

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
M. . E. . Grand Chapter of Florida
Seventy-Fifth Annual Convocation.

1921

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 17, A. D. 1921, A. I. 2451.

A constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives of the constituent Chapters being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the M. . E. . Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The roll being called, there were found to be present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS

H. O. Snow	-----	M. . E. . Grand High Priest.
John L. Hall	-----	R. . E. . D. G. High Priest.
R. J. Kishpaugh	-----	R. . E. . Grand King.
E. P. Hubbell	-----	R. . E. . Grand Scribe.
Marcus Endel	-----	R. . E. . Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. Webster	-----	R. . E. . Grand Secretary.
W. B. Y. Wilkie	-----	R. . E. . Grand Chaplain.

E. L. Wirt ----- E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
 T. T. Todd ----- E. Gr. Principal Sojourner.
 E. L. Shear ----- E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
 Cary B. Fish ----- E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
 R. J. McMaster ----- E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
 H. Stafford Caldwell ----- E. Gr. Master First Vail.
 John W. Capper ----- E. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,	T. S. Wilmarth,
Irving E. Webster,	W. P. Webster,
E. E. Haskell,	J. R. Wetherell,
L. C. Massey,	Olin S. Wright,
W. S. Ware,	T. Picton Warlow,
F. B. Stoneman,	H. N. Sweeting,
John M. Caldwell,	D. B. Palmer,
C. H. Ketchum,	W. V. Carter.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1—H. N. Sweeting, proxy for H. P.
 Gainesville No. 2—W. G. Bell, S. and proxy for H. P.
 Tampa No. 3—Ralph L. Gillette, proxy for officers.
 St. Johns No. 4—J. R. Wetherell, proxy for H. P.
 Halifax No. 5—E. L. Shear, proxy for officers.
 Mt. Horeb No. 6—W. E. Acosta, H. P.
 Eureka No. 7—R. P. Buckmaster, K. and proxy for H. P.
 Dade City No. 8—R. L. Batchelor, H. P.
 Putnam No. 9—W. T. Hamm, proxy for H. P.
 Jericho No. 11—Hugh Peters, K.
 Jacksonville No. 12—R. A. Strout, H. P.; R. E. Williams, K.; L. G. Gilbert, S.
 Ocala No. 13—C. E. Connor, proxy for H. P.
 Inverness No. 14—H. J. Dame, proxy for H. P.

Monroe No. 15—R. B. Chapman, H. P.
 Plant City No. 16—C. T. Neuner, K.
 St. Augustine No. 17—F. E. Weathers, proxy for officers.
 Manatee River No. 18—C. S. Hill, proxy for H. P.
 Island No. 21—C. H. Ketchum, proxy for H. P.
 Thomas Brown No. 22—R. M. Oglesby, H. P.
 Chipley No. 23—H. W. Peters, H. P.
 Lake Worth No. 24—Max Sirkin, proxy for officers.
 Live Oak No. 25—B. W. Helvenston, H. P.
 Jefferson No. 26—J. Tarlowski, K. and proxy for H. P.; John Pasco, proxy for S.
 Indian River No. 27—T. S. Sanders, H. P.
 Joppa No. 28—J. H. Lane, H. P.
 Lakeland No. 29—F. H. Thompson, proxy for H. P.; George J. Tolson, proxy for K. and S.
 St. Petersburg No. 31—H. L. Ermatinger, H. P.
 Jackson No. 32—R. M. Holliday, H. P.
 Eustis No. 33—W. S. McClelland, H. P.; Wm. P. McKee, S.
 Leesburg No. 34—H. L. Schaeffer, proxy for H. P.
 Sarasota No. 35—F. Wm Schultz, H. P.
 Walton No. 37—C. R. Horne, H. P.
 Providence No. 38—J. C. Featherstone, proxy for H. P.
 Bay County No. 39—F. M. Campbell, proxy for H. P.
 Crestview No. 40—Mack Tyner, H. P.
 Highlands No. 42—G. F. Smith, S.
 Arcadia U. D.—A. I. Roe, H. P.
 Union U. D.—E. E. Macy, H. P.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama ----- R. J. Kishpaugh.
 California ----- W. S. Ware.
 Canada ----- Chester DeRocher.

Colorado	-----	J. R. Wetherell.
Connecticut	-----	W. S. Ware.
Delaware	-----	W. P. Webster.
Illinois	-----	C. H. Ketchum.
Indiana	-----	T. T. Todd.
Iowa	-----	John M. Caldwell.
Kansas	-----	Olin S. Wright.
Louisiana	-----	J. R. Wetherell.
Maine	-----	E. E. Haskell.
Maryland	-----	H. O. Snow.
Massachusetts	-----	I. E. Webster.
Minnesota	-----	E. P. Hubbell.
Mississippi	-----	D. B. Palmer.
New Jersey	-----	C. H. Ketchum.
New York	-----	Marcus Endel.
New South Wales	-----	John D. Grether.
North Carolina	-----	John L. Hall.
North Dakota	-----	Marcus Endel.
Nova Scotia	-----	T. Picton Warlow.
Ohio	-----	Ely P. Hubbell.
Oklahoma	-----	Olin S. Wright.
Oregon	-----	Harry N. Sweeting.
Pennsylvania	-----	Louis C. Massey.
Quebec	-----	L. C. Massey.
Tennessee	-----	Frank B. Stoneman.
Texas	-----	E. W. Bunker.
Utah	-----	J. G. Torrey.
Vermont	-----	Irving E. Webster.
Victoria	-----	John L. Hall.
Wisconsin	-----	George A. Dame.

The following letter was received from Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright:

DeLand, Fla., May 16, 1921.

Mr. W. P. Webster, R. E., Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter R. A. M., Jacksonville, Fla.:

Dear Companion—I regret very much to report that the severe illness of Mrs. Wright will prevent my attending the session of the Grand Chapter this year.

Please present my fraternal regards to the Grand Officers and all of the members, collectively and individually, and assure them that I shall be with them in my thoughts during their session.

May our Father which art in Heaven govern and protect you, each and all, in your deliberations and so influence your minds and hearts that all your proceedings will redound to the credit of capitular Masonry and the members of the Grand Chapter.

Courteously and fraternally,

SILAS B. WRIGHT.

The Grand Secretary was directed to reply by wire expressing the regrets, sympathy and best wishes of the Grand Chapter and also to send some flowers for Mrs. Wright.

The following telegram was received from Past Grand High Priest O'Neal and the Grand Secretary was directed to acknowledge same by wire.

Orlando, Fla., May 17, 1921.

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville, Fla.:

Regret will be unable to attend Session Grand Chapter. May this be greatest session in its history.

W. R. O'NEAL.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committee on

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Charles S. Hill,
William S. Ware, F. M. Campbell.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report, which was received and adopted:

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on "Returns and Credentials" respectfully report that the list of Grand Officers and Representatives of Constituent Chapters present is correct as furnished by the Grand Secretary at Roll Call.

All Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES S. HILL,

W. S. WARE,

F. M. CAMPBELL.

Committee.

Upon motion of Companion T. T. Todd the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Caldwell all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committees:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. W. Bunker,

R. P. Buckmaster,

R. A. Strout.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

C. E. Connor,

C. T. Neuner,

R. N. Oglesby.



DR. HENRY O. SNOW
Grand High Priest
1920

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Olin S. Wright,
George J. Tolson, Archie Aitchison.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

Marcus Endel, T. S. Wilmarth,
Irving E. Webster, W. P. Webster,
E. E. Haskell, J. R. Wetherell,
L. C. Massey, Olin S. Wright,
W. S. Ware, T. Picton Warlow,
F. B. Stoneman, H. N. Sweeting,
John M. Caldwell, D. B. Palmer,
C. H. Ketchum, W. V. Carter.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

George A. Dame,
W. S. McClelland, W. E. Acosta.

MEMORIALS

W. B. Y. Wilkie,
Hugh Peters, T. S. Sanders.

VISITORS

Chester DeRocher,
H. L. Schaeffer, B. W. Helvenston.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following address:

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

My Dear Companions:

I welcome you to this the Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Our Grand Chapter was organized in 1847 with Most Excellent Companion Thomas Douglas as the first Grand High Priest, at which time there were very few Royal Arch Masons in Florida, and after seventy-five years we have forty-two Chapters and 5,609 Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction. There are numbers of blue lodge Masons in this Jurisdiction who are worthy to be exalted, who, if properly advised, would be glad to receive the privilege of becoming Royal Arch Masons, and I want to stress the fact that it is the duty of each Royal Arch Mason, when he knows a worthy brother, to point out to him the advantages of becoming a member of our organization. If you will each bear this in mind, the prosperity of our beloved Order will know no bounds.

NECROLOGY

Our own Grand Chapter suffered a loss in the person of Past Grand High Priest Will C. Andress. To know "Uncle Billy," as he was affectionately known, was to love him and I am sure every one of you present who had the privilege of knowing him as I did, will miss his pleasant face and regret that you will see him no more, until you too, answer the last summons to the Grand Chapter above.

The Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery issued a memorial to the officers and members of the constituent bodies, as follows:

Grand Commandery Knights Templar
Grand Royal Arch Chapter

and

The Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of
Florida

To The Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, and to All Whom These Presents Shall Come:

It is our sad duty to announce the death of Past Grand Commander, Past Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master,

WILLIAM CLARENCE ANDRESS

which occurred in the city of Jacksonville, Florida, September 1, 1920.

Brother Andress was born at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1848. When he was seven years of age his parents moved to a farm in the State of Illinois.

He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Alpha Lodge No. 155, exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Decatur Chapter No. 21, and received the Order of the Temple in Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, all in the city of Decatur, Illinois.

He moved to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1895. He affiliated with Temple Lodge No. 23, Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 and Damascus Commandery No. 2 in 1901; he received the degrees in Hallmark Council No. 3, Royal and Select Masters, August 30, 1903, and received the degrees in the four bodies of the Scottish Rite in Jacksonville, February 20-22, 1912.

He was a member of Morocco Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.; he held several offices in the Divan and served as Recorder until failing health compelled him to resign.

He was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Past Patron of Jacksonville Chapter No. 15.

After serving as presiding officer in all of the York Rite bodies of Masonry in Jacksonville, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters in 1912, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in 1913, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in 1915. In all of these offices he was most active for the benefit of Masonry. He was earnest in his Masonic life, and no member of the Order was more unselfish than he in his adherence to it.

He had no aims of a personal character to accomplish. His great desire and highest ambition were to be useful to the Order.

As a tribute to his memory, it is hereby ordered that this communication be read in each Commandery, Chapter and Council in this Grand Jurisdiction at the first regular meeting after its receipt.

(Signed)

JOHN L. HALL,
Grand Commander.
HENRY O. SNOW,
Grand High Priest.
CHARLES H. KETCHUM,
Grand Master.

On December 27th, 1920, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary, who is also our own Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Florida, as follows:

Jacksonville, Florida, Dec. 27, 1920.

Grand Chapter, R. A. M., Grand Commandery, K. T., Simon of Cyrene Commandery No. 13:

Dear Fraters—I am directed by our M. W. Grand Master to assure you that the Grand Lodge of Florida, F. & A. M., sincerely appreciates your co-operation in the erection of a memorial to Past Grand Master James W. Boyd. This memorial has been erected at the grave of Past Grand Master Boyd at Bartow and I herewith hand you a photograph of same. The following is a description of the stone with inscription on same:

Granite monument, symbolizing Rough and Perfect Ashlars. Dimensions: Die 3 feet, 6 inches high, by 3 feet, four inches wide, by 1 foot, 6 inches thick. Base 1 foot high, by 3 feet, 8 inches wide, by 1 foot, 10 inches thick. Total height 4 feet, 6 inches. Supported by solid concrete foundation, extending 3 feet beneath the surface of the ground.

Inscription: "In Memory of James W. Boyd, Past Grand Master F. & A. M., Past Grand High Priest, R. A. M., Past Grand Commander K. T. Born July 6, 1844. Died May 29, 1919. Erected by His Masonic Brethren"

Total cost \$534.00 Apportioned as follows:

Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. -----	\$184.00
Grand Chapter, R. A. M. -----	150.00
Grand Commandery, K. T. -----	100.00
Simon of Cyrene Commandery No. 13 -----	100.00

Again thanking you for your co-operation in erecting this memorial, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

I am sure that all the Companions will be well pleased to know that a fitting memorial has been erected over the grave of our beloved Frater.

I have received a number of memorials from other Grand Jurisdictions, of other esteemed and honored Companions who have answered the last call.

OTHER JURISDICTIONS

General Grand Chapter R. A. M. of U. S. A.—Past General Grand High Priest Joseph Edward Dyos, General Grand Captain of the Host Henry Banks.

Alabama—Past Grand High Priest Basil M. Hill.

Arkansas—Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas Marsh Horsfall.

Connecticut—Past Grand High Priest Gilbert Lamb Hewitt.

Georgia—Grand High Priest Joseph Cholmondelay Greenfield, Past Grand High Priest Henry Banks.

Iowa—Past Grand High Priest Francis Hamner Loeing.

Illinois—Past Grand High Priest Joseph Edward Dyos.

Indiana—Senior Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Calvin W. Prather.

Maine—Past Grand High Priest Wm. N. Houee.

Maryland—Past Grand High Priest Edwin Jerome Griffin.

Missouri—Past Grand High Priest Arthur Middleton Hough, Past Grand High Priest Xenophon Ryland.

Michigan—Past Grand High Priest George Hill, Jr., Deputy Grand High Priest Frank Hawley Williams, Honorary Past Grand High Priest David Woodward.

Minnesota—Past Deputy Grand High Priest George W. Cooley.

New York—Past Grand High Priest Marshall F. Hemmingway.

Nova Scotia—Past Grand High Priest Joseph Robert Barnett.

Oklahoma—Past Grand High Priest Edmond Henry Doyle, Past Grand High Priest Jabez Holmes Mann, Past Grand High Priest Isham H. G. Helme.

Oregon—Past Grand High Priest Edward E. Kiddle.

Ohio—Past Grand High Priest Wm. A. Reiter, Deputy Grand High Priest Schuyler B. Tuthill, Past Grand High Priest Lewis P. Schaus, Past Grand High Priest Jas. W. Tredall.

Tennessee—Past Grand High Priest Dr. Andrew Parker Trayden.

Virginia—Past Grand High Priest Frederick Greenwood.

Washington—Past Grand High Priest Nathan Smith Porter.

West Virginia—Grand Captain of the Host Harry Loyal Broh.

INSTALLATION

On July 30th, I received a letter from Past Grand High Priest John M. Caldwell, stating that he had as per my request installed Companion H. Stafford Caldwell as Master of the First Veil of the Grand Chapter, Royal

Arch Masons of Florida, in Live Oak Chapter No. 25, on the evening of the 24th of June.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR GRAND VISITATIONS

On June 11th, I made the following assignments for Grand Visitations:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Eureka Chapter No. 7, Dade City Chapter No. 8, Kissimmee Chapter No. 10, Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, Inverness Chapter No. 14, Manatee River Chapter No. 18, Thos. Brown Chapter No. 22, Lakeland Chapter No. 29, St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, Sarasota Chapter No. 35 and Arcadia Chapter U. D.

To the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest John L. Hall, Florida Chapter No. 1, Gainesville Chapter No. 2, Halifax Chapter No. 5, Lake Butler Chapter No. 19, Chipley Chapter No. 23, Live Oak Chapter No. 25, Jefferson Chapter No. 26, Walton Chapter No. 37, Bay County Chapter No. 39, Crestview Chapter No. 40.

To the R. E. Grand King R. J. Kishbaugh, St. Johns Chapter No. 4, Halifax Chapter No. 5, Putnam Chapter No. 9, Jericho Chapter No. 11, St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, Keystone Chapter No. 20, Island Chapter No. 21, Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, Indian River Chapter No. 27, Joppa Chapter No. 28.

To the R. E. Grand Scribe E. P. Hubbell, Tampa Chapter No. 3, Ocala Chapter No. 13, Monroe Chapter No. 15, Plant City Chapter No. 16, Eustis Chapter No. 22, Leesburg Chapter No. 34, Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 and Highlands Chapter No. 42.

GRAND VISITATIONS BY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

On July 8th I made a visit to St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31 and saw them confer the Royal Arch degree upon

a class, which was done nicely. I found their books well kept and the Chapter prosperous. The ladies of the Eastern Star served a very nice lunch and the evening was spent pleasantly and enjoyed by all those present.

On July 26th I visited Inverness Chapter No. 14, and found that the Chapter was not doing very much work but that they had a large class for the Mark Master's degree. Companion C. E. Connor and I assisted the Companions to confer this degree upon the class and I feel sure that this Chapter has good prospects of doing good work in the future.

On September 6th I visited Dade City Chapter No. 8 and assisted in conferring the Royal Arch degree on a class, after which the ladies entertained us with a very nice repast and an evening of good fellowship was enjoyed.

On February 1st, 1921, I visited Eureka Chapter No. 7, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree upon a class in a very creditable manner. I found this Chapter doing good work and I thank the Companions for a very pleasant evening.

On February 8th I visited Manatee River Chapter No. 18 at Bradentown, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree upon a class. I found this Chapter doing good work and in a prosperous condition.

On March 3d I visited Arcadia Chapter U. D. These Companions are enthusiastic and conferred the degrees in a creditable manner, and if this Grand Body sees fit to grant them a charter I feel sure that they will be a credit to us.

On March 11th I visited Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22 at Bartow and enjoyed a very pleasant evening with Companion Wirt and the other Companions of this Chapter. The Companions conferred the Royal Arch

degree in a creditable manner and I found the Chapter in a prosperous condition.

On March 17th I visited Lakeland Chapter No. 29. Owing to the absence of several of their officers, this Chapter was handicapped in their work, but the degrees were conferred very well, and the Companions present were very courteous and nice to me.

The following reports of official visits have been received:

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

M. E. Henry O. Snow, Grand High Priest.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION: In compliance with your general order making assignments for official visitations, I visited Walton Chapter No. 37 at DeFuniak Springs on December 20, 1920. I was received and entertained in a most courteous manner by the Companions. This Chapter appeared to be in a very good condition, the officers being efficient and the records well kept.

On July 3d I visited and constituted Crestview Chapter No. 40 at Crestview. I forwarded detailed report of this visit to you under date of July 8, 1920.

I regret very much to report that I have not been able to visit the other Chapters assigned to me. Agreeable to your suggestion I requested Grand Principal Sojourner T. T. Todd, to visit some of the Chapters in the extreme western part of the State.

Attached hereto you will find his report.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. HALL,
Deputy Grand High Priest.

REPORT OF GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

R. E. John L. Hall, Deputy Grand High Priest, R. A. M., Jacksonville, Fla.

DEAR COMPANION: Early in this capitular year you requested me to officially represent you in making annual visitations to a number of the Chapters west of Jacksonville, and while I knew that it would require especial effort on my part, to go the full round, I did hope to help you some. Alas, my aid has been feeble indeed, as I have been no farther than my home Chapter, Mt. Horeb No. 6, which I have visited many times and am pleased to report that the present officers are doing better than ordinary work and handling the affairs of the Chapter in a splendid way.

Being intimately acquainted with a great number of the Companions who are members of the Chapters you would have had me visit, I can assure you, from a personal knowledge of the interest these Companions take in Masonic affairs, that the well-being of their Chapters has not been neglected and am sure that the reports from these Chapters will bear me out in this assertion.

The close attention that my business has required has kept me from being as active in Masonic matters, this year and last, as I would have wished, and for many years past has been my custom.

Yours fraternally,
T. T. TODD,
Grand Principal Sojourner.

REPORT OF GRAND KING

Henry O. Snow, Grand High Priest, Tampa, Florida.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION: I herewith hand you report of such inspections as I have been able to make during the past year.

On August 18, 1920, I visited Indian River Chapter No. 27 at Titusville, where work was exemplified in all four degrees. The work was most impressive upon the persons of the candidates and I trust that their minds were improved through the exercises in quick thinking which their initiation made necessary. This work has been put on in the presence, and with the approval of two Past Grand High Priests, so I feel that I should not have the temerity to criticize. The paraphernalia is complete and well cared for and the meeting place well and conveniently located for the work. The financial condition of this Chapter is of the best. I was most cordially received and hospitably entertained, meeting many Companions whom I knew previously and forming many pleasant, and I hope, lasting acquaintances.

On August 23 I visited Putnam Chapter No. 9, at Palatka. There was no work, owing to the absence from the city of several of the officers. There was plenty of work in sight and a degree team was being formed at the time of my visit. I have been informed since my visit that the Chapter has awakened to new life and that it is coming to the fore very rapidly. Their records are well kept and finances satisfactory. Their costumes and paraphernalia were in very good shape. The lodge room while small, was very conveniently arranged. Since the time of my visit, Palatka Masons have provided themselves with a home of their own, of which they are justly proud.

On August 24 I visited St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, and was most cordially received and entertained. It being summer time, there was no work, and the time was put in discussing the work and the different interpretations placed upon the ritual by different Chapters. Refreshments were served in the dining room of the hall.

The records are a credit to the Chapter and to the secretary. Finances are in good shape as is also the paraphernalia.

On August 25 I visited Daytona, and was disappointed in not being able to see work put on there. A special convocation had been called for my convenience and a very enjoyable time was had, by your representative, at least. Halifax Chapter No. 5 is well situated from all standpoints, and is in a thriving condition.

Later in the summer, I visited Jericho Chapter No. 11, located at Miami. This Chapter has made great strides forward during the last two years. Their work is snappy and aggressive, with all due allowance made for moderation demanded for the solemnity of the work. Their paraphernalia is complete to a detail, their finances in excellent shape and their records well kept. Their lodge room is most conveniently located and arranged.

I also visited Keystone Chapter No. 20, located at Fort Lauderdale. There was no work and the Chapter was just getting over a period of disorganization. The officers that had taken charge of the Chapter for the year, were earnestly trying to get the hang of the work and were bound to succeed. Their records were not in a comprehensible condition, but the secretary who was in charge at the time of my visitation said he would be able to straighten them out. Since my visit there, I have heard of progress being made with the work and believe this Chapter will be in good shape in a very short time.

Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, located at West Palm Beach, had a very successful year, and has been fortunate in having their quarters renovated and fixed up till they look like new. The work in this Chapter last year has improved and the current officers are doing their work better than it has been done for some time past.

They have no robes, the opinion of the members being that the weather is too warm to require the officers to wear them. The financial condition of this Chapter is sound, and the records, up to the beginning of this year well kept. The present secretary being the writer of this report, he will leave the criticism of his work to some one else.

I was unable to visit St. Johns Chapter No. 4, at DeLand, on account of the absence of the High Priest, and the fact that they had called off for the summer.

Time would not admit of my visiting any more Chapters than I have reported on.

Attached find expense account. If you wish it itemized, I will do so on receiving your request.

Fraternally yours,

R. J. KISHPAUGH,
Grand King.

REPORT OF GRAND SCRIBE

*M. E. H. O. Snow, Grand High Priest, R. A. M.,
Tampa, Fla.*

DEAR FRATER: It is a privilege as well as a pleasure to report that I have visited all the Chapters assigned to me, with one exception, Highlands No. 42, and that failure is largely chargeable to myself, for arrangements had been made for a visit there last fall, but unexpected conditions prevented me from keeping that appointment. Since then efforts have been made to arrange another date but without success.

These visitations justify me, I believe, in reporting that Capitular Masonry in all these Chapters is in a satisfactory condition. They are all active, enterprising, efficiently officered and in good financial condition. I am

further convinced that the Companions, as a whole, are Capitular Masons in the true sense of the term, and as such are practicing out of the Chapter those excellent precepts which are inculcated in it; and further it is my opinion that this influence, so far as it extends, is having a stabilizing effect on the conditions of unrest so generally prevailing.

Following are the Chapters at whose portals I applied: Tampa No. 3, Ocala No. 13, Monroe No. 15, Plant City No. 16, Eustis No. 33, Leesburg No. 34, Sarasota No. 35, Winter Haven No. 41.

Besides this I have attended every convocation of my home Chapter, Manatee River No. 18, excepting when absent on some form of Masonic work.

It was an additional pleasure and honor to have the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion H. O. Snow, as well as other Masonic dignitaries present at Tampa, my first visitation, and their assistance in the degree work added to the impressiveness of the occasion. Also there was much rejoicing at Plant City that our revered Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Olin S. Wright, had so improved in health that he was able to be present, and by his counsel and wisdom contribute to the helpful effects of this occasion.

At each of the above visitations I was received with all the honors due the Grand Chapter I represented, and every respect was paid that honorable body. I had the pleasure of seeing one or more of the degrees put on in each Chapter excepting one. In all cases the work was done well. There appeared to be a uniform desire to confer the degrees in accordance with the ritual, and also to impress the candidates with the beauty, solemnity and moral force of the lessons sought to be portrayed.

In addition also I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the warm and cordial welcome with which I was greeted, and more than all else to congratulate the members of the several Chapters upon the prevailing peace and harmony which tends so effectually to promote the growth of any organization.

Respectfully submitted,

ELY P. HUBBELL,
Grand Scribe.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

I granted a dispensation to Providence Chapter No. 38, Lake City, for the purpose of holding a public installation of officers on December 27th, 1920.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

On February 8th, 1921, I refused a dispensation to Ocala Chapter No. 13 to elect a High Priest, stating that if I was conversant with the facts in the case that I would consider granting same.

DECISIONS

Immediately after the meeting of the Grand Chapter a letter was received from the King, Scribe and secretary of Chipley Chapter No. 23, setting forth the fact of the removal of their High Priest from the jurisdiction. I therefore ruled that owing to the above circumstances, the good of the Order demanded that a dispensation issue for the election of another High Priest for this Chapter. I therefore granted a dispensation to Chipley Chapter No. 23, on May 19th, to elect a High Priest and fill such other vacancies as might become necessary on ac-

count of such election. Companion Thos. J. Watts was elected High Priest and he, and the other officers were installed on July 7th, 1920.

On August 4th I received a letter from the secretary of Ocala Chapter No. 13, stating that Jackson Chapter No. 32 had conferred the Chapter degrees on Companion H. O. Cole, who had moved from Ocala, prior to his having resided within the jurisdiction of Marianna Chapter for six months, and without requesting a waiver of jurisdiction from Ocala Chapter. I submitted this letter to the High Priest of Marianna Chapter and he admitted that Ocala Chapter was right in claiming that their jurisdiction had been invaded and a check for the fees for the degree was remitted to Ocala Chapter by Jackson Chapter No. 32, Royal Arch Masons.

On October 31st I received a letter from Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, Pensacola, Florida, in reference to receiving the petitions of two brothers who made Pensacola their home for only part of the year. After due consideration of the facts in the case, I ruled that they might receive these petitions and confer the degrees, as the legal residence of the petitioners was shown to be in Pensacola.

I had a request on November 13th from Tampa Chapter No. 3, for a ruling, stating that Jacksonville Chapter had accepted the petition of a brother who had moved from Tampa and who had not resided in Jacksonville a sufficient time. I ruled that my understanding was that an applicant should be a resident of the jurisdiction of the Chapter for a period of six months before the Chapter could receive his petition. This matter was amicably settled and Tampa Chapter received the petition and acted upon it.

On November 11th, I had a letter from the Secretary of Jackson Chapter No. 32, Marianna, requesting a decision on the following: "May we, as Royal Arch Masons accept an invitation to attend Divine services from one of the Companions, and attend as such without dispensation?" To which I replied that I saw no objection to Royal Arch Masons attending Divine services without dispensation, but suggested that they do not wear aprons or other regalia.

On November 23d I had a letter from Jericho Chapter No. 11, Miami, stating that some Companions against whom a charge of un-Masonic conduct was about to be preferred by their respective blue lodges, were expected to apply to the Chapter for demits at the next meeting, and requesting to know what to do about it, to which I replied suggesting that action be deferred on the application for demits, or if necessary, that charges be preferred in the Chapter, after which the outcome of the charges in the lodges could be awaited.

On October 5th, 1920, I had a letter from Gadsden Chapter No. 30, Royal Arch Masons, stating that a brother had made application on March 20th to receive the degrees from that Chapter. On July 19th he was elected to receive the degrees but it later developed that he had lost a hand on June 19th, which was not known at the time of his election. When the brother presented himself at the last meeting of the Chapter, it was found that he had only one hand and action was deferred until they could get a decision from me, to which I replied: "You are respectfully referred to Regulation No. 8 on page 18 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter which is: 'Physical perfection is not required in candidates for degrees in a Chapter. The question of physical qualification is to be determined by each partic-

ular Chapter.' I deem it that the brother has suffered enough misfortune without being deprived of the privilege of becoming a Royal Arch Mason. However, that is a matter for your Chapter to decide."

I have heard nothing further from that matter.

CHARTERS AND CONSTITUTION OF CHAPTERS

I requested that Deputy Grand High Priest John L. Hall constitute Crestview Chapter No. 40, which he did on July 3d, 1920.

I requested Past Grand High Priest W. V. Carter to constitute Highland Chapter No. 42, at Avon Park, Florida, and deliver to them their charter, which he did on July 12th. Our Grand Scribe, Companion Hubbell, Grand Captain of the Host E. L. Wirt and Grand Royal Arch Captain Shear, accompanied Past Grand High Priest Carter with a team from Daytona Chapter to put on the work for the new chapter. M. E. Companion Carter reported that they had a very pleasant time, and I understand that the Chapter is doing good work.

I requested that Past High Priest Dr. C. H. Ryals constitute Bay Chapter No. 39 at Panama City, which he did on June 23d, 1920.

It was my intention to constitute Winter Haven Chapter No. 41, but owing to the press of private business I was unable to do so and requested the Grand Captain of the Host, E. L. Wirt, to act in my stead, which he did to my entire satisfaction, this Chapter being constituted July 20th, 1920. I very much appreciate the courtesy of these Companions and feel that the work was done with credit to themselves and profit to the Chapters.

March 1st I received a letter from the Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the General Grand

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, which I present for your consideration.

As this Grand Chapter has already taken action on this matter, I have not replied to the letter, and unless you see fit to consider it further, I shall consider the matter closed.

CHAPTERS U. D.

On July 27th, 1920, I signed a dispensation to form a Chapter U. D. at Arcadia, and this Chapter has been doing very good work and, I understand, comes before this Grand Body asking for a charter.

On August 17th, 1920, I granted a dispensation to Union Chapter U. D. at Melbourne, Florida.

WORK BY COURTESY

On November 3d, 1920, I transmitted a request from Osceola Chapter No. 57, through the Grand High Priest of Arkansas, to Eureka Chapter No. 7, Orlando, to confer the P. M., M. E. M. and Royal Arch upon Brother L. R. Cambron, and directed them to report to the secretary of Osceola Chapter when the work was done.

On January 27th, 1921, I transmitted a request from Akron Chapter No. 209, through the Grand High Priest of Ohio, to Winter Haven Chapter No. 41 to confer the P. M., M. E. M. and Royal Arch degrees on Brother J. A. Brittan and directed the High Priest to report this work to the secretary of Akron Chapter.

On October 16th, 1920, I transmitted a request from Jefferson Chapter No. 26, at Monticello, Fla., through the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, to St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, Mass., to confer the Chapter degrees upon Brother D. D. Hyde and presume the request has been complied with.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

On October 4th, 1920, I approved an Amendment to By-Law of Eureka Chapter No. 7, at Orlando, Florida.

APPOINTMENT

On January 3d, 1921, I signed a commission appointing Companion Leslie W. Stout of Delaware, to fill the vacancy caused by the demise of Companion Beatty of that Grand Chapter, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

On November 20th, 1920, I signed a warrant for a thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in favor of our Grand Treasurer, for a Grand Lodge bond. This bond pays the Grand Chapter 5 per cent instead of 4 per cent, and, with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, we decided that this was a good investment and would help the Grand Lodge out as well.

On April 16th, 1921, I signed another warrant for \$100.00, for the same purpose.

I have signed warrants Nos. 1 to 47 for \$6,402.85.

FRATERNAL COURTESIES

On October 25th, 1920, I received an invitation to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, which met November 18th.

I received an invitation to attend the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania, which met on November 29th.

Both of these invitations I was compelled to decline as it was impossible for me to be present at either of these meetings.

On November 25th I received a very courteous letter through the Grand Secretary, from the Grand Representative at Annapolis, Md., to which I replied thanking him for his courtesy and good wishes.

And last but not least, on December 27th, I received a letter from our Grand King, Excellent Companion R. J. Kishpaugh, of West Palm Beach, as follows:

Most Excellent Companion—It affords me great pleasure to convey to you the kindly expressions of good will and esteem extended to you by Palm Beach Commandery No. 18, at their service of Christmas observance held in the Asylum of the Commandery on December 25, 1920, at twelve o'clock noon. A toast was drunk to you and I was instructed to so inform you. Allow me to add my personal wishes for a happy holiday season, as well as for a prosperous New Year.

It is needless for me to say that such courtesies are appreciated very much, particularly when they come from those to whom you are well known, and I want to thank Companion Kishpaugh for the kindly thoughts that prompted this toast.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the following, or some such regulation, be added to the Regulations of this Grand Chapter: "No Chapter shall receive the petition of any person for the degrees therein, unless he shall have resided in the jurisdiction of that Chapter at least six months, and in future this shall be stated on all applications, and also whether he shall have been previously rejected and in what Chapter."

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to acknowledge my sincere appreciation of the assistance of the officers of the Grand

Chapter, especially of our Grand Secretary, who has been ever ready and willing to render me any assistance possible, and to advise me in the duties of the office to which you so kindly elevated me. I wish to thank you for the high honor conferred on me in electing me your Grand High Priest, and to assure you that I appreciate the courtesy and assistance rendered me by each one of you with whom I had occasion to come in contact.

I trust that you will cover any errors with the broad mantle of Masonic charity, and that it will be my pleasure and privilege to attend a great many more Grand Convocations of this Body.

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. SNOW,
Grand High Priest.

Upon motion the foregoing address was received and referred to a special committee for consideration and distribution of subjects.

The R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest appointed as such committee Past Grand High Priest Stoneman and Companions F. W. Schultz and John Pasco.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was received and referred to the Special Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions—I have the honor of reporting matters pertaining to the Grand Secretary's office for the past year as follows:

New jewels have been purchased for the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe as authorized. A Past Grand High Priest's jewel has also been purchased for M. E. Henry O. Snow and same is ready for presentation at the proper time.

The rituals of the General Grand Chapter which were loaned to us for examination have been returned to the General Grand Secretary and he has been duly notified that the Grand Chapter of Florida has decided not to adopt the ritual as revised by the General Grand Chapter.

Regulation No. 57, page 30, of our Digest should, in my opinion, be rescinded, or amended.

On May 24, 1920, Past Grand High Priest John M. Caldwell delivered the charter of Jasper Chapter No. 36 at this office with a request that a record be made on same of the consolidation of Jasper Chapter No. 36 with Live Oak Chapter No. 25, as authorized, and that the charter be forwarded to Live Oak Chapter. The notation was duly made and the charter forwarded to Live Oak Chapter on the date above given.

Dispensations to form Chapters U. D. have been issued by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest as follows:

On July 29 to fifteen Companions to form Avacado Chapter U. D., at Arcadia, DeSoto County, with A. J. Holt, High Priest, A. I. Roe, King, and T. G. Brantley, Scribe.

On August 17 to twenty Companions to form Union Chapter U. D., at Melbourne, Brevard County, with Edwin E. Macy, High Priest, Arthur H. Stewart, King and William J. Creel, Scribe.

Both of these Chapters have been regularly at work and now come before this Grand Body with petitions for charters and the papers are ready to place in the hands of the proper committee.

I am pleased to report that all of our Chapters filed their returns in this office within the required time limit, not one of them being subject to fine for delinquency.

All Chapters have paid dues in full with the following exceptions, Dade City No. 8 owes a balance of \$6.00 for 1920 and Sarasota Chapter No. 35 owes \$4.00 for 1919 and \$10.00 for 1920.

The reports from our Chapters show a very prosperous year 1152 candidates have been exalted and we have made a net gain of 1110 or about twenty-five per cent. Every Chapter has made a net gain except four, two of these have made a slight loss while the other two close with the same number they had at the beginning of the year.

The Chapters making the largest per cent of net gain are Highland No. 42, which made a net gain of 75 per cent, Providence No. 38, nearly 74 per cent, and Jefferson No. 26, a little more than 73 per cent.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary,
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Annual Dues.

Dr.	
Florida No. 1	\$ 194.00
Gainesville No. 2	219.00
Tampa No. 3	341.00
St. Johns No. 4	74.00
Halifax No. 5	285.00
Mt. Horeb No. 6	201.00
Eureka No. 7	200.00
Dade City No. 8	77.00
Putnam No. 9	92.00
Kissimmee No. 10	40.00
Jericho No. 11	237.00
Jacksonville No. 12	671.00
Ocala No. 13	115.00
Inverness No. 14	107.00
Munroe No. 15	121.00
Plant City No. 16	119.00
St. Augustine No. 17	186.00
Manatee River No. 18	165.00
Lake Butler No. 19	50.00
Keystone No. 20	53.00
Island No. 21	23.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	292.00
Chipley No. 23	111.00
Lake Worth No. 24	217.00
Live Oak No. 25	370.00
Jefferson No. 26	142.00
Indian River No. 27	287.00
Joppa No. 28	104.00
Lakeland No. 29	133.00
Gadsden No. 30	159.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	170.00
Jackson No. 32	200.00
Eustis No. 33	62.00
Leesburg No. 34	90.00
Sarasota No. 35	68.00

Walton No. 37	114.00
Providence No. 38	114.00
Bay County No. 39	100.00
Crestview No. 40	115.00
Winter Haven No. 41	70.00
Highlands No. 42	56.00

Dues Members Defunct Chapters	\$6,544.00
Charter Fees	3.00
Digests Sold	1.50
Total	\$6,648.50

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Jan. 24, 1921, Paid Grand Treasurer	\$2,294.50
Feb. 24, 1921, Paid Grand Treasurer	1,141.00
March 3, 1921, Paid Grand Treasurer	318.00
March 22, 1921, Paid Grand Treasurer	786.00
April 2, 1921, Paid Grand Treasurer	1,212.00
April 30, 1921, Paid Grand Treasurer	797.00
May 16, 1921, Paid Grand Treasurer	100.00—\$6,648.50

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted for examination and approval.

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer made the following report which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer.

In account with the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Florida:

1920.	
May 19. To Balance as per last report	\$12,249.34
May 21. To Received Interest United States Bonds	4.24
July 28. To Received Interest Grand Lodge Trustees	50.00
Dec. 23. To Received Interest Grand Lodge Bonds	97.50
1921.	
Jan. 10. To Received Interest Grand Lodge Trustees	50.00
Jan. 24. To Received from Grand Secretary	2,294.50

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Feb. 24.	To Received from Grand Secretary	-----	1,141.00
March 4.	To Received from Grand Secretary	-----	318.00
March 22.	To Received from Grand Secretary	-----	786.00
April 4.	To Received from Grand Secretary	-----	1,212.00
May 1.	To Received from Grand Secretary	-----	797.00
May 10.	To Received Interest Grand Lodge Bonds	--	122.50
May 16.	To Received from Grand Secretary	-----	100.00
May 16.	To Received Interest Barnett Natl. Bank	---	93.02
May 16.	To Received Grand Lodge Bonds purchased by Vouchers 32-47	-----	1,100.00
			<u>20,415.10</u>

Paid Vouchers 1-47	-----	\$6,402.85
U. S. Bonds to Masonic Home	-----	400.00
		<u>6,802.85</u>
Balance on hand	-----	\$13,612.25
Distributed as follows:		
Barnett National Bank	-----	\$ 6,681.25
Grand Lodge Certificate of Indebtedness	---	2,000.00
Grand Lodge Bonds	-----	5,000.00
		<u>\$13,681.25</u>
Voucher No. 46, outstanding	-----	69.00
Books and vouchers are herewith submitted.		<u>\$13,612.25</u>

Fraternally,
 MARCUS ENDEL,
 Grand Treasurer.

Companion Hubbell presented his report on Correspondence.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Caldwell a rising vote of thanks was extended to Companion Hubbell for his most excellent report.

Companion Strout in behalf of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, invited the officers and members of the Grand Chapter to a supper to be served at 6:30 P. M. under the direction of the ladies of Jacksonville Chapter, O. E. S.

The motion of Companion Hubbell prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refresh-

ment it be to resume labor at 2:30 P. M., and that the first order of business be the exemplification of work in the M. M. degree.

The special committee on "Distribution" made the following report, which was received and adopted:

DISTRIBUTION

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on "Distribution" of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address respectfully recommends:

That so much thereof as relates to Necrology be referred to the Committee on "Memorials."

That so much thereof as relates to Chapters U. D. be referred to the Committee on "Dispensations and By-Laws."

That so much thereof as relates to Dispensations granted or refused and to decisions, be referred to the Committee on "Masonic Jurisprudence."

That so much thereof as relates to Finance, be referred to the Committee on "Finance and Accounts."

That all other matters and things contained in the said address being within the discretion of the M. E. Grand High Priest, be approved.

That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to regulation No. 57 of the Digest be referred to the Committee on "Masonic Jurisprudence."

That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to dispensations to form Chapters U. D. be referred to Committee on "Dispensations and By-Laws."

That so much thereof as relates to Finance be referred to the Committee on "Finance and Accounts."

All of which is

Fraternally submitted,
 FRANK B. STONEMAN,
 JOHN PASCO,
 F. W. SCHULTZ,
 Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest with officers and members as at morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Upon motion of Companion Kishpaugh, duly carried, the mileage to be paid the officers and members of the Grand Chapter was made six cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in coming to and returning from this annual Convocation.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work by Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

The Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Masters degrees were conferred upon Brothers James W. Butler, William A. Foster, Alvin E. Foster, Fred McW. Hirons, John Kelly, Peter Kludjian, William T. McDonald, Edward C. Morgan, Charles B. Watson, George B. Levey and C. M. Chapman.

At 6:30 P. M. the Companions repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed a supper given by Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, prepared and served by the ladies of Jacksonville Chapter, O. E. S.

At 8:00 o'clock P. M. the work in the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, at which time Brothers William A. Foster, Alvin E. Foster and James W. Butler were exalted to the august and sublime degree of Royal Arch.

Labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter and a recess taken until 9:30 A. M. Wednesday.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 9:30 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest with officers and members as at former sessions.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The Grand Secretary made the following supplemental report, which was received and referred to the Committee on "Finance and Accounts:"

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT
(Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions—I have to report having collected the sum of twenty (\$20.00) dollars as annual dues from Chapters since making my former report and that all Chapters have now paid their dues in full.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

The Committee on "Dispensations and By-Laws" made the following report, which was received and adopted:

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on "Dispensations and By-Laws" beg to report as follows:

We have examined the books of the Chapters U. D. applying for charter and recommend,

That a charter be granted to Union Chapter No. — at Melbourne, Brevard County, with Companion Charles H. Stewart as H. P., Companion William J. Creel as King and Companion Arthur H. Stewart as Scribe, and their representatives to be placed on the pay roll.

That a charter be granted to Arcadia Chapter No.— at Arcadia, DeSoto County, with Companion Arthur I. Roe, H. P., Companion Thomas J. Zimmerman, King, and Companion Stephen R. Barker, Scribe, and that their representative be placed on the pay roll.

The application of Companions from Perry for a Dispensation to form a new Chapter with the recommendation from Live Oak Chapter No. 25 R. A. M., which is not the nearest Chapter, has been considered and the Companions are referred to Sections 2 and 3 of Art. 4 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and as the granting of a Dispensation is a prerogative of the Grand High Priest this is better referred to the incoming Grand High Priest that he may issue the Dispensation when recommended by Jefferson Chapter No. 26 at Monticello, and we are informed that the Companions at Monticello will gladly do so.

Fraternally submitted,
OLIN S. WRIGHT,
ARCHIE AITCHISON,
G. J. TOLSON,
Committee.

The Committee on "Memorials" made the following report, which was received and adopted:

MEMORIALS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on "Memorials" respectfully reports:

We gather once again in annual convocation and now, as on all former gatherings, there are missing faces and forms and the roll of Companions whose pilgrimage has ended. To them, each one, has come the word of command: "Go thou thy way till the end be." And they have gone, passed through that portal which shuts out sorrow and tears and death and every hurtful thing.

It is eminently fitting that we should remember our beloved dead and pay our tribute of respect to their memory. We, none of us, like to think of being forgotten. And surely it is well when the bodies of our dead are laid to rest that their memory should be enshrined and preserved by those who have walked life's dusty highways with them and with them have borne the heat and burden of the day.

So, as our late Companions, one by one, have passed through the darkness we may cherish the hope that they have entered into the land of light and life and everlasting glory.

We extend to the families of our departed Companions our loving sympathy. May He, the Father of the fatherless and the Husband of the widow sustain and comfort them in their affliction.

In the Book which lies upon our Altar we read words of truth and soberness, words spoken by the Royal Psalmist to the assembled multitudes when he delivered to Solomon, his illustrious son, the gold and silver and precious stones for the building and adornment of the Temple. He says: "For we are strangers before Thee and sojourners as were all our fathers; our days upon the earth are as a shadow and there is none abiding." The words are full of pathos, all the more pathetic that they are so everlastingly true.

To us who know our ritual there are no words more familiar than those recorded in that same old Book, the utterance of an old saint bewildered and perplexed by adverse providences. The words break from a heart well nigh crushed by its burden, words which express the anxious solicitude of the human heart today: "If a man die, shall he live again?" The man who asks the question himself a little later in the argument gives the answer which satisfied both heart and reason: "I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself and not another."

We are taught that faith in God and in immortality stand or fall together. To the man who says "There is no God," there can be no assurance of a life beyond the grave. But God, our God, is not the God of the dead but of the living, and the assurance is ours: "Thy dead men shall live."

So, when we carry the remains of those we love to God's acre and commit ashes to ashes and dust to dust, we leave the dear dust in His keeping and one day, one day, that which we have sown in weakness shall be raised in power and the natural body shall be raised a spiritual body.

We are not left then to sorrow as those who have no hope. Sorrow in some measure we must, for we lose from earth's pathway those with whom we have taken sweet counsel together. The staff has fallen from their nerveless hands, the working tools must be wielded by others, and we are left to carry on the work they left unfinished, to bear life's burdens a little longer till one day the call will come for us: "Friend, come up higher." And we may go

without fear or falter to find that our passing has been the transference from the lower school of earth to the higher school of heaven. Then we shall know and love even as also we are known and loved.

WM. B. Y. WILKIE,
HUGH PETERS,
T. S. SANDERS,
Committee.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Ketchum all members of the Masonic Jurisprudence Committee who were present on Monday were allowed per diem for that day.

The Committee on "Finance and Accounts" made the following report, which was received and adopted:

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on "Finance and Accounts" beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$13,612.25, which is distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank	6,681.25
Grand Lodge Certificate of Indebtedness	2,000.00
Grand Lodge Bonds	5,000.00
Less Voucher No. 46 outstanding	\$13,681.25
	69.00
Total	\$13,612.25

From which we recommend the following appropriations:

R. J. Kishpaugh, official visitations	\$ 40.40
Expenses Foreign Correspondence Committee	300.00
Contingent fund	700.00
Clerical help	240.00
Grand Treasurer's Salary	150.00

Grand Secretary's Salary	800.00
Pay roll attached	2,121.24

Total \$4,351.64

Leaving a cash balance in hands of Grand Treasurer of \$2,329.61

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a Past Grand High Priest's jewel for presentation to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest at our next Grand Convocation, and that a warrant be drawn for payment of same.

We recommend that the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants on the contingent fund for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of postage, printing, stationery and other incidentals for the use of the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and for the expenses of Grand Chapter Officers making official visitations and for the expense of this Grand Convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

We recommend that the expenses of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe be paid to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

For the purpose of defraying the expenses of such members of the General Grand Chapter as may be invited by the Grand High Priest to accompany him to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, we recommend that the sum of \$1,000.00 or such portion thereof as may be found necessary, be appropriated.

We recommend that \$1,000.00 of Grand Lodge Bonds be contributed to the endowment fund of the Grand Chapter for the Masonic Home of Florida.

We recommend that \$300.00 be appropriated to cover expenses of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

The committee wishes to extend sincere thanks to, and appreciation of the valuable services rendered them by our Companions the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Having disposed of the duties assigned to us to the best of our ability, we now beg to be discharged.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE A. DAME,
W. S. McCLELLAND,
W. E. ACOSTA,
Committee.

PAY ROLL

H. O. Snow, G. H. P. -----	\$ 25.44	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.44
John L. Hall, D. G. H. P. -----		10.00	10.00
R. J. Kishpaugh, G. K. -----	36.84	10.00	46.84
E. P. Hubbell, G. S. -----	28.80	10.00	38.80
Marcus Endel, G. T. -----		15.00	15.00
Wilber P. Webster, G. S. -----		10.00	10.00
W. B. Y. Wilkie, G. C. -----	30.48	10.00	40.48
E. L. Wirt, G. C. H. -----	25.20	10.00	35.20
T. T. Todd, G. P. S. -----	44.40	10.00	54.40
E. L. Shear, G. R. A. C. -----	13.20	10.00	23.20
Cary B. Fish, G. M. 3d Vail -----	28.80	10.00	38.80
R. J. McMaster, G. M. 3d Vail -----	25.44	10.00	35.44
H. Stafford Caldwell, G. M. 1st Vail -----		10.00	10.00
John W. Capper, Gr. Gd. -----		10.00	10.00
I. E. Webster, P. G. H. P. -----	8.40	10.00	18.40
J. R. Wetherell, P. G. H. P. -----	13.44	10.00	23.44
L. C. Massey, P. G. H. P. -----	17.88	15.00	32.88
T. Picton Warlow, P. G. H. P. -----	17.88	15.00	32.88
J. M. Caldwell, P. G. H. P. -----	12.60	15.00	27.60
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P. -----	17.16	15.00	32.16
W. V. Carter, P. G. H. P. -----	15.00	10.00	25.00
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P. -----	6.60	15.00	21.60
Olin S. Wright, P. G. H. P. -----	22.68	15.00	37.68
W. S. Ware, P. G. H. P. -----		15.00	15.00
F. B. Stoneman, P. G. H. P. -----	43.92	15.00	58.92
H. N. Sweeting, P. G. H. P. -----	19.80	10.00	29.80
C. H. Ketchum, P. G. H. P. -----	62.64	15.00	77.64
W. G. Bell, Chapter No. 2 -----	8.40	10.00	18.40
R. L. Gillette, Chapter No. 3 -----	25.44	10.00	35.44
W. E. Acosta, Chapter No. 6 -----	44.40	10.00	54.40
R. P. Buckmaster, Chapter No. 7 -----	17.88	10.00	27.88
R. L. Batchelor, Chapter No. 8 -----	19.68	10.00	29.68
W. T. Hamm, Chapter No. 9 -----	6.60	5.00	11.60
Hugh Peters, Chapter No. 11 -----	43.92	10.00	53.92
R. A. Strout, Chapter No. 12 -----		10.00	10.00
C. E. Connor, Chapter No. 13 -----	14.28	10.00	24.28
H. J. Dame, Chapter No. 14 -----	20.40	10.00	30.40
R. B. Chapman, Chapter No. 15 -----	15.48	10.00	25.48
C. T. Neuner, Chapter No. 16 -----	22.68	10.00	32.68
F. E. Weathers, Chapter No. 17 -----	4.32	10.00	14.32

C. S. Hill, Chapter No. 18 -----	28.80	10.00	38.80
R. M. Oglesby, Chapter No. 22 -----	25.20	10.00	35.20
H. W. Peters, Chapter No. 23 -----	30.24	10.00	40.24
Max Sirkin, Chapter No. 24 -----	35.88	10.00	45.88
B. W. Helvenston, Chapter No. 25 -----	9.84	10.00	19.84
Jake Tarlowski, Chapter No. 26 -----	17.04	10.00	27.04
T. B. Sanders, Chapter No. 27 -----	18.60	10.00	28.60
J. H. Lane, Chapter No. 28 -----	29.04	10.00	39.04
F. H. Thompson, Chapter No. 29 -----	23.88	10.00	33.88
H. L. Ermatinger, Chapter No. 31 -----	25.44	10.00	35.44
R. M. Holliday, Chapter No. 32 -----	35.28	10.00	45.28
W. S. McClelland, Chapter No. 33 -----	21.12	10.00	31.12
H. L. Schaeffer, Chapter No. 34 -----	16.68	10.00	26.68
F. W. Schultz, Chapter No. 35 -----	29.88	10.00	39.88
C. R. Horne, Chapter No. 37 -----	34.68	10.00	44.68
J. C. Featherstone, Chapter No. 38 -----		10.00	10.00
F. M. Campbell, Chapter No. 39 -----	35.28	10.00	45.28
Mack Tyner, Chapter No. 40 -----	40.32	10.00	50.32
G. F. Smith, Chapter No. 42 -----	26.88	10.00	36.88
A. S. Roe, Avocado U. D. -----	31.32	10.00	41.32
E. E. Macy, Union U. D. -----	21.96	10.00	31.96
E. W. Bunker, Com. Unfinished Bus. -----	36.84	10.00	46.84
G. J. Tolson, Com. Dis. and By-Laws -----	23.88	10.00	33.88
A. Aitchison, Com. Dis. and By-Laws -----	29.28	10.00	39.28
George A. Dame, Com. Fin. and Accts. -----		10.00	10.00
Chester DeRocher, Com. Visitors -----	28.80	10.00	38.80
Totals -----	\$1,416.24	\$705.00	\$2,121.24

Upon motion of Companion T. T. Todd a special rising vote of thanks was extended to the Committee on "Finance and Accounts" for their arduous labors so satisfactorily performed.

The Committee on "Masonic Jurisprudence" made the following report, which was received and adopted:

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on "Masonic Jurisprudence" beg leave to report upon the several matters submitted to them as follows:

We find that the Dispensations granted by the M. E. Grand High Priest were all within the limits of his authority and discretion and no action thereon is necessary or proper.

Decision 2. In the matter of degrees conferred by Jackson Chapter No. 32 at Marianna upon Brother H. O. Cole, of which complaint was made to the M. E. Grand High Priest by Ocala Chapter No. 13 as an invasion of its jurisdiction, your committee report that neither Chapter had jurisdiction over the candidate. Ocala Chapter No. 13 lost jurisdiction over him the moment he removed permanently and Jackson Chapter No. 32 had no right to receive his petition for the Capitular degrees until he had resided six months within its jurisdiction.

The same ruling as to jurisdiction applies to Decision No. 4 relating to the controversy between Tampa Chapter No. 3 and Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

Decision No. 5. With reference to matters of esoteric work reported verbally by the M. E. Grand High Priest, we report that it is apparently necessary to re-affirm the regulation adopted at the last Grand Chapter, namely, that Chapters shall not depart from the work in conferring the degrees, especially the Royal Arch degrees by interpolating scenes calculated to excite mirth and discomfort to its candidates, which regulations prohibit absolutely all such future occurrences upon penalty of forfeiture of charter.

As there seems to be a misunderstanding relating to the question of jurisdiction of Chapters over candidates, we think it proper and necessary to draft and adopt a new regulation which in no way changes the law for the purpose of making it plain. The regulation we recommend is as follows:

Regulation No. —. When a Master Mason removes permanently from the jurisdiction of a Chapter, its jurisdiction over him terminates immediately on his removal and the Chapter nearest which he resides cannot receive his petition until after six months' residence within its jurisdiction. Consequently the candidate cannot apply to either Chapter within the six months, for the first Chapter has no jurisdiction to waive and the second has not yet acquired jurisdiction over him.

The Rituals of the General Grand Chapter are no longer in use in this Grand Jurisdiction and therefore your committee recommend that Regulation 57 be repealed.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
T. S. WILMARTH,
I. E. WEBSTER,
E. F. HASKELL,
J. R. WETHERELL,
L. C. MASSEY,
O. S. WRIGHT,
W. S. WARE,
T. PICTON WARLOW,
F. B. STONEMAN,
H. N. SWEETING,
JOHN M. CALDWELL,
D. B. PALMER,
C. H. KETCHUM,
W. V. CARTER,

Committee.

The Special Committee on "Ritual" made a report showing changes that should be made in Ritual No. 71. Upon motion the report was received and the Grand Secretary was authorized to have slips printed showing the errors as reported.

Upon motion the printing committee was directed to ascertain cost of printing our own Ritual and report at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on "Propositions and Grievances" made the following report, which was received and adopted:

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on "Propositions and Grievances" beg leave to report that only one matter has come before us.

That of territorial jurisdiction between Monticello and Live Oak Chapters.

It appears to your committee that Perry, the objective point, while nearer by direct line to Monticello, is more convenient and nearer by rail and hard road to Live Oak.

It appearing further that prior to one year past it was understood by all concerned that Live Oak had jurisdiction over Perry and vicinity.

We recommend that concurrent jurisdiction be given these two Chapters over Perry and vicinity, provided Jefferson Chapter No. 26 will consent to same.

Fraternally submitted,
 CLAUDE E. CONNOR,
 CYRUS T. NEUNER,
 ROBT. M. OGLESBY,
Committee.

The motion was made by Companion Stafford Caldwell, and adopted, that a special committee of three be appointed to confer with similar committee from the Grand Lodge in regard to arranging for the annual Convocation of this Grand Body and the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to be held during the same week. The committee to report back their recommendation to the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed as such committee Past Grand High Priest Frank B. Stoneman, Companions Stafford Caldwell and John L. Hall.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Dame, Schultz and Aitchison as tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

John L. Hall ----- M. E. Grand High Priest.
 R. J. Kishpaugh ----- R. E. D. G. High Priest.
 E. P. Hubbell ----- R. E. Grand King.
 E. L. Wirt ----- R. E. Grand Scribe.
 Marcus Endel ----- R. E. Grand Treasurer.

W. P. Webster ----- R. E. Grand Secretary.
 W. B. Y. Wilkie ----- R. E. Grand Chaplain.

The Special Committee appointed to confer with the special committee from the Grand Lodge in regard to annual meetings made the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your committee appointed to meet and confer with a committee appointed by the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida, relative to changing the time of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, have met with such committee and said committees have agreed to and submit herewith the following joint report:

We have conferred concerning the inquiry addressed to the Grand Chapter by the Grand Lodge and have unanimously concluded that while in the opinion of your committee a change of the time of the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge would probably be advisable, we are of the opinion that it would be unwise from the standpoint of both bodies for the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter to meet during the same week. We, therefore, recommend that no change be made in the time of holding the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

A like report is to be made to the next annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
 FRANK B. STONEMAN,
 JOHN M. CALDWELL,
 JOHN L. HALL,
Committee for Grand Chapter.
 STAFFORD CALDWELL,
 CARY B. FISH,
 E. L. WIRT,
Committee for Grand Lodge

The Committee on "Unfinished Business" made the following report, which was received and adopted:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on "Unfinished Business" beg leave to report that we find after a careful examination of the proceedings of this Grand Body, its work has been so complete, there remains nothing that could properly come under the head of "Unfinished Business" at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

- E. W. BUNKER,
- R. P. BUCKMASTER,
- R. A. STROUT,

Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest-elect announced the appointment of the following Grand Officers:

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

- T. T. Todd ----- E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
- E. L. Shear ----- E. Gr. Principal Sojourner.
- Cary B. Fish ----- E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
- R. J. McMaster ----- E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
- H. Stafford Caldwell ----- E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
- S. E. Gregory ----- E. Gr. Master First Vail.
- John W. Capper ----- E. Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priest Warlow, assisted by Past Grand High Priest Haskell as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers:

INSTALLATION

- John L. Hall ----- M. E. Grand High Priest.
- R. J. Kishpaugh ----- R. E. D. G. High Priest.
- E. P. Hubbell ----- R. E. Grand King.

- E. L. Wirt ----- R. E. Grand Scribe.
- T. T. Todd ----- E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
- E. L. Shear ----- E. Gr. Principal Sojourner.
- Cary B. Fish ----- E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
- R. J. McMaster ----- E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
- H. Stafford Caldwell ----- E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
- Stephen E. Gregory ----- E. Gr. Master First Vail.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain having been re-elected and the Grand Guard re-appointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.

The following regulations proposed by Past Grand High Priest Ketchum were received and adopted:

Regulation No. —. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest is requested to file in the office of the Grand Secretary on Saturday next preceding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, five copies of his annual address, together with all necessary papers and correspondence relating thereto. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence from among the permanent members of this Grand Chapter at the close of each Annual Convocation, and it shall be the duty of said committee to meet one day previous to the Annual Grand Convocation for the purpose of reviewing the annual address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Regulation No. —. The representatives of the particular Chapters in attendance at the Grand Chapter who are entitled to mileage, shall be paid for the actual mileage from the location of their respective Chapters.

The following resolution offered by Past Grand High Priest Caldwell was received and adopted:

Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 for the use of their Chapter hall during this Grand Convocation, that we testify to our appreciation of the excellent work of Jacksonville Chapter in exemplifying the several degrees at the request of our M. E. Grand High

Priest, for the very excellent collation furnished this Grand Chapter, and to our sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star for their preparation of said collation, for their presence thereat and for the gracious manner in which they served the tables.

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to M. E. Henry O. Snow, Past Grand High Priest Haskell making the presentation.

It was reported that the jewel of the Grand Captain of the Host could not be found, and upon motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to purchase a new one if same could not be located.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committees:

CORRESPONDENCE

Ely P. Hubbell,
Olin S. Wright, Louis C. Massey.

PRINTING

W. P. Webster,
Silas B. Wright, Marcus Endel.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests.

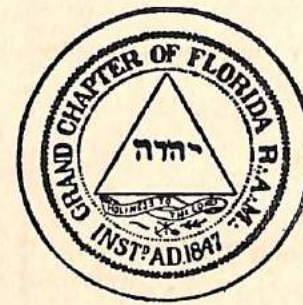
No further business appearing the foregoing minutes were read and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

JOHN L. HALL,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:

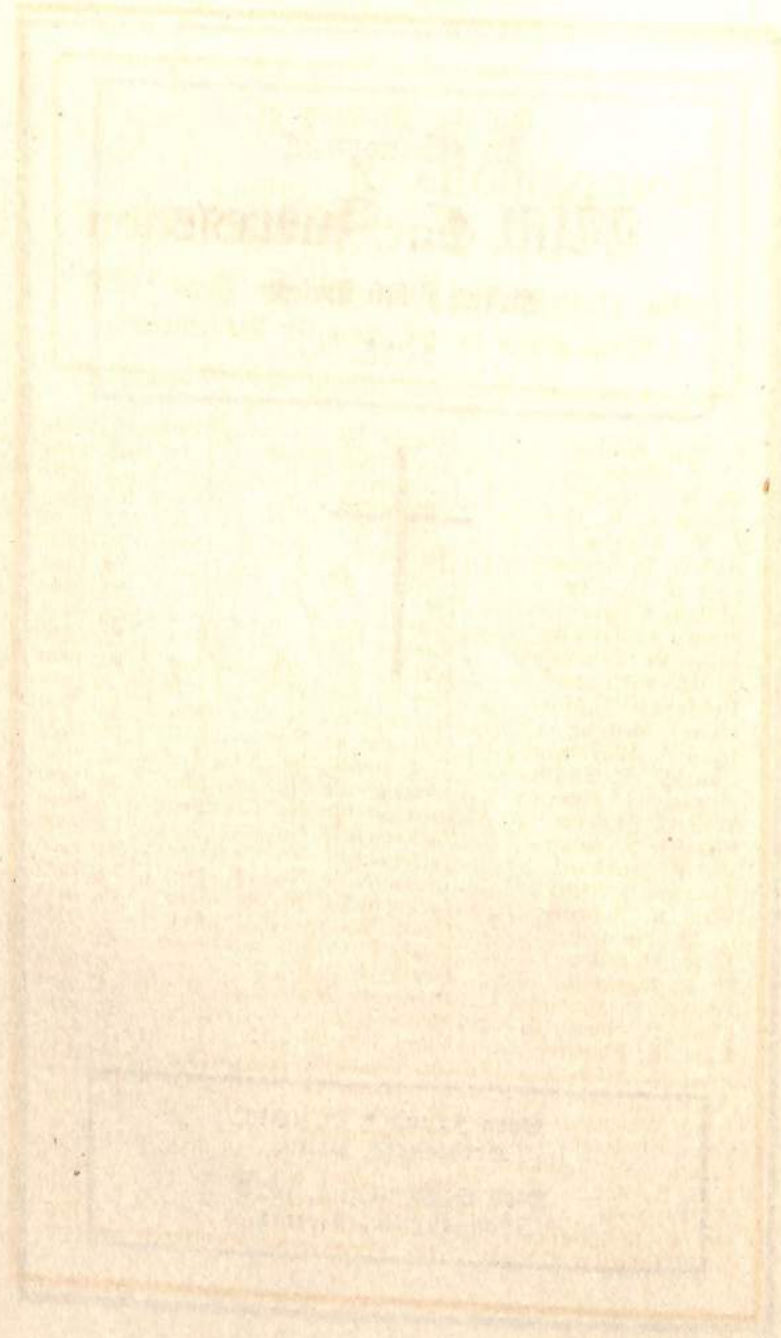
Grand Secretary.



In Memory of
Will C. Andress
Grand High Priest
1915

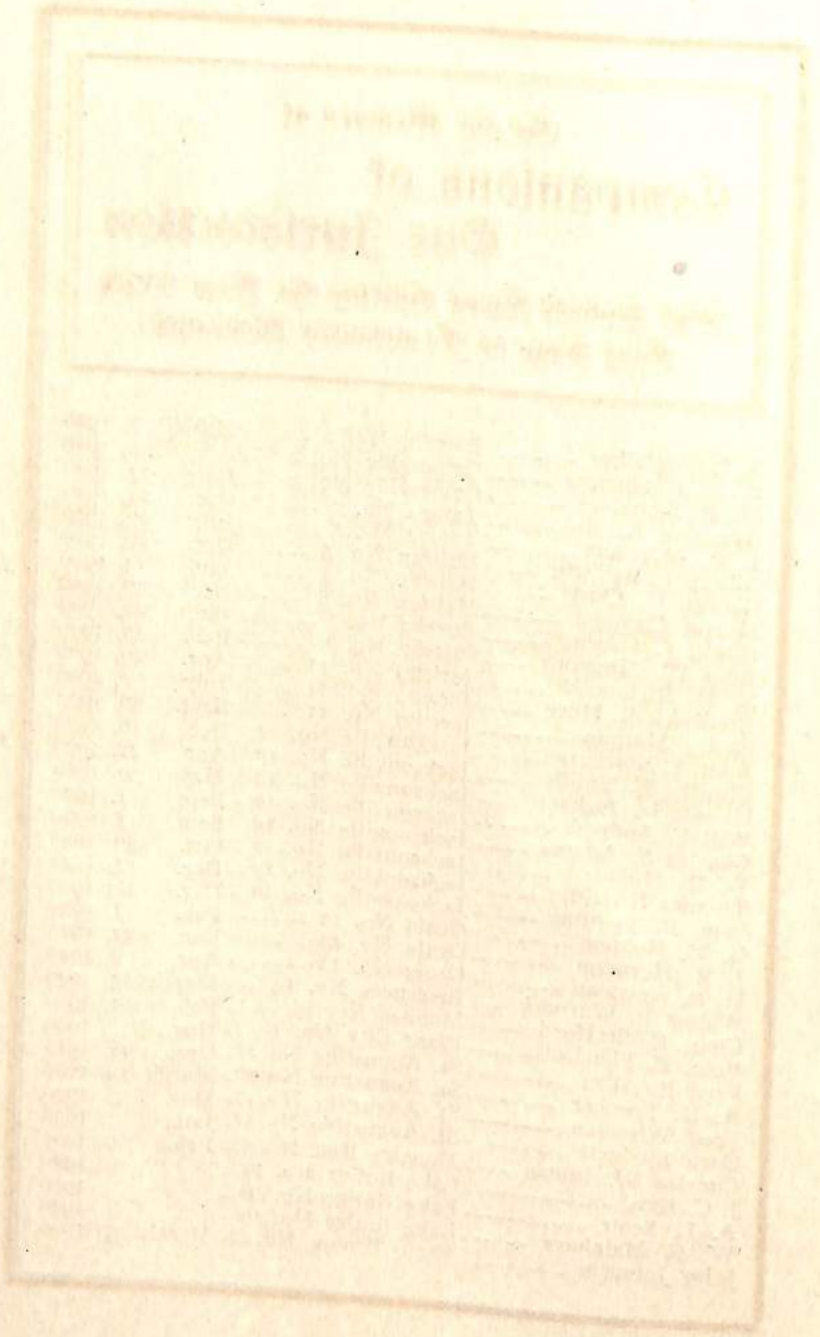


Born January 13, 1848
Bethlehem, Penn.
Died September 1, 1920
Jacksonville, Florida



To the Memory of
Companions of
Our Jurisdiction
Who Passed Away During the Year 1920
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S. May Walker	Florida No. 1	March 8, 1920
P. E. Hutcheson	Gainesville No. 2	Feb. 6, 1920
M. B. Saunders	Gainesville No. 2	June 13, 1920
Augustus E. Holmes	Tampa No. 3	Dec. 24, 1920
J. W. Matchett	Tampa No. 3	July 27, 1920
Albert T. Baldwin	Halifax No. 5	Dec. 26, 1920
George H. Clark	Halifax No. 5	Jan. 14, 1920
Martin Claypool	Halifax No. 5	Dec. 30, 1920
Henry C. Greene	Eureka No. 7	Jan. 22, 1920
John W. Simmons	Eureka No. 7	Feb. 17, 1920
S. H. Richmond	Jericho No. 11	Apr. 29, 1920
Frederick S. More	Jericho No. 11	July 2, 1920
Henry Morgan	Jericho No. 11	Sept. 30, 1920
John A. Stevenson	Jacksonville No. 12	Feb. 18, 1920
Charles E. Smith	Jacksonville No. 12	Apr. 27, 1920
Horace H. Jackson	Jacksonville No. 12	May 30, 1920
Will C. Andress	Jacksonville No. 12	Sept. 1, 1920
Charles S. Adams	Jacksonville No. 12	Sept. 5, 1920
W. T. Hubbard	Jacksonville No. 12	Oct. 30, 1920
Thomas Griffith	Jacksonville No. 12	Dec. 13, 1920
Wm. R. Sebring	Jacksonville No. 12	Dec. 16, 1920
G. M. Holden	Ocala No. 13	Feb. 1, 1920
J. R. Herndon	Ocala No. 13	Dec. 22, 1920
H. R. Newman	Ocala No. 13	Apr. 2, 1920
Walter F. Warnock	Inverness No. 14	March 13, 1920
Chas. E. Stafford	Monroe No. 15	Feb. 1, 1920
Robt. E. Fletcher	Plant City No. 16	Nov., 1920
Fred R. Allen	St. Augustine No. 17	Dec. 18, 1919
A. K. Spencer	St. Augustine No. 17	March 12, 1920
Fred Wiseman	St. Augustine No. 17	May 25, 1920
Ozra Blodgett	St. Augustine No. 17	Jan., 1920
Charles W. Inman	Manatee Rvr. No. 18	Feb. 9, 1920
J. C. Byrd	Lake Butler No. 19	1920
A. L. Scott	Lake Butler No. 19	1920
W. F. Malphurs	Lake Butler No. 19	1920
John Johnson	Thos. Brown No. 22	March 24, 1920



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George B. Baker	-----	Lake Worth No. 24	-	March,	1920
James M. Campbell	-----	Lake Worth No. 24	-	October,	1920
Alvin B. Crow	-----	Lake Worth No. 24	-	June,	1920
Carl Kettler, Sr.	-----	Lake Worth No. 24	-	May,	1920
Hayes S. McCallum	-----	Live Oak No. 25	----	Nov.	17, 1920
George M. Tolson	-----	Jefferson No. 26	----	Jan.	18, 1920
George E. Dutton	-----	Joppa No. 28	-----	Sept.	13, 1920
W. Scott Braddock	-----	Joppa No. 28	-----	Feb.	18, 1920
A. D. Leonard	-----	Lakeland No. 29	----	June	24, 1920
William P. Humphrey	-----	Gadsden No. 30	----	Oct.	15, 1920
T. Palmer Sylvester	-----	Gadsden No. 30	----	May	17, 1920
E. L. Odom	-----	St. Petersburg No 31	-	Aug.	15, 1920
J. L. Wilhelm	-----	St. Petersburg No 31	-	July	20, 1920
Byron S. Olson	-----	Sarasota No. 35	----	Feb.	13, 1920
D. B. Miles	-----	Walton No. 37	----	March	18, 1920
William J. Smith	-----	Winter Haven No. 41	-	Sept.	8, 1920



PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA
From Its Organization to Date

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1847	Thos. Douglas	John P. DuVal	Harry R. Taylor	Geo. W. Macrae	Edwin D. Nash	John B. Taylor	Edwin L. T. Blake
1848	John P. DuVal	Isaac H. Bronson	Geo. W. Macrae	D. S. Graham	Thomas Brown	John B. Taylor	Edwin L. T. Blake
1849	Isaac H. Bronson	Harry R. Taylor	D. S. Graham	R. A. Shine	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	Charles E. Dyke
1850	Harry R. Taylor	D. S. Graham	E. S. Shine	Gad Humphreys	David C. Wilson	John B. Taylor	Edwin L. T. Blake
1851	Thomas Brown	Gad Humphreys	Samuel B. Stephens	Benj. Sawyer	David C. Wilson	John B. Taylor	Geo. M. McDonald
1852	R. A. Shine	Samuel B. Stephens	Samuel B. Stephens	D. G. McLean	David C. Wilson	John B. Taylor	Charles E. Dyke
1853	Sam'l Boardman	J. M. W. Davidson	C. A. M. Mitchell	James S. Kust	David C. Wilson	John B. Taylor	E. G. Assy
1854	J. Wayles Baker	Thomas Y. Henry	James Ellenwood	John L. McKinnon	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	Homer Hendee
1855	J. Wayles Baker	Edward R. Ives	John L. McKinnon	James Ellenwood	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	Homer Hendee
1856	Thomas Hayward	James Ellenwood	John L. McKinnon	James Ellenwood	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	Charles E. Dyke
1857	Gad Humphreys	James Ellenwood	John L. McKinnon	James Ellenwood	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	Charles E. Dyke
1858	Thos. Douglas	James Ellenwood	John L. McKinnon	James Ellenwood	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	Charles E. Dyke
1859	Thos. Douglas	James Ellenwood	John L. McKinnon	James Ellenwood	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	Charles E. Dyke
1860	Thos. Douglas	James Ellenwood	John L. McKinnon	James Ellenwood	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	Charles E. Dyke
1861	Geo. F. Baltzell	Geo. F. Baltzell	Geo. F. Baltzell	Calvin Davis	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1862	Geo. F. Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Franklin Branch	Charles Slagter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1863	Geo. F. Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Franklin Branch	Charles Slagter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1864	Geo. F. Baltzell	James Ellenwood	Franklin Branch	Charles Slagter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1865	David Jones	D. C. Dawkins	Wm. H. Hunter	Wm. H. Hunter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1866	David Jones	D. C. Dawkins	Wm. H. Hunter	Wm. H. Hunter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1867	David Jones	D. C. Dawkins	Wm. H. Hunter	Wm. H. Hunter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1868	James Ellenwood	Wm. Morrill	Charles Slagter	Charles Slagter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1869	D. C. Dawkins	Wm. Morrill	Charles Slagter	Charles Slagter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1870	D. C. Dawkins	Wm. Morrill	Charles Slagter	Charles Slagter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1871	D. C. Dawkins	Wm. Morrill	Charles Slagter	Charles Slagter	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1872	Michael Bowes	Hugh A. Corley	John S. Driggs	John S. Driggs	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1873	Michael Bowes	Hugh A. Corley	John S. Driggs	John S. Driggs	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1874	John S. Driggs	Samuel Pasco	John S. Driggs	John S. Driggs	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1875	John S. Driggs	Samuel Pasco	John S. Driggs	John S. Driggs	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1876	John S. Driggs	Samuel Pasco	John S. Driggs	John S. Driggs	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1877	John S. Driggs	Samuel Pasco	John S. Driggs	John S. Driggs	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1878	Enos Wassgate	Robert J. Perry	G. E. Wentworth	G. E. Wentworth	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1879	Robert J. Perry	G. E. Wentworth	G. E. Wentworth	G. E. Wentworth	Thomas Hayward	John B. Taylor	John Penny
1880	Robert J. Perry	Geo. S. Hallmark	Wm. E. Anderson	Wm. E. Anderson	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1881	W. A. McLean	Wm. E. Anderson	Wm. E. Anderson	Wm. E. Anderson	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1882	W. A. McLean	Wm. E. Anderson	Wm. E. Anderson	Wm. E. Anderson	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1883	Geo. S. Hallmark	Wm. E. Anderson	Wm. E. Anderson	Wm. E. Anderson	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1884	Wm. E. Anderson	Warren F. Scott	Warren F. Scott	Warren F. Scott	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1885	Wm. E. Anderson	Warren F. Scott	Warren F. Scott	Warren F. Scott	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1886	Angus Paterson	Warren F. Scott	Warren F. Scott	Warren F. Scott	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1887	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1888	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1889	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	Marcus Endel	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1890	J. W. Boye	Fred S. Goodrich	Wm. M. McIntosh	Wm. M. McIntosh	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1891	T. S. Wilmarth	F. P. Mersereau	L. E. Webster	L. E. Webster	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1892	Irving E. Webster	W. M. McIntosh	W. M. McIntosh	W. M. McIntosh	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1893	Silas E. Wright	Wm. M. McIntosh	J. H. Stevens	J. H. Stevens	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1894	Wm. M. McIntosh	John H. Stephens	Wm. H. Jewell	Wm. H. Jewell	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1895	John H. Stephens	Warren Tyler	Warren Tyler	Warren Tyler	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1896	Wm. H. Jewell	Warren Tyler	Warren Tyler	Warren Tyler	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1897	Warren Tyler	W. P. Webster	James Carnell	James Carnell	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1898	Wilber F. Webster	James Carnell	E. E. Haskell	E. E. Haskell	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1899	James Carnell	E. E. Haskell	J. R. Wetherell	J. R. Wetherell	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1900	E. E. Haskell	J. R. Wetherell	T. G. Hutchinson	T. G. Hutchinson	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1901	R. Wetherell	J. R. Wetherell	T. G. Hutchinson	T. G. Hutchinson	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1902	T. G. Hutchinson	Louis C. Massey	Olin S. Wright	Olin S. Wright	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1903	Louis C. Massey	Olin S. Wright	Olin S. Wright	Olin S. Wright	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1904	Louis C. Massey	Olin S. Wright	Olin S. Wright	Olin S. Wright	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1905	Joseph R. Keller	Wm. S. Ware	Wm. S. Ware	Wm. S. Ware	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1906	Joseph R. Keller	Wm. S. Ware	Wm. S. Ware	Wm. S. Ware	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1907	William S. Ware	Wm. S. Ware	Wm. S. Ware	Wm. S. Ware	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1908	John H. Weddell	Samuel Pasco	Robert McClellan	Robert McClellan	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1909	Samuel Pasco	Robert McClellan	H. N. Sweeting	H. N. Sweeting	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1910	Picton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman	John M. Caldwell	John M. Caldwell	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1911	Picton Warlow	F. B. Stoneman	John M. Caldwell	John M. Caldwell	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1912	Robert McClellan	H. N. Sweeting	John M. Caldwell	John M. Caldwell	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1913	H. N. Sweeting	John M. Caldwell	Wm. R. O'Neal	Wm. R. O'Neal	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1914	John M. Caldwell	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	D. B. Palmer	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1915	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	C. H. Ketchum	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1916	Wm. R. O'Neal	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	C. H. Ketchum	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1917	D. B. Palmer	C. H. Ketchum	W. V. Carter	W. V. Carter	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1918	C. H. Ketchum	W. V. Carter	John L. Hall	John L. Hall	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1919	W. V. Carter	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	R. J. Kishpaugh	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny
1920	H. O. Snow	John L. Hall	R. J. Kishpaugh	R. J. Kishpaugh	L. McConihe	C. Dawkins	John Penny

*Deceased

GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
General Grand Chapter	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater, Mich.
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	John E. Johnson	Calgary, 633 15th Av. W.
Arizona	George J. Roskrug	Tucson.
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Eatesville.
British Columbia	J. W. Prescott	Vancouver, 603 Hastings St. W.
Canada	Thomas A. Davies	San Francisco.
Colorado	Henry T. Smith	Toronto, Temple Bldg.
Connecticut	Wm. W. Cooper	Denver.
Delaware	George A. Kies	Hartford.
District of Columbia	Stuart J. Horn	Wilmington, Box 94.
England	A. W. Johnston	Washington.
Georgia	P. Colville Smith	London.
Idaho	E. A. McHan	Macon.
Illinois	Perry C. Marshall	Boise, Box 1007.
Indiana	J. E. Jeffers	Springfield, Box 438.
Iowa	Robert A. Woods	Princeton.
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle	Harlan.
Kansas	A. K. Wilson	Dublin.
Kentucky	G. Allison Holland	Topeka.
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	Lexington.
Maine	Charles B. Davis	New Orleans.
Maryland	Gustav A. Eitel	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Frederick T. Comee	Boston.
Michigan	Chas. A. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Oliver Lee McKay	Meridian.
Missouri	Robert F. Stevenson	St. Louis, 911 Locust St.
Montana	Cornelius Hodges	Helena, Box 896.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha, Mas. Temple.
Nevada	E. D. Vanderlith	Reno.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hart	St. Johns.
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord.
New Jersey	Peter McGill	Bound Brook.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	Alfred J. Burbidge	Sydney.
New York	Charles C. Hunt	Masonic Temple, N. Y.
New Zealand	H. J. Williams	Wellington.
North Carolina	John B. Griggs	Elizabeth City.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Brenton F. Porter	Truro.
Ohio	Edwin Hagenbuch	Urbana.
Oklahoma	James A. Scott	Muskogee Phoenix Bldg.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Portland, 415 Multnomah Hotel.
Pennsylvania	George B. Wells	Philadelphia.
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal, Box 3172.
Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence.
Scotland	Alfred A. Murray	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Nashville.
Texas	T. M. Bartley	Waco.
Utah	Walter Daniels	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	H. H. Ross	Burlington.
Victoria	G. L. Marquand	Melbourne, 317 Collins.
Virginia	J. Gus Hankins	Richmond, Box 542.
West Virginia	George M. Ford	Wheeling.
Washington	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wisconsin	Samuel Corson	Cheyenne.
Wyoming		

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	GRAND CHAPTERS	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA
Robert T. Ward, Dadeville.	Alabama	R. J. Kishpaugh, W. Palm Beach.
Stephen Y. Taylor, Calgary.	Alberta	James M. Willson, Kissimmee.
Louis Leo Steward, Phoenix.	Arizona	T. G. Hutchinson, Jacksonville.
Geo. A. Parsons, Fayetteville.	Arkansas	Earl Hathaway, Key West.
Clark H. Shaw, Long Beach.	California	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
James H. Cowan, Galt.	Canada	Chester DeRoche, Bradentown.
Geo. W. Roe, Pueblo.	Colorado	J. R. Wetherell, DeLand.
Wm. K. Wilson, So. Norwalk.	Connecticut	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
Leslie W. Stout, Wilmington.	Delaware	W. F. Webster, Jacksonville.
Benjamin F. Odell, Washington.	Dist. of Columbia	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
Wm. A. Sims, Atlanta.	Georgia	L. F. Blalock, Miami.
Edgar J. Finch, Twin Falls.	Idaho	A. E. Heyser, Miami.
Wm. B. Carlock, Bloomington.	Illinois	C. H. Ketchum, Key West.
Elmer Crockett, South Bend.	Indiana	T. T. Todd, Pensacola.
A. D. Meeker, Marshalltown.	Iowa	John M. Caldwell, Jasper.
Aaron H. Connatt, Great Bend.	Kansas	Olin S. Wright, Plant City.
Virgil P. Smith, Somerset.	Kentucky	
E. W. Driebholtz, New Orleans.	Louisiana	J. R. Wetherell, DeLand.
L. D. Gassaway, Annapolis.	Maine	Elmer E. Haskell, Palatka.
Enoch C. Best, Greenfield.	Maryland	Henry O. Snow, Tampa.
Herbert E. Blair, Waterville.	Massachusetts	I. E. Webster, Gainesville.
A. C. Lowe, Aberdeen.	Minnesota	E. P. Hubbell, Bradentown.
C. C. Wood, St. Louis.	Mississippi	D. B. Palmer, Monticello.
Walter L. Spear, Geneva.	Missouri	
Charles A. Thompson, Ploche.	Nebraska	Robert McClellan, Gainesville.
W. H. B. Sadler, St. John.	Nevada	John J. Jones, Micanopy.
Chas. L. Wentworth, Rochester.	New Brunswick	Edgar A. Richards, Orlando.
Wm. Herbert Lowe, Patterson.	New Hampshire	Wm. R. O'Neal, Orlando.
Emanuel M. Kalsar, New York.	New Jersey	Charles H. Ketchum, Key West.
John G. Moon, Sydney.	New York	Marcus Endel, Jacksonville.
Wm. C. Brown, Winston-Salem.	New South Wales	John D. Grether, Jacksonville.
Otto Hennings, Dickinson.	North Carolina	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
W. P. Doull, Charleston.	North Dakota	Marcus Endel, Jacksonville.
Ernest B. Brown, Cleveland.	Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow, Orlando.
Mahlon Ashbrook, Kelo, Enid.	Ohio	Ely P. Hubbell, Bradentown.
Ernest V. Carter, Ashland.	Oklahoma	Olin S. Wright, Plant City.
Henry Oscar Kilne, Pittsburg.	Oregon	Harry N. Sweeting, Tallahassee.
A. G. Adams, Montreal.	Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
Stephen Magown, Woonsocket.	Quebec	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
Geo. N. Langlands, Edinburg.	Rhode Island	W. E. Lewis, Tallahassee.
Robert T. Goodale, Camden.	Scotland	S. L. Chapman, Helen.
John F. Schrader, Rapid City.	South Carolina	James F. Miller, Inverness.
Jake W. Brantley, Troy.	South Dakota	Wm. R. O'Neal, Orlando.
William James, Fort Worth.	Tennessee	Frank B. Stoneman, Miami.
David P. Beebe, Provo.	Texas	E. W. Bunker, Lake Worth.
Homer Thrasher, Newport.	Utah	J. J. Torrey, Jacksonville.
Baron Marks, Melbourne.	Vermont	I. E. Webster, Gainesville.
W. S. Mathews, Big Stone Gap.	Victoria	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
Wm. G. Rowland, Tacoma.	Virginia	
Jere A. Miller, Wheeling.	Washington	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
W. F. Owen, Steven's Point.	West Virginia	L. R. Phillips, Sanford.
Nell D. Nelson, Thermopolis.	Wisconsin	Geo. A. Dame, Inverness.
	Wyoming	Daniel O. Henry, Live Oak.

STATISTICS

CHAPTERS	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Amiliated	Total	Died	Dimitied	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership
Florida	1	93	52	2	0	147	1	0	0	0	0	0	146
Gainesville	2	119	47	7	6	179	2	3	0	0	0	0	174
Tampa	3	285	41	1	7	314	2	1	8	6	1	1	302
St. Johns	4	50	14	0	1	65	3	1	0	0	0	0	64
Hallfax	5	194	48	4	1	248	3	1	0	0	0	0	239
Mt. Horeb	6	146	28	1	1	176	0	3	3	0	0	0	176
Bureka	7	164	19	1	3	187	0	3	0	0	0	0	188
Dade City	8	59	16	0	9	193	2	3	0	0	0	0	172
Putnam	9	43	25	1	3	72	0	4	0	0	0	0	71
Kissimmee	10	40	0	0	3	43	0	1	0	0	0	0	40
Jericho	11	162	42	0	3	207	0	1	1	0	0	0	198
Jacksonville	12	408	129	6	16	559	8	3	2	0	0	0	549
Ocala	13	78	19	2	1	100	3	2	0	0	0	0	95
Inverness	14	60	25	0	1	86	1	0	0	0	0	0	84
Monroe	15	98	13	1	3	115	1	3	0	0	0	0	111
Plant City	16	93	20	1	1	115	1	1	0	0	0	0	113
St. Augustine	17	148	19	0	4	171	4	2	6	0	0	0	159
Manatee River	18	101	38	0	1	138	2	1	1	0	0	1	135
Lake Butler	19	53	8	4	0	65	1	1	1	0	0	0	62
Keystone	20	52	2	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Island	21	26	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Thomas Brown	22	238	32	1	2	273	1	16	0	0	0	0	256
Chipley	23	82	23	0	1	106	0	7	0	0	0	0	99
Lake Worth	24	162	26	1	1	190	4	3	0	0	0	0	183
Live Oak	25	208	50	0	4	262	1	11	0	0	0	0	250
Indian River	26	60	43	0	4	107	1	3	0	0	0	0	104
Joppa	27	182	53	1	5	239	0	21	0	0	0	0	201
Lakeland	28	75	16	0	3	94	2	2	0	0	0	0	87
Gadaden	29	137	0	1	2	140	1	3	1	0	0	0	136
St. Petersburg	30	102	32	0	10	144	2	3	1	0	0	0	128
Jackson	31	158	25	0	0	183	0	4	8	0	0	0	179
Eustis	32	126	39	0	7	172	0	1	0	0	0	0	169
Leesburg	33	47	7	1	1	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	50
Sarasota	34	66	12	0	1	80	0	1	0	0	0	0	78
Arcadia	35	62	9	0	1	72	1	3	0	0	0	0	68
Walton	36	0	25	0	21	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Providence	37	77	17	1	2	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Bay County	38	46	33	0	4	83	0	3	0	0	0	0	80
Crestview	39	72	14	0	3	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Winter Haven	40	68	22	0	3	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
Highland	41	55	7	0	1	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
Union	42	24	15	0	3	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Total	43	4499	1152	37	162	5850	52	126	60	1	2	16	5609

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	Tallahassee	Second Monday
Gainesville	Gainesville	First and Third Friday
Tampa	Tampa	First and Third Thursday
St. Johns	DeLand	Third Friday
Hallfax	Daytona	Second Thursday
Mount Horeb	Pensacola	Second Monday
Bureka	Orlando	First and Third Tuesday
Dade City	Dade City	Second and Fourth Monday
Putnam	Paitka	Second and Fourth Monday
Kissimmee	Kissimmee	Second Monday
Jericho	Miami	Second and Fourth Thursday
Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Thursday
Ocala	Ocala	Fourth Friday
Inverness	Inverness	Fourth Monday
Monroe	Sanford	Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Plant City	Plant City	Second Friday
St. Augustine	St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Manatee River	Bradentown	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Lake Butler	Lake Butler	First Thursday
Keystone	Ft. Lauderdale	First and Third Friday
Island	Key West	Second and Fourth Wednesday
Thomas Brown	Bartow	Second and Fourth Friday
Chipley	Chipley	Third Monday
Lake Worth	West Palm Beach	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Live Oak	Live Oak	Second Thursday
Indian River	Monticello	First and Third Monday
Joppa	Titusville	Third Wednesday
Lakeland	Port Pierce	First Friday
Gadaden	Lakeland	First and Third Thursday
St. Petersburg	Quincy	Third Monday
Jackson	St. Petersburg	First and Third Thursday
Eustis	Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday
Leesburg	Eustis	Second and Fourth Thursday
Sarasota	Leesburg	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Arcadia	Sarasota	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Walton	Arcadia	First and Third Thursday
Providence	DeFuniak Springs	Third Monday
Bay County	Lake City	First and Third Friday
Crestview	Panama City	Second and Fourth Wednesday
Winter Haven	Crestview	Second Tuesday
Highlands	Winter Haven	Second and Fourth Monday
Union	Avon Park	Second and Fourth Monday
	Melbourne	Second Thursday

Chapters Chartered May 18, 1921

AND FORMER CHAPTER OF MEMBERS.

ARCADIA CHAPTER No. 36,

Arcadia, DeSoto County.

Roe, Arthur I., H. P. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Zimmerman, Thomas J., K. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Barker, Stephen R., S. -----	Avacado U. D.
McChesney, S. R. -----	E. H. Gill No. 50, Va.
Parsons, T. W. -----	Rome No. 26, Ga.
Johnson, J. Henry -----	Ark No. 89, Iowa.
Holt, A. J. -----	Kissimmee No. 10, Fla.
Smith, S. C. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Munson, Fred E. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
McLeod, Daniel Wm. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Barco, William M. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Smith, D. Lawrence -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Roe, Charles A. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Floyd, Joe S. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Leitner, Sumter -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Leitner, George -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Saxon, Roy F., Jr. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Saxon, Raleigh L. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Brantley, Thomas G. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
DeLoach, Frank H. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Morgan, L. R. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Morgan, L. Errol -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Morqus, James -----	Avacado, U. D.
Davis, Bruce L. -----	Avacado, U. D.

Smith, Harvey J. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Guinn, John T. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Johnson, Hiram L. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Chauncey, Charles C. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Castor, Bernard T. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Harp, Osa Jackson -----	Avacado, U. D.
Murrell, Guy Davis -----	Avacado, U. D.
Beville, Ulmont U. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Kersey, Guy -----	Avacado, U. D.
Evans Thomas J. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Mitchell, Tom M. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Mathews, Leonard V. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Kirkpatrick, Charles H. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Gilson, Wayne W. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Lee, Robert Vivian -----	Avacado, U. D.
Dunlap, Lonnie H. -----	Avacado, U. D.
LeMoyne, Guy Patrick -----	Avacado, U. D.
Cooper, Hugh L. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Mount, Benjamin F. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Martin, Luther S. -----	Avacado, U. D.
Watson, Harley -----	Avacado, U. D.
Way, W. Amos -----	Avacado, U. D.
Whitehurst, George W., M. M. -----	Avacado, U. D.

UNION CHAPTER No. 43.

Melbourne, Brevard County.

Stewart, Charles H., H. P. -----	Joppa No. 28, Fla.
Creel, William J., K. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Stewart, Arthur H., S. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Macy, E. Edwin -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Campbell, James O. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Basch, Alfred G. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Scott, William M. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Lichty, Stanley S. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.

Svedelius, Ernest A. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Nicholson, John R. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Taylor, Ernest B. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Stewart, Leon C. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Tucker, Purley E. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Singleton, William E. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Mathers, Lafayette -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Bond, George P. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Gleason, W. H. H. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Welsh, James W. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Snell, Roy S. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Christian, Harry W. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Simmons, John H. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Watts, Samuel K. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Calvin, Marion L. -----	Eureka No. 7, Fla.
Strange, James W. -----	Gadsden No. 30, Fla.
Brownlee, Verner C. -----	Pineville No. 158, Ky.
Martin, Norman D. -----	Triune No. 93, Mo.
Tubbs, William G. -----	Carringt'n No. 15, N. Dak.
Thompson, John W. -----	Warren No. 6, Ohio.
Geiger, Paul A. -----	Union, U. D.
Bean, Ira Floyd -----	Union, U. D.
Gutermuth, Julius V. -----	Union, U. D.
Moore, William Matthew -----	Union, U. D.
Gleason, George Wm. -----	Union, U. D.
Rodes, John B. -----	Union, U. D.
Barwell, Bertie C., M. E. M. -----	Union, U. D.

Regulations

ADOPTED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DIGEST.

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest is requested to file in the office of the Grand Secretary on Saturday next preceding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, five copies of his Annual Address, together with all necessary papers and correspondence relating thereto.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence from among the permanent members of this Grand Chapter at the close of each Annual Convocation and it shall be the duty of said committee to meet one day previous to the Annual Grand Convocation for the purpose of reviewing the Annual Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. (1921)

COMMITTEES

Regulation No. 21, amended by striking out the last line as follows: "On Work, to consist of seven members."

Regulation No. 22, repealed and the following adopted:

22. The M. E. Grand High Priest shall be the Committee on Work. He shall cause the work in each of the degrees to be exemplified at each annual Grand Con-

vocation, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Chapter.

JURISDICTION

Reg. When a Master Mason removes permanently from the jurisdiction of a Chapter its jurisdiction over him terminates immediately on his removal and the Chapter nearest which he resides cannot receive his petition until after six (6) months residence within its jurisdiction. Consequently the candidate cannot apply to either Chapter within the six (6) months, for the first Chapter has no jurisdiction to waive and the second has not yet acquired jurisdiction over him. (1921)

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Regulation No. 43, amended to read as follows:

43. Members of the Grand Chapter who are entitled to per diem and mileage shall receive such per diem and mileage as shall be voted at each Annual Convocation, and if none be voted, they shall receive five (\$5.00) dollars per diem and four cents for each mile necessarily traveled in coming to and returning from each Grand Convocation.

The Representatives of the Particular Chapters in attendance at the Grand Chapter who are entitled to mileage shall be paid for the actual mileage from the location of their respective Chapters. (1921)

REPORTS

Secretaries of constituent Chapters are required to report promptly to the Grand Secretary any and all changes made in the dates of their regular Convocations.

RITUALS

Regulation No. 57. Repealed. (1921)

WORK

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter that some of the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have departed from the work in conferring the degrees, especially the Royal Arch degree, by interpolating scenes calculated to excite mirth and discomfort to the candidates, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter sets the seal of its condemnation upon such innovation, and absolutely prohibits the future occurrence under penalty of forfeiture of charter for persistence therein.

Order of High Priesthood

ANNUAL CONVENTION

1921

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Jacksonville on Wednesday, May 18, A. D. 1921, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Olin S. Wright, President.
E. John M. Caldwell, Vice-President.
E. I. E. Webster, Chaplain.
E. W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
E. Charles H. Ketchum, Master of Ceremonies.
E. Marcus Endel, Conductor.
E. Cary B. Fish, Herald.
E. Ely P. Hubbell, Steward.
E. S. E. Gregory, as Guard.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convention was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed.

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

Walter E. Acosta, H. P., Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
Richard L. Batchelor, H. P., Dade City Chapter No. 8.

- Ray A. Strout, H. P., Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
 Ralph B. Chapman, H. P., Monroe Chapter No. 15.
 Henry M. Snow, H. P., St. Augustine Chapter No. 17.
 Roy C. Dubbs, P. H. P., St. Augustine Chapter No. 17.
 Frederick E. Weathers, P. H. P., St. Augustine Chapter No. 17.
 B. W. Helvenston, H. P., Live Oak Chapter No. 25.
 H. Stafford Caldwell, P. H. P., Live Oak Chapter No. 25.
 Thomas S. Sanders, H. P., Indian River Chapter No. 27.
 H. L. Ermatinger, H. P., St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.
 R. M. Holliday, H. P., Jackson Chapter No. 32.
 F. William Schultz, H. P., Sarasota Chapter No. 35.
 Arthur I. Roe, H. P., Arcadia Chapter No. 36.
 Flavel McK. Campbell, P. H. P., Bay County Chapter No. 39.
 Mack Tyner, H. P., Crestview Chapter No. 40.

These Companions being found eligible, their petitions were received and they were duly elected to receive the Order.

All of the above Companions except Companion H. Stafford Caldwell being in waiting, they were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form.

The Secretary and Treasurer made the following report, which was received and adopted:

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer,
 In account with the Grand Council, O. H. P.

Dr.	
To balance as per last report	\$59.51
To fees	32.00
	<u>\$91.51</u>

Cr.	
By paid supplies	\$.50
Postage and express	2.81
By paid 25 Bibles	45.00
	<u>\$48.31</u>
Balance on hand	\$43.20

Fraternally submitted,
 W. P. WEBSTER,
 Secretary and Treasurer.

Upon motion the Secretary was directed to pay for supplies used at this time.

The annual election being held, the following officers were duly elected and installed for the ensuing year:

OFFICERS ELECTED

M. E. Olin S. Wright, President.
 E. John M. Caldwell, Vice-President.
 E. Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.
 E. W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
 E. Charles H. Ketchum, Master of Ceremonies.
 E. Marcus Endel, Conductor.
 E. Cary B. Fish, Herald.
 E. E. P. Hubbell, Steward.
 E. Stephen E. Gregory, Guard.

No further business appearing, the foregoing minutes
were read and adopted.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

OLIN S. WRIGHT,
President.

Attest: W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

Register of Membership

NAME	DATE
John F. Benezet -----	Consecrated January 12, 1865
Charles H. Munger ----	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Fred S. Goodrich -----	Consecrated January 19, 1888
William A. Griffith-----	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Marcus Endel -----	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Robert McClellan -----	Consecrated January 18, 1889
Thomas S. Wilmarth----	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Frank P. Mersereau-----	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Silas B. Wright-----	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Irving E. Webster-----	Consecrated May 13, 1891
Edgar A. Richards-----	Consecrated May 13, 1891
William S. Jordan-----	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Elijah H. Bunker-----	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Charles J. Hays-----	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Dougald McLachlan ----	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Olin S. Wright -----	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Alexander C. Martin----	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Wilber P. Webster-----	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Everard F. Barns-----	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Thomas J. Smith-----	Consecrated March 5, 1894
William M. Dunn-----	Consecrated May 9, 1894
James E. Pound-----	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph Townsend -----	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Lowell C. Ruter-----	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph T. Tolbert-----	Consecrated January 15, 1895
James Harden -----	Consecrated January 15, 1895
Andrew E. Gleason-----	Consecrated January 15, 1895
George W. Hyde-----	Consecrated January 18, 1895
Henry F. Airth-----	Consecrated January 24, 1896

NAME	DATE
Henry Payne -----	Consecrated May 13, 1896
John R. Wetherell-----	Consecrated May 13, 1896
Charles R. Oglesby-----	Consecrated May 13, 1896
John N. Bradshaw-----	Consecrated May 13, 1896
Eugene P. Mickel-----	Consecrated Dec. 27, 1896
Louis C. Massey-----	Consecrated May 11, 1897
Roque V. Rogero-----	Consecrated May 11, 1897
Elmer E. Haskell-----	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Wm. E. Ballough-----	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Geo. P. Ballough-----	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Charles E. Waite-----	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Thomas G. Hutchinson-----	Consecrated January 21, 1898
Ludwig W. Buchholz-----	Consecrated January 21, 1898
William H. Hausman-----	Consecrated May 9, 1898
Abraham H. West-----	Consecrated Dec. 27, 1898
John T. Miller-----	Consecrated January 19, 1899
H. V. R. Schrader-----	Consecrated May 10, 1899
Joseph G. Torrey-----	Consecrated May 10, 1899
T. P. Warlow-----	Consecrated January 19, 1900
Henry N. Sweeting-----	Consecrated May 9, 1900
Arthur H. Carter-----	Consecrated May 9, 1900
W. W. Farris-----	Consecrated January 17, 1901
Joseph R. Keller-----	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Thomas West Gary-----	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Frank W. Armstrong-----	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Bascom H. Palmer-----	Consecrated October 23, 1901
William S. Ware-----	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Z. T. Merritt-----	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Orson J. Hill-----	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Benjamin F. Hough-----	Consecrated May 14, 1902
James F. Miller-----	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Franklin L. Rees-----	Consecrated June 24, 1902
Mordicai G. Buck-----	Consecrated January 7, 1903
Hugh W. Wear-----	Consecrated May 13, 1903

NAME	DATE
George H. Clark-----	Consecrated May 13, 1903
James O. Harris-----	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Melville W. Carruth-----	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Victor F. Balcom-----	Consecrated May 13, 1903
John MacDiarmid-----	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Henry W. Davis-----	Consecrated May 18, 1904
John J. Jones-----	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Daniel D. Beckman-----	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Lucien A. Spencer-----	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Clarence S. Hammatt-----	Consecrated May 18, 1904
James E. Terwilleger-----	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Joseph Dawson-----	Consecrated January 19, 1905
L. R. Philips-----	Consecrated January 19, 1905
John C. White-----	Consecrated May 10, 1905
William G. Hobbs-----	Consecrated May 10, 1905
James D. Girtman-----	Consecrated May 10, 1905
Wilmot R. Fitts-----	Consecrated May 9, 1906
John H. Hibbard-----	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Wm. R. O'Neal-----	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Frank B. Stoneman-----	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Geo. H. White-----	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Louis Thompson-----	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Albert S. Munson-----	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Henry Koert DuBois-----	Consecrated May 15, 1907
John D. Grether-----	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Samuel E. Curry-----	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Harry A. Stacy-----	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Galen B. Seaman-----	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Charles S. Bonacker-----	Consecrated May 13, 1908
William S. Murrow-----	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Robert F. Hall-----	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Herbert Bradley-----	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Jacob Espedahl-----	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Jeff D. Miller-----	Consecrated May 12, 1909

NAME	DATE
William G. Tilghman	Consecrated May 12, 1909
James B. Young	Consecrated May 12, 1909
William N. Cone	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Marcey B. Darnall	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Marion E. Gruber	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Dabney B. Palmer	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Frederick L. Hemmings	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Willoughby A. Cox	Consecrated May 12, 1909
James Laurens Young	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Henry Benj. Wordehoff	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Samuel Edward Mays	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Earl Walton Mays	Consecrated April 16, 1910
George Pierce Sullivan	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Charles F. Filer	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John M. Caldwell	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John C. Calhoun	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John H. Wynn	Consecrated May 11, 1910
Richard R. Turnbull	Consecrated May 11, 1910
Marvin O. Thomas	Consecrated May 11, 1910
L. F. Blalock	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John O'Donald	Consecrated May 11, 1910
Robert B. Rutherford	Consecrated May 11, 1910
James W. Eley	Consecrated May 11, 1910
James C. Adkins	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John T. Burrows	Consecrated May 11, 1910
John W. Williams	Consecrated May 11, 1910
Vivian B. Collins	Consecrated May 11, 1910
James L. Love	Consecrated May 5, 1911
Pedan B. Haynes	Consecrated May 5, 1911
Arthur Williams	Consecrated May 5, 1911
William V. Carter	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Lucius L. Payne	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Alfred W. Bumby	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Wm. O. Richtmann	Consecrated May 10, 1911

NAME	DATE
J. Perry Hodge	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Allen E. Heyser	Consecrated May 10, 1911
John A. Bouvier	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Benjamin E. Dyson	Consecrated May 10, 1911
William Moody	Consecrated May 10, 1911
J. Jones Stewart	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Charles H. Ketchum	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Benjamin Burnett	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Wm. C. Simmons	Consecrated May 10, 1911
Paul S. Thomson	Consecrated May 10, 1911
William Mosedale	Consecrated May 10, 1911
John B. Pruit	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Len J. Lester	Consecrated May 22, 1912
George F. Smith	Consecrated May 22, 1912
George E. McCulloch	Consecrated May 22, 1912
W. Irving Porter	Consecrated May 22, 1912
John L. Hall	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Chester DeRocher	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Charles E. Bayley	Consecrated May 22, 1912
David S. R. Jones	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Richard Whyte	Consecrated May 22, 1912
John F. Wilson	Consecrated May 22, 1912
William B. Pope	Consecrated May 22, 1912
Angus L. Hinson	Consecrated May 22, 1912
James M. Henderson	Consecrated May 5, 1913
Harry B. Roberts	Consecrated May 5, 1913
Dorsey H. Rutter	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Claude E. Connor	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Alvah H. Perkins	Consecrated May 21, 1913
William W. Davis	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Albert D. Leonard	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Elmer C. Howard	Consecrated May 21, 1913
Alfred Brost	Consecrated June 24, 1913
Alfred Recio	Consecrated June 24, 1913

NAME		DATE
John J. Brown	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Henry O. Snow	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Henry L. Swatts	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Thomas C. Calmes	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Jasper Evers	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Albert Schneider	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
F. W. Fleming	Consecrated May	19, 1914
Le Due Roberts	Consecrated May	19, 1914
Gabriel Ferro	Consecrated May	19, 1914
B. L. Smith	Consecrated May	19, 1914
Claud F. Olmstead	Consecrated May	19, 1914
Benjamin F. Barnes	Consecrated May	19, 1914
W. W. Birchfield	Consecrated May	19, 1914
John M. Dillon	Consecrated May	19, 1914
A. J. Holt	Consecrated May	19, 1915
J. Lloyd Head	Consecrated May	19, 1915
George A. Dame	Consecrated May	19, 1915
Ely P. Hubbell	Consecrated May	19, 1915
Henry V. Calder	Consecrated May	19, 1915
E. L. Wirt	Consecrated May	19, 1915
R. J. Kishpaugh	Consecrated May	19, 1915
W. L. Lowry	Consecrated May	19, 1915
W. E. Tylander	Consecrated May	19, 1915
W. J. Millikin	Consecrated May	19, 1915
H. L. Shaffer	Consecrated May	19, 1915
Arthur A. Brown	Consecrated May	17, 1916
C. H. Tilden	Consecrated May	17, 1916
R. E. McMahan	Consecrated May	17, 1916
J. M. Willson, Jr.	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Roy P. Davis	Consecrated May	17, 1916
E. E. Coulson	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Charles H. Register	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Guy E. Phipps	Consecrated May	17, 1916
R. M. Oglesby	Consecrated May	17, 1916

NAME		DATE
Max Sirkin	Consecrated May	17, 1916
John Pasco	Consecrated May	17, 1916
H. E. Crooks	Consecrated May	17, 1916
C. L. Willoughby	Consecrated May	17, 1916
W. M. Brinker	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Ira G. Archibald	Consecrated May	17, 1916
C. R. Horne	Consecrated May	17, 1916
R. E. Goodman	Consecrated May	16, 1917
T. T. Todd	Consecrated May	16, 1917
J. R. M. Beatty	Consecrated May	16, 1917
B. C. Webb	Consecrated May	16, 1917
C. T. Meakins	Consecrated May	16, 1917
F. M. Say	Consecrated May	16, 1917
R. S. Clark	Consecrated May	16, 1917
Wm. W. Scott	Consecrated May	16, 1917
Frank H. Thompson	Consecrated May	16, 1917
George W. Stiles	Consecrated May	16, 1917
C. H. Ryals	Consecrated May	16, 1917
William P. McKee	Consecrated May	16, 1917
W. S. McLelland	Consecrated May	16, 1917
S. E. Collison	Consecrated May	22, 1918
E. L. Shear	Consecrated May	22, 1918
H. J. Peiper	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Roscoe E. Scott	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Earl Hathaway	Consecrated May	22, 1918
E. W. Bunker	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Edwin E. Macy	Consecrated May	22, 1918
A. H. White	Consecrated May	22, 1918
A. F. Bullard	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Edmund Paul Erwin	Consecrated May	31, 1918
William Henry Bailey	Consecrated May	31, 1918
Louis Douglas Gates	Consecrated May	31, 1918
John R. Knight	Consecrated May	31, 1918
Seldon C. Wells	Consecrated May	31, 1918

NAME	DATE
George W. Scobie.....	Consecrated March 19, 1919
John R. Walker.....	Consecrated March 19, 1919
Harry C. Jepson.....	Consecrated March 19, 1919
R. J. McMaster.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
James E. Petris.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Thomas F. Ziegler.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
T. P. Way.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
J. S. B. Moyer.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
H. D. Morris.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
William H. Warnock.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
James Moughton.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
W. B. Y. Wilkie.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Cary B. Fish.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Burt G. Arnold.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
William E. Keen.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
John W. Garwood.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
W. W. Chase.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Archie Aitchison.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
J. Claude Turner.....	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Douglas Renault Trevor.....	
Walter Scott Raddin.....	Consecrated Feb. 9, 1920
Alexander B. Steuart.....	Consecrated Feb. 9, 1920
Fred E. Fletcher.....	Consecrated Feb. 9, 1920
Isaac Maas.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
W. L. Marshall.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
W. M. Bullard.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
J. P. Cartin.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
N. G. Forcheimer.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
L. S. Thornton.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Lewis A. Smith.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Stephen E. Gregóry.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
H. J. Dame.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Charles S. Hill.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Frank Sanford.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920

NAME	DATE
C. D. Scroggs.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
H. T. Davis.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
F. M. Watson.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Joseph Wiggins.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Ben M. Caldwell.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
W. M. Reck.....	Consecrated May 19, 1920
Henry M. Snow.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Roy C. Dubbs.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Frederick E. Weathers.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
H. L. Ermatinger.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
R. M. Holliday.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
F. William Schultz.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Thomas S. Sanders.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Ralph B. Chapman.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Flavel McK. Campbell.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Richard L. Batchelor.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Mack Tyner.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Arthur I. Roe.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Walter E. Acosta.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
B. W. Helvenston.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Ray A. Strout.....	Consecrated May 18, 1921

Fraternal Correspondence

BY

ELY P. HUBBELL

Committee on Correspondence

Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Florida:*

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence herewith submits its report of the review of the printed Proceedings of the other Grand Jurisdictions which have been received, leaving, however, the list of such for the end, so as to include any that may come in at the eleventh hour.

The effort has been to present significant and interesting items which point out conditions in the various jurisdictions and suggest the general trend in the progress of Capitular Masonry, together with such comment as to us seemed proper, and always in the true spirit of fraternity. At the conclusion of the reviews proper will be found a few additional "Comments" of a more general nature.

Considerable difference of opinion exists among correspondence writers as to the proper designation or name for these reviews. One uses the name "Doings of Other Grand Chapters," one "Annual Capitular Review," another "Review of Proceedings," and there are still other captions. There seems to be a general opinion prevalent that the words "Foreign Correspondent" are not entirely suitable to indicate the character of the report. However, as the above caption does not appear objectionable we shall continue the use of the words "Fraternal Correspondence" until possibly a more comprehensive term may be designated.

ALABAMA—1920

Chapters, 80. Members, 10,765. Exalted, 2,814. Net Gain, 2,629.

JOHN P. MELVIN, Grand High Priest

Continuing a recently established custom peculiar to this jurisdiction and following the formal convening of the Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in Montgomery, November 29th, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, the entrance of the Grand High Priest was proclaimed and Grand Honors given. Nine Past Grands augmented the official family, which of course included Grand King R. E. Robert T. Ward, Florida's representative.

Without wasting any time, the Grand High Priest proceeded to inform the members of the august body of his official actions for the year, which received the commendable sanction of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

During the year Past Grand High Priest Basil M. Hill was called to receive his last reward.

The Grand High Priest reported issuing six dispensations to organize Chapters, one to resume work and authority to reorganize a Chapter besides. Although he issued several dispensations to ballot out of statutory time, yet when the apparent reasons seemed to be only to acquire Shrine glory, they did not pass inspection and were heaved over into the rubbish.

He was pleased to learn that much good resulted from the two York Rite reunions held during the year, and regretted that more had not been held.

He attended both the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, and considers the latter a "great and glorious undertaking."

So well informed are the Companions of this State that the few Capitular queries he received were easily answered by the Grand Chapter Manual.

Two scholarships for residents at the Masonic Home were established, one for deserving girls not to exceed \$350.00 annually, and one for deserving boys not to exceed \$500.00 annually. It also endorsed the Near East Relief as a worthy cause and made it practical by appropriating \$100.00.

Alabama is taking a decided forward stand that the principles of Masonry and American citizenship shall be more thoroughly and efficiently translated into National life. To put this in practice each Chapter will be divided into three groups, and the members are to be charged with the following duties:

Group 1.—This group shall make a careful scrutiny of, and call attention to, any false ideals, or un-American teachings contained in any text book used in public schools within the jurisdiction of that Chapter and report the same to the High Priest.

Group 2.—It shall be the duty of Group 2 to endeavor to see that efficient teachers only are employed in our schools; to encourage the payment of adequate salaries to such teachers; to strive to have the teachers instruct our children concerning the genius of American institutions, teaching them loyalty to country and to God.

Group 3.—It shall be the duty of Group 3 to ascertain what children in the community are out of school, and why, and if because of the need of books or proper clothing, to bring this matter to the attention of their Lodges and Chapters that it may be remedied as far as possible, and each child given an equal opportunity.

It shall be the duty of all the groups to ascertain who are Americans and who are not; to encourage men to return to the church of their faith and to relight the fires upon the home altars, that we may again gather about the common shrine of an American home.

Preparations are being made to send the four Grand Council Officers as well as all Past Grand High Priests

to the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, but with the proviso that this was not to be considered as establishing a precedent.

Twenty-four Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and Companion George A. Beauchamp was re-elected M. E. President.

The student of Masonry, whatever his station, will always be well repaid for the time given to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee.

Under Florida, noting that we reported a membership of 4,499, he says our Grand Secretary might easily "have made it 4,500," but probably he, like Alabama's Grand Secretary, "can no more lie than can figures."

We are not quite sure that we understand the query raised by Companion Lee relative to the first three officers in a new charter, but conclude substantially the same requirements prevail in Florida as in Alabama.

His numerous comments are categorical and imply no criticism. His work passes inspection and his wages are assured.

Next Annual in Montgomery, Dec. 5, 1921.

William L. Lees, Columbia, Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

ALBERTA—1920

Chapters, 24. Members, 2,244. Admitted, 336. Net Gain, 333.

MELVIN M. DOWNEY, Grand Z.

So intense is the interest in Capitular Masonry in the Province of Alberta that every officer and Past

Grand Principal were present, and all but one of the warranted Chapters were represented when the Sixth Annual Convocation convened in the city of Calgary, March 10, 1920. Several distinguished visitors were also present, and were received with Grand Honors. And of course Florida was specially honored in having as its Grand Representative Past Grand First Principal M. E. Comp. Stephen J. Taylor, Alberta's first Grand Principal.

It is no wonder that the Grand Z. was privileged to report a gain in membership of 17 per cent, for his address shows he visited all Chapters once and in most cases twice, making in all forty-one official visitations. He also consecrated four Chapters during the year, a record to be proud of. A notable event in connection was his visit to St. Patrick's Chapter, in Toronto, the occasion being the return of the Traveling Triangle, which in the ten years it was a wanderer, traveled all over the Anglo-Saxon world.

So well versed in Capitular matters are the Companions of Alberta that no case requiring special ruling was requested during the year.

Believing that an institution of as much importance as Capitular Masonry is in a Grand Jurisdiction, it should assume to itself burdens, take upon itself tasks, justify to itself and to Masonry, as well as to mankind, he recommended:

That this Grand Chapter appoint a committee to consider what in its judgment will be a proper task for the Grand Chapter of Alberta to undertake, and report to this Grand Body, at its next Annual Convocation. Further, that this memorial shall bear a title that will, in some way commemorate Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction.

Other Grand Jurisdictions can find food for thought in the foregoing. He also recommended that moon schedules for stated Convocations be abolished, for it is an antiquated idea and not necessary with the present means of transportation. While Florida may be thought by some of our neighbors in the snow-belt to be down near the "jumping off" place, yet it long ago abolished moon-dates, if it ever had them.

Rejoicing that not a single note of discord has marred the progress made during his term of office, the Grand Z. closed his address with this thought, which is also occupying the attention of thinking American Masons generally:

One of the objects of Masonry is to educate men in the true principles of life, and if there ever comes to this world that much talked of and more to be desired state of "universal peace," it will come through education and devotion to principle. Companions, bear this ever in mind and not only teach Masonry, but live and exemplify it in your every day lives, thereby reflecting it on the whole world. "Thus you will render yourselves deserving of the honor which has been conferred upon you and worthy of the confidence reposed in you."

The request for recognition of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia was accorded. A similar request came from the Grand Chapter of Queensland, but not being satisfied with the information given, action was deferred.

Believing that Masonry as a whole in Alberta should have an object, a committee was appointed to work with other Masonic bodies to that end.

To start this practical movement fund, a fee of \$5.50 will be assessed each Chapter for every Companion exalted.

These constitutional amendments were proposed: Notices of suspensions shall be given to Chapters having

concurrent jurisdiction; five dollars for each monthly delay in making returns to Grand Scribe E; prohibiting dual Chapter membership, and good standing in Chapter membership dependent upon good standing in Craft Masonry.

Further evidences of skill in workmanship are shown in the organization of a Convention of Anointed High Priests, by four Companions, three of whom, including the Grand Z, held membership in Montana and one in Connecticut, at which time thirty-seven present and past Grand Z.'s were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form. M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, the Grand Z, was elected Most Excellent President, and E. Companion John E. Johnson, Grand Scribe E., was elected Excellent Recorder. The three visiting Companions were made honorary members of the Alberta Convention of High Priesthood.

In topical form is the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence, of which M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, the Senior Grand Z. and Florida's Grand Representative as well, is the efficient chairman. In his opinion this form of report "affords opportunity of unselfishness to the Royal Craft in Alberta, not obtainable through the more extended and diffusive reports quite common elsewhere." That he seemed to be correct in his conclusions is shown by the same committee being continued. It is a valuable compilation of leading topics discussed by prominent Masons throughout the world and perhaps sufficiently covers the ground.

Next Annual in Edmonton, March 9, 1921.

Norman T. McLeod, Lithbridge, Grand Z.

John E. Johnson, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

Stephen Y. Taylor, Calgary, chairman Foreign Correspondence Committee.

ARIZONA—1920

Chapters, 10. Members, 1,013. Exalted, 106. Net Gain, 99.

FREDERICK P. CRUCE, Grand High Priest

Very much alive must be Capitular Masonry in this great State of broad domain with its members widely scattered and separated by mountain ranges and prairie desert, for every Chapter was well represented when the Thirtieth Annual Convocation was opened in Phoenix, February 11, 1920, and which included Florida's Grand Representative.

Apparently nothing occurred to disturb the serenity of the Grand High Priest, for he records no dispensations granted, no questions asked, and no appointments made, excepting the recognition of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, which was granted.

All the York Rite Grand Masonic Bodies meet the same week and but little time is allotted to the Grand Chapter, not enough in the opinion of the Grand High Priest, who believes that it is not too soon to give consideration to the practice followed in older jurisdictions and to formulate a plan that will meet the Masonic needs of this growing commonwealth. Grand Chapter approved this recommendation, and hereafter the sessions will continue until its labors are completed.

There is no Report on Correspondence, the duties of this committee being confined to approving the request of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia for recognition.

Much interest seems to attach to the Order of High Priesthood for seven excellent Companions petitioned and were solemnly set apart, a greater proportion in

comparison with the number of subordinate Chapters than is often seen.

Next Annual in Bisbee, February 9, 1921.
Edwin A. Hughes, Tombstone, Grand High Priest.
George J. Roskruge, Tuscon, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1919-1920

Chapters, 17. Members, 1,742. Exalted, 118.

HARRY W. WATSON, Grand Z.

Brief were the proceedings which brought into existence the new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, which held its initial or first Convocation in the city of Vancouver, June 18, 1919. Representatives from twelve of the eighteen Chapters in the province of British Columbia participated in this august assembly. M. E. Companion Harry W. Watson of Vancouver was elected chairman, who explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of organizing the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia into a Sovereign Grand Chapter. After reading a telegram from the Grand Chapter of Canada unanimously approving this formation, and the adoption of a suitable resolution, the chairman declared, "this is now a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia."

Following the election of officers, Companion Harry W. Watson being the First Grand Principal, and the appointment of necessary committees, the Grand Z. ruled that former titles would be continued.

During the year following the organization there appears to have been a decided revival of Capitular Masonry, for every Chapter was represented when the Sec-

ond Annual Convocation convened in Vancouver, June 3, 1920; additional interest attaches to this date, it being the anniversary of the birth of their Sovereign, George the Fifth, to whom quite properly loyal congratulations were extended.

Especially valuable from an historical standpoint, was the address of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Watson, who admirably sketched the events leading up to the formation of the Grand Chapter, which starts off under exceedingly auspicious conditions and gives every promise of becoming a vigorous youngster from whom great things can confidently be expected.

Not content with the "God bless you, my children" message which the Grand Chapter of Canada sent, it also generously donated \$1,000, with which to set up Masonic housekeeping.

One of the first tasks confronting the Grand Z. was the bringing into the fold the Chapter in Victoria, working under the register of Scotland. This Chapter numbers among its membership some of the most influential Masons in British Columbia, and who were justly proud of their allegiance to one of the great Grand Chapters of the world. Yet such was their devotion to Freemasonry in British Columbia, that they unselfishly cast their lot with the new regime. This Chapter retains its original name of Columbia, becomes No. 1 on the new register, and is also permitted to retain and work its present ritual.

This latter permission brings about a somewhat peculiar state of affairs, in connection with the Past Master's degree, which is worked in Columbia Chapter, but in no other Chapter in the Province. It seems that some years ago the Grand Chapter of Canada decided to eliminate the Past Master's degree, the reason of the opinion of the Grand Z. being:

That what should be a serious and solemn ceremony might be changed to the frivolous and ridiculous, and also that it was a degree belonging to the Craft Lodges and should be left to them.

As we understand it, the matter of the Past Master's degree was left to a committee to report at an emergent Convocation to be held within three months.

As a result of the official visitations of the Grand Z, he noted that in some sections the Royal Craft was not occupying the important position it ought in the Masonic life of those localities, which conditions he ascribed:

To the fact that at present, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite seems to be the most popular branch of Freemasonry for the higher degrees. It seems that when a Brother can say he is a 14th or 18th or a 32nd degree Mason it has more attraction for him than to say he is simply a Royal Arch Mason.

One apparent reason for the great interest taken in Masonry by our Companions across the border, is the efficient service rendered by the District Grand Superintendents. These zealous Companions appear to realize the responsibilities and duties incumbent upon them and endeavor to conscientiously discharge them to the best of their ability.

For what appeared to be good reasons the one dispensation for a new Chapter granted during the year was continued.

Three Companions, presumably for meritorious services rendered to the Craft while under former registration, were elected and declared Past Grand First Principals. Official honors without actual service does not seem to find much favor this side the border, and Past Grand Ranks are seldom bestowed.

Much valuable information is found in the well prepared report on Foreign Correspondence, by R. E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, the efficient Grand Scribe E. Although

but few Grand Chapter proceedings had been received, yet the work submitted certainly passes inspection and entitles the Young Craftsman to wages.

Next Annual in Vancouver, June 22, 1921.

E. B. Paul, Victoria, Grand Z.

J. W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E. and Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA—1920

Chapters, 110. Members, 15,181. Exalted, 1,305. Net Gain, 970.

ELMER H. MCGOWEN, Grand High Priest.

Ten survivors of the San Francisco earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906, and thirty-two Grand Representatives were present when all of the Grand Officers opened the Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in San Francisco, April 20, 1920.

One member of the Grand Family, Past Grand High Priest William M. Petrie, presented his work, perfect ashler we trust, to be tried by the Great Overseer's square.

Appreciating the value of time and the conservation of energy, Grand High Priest McGowen, in rendering a report of his official acts, incorporated several of the lesser activities in an addendum following his concise report.

He had two separate requests to confer the Mark Master degrees in a quarry, and he held that would be permissible, providing the Lodge was regularly opened in its Chapter hall, then the officers and members could proceed to any place which is capable of being properly tiled and confer the degree, providing a sufficient num-

ber immediately returned to the regular Chapter Hall and regularly closed the Lodge. He also decided that it was proper to receive the demit of a member of a Royal Arch Chapter in London, providing he presented satisfactory documentary and other evidences. But as the Past Master's degree is not conferred in England it would be necessary for him to be healed before affiliating, by having the missing degree conferred upon him, and for which there should be no charge.

California law requires a separate ballot on each candidate, but on one occasion where many ballots were to be taken and in order to save time, he permitted the use of more than one ballot box; at the same time recommending that this practice be not general.

Grand Chapter approved the above ruling, with the understanding that the latter decision should not be construed into a general or permanent consent to use more than one ballot box for it is very much doubted whether that portion of the constitution which provides that no member shall be allowed to divulge his vote could be properly lived up to if more than one ballot box was used.

Another approved decision was that a member could demit after charges had been preferred and before final action had been taken, but that he would not be entitled to a recommendatory certificate, except by a majority vote of members present, for the constitution provides that "until a member is actually suspended, excluded or expelled by his Chapter, he is in good standing." This differs from Florida law which provides that a demit can only be granted to those who are clear on the books and against whom no charges have been preferred. The high ideals which he desired to leave as a distinguishing characteristic of his year of service is thus expressed:

Practical Masonry cannot be left in the Lodge room with the apron, to be again donned at the next attendance of the Lodge. It is with us always. It protects a brother's reputation as well as his purse. It forbids rumors and the repeating of a Brother's errors when the telling thereof produces no good results.

We desire to say "Amen" and all that goes with it to the forceful words used by the Grand Lecturer in insisting on compliance with ritualistic work:

I am under the necessity of again admonishing the officers and especially the High Priests of Chapters, that none other than the prescribed work of the several degrees can be tolerated, and that the work must be rendered as laid down in the ritual under which we are now operating. We cannot permit "horse-play" nor allow our candidates to be made the butt for jokes. Our ritualistic ceremonies are aimed to and should be educating, elevating and uplifting—not degrading or humiliating, nor used as a means of creating hilarity for the members; they are designed to teach sublime moral truths and in the practice thereof the utmost decorum must be maintained at all times. I heartily concur in the sentiments expressed by Companion Harry W. Harvey of Chicago, Grand Custodian of the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, when he says that, if a Chapter must have some means to perpetrate jokes on, or have fun with the candidate, then the sooner its charter is arrested the better it will be for Royal Arch Masonry. There is no place in any Masonic Ritual for the introduction of a circus or jest at the expense of the candidate. If the clean ceremony of the ritual, which is intended to teach and illustrate great truths does not appeal to the officers of a Chapter then a mistake has been made in their election.

Following the action of last year, a joint committee appointed by the various Rite bodies reported that twenty thousand copies of the booklet entitled "To the Master Mason Desiring Further Knowledge" had been prepared and distributed. Although too early to obtain definite results, yet the committee felt sure that it was stimulating and promoting increased interest in the York Rite bodies. A somewhat similar effort and a pamphlet prepared by

Deputy General Grand High Priest Kuhn was used by the York Rite bodies of Kansas City and St. Joseph with equally favorable results. Some other Grand Jurisdictions seem to be watching these movements with interest and similar efforts may be looked for from them.

This somewhat novel and gratifying report was made by the Committee of Appeal and Grievances;

The last year has been too short to find any dissatisfaction among the Capitular Masons and asked for further time with the hope that its search for trouble would be as fruitless as in the past.

Forty-seven Companions were admitted and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

An exceptionally interesting and instructive Report on Correspondence in topical form is presented by Ex-Companion Hugh K. McKeivitt. This style of report gives the reader but little actual information relative to particular Grand Jurisdictions, being rather a cyclopediac compilation of salient subjects found in the current Capitular Proceedings. However, as that appears to please California Companions, our opinions are not asked for or required.

Next Annual in Long Beach, April 19, 1921.

Harry Maundrell, San Francisco, Grand High Priest.

Thos. A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Hugh K. McKeivitt, chairman Correspondence Committee.

CANADA—1920

Chapters, 151. Members, 20,624. Registrations, 2143. Net Gain, 220.

W. N. PONTON, Grand Z.

Differing somewhat from Grand Chapters in the States, accessions to membership are primarily by registrations, together with joinings and restorations.

Carrying out the perfect triangle, so peculiarly characteristic and appropriate to Capitular Masonry, three features stand out pre-eminently in the results of the year's work, which came to a close at the Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in Toronto, February 25, 1920. They were the address of the Grand High Priest, the report of the committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry, and the report of the Grand Historian; and while these usually appear in some form in the Proceedings of all Grand Bodies, yet we have no recollection of seeing all three stand out so vividly and form so near a complete whole as is revealed by the careful perusal of the 1920 proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Using the implements of the Royal Craft as an operative basis, Grand First Principal Ponton displays his knowledge of the traditions, exhibits his skill as a workman, and by a strict adherence to duty encourages his hearers to greater ambition, which prompts the committee to whom the address was referred to congratulate the Grand Chapter in "having as its official head one who can so clearly set forth the ideals and beauties inculcated in the teachings of the Royal Craft."

Distinguished guests included representatives from the various other Grand and Supreme Masonic bodies of Canada, as well as from neighboring states, graced the

occasion, Florida being represented by R. Ex. Companion A. Cowan, who is the senior member of the Executive Committee appointed by the Grand Z. as well as a member of the Committee on Constitutions, Laws and Jurisprudence.

Comparatively little of the detailed workings of this Grand Chapter are revealed in the address of the Grand Z. He puts much stress upon the importance of the summons or notice of meeting, which he designates as a constant bond of union between the executive and the Companions. By giving these the personal touch they stimulate the attendance and encourage the workmen in the quarries.

While opinions differ as to the extent a Royal Arch Mason should go in soliciting a Brother Master Mason to be exalted to the august degree, he has no hesitation when it applies to one whom he personally knows as a friend, to be tried, true and tested. As illustrating the difference in phraseology, in referring to the triplicate perfection of body, mind and spirit in the man, in the Royal Arch degree, he says we "draw now the three-fold knot firm on the nine-fold band."

Few in number were his rulings during the year and not of sufficient importance to be set out in the address. He wisely adds that the "constitution, co-operative common sense, consultation with other Grand Officers and experience are good guides in administration."

Companions generally as well as the Grand Z. are pleased that "relations with our children, Alberta and British Columbia, give unfeigned satisfaction."

The only cloud that marred an otherwise satisfactory year was the passing of that strong and rugged personality, Most Excellent Companion Judge D. F. MacWatt, who by virtue of his official position came so strongly into the limelight during the forming of the Grand Chap-

ter of Alberta. Beneath his dominant manner were a warm heart and a sincerity of purpose which made a deep impression upon Craft at large.

Notwithstanding the numerical reduction occasioned by the graduation of the youngest daughter, British Columbia, the wonderful strides the Royal Arch is making is shown by a net gain in membership. Features which appear objectionable and perhaps dangerous when looked at from one viewpoint, often take on a decidedly different aspect when seen at close range. Perhaps when our Companions "across the border" become better acquainted with the workings of the Eastern Star, there will be less need of the "mild warning" which the Grand Z. issued with regard to it:

The Order of the Eastern Star, with all its many merits, the Companions will remember from the very nature of our institution is not Masonry, and is not identified or allied with Masonry (as such), in any way. Masonic titles should, therefore, not be used, if Companions in their individual capacity, happen to visit outside organizations of this kind—and their attractions are cheerfully admitted.

Nowhere do we find a more careful attention given to the individual Chapter than is found in the reports of the Grand Superintendent from the twenty or more districts into which the Grand Chapter of Canada is divided. Illustrative of the thoroughness of the visitations, favorable mention is made of the Principal Sojourner repeating the obligation with the candidates, and in another instance, referring to the M. M. degree the statement is made that "the work carried up" tested the strong grip of the candidate to the utmost, and "would appear to me to be too much for the average candidate."

Falling in line with most other Grand Chapters, the request for the recognition by the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was deferred.

Of more than passing value was the report of the Grand Historian, a somewhat minor station and seldom made prominent in Grand Chapters generally. While the duties of this official are not definitely defined, yet they seem to include all matters pertaining to the Craft not covered in the regular printed Proceedings, in fact emphasizes the importance of all contemporary records as proper material for the historian. We wonder why Grand Bodies could not well take cognizance of this report and provide in some way for the preserving of some of the more really important events, which otherwise at a later date will become so confused that it will be almost impossible to distinguish between fact and fiction. This historian, in commenting upon the biographical sketches accompanying the Grand Presiding Officers, pertinently adds: "This is well; but it is singular how little the biographers, as a rule manage to tell."

Illuminating and instructive is the report of the Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry. The assets of this Grand Body exceed its liabilities by almost \$175,000.00. With an average Chapter membership of 134, the average attendance at regular convocations was only twenty, with the exception of one of the districts where the Companions are taught to register their Marks. There is little or nothing to show that this feature, which is so generally stressed in the States, receives particular attention. Some time ago the wearing of the sash as a part of the Chapter regalia was discontinued, but "this loss of personal adornment" met with such general dissatisfaction that the order was rescinded and the smile of approval again prevails.

There is no Order of High Priesthood.

For the fifth time, R. Ex. Companion Edward B. Brown presents an excellent, comprehensive and readable report on Foreign Correspondence in which Florida is given due consideration. Special reference is made to the eloquent address of Grand High Priest Charles H. Ketchum, particularly quoting his remarks relative to the Florida Masonic Home. Another feature worthy of comment was that through the diligent efforts of Grand Secretary Webster, every subordinate Chapter made returns. He will please accept thanks for the many pleasant things he says about our report. While he does not formally accept our invitation to visit this land of winter sunshine and flowers, we shall look for a greater number of Canadian Companions each succeeding winter, for saving of coal bills in these profiteering times is worth consideration.

Next Annual in London, February 23, 1921.
W. N. Ponton, K. C. B., Belleville, Grand Z.
Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.
Edward B. Brown, Barris, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

COLORADO—1920

Chapter, 48 Members, 7,192. Exalted, 754. Net Gain, 593.

MARSHALL H. VANFLEET, Grand High Priest

It is fortunate, perhaps, that all who are seeking to reach the zenith of Freemasonry by the "hurry-up" route via either York or Consistory perambulations, do not live in Colorado, for this Grand Chapter formally approved the action taken by the M. M. Grand Lodge of Colorado, which at its last communication, amended one section of its Constitution to read:

This Grand Lodge recognizes no degrees in Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of the several States, Territories, and District of Columbia of the United States and the governments throughout the world. It admits the following named organizations, and none others, to be regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies, namely: The General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States; the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the several States, Territories, and District of Columbia of the United States, and the Royal Arch Chapters and other bodies under their jurisdiction; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States; the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the several States, Territories and District of Columbia of the United States, and the Councils under their jurisdiction; the Grand Encampment of the United States; the Grand Commanderies of the several States, Territories, District of Columbia of the United States, and the Commanderies, under their jurisdiction; the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States, of which Henry L. Palmer and Albert Pike were Sovereign Grand Commanders, respectively, and the various bodies under their jurisdiction. Provided, that such organizations within the State of Colorado shall, by duly enacted statutes, require that no petition for the degrees conferred by them shall be received from one who has not been a Master Mason for at least one year; and provided further, that such organizations shall, by duly enacted statutes, prohibit their members from soliciting Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons to petition for such degrees. If such organizations shall fail to enact or maintain such laws, the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge shall withdraw from them the recognition heretofore herein granted.

And the Grand Chapter further emphasized the positive stand taken by Grand Lodge by amending one section of Grand Chapter by-laws, which now reads:

No Chapter shall receive a petition for the degrees, or for membership, unless the applicant is now and has been for at least one year a member in good standing of some lawfully constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. The soliciting of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons by Chapter members is strictly prohibited.

Every Chapter was represented at the reception of "Old Glory" at opening of the Forty-sixth Annual Convocation, September 29th, 1920. In replying to the gracious words of welcome of the Grand High Priest to the Grand Representatives, including M. E. Comp. George W. Roe for Florida, the speaker very appropriately at this time quoted from the speech of the great American, Theodore Roosevelt, the day following the death of his son Quentin:

We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language, for we intend to see that the crucible turns our people out as Americans of American nationality, and not as dwellers in a polygot boarding house.

Many of the dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest were to give the lecture of Royal Arch degree to two or more trios at regular convocations, which raised the question, why the necessity of a dispensation for such a purpose. This, however, is partially answered by Most Excellent Comp. Ernest LeNeve Foster, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in his review of Illinois, by stating that one section of the Colorado by-laws forbids "the giving of any lecture in the Royal Arch degree to more than one trio at the same time." But the query still remains, Why the law?

So fully, apparently, is Capitular law understood by the Craft in the Centennial state, that no decisions were required. Neither the new General Grand Chapter Ritual nor the proposed changes in its constitution met the approval of the Grand High Priest; and to give further force to his objections he quoted from the constitutions of several of the Grand Chapters.

He further recommended that the Grand Chapter instruct its representatives to the next General Grand

Chapter to vote against the proposed constitutional revision.

Falling in line with other Grand Chapters, formal recognition was accorded the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

The Grand Chapter is in hearty co-operation with the Grand Lodge in maintaining a Masonic Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Committee which is doing efficient work in the two government hospitals in that Grand Jurisdiction. In addition, this Grand Chapter has contributed liberally to the Colorado Soldier Mason's War Relief Fund.

Following the reception of thirty-two members into the Order of High Priesthood, Ex. Comp. Samuel R. Zweton, the acting President of the Council, addressed the Companions of the progress of the world.

M. E. Comp. Ernest LeNeve Foster presented his thirty-third Report on Correspondence, in which he mentions only two who have exceeded him in number—Drummond of Maine and Schultz of Maryland, and the writer of this expresses the sincere wish that Comp. Foster may exceed them in length of service. The Royal Craft are under lasting obligations to him for his unexcelled meritorious work.

Next Annual in Denver, Sept. 22, 1921.

Mark B. Gill, Fort Morgan, Grand High Priest.

Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Ernest Le Neve Foster, Denver, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT—1920

Chapters, 40. Members, 11,592. Exalted, 1,031. Net Gain, 778.

ERNEST F. SWEENEY, Grand High Priest.

Distinguished visitors from Canada, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Vermont were present when the One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation opened in Hartford, May 11th, but Florida was not represented. During the year two members of the Grand Family were called by death—Ex-Companion Justus J. Bartel, Grand Master of the First Veil, and Grand Chaplain, Rev. Companion I. Newton Phelps. A peculiarity in connection is that Ex-Companion Bartel was deputized early in the year to install into office the Grand Chaplain, who was not present at the annual convocation.

Grand High Priest Sweeney concisely reviews his official acts, all of which met the unqualified approval of all and severally the powers that be. Among the Masonic courtesies which he records was the compliance to a request from the Grand High Priest of Florida that a member of Lake Worth Chapter No. 24 of West Palm Beach.

Every Chapter in the State was officially visited by one of the four elective officers, and with few exceptions their reports indicate growth, prosperity and enthusiasm in Capitular Masonry.

According to one of the decisions of the Grand High Priest there is no place for "doubling up" in the R. A. degree, as "three and three only can be exalted at one and the same time." This grew out of this query:

Would it be proper and within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter laws to work two teams in one evening; starting at 5:00

o'clock p. m., and working three candidates through the veils—calling off for refreshment and resuming labor at 7:30 o'clock and working the other team to that point, and then working the six through the rest of the degree?

Florida laws as well as those of some other Grand Jurisdictions interpret somewhat differently the "three" requirement by permitting the use of substitutes. This is obviously a matter not proper for public discussion, but to the mind of the writer there is no violation of law in the use of substitutes.

In another decision the High Priest held that a dispensation could not be granted to hold a stated convocation in another Lodge room, but that no dispensation was required to hold at the same place a special convocation for the purpose of conferring the M. M. and P. M. degrees.

Physical perfection seems to be a requirement in the Capitular degrees as well as in the Symbolic degrees in Connecticut, for he ruled that a Mason who was now wearing an artificial leg was not eligible to the Chapter. This does not bar a Brother in Florida so long as he can conform to requirements, and the Chapter is the judge.

Noting that some of the younger members in smaller Chapters lack interest, he makes this worth-while suggestion:

I believe that if the High Priests of these Chapters were to give the lectures belonging to the different degrees occasionally, and to insist upon the candidates showing suitable proficiency before advancing, instead of railroading them along so that they can receive the higher degrees, this lack of interest would disappear.

Grand Chapter recognized the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia and raised the Grand Chapter membership dues from thirty to thirty-five cents. There may be some advantages in states of small area, as the Florida

Grand Chapter dues are one dollar. A special committee of five was appointed to carefully study the proposed new General Grand Chapter constitution and to secure the attendance of the Past Grand High Priests at the next Triennial. It now looks as though the program on that occasion may include forensic fireworks.

Two Chapters were not represented during the entire session and one representative was absent at roll call. Grand Chapter ordered that the High Priests be notified and "that the usual fine be imposed upon each." Good for Connecticut.

It seems as though all the Most Excellent Companions will want to take the Holy Order of High Priesthood, next year, for the Proceedings, in addition to recording that twenty were consecrated and set apart, state that there will be the usual collation at the close of the next Annual Grand Convention.

Appreciating his peculiar fitness for the position, Grand Chapter positively insists that most Ex-Companion George A. Kies continue the duties of that of chairman of the Committee on Correspondence with that of Grand Secretary, and for the twelfth time he briefly presented the Annual Review with characteristic and pertinent comments.

Under Florida he quotes with approval from Grand High Priest Ketchum's address anent the proposed assumption of powers in the new General Grand Constitution. He also refers briefly to the writer's review of Connecticut, but whether or not with similar approval. However, as no two persons look at an object from the same viewpoint, it is not strange that there be a difference in presentation. Companion Kies is the right man in the right place and the Connecticut Companions well know it.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 10, 1921.

Henry R. Tisdale, New London, Grand High Priest.
George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary and
Committee on Correspondence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1920

Chapters, 13. Members, 4,456. Exalted, 744. Net Gain, 660.

EMMETT M. CARTER, Grand High Priest.

Surpassing all previous years in accessions to the ranks of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, real optimism pervaded its Fifty-third Annual Convocation, which was held in Washington, Feb. 11, 1920, and Florida's Grand Representative was not present.

In a concise and business-like report, Grand High Priest Carter reviewed the work of the year. None of the immediate Grand Family had been called during the year to the Great Beyond.

The phenomenal work of the year was brought to a "whirlwind finish" on December 30th, by a "Royal Arch Celebration." Beginning in the afternoon there was a class of 50 for the M. M., followed by 74 for the P. M., 75 for the M. E. M., and 135 for the Royal Arch, which latter was distributed among four Chapters, and the work on the last "trio" was performed by the officers of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest delivering the address.

No decisions seem to have been required and the dispensations granted, commissions issued and much of the other necessary routine work was of no special interest to outsiders.

Realizing the great importance to Masonry in this country of the projects contemplated by the George

Washington National Memorial Association, he urged the doubling of former contributions. which Grand Chapter heartily indorsed.

Perhaps one reason for the excessive gain in membership was due to the visits of the Grand High Priest to every Chapter, and to some several times.

Recognition was granted the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

For ten years past this Grand Chapter has been contributing twenty-five per cent of the dues received from subordinate Chapters to the building fund of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. The Home is now completed, and Grand Chapter approved and adopted the committee's report applying a similar fund for the next ten years to the endowment fund of the Home.

Apparently all the work of this Grand Chapter is done at one session beginning at seven o'clock p. m.

During the same week the annual meeting of the Convention of Anointed High Priests was held, when High Priests of each of the thirteen Chapters were elected and received High Priesthood, which was conferred at a latter convention called for that purpose.

For reasons not quite clear, Ex. Companion Roe Fulkerson, who for ten years has reported the doings of the various Grand Chapters as no other one has done and probably could do, sings the "Swan Song" and resigns his seat at the Round Table. While his inimitable way of expressing things will be grievously missed, yet Capitular Masonry is not to lose him. His labors in the quarries are recognized by his Companions in electing him Grand Scribe, and he will soon, no doubt, further honor the fraternity by wearing the purple. We congratulate you, Companion Fulkerson, on the preferment, for it is well said that the internal qualifications are what really commends one to the Royal Craft.

One of the really great workman in this "all star" aggregation of notables is Past Grand High Priest Wm. W. Jermane, and he is the new chairman on the Committee on Correspondence. From the specimens of his work which we have seen we opine that Capitular Masonry at the Nation's Capital will continue to receive careful consideration.

Next Annual in Washington, Feb. 9, 1921.

Frank J. Major, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Wm. W. Jermane, Washington, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

ENGLAND

Definite information concerning English Grand Bodies is not obtainable, owing to the limited way in which their proceedings are made public, but no doubt the growth of the Royal Craft the other side of the big pond will compare favorably with American Grand Bodies, for at the August Quarterly of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, twenty-six petitions for new Chapters to be attached to Lodges bearing similar names were presented and granted.

As most of the business matters are first brought before the Committee of General Purposes, about all that is left for the Supreme Grand Chapter is to formally approve the committee's reports. The records show that the convocations are both opened and closed "in Ancient and Solemn Form," followed with commendable patriotism by singing the first verse of the National Anthem. What is to prevent American Chapters from doing likewise?

Very pleasing to the Companions was the fraternal visit at the May Quarterly of the Most Excellent Companion, the Lord Muskerry, Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, whose Grand Chapter also met the same night. It was at this convocation that the officers for ensuing year were declared and appointed, and as showing the close relationship existing between Lodge and Chapter, five of the high offices, according to the regulations, devolve upon the Companions holding corresponding positions in Grand Lodge.

One distinguishing difference between English and American Constitutions is the setting apart in the former, as a separate organization, of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and which also includes the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges. The Proceedings are quite brief and contain little of interest to American readers. A particularly noticeable event in connection with the August Quarterly was the presence of the Pro Grand Master, R. W. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Stradbroke, after an absence of nearly six years, being the Governor of the state of Victoria. Much consideration is given to the administration of the increasingly large fund for benevolent purposes which seemingly amounts to 10,050 pounds sterling, part of which is used for fraternal assistance and part for the educational work of dependent children. And another noticeable feature at the Quarterlies are requests for permission to wear distinctive jewels when a Lodge of Mark Masters has completed fifty years of continuous existence, and scarcely a communication passes that one or more such requests are not granted.

Provincial Grand Masters seemingly hold office indefinitely after appointment, for mention is made of the death of R. W. Bro. the Lord Edgerton of Tatton, who held that office for twenty-six years.

GEORGIA—1920

Chapters, 156. Members, 15,122. Exalted, 3,574. Net Gain, 3,225.

ANDREW S. HARVEY, Grand High Priest.

One-fifth of the subordinate Chapters were not represented when the Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia was ready for business in Macon, April 28, 1920. This Grand Chapter believes a Deputy Grand High Priest is unnecessary, but all other stations were properly occupied, Florida being represented by Ex. Comp. W. A. Sims, who was advanced to Grand Royal Arch Captain.

However earnest may have been one's ambitions to do great things, untoward circumstances seemed to thwart well intentioned efforts, so well expressed by Grand High Priest Harvey in the account of his stewardship:

I am deeply conscious of the fact that out of the abundant fields of golden opportunity, I have garnered so few of the ripened sheaves of enduring accomplishment.

Exacting demands of business and illness prevented his making many official visitations, although he was present at the conferring of degrees upon 276 candidates.

After a candidate had been elected, but before receiving any of the degrees, an objection was filed. Later the Brother demanded the degrees or that charges be filed against him in the Blue Lodge. The Grand High Priest ruled that it was discretionary with the High Priest to allow the objection to hold or order a new ballot. Also that there was no means of forcing the objector to prefer charges against the candidate in the Blue Lodge. In Florida an objection filed after election, but before re-

ceiving the degrees holds one year unless sooner withdrawn. It seems presumptuous to us for a candidate to demand the degrees. The Chapter honors the candidate by giving him the degrees; but he confers no honor upon the Chapter when he makes the application for the degrees. The other decisions brought out no new phases of Capitular law or custom and they would be equally applicable in Florida.

He recognized the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia and arranged the customary exchange of representatives.

Being impressed with the "decided improvement in many important respects" of the new General Grand Chapter ritual over the old, especially as the "rough stuff" is all eliminated, he recommended its adoption.

He called attention to the approaching centennial of the Grand Chapter of Georgia; urged a liberal contribution to the Masonic Home; commended the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association as a great and laudable undertaking; recommended an annual inspection of every Chapter in the State; commended the efficient work of Grand Secretary-Lecturer McHan, and closed his eloquent address with many appropriate references to the Fraternalism of Masonry.

According to a new constitutional amendment a Companion two years in arrears for dues may be suspended without trial, and if dues are paid within twelve months he is automatically reinstated.

Very appreciative was Grand Chapter of the excellent work done by Grand Lecturer McHan, who is also Grand Secretary, and in addition to secretarial duties well performed, he found time to make 184 official visits in 365 days.

An expression of regret was sent to Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Harry Banks, also General

Grand Captain of the Host, who was detained at home on account of serious illness.

Rev. Chas. L. Bass, who is also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, presented a very readable and instructive Report on Correspondence, in which he quoted at length from the "splendid address" of Grand High Priest Ketchum, bearing on the World War.

Next Annual in Macon, April 27, 1921.

Joseph C. Greenfield, Atlanta, Grand High Priest.

Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Charles L. Bass, Fairburn, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

IDAHO—1920

Chapters, 21. Members, 1,811. Exalted, 129. Net Gain, 94.

WILLIAM WALLIN, Grand High Priest.

Several events out of the ordinary marked the pre-opening of the Twelfth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons which was held at Boise, May 13th and 14th, with all Grand Officers present and only one Subordinate Chapter not represented.

The Grand Chapter Officers and Companions present were introduced to the Grand Chapter, whatever that may mean. Later the Grand Chapter was presented with the officers' collars, which were owned originally by Idaho Chapter No. 1, and later became the property of Boise Chapter No. 3, when these two Chapters were consolidated, thus connecting the Grand Body with the early history of Masonry in Idaho.

Masonry means much to the members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, for the Grand High Priest tells us that on his official visitation to Cyrus Chapter,

which received its charter from the Grand Chapter in 1871, and is located at Silver City, once a prosperous but now almost a deserted mining camp twenty-five miles from a railroad, he was greeted by the High Priest and other Chapter officers who resided as many more miles distant; and that the M. M. degree was conferred on a Brother whose home was eighty miles distant. A peculiarity in connection is that both the Lodge and Chapter meet the same evening, and whichever Body has the least important business gives way to the other. Yet we hear of Craftsmen living only a city block or so from Chapter hall who considered a slight atmospheric disturbance a sufficient excuse for being absent.

Nothing of interest appears to have been forgotten by the Grand High Priest and every piece of work which he presented passed inspection. However, lest something might be overlooked, he further presents sixteen recommendations for the general benefit of the Royal Craft, not forgetting even the Grand Representatives:

Each Grand Representative of Sister Jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter, as soon as practical after the close of the Grand Convocation should prepare a short resume of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter and transmit the same without delay, accompanied by a suitable personal letter to the Grand High Priest of the Chapter he represents, and also forward a copy of such personal letter to the Grand High Priest of Idaho.

Florida has a Grand Representative in Idaho, Companion Edward J. Finch, who appreciates the honor conferred upon him, for in a personal letter to our Grand Secretary, acknowledging his appointment, he states that the serious illness of his father in another State prevented him from being present at the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, and thus deprived "the Grand Chapter of Florida of representation."

So that the Fraternity as a unit may be prepared to participate in the work of relieving the distresses, definite action was taken to establish a Masonic Charities' Fund, by setting aside each year ten cents per capita. A committee was appointed to lay this plan before all the other Masonic bodies—York, Scottish and Shrine. This fund is to be used first in meeting the requirements of the Masonic Service Association, and further for the purpose of rendering aid in any emergency of greater than local magnitude. However, should the other bodies not agree to this proposal, this Grand Chapter will still have a nucleus to do its part in meeting the demands occasioned by calamities or catastrophies.

Full recognition was granted the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia. As a special distinction or honor each year, the Subordinate Chapter which entertains the Grand Chapter will be expected to exemplify some part of the ritual.

There is no report of an Order of High Priesthood, and presumably there is none, for under Vermont the writer of the Fraternal Correspondence, Ex. Companion George E. Knepper, who is also Grand Chaplain, refers to the High Priesthood as an order of "has-beens" and he made due search and inquiry as to "what these illustrious somebodies did." Apparently not being successful, he concludes "it is simply an exhibition of the penchant of Americans to organize something."

First impressions are usually lasting. This is Companion Knepper's "first offense." As chairman of the Committee on Correspondence he has surely earned his wages for he presents good work, true work, square work and a cordial welcome is extended.

Next Annual in Coeur d'Alene, May 19 and 20, 1921.
Lewis W. Ensign, Boise, Grand High Priest.
Perry C. Marshall, Boise, Grand Secretary.

George E. Knepper, Boise, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS—1920.

Chapters, 215. Members, 62,185. Exalted, 10,735. Net Gain, 9,722.

FRANK SPENCER, Grand High Priest.

It took over four hundred pages to record the wonderful progress made during the year past by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois which held its Seventy-first Annual Convocation in Chicago, October 28 and 29, 1920. One Grand Officer was not present, but nearly a score of Past Grands were, including Most Excellent Wm. B. Carlock for Florida.

After the reception of the M. E. Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest and the Grand Representatives, Grand High Priest Spencer, after calling attention to the passing away of Most Excellent Companion Joseph E. Dyas, who was a Past General Grand High Priest as well, enumerated some of the important happenings during his stewardship.

Among the changes which he approved in the Royal Arch degree ceremonies, was that "the Veilmen do not hereafter follow the candidate through the veils," neither do they in Florida.

Referring to the regularity of Mark Master Lodges in India, brought up at a former Grand Convocation, he was advised by the General Grand High Priest that there are four regular Lodges in Calcutta, fully recognized as a legitimate Masonic Body; that a demit from such a Lodge can be recognized, but that the applicant should be re-obligated in order to enforce obedience to both the Grand and General Grand Chapters.

Among the many inter-state courtesies granted and requested, was one for Belleville Chapter to confer all the degrees for Thomas Brown Chapter of Bartow.

While many questions were propounded to the Grand High Priest during the year, he only considered the reply of three of them to be classed as "decisions." One of these pertained to the resignation of a Chapter Treasurer; and the other to a Brother who petitioned a Chapter and was elected, but failed to appear for the degrees before the Chapter surrendered its charter. Neither of them brought out any particular new conditions and in a general way would be good law in Florida. The third was where a Chapter member took the position that a proposed amendment on the first page of its Chapter Bulletin did not constitute an official notice, as it was not sent in a sealed envelope. The Grand High Priest held that as many of the larger Chapters had adopted the Chapter Bulletin as the means by which to communicate with its members, such notice fully complied with all requirements. Official notices of this nature are not required under Florida regulations.

In a case where charges were preferred by one member against another member, he held that as the charges were of a purely business character, they should never have been received by the Chapter; but by reason of the prominence and following of the parties in interest, probably more harm would come to the Chapter by ordering it thrown out than by giving it careful consideration.

During the year, dispensations for the formation of two new Chapters were issued.

The Special Committee appointed to examine the new General Grand Chapter ritual with a view to adoption, reported "that while uniform work should be used by all Royal Arch Chapters throughout the United States,

it believed that the subordinate Chapters should be more fully informed regarding the proposed changes." Most Excellent Companion Harry W. Harvey, who was chairman of this committee, was also one of the three who revised and submitted the New General Grand Chapter ritual.

An eloquent and timely oration was given by the Ex. Grand Chaplain, Companion Frederick D. Butler, in which he strongly emphasized the great fundamental principles which Royal Arch Masons should stand for, namely, self control, loyalty and faith in God.

Fifty-five Companions petitioned and were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. Most Excellent Companion Harvey was elected President.

For the second time the Correspondence Report of this premier Grand Jurisdiction is written by Most Excellent Companion E. R. Turnbull, which contains much of great interest to the Craft.

In his review of Florida, in which he quotes approvingly from the address of Grand High Priest W. V. Carter, in quoting and commenting on Florida's action condemning innovations in Royal Arch work, he adds:

If the Chapter officers could be persuaded to study the ritual and understand the teaching of the degrees, there would be no occasion for edicts of this kind.

In reply to a query permit us to state that the Order of High Priesthood is not a requirement to preside over a Chapter in Florida.

Perhaps some have been unduly alarmed over the results that might follow a refusal to adopt the new General Grand Chapter ritual. Companion Turnbull, in his review of Massachusetts, reaches this conclusion from his correspondence with the chairman of the Committee that presented the revised constitution:

Although some sections seem to claim complete authority over the ritual, I do not believe it is the intention to force this ritual on any Grand Chapter that does not officially adopt it.

In his review of Quebec he quotes from Companion Chamber's paragraph which we overlooked, showing why there is no Order of High Priesthood in that Grand Jurisdiction:

There is no such thing in our jurisdiction as High Priesthood because we have no High Priests. The ritual of the Royal Arch being of English origin has not been changed to conform to the comparatively modern form of placing the Priest ahead of the King. So with us, as in England, where, as before stated, the Royal Arch originated, the First Principal is Zerrubabel, or King; the second Haggai, or Prophet, and the third Jeshua, or High Priest. These titles are sometimes abbreviated by the use of their initial letters only, namely, Z. H. and J.

The above are only specimens of the kind of work Companion Turnbull is bringing up, and which are quite certain to pass inspection.

Next Annual in Chicago, October 27, 1921.

Andrew D. Webb, Mt. Vernon, Grand High Priest.

Jas. E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.

Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondence Reporter.

INDIANA—1920

Chapters, 125. Members, 25,856. Exalted, 3,780. Net Gain, 3,306.

FRED H. POCOCK, Grand High Priest.

With so many matters of interest to the Craft, it is somewhat difficult to know just where or how to begin this review of the proceedings of the Seventy-fifth An-

nual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, which was held in Indianapolis, October 20, 1920, with all officers, seventeen Past Grands, representatives of 112 Chartered Chapters and Florida's Grand Representative present; besides three General Grand Chapter, one General Grand Council and one Grand Encampment dignitaries, making it an occasion long to be remembered.

Quite properly the Diamond Jubilee of Royal Arch Masonry, accompanied by the largest growth in membership in any one year, is the pean of rejoicing of the Grand High Priest as he reviews his official acts, all of which met the unqualified approval of Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest is a strong believer that the membership fee "should be high enough to cause in most cases some sacrifice on the part of the petitioner, for he will value his membership more."

The maintenance of a Chapter requires the devotion and self-sacrifice of many members, and to maintain a good Chapter requires these qualities in a larger membership than can usually be obtained in the smallest communities.

Not only the Craft in Indiana but Masonry generally, sustained a great loss when Most Excellent Companion Calvin W. Prather, the Senior Past Grand High Priest and its Grand Secretary for nineteen years, as well as holding a similar connection with the other York Rite bodies, was summoned to the fellowship of the Celestial Lodge above. His influence was far-reaching and probably no Grand Secretary was better known or more widely quoted in this day and generation. Personally the writer of this will miss him more than words can express, for to us we shall always think of him as one "whose life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world 'this was a man.'"

He left a place difficult to fill, but the Grand High Priest exercised commendable wisdom in selecting as an Elisha to wear the mantle, Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods, who for many years has been the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. No better selection in our opinion could have been made.

The Grand High Priest constituted one Chapter, granted one dispensation for a new Chapter, and for good reasons refused two others, which prompts him to say that such dispensations "should only be granted after the most thorough investigations." He further truly adds:

In this connection, I would offer it as my opinion that dispensation for new Chapters in this jurisdiction should only be granted after the most thorough investigation. With the coming of the automobile and the improvement in the roads over the State, it is no longer necessary to have a number of Chapters in one county in order that all who seek the privileges of the Royal Craft may be accommodated.

Among his official visitations was to a meeting of the Indiana Council of Deliberation, but just what that may be is not quite clear. Because the members of some Chapters so far forgot themselves as to try to make the Royal Arch degree a "cheap shrine," he very properly ordered that no deviation from the ritual will be longer tolerated, and that further complaints would result "in immediate discipline of the offending Chapter."

He promptly "sat down upon a Chapter" which started a "cut-rate" drive for membership. Apparently no decisions were required. All his recommendations for the betterment of the Craft met the approval of the Chapter.

Much valuable detailed information is found in the voluminous report of the Grand Inspector, M. E. Comp.

John J. Glendenning. Because the new General Grand Chapter ritual "has no obstruction on the road from B. to J. whatever" it is, in his opinion, "a model for any Grand Chapter to copy."

In the several addresses on the occasion of seventy-fifth anniversary exercises there is much valuable information to the Royal Craft generally but which lack of space prevents reproduction.

Provision was made for a larger representation at the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, who are instructed to:

Vote for the deletion of the office of Deputy General Grand High Priest as of no value, and for the retention of the offices of First, Second and Third General Grand Masters of the Veils, as at present.

In addition to consecrating fifty-one petitioners to the Holy Order of the High Priesthood, the fees for which were increased from three dollars to five dollars, a memorial to Companion Calvin W. Prather, for many years its recorder, was presented.

For the tenth time Most Excellent Companion Robert A. Woods presents a review of the Capitular world, which he characterizes as "rather uneventful though a record of unprecedented progress."

Under Florida Companion Woods is still not quite satisfied with the explanations which we have tried to make regarding the conferring of the Capitular degrees by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work. We greatly regret our inability to make the procedure more clear, but we are perfectly sure that in no way is the work "illegal," his intimations to the contrary notwithstanding.

We appreciate and thank him for his words of commendation.

Next Annual in Indianapolis, Oct. 19, 1921.

Thomas F. Spink, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary and chairman Committee on Correspondence.

IOWA—1920

Chapters, 125. Members, 18,229. Exalted, 1,921. Net Gain, 1,416.

CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand High Priest.

Three distinguished visitors, also holding exalted stations in other concordant bodies, and all members of this Grand Chapter, were royally received at the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation which was held in Ames, October 13th and 14th. Florida was represented by Ex. Comp. Meeker, who is also Senior Custodian.

Without any pyrotechnics or even the semblance of red fire, the Grand High Priest at once, in his address, proceeded to render a full account of his official acts. Although reporting a very successful year, he modestly tries to disclaim any credit for this fact. So plainly does the reverse obtrude throughout his report, that like an axiom, it becomes a self-evident truth, that this Grand Chapter was greatly the beneficiary by the efficient services which he rendered. In his way of putting it the "real and vital growth of the order is ethereal, intangible and spiritual and can not be expressed or measured by statistics," and for that reason he feels that his "report will fall far short of giving the true condition of the order."

During the year Past Grand High Priest F. H. Loring passed to his eternal reward, as well as over 200 other Companions.

After thorough investigation he granted dispensations for two new Chapters. In reply to one request from a Chapter asking for concurrent jurisdiction over an entire county, he reported that Grand Chapter only could arrange for special territorial jurisdiction, but that such condition might be obtained by mutual waivers between the Chapters concerned.

He completed the action begun a year previous by revoking the charter of one Chapter which had become dormant, and while some of the Companions attributed the downfall primarily to undue action on the part of Consistory members, the Grand High Priest found, upon personal investigation, that several Master Masons had petitioned the Chapter and were anxious to get the degrees, but through apathy or lack of interest on the part of Chapter officials, they were unable to receive any information concerning their applications. This led him to make this exonerating statement:

Certainly with this state of affairs existing they cannot lay their downfall to the Consistory taking their material away from them.

In searching for a cause for "weak Chapters" he comes to the conclusion "that lack of interest on the part of the members is the main reason," and that the excuses commonly offered for the inefficient work of a Chapter are very seldom the real reason for the inefficiency. This further prompts him to add this sage remark which might well be taken as a positive admonition from the Grand East and generally applicable:

If the officers and members, instead of trying to find excuses for their non-success, would get together in an honest effort to remedy the situation they would be surprised to find how readily their troubles would melt away, and they would soon be on the high road to success. This cannot be attained by one or

two members of the Chapter. All, or at least the officers, must get together, and then success is assured.

To show that it is possible to bring "weak Chapters to life," he referred to one Chapter which had been previously so reported; and where one enthused Companion not an officer, made a personal pledge that if the Chapter was given another opportunity he would see that a different spirit prevailed a year hence. As a result, the Grand High Priest stated, and to celebrate the semi-centennial of this Chapter, there were seventy-six petitioners ready for the Royal Arch. In this Grand Jurisdiction the full degree must be conferred on each team, which ordinarily takes about an hour, but so well were the workers organized,

That without the appearance of hurrying, the work (except the final lectures), was conferred on twenty-five teams in time to give the final lectures and charge to all before the day closed. The enthusiasm of the candidates themselves, may be judged from the fact that of the seventy-six not one failed to appear. The seventy-sixth man waited around in the hope that someone would drop out so that he could get the work, but in that he was disappointed.

The Grand High Priest made as many Chapter visitations as his time would permit, to the other Masonic Grand Bodies of the State and also to the Second Annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. This latter organization strongly impressed him that "Masonry has become a united force and that the great purpose of the organization is to be of service."

He made a number of decisions pertaining to construction of code regulations, all of which were approved by Grand Chapter, some of which would not arise under Florida Laws.

However, in one case he was asked to grant a dispensation to transact "certain financial matters" at a special convocation, which he refused, because after going into details he held "there is no necessity for permitting the transaction of financial business at a called meeting," for by proper forethought all such matters could have been anticipated and provided for at regular convocations. He held that a legal quorum must include one of the three principal officers of a Chapter, and in the absence of all these officers no Past High Priest has authority to open or preside over a Lodge or Chapter. Florida laws provide that the Junior Past High Priest present can so officiate.

In another instance the High Priest-elect refused to present himself for installation. Whereupon the retiring High Priest ruled that he himself would hold over for another year and proceeded to install the officers, both elective and appointive. The proceedings, however, do not state who made the appointments. The Companions not being satisfied, a dispensation for election and installation was requested. The Grand High Priest ruled that the retiring High Priest was temporarily filling a vacancy, and as a Past High Priest he was qualified to install the other elective officers, but under the code the appointive officers must be made by the High Priest-elect. It was therefore necessary to hold another election to determine who was to fill the office of High Priest for the coming year.

This Grand Chapter having adopted the new General Grand Chapter ritual, the Grand High Priest was "surprised at the unanimity with which it had been approved by those giving it a fair trial," and he added, "the more it is studied the better it is liked."

Grand Lodge having modified its law regarding physical qualification, the Grand High Priest urged

Grand Chapter to take similar action, but the juris-consults thought otherwise.

As only five out of the thirty-nine Chapters were represented when the Grand Chapter of Queensland was formed, the special committee recommended that recognition be withheld for the present.

Over forty Companions applied for and were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

For the fourth time Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard culls from the doings of the Craft in various Grand Jurisdictions what in his opinion is not only of interest, but an inspiration as well. His work measures four-square and entitles him to wages, both operative and speculative.

Companion Willard is not satisfied with the reasons advanced by Florida for being opposed to the new constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and believes different ones should be advanced, because:

A Chapter should not look alone to just what it would like itself, for there are forty-seven other Grand Chapters to be considered. If uniformity of the work throughout the United States is to be had, would it not be better for the Chapters in general?

Next Annual in Muscatine, Oct. 13, 1921.

Charles C. Shrader, Iowa City, Grand High Priest.

Orvis F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

Edward M. Willard, Atlantic, Committee on Correspondence.

KANSAS—1921

Chapters, 91. Members, 16,249. Exalted, 3,001. Net Gain, 2,789.

JOSEPH D. FELL, Grand High Priest.

Seventeen Chapters were not represented at the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the grand Chapter of Kansas, which met in Wichita, February 14, 1921, and also without Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson, who was detained at home on account of illness, it being his first absence from Grand Chapter in over thirty years. M. E. Companion John W. Neilson, General Grand Master of the Second Veil, and M. E. Companion Hal B. Downing, Grand High Priest of Oklahoma, were the guests of honor; and M. E. Companion Aaron H. Connett who was Grand High Priest in 1898, and the dean of the "Amen corner," spoke for Florida at the reception of Grand Representatives.

Commendable indeed, were the official actions of the Grand High Priest, as set forth in his comprehensive address, and well does he merit the approbation expressed by the committee, which said:

Our Grand High Priest has given a year of splendid service, inspired by commendable motive and guided by the Great Jehovah and the experience of years of effort in the quarries of Masonry. The preamble of his address breathes that spirit of companionship which has for centuries bound men of all rank in Capitular felicity.

Most of the official acts which he enumerated were necessary and were unqualifiedly approved by Grand Chapter and would have received similar approval in Florida, although according to our laws some would not have been required.

Among the two hundred faithful craftsmen who answered the final summons was the Grand Marshal, Ex-

Comp. Robert T. Payne, who had rendered very efficient services to the Royal Craft.

Although a decided divergence of opinion prevails regarding the authority permitting Chapters to make pilgrimages to towns within their jurisdictions for the purpose of conferring one or more of the first three degrees of Capitular Masonry, it is interesting to note that Grand High Priest Fell granted nine such dispensations, and he says:

Reports received from several Chapters making these pilgrimages would indicate that they had resulted in materially advancing the interests of Capitular Masonry.

He issued letters of dispensation to form one new Chapter, but with commendable firmness he refused another dispensation to establish a new Chapter, giving as his reason that he "did not believe a strong, vigorous Chapter could be maintained there," and the conditions which he presented appeared to justify his conclusions. His concluding admonition is worthy of general consideration:

It is the opinion of your Grand High Priest that our energies in the future should be directed along the lines of building up and strengthening the Chapters we now have, rather than the establishment of new ones.

He believed that the necessity had passed for the restriction that not more than two degrees could be conferred on a candidate the same day, and Grand Chapter being like minded, hereafter the degrees can be conferred at any time.

During the year one Chapter received requests from two candidates, one of whom had been elected eleven years and the other sixteen years previous, and the Grand

High Priest was of the opinion that the requirement, "within any limited time," should be more specific, but Grand Chapter decided that the subject was one in which each subordinate Chapter was best qualified to pass upon.

Another recommendation approved by Grand Chapter was that the first section of the Mark Master degree could be conferred upon only one candidate at a time, except by special dispensation of the Grand High Priest.

The special committee to whom was referred the proposed change in the constitution of the General Grand Chapter made four recommendations:

1. That the delegates to the next Triennial vote against all sections that propose the assumption of absolute and sovereign powers.
2. That the delegates be instructed to vote against Biennial Convocations.
3. That the delegates vote for the deletion of the office of Deputy General Grand High Priest, as that office has no practical value, but for the retention of the offices of First, Second and Third General Grand Masters of Veils.
4. That the foregoing subjects were of major importance, and the minor questions could well be left to the discretion of the regular representatives.

It appears that after the annual reports from the Chapters had been received a communication was sent to each of the High Priests elected for the year 1921, extending a cordial invitation to become a member of the Order of High Priesthood, and forty-five worthy Companions had conferred upon them that distinguished honor.

One important suggestion is made by Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson who also prepares the excellent and instructive Report on Correspondence, and that is, the convenience it would be to correspondence writers if the Grand Secretaries would always prepare a sum-

mary of the returns, including the number of live Chapters and to which we heartily agree.

Companion Wilson informs the readers that his object in noting the more important matters in the several Grand Jurisdictions, together with comment on same, is for the purpose of comparison, and that the slight personal references are based on acquaintance and are not the proceedings of a "mutual admiration society." That is similarly the position taken by the writer of this report.

Florida is pleasantly reviewed and the actions taken appear to pass favorable inspection.

For some reason, Kansas proceedings with a few others in 1920 did not reach the writer until after the last "take" of copy had been sent to the printer. It is the practice in Florida to have the Reports on Correspondence printed and distributed in pamphlet form at the Annual Convocations of Grand Chapter. They also appear as a part of the printed proceedings.

Next Annual in Topeka, February 13, 1921.

Charles G. West, Concordia, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

KENTUCKY—1920

Chapters, 115. Members, 14,174. Advanced, 2,726. Net Gain, 2,448.

SAM K. VEACH, Grand High Priest.

No unnecessary ceremonies marked the One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which was held in Louisville, October 19 and 20, 1920. No wonder a phenomenal increase in membership was

reported, for every Grand Officer and with one exception every living Past Grand High Priest, also Florida's Grand Representative, were present.

Primarily convened for the purpose of assisting mankind in the search after truth, Grand High Priest Veach was gratified that none on the official roster had entered within the fourth veil.

He set three Chapters to work; granted permission to one U. D. Chapter, whose entire belongings had been destroyed by fire, to continue working during recess of Grand Chapter; granted two dispensations to establish new Chapters and reported that another Chapter suffering with the too common "sleeping sickness" was in a good way to "come back."

So well are Capitular matters covered by the constitution and regulations that no opinions were requested, and the only inquiry specially mentioned was that of a Brother who had lost his sight while in the army. The constitution provides that a Chapter is the judge of its own material, and his personal opinion was that the desire to join on the part of the petitioner was to engage in the pursuit of truth, and as he could hear and feel, he could also be instructed in a way which would have been satisfactory as well as beneficial to him.

Sickness and other conditions prevented him from making official visitations, and his other duties were largely routine.

Many of the demands commonly made of Grand High Priests in this Grand Jurisdiction seem to devolve upon the Grand Secretary, and his report abounds in details but of little interest to outsiders. In connection, however, the Grand Secretary calls attention to the fact that in 1878 the Council degrees were turned over to the Grand Chapter, and that in 1885 they were returned to the Grand Council.

So unusual is it for Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters to make reports, but because two did so, both the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary refer to them, the former adds, "that every one of them should do so."

Grand Chapter postponed action on the General Grand Chapter Ritual until after the next meeting of that body. The committee report on the proposed General Grand Chapter Constitution was adopted, which provides a substitute for the specially objectionable section relative to control over Grand Chapters, a copy of which it is understood was ordered sent to all Grand Chapters and those which are constituent to the General Grand Chapter.

Three U. D. Chapters were given charters and another continued a year longer.

Encouraging and commendatory reports were made relative to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, and also the Old Masonic Home. The former is so overcrowded that much larger quarters are a necessity, and nearly a million dollars has been subscribed for the erection of a new home.

The Order of High Priesthood being a separate organization no report appears in the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

With but little comment, either fore or aft, Companion W. W. Clarke presented the report of Committee on Doings of Other Grand Chapters, in which Florida receives discriminatory attention. He quotes with seeming approval that part of the address of Grand High Priest Carter condemning certain unwarranted practices injected into Royal Arch degree work, as well as the resolution adopted, which he designates as a "drastic remedy" for the evils referred to.

We no longer wonder why the reports of Companion Clarke are such models of excellence, for in reply to a query made by Companion Bodge of Maine, he states that he is a Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, but does not "seek preferment in other branches of the Order," also modestly adding:

We have written the correspondence reports continuously for some eighteen or twenty years, if we have not lost count, for the Grand Lodge; for about ten years for the Grand Commandery, and intermittently for several years for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. This year we are writing the report for all four bodies. We did it once before. A unique method, we suspect, but it is too much for one person to do effectually. This is more, we think, than we have ever before said of ourself in these reports. We have never before so violated a canon of good taste.

Next Annual in Louisville, October 18, 1921.
James F. Winn, Winchester, Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.
W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

LOUISIANA—1921

Chapters, 50. Members, 5,811. Exalted, 876. Net Gain, 723.

JOHN W. ARMSTRONG, Grand High Priest.

In some way the 1920 proceedings of this Grand Chapter have been overlooked, and the last "batch of copy" is held another mail to briefly review the Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation held in New Orleans, February 15-16, 1921, with all Grand Officers and ten Past Grands present, forty-three Chapters represented, but Florida without representation.

Pleasant, but not burdensome, states the Grand High Priest, were his duties; also that the net gain in membership was about equal to that of the three previous years combined. He further records that the dread messenger delivered his mandate to two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions John S. Thibaut and Herman C. Duncan, the latter for some years being the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

During the year the Grand High Priest constituted two new Chapters, and issued dispensations for two others, besides making a few official visitations, including attending the Grand Chapter of Texas when he was accompanied by the Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion John A. Davilla. His other duties appear to have been confined to issuing a few minor dispensations and commissioning half a dozen Grand Representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions. In this connection we notice that more attention is hereafter to be given Grand Representatives, for Grand Chapter ordered "That the reception of Grand Representatives be made a special order for the second day."

Being requested by Chapters for rulings, he states:

I applied the present law or those in force in the General Grand Chapter, and as it does not occasion new subject matter I will not take up your time by enumerating them; but if the officers of the constituent Chapters would read our laws the Grand High Priest would not be called upon to decipher them for their benefit.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence reported that they found nothing under the head of Rulings and Decisions for consideration, except the above, which is quoted, and the Proceedings further adds:

The Committee stated that under the circumstances they felt that no other course was open to them than to approve and endorse the rulings of the Grand High Priest, even though they were

not expressed. The Committee at the same time complimented that officer upon his self confidence and his certainty that such rulings were in absolute accord with the law of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest did not agree with his predecessor that this Grand Chapter should vote for the adoption of the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, because, he says, "it is entirely too drastic and delegates too much authority to this General Grand Body." The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence took the same view and instructed the representatives to vote against it.

Recognition was granted the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia, as has every other Grand Body.

Apparently differences must exist in some parts of the ritualistic work, for we do not quite understand this action:

On motion it was decided that the scriptural readings provided for in the ritual be printed and supplied to the constituent Chapters at actual cost.

In the passing to the Great Beyond of its M. E. President for many years, Companion Herman C. Duncan, the Order of High Priesthood sustained a great loss, which was expressed in an address before the annual convention by the R. E. Vice President, Companion John W. Armstrong. At this time also eleven Companions were set apart to this Holy Order.

Owing to the physical condition of Past Grand High Priest Herman C. Duncan at the previous Grand Chapter, who for so many years wrote the Report on Foreign Correspondence, the mantle fell upon the very able Secretary, R. E. Comp. John A. Davilla, and he presents his initial report. He avoids all criticism and confines himself to a brief review of the work of each Grand Ju-

isdiction. Florida gets a dozen lines, probably all in his opinion it merits.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 7, 1922.

B. B. Purser, Amite, Grand High Priest.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary and chairman Committee on Correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS—1920

Chapters, 86. Members, 31,445. Exaltations, 3,850. Net Gain, 3,443.

J. J. VAN VALKENBURG, Grand High Priest.

Four convocations are held each year, the last being termed the Annual. There was an extra Special this year for the purpose of constituting Swampscott Chapter. It is the custom, if not the law, of this Grand Chapter for the Grand High Priest to serve three years, but the other stations are changed annually. In fact, as we understand it, there is no such thing as "being in line," merit and ability being the requisites for official recognition, and not "previous condition of servitude."

Reports of Committees, especially on the Grand High Priest's address delivered at the preceding Annual, were principally considered at the first or March Quarterly, which states that the first year's administration of Grand High Priest Van Valkenburg was characterized by "sincerity of purpose and sanity of judgment," and it heartily agrees with the Grand High Priest, that "the real genius of Masonry is to help others." Also that the addition to membership of one Companion, who will make that principle his ruling motive, is worth more to Capitular Masonry than the addition of many "who may seek the degrees for personal benefit or sociability."

At the June Quarterly, in connection with a dispensation issued to form a U. D. Chapter, at Webster, the Grand High Priest referred to the large numbers seeking membership, with the possibility of haste in conferring the degrees, and believed this condition suggested the advisability of forming additional Chapters, for he was sure,

A greater degree of acquaintance, companionship, sociability and mutual Masonic interest could reasonably be expected to exist among the members of a small Chapter than in a very large body.

Referring to the matter of Grand Representatives, he failed to see any benefit in the system as it exists at this time, "unless it be the giving some fifty Companions the pleasure of seeing their names printed." This suggestion was referred to a special committee and if any report was made we failed to find it. Perhaps some way will yet be devised to make Grand Representatives useful as well as ornamental.

An entire day is given to the Annual Communication, which was held December 7th, being attended by most of the Grand Official family and Permanent Members, although Florida was not represented at any time during the year.

The daytime was given to an exemplification of the four degrees under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, assisted by Companions from various Chapters, including the candidates as well. The time given including the lectures, was: Mark, one hour and thirty-five minutes; Past, twenty-seven minutes; Most Excellent, one hour; Royal Arch, two hours and three minutes. The proceedings state that close attention was given by the large number present, and many questions were asked and answered, which could not prevail with actual candidates.

This plan has advantages, and at one time was followed in Florida, until it was found that "dummy" candidates failed to interest.

At the evening session the remaining business of the year was given attention, as well as the reception of distinguished visitors. The committee previously appointed to consider the proposed Constitution of the General Grand Chapter presented its findings, which in substance was that the proposed Constitution contains "so much that is objectionable to every member of the committee that to undertake to enumerate the objections is not advisable," and were "unanimously of the opinion that it should not be adopted."

As this committee is composed of Past Grand High Priests, and as Grand Chapter voted that the representation at the next Triennial should consist of the first four Grand Officers and all Past Grand High Priests, it is quite certain that the Bay State will be in evidence at Asheville next September.

Although the District deputies are required to make at least one official visitation to each Chapter, the Grand High Priest in his address reports making over a score of official visitations. Besides this there are District schools of instruction, and so proficient are the Chapter Officers becoming in their work, that the stations in the exemplification of the work at these schools are not assigned until after the opening of the school, and of the eighty-five Chapters taking part, four were marked perfect" and only eight "poor."

The Grand High Priest believes and to which all agree, that the prosperity of a Chapter is governed largely by the rendition of impressive work, and the lessons taught are valuable only so far as they are productive of good results.

Among the dispensations which he granted were a large number to confer degrees in other Chapters than those in which the applications were accepted, yet he adds:

I am firmly of the opinion that a candidate should receive the degrees in the Chapter accepting his application, and am decidedly opposed to granting such Dispensations simply for the convenience of the candidate or a Chapter. I strongly advise that applications for such Dispensations be omitted in every case where it is possible to avoid them.

Forty-two qualified Companions were received into the Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion Warren B. Ellis was re-elected E. President and M. E. Companion Frederick T. Comee, Secretary. At the banquet following Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, gave an address. Massachusetts Companions are specially favored in having members so devoted to Masonry and so qualified to present its history and teachings as Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Hamilton, and Rev. Dr. Perry Bush, whose acquaintance we hope to again renew at the next Triennial.

There is always so much to interest and instruct in the Massachusetts proceedings proper, that when we come to the "meat in the cocoanut," as it were, served so invitingly and entertainingly by Past Grand High Priest Frederick T. Comee, in his Capitular Review of Proceedings, we are forcibly reminded that space has limitations.

Under Florida, referring to the adverse action on the General Grand Chapter constitution, he says:

Unless I am greatly mistaken the Grand Chapter of Florida will find that a large number of Grand Chapters will oppose the adoption of that constitution.

We greatly appreciate Companion Comee's commendation of our work and thank him for it.

John J. VanValkenburgh, Framingham, Grand High Priest.

Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

MICHIGAN—1920

Chapters, 158. Members, 30,961. Exalted, 3,814. Net Gain, 3,201.

GEORGE W. LEEDLE, Grand High Priest.

Notwithstanding the phenomenal net gain in membership in this Grand Jurisdiction during the year of over ten per cent, there were many evidences of sorrow at the Seventy-second Annual Convocation which convened in Saginaw, May 18, occasioned by the passing to the Great Beyond of the beloved Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Frank Hawley, and Past Grand High Priest Companion Charles Norton, besides nearly five hundred other Companions. In attendance were General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig and staff, and many other distinguished visitors.

Inspired with knowledge of Capitular Masonry and having the motive to rightly display it, Grand High Priest Leedle submitted an account of his stewardship, which passed inspection 100 per cent plus. In company with Grand Secretary Conover he visited the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio at Toledo, and so highly was he impressed with the doings of his Buckeye neighbors, that he believed it "would be a very profitable investment if the Grand Chapter of Michigan would authorize the Grand High Priest to visit Sister Grand

Jurisdictions at their Annual Convocations," and so recommended. But we fail to find that it was taken seriously. Among the comparisons he made on the interstate visit was that, while Ohio has twenty-seven instructors to visit the weaker Chapters, this work in his State devolves upon the Grand Chapter Officers. He finds that even this field work is accomplishing much good and should be continued.

The Grand High Priest made over fifty official visitations, not as many as he had planned but an excellent record withal, during which he met every Grand Officer.

Three new Chapters were constituted during the year, all in the city of Detroit. Inquiries were also received from other centers, to all of which he wisely replied that Companions "should be very careful and sure that a Chapter would prosper before attempting to start one."

Answers to most of the queries coming from the subordinate Chapters were found in the "Red Book," which is very specific in its instructions and one of the most comprehensive compendiums of Capitular Law coming to our attention.

One inquiry was how to get around this positive statement, "substitutes are prohibited." The Grand High Priest replied, "that the only way to complete a team would be to borrow a candidate from some other Chapter."

Another inquired if any Grand Officer had a right to prevent the exaltation of six Brothers at one and the same time, to which he replied:

I do not believe any right or powers are vested in any Grand Officer or any other person to change the Constitution or By-Laws, or any part of the work in the Ritual, as laid down by the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

Finding that Companions do not visit other Chapters for fear of taking an examination, he recommended "a rigid examination on the grips, passwords and means of recognition in each degree before being advanced."

That "Moonshine" is losing prestige, and which brings ecstatic pleasure to Grand Secretary Conover, is the noticeable decrease in the number of Chapters that hold their meetings by that erratic creature, the "Full Moon."

Other evidences of progress in the Royal Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction is found in the optimistic conclusions reached by Grand Lecturer Kingsley, "that burlesque and buffoonery is being eliminated from our ceremonies and a broader grasp is being taken by those who have in charge the work of conferring the degrees."

Not properly belonging to the "Amen" corner, Grand Secretary Conover is not a member of that "charmed circle," the Past Grand High Priest's Association of Michigan, but as General Grand Secretary he accompanied General Grand High Priest Craig as an honored guest at its annual dinner. Having penetrated the "inner recesses," does he now become an "honorary member?"

More than three score Excellent Companions were set apart and consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in ancient and ample form.

Grand Secretary Conover believes that much of the labor and consequent expense of preparing the customary Report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Michigan was "sweetness wasted on the desert air." One year ago this Grand Chapter coincided in the wisdom of the Grand Secretary's conclusions, and ordered that it be discontinued. Having this action in mind possibly, the Grand Secretary for some time had been condensing his work and at the same time conducting another de-

partment, which he called his "Scrap Book," and which was made up of articles on general Masonic subjects that were of interest and instruction. This year his efforts are entirely directed to "the selection and registration of 'Marks,' with laws and customs relating thereto." It consists of replies to a questionnaire addressed to the Secretary of each Grand Chapter of the world pertaining to the selection and recording of Marks by Mark Master Masons, with citations from constitutional or statutory provisions, and followed by the history and development of the Mark degree.

It is probably the most exhaustive and comprehensive presentation of this subject in recent times and may well be called a classic. The Royal Craft in general, and the Companions of Michigan in particular, are under great obligations to Companion Conover for the vast fund of information, pertaining to the groundwork of that degree which one has characterized as "the basis upon which the whole superstructure of Freemasonry rests."

Companion Conover apparently seeks consideration from the "Round Table" for his departure from the established customs, for he states "that the degree of appreciation which is manifested for this initial essay will be the gauge for future efforts in the same direction." There is no question but what he has collected information of great value to the Craft at large, but in so doing he was necessarily unable to inform the Companions of his own State, for whom the instruction is primarily intended, anything pertaining to the activities of Royal Arch Masonry of the present day, and the perplexing problems confronting the Craft. It is another way of expressing the familiar and old saying, one cannot eat his cake and save it at the same time. As both cannot be done, which is the most important? The powers that

be must decide. Personally we have our own opinion and preference.

Next Annual in Lansing, May 27, 1921.

Charles J. Gray, Petoskey, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA—1920

Chapters, 88. Members, 12,085. Exalted, 1,359. Net Gain, 1,149.

IRA E. KING, Grand High Priest.

All Grand Officers, 14 permanent members and representatives of 64 Chapters were in attendance at the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which was held in St. Paul, October 14, 1920. Florida was not represented.

Quite brief was the address of Grand High Priest King, possibly this paragraph is explanatory:

I believe that the visits of the Grand Officers, and particularly the Grand High Priest, creates more interest and does more good than any other thing that can be done and, believing so, I would have liked to visit every Chapter in the Jurisdiction but for two reasons was unable to do so. One was sickness and death in my family, and the other was not enough money appropriated by the Grand Chapter to do so if I had the time.

He reported the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest George W. Cooley. In one of his Chapter visits he presented to the Past High Priests Chapter Life Membership Cards. One dispensation for a new Chapter was granted. His other official acts were routine.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand High Priest believed that a return to the district deputy system would be of more practical value than schools of instruction, and that a more general visitation by Grand Officers was worthy of consideration. However, we fail to notice any further action by Grand Chapter.

While the reports of the several committees were quite complete, yet they contain nothing of interest to outsiders.

Thirty-four High Priests were elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Companion Irving Todd presents a comprehensive report of Foreign Correspondence, and again carries off the blue ribbon for brevity, in which Florida received careful fraternal consideration and apparent approval.

Next Annual in St. Paul, October 11, 1921.

John W. Hays, Dover, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Irving Todd, Hastings, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI—1920

Chapters, 67. Members, 5,275. Exalted, 813. Net Gain, 736.

JOSEPH J. BROOKS, Grand High Priest.

With the number of members re-instated for non-payment of dues exceeding those demitted for the same cause, well may Grand High Priest Brooks rejoice that the year under review had been a most active one for Mississippi Capitular Masons and justified him in the conclusion that:

Thinking men of sound moral principle are coming to see that a permanent foundation for peace and prosperity, if it is ever established, must be built on the principles of Free and Accepted Masonry. Our teachings are working on the hearts and minds of good men and forming an ever-increasing power for righteousness in this country. The old theories of the power of Commerce and Education and Science to prevent war have been exploded, and men in looking for means of establishing an enduring peace, recognize that it can only be built on moral character. Our institution exists to develop, foster and protect moral character.

Mississippi is one of the Grand Chapters which believes, and apparently with good reason, that splendid results follow holding its Annual Convocation each year in different parts of the State, the Seventy-second convening in Vicksburg, February 26, 1920. All officers were in their proper stations, a goodly number of Past Grands added dignity to the occasion, but unfortunately Florida was not represented. During the year two members of the official family passed the veils into the Supreme Grand Chapter—Grand Secretary Frederick Gordon Speed and Past Grand High Priest Edwin J. Martin.

While the address of the Grand High Priest shows careful attention to the needs of the subordinate Chapters, yet it contains little of interest to outsiders. He states that he did not refuse a dispensation and those granted seemed to meet local needs.

On behalf of a subordinate Chapter he requested the Grand High Priest of Louisiana for a dispensation to exalt a number of Louisiana Brethren who wished to organize a Chapter in their home town, and which he states was courteously refused.

He considers official visits the most delightful part of the duties of a Grand High Priest, but his ministerial duties prevented him from making as many as he desired, but he however adds that he "made all that were necessary."

During his term of office two dispensations for new Chapters were issued, two other Chapters were installed, and two Chapters were consolidated. He recommended the recognition of the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

Some of the Chapters, it appears by the report of the Grand Lecturer, are handicapped by being poorly equipped with necessary paraphernalia, which has a tendency to induce "horse-play" and the new Companion is thereby given an inadequate understanding of the meaning of the sublime degrees of this division of Masonry. He recommended that "Chapters should be required to equip themselves sufficiently to create greater interest and do better work." Grand Chapter concurred in and adopted the recommendations.

After carefully studying the new General Grand Chapter Ritual the committee did not consider the improvements in the aggregate over the ritual in use sufficient to justify asking the working teams to learn a new one, and so recommended, Grand Chapter endorsed the report.

The minimum fee for Chapter Degrees was fixed at \$30.00 out of which there must be paid \$5.00 for maintenance fee for Home and \$5.00 for Endowment fund.

Nineteen Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. A larger class may be expected next year as a banquet is to be tendered those present.

Past Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay, who is now also Grand Secretary, for the eleventh time presents a very readable and instructive Correspondence Report, in which Florida receives discriminating attention.

He notes that Grand High Priest Ketchum's well-written report "breathed the spirit of loyalty through-

out," and justifies this statement by quoting liberally, including that part referring to the Masonic Home and Orphanage, which by the way is now the Masonic Home of Florida, and makes this suggestion:

Our experience is "too many cooks spoil the broth"—better let the Grand Lodge manage the Orphanage, and the so-called Higher Bodies help to support it and educate the children as they pass from the city schools. This plan works wonderfully well in Mississippi, where we have just raised an endowment fund of \$40,000.00 for the higher education of our children in the Home, after they have graduated from the city schools.

Companion McKay has the happy faculty of concisely combining clippings and comment in his reviews and seemingly little of importance escapes him. His commendation of our work is appreciated, and the partial misspelling of our name is no doubt a typographical oversight.

Next Annual in Jackson, February 24, 1920.

Martin Ball, Clarksdale, Grand High Priest.

Oliver Lee McKay, Meridian, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MISSISSIPPI—1921

Chapters, 66. Members, 5,958. Exalted, 864. Net Gain, 683.

MARTIN BALL, Grand High Priest.

Sixteen Chapters were not represented at the Seventy-third Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Mississippi, which was held in Jackson, February 24, 1921. Likewise Florida was without representation.

Commendable progress and increased membership form a part of the encouragement which the Grand High

Priest brought out in his address. On account of illness and his physical condition, he made but few visits during the year. No points of law or decisions were required.

All requests for dispensations were granted, although it was his opinion that a dispensation should not be issued when the purpose was to enable the applicant to hasten on to other degrees.

This seems to have been an uneventful year, as he reports nothing else of general interest.

Acting on the committee report, \$6,000.00 was appropriated to the Masonic Home.

Recognition was granted the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, but action on a similar request from the Grand Chapter of Queensland was postponed a year.

Only eight qualified Companions were moved to apply for the Order of High Priesthood. There will be a banquet at the next Annual Convocation and a larger attendance may be anticipated.

Forty Grand Jurisdictions are discriminatingly reviewed by Past Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay, in which Florida receives detailed attention and apparent approval.

He quotes from the "concise address" of Grand High Priest Carter as well as the resolution pertaining to "hoss play" in conferring degrees, with this comment:

The above reads to us like good, true and square work. We have never seen the propriety of "hoss play" in any part of the Masonic system. The Shrine is the place where we look for it, and the candidate generally gets it, but we fear the Brethren prominent in that organization sometimes forget their Masonry, to the detriment of the institution of Freemasonry.

Companions generally will appreciate this just tribute to our faithful and revered Grand Secretary:

We note the selection of our friend, Wilber P. Webster, as Grand Secretary. A splendid compliment to his charming personality and splendid ability, and at the same time evidencing the wise discrimination on the part of his Companions of the Grand Chapter.

He finds much in our last review of Mississippi worthy of reproduction and we thank him for the nice things he says of our work. We hope to become better acquainted at Asheville next September.

Next Annual in Meridian, February 23, 1922.

Henry Clay Yawn, Lumberton, Grand High Priest.

Oliver Lee McKay, Meridian, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1920

Chapters, 109. Members, 21,097. Exalted, 3,741. Net Gain, 332.

RAY V. DENSLow, Grand High Priest.

Exaltations numbering more than two and a half times that of any previous year was the good news that Grand High Priest Denslow brought to the Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, which met in St. Louis, April 27 and 28, 1920. Yet with all this encouraging showing he reluctantly admitted that not only were there still a few Chapters "which toil not neither do they spin," but also they keep other Chapters from toiling by retaining jurisdiction rich in Masonic material. He follows with this sage conclusion:

The strength of a Chapter, the manner in which the degrees are conferred, and the general interest taken by its members, is gauged largely by the character of the men at the head; therefore, may I digress long enough to insist that each Chapter remember this,

and insist upon keeping out of our offices those who only seek to use the office to gain political end, placing in the positions of responsibility the highest type men which their individual community affords.

He reported the removing by death of Past Grand High Priest, Most Excellent ex-Companions Martin T. Balsley and Nathan J. Swetland.

Fortunately he was able to answer the problems presented by reference to existing laws. With one exception he refused all requests for dispensations to re-ballot, and that was made clearly to appear as the result of a misunderstanding. All other invitations to violate the law by granting dispensations were refused. So many misguided Companions do not seem to appreciate the fact that even the Grand High Priest's work must pass inspection, and he did not believe that any Brother or Chapter had undergone any hardship by keeping the letter of the law, for he says he has "lawful information that the sands of the desert will never grow cold while there exists a single unregenerated novice."

Missouri Companions seemingly fully believe that when the mountain would not go to Mahomet it was proper for Mahomet to go to the mountain, for the Grand High Priest granted more than a score of dispensations to confer degrees in other halls than the real home of the Chapter.

Varied, indeed, are the many specimens of Capitular work which the Grand High Priest brought up for inspection. He not only believed that it was a part of his official duty to cultivate a closer feeling between the various Masonic bodies, but he also put it into practice during his year by visiting nearly half a hundred bodies of every degree and rite. He is satisfied that the results obtained from having the Grand High Priest come in

contact with the subordinate bodies are well worth the effort.

Believing that there are great possibilities in the Most Excellent Master's degree, he recommends the purchase of the necessary paraphernalia for this degree to be sent wherever in the judgment of the Grand Lecturer it may be needed.

So ardent is the zeal for members that some of the Chapters insist on violating the law by the introduction of extraneous matter, even to the extent that degrees were being "communicated." The incoming Grand High Priest was to be apprized of that condition, and continued repetitions of the offenses, it was stated, may deprive offending Chapters of their charter.

Freemasonry being a progressive science, the necessity for "early candle light" and "full moon" meetings having passed, particularly in these days of Ford cars and other innovations, the Grand High Priest believed that the "best interests of the fraternity demand stated meetings at times which can be expressed in terms of modern English," and Grand Chapter concurred.

Believing that air line jurisdictions is a thing of the past, he recommended concurrent jurisdiction throughout the state, this constitutional amendment was offered: "A candidate may petition any Chapter in the state for the degrees." It will come up for action one year hence.

Apparently nothing pertaining to the welfare of the Craft was overlooked by the Grand High Priest, and some of the comments concerning derelictions of duty ought to have made a lasting impression on the offenders.

One evening was given to the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests, which was well attended, and fifty-two Companions were duly anointed and consecrated.

Most Excellent Companion, Charles C. Woods, who was Grand High Priest in 1884, is Florida's Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Missouri and we are grateful for his presence on this occasion. Missouri gives much to the Masonic world, and her labors in the Quarries are worthy of emulation.

Companion John Henderson Miller again presents a Correspondence Report which exhibits research and serious thought. He finds much to admire and quote in the address of Grand High Priest Ketchum. Referring to his account of the last "General Grand," he says it is worth reading, and "it leaves one impression above all others, and which is that the Royal Arch mind in Florida is very much like the Royal Arch mind in New York or Massachusetts."

It is perhaps well occasionally to see ourselves as others see us, and for this reason we quote his supplemental remarks:

The position occupied by the Grand Chapter of Florida at the present time is due largely to the fact that it has installed a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. For many years, for reasons best known to that Grand Jurisdiction, there was no correspondent in Florida Royal Arch Masonry. There was not much said about Florida in other Grand Jurisdictions. Two years ago a live committee was appointed and Florida springs into the circle well equipped, virile and aggressive. She's up-to-date, flag flying and marching on to conquest. Hurrah for Florida.

Next Annual in Sedalia, April 26, 1921.
Henry W. Powers, St. Louis, Grand High Priest.
Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.
John H. Miller, Kansas City, Fraternal Correspondent.

NEBRASKA—1920

Chapters 54. Members, 6,890. Exalted, 943. Net Gain, 762.

ALPHA MORGAN, Grand High Priest.

After opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in full form at the Masonic Temple in Omaha, December 15, 1920, and ascertaining that a constitutional number of Chapters was represented, the Grand High Priest declared the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was duly opened. General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig and Deputy General Grand High Priest William F. Kuhn were the distinguished visitors. Florida was represented by Companion Walter L. Spear.

Whether it be a sincere desire to be of service on the part of the Brother applying for membership, or merely that he may reach the so called "play ground" and "be qualified to wear an additional emblem," suggests the Grand High Priest in his address, he urged that all officers conferring the Capitular degrees should make them so impressive that none but the best results will follow.

Influenza and fuel shortage seriously interfered with the official visitations which he planned. However, the limited number which he did make revived the Craft and set them to work.

He reported no decisions, all questions being covered by the law. Among the special dispensations which he granted was one to elect and install a King, the original incumbent having been murdered while in the discharge of his official duties as chief of police.

Apparently the Order of High Priesthood is a prerequisite for a High Priest in Nebraska. Local conditions preventing some of the High Priests-elect from re-

ceiving this essential at the previous Grand Chapters, the Grand High Priest authorized three Chapters to confer this Order on their High Priests-elect. Some Grand High Priests have intimated that no less consecrated hands than that of a Grand High Priest should perform this sacred ceremony.

Being unable to attend the meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association, he deputized a member of his home Chapter, Companion Augustine R. Humphrey, to represent him, and in his report he calls particular attention to an address which so well conforms to the writer's ideas of the importance of this movement, that we reproduce them:

The one that struck me the most forcibly was the one that referred to the power of Rome—how the Roman Church in all parts of the country had erected great churches and cathedrals, with towers raised to the sky, to impress the people with the temporal power of the church. And when I stop to think it over, it does seem that there might be something in it. The sequence of the logic is, that by uniting the various and different jurisdictions and bodies of the fraternity we can erect a monument to Masonry, to the ideals of government that Masonry has brought about in this country, to the men of vision and wisdom who founded the government on the eternal principles of right and justice and human consideration, in short to the fathers of the constitution and the men, who, before them, in the Declaration of Independence, had announced the ideas on which the constitution was later builded. Such is the idea of the organization. It seeks to make for Masonry a great center at or near the Nation's head, a place where it can, as the originator of representative government by and through Washington and his compatriots, exert a helpful hand and benign influence over the rights and liberties of a free born and freedom loving people against the invasion of any power, foreign or ecclesiastical whatsoever.

All inquiries relative to new Chapters were given careful examination, but only one passed inspection and received a dispensation.

Believing that where there were so many committees, the Grand High Priest could not in the short space of time at a Grand Convocation intelligently select the personnel of these committees, he recommended a re-arrangement and to consist of: Credentials; Doings of Grand Officers; Finance; Jurisprudence; Correspondence. He also believed that the Grand High Priest should consider all by-laws or amendments during recess of Grand Chapter. Among his other recommendations was the use of the words "Trespass and Trespasses" in preference to "Debtors and Debts" in the Lord's Prayer.

All of the acts of the Grand High Priest were fully approved by Grand Chapter, special emphasis being placed upon that part of his address calling attention to the "Play Ground of Masonry" as meriting most careful consideration, adding:

For many years it has been apparent to many that that which was started so recently as a joke, conceived in the brain of an actor, and never claimed by its originators to be in any manner Masonic, except that none but Masons could gain entrance therein, was assuming such proportions that there was a danger that our younger Masons, not being fully informed, would not be able to separate the "chaff" from the "wheat," and thus take the "dross" of the playground for the pure gold of Masonry.

Seemingly it has been the custom to present all those receiving the Order of High Priesthood with both a parchment certificate and a Bible, but the recorder reported that the price of parchment certificate alone, owing to war conditions, had advanced to \$3.50, and that in quantity lots even it would be impossible to keep it up out of the fees of \$3.00. The Grand Chapter was asked to purchase the Bibles, but no other action was taken.

No Report on Correspondence.

Next Annual in Omaha, Dec. 14, 1921.

Lewis E. Smith, Long Pine, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1920.

Chapters, 11. Members, 562. Exalted, 38. Net Gain, 17.

EDWARD C. PETERSON, Grand High Priest.

Two Chapters were without representation, and one Station was vacant when the Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter convened in Reno, June 8, 1920. Florida was also not represented. "Old Glory" was received and saluted and the national anthem was sung. Both the Grand Master and the Grand Commander graced this convocation, after which the Grand High Priest gave a resume of his work in behalf of the Royal Craft.

With a sad heart he reported that the Angel of Death had during the year beckoned Most Excellent Companion Matthews Kyle, Past Grand High Priest, as well as other Companions from many subordinate Chapters. He only made two requests for degrees by courtesy.

Among the legacies received from the former administration, were suggestions relative to fertile fields for new Chapters, but on personal investigation they did not show sufficient enthusiasm to justify the formation of any at present. At one time some of the best working Chapters were in the mining regions, and now unfortunately, he reported, some of them were now "hanging by a thread." To overcome this he recommended the consolidation of the Chapter at Pioche with the one at Las Vegas and its removal of the latter place, which Grand Chapter approved and ordered done. But the growing development of agriculture promises ere long to more than recoup whatever losses may occur through the decline of mining camps, and his admonition to the Companions of the great "Sage-brush" State is applicable to other sections as well:

I do not believe, though, that the best results come from coaxing on the part of the Grand Officers. Let the enthusiasm on the part of the Companions who want a Chapter in their locality, be such as to bring them to the Grand Chapter, with a willingness to serve; then we will have the kind of Chapters we need to carry on the great work. If we have to coax them to form a Chapter, we will very likely have to coax them to keep it going.

So fully does the code cover Capitular contingencies that all questions were satisfactorily answered by reference to it

He firmly believes that the time is at hand for the Masonic fraternity to take an active interest in public affairs, and that the Royal Craftsmen should take the lead in this movement. He would also have the Chapters take a more active part in the relief of Craftsmen and their families which seemingly has largely been lost sight of, for by so doing the Chapter then will become something besides "degree mills and talking machines," as well as mere "stepping stones."

So effeciently had Most Excellent Companion Peterson served the cause during his administrative year that his every act was give a clear bill of health.

Fraternal recognition and customary exchange of Grand Representatives was accorded British Columbia.

Having recently revised its ritual, Grand Chapter decided to continue its use another year, and in the meantime each subordinate Chapter will instruct its representatives what action to take regarding the adoption of the new (General Grand Chapter) revised ritual.

Three worthy Companions were elected to receive the order of High Priesthood.

Grand Secretary Edward D. Vanderlieth, he of the sky-scraping initials, again presents a Report on Correspondence which carries with it conviction and sets the readers to thinking. He has the happy facility of com-

bining wit and wisdom. For some reason Florida failed to receive a recognition. We wonder why, for our Grand Secretary Webster is ever punctual and our Proceedings appear annually with clock-like regularity.

Next Annual in Reno, June 7, 1921.

George W. Robinson, Reno, Grand High Priest.

Edward D. Vanderleith, Reno, Grand Secretary and chairman Committee on Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1920.

Chapters, 26. Members, 4,956. Exalted, 386. Net Gain, 264.

ARTHUR C. STEWART, Grand High Priest

Having officially adopted the new General Grand Chapter ritual, many complimentary allusions to the improvement over the old work appear in the proceedings of the One Hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire, which was held in Concord, May 18, 1920. Florida was not represented.

But little of interest to those outside that Grand Jurisdiction are found in the address of the Grand High Priest Stewart. Rightly does he rejoice over the influx of new members, the greatest ever known and he trusts:

That the sublime lessons of the Capitular degrees have kindled in the hearts of this new membership a broader conception of the term, "Masonic Brotherhood," and a more complete realization that in its mysterious workings the influence of Masonry, as a power for good, is being exerted today more than ever before for the peace of the world and the betterment of mankind.

Perhaps the most notable event was a visitation to St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, Mass., at which General Grand High Priest Frederick M. Craig was the most distinguished guest. He also attended the annual meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, and is in thorough sympathy with the great movement to erect a suitable memorial to Washington, the Mason, that will attract the attention of the Masonic Craft from all parts of the world.

He made special mention of the excellent reports on Foreign Correspondence by Ex. Comp. Charles B. Spofford and the very favorable impressions they are making on the correspondents in other jurisdictions.

The request for recognition by the Grand Chapter of British Columbia was granted, but a similar petition from the Grand Chapter of Queensland was deferred.

Six excellent Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

For the third time Ex. Comp. Charles B. Spofford presents a very readable report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he particularly notes the reports of the representatives in attendance upon the last General Grand Chapter, which reveals that there is much opposition to both the revised Constitution and the revised ritual, adding that, "it would not be surprising if a new revision of the General Regulations was effected to compromise the disaffection." It also looks very much that way to us. No doubt most, if not all, of the Grand Chapters will prefer to remain in harmonious relations with the General Grand Chapter, providing they can do so without sacrificing any of the sovereignty they now possess. It is strongly to be hoped and believed that wisdom and sincere regards for the rights of all will prevail in the deliberations at the next General Grand Chapter.

Next Annual in Concord, May 17, 1921.

Bert L. Stebbins, Claremont, Grand High Priest.
 Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.
 Charles B. Spofford, Claremont, chairman on Committee on Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY—1920.

Chapters, 44. Members, 10,603. Exalted, 1,478. Net Gain, 1,257.

RICHARD C. WOODWARD, Grand High Priest.

It was surprising to find that six, nearly one-eighth of the subordinate Chapters, did not find it convenient to attend the Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which was held in Trenton, May 12, 1920, especially as there were present a brilliant galaxy of Past Grands, including Florida's spokesman, and lesser lights galore. A reason for the absence of Chapter representatives may be found in this paragraph from the review of Florida by M. Ex. Henry S. Haines, who is also Grand Lecturer:

A computation of mileage was requested for reimbursing attending members for cost of travel. This illustrates a system quite different from ours, where each Chapter is authorized to pay the expenses of its representatives, but we believe this is seldom asked, never as we have witnessed, the official honor being deemed a sufficient recompense for a small private outlay.

A close scrutiny of the recorded official acts of Grand High Priest Woodward, averaging one for nearly every day in the year, leads one to wonder whether Masonry is the vocation or avocation of this particular Most Excellent Companion, and well merited is the encomium paid him by the Committee, which commended him for

"sound judgment and prudent management as well as his steady adherence to Capitular law."

In addition to multitudinous duties he found time to make six visitations to Sister Jurisdictions besides attending the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which he heartily approves. There are some advantages in living in a commonwealth of limited area. He convened one special convocation of the Grand Chapter for the purpose of constituting Branch Brook Chapter, and issued dispensations for two U. D. Chapters.

While many questions referred to him were answered by reference to the laws, he found only two not covered by legislation, and his decisions brought out no principles not in harmony with Florida laws.

Concurrent jurisdiction in some form bobs up at nearly every convocation of every Grand Chapter and in the abstract, seems to be a most desirable and desired acquisition. But when it comes to being put in practice, the Chapters directly effected want to make as many reservations as have been suggested in the League of Nations. New Jersey this time was no exception, and while it was granted to all the Chapters in Hudson county, the most populous in the State; another request seemed to develop so much friction that in the interest of harmony the committee recommended that the matter be dropped and no further efforts made.

Included in the thirty-five who received the Order of High Priesthood was Most Excellent Companion W. N. Ponton, First Grand Principal Z. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, and in an inspiring address before the Grand Chapter he feelingly refers to the event:

But the greater honor and experience, the wonderful emotional and devotional experience that it was my privilege to enjoy through your kindness last night was in being admitted to the Order of High Priesthood; there, consecrated and set apart, we thirty-five felt

that we all had been charged with a great responsibility and filled with almost an apostolic inspiration, something very much deeper than the mere witnessing of a ceremonial function in the conferring of a degree, and so I will carry that Bible with which you presented me back to Canada, and I will make it, I hope, a little center of missionary zeal.

Of great educational value to the Craft is the record of the Capitular doings recorded by Most Excellent Companion Henry S. Haines.

Noting under Florida that a High Priest had constituted a new Chapter, he believes that not only should those possessing the highest authority officiate, but there should also be as large an attendance as possible of Grand Chapter Officers. This is not so easily brought about in a state where the officers are so widely separated. He is also disposed to question the advisability of exempting ministers of the gospel from fees and dues, for it tends to (he believes) "humiliate anyone of natural pride." It appears to the writer much the same way.

Companion Haines seems surprised to learn that our Correspondence Report is published before the sessions of the Grand Chapter. The same practice also prevails in our Grand Lodge and we are confident this is not confined solely to ourselves. This plan gives every one attending the Grand Lodge or Chapter an opportunity to sooner know what is being done in other Capitular quarters and make comparisons. This advance publication has much to commend itself and we fail to see where it is objectionable.

Next Annual in Trenton, May, 11, 1921.
J. Vreeland Haring, Newark, Grand High Priest.
Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.
Henry S. Haines, Burlington, Correspondent.

NEW MEXICO—1920.

Chapters, 17. Members, 1,344. Exalted, 133. Net Gain, 76.

RICHARD M. THORNE, Grand High Priest.

There not being a constitutional number of Chapters represented and only two of the Grand Officers present at the time set for the holding of the Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico in Albuquerque, February 19, 1920, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until such time as the most Excellent Grand High Priest may determine which later was set for March 18, in the same city, when only two Grand Officers were missing.

Optimistic was the report of Grand High Priest Thorne, as he concisely reviewed the work of the year, which was confined principally to his official acts. He rejoiced that none of the immediate family had been summoned to the Supreme Chapter above, although Companions of every Subordinate Chapter have been called to their eternal home during the year drawing to a close. Among the requests from other Grand Jurisdictions to confer degrees was one from Jacksonville Chapter, asking that Deming Chapter work the several degrees by courtesy.

Seemingly New Mexico has been using the General Grand Chapter Ritual, for the Grand High Priest was informed that the scrolls and black-board to be used with the revised rituals were ready for distribution. However, it seems that Grand Chapter did not enthuse over the new rituals, for it instructed the Grand Secretary to recall the new revised rituals which had been distributed to the several Chapters and to return the old rituals heretofore in use.

He ruled relative to a request to confer degrees in another lodge room but in the Chapter's Jurisdiction, that although he failed to find where a precedent had ever been established on this question, yet if a formal application were made he would grant the dispensation. Grand Chapters are gradually realizing that fraternal visitations create added interest and are generally helpful.

He recommended the recognition of the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia, but as New Mexico has abolished Grand Representatives it will receive no official recognition at Grand Chapter Convocations.

Quite out of the ordinary was the resolution that the Grand Chapter advise all candidates to take the Council degrees after the Most Excellent Master and before the Royal Arch, so that the proper chronological sequence may be observed. Quite properly, however, the Jurisconsults disapproved and Grand Chapter backed them up. Years ago, if we are correctly informed, before the General Grand Council was definitely established and in the early days of the Grand Chapter of Florida, the same action almost prevailed in this Grand Jurisdiction but the final establishment of the General Grand Council nullified it.

There seems to be no order of High Priesthood.

We do not know how the New Mexico Companions consider it, but we greatly miss the Report on Correspondence and trust that Grand Chapter will realize the error of its ways and provide for future reports.

Next Annual in Albuquerque, February 24, 1921.

Ruben Perry, Albuquerque, Grand High Priest.

A. A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK—1921.

Chapters, 213. Members, 55,295. Exalted, 7,800. Net Gain, 6,800.

JEROME L. CHENEY, Grand High Priest.

Only three Chapters not represented out of a total of 213 is a magnificent record and is proof positive that all is well with Capitular Masonry in the great Empire state. It is also personal gratification as well, for it was in this Grand Commonwealth that the writer of this review first saw the light of day.

Seldom is there seen a larger aggregation of Capitular notables, except at General Grand Chapters, than were present at the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York, which convened in Albany, February 1, 1921, with delegations present from Canada, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, the Grand Commandery, the Grand Council and the General Grand Chapter, all of whom were received with Grand Honors, excepting the General Grand Principal Sojourner, M. E. Comp. Henry De Witt Hamilton, who was given private grand honors besides being tendered the gaval.

It is certainly "a man's job" to direct the affairs of this Grand Body, and so well did Grand High Priest Cheney perform this arduous work that surely the standard of Royal Arch Masonry has been raised to a higher degree of proficiency. He paid a well selected tribute to the memory of Most Excellent Companion Marshall F. Hemingway who presided over the Grand Chapter in 1912, and was Grand Lecturer for more than six years. Another one of the Grand Family to cross the divide during the year was its youngest member, R. E. Smith F. Pearsall, Grand Master of the First Veil.

Although four dispensations were issued to form new Chapters, yet there is one Chapterless county in the state, and efforts to find a suitable location do not meet with universal favor.

Notwithstanding the Grand High Priest issued nearly thirty special dispensations to confer degrees in other lodge rooms, he believes that the work of a Chapter should be done in its own tabernacle, and only because of extraordinary conditions should it be done elsewhere; for to his mind it cheapens the rite to convert the Chapter into a traveling degree mill.

He refused several dispensations by reason of lack of power, and reminded the Chapters that the Grand High Priest is subject to the constitution, and cannot give permission to Chapters to violate law.

He does not believe the time of the Grand High Priest should be taken up in answering questions to decide some debate or discussion, and should not be asked except as a guide in actual cases pending. However, he reports one case where a Companion was suspended in lodge for one year and therefore automatically suspended in Chapter. His application for affiliation was rejected by the lodge of which he was formerly a member but was accepted in another lodge, and the query was, did this action restore him to good standing in the Chapter. The decision was that as Chapter membership is terminated by lodge suspension, restoration to lodge also restores to membership in Chapter, but in the case of suspension, or expulsion, the constitution is silent, and if the Chapter believes the offense is sufficiently grave to require action by the Chapter, then charges may be presented in the Chapter, whose action will then control.

Another was that it would be improper for a delegation of Knight Templars to wear their uniforms during the degree work, and in no case would it be proper to

receive them without aprons; and he further advised that visits of that character should be discouraged.

He decided that a summons could be either written or printed, but that the original must be issued by order of the High Priest or Chapter over his signature, attested by the seal of the Chapter and by the signature of the Secretary, and inserted in the minutes. The copy to the Companions may be either written or printed. He believed that the great revival of interest in Royal Arch Masonry was due largely to official visitations, and he recommended their continuance; also that these be supplemented by a system of District Deputy Grand High Priests.

He was informed that certain practices were indulged in in connection with the degrees which were "highly reprehensible and not permitted by Grand Chapter." The matter was brought to the attention of the High Priest who made "most profuse promises of amendment," the Chapters, however, were warned that continued violation "may result in discipline and forfeiture of charter." A few rigid enforcements of penalties for violations of Capitular laws would no doubt have a salutary influence generally.

The Deputy Grand High Priest in New York is no mere figure-head, for his report shows that he made nearly two score official visitations, besides delivering several addresses on Royal Arch Masonry and installing Chapter officers.

Greatly encouraged was the Grand Secretary, because for the first time in its history the records show that every Chapter had conferred degrees, and one Chapter broke all records by exalting 541 during the year. There are four Chapters having less than fifty members, all of these are making progress, and two have survived for

more than 100 years. The smallest Chapter has 31 members, and made a gain of seven in the year.

Two Grand Councils of Anointed High Priests were held, at which 152 Companions received the order.

Grand Chapter approved the Report of the Committee that the proposed constitution of the General Grand Chapter "ought not to be adopted."

For the second time M. E. Comp. Arthur Warren, who was Grand High Priest in 1914, submits an excellent Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he briefly calls attention to a few "leaders," things of common interest and real value to the Craft, and should put an end to the incorrect statement that "no one ever reads a Foreign Correspondence Report." Besides it should make them proud to be members of an order which stands for the best and most substantial things in life.

In his review of Florida he reproduces with approval, as have several other writers, the resolution of condemnation of those Chapters which have departed from the prescribed work in conferring the degrees. If this wholesome agitation and condemnation is kept up, it will not be long before violation of Capitular laws will be classed in the same category as are violations of prohibitory laws. Selah.

As mentioned elsewhere, a few proceedings last year did not reach us until after the "copy" was in the custody of the printer, and New York was one of those.

The kind words of encouragement of Companion Warren are appreciated and we hope for a better acquaintance at Asheville in September.

Next Annual in Albany, Feb. 7, 1922.

Willard T. Chevalier, Brooklyn, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.

Arthur Warren, Rochester, chairman Committee on Correspondence

NORTH CAROLINA—1920.

Chapters, 51. Members, 5,618. Exalted, 823. Net Gain, 771.

JOHN H. ANDERSON, Grand High Priest.

Largely routine was the Seventy-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter which was held in Wilmington, May 11-12, 1920, and Florida not represented.

Although pleased at the substantial gain in membership, he sounds this warning query:

Have we made that many more Royal Arch Masons and added to their store of Masonic knowledge, or have we simply conferred the degrees that they might pass through and obtain the Shrine? I fear the latter is too true in a number of cases, and while I am an admirer of the Shrine, I believe the time has come when we should refuse the degrees to those whose only desire is to get to the Shrine. I believe if the Scottish Rite and so-called York Rite bodies would each accept the principle of quality rather than quantity, both they and the Shrine would be better off.

The foregoing suggestion apparently was later responsible for a resolution requiring an applicant for Chapter degrees to have been a Blue Lodge Mason at least six months before a Chapter could receive his petition, providing the Scottish Rite bodies took similar action. Not striking a responsive chord in Chapter, it "died a boring."

Being informed that by reason of ill health, Companion W. B. McKay could no longer serve as Foreign Correspondent, Grand High Priest Anderson appointed Companion Leon Cash "against his wishes," in which he made his objections valid by furnishing no report. It is well sometimes to recognize a personal protest.

At the previous Annual Convocation R. E. John J. Phoenix, who was elected Deputy Grand High Priest,

was engaged in Y. M. C. A. over-seas work and arrangements were made to have him installed by the Most Excellent Supreme Grand Chapter of England. Companion Phoenix being in Coblenz, Germany, at the time, he replied that as his aeroplane was not handy he would be unable to make the trip in time. It is well, perhaps, that all do not consider matters from the same standpoint. Such a privilege would have appealed to the writer as an opportunity of a lifetime, and nothing short of the positive refusal of the powers that be would have prevented attendance.

Considerable correspondence and some confusion resulted from the adoption of the new General Grand Chapter Ritual. One of the High Priests intimated that the Companions of this Chapter were virtually on strike as a result and informed the Grand High Priest that he was "not in sympathy with the new ritual." Whereupon the Grand High Priest very promptly informed him that "the mere fact we do not like the laws is no excuse for not obeying them."

Realizing the hotel limitations at Raleigh, by the consent of General Grand High Priest Craig, the next Triennial was changed to Asheville, and elaborate preparations are being made to entertain the expected distinguished visitors with true Southern hospitality.

He recommended a constitutional amendment which would give the Grand High Priest discretionary power "to establish concurrent jurisdiction over territory which is practically equally accessible to two or more Chapters," but the Jurisconsults and Grand Chapter disapproved. It did, however, approve a decision relative to the privilege and advantages of continuous membership as well as all the other official acts of the Grand High Priest.

At the convention of anointed High Priesthood, twenty-five Companions were solemnly set apart. Au

interesting historical incident in connection was the bringing to light old minutes of the order dating back to a convention held in Fayetteville, June 23, 1823, and to others held in 1827, 1829 and 1850.

There is no Report on Correspondence, but the retiring Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion John H. Anderson, was made the Foreign Correspondence Committee, and it is safe to predict the report next year will meet expectations.

Next Annual in Asheville, May 10, 1921.

J. M. Oldham, Charlotte, Grand High Priest.

John R. Guggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.

John H. Anderson, Fayetteville, Correspondence Committee.

NOVA SCOTIA—1920.

Chapters, 18. Members, 2,211. Exalted, 448. Net Gain, 403.

JOHN C. MACKAY, Grand High Priest.

While the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was formed by Chapters originally on the register of both England and Scotland, yet it was organized on what is known as the American system, which accounts for the titles of officers, both Grand and subordinates, corresponding to those of this country. Its jurisdiction covers New Foundland, Cape Breton and Prince Edwards' Island. This Grand Chapter was established in Halifax, October 14, 1869, and its Fifty-first Annual was held in Yarmouth, June 8, 1920, with Florida's Grand Representative among the absentees.

Most Excellent Companion Daniel W. Kyle, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, was a distinguished visitor. During the year Most Ex-

cellent Companion William Crowe, Past Grand High Priest, entered the Silent Halls of death, and a telegram was received that Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Bennett was sinking fast and the end was near. In the memorial to the distinguished death of other Grand Jurisdictions, Grand High Priest McKay pays this tribute of respect to our late Most Excellent Companion James W. Boyd: "Modest, earnest, true, his was an example which all Masons might follow."

The comprehensive report of the Grand High Priest shows that three new Chapters were constituted during the year, also:

This "forward movement" shows no sign of abatement and, from evidence in my possession, I feel confident that our successors will, a year hence, present an even better report of increased membership.

In reply to a query, the Grand High Priest gave his opinion that it would be proper for any Excellent Companion, conferring the Most Excellent Master degree, to wear the High Priest's robe. That a brother having thumb off at first, and finger off at second knuckle was eligible. Also that it was proper to divide four candidates into two teams with a substitute for each team, "but they must work teams separately until after investments." All of which were approved by Grand Chapter.

With the exception of the Chapter in New Foundland, he visited the seventeen remaining Chapters. A commendable record. He was much pleased with the present conditions and future prospects, excepting that in some instances due attention was not being given to a proper keeping of the several "Books of Marks," and he ordered a strict compliance with these requirements in the future. This particular laxity does not seem to be confined alone to Nova Scotia, according to other reports of official

visitations. This failure is due in most cases to inexcusable negligence on the part of the Chapter Secretaries. Continuing the customs of its forbears, most of the business of this Grand Body is transacted through the Board of General Purposes, which formally reports the same to Grand Chapter, and which is promptly received and adopted.

Nine petitioners received the order of High Priesthood. The retiring President, Most Excellent Companion, T. B. V. Bingay, presented to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, for the use of the Order of High Priesthood, a true copy of the ritualistic work, styled the "Chamberlain Ritual."

R. E. Companion Brenton F. Porter, the efficient secretary, presents an excellent and instructive report on Foreign Correspondence in which Florida receives scrutinizing attention.

He notes the eloquent opening pages of the address of Most Excellent Companion Charles H. Ketchum. Referring to the dispensation to elect a High Priest, where the incumbent had left the jurisdiction, he says "no dispensation would be needed under those circumstances in this jurisdiction."

Next Annual in Digby, June 7, 1921.

Wilbert A. Creelman, Truro, Grand High Priest.
Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

OHIO—1920.

Chapters, 197. Members, 60,757. Exalted, 9,574. Net Gain, 4,000.

JOSEPH T. CROXALL, Grand High Priest.

Being on wheels, the Grand Chapter held its One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation in Youngs-

town, October 6, 1921, with the assistance of fourteen Past Grands as well as Florida's Grand Representative. Only eleven subordinate Chapters were without representation. General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig and General Grand Master George A. Newell, as well as several other Masonic notables graced the occasion. Following the formal opening a telegram was received announcing that Most Excellent Companion William A. Reiter died on a train enroute to this Annual Convocation. And at the closing hours of the Grand Chapter word was received of the death of the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest Schuyler B. Tuthill.

The addresses of welcome and responses added to the inspiration of the occasion. Particularly was this noticeable in the eloquent address of Grand High Priest Croxall, who exhibited commendable prudence and forethought in his official acts, so that nothing might be done that would lower the dignity and standing of this great Chapter.

Continuing the inspection system of his predecessors, he was greatly gratified with the almost universal unanimity displayed, only one Chapter not conforming to the ritual. This Chapter while conferring the Royal Arch degree, "permitted great excitement to prevail, the Guard being inside enjoying himself with the rest, leaving his post unguarded." Very properly the Grand High Priest demanded a resolution be made in open Chapter to the effect that in the future it would comply strictly with the ritual and code of the Grand Chapter, and that all semblance of levity and excitement would be discontinued. If this procedure was more generally insisted upon, the disgraceful and unwarranted proceedings which occasionally break out in the Past Master as well as in the Royal Arch degrees would soon be a remembrance of the past, and all the work would be done in that dignified

manner which we believe the founders intended. Realizing this great need, steps were taken to provide for a revision of the code which Grand Chapter approved.

Most of the questions asked the Grand High Priest were adjusted by reference to the code, and the exceptions which he noted seemed to be in accord with general Capitular law, although two of them cover specific points somewhat new to us.

One referred to the petition of a Master Mason who had lost his arm seven inches below the shoulder and the stump was so short he could not wear an artificial arm. The decision in this particular instance was that the code was not broad enough to place the moral qualifications of the candidate above his ability to conform to the requirements of the ritual.

Another was that petitions were being held up by "discontented members," and the inquiry was as to the method of procedure to bring forth a report. His reply was that if in the judgment of the High Priest the committee had unnecessarily delayed reporting he could order a report filed, and failure on the part of the committee to report or show cause, the High Priest could discharge that committee and appoint a new one.

He refused three dispensations to form new Chapters because he felt that they could not be properly maintained without weakening existing ones. But he did, however, grant six other similar requests in communities where he felt Capitular Masonry would be benefited in consequence. While he granted several dispensations to Chapters for meritorious reasons, he likewise refused others where the requests were for the purposes of convenience to the petitioners, and in one instance particularly a request to set aside the annual inspection of a subordinate Chapter, "because there was a Shrine meeting in the state of West Virginia on that date."

Two new Chapters were constituted and one dedicated during the year.

Sickness in his home and increased business interests made it necessary for him to decline many invitations to make visitations.

He reported the condition of the Chapter generally, to be in a satisfactory and healthy condition, the most gloomy exception being that of a Chapter where the High Priest was practically the only officer who knew anything about the work, and he was elected against his will and in his absence, besides he was devoting all his available time to offices in other Masonic departments. The Principal Sojourner it was stated knew absolutely nothing, and most of the other officers were in the same condition. The only relief offered by the Grievance Committee, to whom it was referred, was "to pass it on to the incoming Grand High Priest for prompt action." Apparently this is another of those regrettable cases of using the Chapter as merely a "stepping stone to other bodies."

The Grand High Priest closes his address with reference to communications from several Grand Representatives, including one from the writer of this report, who has the distinguished honor of representing the Buckeye state near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Wednesday evening the Grand Chapter and Grand Council gave a dinner in honor of General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig and General Grand Master George A. Newell, which Grand Secretary Hagenbuch describes as "an occasion never to be forgotten."

Grand Chapter decided not to accede to the request of the Grand Council to hold future sessions on Thursday and Friday, so as to enable the Grand Council to hold its annual assembly on Tuesday and Wednesday instead of Tuesday only.

A Constitutional Amendment provides that in no case shall the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees be conferred on an applicant on the same day, and that before receiving the latter degree he must also file his Mark. The latter conforming to Florida Law. Another Constitutional Amendment was offered which provides for enlarging the membership of the Grand Chapter to include "Past High Priests of subordinate Chapters."

Among the many good things of the Ohio Grand Chapter is a standing committee on ritual, and Past Grand High Priest Orion B. Sperra was re-appointed a member of that committee.

Grand High Priest Croxall is to be commended in presenting in the form of appendices to his address his approval of amendments to by-laws, fraternal courtesies requested and extended, and the charter members of the new Chapters.

Probably no Grand Jurisdiction pays more attention to the order of High Priesthood, neither does anyone show a greater proportion of petitions by membership, one hundred and nine being presented and accepted at the last Annual Convocation. The Most Excellent President, Companion Nelson Williams who was re-elected, presented an informal address eulogizing Past Grand High Priest William A. Reiter. Companion Williams who spent a part of last winter in the winter land of sunshine, fruits and flowers, was an honored guest at the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge, as well as at the lodge and home of the writer of this review.

We have found so much of interest in the Proceedings proper that we can only briefly mention the always meritorious and edifying report on Foreign Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Orion B. Sperra. Florida receives favorable consideration particularly the condemnatory action relative to innovation and departure

from the authorized ritualistic work. The writer is pleasantly remembered.

Next Annual in Dayton, October 5, 1921.

S. Rufus Jones, Dayton, Grand High Priest.

Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

Orion B. Sperra, Ravenna, Foreign Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1920.

Chapters, 74. Members, 8,146. Exalted, 1,347. Net Gain, 1,362.

JOHN ANGUS GILLIS, Grand High Priest.

Eclipsing all previous records in gain in membership was the gratifying report made at the Thirty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter which was held in Oklahoma City, April 19 and 20, 1920, General Grand High Priest Craig and other distinguished craftsmen were honored guests. Grand Treasurer Otto A. Shuttee and Past Grand High Priests John Coyle and Daniel M. Hailey were called to their reward during the year.

Great results were confidently expected from the plan of Triangle Convocations as authorized by the previous Grand Chapter, and particularly diligent were the earnest efforts made by Grand High Priest Gillis to bring this about; but continued delay in receiving the new General Grand Chapter rituals, which the Grand Chapter had adopted, together with lack of interest on the part of some Companions, brought some disappointments and resulted in the adoption of a resolution rescinding the action of the previous year adopting the new General Grand Chapter ritual.

Great was the desire of the Grand High Priest to help every aspirant toward further Masonic light and increased Masonic associations, for he says:

I have granted my special dispensation to receive, refer, report, ballot and confer degrees without regard to statutory time upon over 600 petitioners. I have denied no request of this kind.

Although approved, it was the opinion of the committee that the granting of such dispensations is a power that should be exercised with great caution.

It was his desire that Honorary Life Members be made of all those who were members at the time they were "over-seas" in the world war. However, the Jurisprudence Committee thought differently and Grand Chapter was like minded.

Believing that additional discretionary powers should be given Subordinate Chapters in the matter of membership, he recommended that when a petitioner who was raised in the Lodge where the petitioned Chapter is located, or has lived continuously in its jurisdiction one year, the Chapter can by ballot elect the petitioner without reference to a committee.

Believing that "it is undemocratic and not right for the presiding officer to say who his successor shall be in nine years" he recommended a constitutional amendment that Appointive Grand Officers should not be considered as "Line Officers," and that they should not be eligible to advancement by election or appointment. The Jurisprudence Committee, however, believed the Grand Chapter had the right to elect whom it pleased and the Grand High Priest had a similar right to appoint whom he pleased. The report was adopted and later reconsidered, which leaves it so that all officers except Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel are elective.

Believing that Grand Representatives should not only attend Grand Chapter, but also be of service, this action was taken:

Resolved, That it be the duty of each Grand Representative of sister jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter to address a short

report of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter he represents, and that a copy of this report be also forwarded to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction, to be read at the next Grand Convocation.

Less than half the Companions who were eligible took the order of High Priesthood. About the same proportion prevails generally in the various Grand Jurisdictions. There is so much that is ennobling in the ritualistic work and withal it is so exclusive, for none but actual High Priests are eligible, it is surprising that more are not solemnly anointed and set apart.

A well prepared report on Fraternal Correspondence is the work of Companion William Noble in which clipping and comment, are judiciously mixed. His reappointment shows that his efforts are properly appreciated.

He very properly labels the address of Grand High Priest Ketchum as "a good one, both flowery and patriotic."

The following at the close of his review of Florida explains why Florida's Grand Representative was not among those who were received with Grand Honors:

Note.—Dr. D. M. Hailey, Florida's Grand Representative in Oklahoma, and Oklahoma's grand old man in Masonry, is no more. He passed out at his home in McAlester, in October. His loss to us is very great, as his services can never be replaced. Peace to his ashes.

Next Annual in Bartlesville, May 19 and 20, 1921.
Harold B Downing, Aloka, Grand High Priest.
James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.
William Noble McAlester, Correspondent.

OREGON—1920

Chapters, 37. Members, 4,979. Exalted, 556. Net Gain, 481.

JAMES H. RICHMOND, Grand High Priest.

Half a dozen subordinate Chapters were not represented when the Sixtieth Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of Oregon met in Portland, June 14, 1920, but every Grand Officer responded to roll call besides a goodly number of Past Grands.

Unparalleled activity in Capitular work is the prevailing theme of address of every Grand High Priest, and that of Most Excellent Companion Richmond is no exception. He reports the institution of a new Chapter in Portland at which thirty petitions for degrees were received at the initial convocation. All sections of the state were favored by official visitations. Recognition of the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia was recommended. He reports nothing out of the ordinary. No requests for decisions were made.

Very properly does Grand Chapter emphatically condemn the practice of political candidates advertising that they are members of the fraternity. It also decided not to adopt the new General Grand Ritual.

Fourteen candidates were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

There is no report of a Correspondence Committee. Next Annual in Portland, June 10, 1921.
Frank W. Settleman, Woodburn, Grand High Priest.
James F. Robison, Portland, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA—1919.

Chapters, 145. Members, 44,049. Marked, 4,782

DAVID J. DAVIS, Grand High Priest

In addition to the four Quarterly Communications and the Annual as well, a most unusual Emergency Communication was held November 21, apparently for the sole purpose of conferring the Capitular degrees at sight upon Brother William C. Sproul, Governor of that great commonwealth. There were present on this august occasion many distinguished guests from adjoining states. In the Mark Master degree, Companion Joseph M. Core, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, acted as Worshipful Master; Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Most Excellent Grand King, officiated in the Most Excellent Master's degree, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion David J. Davis, exalted the candidate in the Royal Arch degree, the Grand Officers assisting in each of the events.

The proceedings state that the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 2:20 p. m. and was closed in peace at 11:03 p. m.

In order to properly celebrate the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of this Grand Chapter, action appropriating \$5,000.00 was promptly amended to read \$10,000.00 and unanimously adopted.

Something like approving ancient history was the formal recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta at the December Quarterly; the Committee on Correspondence, after careful investigation, having found "that the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alberta has now the allegiance of all the subordinate Chapters within its territory." Safety First.

Notwithstanding the charges of un-Masonic conduct preferred against the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, which resulted in the severing fraternal relations by many Grand Chapters, Pennsylvania as well as Florida have not gone to that extreme and recent events tend to show that changed conditions may be expected as the following extract from a communication from Most Excellent Companion A. A. Arbuthnot Murray, Grand Scribe, indicates:

Some of the Grand Chapters in America do not, unfortunately, understand our rules and systems, which are not quite the same as the American ones, but at the same time we are most anxious to preserve a position of friendliness and good will. In this your Grand Chapter has shown a spirit which is greatly appreciated. We are hopeful here, after difficult conditions have passed away, to have a conference with American Masonry, which will lead to a settlement of all differences.

In the interesting and forceful address of Grand High Priest Davis, special reference is made to Most Excellent Companions Edward B. Spruce, and J. Henry Williams, Past Grand High Priests who during the year entered into eternal rest.

In reference to granting certain dispensations where the reason advanced did not seem to justify the setting aside of the law, he well says:

It is my opinion that the Grand High Priest should not exercise his prerogative along these lines unless the case referred to him is exceedingly urgent. It would not be a good precedent to establish.

While all of the decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest are in accord with Florida laws, yet he found it necessary to admonish Chapter Officers that they would greatly enhance their proficiency if they would diligently search and become more familiar with the requirements

of the Constitution; also they should not attempt to do too much work in one evening, which later may have been suggested by the following:

Decided that there can be but one altar in a Mark Master Masons' Lodge, Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, and that the use of any additional altars for conferring degrees is prohibited.

He also decided that where a Companion's Mark had been improperly recorded he could not change it, but the Chapter Secretary was directed to make the necessary change to conform to the original design.

Following the customs of previous years, the report of the Committee on Correspondence is the joint work of a quartet of able and learned Masonic scholars and jurists. Florida was again assigned to Companion Joseph L. Mann, who seemingly finds nothing therein of special interest.

Next Annual, St. John's Day, 1920.

David J. Davis, Scranton, Grand High Priest.

George B. Wells, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1920.

Chapters, 14. Members, 2,176. Exalted, 250. Net Gain, 205.

R. S. KINGHORN, Grand First Principal Z.

Peace, harmony, lack of criticism and having established a record for growth with greater results promised for the year to come, were salient features of the Forty-third Annual Grand Convocation which assembled in Montreal, March 24, 1920, with more than half a dozen stations filled by appointment, and Florida not represented.

Uneventfully from an outsider's viewpoint was the address of Grand First Principal Kinghorn, but of great moment to him as well as to the fraternity at large was the visit during the year of the Prince of Wales, and particularly so because a short time before his departure, he had followed the example of his grandfather "Edward the Peacemaker," and had been initiated in the order.

A noted event of the year in which the Grand Z. participated, seems to have been the annual church service of the Royal Arch Masons of the Montreal District. While the writer knows of no regulation prohibiting the Royal Craft from attending church services, as a body, yet he has no recollection of ever having seen Royal Arch Masons in public procession.

Apparently rejected candidates may petition again after six months, for the Grand Z. refused a request for a dispensation to "hold a new ballot within the constitutional period of six months." One year must elapse in Florida.

Among his special official visitations was that to Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Grand Chapter of Canada, it being the Chapter in which the Grand Z.'s father was exalted in 1855.

Perhaps no single feature has done more to increase the fraternal feeling in many of the Grand Jurisdictions throughout Canada, United States and Great Britain than the Traveling Triangle which was sent out by St. Patrick's Chapter of Toronto, in January, 1911, and which completed its mission and was accorded a grand reception on its return in October, 1919, by what was said to have been the largest assembly of Capitular Masons ever held in Canada.

Fraternal recognition was accorded the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

In common with nearly all Grand Chapters emanating from English constitutions, there is no Order of High Priesthood.

Although Most Excellent Companion E. T. D. Chambers was prevented from attending the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, yet it is pleasing to note that he was again re-appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, and his report in this Proceedings truly "furnishes an inspiration of which Royal Arch Masonry may be justly proud."

Companion Chambers firmly believes that reading Masons and searchers after facts are entitled to know what is going on in every part of the world where legitimate Masonry as we know it, is taught; that this is the special mission of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter reviewers, and that they are shirking their duty when they fail so to do, either by intent or action of their respective Grand bodies; also that mere essays upon some of the few topics that furnish themes for present day discussions are poor substitutes. Personally we are in hearty accord with these views.

We also agree with him that many Companions fail to appreciate the importance of the Royal Arch degree in the Masonic system, and consider it merely as a necessary connecting link. It is quite certain that Capitular Masonry will not occupy its proper place and importance in the system until more definite means are taken to acquaint those who are at present in the dark concerning them.

He finds nothing of special interest in Florida this time, except to favorably comment on the work of the writer of this report.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 22, 1921.

Walter J. Francis, Montreal, Grand Z.

W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND—1920.

Chapters, 13. Members, 6,005. Exalted, 703. Net Gain, 624.

JOSEPH LAWTON, Grand High Priest.

For the purpose of instituting Unity Chapter, U. D., and installing its officers, a special convocation was held in Wakefield, June 25, 1919, attended by nearly all the Grand Official Family.

Only one Chapter was not represented at the One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Providence, March 9, 1920. Many distinguished visitors from near-by jurisdictions were present, as well as Florida's Grand Representative. Regrets were received from General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig, who found it not possible to be present on this august occasion.

Careful thought and good management were shown in the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Joseph Lawton, who was not unmindful of those Companions who had borne the heat and burden of the day and had passed on to that realm which awaited the faithful workmen.

He issued a dispensation to form one new Chapter. His only decision was that a Chapter under dispensation could not release jurisdiction over petitioner, because it possesses no other authority than that granted by its dispensation.

Noting that some of the Chapter by-laws were antiquated and loosely drawn, he recommended the preparation of a model set of by-laws for Subordinate Chapters.

He attended the Annual Convention of the George Washington National Memorial Association and was strongly impressed that it was a most worthy project and should be enthusiastically supported.

He recommended that the three U. D. Chapters be granted charters. He also recommended the appointment of a committee to investigate existing jurisdictional lines.

It was his belief that Capitular Masonry is flourishing as never done before, therefore it behooves Companions:

To see that those teachings are correctly portrayed and to take the necessary time in our work to be thorough with our instructions, to the end that we may create a lasting and binding impression. Better fewer Chapter Masons of stability than a multitude of lukewarm pilgrims who have not absorbed the beauties of our art.

Many important papers in the form of an appendix follow the Grand High Priest's address, including a suggested form of Petition for Demit, as well as the form of the Demit itself.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in addition to recommending the recognition of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, also

Prepared a report in the form of a digest of such proceedings for 1919 as have been received, and recommends that a digest of such proceedings as may be received prior to the publication of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1920 be added to the report, and that the report be printed with the proceedings.

Grand Chapter apparently received and adopted the above report, but for some reason it must have been "pigeon-holed" and its place taken by reproducing the Grand Chapter Constitution together with decisions and standing orders.

This Grand Chapter refused to adopt the new general Grand Chapter Ritual. It also decided to confer with the other Grand Chapters responsible for the formation of the General Grand Chapter before taking definite action on the proposed new General Grand Chapter Constitution.

After September 1, 1920, an identification card is necessary to gain admission into any subordinate Chapter in Rhode Island, whether he be a member or a visitor.

Five Companions were consecrated to the order of High Priesthood.

Next Annual in Providence, March 10, 1921.

James A. Rogers, Providence, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1920.

Chapters, 40. Members, 4,799. Exalted, 1,083. Net Gain, 975.

SAMUEL T. LANHAM, Grand High Priest.

Two special convocations were held during the year for the purpose of constituting and installing new Chapters working U. D. All the elective officers, as well as the Correspondent, assisted in opening in ample form the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Grand Convocation in Georgetown, April 13, 1920. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest of North Carolina, Companion John H. Anderson, was a distinguished visitor, and Excellent Companion R. T. Goodale spoke for Florida.

Concern as well as congratulation permitted Grand High Priest Lanham to warn the Companions to carefully scrutinize all petitions for Capitular degrees, for it appears that in some sections attempts are being made by

persons known to be radical agitators to gain admission.

At the beginning of the year he deputized Companions to make official visitations and report to him. Although the plan was approved by Grand Chapter we have discovered nothing to indicate they reported.

Perhaps a little tardy, but seemingly none the less hearty was the recognition extended to the new Grand Chapter of Alberta, as well as to the youngest child, the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

The Grand High Priest paid a high and well merited compliment to the excellent work of Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie, the Fraternal Correspondent, and he commends the report by adding "one cannot be considered a well informed Mason unless he keeps abreast of Masonic activities and of the trend of Masonic thought in their jurisdictions."

Among the opinions he rendered was one that the granting of a demit should first be submitted to a vote of the Chapter. In Florida a vote is not required. If the petitioner is clear on the books and no charges have been preferred the High Priest orders the demit granted. Another was that it was "competent for Chapters to confer life membership upon any Royal Arch Mason, for eminent Masonic service." Florida has no law providing for life membership, but it can, however, at the discretion of the Chapter, place aged or infirm Companions on the Emeritus list. This exempts them from both Subordinate and Grand Chapter dues. The other opinions conform to Florida laws. Although receiving several requests, the Grand High Priest positively refused to grant dispensations to confer the four degrees at one convocation, also to receive, ballot and shorten time for investigation. Neither of the above are prohibited by Florida laws.

He takes a positive and commendable stand on the question of physical qualifications, holding in substance that if a Master Mason possesses the necessary mental and moral qualifications, and is physically able to undergo the ceremonies of initiation, he should not be debarred from receiving those august secrets so essential to complete the Master Mason's degree.

He attended the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association as Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina. And so that the representation should not be decreased, he directed the Deputy Grand High Priest to represent the Grand Chapter, and his report was so realistic and convincing that Grand Chapter appropriated \$250.00 toward the consummation of this very important National project.

He is fully convinced of the wisdom of the Grand Chapter in adopting the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter, which he thinks "is a great improvement over that which it displaced."

No doubt South Carolina will be well represented at the next General Grand Chapter, for all Grand and Past Grand Officers are made representatives, and those who attend will have their expenses paid.

Most Excellent President, James L. Michie, consecrated and set apart fifteen Companions to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and as a fitting reward for his valuable services was again re-elected Most Excellent President.

For the tenth time Past Grand Master J. L. Michie reviews the Royal Arch Proceedings, and we turn to them with fond expectations, for they are always both pleasing and profitable. He insists we made a "slip up" when we questioned some of his statements. Somehow we do not seem to quite understand his corrections, but no doubt he

does; anyway, whatever Companion Michie says is sure to be just right.

Companion Michie is disposed to be a little critical over certain portions of Grand High Priest Ketchum's address, as well as of some other minor matters. However, they are now things of the past and no serious harm was done, and we will let them pass without further explanation or comment for we feel sure all will be forgotten when we meet in Asheville in September.

Next Annual in Newberry, April 12, 1921.

Samuel T. Lanham, Spartanburg, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

James L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1920.

Chapters, 37. Members, 4,853. Exalted, 682. Net Gain, 543.

FREDERICK TREON, Grand High Priest.

Following Grand Lodge and Grand Council, the Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota was held in Pierre, June 10, 1920, Florida being represented by Senior Past Grand High Priest Schroeder.

Illiteracy and bigotry being the greatest evils confronting our country at this time, Grand High Priest Treon in his concise address, strongly recommended that the national government should get behind the school work and aid it in every way possible; also that the Masonic Order should take a decided stand on this subject as well.

Among the dispensations he granted was for a Chapter to go to another town and confer the Mark and Past degrees, "providing they took with them their charter."

He ruled that a Chapter could place an old Royal Arch Mason on the Honor Roll, "providing the Chapter pays the Grand Chapter dues." Florida laws provide for an Emeritus list, and Companions transferred to that are exempt from Grand Chapter as well as Subordinate Chapter dues.

He very properly refused permission to ballot on a candidate out of time, who had taken the Mark Master degree, so that he could "finish in the R. A. in time to petition the Commandery, so as to get through in time to take the Shrine."

Outside of granting a dispensation to form a new Chapter, his other acts were of a local character and were all approved.

Fraternal recognition was granted the new Chapter of British Columbia.

Companion Past Grand High Priest Louis Levoy who, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, had prepared its commendable reports, being soon to make a permanent home in California, Grand Chapter expressed their thanks for his many years of service on that committee and regretted exceedingly that it became necessary for him to sever his relations. His Correspondence Report this year is brief. His review of Florida is somewhat perfunctory. Apparently he disapproves of the General Grand Chapter legislation increasing the powers of that body at the expense of the State Grand Chapter. His successor is Companion Charles L. Brockway. We extend to him the right hand of fellowship and cordially welcome him into the Capitular "Fourth Estate."

Companion Levoy has also been a faithful worker in the Grand Council of High Priesthood, and in token of his twenty-one years of continuous service, as its President, he was presented with a Past President's jewels.

This is not only highly commendable, but exceptional also, as it is the first event of the kind that has come to our notice.

Next Annual in Watertown, June 16, 1921.

Arthur B. McKeel, Mitchell, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Chas. L. Brockway, Sioux Falls, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

TENNESSEE—1921.

Chapters, 83. Members, 7,808. Exalted, 1,230. Net Gain, 1,066.

A. G. BOWEN, Grand High Priest.

Only seven Chapters besides Florida's Grand Representative apparently forgot that the Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in Nashville, January 24, 1921. However, every Grand Officer and a baker's dozen of Past Grands were present.

Grand High Priest Bowen said in his address there were so many official acts to record there was no time left to "make a general survey of the world at large."

One of the first as well as most important of his acts was the appointment of a committee to investigate the educational conditions and determine a plan of relief. The report of that committee showed that the public schools of that state were in a deplorable condition. But the Grand Chapter has inaugurated a movement and has asked the other York Rite bodies to assist, which no doubt will go a long way in raising its public school system to a much higher standard. It is such practical work as this that is bringing Capitular Masonry into the

forefront as a vital force and factor in the new world movement for betterment.

The Grand High Priest issued dispensations to form three new Chapters, and arrested the charter of several others, but through his personal efforts, other Chapters which had been in moribund condition took on life and action.

For years, he states, it has been his "custom and pleasure to visit the various Chapters," therefore this year has seen no unusual amount of visiting.

During the year two Past Grand High Priests fell asleep and were gathered to their fathers—M. E. Companions Isaac Thurman and A. N. Sloan.

Believing that a memorial of loving deeds was greater than a memorial of marble and stone, he asked that instead of donating \$100.00 to the Washington Memorial, it cable \$250.00 to the starving Chinese, and Grand Chapter approved.

While the Royal Craft in Tennessee shows the largest increase in membership in its history, yet he regrets that certain Chapters show a loss, and that some making the least creditable reports "are the home Chapters of some of the Grand Officers now in line of nominations." And he further thinks that the reports of these particular Chapters "should be read by name to the Grand Chapter so that the Grand Chapter might know whom not to promote as a reward for faithful service."

Besides recognizing the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia, recognition was also given the new Grand Chapter of Queensland, upon the recommendation of Companion C. H. Smart, Committee on Correspondence.

Thirty-two Excellent Companions were found worthy to be set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood and several changes were made on the roster of officers.

For the second time, Past Grand High Priest Smart presents an exceedingly instructive Report on Correspondence.

While he finds much in Florida to commend, the "solar plexus blow" given the new General Grand Ritual was "one of the best things done," in his opinion. He also advises that we "keep an eye on the Constitution."

Next Annual in Nashville, January 23, 1922.

F. E. Bartley, Morristown, Grand High Priest.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

T. A. Hisey, Morristown, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1920.

Chapters, 301 (?). Members, 33,313. Exalted, 5,388. Net Gain, 4,989.

F. P. MARSHALL, Grand High Priest.

No where do we find stated the number of subordinate Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas, nor do any two counts that we seem to find agree, but apparently only about half of the Chapters were represented at the Seventy-first Annual Convocation held in Waco, Dec. 6-8, 1920. However, all Grand Officers were present, also a dozen Past Grands who are styled "V. E." (Very excellent, we suppose.)

Efficiency, in its modern meaning, can well be applied to the year of active service rendered by Grand High Priest Marshall, and tact, wisdom and good judgment characterize his address.

His record of minor official acts include two Chapters constituted and eight U. D. Chapters instituted. All meritorious requests for dispensations were granted. Among the few refusals was this singular request:

To participate as a Chapter in Scottish Rite Memorial Service over the grave of a Master Mason and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, but not a Royal Arch Mason, who lost his life as a soldier in the late war.

He found it necessary to remind Chapters that donating degree fees or conferring degrees before fees are paid in cash, should arrest charters.

Fifty dollars is now the minimum fee for Chapter degrees, one-half of which goes to Grand Chapter. The purpose of this is to materially increase the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund to the Home for Aged Masons.

Among the decisions of more than local interest are:

A Chapter demit from Scotland is not recognized, because Grand Chapter severed relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in 1913. But an application for the Chapter degrees can be entertained from a Brother whose Blue Lodge membership meets the provisions of candidates for Chapter degrees.

A Brother Master Mason, having had his leg amputated between ankle and knee, has cork leg, gets around well and does active manual labor, is not eligible for the Chapter degrees, neither is a Brother who has both legs off above the knees, and has cork legs with which he can get around better than the average person in his condition, and who does active manual labor, eligible for the Chapter degrees.

The Mark Master's and Past Master's degrees can be conferred upon more than one candidate at one and the same time. The Royal Arch degree, except the lecture, is conferred upon not more nor less than three at one and the same time, substitutes permissible.

Much light on Mexican Masonry in its relation to the Royal Arch degrees is brought out in the troubles the Grand Chapter of Texas has been having with one of its Subordinate members, Mexico City Chapter No. 225, of Mexico City, and which finally resulted in its charter being revoked. This grew out of the refusal of Mexico City Chapter to recognize York Grand Lodge of Mexico,

which, says the committee to whom the matter was referred, is "the only Craft or Blue Lodge Masonry in the Republic of Mexico that is recognized by the Grand Chapter of Texas as regular Masonry." And yet, continues the report:

In June thereafter, Mexico City Chapter chose all of its elective officers from members who held their membership in Lodges under the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, a body not recognized by us, and that some of these very Companions elected to office had been previously expelled from membership in their Lodges under the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. And since that time Mexico City Chapter has suspended some forty or fifty of its members who belong to the York Grand Lodge, being nearly all of its members so affiliated; and the York Grand Lodge has expelled some 134 members of said Chapter, including all of its officers, and they have since become members of Lodges under the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

So, we here find a Chapter upon our rolls, nearly all of whose members have been expelled by the only Lodges in Mexico recognized by us as regular Masons and they are now members of Lodges not recognized by us, and this includes all, or nearly all of its officers.

By the rule of comity we cannot admit or retain upon the rolls of a Chapter any Mason not affiliated with a Lodge recognized as regular by the Grand Lodge of Texas, and hence there is nothing for us to do except to recommend the revocation of the charter of said Chapter.

Loose leaf minute books are in disfavor in Texas as well as in Florida, for the charters of three U. D. Chapters were held up until the Grand High Priest was satisfied that each of these Chapters had been "provided with a well bound Minute Book and a Book of Marks."

It takes 241 pages of six-point solid to record the names of the officers and members of the Chapters of this Grand jurisdiction, a valuable contribution to the mail order bureau of information.

The "sun-rise" proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood show that forty-eight worthy Companions were consecrated High Priests after the Order of Melchisedec. The chairman of the Correspondence Committee tells us there is no other hour for this Convention during the Grand Chapter Convocation—a three-day session.

Like one who was said to have sprung full fledged from the brow of one the ancient divinities, comes "V. E." Past Grand High Priest P. M. Riley, the new chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and begs a place at the Round Table. His first offense passes rigid inspection and he is not only welcomed to a seat, but in our opinion is also entitled to the wages of a faithful workman. Under Florida, referring to the discoveries made by the Grand Visitors (only we do not use that name), where the conferring of the Royal Arch degree has been made a farce, he well says:

The charge is serious and demands wise thinking and real Masonic loyalty among those on guard. We cannot allow the Crescent to become the goal of Masonic attainment.

Although Texas is not a member of the General Grand Chapter, yet Companion Riley believes:

Any increase of power in the General Grand Chapter is a menace to Texas, though independent. A blind Mason can see that. On this ground we hope our remarks now and then on this subject will be tolerated.

Next Annual in Waco, Dec. 5, 1921.

O. O. Chrisman, Cleburne, Grand High Priest.

T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

P. M. Riley, Arlington, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

UTAH—1920.

Chapters, 6. Members, 818. Exalted, 54. Net Gain, 34.

CHARLES F. DINSMORE, Grand High Priest.

Only a comparatively small area, but the section most highly developed, is adjacent to the Capitular quarries of this great domain, which as some one has expressed it, "has a great deal of land to the acre." Every Chapter was represented and only three of the minor appointive officers failed to respond when the Grand High Priest sounded the gavel at the Ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Salt Lake City, May 5, 1920. Companion David R. Beebe responded for Florida when the Grand Representatives were welcomed and were requested to convey to their respective jurisdictions fraternal greetings. It is also pleasing to note that Florida was among those who sent greetings as well.

Quite light were the official duties of the Grand High Priest, as recited in his brief address all of which were approved. Appropriate mention was made of the passing away of Past Deputy Grand High Priest Henry Hughes, also of Companion A. S. Chapman, who for several years was the Grand Correspondent.

Bright spots of remembrance were his official visitations. Many Florida Companions will hardly be able to realize that on the occasion of his visit to Park City, on October 24, there was such a heavy snow storm that none of the Grand Officers were able to accompany him. However, the writer of this report has been there and can appreciate the climatic conditions recorded.

Never having had a standard ceremony for installing officers and instituting Chapters, Grand Secretary Daniels "located a suitable one for all occasions," which he revised to suit occasions:

Recognition was granted the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia, but action was postponed upon a similar request from the Grand Chapter of Queensland.

A constitutional amendment provides that no section of the Royal Arch degree, excepting the historical lecture and charge, shall be given to more than one trio at the same time.

In a state where there are so many valleys separated by almost impassable high mountains, Grand Chapter wisely decided to continue concurrent Chapter jurisdiction, rather than change to imaginary equidistant lines drawn "as the crow flies."

Viewed from a percentage standpoint, in proportion to number of Chapters, the Utah Order of High Priesthood "leads all the rest," for while there are only six subordinate Chapters, yet nine worthy Companions were elected to receive this degree.

We were looking forward with pleasure to the promised report of Grand Correspondent Peter A. Simpkin, but this tells the story:

After completing the review of the year, a lengthy but enjoyable task, Grand Chapter brings to light the fact that with the present prices of paper and composition, wisdom and a proper economy fail to justify the expense incident to printing the report as submitted.

Utterly in agreement with the beloved and excellent Companions who so report, utterly failing to believe there is any calamity for the Capitularian world in the inverting of the bushel over the tiny taper the report may hold, it is still a source of regret that "me child" may not come for the bouquets and brickbats that are incident to such reviews. The Grand Council generously gave the chance to present a condensed report. But such a thing was, in any satisfactory form, beyond me.

Next Annual in Salt Lake City, May 4, 1921.

Lee B. Wight, Park City, Grand High Priest.

Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

Peter B. Simpkins, Salt Lake City, Grand Correspondent.

VERMONT—1920.

Chapters, 30. Members, 4,893. Exalted, 330. Net Gain, 178.

GEORGE I. WHITNEY, Grand High Priest.

Canada's Grand First Principal, M. Ex. W. N. Ponton, was a distinguished visitor at the One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, which was held in Burlington, June 11, 1920, with all the Grand Officers in attendance besides a goodly number of other members, but Florida, however, was not represented.

The pleasure of the gathering was intensified by the evidences of prosperity which the records disclosed, reports the Grand High Priest in his address, but the silent departure to the great beyond of Most Excellent William H. Brewster, the Junior Past Grand High Priest, was greatly regretted by all. The writer of this report had the pleasure of his acquaintance at the Baltimore Triennial, and was deeply impressed with the sincerity of his high Masonic ideals.

Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is so firmly and intelligently established that there appears to have been but little requiring the attention and consideration of the Grand High Priest, who participated in nearly all the District activities. He granted three dispensations to meet necessary requirements, but he also refused one to hold a special convocation and to vote on several candidates the same night. He had no grievances to adjust or decisions to make, and all his official acts were approved.

Recognition was given the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

The Grand Lecturer, E. Edward W. Crannell, reported having attended each of the eight district meet-

ings, at which several members of the Grand Chapter were also present; but in the opinion of the Grand Lecturer, "a large number would have added inspiration." In addition to this, there are eight district Deputy Grand High Priests who officially visit the Chapters in their respective districts, yet with all this inspiration the Grand Lecturer notes that "several of the Chapters need a new stimulus of some kind."

Past Grand High Priest Eugene S. Weston, presents for the committee an instructive and very readable Report on Correspondence. Being set in rather small type it does not make so voluminous an appearance, but if it lacks any in quantity, it certainly makes up in quality.

He is pleased to designate Grand High Priest Ketchum's address as "a very scholarly paper and to which it must have been a delight to listen." It certainly was, Companion Weston. He also quotes from our review of Vermont, but we wish to remind him that we are not yet a Past Grand High Priest, and therefore not entitled to the prefix of "M. E." He is quite skeptical of the real utility of the General Grand Chapter and we are inclined to believe with him that it is doubtful if "any Grand Jurisdiction receives benefit to the extent its expense amounts to."

He closes his review with a summary condensed from the attitudes taken by the various Grand High Priests relative to the revised new General Grand Chapter constitution as well as by the correspondents and reaches this conclusion:

We do not believe the concensus of opinion will be in favor of making any radical change in the law that has prevailed for more than 60 years.

Next Grand Chapter in Burlington, June 17, 1921.
 Charles A. Lang, Montpelier, Grand High Priest.
 Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.
 Eugene S. Weston, New Haven, chairman Committee on Correspondence.

VICTORIA—1920.

Chapters, 25. Members, 1,374. Exalted, 230. Net Gain, 177.

WILLIAM PLAYER BICE, Grand Z.

Each year the Quarterly Convocations are held at Melbourne, and the proceedings record that the time is largely taken up in listening to the address or "Communication," as it is termed, from the First Grand Principal, corresponding in authority to our Grand High Priest. The report of the Committee of General Purposes is also presented at this time, in which is given out all the information that is considered necessary.

During the year the Grand Z. made pilgrimages to the Subordinate Chapters, which are divided into two general classes—Metropolitan and Country. At these visitations much is made of the Installation and Consecration ceremonies, which is assumed to refer to the installation of the Chapter officers, as separate mention is also made of the conferring and exaltation of the Royal Arch degree and the M. E. M. degree. No mention is made of either the Mark Master or the Past Master degrees.

As indicative of the interest taken by our Antipodean Companions, the Grand Z. speaks of ten Companions who made a "motor journey of 210 miles over bush tracks quite unknown to them," to act as sponsors and assist at

the opening ceremonies of a new Chapter. And in another instance he speaks of those who had come over a hundred miles, and these same Companions "were among the most regular attendants" of this particular Chapter.

Grand Chapter approved that part of the report of the Committee of General Purposes that it was deemed necessary to restrict the number of candidates in the M. E. M. degree to seven, except by dispensation, no reason being given. Recognition was accorded the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia, but a similar request from the Grand Chapter of Queensland was not granted. Special music for use in the Royal Arch degrees will be furnished Subordinate Chapters, although its use is not obligatory, yet no other music should be substituted.

There is no Order of High Priesthood or Report on Fraternal or Foreign Correspondence. Such a report would be of special interest, because of necessity almost, it would enable us to see ourselves from a very different point of view. It is to be hoped this may come later.

Florida is favored in having Baron Marks as its Grand Representative, who is usually present and takes part in the proceedings. And through the Grand Scribe E. we extend Companion Marks a cordial invitation to make a pilgrimage to this favored land of winter fruits and flowers.

VIRGINIA—1919

Chapters, 67. Members, 9,671. Exaltations, 1,249. Net Gain, 946.

JAMES H. PRICE, Grand High Priest.

Reviewing a Grand Chapter held nearly two years previous, comes pretty close to ancient history. As a matter of fact the Proceedings of the One Hundred and

Twelfth Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, which was held in Richmond, October 28 and 29, 1919, did not reach us until some weeks after the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida, held May 18 and 19, 1920.

Unfortunately Florida's Grand Representative was not present when Grand High Priest Price told the large number of Companions present that the year showed the largest gain in membership in the history of the order, notwithstanding that two Chapters had surrendered their charters.

A cause of rejoicing was that every Chapter in the jurisdiction had made returns, a condition that had not obtained for a long time.

He also told them that during the year Past Grand High Priest Stanley W. Martin had passed to the Great Beyond.

An unintentional invasion of jurisdiction by one of the subordinate Chapters of the District of Columbia caused some correspondence, but which was finally adjusted.

Material assistance to the Masonic Home results from setting apart a portion of each exaltation fee.

Starting out with good intentions, public official duties seriously interfered with contemplated visitations by the Grand High Priest. However, he reports half a dozen, including the annual meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association. He is particularly interested in this great project because the movement had its inception within the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia, and it is also where the permanent visible results of the work of the association will be located. He was particularly pleased because the meeting was very enthusiastic and the plans made insure the early accomplishment of the purpose of the organization.

No important decisions were made. The questions arising were answered by reference to the Methodical Digest. This is surely a suggestive title, and evidently merits its name. He held in several instances that when a Companion permanently changes his residence he must live there the statutory time before he can petition for degrees.

As showing the intimate relations existing between Chapter and Council, he decided that a subordinate Chapter had no right to entertain a request for a council from another jurisdiction to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

He did not find it necessary to issue many dispensations during the year, and he is to be commended for declining to grant several where

There seemed to be no special reason for setting aside the laws of this Grand Body, the principal reason being to simply save time, and in one instance where the applicant wanted to petition the Commandery so that he might become eligible to the Shrine.

As chapter secretaries and treasurers are paid little if anything for their services, he recommended a constitutional amendment which would permit subordinate Chapters to exempt these officers from annual dues. All Florida Chapters which have come under the personal notice of the writer pay their secretaries a stipulated amount. Only active ministers of the gospel and emeritus members (the Chapter being the judge of this qualification) are exempt, and they are also exempt from Grand Chapter dues.

He strongly believes, and there is reason for it, that there should be some test of proficiency of a candidate before he receives the Royal Arch degree, for he is persuaded "that large numbers of Royal Arch Masons are exalted who have practically no working knowledge of

the several degrees which have been conferred upon them." He deprecates the custom in some quarters to require the Chapter degrees simply as a "necessary link through which the higher degrees may be attained." He was also astonished at the "movement made recently at one of our large representative Masonic gatherings to permit Master Masons to petition Commanderies without regard to the Chapter degrees."

He gratefully recognizes the very valuable assistance rendered and the almost incalculable benefits accruing from the efficient services of the District Deputy Grand High Priests. The Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary, James B. Blanks, at this session completed twenty-four years of continuous active service, and it is eminently proper that he was made Secretary Emeritus "with suitable recognition for the rest of his natural life" which was fixed at \$600.00 per annum.

During the year one new Chapter was organized and two discontinued.

Very gratifying was that part of the exhaustive report of Grand Lecturer John T. Cochran, where he states there were less than a dozen Chapters in the State that are depending upon outside help to confer the degrees; also of the "dignified and decorous way and manner in which all of the degrees are being conferred, especially the Past Masters and Royal Arch degrees." This is the way it should be everywhere and at all times, and in our opinion is a commendable feature of the revised General Grand Chapter Ritual which is having such hard sledding in winning approval.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon thirty-one Chapter High Priests and the officers were re-elected.

Without prelude or postlude, Ex-Companion James W. Eggleston presents a most readable and instructive

Report on Fraternal Correspondence. The Virginia Companions are to be congratulated on easy access to so much valuable information.

Companion Eggleston wonders why Virginia Proceedings "can not reach other states early enough to be properly reviewed." Possibly a little more "pep" injected into the publication end might help matters. In Florida subordinate bodies receive the Proceedings forty to sixty days after the Grand Sessions close. Grand Secretary Webster and his efficient office force, with the hearty co-operation of the capable printer, always produce results on schedule time.

Next Annual in Richmond, October 26, 1920.

John T. Cochran, The Planes, Grand High Priest, and who is also Grand Lecturer.

J. Gus Hankins, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

Jas. W. Eggleston, Richmond, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA—1920

Chapters, 65. Members, 11,173. Exalted, 1,709. Net Gain, 1,501.

JOHN F. COCHRAN, Grand High Priest.

Evening up for the omission of our review a year ago, accounts are balanced by a double-header this time. Differing in phraseology, if not in form, the proceedings states that after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Solemn Form by the Grand High Priest. All Grand Officers were present, besides eleven Past Grands and Representatives from thirty-nine Subordinate Chapters. No one spoke for Florida.

Occupying the dual role of Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer, Most Excellent Companion Cochran devoted the major portion of his address to a detailed account of his official visitations.

He reproduced the memorials which he caused to be sent out relative to the deaths of Past Grand High Priests Frederick Greenwood and John T. Carter, a peculiarity of the former being the caption "Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia and Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia."

His official acts appear to have been confined to granting and requesting fraternal courtesies, and appointing and commissioning of Grand Representatives; besides issuing a few dispensations waiving statutory time in balloting. He had no questions presented that were not covered by the Methodical Digest.

In his visitations as Grand Lecturer he cites one instance which discloses conditions new to this writer and which we sincerely hope is a rarity. We give it complete that our readers may appreciate the strange conceptions, to say the least, Craftsmen can have of Capitular Masonry, and the justly merited penalty meted out to them:

At the request of Manassas R. A. C. No. 59, I went to Manassas to visit that Chapter, and remained three days. On first and second nights, we conferred the subordinate degrees upon five candidates, and the third night, the Royal Arch upon four. During the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree, I was obliged to impersonate the character and perform the work of P. S., C. O. H., Vailsmen, and H. P., upon two teams, practically unassisted, while the Companions present appeared to delight in interrupting the work by interfering with and annoying the candidates within the Chapter room, and again during the vault work. My predecessor, a P. G. H. P. and G. L., had cautioned and admonished the members of this Chapter for their unseemly behavior, but the officers and members failed to realize the gravity of their offense, and rather made his reprimand a subject of jest.

During this, as upon three prior visits to this Chapter, the officers and members failed to devote any time to attend a class of instruction, or exhibit the least interest to acquire a working knowledge of the ritual. The Chapter has for years depended upon "outsiders" to confer the degrees, while the members indulged in play. Their acts proved that further reproof would be useless, and believing that conditions would not improve within the Chapter, unless the officers acquired a knowledge of the ritual and learned to appreciate the sublime moral truths that our ceremonies are designed to teach, I, therefore, suspended their Charter, issued an edict forbidding the Chapter to hold another Convocation until August 1, 1920, and urged the Chapter to send representatives to one of our schools of instruction.

If the members of any Chapter persist in, and the officers countenance the annoying of candidates, during the conferring of degrees, then the sooner the charter is suspended, or revoked, if necessary, the better it will be for Royal Arch Masonry.

I did not hesitate to suspend the charter of a Chapter for flagrant misconduct, and I trust that future G. H. P. will not falter to do likewise, should occasion arise.

Grand Chapter not only concurred in the action of the Grand High Priest, but also ordered that the Charter be revoked instantly, besides administering this additional reprimand:

The Companions of No. 59 have departed from the time-honored tenets of our institution, and have failed to appreciate the gravity of their offense, as is evidenced by their failure to attempt to reform. This Grand Chapter cannot submit to insubordination, nor can it condone acts which tend to bring Masonry into disrepute.

Thirty-two Excellent Companions, the largest class recorded, were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Owing to the continued illness of Grand Secretary Emeritus James B. Blanks, Companion Joseph W. Eggleston, who prepares a most instructive and readable

Report on Correspondence, did not receive Florida Proceedings as well as some others. It is an unavoidable but distinct loss notwithstanding, and it is hoped it may not again happen.

Next Annual in Richmond, October 25, 1921.

E. Fenno Heath Hampton, Grand High Priest.

J. G. Hankins, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond, Grand Correspondent.

WASHINGTON—1920

Chapters, 37. Members, 5,436. Exalted, 626. Net Gain, 557.

EDWIN HUGH VAN PATTEN, Grand High Priest.

Management of Capitular Masonry in the great state of Washington during recess was about equally divided between the Grand High Priest and the Deputy Grand High Priest, owing to the enforced absence of the former the last half of the year by reason of the serious and fatal illness of Mrs. Van Patten. The Grand High Priest, however, presided at the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation, which met in Spokane, May 3 and 4, 1920, and concisely presented in his address a synopsis of his official acts, much of which was routine, and all met the approval of Grand Chapter.

The two subordinate Chapters which complained of invasion of territory were satisfactorily solaced on receipt of the fees, and the interpretation of a statutory regulation regarding the word "residence," to mean "actual residence instead of legal residence."

During the year more than a score of requests were made to use a substitute in the Royal Arch degrees, all

of which were granted. This causes one to wonder why not have a constitutional amendment that would eliminate these requests.

The last seven months of the Capitular year, the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion Frederick L. Janeck, took charge and his administration was equally satisfactory. His one decision was to the effect that the loss of the hand at the wrist rendered the candidate incapable of conforming literally to necessary requirements and therefore it disqualified the Brother from taking the Capitular degrees.

An effort was made to change the date of the Annual Convocation to meet the same week as Grand Lodge, but the suggestion did not receive the sanction of Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Van Patten, who passed away on April 7, was well known to the Royal Craft and a special committee presented suitable resolutions regarding the bereavement of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The joint committee previously appointed on educational literature from the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, reported the preparation and publishing of 10,000 copies of a booklet and the demand was so great that another edition was ordered.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

Subordinate Chapters are to be provided with lithographed diploma forms for distribution to traveling Companions for the purpose of establishing the "regularity" of their credentials. Florida, as well as some of the other Grand Jurisdictions, provide for this by lithographing the Grand Secretary's certificate on the reverse side of each official receipt.

Grand Chapter will also prepare and distribute at cost to Subordinate Chapters a "list of regular Royal

Arch Chapters throughout the world." While there are published lists of Regular Lodges, this is the first mention that has come to our notice of a published list of Chapters, and the writer of this hopes he may be provided with a copy.

Twenty Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Grand Secretary Yancey C. Blalock presented his thirtieth Report on Correspondence, which "on account of the cost of printing" is mainly statistical. For this or some other reason, Florida was left out.

Next Annual in Seattle, May 2 and 3, 1921.

Frederick Lan Janeck, Yakima, Grand High Priest.

Yancy C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA—1919

Chapters, 43. Members, 8,156. Exalted, 770. Net Gain, 624.

BENJ. A. CARUTHERS, Grand High Priest.

Reviewing the Proceedings a year and a half after they occurred makes it seem almost ancient history. The Forty-ninth Annual of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia was held in Charleston, November 10 and 11, 1919. Seven Subordinate Chapters were not represented and one appointive officer was absent. Florida was represented by Most Excellent Companion Jere A. Miller, who was Grand High Priest in 1883, and is now the Senior in rank, by reason of the death during the year of Past Grand High Priest Kephart D. Walker, in his eighty-third year, and who was a recognized authority in Ma-

sonic jurisprudence. For many years he was also chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Somewhat exacting were the demands made upon High Priest Caruthers during the year, as revealed in his address. He was commended by Grand Chapter for the skill and efficiency with which he discharged those duties. Not being able to find a precedent, he refused to grant a dispensation for a Chapter to confer both the Capitular and Cryptic degrees in a Lodge room in another town. Two Chapter invasions of jurisdiction were settled amicably by exercise of his Solomonic tact.

He issued one dispensation to form a new Royal Arch Chapter with authority to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Mark Master, Select Master, Royal Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. This in a way reveals the almost isolated position in which West Virginia now finds itself by reason of the Royal Arch Chapter still retaining control of the Cryptic degrees, a similar condition exists, as we understand it, only in Virginia. The question of separating the Cryptic from Capitular degrees was strongly urged when Most Excellent Companion A. B. C. Bray was Grand High Priest, and was revived with equal ardor by Grand High Priest Caruthers, who presented cogent reasons why the two bodies should begin preparations for a final separation. The matter was referred to a committee who presented an exhaustive report, so the Proceedings state, which, although not printed, after being freely discussed, was tabled. The writer of this does not presume to advise in the management of family affairs, but from our point of view this action seems regrettable at least.

Early in the year, by reason of ill health, Ex Companion Kephart D. Walker was compelled to resign the chairmanship of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and Excellent Companion Wm. E. Krupp, then Grand

Captain of the Host and later elected Grand Scribe, was appointed to the vacancy. He was expected to have had a report for the 1919 Proceedings, but it does not appear.

Two days are given over to Grand Chapter work, but most of the business sessions are held at night. The day time is given largely to schools of instruction.

The Grand High Priest favored the continuous membership plan, as advocated by both the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Encampment but no action by Grand Chapter is recorded. Reference was also made to the congested condition of the Grand Secretary's office, and another Companion will hereafter affix the official seal wherever required and be the real power behind the throne.

Further time was granted the committee to whom was referred the request of the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia for recognition; a unique distinction as no other Grand Chapter has made a similar request.

A convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held, but the records do not state the number who were consecrated.

The Golden Anniversary Convocation was held in Huntington, November 8 and 9, 1920.

Thomas Turner, Marksburg, Grand High Priest.

G. M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

Wm. E. Krupp, Wheeling, Committee on Correspondence.

WYOMING—1920

Chapters, 14. Members, 1469. Exalted, 212. Net Gain, 191.

WILLIAM PUGH, Grand High Priest.

Although the Chapters in the State of Wyoming are few and widely separated, yet only two failed to be rep-

resented when the Twelfth Annual Convocation opened in Rawlins, July 15, 1920, and these two were not from the border lines either.

Sincere regrets were freely and feelingly expressed over the great loss Capitular Masonry had suffered during the year past in the summoning to the Supreme Grand Chapter on High of Most Excellent Companion, Adrian J. Parshall, who was Wyoming's first Grand High Priest, and has since served as Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent. His concise and intelligent comments as well as close familiarity with Capitular law designated him a devoted Masonic student. He will be greatly missed outside as well as inside that Grand Jurisdiction.

We are glad to note that E. Companion Neil David Nelson represented Florida and also that he is now the Grand Captain of the Host.

Fortunately the Grand High Priest was not overly burdened with official duties during the year, being confined to granting a few dispensations and attending several requests for jurisdictional courtesies.

He authorized the setting to work of a U. D. Chapter at Riverton and the granting of a charter for Buffalo Chapter No. 13. He reported making several official visitations, at each of which one or more of the other Grand Chapter officials were also present.

He reports no requests for decisions or interpretation of law.

He appointed Past Grand High Priest Samuel Corson to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Grand Secretary Parshall and who was later elected to that office.

Grand Chapter adopted the plan of continuous membership in the matter of demits. This method of transferring membership is gaining ground, and it has commendable features.

Revision of jurisdictional laws were made necessary by the forming of the two new Chapters and which gave two Chapters concurrent jurisdiction over one entire county. Grand Chapters are finding it more and more necessary to recognize convenience of travel rather than actual distance measured by crow flights, particularly in the mountainous regions.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the new Chapter of British Columbia.

The report of the committee previously appointed to consider the proposed extension of the scope and authority of the General Grand Chapter, was tabled.

Every year Most Excellent Companion Jesse Converse presents an address in connection with the Grand Convention of the order of High Priesthood. This year he briefly eulogized two Companions who had taken upon themselves the mantle of immortality and passed to the Great Beyond, Grand Secretary Adrian J. Parshall and Grand Treasurer Horace D. Beemer.

Six Companions were consecrated. The fees in this Grand Council are \$20.00.

Much if not all of the Report on Correspondence is the work of Past Grand High Priest Samuel Corson, who succeeded to the station so long occupied by Most Excellent Companion Adrian J. Parshall. It is a pleasure as well as a privilege to read the scholarly work of Companion Corson, and his initial effort indicates that the Round Table has received a valuable acquisition. We gladly extend the right hand of fellowship.

He thinks it is extraordinary that Florida with thirty-eight Chapters (at that time and there are several more now) should have none delinquent in making returns, and he congratulates Grand Secretary Webster on the thorough training he must have given the subordinate secretaries.

He says that Grand High Priest Ketchum gave "a most satisfactory address," and quotes from his tribute to "Old Glory."

He takes exception to granting a dispensation to ballot at special convocations, a prerogative declared by the Jurisprudence Committee as belonging to the office of Grand High Priest, and to which he believes many others will also object.

The writer of this report appreciates the commendation he gives to our work.

Next Annual in Lander, July 14, 1921.

Charles W. Sheldon, Sheridan, Grand High Priest.
Samuel Corson, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and
Committee on Correspondence.

COMMENT

Masonic history has been written from many different starting places. Sometime we apprehend some one will write a general history along a special and definite line. It will be an account of the processes and forces whereby its followers are being drawn together into a common life commensurable with this world which we inhabit. Three epochs suggest themselves in this process. One might be called the prehistoric period, when Masonry was in a somewhat chaotic or formative stage, that is previous to the forming of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717. Then its advance and the forming of the various Grand Bodies, Grand Orients and kindred connections, leading up to the present age, when there appears to be a growing disposition to a convergence of rituals; or as one had expressed it, "A closer contact of groups and a greater reciprocal of influence exercised by each group upon the other."

The great forces which have brought about these changes, are conquest, commerce and religion. While perhaps these apply more specifically to industrial and commercial life, yet they have had and we believe will continue to have a strong bearing on the future of our great institution.

It is pleasing to note the growing disposition among Grand Chapters to look with disfavor upon the action of those misguided Companions who seem to think the Royal Arch degree is conducted for no other purpose "than to enjoy a horse laugh," as it is sometimes stated. So strong is this commendable sentiment in Oklahoma that the Grand High Priest was instructed to send a communication to the Secretaries of offending local Chapters calling attention to its being unmasonic, with additional instructions that it be read before those bodies at least three different meetings in each year.

So much pertaining to Masonry is being said and written these days that the average Craftsman becomes bewildered, not knowing whether to consider its history psychologically or chronologically. What we need to know most is what Masonic historical interests are greatest; where they are being wrought and what ones will most usefully assist in present development.

With this idea in mind a broader field opens for those who prepare the Reports on Correspondence.

It will make possible a compromise between the Scylla of concise chronological happenings and the Charybdis of the topical enthusiast. What it seems is really needed is a report that will meet the conditions and the use of

those aspects of past experience which are significant and which will function favorably in bringing them into practical usage.

Many of the Grand Chapters require a constitutional time to elapse between the reception of a petition for membership and the ballot, yet in almost all cases the Grand High Priest is clothed with power to grant a dispensation to the Chapters to receive and ballot short of time. While this is an exceedingly wise precaution in regard to Lodge petitions, yet it seems to us that when a candidate has been found worthy to receive and has received the Symbolic degrees, and the members of the Chapter where he petitions being largely of the same persons, they might by right be allowed to determine whether or not the reference to a committee of investigation is necessary. This is a constitutional right granted Florida Companions and we have yet to learn where their judgment was at fault.

Several references have been made in the foregoing report of the refusal of many American Grand Chapters to recognize the new Grand Chapter of Queensland. Past Grand High Priest C. H. Smart, in a report as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, furnishes this comprehensive information:

Correspondence has been had with New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria, from which it appears that the two former have already recognized the new Grand Chapter, while Victoria is waiting to see what action will be taken by the District Grand Chapters of England and Scotland in regard to their Chapters in Queensland, the latter refusing to exalt Brethren made in the Queensland Craft Lodges, considering them irregular, but the Queensland Lodge has now been recognized as regular (Tennessee being one of those so recognizing it), and there now seems no

cause for England and Scotland withholding recognition. The Grand Chapter of Queensland to date has been recognized by the Grand Chapters of New South Wales, Western Australia, New Zealand, Missouri, Maine, New Hampshire, Wyoming, Arizona, Illinois and Alberta.

Although not authorized to make this announcement, am quite sure that my Companion Knights of the Round Table will be specially interested in the following just received from Companion Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence as well of the Grand Chapter of Indiana:

The "Daddy of the Round Table" has acted on your suggestion and written the General Grand Secretary to see if a place and a time could not be had on the official program, where we could meet early in the session and get acquainted. I thought also that some sort of a badge or ribbon might be worn, so we would know each other wherever we might meet. I think I shall look after that point and see them properly distributed, after due and timely notice.

As you say, we met a minute, were shunted off at the option of the Committee on Arrangements, and late in the session, at Baltimore, and we could not get acquainted; if we had fixed some face in our mind, there was no time left to make use of it. We will have to stand on our rights. Even at Asheville I understand we are to wait until Thursday noon before we can sit down to meat together—and it's all over then.

Prosperity, harmony and unprecedented gains in membership seem to prevail in all the Grand Chapters, and about the only discordant note is found in the opposition to the proposed changes to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which is to come up for action at the next Triennial that meets in Asheville in September. Indications point to an illuminating display of forensic fireworks in connection with this subject, which is vital to the sovereignty of every Grand Chapter. Yet

it is well to remember there is a whole lot of difference between trying to do a thing and doing it. Repeating the thought expressed in our review of a year ago, we very much doubt if the present proposed amendments are adopted by the General Grand Chapter. And as the wish is father to the thought, we opine that in some way it will inure to the great work of temple rebuilding in which we as Capitular Masons are engaged.

Fraternally Submitted,

Ely P. Hubbell

For the Committee

Bradentown, Fla., May 10, 1921

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E. · T. T. TODD, Grand Captain of the Host, Pensacola.
E. · E. L. SHEAR, Grand Principal Sojourner, Daytona.
E. · CARY B. FISH, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Bradentown.
E. · R. J. McMASTER, Grand Master Third Vail, Tampa.
E. · H. STAFFORD CALDWELL, Grand Master Second Vail, Jacksonville.
E. · S. E. GREGORY, Grand Master First Vail, Jacksonville.
E. · JOHN W. CAPPER, Grand Guardian, Jacksonville.

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