cause for alarm in a declining membership.

Under Necrology, Godfrey Pittis, Chairman of the Committee, pays eloquent tribute to those who have passed through the veil:

"In reverence and silence we pause for a time, amidst the duties of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, to pay a tribute of honor and respect to the memories of the faithful members who have fulfilled their earthly mission. For them a new day has truly dawned, the beautiful tomorrow.

"God's finger touched them and they slipped away,
From earth's dark shadows to a brighter day."
The following amendment to the Constitution was presented for action at the next Annual Convocation:

“The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held at nine o'clock A.M., on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in May in each year, at the City of Trenton.”

Arthur P. Johnson was elected G.H.P. and duly installed according to the rites of the Order. In addressing Grand Chapter M. Ex. Comp. Johnson mentioned that he had interviewed forty Companions and asked this question:

“What is our Grand Chapter, or our Subordinate Chapters, doing to justify their existence?”

“The answers were interesting and I agree with all of them. Some of the answers were as follows: ‘Our degrees teach a reverence for God and inspire men to live better lives.’ ‘The value of the Companionship of the members and the lasting friendships that are formed.’ ‘My Chapter is composed of members of 20 Blue Lodges—My Blue Lodge is in the rural district and it gives me a greater opportunity to increase my acquaintanceship and get their viewpoints.’

“All are commendable, but not one of the 40 knew of any charitable work done by his Chapter or the Grand Chapter.”

He then outlined a plan to increase charitable activity by the formation of a R.A. Endowment Fund—in connection with the Masonic Home at Burlington.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the facile pen of David McGregor, whose introductory remarks are as usual timely and well presented:

“The spirit of passive acceptance of the unfavorable conditions that have been our lot for some years seems in many cases to be giving place to well directed efforts to solve the problem of apathy and indifference that presently besets the Fraternity in general and Capitular Masonry in particular, by presenting programs of Masonic Education, attractive entertainments and social features, along with a better presentation of degree work by well-trained degree teams to group Convocations of constituent Chapters.”

He segregates Canadian and Overseas Grand Chapters, which is rather a nice idea.

In reviewing the Grand Chapter of Canada he touches all the high-lights of our 1938 Convocation held in Kingston—the birthplace and life-long abode of our then G.Z., M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills.

He quotes from the address of Comp. Mills—refers to our financial condition and to the presentation of “Age with Honour” Jewels.

Complimentary references also are made to the late M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton’s Reviews.

Delving into the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters he
has uncovered many literary gems. From Louisiana the following:—

“Man is pre-eminently a social being. His social nature is the result of the interaction of all his separate and distinct natures. It consists of a balance of faculties. It is higher than all others because it includes them all. . . . Friendship, fraternity is the watchword of the age. . . . Never did the human heart know and feel a broader and deeper fraternal feeling. Touch the chord of sympathy and it vibrates around the world. Reason may teach the unity of God, faith leaps to a trinity, but faith and reason declare the fraternity of men.”

And this from Nevada:—

“Masonry is not a religion, but the application of religion. It is built on religion. If there was no religion there would be no Masonry.”

Oregon supplies the following as a Mason’s prayer:—

“Eternal Father, from whom all love and friendship come, we thank Thee for our friends, and ask of Thee the spirit of true comradeship. Keep us faithful both in presence and absence; may the bond of loyalty hold us in our work and play; make us good and helpful in our common life, and let us not fail one another when difficulties or troubles arise. In the name of Him Who is a perfect Friend.”

R. Ex. Comp. A. D. McIntyre is the proud representative of the G.C. of New Jersey in Canada, while our interests in New Jersey are under the watchful eye of our old and valued friend Dr. Godfrey Pittis, whose annual pilgrimage to Canada is both enjoyed and appreciated by his Canadian Companions.

NEW MEXICO

Harry G. Shelton, Grand High Priest.
A. A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

The Forty-second Annual Convocation held in Gallup on October 19, 1939.

Navajo Chapter was convened in Special Convocation—the Grand Chapter Officers conducted to their respective stations and in the absence of M. Ex. Comp. Shelton, through illness, Grand Chapter was opened by R. Ex. Comp. Louis C. Rockett, Deputy G.H.P., in due form. Seven P.G.H.P.’s in attendance.

Representatives of Grand Lodge of New Mexico, the Cryptic Rite, Knights Templar and Scottish Rite were received with appropriate honours.

The Deputy G.H.P. read the address of M. Ex. Comp. Shelton. It was not lengthy but interesting and sufficiently concise to cover the work of the past year.

Commencing with the following:—
"The sands in the hour glass are swiftly drawing to a close another year of life's pilgrimage and that of Capitular Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction.

"It is with sincere regret that I cannot meet with you today in the Annual Grand Convocation, and while you are assembled together, I will be thinking of you and sincerely hope that this Grand Convocation will be one of real joy to all who are present and that your deliberations will be for the advancement of Capitular Masonry, and to the honor and one of praise to the Supreme High Priest in whom we have life and light eternal.

"Soon after assuming the duties of office we were held close at home through serious illness with members of my immediate family. Then early in this year I was taken ill and under the observations and care of the medical profession for several months. Just as the silver clouds once more appeared over the horizon, I met with an accident which prevents my being with you today. Therefore, the hopes, ideals and ambitions of a year ago for the advancement of Capitular Masonry had to fall by the wayside."

Reference to the Fraternal Dead informs us that there has been no break in the official line. The G.H.P. quotes the lines of Robert Freeman as a fitting end to his comments.

"No, not cold beneath the grasses,
All forgotten in the tomb,
Rather in my Father's mansion,
Living in another room.

"Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?
Shall I think of death as gloom?
Or the stepping o'er the threshold
To a bigger, brighter room."

Dispensations granted were of a purely routine nature. Among the Grand Representatives appointed we note that John W. Elder assumes the commission of the Grand Representative of Canada. We learn with regret of the death of James A. Mackenzie who so ably represented our G.C. and extend a welcome to Comp. Elder—we shall be happy to note his regular attendance on our behalf, although it would appear that he was delinquent at the meeting under review.

Among the recommendations we are sorry to find that the G.H.P. suggests dispensing with the published report on Foreign Correspondence. While this no doubt effects a small saving we wonder whether the loss of contact with other Grand Chapters through the medium of the review will not more than offset any monetary saving.

He recommends an increase in the minimum fees from $30.00 to $50.00—we commend him for his courage. We have always maintained that R.A. Masonry placed a very low valuation on what it has to offer.
The concluding remarks of the address are well worth reading, as the following extract will prove:

"What is Masonry today? Is its light still burning brightly, or is it being dimmed by events that are being shaped in our present world history?" We as Masons must view with alarm the manner in which dictatorships have arisen and the steady increase of their power and influence; and you will notice that the first institution to be suppressed in these countries is the Church and the Masonic Order. Gone is that liberty of thought, liberty in speech, and liberty of action which we as Masons prize so highly. The present trend towards dictatorships means inevitably the imposition of greater restrictions on the Masonic Fraternity and it makes us realize that Democracy and Masonry are closely intertwined. If Democracy fails, so will Masonry fail.

"The evils that exist in our Social Order today will not be cured by legislation nor regimentation. Behind it all is that selfishness and greed of the individual which is slowly destroying the foundations of our Democratic Institutions, and are creating Dictatorships. Companions, Masonry does not teach that spirit. Royal Arch Masonry is a philosophy of life, old as religion itself, and through its teachings and principles, should be one of the great stabilizers, one of the great balance wheels of our present civilization. If our Churches, our Masonry and our similar Institutions are taken from us, what will become of civilization? Masonry has given us all the working tools, it is up to each one of us how we use and apply them. If we use them in the manner for which they are intended, then we will make our contributions for the building up of the greater civilization of tomorrow. Let us dedicate ourselves to the service of our God and our Country, our fellow men, and to the True Principles of Freemasonry."

We note that the Grand Chapter has a Masonic Home Fund of $26,344.43—a very fine contribution to the cause of good Masonry.

Louis C. Rockett was duly elected and later installed as G.H.P. by M. Ex. Comp. Thomas J. Hall.

Rueben Perry presents his tenth annual report on Foreign Correspondence and as usual it is splendidly written and decidedly interesting. We trust the recommendation of the G.H.P. with respect to eliminating the Capitular Review from future Proceedings may be reconsidered. We shall indeed be sorry to lose touch with M. Ex. Comp. Perry.

Canada in slightly more than one page is capably reviewed—nothing appears to have been overlooked. We appreciate the friendly reference to the late M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton's Review—which in part is referred to as a master-piece.

Companion Perry states that he finds nothing to indicate that Canada has the Order of High Priesthood. May we enlighten him by saying that we have the Order in our Jurisdiction, but it is comparatively recent, and is not compulsory,
nor is it definitely associated with Grand Chapter. It meets at the conclusion of G.C. and has many enthusiastic members, but we are afraid that many of our older and more conservative Companions look upon it as another side issue of Masonry, of which there are, in the opinion of these Companions, already an over-plus. The writer was very much impressed with this Order—having had honorary membership conferred upon him by a sister Jurisdiction.

Frank A. Copus of Stratford is New Mexico’s Grand Representative near the G.C. of Canada.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Hamilton B. Matthews, Grand First Principal.
F. R. Sinden, Grand Scribe E.
Quarterly Convocations held at Sydney, February—May—August—and November, 1938, also special Convocation held on December 10, 1938.

Grand Representatives were present on each occasion and we are happy and honoured indeed to have as Canada’s representative M. Ex. Comp. H. B. Matthews, Grand First Principal.

From the several addresses of the G.Z. the following are extracts:

“I deplore the fact that Royal Arch Masons are still divided on issues where we should present a united front, and also that such division tends to make others adjacent to us uncomfortable and even dismayed.

“Greatly hoping that such a state of local affairs will soon be healed, and that the future will brighten as it unfolds, we go forward courageously and with all our might.

“To properly comprehend the Royal Arch Degree requires far more understanding than that required in the Craft Degrees. To become a member of an Order and not understand its meaning is worse than useless, and even tends to undermine the work of the better informed.

“I am very proud of the fact that the Principals and Officers of all our Chapters are doing the work up to a standard not excelled in the Craft in New South Wales, and with an impressiveness that makes for the full understanding of the meaning of this Supreme Degree—the climax of pure ancient Masonry.

“Mere material progress can often be obtained at too great a price—‘for what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?’ I therefore welcome you here as men of mature age, sound judgment and strict morals. We gather here to give expression to our ‘System of morality,’ and may the morality exemplified tonight be a true reflection of our inmost appreciation of that which is most beautiful in life.
"In these times more than ever before it is necessary to be prepared for any duty or trial that may be placed before us, and unity is therefore an essential condition so that our labours may produce the most needed results.

"Great zeal is being shown by the companions and I anticipate still greater progress in the year ahead. True progress is not measured by figures or numbers on a sheet, but by the capacity of our companions for appreciation of what Royal Masonry stands for. Unless the community is the richer in spiritual experience because of our existence in its midst, we have not yet appreciated our responsibility. First get understanding and then with fervency and zeal let each companion complete the work allotted to him by his Creator."

The G.Z. issued a Proclamation—a part of which we quote:

"Whereas the year 1938 will mark the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of Australia: and

"Whereas these 150 years have witnessed the transition of this great southern land from a nomadic occupation by men of the stone age to an intense possession by men of the mechanical age: and

"Whereas such transition has greatly modified the expression of those emotional attributes that constitute so important a part in the fine upbuilding of humanity in accordance with the design of Masonry: and

"Whereas such design cannot properly be understood unless constantly studied and translated in terms of our best conception of Truth, Goodness and Beauty."

By motion the constitution was amended to read:

"No companion shall be eligible to be elected to a Principal's chair who does not at the time of such election hold the rank of an Installed Master of a regular Craft Lodge registered under the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, or under a Constitution recognised by that Grand Lodge, nor until he shall have served the office of a Scribe or Sojourner of a Chapter for one year."

The annual election of officers was held at the November Convocation—and M. Ex. Comp. Hamilton was re-elected Grand First Principal, and was duly installed into office by M. Ex. Comp. Albert Chandler at the special Convocation in December.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is especially interesting. A. J. Kaglund is the chairman of the committee and from the reviews published evidently follows very closely the activities of R.A.M. throughout the various Grand Jurisdictions.

Canada is given very friendly consideration by Companion Squire, who evidently was charged with the responsibility of the Canadian Review. The address of M. Ex. Comp. Mills is fully quoted.

We are appreciative of the comments respecting our Reviews which are definitely termed by Comp. Squire as "the
best that he has read." We return the compliment by congratulating the Committee on a very fine review.

Under Wyoming we find a statistical comparison between England and the United States, this gives us such amazing figures relative to membership in the two countries that we are constrained to quote it in its entirety:—

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"Michigan asks 'Why has American Masonry suffered so much heavier than that in some other countries?' and gives the answer, 'Lack of appreciation of that which is so easily obtained at a bargain rate': and further remarks, 'Not easy to get in, in England: No hurry to get out. Reverse, in U.S.'"

We heartily agree with our friend from Michigan and trust that the day may not be too distant when we on this continent may raise a barrier of qualification that shall attract to our banners only those who approach the Royal Arch with proper motives and who when once admitted will assimilate with our companions and value as worth-while their membership in this most important branch of our ancient brotherhood.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales is worthily represented in Canada by an expert craftsman—Roderick B. Dargavel of Toronto.

NEW YORK

Seth T. Cole, Grand High Priest.
Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Forty-second Annual Convocation was held in Albany on February 7th, 1939.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the G.H.P. the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. Ex. Comp. Pearson Bowles, presided and declared G.C. opened in due form—the Grand Chaplain, Rev. C. D. Broughton, offered up a most eloquent invocation, the concluding lines of which we quote:—

"Let our will be good will, our ways the ways of peace. Keep us diligent in friendliness, eager in creative work. And in the leavening of life by love grant us that victory which the world can neither give nor take away.

"We bless Thee and thank Thee for the men of mighty confidence in Thee. They are the beacon lights of the centuries. They are the lighthouses along the coast of human travel. They are the dawn-bringers of the new day. Help us to join in the march they began. Help us to swing their banner of undefeatable hope across the world. Help us to
do our part in hastening the coming of peace and justice that brotherhood and happiness may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

“To Thee be glory and praise now and forevermore. Amen.”

M. Ex. Comp. Woodruff introduced in these words the Grand Representatives:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I present the liaison officers of this Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions—the Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.”

A warm fraternal welcome was extended by the presiding officer, while a suitable response was supplied by Harold S. Clark, Grand Representative of British Columbia.

Among the guests from neighbouring Grand Chapters we note first and foremost our own G.Z., M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and R. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, Grand Second Principal of the G.C. of Canada, and in the following order present and past G.H.P.’s from New Jersey, Delaware, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Ohio, Virginia, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. This large and distinguished delegation from Sister Jurisdictions speaks volumes for the well-known hospitality of our New York Companions.

John B. Mullan, Scottish Rite, Deputy for the State of New York; Jackson R. Shoemaker, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar; Parker Waggoner, representing Grand Council, R. & S. Masters; and Jack C. Klinck and Charles H. Johnson, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of N.Y., were individually introduced and each received a gracious welcome from the D.G.H.P.

R. Ex. Comp. Bowles read the G.H.P.’s annual address. A master-piece of inspirational literature in which are many pearls of wisdom.

Under the caption of “Intolerance” M. Ex. Comp. Cole presents a scholarly disquisition from which we extract a thought or two:

“If Masonry stands for anything, it stands for freedom of conscience and freedom of thought. It teaches men to think, but does not teach them what to think. Its doctrines and teachings are liberal in the truest sense. It opposes bigotry, hate, persecution, suppression of minorities and the exercise of dictatorial powers. It advocates the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God. Masonry itself has felt the lash of the dictator in totalitarian states. For this reason, its devotees can better realize the plight of others who have been made the subject of persecution. Although we may be without power to take any effective action to ameliorate the conditions to which I have made reference, nevertheless we can and we should make our voices heard in
protest and give expression to our sympathies. Liberty under law and freedom of the individual are the cornerstones of our institutions. Let us be ever vigilant to guard and defend them. By so doing, we preserve our great heritage.”

To keep their memory green, he refers feelingly to those who have passed to the presence of the Supreme Overseer and quotes this appropriate verse by James Goudy Clark:

“My feet approach life’s Western slope:
Above me bend the noonday skies,
Beyond me spreads the realm of hope,
Behind, the land of memory lies;
I know not what the years may bring
Of dangers wild or joys serene;
But, turning to the East, I sing,
‘Lord keep my memory green.’”

He tabulates his dispensations, recommendations and visitations. Refers to an appropriation of $1,500.00 for charitable purposes, approved last year and recommends a similar grant for this year. Among his visitations reference is made to his attendance of the G.C. of Quebec, in Montreal, and our own G.C. in Kingston, Ontario.

Royal Arch Sunday was observed on October 16, by services in the morning at the Cathedral of the Incarnation and in the evening at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, these being conducted by the Grand Chaplain.

M. Ex. Comp. Cole, dealing with finances, makes this sage comment:

“Most life membership plans of fraternal organizations are unsound and in many instances have resulted in serious detriment to the Fraternity.”

We heartily concur in this statement.

After comprehensively outlining the work of the year the G.H.P. ends a splendid address in these words:

“Now I write FINISH to my story and say good-by to my year as your leader. It has been a happy year, albeit a busy one. My interest in Royal Arch Masonry shall never lessen and I hope that I may be enabled to be of much more service to Grand Chapter and the Royal Craft in the years that are to come.”

From the Grand Treasurer’s recapitulation these figures augur well for the future of R.A. Masonry in the State of New York:

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This announcement appears in the Royal Gazette, N.Y., Wednesday, June 23, 1779:—

"This Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, (not the Ancient York Masons as they are pleased to stile themselves) walked in procession to St. Paul’s Church, the 24th June, 1779, in remembrance of our worthy Patron St. John, accompanied by the body of Royal Arch Excellent Masons, where an excellent sermon was preached suitable to the occasion by Dr. Seabury; from thence they proceeded, accompanied by the Clergy and band of Music, to the White Conduit House, where there was an elegant dinner prepared, and the day was celebrated with the greatest harmony and brotherly love."

No doubt of the antiquity of Capitular Masonry in the United States.

From the report of the Committee on the G.H.P.’s address we find this commentary:—

“We feel that Grand Chapter has been particularly fortunate in having the services of so distinguished a Craftsman. Not only has he served with distinction in this Grand Body, but also in various capacities in the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, as well as other fraternal bodies. He is a man of the highest rank in his profession as a lawyer and one who loyally served the State of New York for many years in one of its most important official positions.”

Having been privileged to meet Comp. Cole we heartily endorse the Committee’s tribute—a glance at the gravure portrait of him, which embellishes the Proceedings, inspires confidence and respect.

M. Ex. Comp. Cole, being present on the second day of the session, he assumed the chair and presided for the remainder of the Convocation.

Pearson Bowles was elected and later installed as Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chaplain submitted the “memorials”, bringing a touching report to a close in these words:—

“Sleep on, dear friends, until the waking day,
And ever we who loved thy presence here
Shall keep for thee, throughout the coming days
A tender memory, growing with the years.”

“Facing Life with Courage.” Thus it always will be. He who has faith in God’s purposes for our human life will be given an inexhaustible Courage; Courage not only to carry life’s inevitable burdens, but Courage to volunteer for life’s eternal crosses.”

Under the title of “The Plus of Life”, Rev. Charles D. Broughton delivered an address which we have no hesitation in classifying as among the finest we have been privileged to
read. We would like to reproduce it in its entirety but must content ourselves with just a thought or two:—

"O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care."

"Making yourself felt for others! How much this world of ours needs that spirit in life! Seeing life through the eyes of Service! Making the right use of "The Plus of Life"!

"We like the romance and sentiment of Santa Claus. Indeed we are anxious to play his role. Thank God for the number of Santa Clauses that have brought and will bring cheer to many a downcast person and many a bare home. But that is not enough. The world stands in need of something far more fundamental than a Christmas dinner and a Christmas stocking. This world of ours is ill, desperately ill. More than anything else it needs a blood transfusion, a blood transfusion from the vigorous life of the Great Companion, particularly after it has been trying to commit suicide with wars, and ill regulated, wasteful commercial strife and racial conflicts and social struggles. And our world needs, too, blood transfusions from the followers of the Great Companion, that there may be healing and final recovery from the ills that beset us and our world."

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things,
Give heart, and soul, and mind, and strength
To serve the King of Kings.

"Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong."

The report on Correspondence is again from the brilliant pen of M. Ex. Comp. Geo. E. Briggs who for years has furnished us with splendidly compiled reviews. We trust he will not consider it unduly precocious for a tyro writing his first review to offer a word of praise to one who sits among the Past Masters of the Art.

Canada’s review is both friendly and complete, a straight statement of facts and figures with little comment other than this delicate compliment to the late William Nesbit Ponton:—

"The Reviews, by the most poetical and eloquent of Reviewers, M. E. William Nesbit Ponton, are as usual a feast."

Under Nova Scotia he quotes the following gem:—

"If any sheaves I have brought at last,
When the work of the year is done,
And our Grand Chapter its rays have cast
I will thank the Trusting One."
“And I will say with proud, yet humble, head
Not mine the harvest be,
For my best was nourished, tended and fed,
By those who believed in me.”

Robert L. Donovan represents Canada in N.Y. and does it well too, while New York is represented near our Grand Chapter by the genial personality of our brilliant I.P.G.Z., Col. W. Y. Mills of Kingston.

NEW ZEALAND

Viscount Galway, Grand First Principal.
F. J. Rea, Grand Scribe E.
Forty-seventh Annual held in Wanganui on March 15, 1939.

After the assembling of the Companions under their respective banners, the Grand Z. was received with appropriate honours and Grand Chapter was then opened in Ample Form with solemn prayer.

Viscount Galway as Governor-General is the direct representative of His Majesty the King in New Zealand and as his term of office draws to a close—to be followed by his return to England, we take the following from his Valedictory Address:

“The affairs of Grand Chapter are in a gratifying state—the year marks an increase in membership and finances solid and satisfying—our expenses well within our income. I will shortly be leaving this delightful Dominion and will take with me happy recollections of my association with the Royal Craft, which will remain with me for years to come. Be faithful to your Chapter, faithful to Grand Chapter and above all be faithful to yourselves.”

Following the same system as Canada we read with interest the extremely well written reports of the Grand Superintendents of the various Districts.

The Report of the Supreme Committee refers feelingly to the many losses by death, under the caption of “In Memoriam” while under “Honoris Causa” a number of Masonic veterans are recommended for advancement to Grand Chapter rank. The committee also recommend the closest possible co-operation between the two principal Grand Bodies of Ancient Freemasonry—Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

The election of Officers resulted in M. Ex. Comp. John Hobson being elevated to the office of Grand First Principal and the selection of Aukland as the next place of meeting.
REVIEWS

From the splendid address of the incoming Grand Z., the following is of interest:—

"The higher we climb, the greater becomes our responsibilities. This sublime degree has been alluded to as the root, heart and marrow of Freemasonry—more august, sublime and important than all which precedes it. It is the summit and perfection of Masonry. The Craft Lodge represents a state of asking and seeking, the R.A. answers both, opens and reveals that which can exalt a man. We know that perfection is not given to man on earth but an earnest endeavour to approach it is within the power of us all."


James H. Harkness represents Canada in our Sister Dominion of New Zealand, while Dr. J. Austin Evans of Toronto represents New Zealand in this jurisdiction.

NORTH CAROLINA

J. Ray Shute, Grand High Priest.
Wm. R. Smith, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Durham on May 9th-10th, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form by M. Ex. Comp. Shute. Companion D. K. Medford read a memorial to R. Ex. Comp. T. Troy Wyche—whose official chair was unoccupied as a mark of respect.

This from the opening prayer:—

"We realize tonight that Thou art about us, and we ask Thy blessing upon us. We would be guided by Thy wisdom and rectitude of life, and we pray Thy blessing upon us in this present assembly. We pray that Thy blessing be upon those of this state, and will Thou use this gathering for Thy benefit. These things we ask tonight in the name of Him who loved us and died for us. Amen."

Nine Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. J. Edward Allen, Grand Master of the G.L. of North Carolina, were received with appropriate honours, as also were representatives from the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Grand Representatives received a cordial welcome. Sorry to record the absence of Canada's representative, Dr. W. G. Bandy.

In presenting his Annual Report the G.H.P. briefly commented upon his official activity for the past year. His visitations are not enumerated but covered in a short paragraph in which he states that he travelled 4,700 miles and spoke at
twenty meetings. His dispensations were all of a routine nature. He reports of one Charter being arrested, and refers to his pleasure in installing the Grand Master of North Carolina as High Priest of Concord Chapter. His final comments were decidedly optimistic, as these words will indicate:—

“Our chapters are exalting new companions and there are many restorations and it seems that from the records which cover my term of office that we have a good record. I am happy to report to you that Royal Arch Masonry is decidedly on the upgrade and such splendid work as has been done at Salisbury and other points is indicative of better days for us and I am persuaded that my successor in office will find our order in healthy condition.”

From the report on Necrology we quote a line or two:—

“We do not weep as those who are without hope for we realize that the grave is not the end. It is but an open door through which all must pass to enter into a larger and into an everlasting life. Their bodies return to earth from whence they came, but their spirits, the immortal part, live on. We like to think that they continue in a better world of good things which they enjoyed and in which they were engaged while with us. We confidently believe that they await us on that other shore and that some day we shall meet and continue unbroken the friendship of the fine fraternal fellowship which we enjoyed here for a brief time.”

And from one of the memorials this beautiful thought:—

“Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and man;
Beautiful calm when the Course is run;
Beautiful twilight at set of sun;
Beautiful death with a life well done”

Reports from the Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage and the Masonic Home at Greensboro were read and we extend our congratulations upon the splendid work that is being done in both these institutions by the Masonic fraternity.

The elections resulted in the advancement of D. E. Bulluck to the office G.H.P.—subsequently he was installed into office and assumed the sceptre.

J. Edward Allen is the experienced Fraternal Correspondent. He is eminently qualified for this position and as he is also the Grand Master of the G.L. of North Carolina his viewpoints on Masonry as a whole are well worth-while. Space will not permit more than an excerpt or two from this truly inspirational report:—

“In a word, Masonry functions toward the shaping of a correct philosophy of life, and if Masonry can enrich human experiences, it can go far toward making an impact upon a great and lofty philosophy of life.”
"What Royal Arch Masonry needs most is something to make it stand out distinctively; to stand for something that grips Masons and is elevating to the spirits of men. Some wise philosopher can come along and supply this need. It needs the personal touch and appeal.

"We deeply sympathize with our Companions who are at war. Canadians, Scottish and English are involved, and of course everything is subordinated to the big job of winning the war. For a season, all Masonic bodies in Great Britain suspended all meetings, but this soon was terminated.

"In the challenging days that lie ahead it may very well be that in this Brotherhood and its spirit, from the Americas on our West to Australia on our South-East, from the China Seas through the Mediterranean to the West Indies—it may be just in those free groupings of men, who, being strangers of the flesh and of nationhood, aye, and of religion—can unite by a common faith in the dignity and freedom of man, we may find the core and centre from which the common man of the world, who is the true aristocrat of history, may lead this troubled world through to the victory for decency which history tells us inevitably lies ahead."

Companion Allen does not offer a review of Sister Jurisdictions—rather he presents a report based, no doubt, on his perusal of the many volumes of Proceedings which reach him during the year.

North Carolina is ably represented by Frank G. McLean of Toronto.

**NORTH DAKOTA**

Alexander G. Burr, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.
The Fiftieth Annual Convocation was held on January 24th, 1939.

At this Convocation Grand Chapter celebrated its Golden Jubilee. Great interest was evinced in this event, resulting in the largest attendance in the history of this Grand Body. A great concourse of visitors also assembled, including M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Denslow, Special Representative of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of U.S.A. Also M.W. Bro. R. E. Trousdale—Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. It is noted with interest that a special reception was tendered a group of Canadian Companions from Saskatchewan and Manitoba, as a tribute "God Save the King" was sung while attention was drawn to a historic Canadian flag which appeared side by side with Old Glory.

It is rather amusing to note that M. Ex. Comp. Laing of Saskatchewan is referred to as the Grand Zed—why not
Grand First Principal or just plain Grand Z.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we cite the following which is timely in view of world conditions to-day:

"No man liveth to himself, we cannot build a wall of exclusion around ourselves and shut out the rest of the world. It is useless to say let Europe stew in its own juice. The determined efforts to reduce human beings to the condition of serfs find echoes in our own land. It is useless to shut our eyes to the subversive interests at work in this country. It is true that such movements have not gained much headway but the time to stop them is before they gather power and strength. The oppression of races and religion in so-called civilized countries shows what human nature will do when it becomes a law unto itself. An educated people, alert and vigilant, guided by sound principles and regard for the rights of others is the only salvation for democracy."

To all of which we fervently say "Amen."

M. Ex. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell presented a historical address, without which a Golden Jubilee would surely not be complete.

The Grand Secretary's address makes reference to Dr. Henry Van Dyke's "Foot Path of Peace," and quotes:—

"Think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ."

He suggests that his Companions count their blessings and thank God that they live in a land where men are free and freedom is still the watchword.

Concerning membership the G.H.P. gave some illuminating and somewhat alarming statistics—in 14 years a decline of almost 48% is recorded.

Under the caption of "In Memory" eloquent tribute is paid to the Fraternal Dead:—

"If a man die shall he live again! Our faith is that thing which we recognize as personality, the Soul, the Spirit does not die but joins the Infinite, a part of Life's Immortal."

The report concludes with a verse of our favourite hymn:—

"Oh Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary Soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be."

The Review of M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Murfin is full to the overflowing with interesting comment, dignified yet withal bright and easy to read. He quotes from Wisconsin:—

"Leadership will find a way to meet conditions and solve problems. Leadership is a synonym for success, satisfaction and accomplishment."
He favours Alberta’s suggestion that a rigid adherence to the letter of the law is responsible for the loss by suspension of many members who might have been saved by a personal contact, and a complete investigation. Suspension without investigation is merely a wrecking programme. If we cannot get new members in the front door we had better close the back door. Eight weeks are necessary for investigating before an applicant can enter Masonry, then surely the same time should be prescribed for investigating before we put him out.

Canada’s Representative in North Dakota is Joseph D. Scott, while J. Alfred Burnett represents North Dakota near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

NOVA SCOTIA

Sidney D. Burrill, Grand High Priest.
James McG. Rutherford, Grand Secretary.

The Seventieth Annual Convocation held in Charlottetown, P.E.I., on June 27, 1939.

The Grand Chapter was opened by M. Ex. Comp. Burrill. The Mayor of the city being in attendance was admitted and after extending a civic welcome retired.

Six P.G.H.P.’s were received and honoured. Geo. W. Wakeford was congratulated upon his fiftieth anniversary as a P.G.H.P. and took his seat amidst hearty applause.

The Grand Representatives then assembled about the altar and were cordially greeted by the G.H.P. We note with satisfaction that Canada’s representative, Geo. S. Wright, answered the roll call.

We thoroughly enjoyed the address of M. Ex. Comp. Burrill, who said in part:—

“As we review the accomplishments of the past year, and lay plans for the future, let us do so with grateful thanks to Almighty God for his many blessings during the year, seeking inspiration for the years to come.

“Here is where we meet old friends and I hope make new ones. To the older Companions I would say, we still need your wise counsel in our deliberations, to the younger Companions who may be meeting with us for the first time, I would ask you to take an active interest in our debates, thus preparing yourselves for future usefulness.”

“As the youngest Grand High Priest, I most heartily welcome to this Seventieth Annual Grand Convocation our oldest living Past Grand High Priest, M. Ex. Companion George W. Wakeford, who has been a Royal Arch Mason for 64 years.”
Under Necrology fitting reference is made to the death of Joseph William Boyd, a P.G.H.P.—Harbormaster of Yarmouth and retired Mariner; other losses of well-beloved members are duly recorded and this section closes with the ever familiar lines:—

“They’re passing away, these dear old friends,  
Like a leaf on the current cast;  
With never a break in the rapid flow,  
We watch them as one by one they go  
Into the beautiful past.”

The Royal Visit is duly chronicled as follows:—

“In the minds of us all the most outstanding event has been the coming to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, of our King and Queen. Everywhere they have been accorded a most wonderful welcome, evidencing the love and loyalty of our people. Proud we have been to welcome them and to remember that His Majesty is a distinguished Free-Mason in his own right. Because of their visit the ties of Empire have been immeasurably strengthened. God save our King and Queen.”

The G.H.P. closes with these thoughtful lines:—

“Let us return to our respective Chapters with but one aim in mind and that aim to help, aid and assist our Chapters with a more determined effort than ever before. It has been a pleasure to serve and work with my Companions and if I have by thought, word, or deed rendered a Companion or Chapter some little help, I will feel well repaid.”

“If all my pain, and all my tears,  
And all that I have learnt, through all the years  
Could make one single, perfect song; to right some wrong;  
To lift some fallen head, to light some darkened mind,  
I should feel that not in vain, I served mankind.”

During the afternoon session an exemplification of the R.A. Degree was held by Companions of Prince Edward Island Chapters.

The election of officers resulted in the elevation of T. Gordon Ives to the position of G.H.P., while Glace Bay was selected as the next place of meeting.

As a preface to the Proceedings we find a portrait of the new G.H.P. and a short biography of his Civil and Masonic career. His Masonic record is impressive—being a Past Grand Master of Prince Edward Island Grand Lodge, a Past Perceptor of Knights Templar and the present Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Therefore, we feel that he is one of our very own.

Geo. D. MacDougall presents a very fine review, his foreword being marked by optimism—this is much appreciated in
these dark days when pessimism seems rampant, and hope but a feeble ray.

Turning first to Canada we find a very friendly summary of our meeting of 1938—M. Ex. Comp. Mills’ address is generously quoted. We have not overlooked the neighbourly jibe at the name of our Grand Chapter, while this is a somewhat hackneyed subject and no doubt furnishes reasonable grounds for a family argument, we are constrained to say that we are still doing business in the same old stand and under the same old name. We respect the rights of others, yet see no reason to alter the name under which our Grand Chapter received its Charter. We of Ontario are proud of our sister provinces, proud of their achievements and happy in that association which makes us all component parts of this great Dominion. Our thoughts in these days of stress and turmoil, strife and bloodshed should advance beyond the provincial stage, for are we not welded together as a pulsating entity, a harmonious whole in our efforts to prove worthy of the priceless heritage which is ours as a definite part of the great British Empire. Forgive our lengthy “retort courteous”. Comp. MacDougall, we know you feel as we, that provincial boundaries and petty differences have been swept away in the call for a United Country. No longer do we think in terms of Ontario, Nova Scotia and the other units but rather is our contribution in the broad name of Canada.

From Minnesota the following Masonic definition is quoted:—

“Many definitions of Masonry have been attempted, but it is doubtful if any is better than the one which says that: ‘Masonry is the activity of closely united men, who, employing symbolic terms, borrowed principally from the Mason’s trade and from architecture, work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally to ennoble themselves and others and thereby bring about a universal league of mankind, which they aspire to exhibit even now on a small scale.”

We congratulate Comp. MacDougall on a very complete and decidedly well-written review.

Col. A. H. Monteith represents Nova Scotia among the Companions of this Province.

**OHIO**

Burleigh E. Cartmell, Grand High Priest.

Mont C. Hambright, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation convened in Columbus, on October 5-6, 1938.
Grand High Priest Cartmell declared G.C. opened in ample form, the Grand Chaplain, Thomas W. Fessenden, D.D., offered the opening invocation. Fifteen P.G.H.P.'s assumed their places in the Grand East.

Ex. Comp. Dr. Bland L. Stradley was then presented by M. Ex. Comp. J. P. Kuhns. Dr. Stradley on behalf of the R.A. Masons of Franklin County then extended a welcome to Grand Chapter in a highly interesting address from which we quote two of the high-lights:

"A welcome to what? A welcome to the Temple. Early in the beginning of the late war a trapper from northern Canada, one hundred or more miles from any place you might call a spot in our civilization, came down to a grocery store to get some groceries. The grocery man greeted him in this fashion: 'Glad to see you. Isn't that a terrible battle over there?' Well, this trapper had not heard of the war and he said, 'What battle?' 'Why', he says, 'haven't you heard of the war? Great Britain is engaged in it. France, Germany, Italy and Russia and practically the whole world is fighting. They have been in a battle over there now that has continued for a period of two or three weeks.' The trapper made this one comment. He said, 'Well, they have a nice day for it.'"

Deputy Grand High Priest John B. Harshman furnished a response in well-chosen words from which the following are extracts:

"Welcome! That is one of the sweetest words in our tongue. It expresses the life of contacts of man with man, friend with friend, companion with companion. It signifies a desire and a willingness to share, to serve, to help."

"In addition, Dean Stradley, we are very much indebted to you for sounding a keynote which I trust may assist us, nay, more, may guide us during our deliberations here today and tomorrow. Morality and education, light and truth, are highlights to every Royal Arch Mason. Let us learn and let us reveal here today, the desire to go back to our altars and remember those essential truths."

Introduced by M. Ex. Comp. William H. Tateman many distinguished guests, representing Knights Templar, R. and S. Masters, Grand Lodge of Ohio and rulers of R.A. Masonry hailing from various Jurisdictions in the United States and Canada were then extended a warm fraternal greeting.

The G.H.P. at this juncture delivered his annual address, which was replete with timely thoughts and lofty ideals splendidly expressed. From his opening remarks these words have a strong appeal:

"The world does not yet know for certainty that the crucifixion of one nation will satisfy the greed and lust for power of men who forget that through the years God has ruled and over-ruled the mad ambition of mankind. A war may yet come that will shake the very foundation of democracy and civilization. At such a time it is very fitting that
one of the Bodies of that Masonry which is persecuted in the lands of the Dictators shall again surround our altar, and renew our faith and trust in God. Let us remember with Lowell that:

"Though the cause of evil prosper, 
Yet 'tis Truth alone is strong; 
Though her portion be the scaffold, 
And upon the throne be Wrong; 
Yet that scaffold sways the future, 
And beyond the dim unknown, 
Standeth God within the Shadow
Keeping watch above His own."

"And with the Psalmist:
"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion which cannot be removed but abideth forever."

OUR TRUST IS IN GOD

"In the glorious light of this faith let us assemble, confident that God still reigns and that He will put the enemies of religion and civilization to rout."

Sympathetic reference to the death of Thomas H. Isitt, P.G.H.P., was followed by the statement that an edict had been issued that the "memorial" be read in every Chapter and the altars and jewels draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

During this portion of the address Grand Chapter was called to stand as a tribute to the departed and the Grand Chaplain interjected the following prayer:—

"We thank thee, O God, that men, who believe in thee, out live, out fight, and out die men who turn their faces from thee. We bless thy name that our Companions, who have finished their labors here have not finished living—that now they live with thee—that life, real beyond our dreams now begins for them. We give thee our ceaseless gratitude for these our Companions—for what they were in heart and mind and soul and faith, for their high comradeship, their true hearts, their clean minds and their noble characters. Let nothing remove from our hearts the deathless hope of the immortal life and the thrilling expectancy that we shall meet again in the temple of heaven, beneath the undomed skies of eternity. Amen."

Among the dispensations and decisions we find this:—

"A Chapter asks for a ruling as to whether or not it would be permitted to accept a demit from and vote into membership a man employed in a State Liquor Store. The G.H.P. ruled that the G.C. Code did not cover the case and as in such circumstances the code of Grand Lodge became the authority. Action on the application could not be permitted as it was an infraction of Section 58 of the Grand Lodge code." (In Canada we have no such legislation—a man's occupation as a liquor store employee would not bar his entry into a chapter—provided his character and conduct were unblemished.)

The G.H.P. spoke in glowing terms of the work being done at the Ohio Masonic Home. $1,000.00 was appropriated by
G.C. for the R.A. Fund, he also mentioned that through the years $489,608.00 had been contributed by Grand Chapter.

A wonderful achievement and a very definite justification for the existence of R.A. Masonry in Ohio.

From the lengthy report on visitations to Subordinate Chapters, special assemblies, and to other Grand Chapters one is led to believe that M. Ex. Comp. Cartmell shirked no responsibilities and gave generously of his time.

In his concluding remarks he leaves this thought:—

"I believe that we face, in the years ahead, a time when every man who believes in our great teachings must be alert to teach these principles by living them. With a great group of earnest men giving time to the service of God, we can meet the propaganda and the theories of those who deny the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God and we can once more bring forth and interpret the living God and His Teachings to America and the World. Let us then in humility think of our great responsibility.

"May God grant that we may not fail but may be found worthy of this great honor. In this spirit do I close, hoping that you may return in safety to your homes, determined to do your part in causing this torch to burn even more brightly through the coming years.

"In this spirit will Masonry be and become, as it was intended, a blessing to mankind and be found well pleasing in the sight of our God, whom we worship and whom we serve."

The election of officers resulted in John B. Harshman being elevated to G.H.P. and later in the proceedings was duly installed into office.

The Committee on Masonic Education reports a busy year in which much was accomplished. From the report on Necrology this uplifting and comforting thought:—

"Companions, we are not the mourners of the night, but the singers of the dawn; we are not downcast, beaten travelers on a hopeless trail who find nothing but a blind alley or a street's dead end ahead; we are not pessimistic cynics, who see in death only the black ditch at the day's end. We are men of God, of faith, of hope, of love. For us, "life is ever lord of death, and love can never lose its own." For us the road winds up over the hills into the eternal morning. For us life puts on more and more of life. For us to die is gain. For us death is but the entrance into life. So with ever strengthening hope and ever firmer step and ever more eager and expectant should we face the westward trail."

We note among the addresses of the visitors the remarks of M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills of Canada who conveyed fraternal greetings from our Grand Chapter. M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, our G.S.E., and Ex. Comp. John Empey, our Grand Third Principal, also were among the speakers.

Carl W. Sperling, P.G.H.P., submits his eighth review. In his introductory he offers this optimistic comment:—
"I am happy to report that we are heading definitely toward substantial progress. Yes, indeed. Considering past experiences, we must admit, what we need now is not more members, but real Masons. Men who will be a credit to our Institution, and the community in which they live, then, my Companions, all will be well."

Two pages are given to the review of Canada which contains in condensed form a record of all that transpired at our Kingston 1938 Convocation. Quotations from M. Ex. Comp. Mills’ address, an allusion to his rulings and dispensations and a complimentary reference to the scholarly and informative reviews of the late Col. W. N. Ponton all find space. We are grateful for the friendly comments especially those referring to the reviews by William Nisbet Ponton, whose passing has removed one of the brightest gems in the diadem of Canadian Masonry.

Among the Grand Representatives received we failed to note the presence of Canada’s representative, Comp. Henry Gruen.

Ohio is represented by none other than our genial and decidedly efficient Grand S.E.—Edwin Smith.

OKLAHOMA

Rupert J. Daugherty, Grand High Priest.
James A. Lathim, Grand Secretary.
The Fiftieth Annual Convocation was held in Muskogee, April 18th and 19th, 1939.
A Chapter of R.A.M. was opened in due and ancient form by Muskogee Chapter, No. 3, and the Grand High Priest and his Officers were received, whereupon the Chapter was closed and Grand Chapter opened in ample form, the invocation was delivered by Grand Chaplain F. W. Bourke.
Distinguished visitors were then introduced—these included Chas. H. Everett, Grand Master of Oklahoma, accompanied by C. A. Sturgeon, Past Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and Grand Secretary, representatives of other Grand Bodies and Sister Jurisdictions.
Twelve Past Grand High Priests were in attendance and were officially welcomed.
M. Ex. Comp. Daugherty in his opening remarks quotes from the Pen of Father J. S. Murrow—The first G.H.P. of Oklahoma who fifty years ago welcomed the delegates to the First Annual Convocation and invoked a Divine Blessing upon their deliberations.
"Said Father Murrow, as he was affectionately called:—
"We are laying the foundation upon which succeeding generations must build and this foundation must be laid so deep and broad and solid that there shall be no insecurity to the building to be erected hereon. The character of the Chapters now organized will mould and shape those of coming years."

Continuing the Grand High Priest reminded Grand Chapter that Father Murrow and a mere handful of Companions—two of whom were present at this Convocation. W. H. Essex and Wm. Noble (Canada's Representative) met in Muskogee nearly a half century ago and laid the foundation of what was then known as the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory. The wisdom, zeal and devotion evinced by these Companions then have stood the test of time. The influence they exerted has not been forgotten.

"Our mission to-day is clear, we are bound likewise to give our full measure of devotion that future generations may benefit by what we do and say."

Under the caption of Necrology the G.H.P. leaves this beautiful thought:

"Death is a theme not lightly to be broached by those who are sub-
ject to its power. The youngest entered apprentice on the checkered
pavement dwelleth even in the shadow of death, while the same invisible
hand extends equally over King Solomon on his ivory throne."

In his concluding remarks the G.H.P. offers a worth-while recommendation:

"That any Grand Representative absent from three successive Con-
vocations shall automatically forfeit his commission."

To this we heartily agree and may say that this plan works very successfully in many Jurisdictions—resulting in faithful attendance of the Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead presents a very impressive report—recording the death of one hundred and three Companions, including three P.G.H.P.'s. Tribute to the losses incurred in other Jurisdictions was paid, and we note with interest the names of our own P.G.Z.'s—M. Ex. Comps. Moore, Haentschel and Dunstan.

D. W. Swaffer presented the Report on Fraternal Cor-
respondence, and comments upon the losses in membership throughout the Capitular World. He gives us the comforting assurance that the percentage of loss is getting less each year and through the clouds, he finds the silver lining in the mani-
festation of optimism, interest and enthusiasm. We regret that there is no published account of his Reviews as from the tone of his report we are sure that his Review should be well worth reading.
From the Grand Secretary's Report we note the loss in membership was fairly light, while financially they almost balanced their budget.

M. Ex. Comp. Newton A. Lale was elected G.H.P., and Guthrie was selected as the next place of meeting.

Canada is represented near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma by William Noble, one of the founders of R.A.M. in Oklahoma, while another Masonic veteran, Ed. Worth, of Chatham continues after thirty-six years to represent Oklahoma in Canada.

OREGON

Clarence R. Wheeler, Grand High Priest.
D. Rufus Chaney, Grand Secretary.

Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation held in Portland, April 12, 1939.

Grand Chapter opened by M. Ex. Comp. Wheeler in ample form, after which M.W. Bro. F. C. Howell, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Oregon; Arthur Molesworth, Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters; L. T. Snodgrass, Grand Commander, Knights Templar; Fred M. Bond, G.H.P., Washington, and others were received and duly acclaimed.

Grand Representatives were then presented and in a sincere little address welcomed by the G.H.P. A splendid reply was furnished by Percy R. Kelly, P.G.H.P. We quote from his remarks:

"The conditions prevailing throughout the various Jurisdictions represented is very much the same, namely, there is discomfiture, there are clouds, matters which cause us to pause and consider why Capitular Masonry, in fact, Masonry in all its branches, doesn't go further and do more and acquire a large representation. It seems that the sun is about to break through these clouds now in many Jurisdictions. It occurs to us, as the representatives of these various Jurisdictions, that this is an impressive circumstance to bring out into bold relief, the great tenet of Capitular Masonry which enjoins upon us the necessity of rebuilding the temple. We hear much about builders, but Capitular Masonry accentuates that into the tenet that the temple must be rebuilt. And in the rebuilding of the temple, we do not use mortar and stone and material of that kind, but spiritual values."

In an inspiring address the G.H.P. deals with visitations, dispensations, rulings and other routine matters. He states that good fellowship and co-operation is generously manifest. He refers sympathetically to the Fraternal Dead, and closes with:
“Never in the history of the modern world was this influence more needed than it is to-day. Abroad, the rights of free men are being trampled under the feet of ambitious, unscrupulous men who have seized political power and have set up the principle of might in defiance of right and justice.

“Our Great Light teaches us that ‘The meek shall inherit the Earth,’ that ‘The pure in heart shall see God.’ To me, this means that the principles of Truth and Justice shall prevail and that spiritual and moral forces have the God given right to victory.

“The ideals of truth are also summed up for us in our Great Light in these words, ‘Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . think on these things.’

The Financial Statement shows a small but nevertheless a satisfying operating profit. Membership shows a small loss.

Feeling reference made to death of George G. Brown, Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest, Past G.M., Royal and Select Masters, and Past Grand Commander, Knights Templar, whose life was devoted to Masonry in all its branches.

The G.H.P. of Washington, M. Ex. Comp. F. M. Bond, spoke to the Companions, saying among other things:—

“There always has been and always will be a struggle of right against wrong. We will always have the forces of wrong and injustice contending against the forces of right and justice. We believe in the rule of honour and justice. When we believe in the great ‘I am that I am,’ and believe that God is our creator and that we are all brothers we will be on the side of justice and law rather than on the side of force and might.”

From the Report on Memorials this:—

“Life is a scene of care and earth is a veil of tears. Faith in the wise counsel of God leads us to find a benevolent purpose in our cares and sorrows, and His revealed will, bids us to convert the valley of sorrow into a gate of hope.”

“Servants of God, well done! Rest from thy loved employ. The battle fought, the victory won Enter thy Master’s joy.”

A wonderful address, under the heading “Good Work, True Work, Square Work” by the Orator is a feature of the Proceedings. Would that space permit a more lengthy citation. Every R.A.M. should read it:—

“Nothing in this world which is worthwhile is achieved or accomplished without labour. There is an old Greek epigram which states: ‘The Price at which God sells us all good things is labour.

“We, as Masons, are especially enjoined to make a study of the Great Light of Masonry, and that Great Light contains many inter-
esting and instructive comments on work and labour. I am going to quote just a few of them to you:

“For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.”

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.”

“But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without work is dead.”

“And they were judged, every man, according to their works.”

“For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.”

“How often in our own communities we have been startled to find that some person whom we believed was an honest, straight-forward, upright citizen had done something which was exactly contrary to what we expected—had done the thing which was dishonest, disgraceful, and immoral. Such person had been building with untempered mortar. He had neglected to build into his structure honesty, integrity, morality, and fair dealing with his fellow man.

“We should also be careful how to judge other people’s work. Man’s judgment is not always correct. The overseers rejected the Keystone. Many a man’s work is rejected by his contemporaries. This was also true of the Great Master. His teachings were rejected by the masses of His time, yet His philosophy of life gives on and on with ever increasing power and force. Let us not forget His injunction: “I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work.”

La Grand selected as next place of meeting.
Arthur Molesworth elected G.H.P.
We find no comment on Fraternal Correspondence.
Oregon’s Representative near Canada is John J. Gardiner, Ottawa, a loyal and true R.A.M.
In Oregon John J. McIntosh represents our Grand Chapter.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

James C. Weir, Grand High Priest.
Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Secretary.
Reference to the passing of many outstanding Masons from various jurisdictions was made by the Grand Secretary in his report.
Quarterly Communication held June 2, 1938. Routine business being disposed of—addresses from distinguished
guests followed after which, to use the language of Comp. Quinby, Grand Chapter closed in peace.

Quarterly Communication—September 8, 1939, Grand Chapter opened in ample form at seven o’clock and closed in peace at 8 o’clock. These short sessions have much to commend them, but we are afraid would not be very successful in Canada where delegates have lengthy distances to travel to the place of meeting.

Quarterly Communication, December 8, 1938. This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the Election of Officers—tellers were appointed and in the elections that followed Walter M. Carwithen was duly elected G.H.P.

Annual Grand Communication held on December 27, 1938. Grand High Priest Weir delivered his annual address, from which these excerpts are of interest:

“Wherever I have visited during the year I have tried to impress upon the Companions that every symbolic Mason should become a Royal Arch Mason, and the only way this ideal can be realized is by co-operation, personal touch and intelligent salesmanship.

“It is the personal touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter or bread or wine.

“For shelter is gone when the night is o’er
And bread lasts but for a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Sing on in the soul alway.”

Feeling reference to the fraternal dead concludes with:

“When Autumn leaves shall gently fall
Unmarked to Mother Earth,
The soul shall hear our Father’s call
And rise to Heavenly birth.

“Rest, Companions, rest thy journey o’er
Immortal life begun
Now safely reached a calmer shore
Beyond the changing sun.

Visitations, dispensations and appointments are marshalled in orderly array—all, of which, being purely local in interest matter.

The G.H.P. brings to a close an excellent address in these words:

“My companions, as we journey on through life may we always remember that we are building our own temple, that same temple we are
going to occupy when the Great Architect calls us home. Let us always keep in mind in building this temple the three spiritual virtues so beautifully defined by the Apostle Paul in his First Epistle to the Corinthians; Faith, Hope, Charity. Keep them at all times active and may they ever illuminate our path and may our earnest prayer be that we continue as faithful followers of Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift, and may God's richest blessings rest upon you and abide with all Royal Arch Masons throughout this Grand Jurisdiction."

Installation of the new G.H.P. and his officers was the next order of business.

M. Ex. Comp. Carwithen then addressed Grand Chapter in these thoughtful words:—

"We are living in an ever changing world, and perhaps that fact is impressed upon us more forcibly today than ever before. Nothing seems to be permanent—even the rulers of Nations change in the twinkling of an eye, and the principles and policies which are pursued today are often in the discard tomorrow. This spirit of change also enters this Grand Chapter and today the leadership passes from the hands of one to the hands of another, and after a short time, which seems long now, it will again pass into the hands of still another."

"Let us therefore go forward with that determination which alone spells Success, and may the Spirit of Peace and Harmony abound throughout the Jurisdiction, and may Heaven's richest blessing rest upon all our Companions."

Greetings of three of the Grand Chapter Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales were brought to Pennsylvania on electrically transcribed records. These were presented to Grand Chapter and their messages duly recorded for the benefit of all present. These transcribed messages are particularly interesting to us and we regret that space will not permit us to quote more than one paragraph from the remarks of Hamilton B. Matthews, Grand First Principal of New South Wales:—

"Between your country of the United States and mine of Australia lies only the Pacific Ocean, a single stretch of water, a connecting link of one substance, which although subject to many phases remains ever constant. Thus linked together I trust our relationships will be constant and pacific, and will show forth in all their glory the peace, the love, the harmony which ever characterize Masons."

The report on Correspondence is the joint effort of a Committee. Canada being in the group reviewed by John M. Core, P.G.H.P.

In his review of our Grand Chapter, Comp. Core quotes liberally from M. Ex. Comp. Mills' address, refers to the presence in our Convocation on Walter M. Carwithen, representing Pennsylvania. Just here let us make public the statement that we in Canada look forward with unalloyed pleasure to meeting our friends from Pennsylvania and no annual
Convocation would seem complete without their presence. Comp. Core refers feelingly to the death of P.G.Z. Geo. Moore, and suggests that Canada is the poorer for his passing.

This is quite true, we miss him greatly.

We note with pleasure his kindly reference to the late M. Ex. Comp. William Nisbet Ponton, who for many years wrote the report on Fraternal Correspondence. Col. Ponton died in September—a serious loss to our Grand Chapter—the passing of one of nature’s noblemen.

Canada is represented near the G.C. of Pennsylvania by Samuel Shaw, whose presence at all of the Quarterly meetings indicates a faithful adherence to the trust we have reposed in him.

Pennsylvania is represented in Canada by our brilliant leader, M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, K.C.

QUEBEC

W. R. Eakin, Grand Z.
W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

Sixty-second Annual Convocation held in City of Montreal, Wednesday, March 22, 1939.

M. Ex. Comp. C. V. Tirrell, P.G.Z., assumed the chair, called Grand Chapter to order and then received the Grand Council. M. Ex. Comp. Eakin then assumed the sceptre and declared Grand Chapter opened in ample form. Six P.G.Z.’s graced the East.

Representatives of other Jurisdictions were then received and extended that warm fraternal greeting so characteristic of our sister Province of Quebec.

We are very happy to have as our Representative M. Ex. Comp. D. McLellan, who answered the Roll on our behalf.

From the Grand Z.’s address we quote:—

“The past year will go into history as one of the most momentous periods, not only for the British Commonwealth of Nations but for our sister democracies, pregnant with uncertainties, hopes, and fears that another holocaust was about to engulf our civilization, the results of which no man could foretell.

“We had hoped the silver lining was beginning to appear, but in recent days the world has again been shocked by a sudden recurrence of brute force, oppression and bestial duplicity of an unscrupulous dictator, and we can only pray that ere another year has passed sunshine and peace, goodwill and friendship, will rule among the nations.”

Under Necrology, the Grand Z. refers feelingly to the loss sustained by Grand Chapter during the year, and leaves this subject with this poetic thought:—
"For all the light goes out of eyes
And all the skill goes out of hands,
And all the wise brain understands,
And all the beauty, all the power
Are cut down like a withered flower."

He comments on his many visits throughout the Jurisdiction and makes kindly reference to his visit to Kingston where he attended our Grand Chapter.

He concludes a very interesting address with the following:—

"Masonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion, but its essential feature is a recognition of religion. It is incompatible with religion considering the innumerable religions existing throughout the world, each one claiming priority on the highway to the Happy Land. I believe that all religions, in whatever clime or country they may exist are intended to promote the spiritual welfare of their adherents, and, as such must be recognized as a Divine agency for the guidance and consolation of their adherents."

The "special committee" brought in a number of recommendations, all important for the Welfare of Grand Chapter—particularly that which deals with the formation of a Board of General Purposes.

The Committee on the Grand Z.'s address gives us this thought on world affairs:—

"To one, like Pluto, who never spares, who feels no mercy, and who hears no prayers: who dares think one thing and another tell.

"Injustice, swift, erect and unconfined,
Sweeps the wide earth, and tramples upon mankind,
While prayers, to heal her wrongs, move slow behind."

"And yet, we as Royal Arch Masons must have Faith, and pray that even yet, some means may be found to prevent the terrible holocaust of war, ever remembering, as Tennyson reminds us, that

"More things are wrought by prayer,
Than this world dreams of."

At the evening Session many distinguished guests were received and each addressed Grand Chapter. We are happy to note the presence of our own I.P.G.Z., M. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills.

M. Ex. Comp. Eakin was re-elected Grand Z., while M. Ex. Comp. Walter W. Williamson was again elected G.S.E. Comp. Williamson appears to be a perennial and Quebec is to be congratulated upon having the continued services of such a genial, efficient and scholarly Grand Scribe E.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by W. J. Edwards—his ninth annual Review. He introduces
this subject in an optimistic strain, using these words:—

"With an improvement in economic conditions, I believe the sun to be nearer the horizon, hailing a brighter and better day for our beloved Royal Craft.

"Grant me the courage not to frown,
And howsoe'er my hopes shall end,
Let me not cease to play the friend.
Lord, let me carry where I go
Some little joy to all I know,
Let there into my life be wrought—
A little faith, a little thought,
A little mirth, a little grace,
To glorify the commonplace,
Lord, let some little splendor shine
To mark this earthly course of mine."

This Grand Chapter is as usual generously reviewed, closing with a most neighbourly gesture in his reference to the late well-beloved M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, from whose Foreword he gives space to this truly "Pontonian" literary gem:—

"Nowhere in any Ritual is the close relationship, yet clear distinction between humanity and Divinity better exemplified and interpreted than in the Holy Royal Arch. Nowhere are nuggets of richer ore to be discovered. Nowhere are to be found nobler thoughts fitted to nobler words than in the literature, rituals and lectures of the Royal Arch Degrees."

From Maine he quotes:—

"May I leave this parting thought: Let us have leadership that leads, servants that serve, companionable Companions and friendly friends. Let us have loyalty to each other, loyalty to our Chapters, our Grand Chapters, our country, and, above all, loyalty to our God."

Companion Edwards, in our humble opinion, handles a difficult subject with grace and dignity. His report is easy to read and contains in condensed form the important features of the many Jurisdictions which come under his Review.

Quebec is represented near our Grand Chapter by the writer of this Review, who is proud indeed of the distinction.

QUEENSLAND

R. N. F. Quinn, First Grand Principal.
S. W. Coulter, Grand Scribe E.
Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

The Proceedings are prefaced by a portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Quinn and a biographical reference. From this we
learn that he is an ex-Director of Public Works in Queensland; a Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Queensland; Junior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Scotland. Represents the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Provincial Prior of Knights Templar in Queensland, Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33° A.A.S.R., and has held the office of First Grand Principal since the Institution of Grand Chapter in 1922. A wonderful record of achievement, which speaks volumes for his zeal and fidelity to Masonry in all its ramifications.

Regular Convocation at Brisbane on April 6, 1938, opened in ample form and with solemn prayer.

Canada duly represented by J. Shirra, Sr., when roll of Grand Representatives was called.

Reference was made to a misunderstanding existing between Supreme Grand Chapter and the Grand Mark Lodge regarding sovereign rights and a "round table" discussion was considered.

Grand Treasurer's Report indicates finances in a healthy state with a balanced budget. It is noteworthy that this is a more or less general condition in Grand Chapters "down under"—and is a pleasing change from what we find among the majority of American and Canadian Jurisdictions.

The Grand Superintendent of Work recommends that Chapters be discouraged from attempting too much business and ceremonial work in one evening as tiresome and detrimental to attendance.

One speaker deplored the tendency to put a closure on members who submit motions to Grand Chapter. He claims the right of all members to exercise their judgment and submit such motions should be discussed not merely dealt with by the Grand Committee after a caucus vote. This brought on a somewhat lengthy and slightly heated debate.

Our Companions in Queensland take their Masonry seriously and are prepared to defend their rights.

Convocation held on October 5th, 1938, with Grand Z. in the chair. Due to pressure of other business First Grand Principal's address omitted.

Past Rank conferred upon a large delegation of Companions whose services warranted the honour.

In the Report of the Grand Instructor we note that a Committee of Instruction will shortly be placed on a permanent basis and assistance given ritually to Chapters desirous of conferring Royal Ark Mariners, Red Cross, and Cryptic Degrees. In Canada none of these degrees are con-
ferred under the Capitular System but are conferred by separate organizations.

With the re-election of M. Ex. Comp. Quinn and the other Officers Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

There is something to be said in favour of Queensland’s system where the First Grand Principal apparently holds his office in perpetuity.

Queensland’s Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada is that Masonic stalwart, John Boyd, of Toronto.

SCOTLAND

The Marquess of Ailsa, First Grand Principal.
Brig. General S. G. Craufurd, Depute Grand Principal.
G. A. Howell, Grand Scribe E.

Annual Convocation held in Edinburgh, March 21, 1939—Supreme Grand Chapter being opened in ample form.

A portrait of the First Grand Principal in full Highland costume provides a very attractive frontispiece.

From the reports received covering the Quarterly Convocation held on September 16-December 6, 1938, and March 3, 1939, we learn that two Charters for new Chapters were granted—and to indicate the ramifications of the Grand Chapter of Scotland we note that one is to be called “Mother India” Chapter and is located in Bombay, India, while the other to be known as “Good-Will” Chapter, to be held in Cape Town, South Africa. A Charter for the Institution of a Cryptic Council was granted to the Chapter in Canberra, New South Wales.

In closing the September Quarterly the First Grand Principal used these words:—

“Companions, before we separate I should like to speak about one thing. We all bear in mind the crucial state of affairs at present, and the great anxiety prevailing throughout the world, and we hope that the Prime Minister’s efforts will be successful. I think it should be our duty as far as possible, to join next Sunday in the national prayers which are being offered on that occasion for the preservation of peace.”

From the Report of the Grand Superintendent of Palestine and Egypt we read the following, which clearly indicates the difficulties under which our Companions in the East labour:—

“The Masonic work has been hampered by the low financial depression in Syria and the troublesome conditions in Palestine, but, in spite of that fourteen candidates were exalted and the Chapters met regularly.
Both the Cryptic and the Lodge and Council Degrees are popular in Palestine. Jordon Lodge and Council, 663, and Jordan Cryptic Council, 663, met several times, but owing to the present conditions could not adhere to their regular days of meetings, which I permitted. The work done at the meetings was most efficient, and keen enthusiasm was shown by all the Companions.

"Unfortunately, owing to the dangerous situation in Jaffa, all Masonic activities have been stopped since September, 1938, and no meeting of Jordan Chapter and its attached two bodies could be held. The situation at present does not show any indication of an early amelioration. This did not affect the true Masonic spirit of the Companions, and good relations exist between the three different factions of the fraternity."

The March Quarterly was held with M. Ex. Comp. McAuslan, Depute Grand Z., in the chair. In the absence, through illness of the Marquess of Ailsa—the Depute declared G.C. opened in full form.

The Earl of Galloway was appointed Grand Superintendent of the Province of Galloway in succession to the Earl of Stair.

An encouraging report from the Visitation Committee was presented by M. Ex. Comp. Porteous and concluded with the following:—

"The meetings on a whole are very well attended, and much interest is taken in the ceremonial working. The ceremonies witnessed by the deputations were carried through in an approved manner and with impressive effect. The First Principals and First Sojourners are at present particularly efficient, and the traditions of the Order are being well sustained."

A warm greeting was extended to R. Reid, Grand Scribe N., of the District Grand Chapter of Transvaal, South Africa. He was introduced by the G. D. of C. and heartily welcomed by the Grand Z.

The usual Vernal Equinox banquet and celebration was held in March—following the installation of the newly elected and appointed officers. The toast to the King being loyally and enthusiastically received.

A Special Committee was appointed to consider the advisability of transferring funds from the Life Membership surplus to the general account, also to bring in a recommendation with regard to increasing fees to the Supreme Grand Chapter.

Canada is proud to have as Representative, Sir John C. Watson, M.B.E., K.C.

William H. Wardrope, K.C., of Hamilton represents Scotland near our Grand Chapter.
D. C. Robertson, Grand High Priest.
O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation held in Gaffney, S.C., April 11, 1939.
Grand Chapter opened with G.H.P. presiding. Eight P.G.H.P.'s assisted by their presence.
The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and a welcome was extended to those who answered. We regret the absence of Canada's Representative, William W. Wannamaker.

In an able address the G.H.P. reviewed the labours of the year. He opened with the following:

"It gives me a happy inspiration to look upon the faces of those with whom I have mingled, and with whom I have laboured, those who have given so unselfishly of their wisdom and their time."

In referring to the sad loss by death of M. Ex. Comp. R. T. Goodale, P.G.H.P., he said:

"While we subscribe to the belief that our stay on this earth is but transitory, and that he is now happier in a fuller life, yet we shall sorely miss wise counsel, his helping hand, and his pleasant association."

Among other comments we note that all Chapters have reported and paid their dues in full. Yet Grand Chapter for the sixteenth consecutive year shows a loss in membership. No dispensations granted except of a routine nature. The G.H.P.'s most unpleasant duty was the arresting of the Charters of two Chapters that have been dormant for some time. In conclusion he remarks:

"Thus, my Companions, have I rendered to you an account of my stewardship; that I have failed in many things was to be expected; that so little has been accomplished is to be regretted; but whether or not this Grand Chapter has benefitted by my year of service; the indisputable fact remains that it has made of me a better Mason, and a better man."

Among the visitors received were representatives of other Jurisdictions, the General Grand Chapter, and M.W. Bro. S. M. Martin, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

The election of Officers resulted in the re-election of D. C. Robertson as G.H.P., and the selection of Comp. Hart to again assume the office of Grand Secretary. The City of Greenville was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Annual Review is from the capable pen of Henry Collins—his fifth by the way—and in his Foreword—he places before his readers a few pertinent impressions with all
of which we are in hearty accord. We quote a few lines:—

"Three things have attracted our notice this year in reviewing these Proceedings. First, there are fewer excuses for failures. The confident optimism of a few years ago has gone. The tremendous increase in membership that was prophesied has not been realized. Second, there is a strong feeling that what is needed is closer co-operation between the York Rite Bodies; that a workable system of co-operation among these Bodies is essential to any future progress. Third, too many Companions are placed in high offices after their days of usefulness are largely spent. We maintain that no one has a right to accept an office without a reasonable likelihood of being able to perform the duties of that office."

In his excellent Review we fail to find Canada—splendid reviews of sister provinces of this fair Dominion—but of the R. A. Masons of Ontario, operating under the original Charter of the G.C. of Canada, not a word. Masonic Charity prompts us to forgive. Perhaps the responsibility is ours, we may have been late in sending in our "Proceedings." In any event we shall hope that we merit attention in his next.

Under Connecticut he refers to the address on "Symbolism of Capitular Masonry" by M. Ex. Comp. Burleigh E. Cartmell, which address closed with a poetical gem—a portion of which we quote:—

"The God of high endeavour gave me a torch to bear.  
I lifted it high above me in the dark and murky air  
And straightway with loud Hosannas—
The crowd proclaimed its light  
And followed me as I carried the torch—
Through the darkening night.  
Till drunk with peoples’ praises and made with vanity,  
I forgot ’twas the torch they followed and fancied they followed me.  
And, as I lay in the darkness, the feet of the trampling crowd  
Passed over and far beyond me, its pæans proclaiming aloud,  
And I learned in the gathering twilight the glorious verity,  
’Tis the torch the people follow, whoever the bearer may be."

From Indiana he gives us:—

"With all the greed, intolerance and strife which are confronting our civilization, we should be justly proud of this fact; our Chapter Hall remains, one of the few places we may enter and amid good fellowship, real friendship, peace and quiet, enjoy ourselves, and for a time forget the trials and tribulations which confront us without."

While from the address of the G.H.P. of Michigan he gleans this poem dedicated to friendship:—

"Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the blossoms,  
Kind deeds are the fruits;  
Love is the sweet sunshine  
    That warms into life,  
For only in darkness  
Grows hatred and strife."
From an address by Sir John Watson, Scotland, the following extract is of interest:

"We are a forbidden brotherhood in the great Aryan confederacy led by a man to whom God denied the lineaments of an Aryan. But we unite under our banner men of the Jewish faith—(hear, hear)—men of the Moslem faith, the Christians. (Hear, hear.) We have no dogmatism. The Book of the Sacred Law is the background of our view. (Hear, hear.) Its insistence on the independence of every individual soul and direct responsibility to the Creator because of the soul's privilege of sharing in the nature of the Creator leads to a common pride and a common responsibility, and leaves dogmatism to fools. And thus in the very trying days in which we live, when vulgarity of mind and blatanty of the body and an immoral prostitution of the achievements of science seemed destined to raise again the challenge as to whether it is the external or the internal that makes and interprets life, it is a great thing for us to realize that in that existing Volume of the Sacred Law, which is not so much our code as our background, we have the tested experience of ages of history demonstrating its eternal validity, and from that Law comes to-day the freedom of our meeting here to-night."

Victoria supplies the following from the address of the Acting Grand Z., referring to the death of M. Ex. Comp. C. T. Martin:

"Not until the loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the pattern
And explain the reason why."

This Review is, in our humble opinion, among the best and well up to Companion Collins established standard.

South Carolina's Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada is James B. Little of Trenton, Ontario.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Elvin F. Strain, Grand High Priest.
W. D. Swain, Grand Secretary.
Fiftieth Annual Convocation convened at Mitchell, June 16, 1939.
Grand Chapter opened by M. Ex. Comp. E. F. Strain in ample form—following which eight Past Grand High Priests were received.

An imposing array of visitors then entered and were greeted with honours.

A reception was tendered to three Companions who qualified as "Fifty Year Members"—this being especially fitting as this Convocation was South Dakota's Fiftieth Anniversary.

From the address of the G.H.P. we take the following words of welcome:
“It is my happy privilege to extend to you a cordial and fraternal welcome to this Grand Convocation. To all our guests and distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, I extend a very special welcome. Your presence here with us means much; gives us inspiration and encouragement and we trust you may derive pleasure and profit from your sojourn among us. We especially welcome our Fifty Year Members at this Golden Jubilee. It is through their efforts and long and faithful service to the Craft that Capitular Masonry in our state has advanced and we, at this time, want to extend our thanks and appreciation for your splendid services.”

His tribute to the fraternal dead closes with this verse:—

“Sleep on, dear friends, such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain
But shed an influence, rare, divine,
On lives that here remain.”

The G.H.P. concludes a brief but very fine address with these words:—

“In releasing the Jewel of the Grand High Priest, I do so with the hope that in the coming years I may still be of service to the Craft. The memories will be cherished and the friendships made, never forgotten.

“Peace and harmony prevails—and may the Grand Architect see fit to spare each of you for many years of active service in the Royal Craft.”

A Review of the past fifty years, by C. E. Buehler, furnishes much historical information and tabulated statistics ending with this paragraph:—

“So, my Companions, while we pause and look back into these past fifty years we may have cause to regret, yet with a sense of satisfaction; we mourn the loss of many precious souls, but we are comforted in the heritage of fellowship they left to us; we are concerned again at the trials that were endured and sapped the strength of men, only to find courage in the fraternal structure that is ours. Then, looking to the future, we are firmly gripped, as Companions of the Craft, to faithfully serve our fellowmen in this age of changing-pace that we may be sincere in all our aspirations and constant in all our doings so that, when those who shall, in the years to come, meet as we are met, it may then be said: ‘For this cause came they into the world.’”

William H. Taylor was elected and installed as G. H. P.

Wilbert D. Swain was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood followed the Convocation of Grand Chapter.

No published report on Fraternal Correspondence.

L. M. Simmons represents Canada near the Grand Chapter of South Dakota; while Wm. Downing of Kitchener represents South Dakota in Canada.
Hugh M. Barnett, G.H.P.
T. E. Doss, Grand Secretary.
The One Hundred and Tenth Annual was held in Nashville, January 23, 1939.
Grand High Priest Barnett presiding, supported by eleven P.G.H.P.'s.
The G.H.P.'s address sets forth in a brief manner conditions of Grand Chapter and a record of his official acts. We learn with interest that the shrinkage in membership is considerably less than last year, the finances appear to be in excellent shape, and good-fellowship abounds.
In conclusion Comp. Barnett says:—
“Companions, I am quite convinced that we have in the State an abundance of qualified, available candidates for Royal Arch Masonry, and that our losses may no longer be attributed to financial reasons.
“Let us return to our respective Chapters with a firm resolve to labour diligently and wisely this coming year for the upbuilding of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State of Tennessee.
“My Companions, I greatly appreciate the honour which you have conferred upon me, and I trust that the passing years will increasingly impress upon your minds that our trust is in the Great I Am.”
The minutes of G.C. for the period prior to 1857, written in longhand and well preserved, have been found in the basement of the Grand Lodge building. These historic documents are to be printed and bound in permanent form for the benefit of posterity.
The Committee on Jurisprudence recommends the institution of a standing committee, to be known as “Condition of the Craft” Committee—consisting of three P.G.H.P.'s—the term of service being one year.
Election followed, and W. Harry Dudley was elected G.H.P., later being installed by P.G.H.P. Walker.
Portraits of the G.H.P. and the incoming G.H.P. are given prominence in the Proceedings.
M. Ex. Comp. Dudley is City Treasurer of Paris, a Trustee in the Methodist Church and teacher of the Young Men’s Bible Class.
His Masonic record commenced in 1902 and he appears to be active in all branches of the Craft.
There is one great organization that he has thus far failed to join—it is the Noble Order of Benedicts. Comp. Dudley is a bachelor.
The Report on Correspondence by J. I. Walker, P.G.H.P., is well up to his established standard. A very fine Review prefaced by an introduction in which optimism gleams like a ray of sunlight in an otherwise cloudy sky. We are constrained to quote a thought or two:

“It is indeed a pleasure to state that viewing the achievements of the Capitular World, for the eighth time, gives evidence that Masonry is fulfilling its high destiny, ever seeking to elevate the celestial, the spiritual and the divine, over the earthly, the sensual, and the material in man.

“During the prosperous years we took on great proportions, but during the years of adversity we have developed a membership of a stronger, finer texture than the world has ever known before.

“All 'isms' that are detrimental to our democratic form of government are being booted on every hand, the Empire of Truth and Justice is being broadened, the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, and the wounds of the afflicted are being healed by contributions from our Royal Craft. We have Homes for the aged, Orphanages for the children, and Hospitals for the crippled, which are a few reasons why good men are proud to be Masons, and if we continue will vouchsafe our perpetuity and progress.”

Canada receives favourable consideration and the 1938 Convocation held in Kingston is comprehensively reviewed. M. Ex. Comp. Mills' address is quoted at some length, particularly his reference to "The World Situation". The report on the "Condition of Masonry also is mentioned as a "truly fine report". The late M. Ex. Comp. Ponton's Review meets with Comp. Walker's approval and an extract from his Foreword is given prominence. Owing to the death of our genial and well beloved Companion Ponton the writer acknowledges the thanks of Comp. Walker. We appreciate his courteous reference.

The following quotation is from Illinois:

“Companions, we are of the order of builders, we have heard the Voice, we have seen the Vision, we have experienced the feeling of a call to worthy workmanship. We have been admonished to reject the material that is offered to us from the gutter, and we have as an ideal the selection of the worthiest and the worthy only. It is right, it is imperatively necessary that we exercise this selection. Are we not striving to so cement our good materials together that our structure will bear the test of every adverse influence?”

And from Kansas:

“Capitular Masonry has a past worthy of the name it bears. If successful to-day and honoured without stint in almost every part of the world, it is because the passing centuries have been unable to find anywhere a stain to mar the beauty of its superstructure.”

We note that from the address of the G.H.P. of Nevada—this pertinent paragraph is given space:
"In the countries of Europe ruled and controlled by the three ruthless dictators, the three great lights in Masonry have been extinguished, and simultaneously the lights of personal liberties, culture and Christianity have likewise gone out. With force and murder in the ascendancy in foreign lands, civilization, to endure, must meet the challenge."

From the address of G.Z. Tirrell of Quebec we find this excerpt:

"To-day Free Masonry has been banned in many countries simply because it stands for Justice and Brotherhood among men, with freedom of thought and action. Whether we like it or not, and whether we fully understand it or not, the change is taking place all over the world. We can thank God that we are living in a Democracy and Free Masonry is one of the inspirations for our Democracy."

Tennessee is represented near our Grand Chapter by John H. C. Woodward of London, Ont., while H. W. Goodloe looks after our interests in Tennessee.

**TEXAS**

J. X. Newcomb, Grand High Priest.  
Frank Oldham, Grand Secretary.  
The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation held December 5, 1938, in Waco, Texas.  
Grand Chapter opened with M. Ex. Comp. Newcomb presiding, the Invocation being delivered by S. F. McCaffity.  
Assembled around the Altar the Grand Representatives received a warm fraternal welcome. Canada being worthily represented by Wm. H. Huff.  
Companion John Temple Rice, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, accompanied by Geo. H. Belew, Grand Secretary, were prominent among the guests who were received and fittingly greeted.  
A special reception was accorded M. Ex. Comp. William Mosely Brown, G.H.P. of Virginia, who addressed G.C. to some length. We regret that lack of space prohibits quoting more fully this very fine address:"  

"Did you ever stop to think that you and I, as Royal Arch Masons, or as Master Masons, as members of this great Masonic Fraternity, are part and parcel of the great movement which has dedicated itself to bring to pass on the face of the earth and upon all mankind that glorious day prophesied by the prophets of old when, as one of the prophets put it, 'there shall be upon the pots and pans, and even upon the tails of the horses, 'Holiness to the Lord'? As long as that work, that great omnipotent Royal Arch Work, with all that it implies, constitutes the centre of your thinking, and mine, you and I can recognize that we are attuned as workmen needing not to be ashamed. What a great objective, what a great ideal."
From the G.H.P.'s Annual Address the following extracts are particularly impressive:

"May we, as Royal Arch Masons, at the close of another all too short Capitular year, seek to be duly and truly prepared for the duties and obligations of the future, as we thank the Eternal One for His protection and deliverance to this good hour.

"May our present evaluation of this portion of our Masonic experience be fruitful in causing us to be more worthy bearers of the torch of Truth committed to our care by our honoured Craftsmen who have been called from labour to rest.

"Having passed through the deplorable depression and recession, in a world marked by chaotic conditions, we can only hope that the True and Everliving God, whose we are and whom we would serve, may again trust us with prosperity.

"Realization of the unity of purpose of both Lodge and Chapter becomes more apparent as we continue to work in close harmony. Woe to the man who seeks to separate us from singleness of purpose in lifting mankind to a higher plane of usefulness.

"The grand and glorious undertaking of rebuilding our mystic temple progresses in direct proportion to the sacrifices we are willing to make in continued devotion to the ideals of Masonry through active participation in the work of the Lodge and Chapter.

"We will rebuild the house of the Lord, Companions, we will rebuild."

Among M. Ex. Comp. Newcombe’s decisions this is worthy of note:

"A Companion was suspended N.P.D. in his Lodge. Sometime later he was reinstated in his Lodge. His suspension was not known by his Chapter until after he was reinstated in the Lodge."

The question arose as to what action the Chapter should take.

The G.H.P.’s decision was:

"He can only be reinstated by payment of the amount due the Chapter at date of suspension by the Lodge. And this, of course, after Lodge reinstatement. By losing his Lodge affiliation he stood suspended in his Chapter, whether he or anyone else knew it or not."

Under the Fraternal Dead reference is made to losses by death during the year, concluding with:

"Death can only take away the mortal breath;
And life commencing here
Is but the prelude to its full career;
And hope and faith the bl est assurance give,
We do not live to die! We die to live!"

In writing “Finis” to his address we learn that the G.H.P. has been an exceptionally busy man during his tenure of office as evidenced by these remarks:

"I was fortunate in being able to arrange my business so that I could devote over one-third of the year to the business of the Grand Chapter. Travelling fifteen thousand miles during the year was time and energy well spent and was not the least important part of the work."
The above is substantiated by this tribute from "Committee on Grand Officers’ Reports":—

"Blessings be upon the head of the man who is willing to serve! Honours be added to the blessings of him who is willing and able to serve!

"Vigor and vigilance have been displayed by him in Masonic work for many years, and each new year adds to his Masonic zeal and knowledge, so that the broadened man has filled a broadened field, during the past year. Although a busy manufacturer, he has given his time and effort to the service of his fellow-man, and the Royal Craft is better for his having served."

The Committee on Obituaries present a scholarly diatribe on this most sorrowful subject—ending with a list of the heavy losses sustained during the year.

The Annual Review is from the talented pen of Sam J. Helm, whose years of experience amply qualifies him to deal with this important phase of our Capitular system. We quote from his Foreword:—

"As to how strong our structure will be is left entirely up to the individual Masonic Lodge and Chapter. Grand Bodies must take what the subordinates accept. If we tamper with untempered mortar, taking petitioners that we know are not prepared at heart and are not living the daily lives of clean and upright men, we may expect a repetition of the past eight years, and an additional falling in the eyes of the profane world. We are now ready to turn the corner, and our future depends very largely upon the number of black balls that are cast."

Canada is fully reviewed—much space is given to our Grand Z.’s Address, his Rulings and references to various routine matters. We are particularly happy to note his comment with reference to the late M. Ex. Comp. Ponton’s Reviews. Of our “old friend and comrade” he says:—

"Reviewing does not get old to him, and his Reviews do not get old to others; to-morrow’s historian will find Ponton Reviews to be his richest store-house."

After reading this we are duly impressed with the responsibility we have assumed in endeavouring to carry on the work so splendidly begun by one who had a literary mind and aptitude for such work.

In Reviewing Iowa he remarks:—

"That Presbyterian preacher again writes the Review, P.G.H.P. E. W. F. Holler. He says that he agrees with me ‘for once’ when I mentioned Col. Ponton of Canada as a Reviewer par excellence, so that makes the Ponton vote unanimous."

We know nothing of the controversy but we do agree with both in their opinion of Col. Ponton’s efforts. May we add that our late Companion was outstanding in military circles, in the legal profession, in public activities, and in all Branches
of Masonry. May his memory never fade—for in his death we have lost one of Masonry’s “truly great”.

Elections closed the Proceedings of Grand Chapter. J. W. Pender elected G.H.P.; T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.

We regret to have to close this Review by mentioning that the Commission as Grand Representative of Texas near Canada is vacant owing to the sudden death of William L. Stewart, who for quite some time has enjoyed the privilege of answering for Texas.

A stalwart in Masonry, the G.C. of Canada has sustained a severe loss in Comp. Stewart’s lamented passing.

VERMONT

Alfred E. Bishop, Grand High Priest.
A. S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation was convened June 13, 1939, in the City of Burlington.

Assisted by his Grand Officers, the G.H.P. opened Grand Chapter in ample form.

The G.H.P. of New Jersey, Maine and New Hampshire, with Representatives from Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania were cordially welcomed and escorted to the East. Leaders of other Masonic Bodies in Vermont were also received with due honours.

The Roll Call of Grand Representatives was then called and those present were extended a fraternal greeting.

A portrait of the G.H.P. appears as a frontispiece to the Proceedings. In his address the G.H.P. gives us food for reflection, he deals feelingly with the losses through death and quotes:—

"Life is real, life is earnest
And the grave is not its goal.
Dust thou art, to dust returned
Was not spoken of the Soul."

He also refers to the address of G.H.P., New York:—

“If Masonry stands for anything, it stands for freedom of conscience and freedom of thought. It teaches men to think but does not teach them what to think.”

Among his appointments we note that Charles H. Sheppard has been approved as Vermont’s Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada. He deplores the tendency towards roughness or anything that tends to cheapen R.A.M. Concluding an inspiring address with these words:—
"True it is that Capitular Masonry is at the cross-roads. Our dangers are not from without but from within. Nevertheless, I see a new life dawning and a new impetus manifest. I cannot believe that an institution founded on the principles of friendship, morality, and brotherly love shall founder in the mire of indifference, carelessness and selfishness. I believe with Bobby Burns, 'That there'll come a day.'"

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers refers to the Grand Lecturer as follows:

"The office of Grand Lecturer is an easy one to fill when the skies are clear and no clouds appear on the horizon, but as once upon a time our very late lamented Most Excellent Grand Master Solomon, King of Israel, is said to have written:

"Tis easy to smile when all goes well
And life moves on with a song,
But the man worth while is the man who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong."

We read with interest the reports of the District Deputy G.H.P.'s and find something encouraging in the report of J. S. Duncan of District No. 3—who in reporting on King Solomon Chapter says:

"Activity—good. Grand Chapter dues—all paid. Membership shows a gain. Arrears in dues—none. Finances—$150.00 ahead at end of year."

This reads like old times—would that we had more Chapters like King Solomon's.

No report on Fraternal Correspondence appears.

J. Harold Stacey of Windsor elected G.H.P. and Comp. Harriman re-elected Grand Secretary.

Canada is ably represented near Vermont by Comp. A. S. Haven of Vergennes.

VICTORIA

R. P. Dick, Grand Z.

H. O. Thomas, Grand Scribe E.

The Quarterly Convocation held in Melbourne, Australia, on July 20th, 1938.

The Supreme Grand Chapter was opened in Ample, Antient and Solemn Form, with M. Em. Comp. R. P. Dick presiding.

A full attendance of Grand Representatives signed the register. Among these we are happy to note Canada's representative, F. J. Thomas.

The Grand Z. informed Grand Chapter that a Principals' Association had been formed with a membership of over 150.

Our experience in Canada has proven such Associations to
be of great benefit in developing the co-operative spirit and in creating interest and enthusiasm.

Notice of motion by G. C. Kingscott limits the term of continuous office of G.Z. or Pro G.Z. to two years, unless the Committee of General Purposes recommend an extension of one year.

Quarterly Meeting October 19, 1938, with Grand Z. in the chair. M. Em. Comp. Dick referred to the serious loss sustained by Grand Chapter through the death of M. Em. Comp. J. W. Robertson, Grand Registrar. He also advised that R. Em. Comp. Trebilcock had accepted the appointment for the balance of the year.

In referring to the late Comp. Robertson, he said:

"Such is the fate of man. The morning may promise joy, but the night encompasses us with sorrow. We fall into slumber, not knowing when we will awaken. Life, unlike the year, has no fixed sequence of seasons. Truly in the midst of life we are in death."

"Such was our friend, Formed on the good old plan,
A true and brave and downright honest man!
He blew no trumpet in the Market-place,
Loathing pretense, he did with cheerful will
What others talked of while their hands were still."

A committee was formed to consider plans for a proper celebration of the forthcoming Jubilee of Grand Chapter.

Under Exaltation Ceremony we find comments on "the work", matters relating to attendance and reference to the candidates admitted. Among other things the report reads:

"The most important man in the room on a night of Exaltation is the Candidate."

This is truly a homily that we should all remember.

Quarterly held January 18, 1939.

In his Communication the Grand Z. refers to the disastrous calamity caused by bush fires in which many lives were lost and property damage appalling.

Golden Jubilee Convocation April 19, 1939. The entire celebration far surpassed the fondest expectations of those who had planned it. The historical exhibit was a revelation while the Jubilee Address by Grand Second Principal Canon J. T. Baglin was an outstanding feature.

The Grand Z., in his remarks, reminded those present that:

"Never since the foundation of this Supreme Degree in Victoria has so much been achieved than during the last fifty years. Each year has forged a link in a long chain of intensity and incident. None can predict the verdict of posterity, but all those who are living through these
eventful years must be conscious that they, themselves, are a part of history, sharing in the establishing of the ultimate destiny of this great Order of ours."

The Commemoration Service was opened by R. Em. Comp. Rabbi J. Danglow, P.G.H., with this invocation:—

"Almighty and Eternal Lord God, Father of all, Who dwellest in eternity, we thank Thee for bringing us in peace and goodwill to this day when we commemorate the fifty years of companionship and labour in this Grand Chapter.

"We render thanks to Thee for the marvellous things accomplished by those Companions who have gone before us, who so wisely planned and so zealously laboured, that we have been enabled to enter into this glorious heritage.

"O God our Father, we fervently beseech Thee to help and guide and bless us in the future; grant unto us fortitude in trial, patience in suffering, calmness in adversity, humility in success; take from us all selfishness and jealousy, and fit us to become worthy of being living members of Thy Holy Royal Arch."

The Benediction was pronounced and Grand Chapter closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria is represented in Canada by a Canadian Masonic veteran, S. G. Newdick, of Toronto, whose appointment was confirmed at the Quarterly Convocation July 20, 1938.

**VIRGINIA**

George C. Scarborough, Grand High Priest.
James M. Clift, Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Convocation was held in Richmond, on October 25th and 26th, 1938.

Judge Needham S. Turnbull, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. Vernon Eddy, a Past Grand Master, who in presenting him said:—

"He is not only a distinguished Mason, he is a distinguished jurist of the State of Virginia."

Distinguished guests were, as usual, accorded a gracious welcome and invited to the Grand East. These included delegations from—New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, West Virginia, New Jersey, North Carolina, Maryland, and Comp. Fred G. Smith, Grand Representative of Virginia near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests of Virginia were presented and welcomed by M. Ex. Comp. George C. Scarborough.

The Roll Call of Grand Representatives near the Grand
Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia showed that 43 were present; R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Mattern for Canada.

The following quotations are taken from the address of the Grand High Priest:—

"It would be gratifying to feel that our organization is renewing its ancient challenge to the younger generation; that younger shoulders are taking on the joyous task of carrying on."

"The idea is general that Masonry will have to in some way, renew its former attraction for the younger seekers after truth. It is a fact that the average age of our membership has been growing higher every year. Both of these things suggest the need of doing something for youth and for some force connected with Masonry which can make an impression on American youth."

"The record of our accomplishments for the year do not give us any special reason for optimism. Apathetic indifference is noticeable in some places, and at present we are operating in sunshine and shadow. In some spots the signs are very encouraging. I hope these may spread and bring that steadying influence which we sorely need."

The Grand High Priest approved of revisions to seven sets of by-laws, also one complete set of by-laws for one Chapter.

Of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home for the Aged, he said:—

"One cannot but be impressed with the ability, sincerity and unselfish service of these brethren, and I have taken advantage of every occasion offered to call our Companions' attention to this great Masonic charity."

The report of the Grand Secretary showed that the membership on September 30th, 1938, was 10,678, a net loss of 363.

One Chapter surrendered its charter.

The election of officers resulted in the advancement to the chair of G.H.P. of Charles F. Unruh and the re-election of the present incumbents of the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

An interesting highlight of the Convocation was the introduction to the Grand Chapter of M.E. Comp. James H. Price, P.G.H.P., the re-elected Grand Treasurer. M. Ex. Comp. Price is also the Governor of the State of Virginia. The introduction was made by R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Lewis Gibbs, D.D., Grand Chaplain, and was the occasion of prolonged applause. The Companions of Virginia are to be congratulated upon having such a distinguished citizen as an active officer of their Grand Chapter.

At the evening session many guests addressed Grand Chapter and we read with interest and shall we say with some pride the address of our very own R. Ex. Comp. F. G.
Smith of Ottawa. He is one of an all too limited few who
takes seriously the duties of a Grand Representative. His
periodical visits to the Grand Chapter which he represents is
the best evidence of his zeal and fidelity. Would that there
be more like him.

Among the gems of verse and prose which embellished the
addresses of the visitors we select this as worthy of repetition:

“If nobody smiled, and nobody cheered,
And nobody helped us along;
If each every minute looked after himself,
And the good things all went to the strong,
If nobody cared just a little for you,
And nobody thought about me,
And we stood all alone in the battle of life,
What a dreary old world it would be.”

M. Ex. Comp. C. Fenno Heath, Chairman of the Commit-
tee on Fraternal Correspondence, in his preamble suggests
that one way to obtain “leaders” would be to shorten the of-
icial Grand Chapter line from 9 to 4, making the fourth office
the official starting point. We agree, “Canada” starts at the
third.

Two pages are devoted to “Canada”, which is very fully
reviewed:

“After six years of failure to be present, our Grand Represen-
tative answered the roll call, but he was successor to the Companion who had
disappointed us for so long a period. Companion Smith not only was on
deck at Toronto, but was an interested attendent at our own 1937 Grand
Annual in October, and brought an inspiring message from his Grand
Chapter; we hope he comes again, many times.”

“The change from February to April for holding Grand Annual
seems to have had a salutary effect upon attendance, twenty-one more
Chapters and seventeen more Grand Representatives being present than
were recorded in 1936.”

“The Grand Z.’s address of twenty-one pages was a pleasure to read.
‘WHITHER ARE WE BOUND’ was the subject of a two and a half
page dissertation which supported the view that social and industrial
unrest can be corrected by ‘development and exercise of those Christian
principles which are the very foundation of our present day civiliza-
tion, by spreading the Gospel of optimism and placing our trust in
Almighty God, Whose ever present hand is a shield and bulwark in
time of need.’”

“The entire address was inspirational, one among many. Would
that every Capitular head devote as much time and thought to his
annual address as did Companion Gardiner.”

We thank Companion Heath for his decidedly compli-
mentary and friendly references to the late M. Ex. Comp.
Col. W. N. Ponton, one of the veterans of the Corp. of Correspondents, whose talented writings and scholarly eloquence will be sadly missed by his friends and Companions in Canada, and his admirers everywhere.

The Grand Chapter of Canada learns with sincere regret of the passing within the sacred triangle of Most Excellent Companions George C. Scarborough and Charles H. Ergenbright, Past Grand High Priests of 1937 and 1935 respectively.

WASHINGTON

Fred M. Bond, Grand High Priest.
Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary.
Fifty-fifth Annual held in Seattle on May 11, 1939.
Grand Chapter opened in ample form by M. Ex. Comp. Bond—Invocation delivered by the Grand Chaplain.
Seventeen P.G.H.P.'s in attendance.
Distinguished visitors representing sister Jurisdictions and other Branches of Masonry were introduced and formally welcomed. M. Ex. Comp. Mattison Boyd Jones, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, accompanied by a proper escort, then entered and was received with private Grand Honours.

From the address of welcome on behalf of Seattle's eight Chapters delivered by Ralph P. Mulvane this extract appeals:—

"To say to you, in the limits of our language, 'Welcome, and may your sessions be full of that harmony and peace which characterize our fraternal institution,' seems so incomplete. For how shall we translate into mere words that joy which lights the face and eyes when friend greets friend, when hand clasps hand? How shall we adequately marshal into orderly ranks the sentiments of affection which bind friend to friend, companion to companion? And how indeed can we depict by tongue the emotions stirred when it comes time to say good-bye and we strive to express our hope that soon again we shall see each other, face to face?"

Walter J. Thompson, who 52 years ago presided over G.C. as its first G.H.P., was cordially welcomed. The presence of this Masonic veteran should provide an inspiration to the younger members who falter and lag after a few years of service.

In the address by the G.H.P. reference is made to his visit to Westminster Chapter, British Columbia, where he received a gracious welcome and enjoyed an inspirational programme.
He quotes a recitation entitled "A Tribute to the Flags," part of which we give you:—

"Old Glory! Of red, white and blue,
Heaven-born colors: We pledge to you
Our loyal support, our lives and fortunes all,
Each ready to answer whenever you call.

"You are the symbol of God's love and care
Of all who are willing your burdens to share.
For your blue was taken from heaven's dome,
As a pledge to protect every hearth and home.

"O, Union Jack! Red, white and blue,
To you your subjects will always prove true.
Your armies and navies, symbols of might
Among the world powers, seek only the right.

"Your dominions extend over the wide sea,
Protecting the rights of good men and free.
Freedom of speech, press and worship too
You will ever protect, with strong hand and true."

M. Ex. Comp. Bond tells at some length of his many visitations, comments on matters of local interest, enumerates the dispensations granted, and decisions made during the year, closing with an expression of gratitude for the honour conferred upon him and commends his successor to Grand Chapter—ending with this very beautiful poem:—

"Lord, let me bring a little grace
To every dark and gloomy place;
Let me rejoice that I can give
Some splendor to the life I live,
A little faith when I am tried,
A little joy where I abide,
A touch of friendship now and then
To mark my comradeship with men."

The Grand Orator's address is outstanding in its subject matter, its application and its presentation. Here are a few lines of this splendid message:—

"Our Craft teaches us truly. God is still in His heaven. Things MUST be right in His world. As tangled and chaotic as world events may appear, the understanding student of that Great Light cannot fail to see that they swiftly are shaping themselves in exact fulfilment of its ancient prophecies."

Stanley G. Picknell elected and installed G.H.P.—next place of meeting Everett.

The Annual Capitular Review is in the capable hands of W. C. Stone, Grand Secretary, who prefaces a very fine Review with these words:—

"It is with some misgivings that we submit this fragmentary review of the doings in our sister jurisdictions for the past year.

"We crave the indulgence of our readers for this brief report we submit and hope that what we have said may have some interest and value to those who may read this report."

Comp. Stone’s lament anent the trend toward undue limitation of space for reviews—merits our hearty support. We strongly believe any such action as he suggests will not only be a retrograde step but will have a tendency to weaken the golden cord which to-day binds the various units of R.A. Masonry one to the other.

Canada is fully reviewed if in somewhat condensed form, but we understand the reviewer’s desire to conserve space and he has our sympathy. Thanks, Companion Stone, for your kindly references.

Washington is represented near the G.C. of Canada by H. A. Miller of Toronto, while Robert L. McCrosky performs a similar duty for Canada.

WEST VIRGINIA

Leonard O. Dotson, Grand High Priest.
Geo. M. Ford, Grand Secretary.

The Sixty-ninth Annual held on October 9-10, 1939, in the City of Wheeling.

M. Ex. Comp. Dotson and his officers were received by Wheeling Union Chapter, with Dr. H. Cramstett in the chair, who extended a warm welcome to Grand Chapter. The G.H.P. assumed the gavel and declared G.C. opened in ample form.

Delegations from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Ohio and Pennsylvania were then received and accorded Grand Honours.

Seventeen P.G.H.P.’s were presented and escorted to the Grand East.

Among the Grand Representatives introduced and graciously welcomed was Fred C. Steinbicker representing Canada. The Grand High Priest’s address contained a full report of official acts and visitations, we exercept the following:—
"Thinking of the horrors of war which are ravishing other lands and of the misery which follows in its wake; of the persecutions and indignities which our brethren in the dictator countries of Europe are called upon to undergo, where Masonry has been banned for the only reason of its teaching in the rich fundamentals that should govern the behavior of man, and because it stands for, and upholds justice, freedom of thought and action. I feel that we should indeed be thankful that we are at peace with the world, and that we do not have to endure such conditions, and that such meetings as this we may enjoy uninterrupted, as well as all other blessings of Liberty which are guaranteed to us by our Constitution.

"However, we should not be lulled into a sense of false security. We as Americans, men and Masons should as never before earnestly endeavor to live closer to the ideals and teachings of our great Order, to the end, that we may protect and defend the rich heritage which is ours, against the insidious workings of the various 'isms' that, octopus like, are reaching out their tentacles to drag us down, and which if unchecked will eventually deprive us of all that we hold most dear."

The Grand Secretary, Geo. M. Ford, presented his twentieth annual report—commencing with a line or two from Elizabeth A. Allen's poem:—

"Backward, Turn Backward, oh time in your flight,
Make me a child again just for to-night."

In congratulating West Virginia on having the services of such an ardent and well-skilled craftsman as secretary we cannot refrain from quoting these words from his report:—

"Twenty years have passed since you first honored me by electing me your Grand Secretary, and while I am preparing to climb the Eightieth milestone I naturally would not mind being able to drop a few of the years. Yet old age has some advantages, and when I think of the many dear friends I have met in the past, the pleasures I have enjoyed in meeting with the Grand Officers of this and other Grand Chapters, and kind treatment I have received from Companions I would not exchange this experience for anything, and my sincere hope is that each of you may have that same enjoyment in meeting with the members of the Craft as I have."

He ends an excellent report with this gem:—

"I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.
I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be.
I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day,
As you have meant, Old Friend of mine, to me, along the way."

The election of officers resulted in the elevation of James E. Hart to the position of G.H.P. and we are happy to note the re-election of Geo. M. Ford as secretary.

From the Report on Necrology this beautifully worded tribute:—

"The falling to earth of the beautiful autumn tinted foliage reminds us annually to turn our thoughts with joyful anticipations to the assembly of this Grand Convocation. It gives us cheer and glad hearts
to see again those near us in fraternal ties and to mingle here in fellowship, harmony and love. All this brings to us a touch of heaven on the earth.

"But the same falling of the leaves, some while green, brings to us other thoughts of those of our Companions who have left the tree and branches of this Royal Arch forest of friends and brethren in the bonds, and have fallen again into earth."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Lecturers of the nine Districts speak encouragingly of conditions throughout the jurisdiction.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by that experienced veteran, Geo. M. Ford. From his foreword we quote:—

"While our Fraternity is outlawed by some fifteen nations, we are convinced that this is because of their lack of understanding what our aim is, and we as Masons must show by our lives that we are really good men, and enlighten our brother man as to the real meaning of Masonry.

"Take for our motto, 'Fear God and keep His commandments.' "Let us walk uprightly, before God and Man. Hope and pray for the best."

Canada receives kindly consideration at the hands of Comp. Ford—he quotes freely from M. Ex. Comp. Mills' address in Kingston and agrees with a dispensation granted for the advancement of a candidate who by accident is not physically qualified. We appreciate his comments and are firmly convinced that if a man is mentally and morally sound, the loss of an arm should not be permitted to provide an insurmountable barrier to his admission to the Royal Craft.

We also offer a word of thanks for the reference to the late Col. W. N. Ponton and his Capitular Reviews, and we know that our late Companion would heartily agree with Comp. Ford's comment on reviews and which we are happy to quote:—

One wonders if the Grand Chapters are wise, in standing the expense of having proceedings reviewed and not published.

"When business is slack, any good business man advertises and puts forth an extra effort to secure new trade—we do not practice that."

From Manitoba he quotes:—

"The task of every man is to take the raw material of his life, and by patience, in spite of blunders, by perseverance in face of failures, by loyalty to an ideal and fidelity to a noble life—plan, shape it into constant beauty and enduring worth."

Alexander Cowan, a Past Ruler of our Grand Chapter, and an active, interested and enthusiastic worker in all branches of Masonry, represents West Virginia near this Grand Chapter.
Wisconsin

Ray H. Watson, Grand High Priest.
William F. Weiler, Grand Secretary.
The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation held in Milwaukee on May 2, 1939.

An Organ Recital by Comp. Clitheroe preceded the opening of G.C. Calumet Chapter opened in the Royal Arch—the Grand Officers were then welcomed. The G.H.P. then entered and was officially received. The Grand Chaplain presented M. Ex. Comp. Watson with a beautiful basket of roses on behalf of McKinley Chapter. The G.H.P. opened the G.C. in ample form.

Delegations from the General Grand Chapter, and from Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and many neighbouring Grand Chapters were introduced and graciously greeted.

Representatives from the Grand Council, R. & S.M., of the Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite, and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin were presented and accorded Grand Honours.

Twelve P.G.H.P.'s were present.

The United States colours were placed upon the dais while the Companions stood at attention and sang “America”.

M. Ex. Comp. Watson then delivered his address—we quote a line or two:

“As we remember the liberties we enjoy and the preservation of them as a vital part of Masonry, may we all use every power we possess to keep this precious liberty for future generations, that the blessings of Masonry may be continued through the years.”

His tribute to the dead was eloquent and sympathetic, closing with:

“There is no Death; the leaves may fall
And flowers may fade and pass away.
They only wait through wintry hours
The coming of the May.

“And ever near us, though unseen
The dear immortal spirits tread
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead.”

To the officers of Chapters he had this to say:

“Keep up the good work! The grand and glorious undertaking of rebuilding our Capitular Temple progresses in direct proportion to the effort we are willing to make in continued devotion to the ideals of Masonry through active participation in the work of the Lodge and Chapter.”
Among references to various activities he spoke of the good work among the young men in the De Molay Chapters—which have been sponsored by G.C. since 1922.

His final remarks, after paying tribute to the zeal and loyalty of his officers were as follows:—

"Finally, my companions, permit me to say that it has been a great pleasure and a profound satisfaction to serve you as Grand High Priest.

"Please accept my sincere thanks and may God's richest blessings rest upon you and upon our great Fraternity."

The Grand Master of Iowa delivered an inspiring message with real substance and food for thought.

Thomas B. Lyter presented an impressive report on Obituaries and concludes with these words:—

"May we all so live that when we see our companions on the other side, when we meet our Creator as face to face, we may each one hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

A special Committee recommends that inactive small chapters should be merged wherever it is found in the best interest of R.A.M.—with large and more active Chapters.

This is worthy of consideration and might well be applied in many jurisdictions.

The Masonic Service Bureau presents a report of which they may well be proud. Their employment and relief work is worthy of our most sincere commendation.

Frank R. Graham was advanced to the office of G.H.P. while Comp. Watson, retiring G.H.P., was presented with a Jewel suitable to his rank.

Among the decisions made we find one that prohibits R.A. Masons from organizing Clubs under various titles and having such clubs meet in the Chapter rooms. We are inclined to think this is as it should be. Masonry has too many adjuncts and appendages at present without any further additions.

The report on Correspondence by William F. Weiler is a literary treat. His foreword is particularly attractive and we thoroughly agree with the following:—

"Finally, if the proposed thought on the two problems, 'Reclamation of Delinquent Members'—those who have fallen by the wayside—along with 'Education' be adopted in our Chapters, it will prove a boon to Capitular Masonry and go far to make a success, to a marked degree, of our Chapters and Chapter 'work'. WHY NOT TRY IT OUT?"
"Come, clear the way, then, clear the way;  
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.  
Break the dead branches from the path;  
Our hope is in the aftermath—  
Our hope is in heroic men.  
Star-led to build the world again.  
To this event the ages ran:  
Make way for Brotherhood—make way for man!"
—Edwin Markham.

He closes with:

"I am closing this report with one question: If we fail in meeting our responsibilities—if we fall short in a full performance of our Masonic duties—if we, as Masons, fail to do our part in meeting our obligations to home and home life, church, and public schools—what is the answer? We may perhaps formulate all of these inquiries into one: AFTER MASONRY, WHAT?"

Comp. Weiler’s reviews are very interesting, but we believe that they would have been even more so, at least from our standpoint, had they included Canada.

Elmer S. Owen represents Canada in Wisconsin, while William J. Wadsworth, one of Toronto’s outstanding public men, performs a similar duty for Wisconsin.

WYOMING

Erwin A. Froyd, Grand High Priest.
Richard H. Repath, Grand Secretary.
The Thirty-first Annual Convocation held in Rawlins, Wyoming, July 11, 1939.

After the formal opening ceremonies the Grand Chaplain led the devotional exercises. Ten Past G.H.P.’s were in attendance.

The Proceedings are embellished with excellent portraits of the G.H.P. and the G.H.P.-elect.

From the Biographical sketch of M. Ex. Comp. Froyd, we find that he is a graduate of University of Nebraska; is manager of a large commercial corporation; was an officer overseas with the 84th Division, A.E.F.; is now active in the American Legion and Past President of the "Rotary"; served as Representative and Senator of Wyoming Legislature and extremely active in all branches of Masonry.

Apparently the G.H.P. is a man of culture, experience and strong personality.

Distinguished visitors from Sister Jurisdictions, other Masonic Bodies and Grand Representatives were then intro-
duced and cordially welcomed. Canada’s Representative, R. H. Repath, as is to be expected, answered the Roll Call.

The G.H.P. recommends as an experiment that Chapters be moved from one town to another in the same district to increase local interest and in the same cases save expense. This appeals to us as a somewhat novel idea and with some merit to commend it.

Like most of us, the G.H.P. is impressed with the thought that many Grand Representatives are indifferent and inactive. In Canada we cancel the Commission of a Companion who fails to respond for three consecutive years, and we note that M. Ex. Comp. Froyd recommends a similar plan.

The Grand Secretary’s report is encouraging and remarks “that we are holding our own.”

The Election of Officers resulted in Clarence A. Brimmer being elevated to G.H.P. and our old friend Comp. Repath being re-elected Grand Secretary (nothing like keeping a good man in office).

Under Necrology we find an impressive report from which we give you:—

“Every rose has its thorn. Unalloyed happiness is rarely found. Life is a precious jewel entrusted to our care, we should keep it clean and bright in the constant practice of our duties as men and Masons.”

“O for the touch of a vanished hand
and the sound of a voice that is still.”

Although we find no published record of a Report on Fraternal Correspondence, we note that R. H. Repath is listed as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

More work for the genial Grand Secretary.

Wyoming is represented near the G.C. of Canada by a very fine R.A.M., Howard E. Meadd, Cornwall.