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Under the head of "Colorado," he has the following sensible remarks in support of their practice as to electing the presiding officer, which is the same as ours, and which we have had some arguments about in former reports:—

"He does not agree with our rule which prohibits a Companion being elected High Priest who has not served either as King or Scribe. Of course Comp. P. has a right to dissent, but we think that if he would reconsider the question and look at it from our standpoint, which we think is the right one, he would agree with us on the question. We hold that diligence and attention to duty on the part of a Companion who has been promoted to the responsible position of King or Scribe, should be rewarded, and that he should not be 'jumped' by one who has never given any attention to the duties of the chair. Allow Companion Parmelee's view to prevail, and you leave no incentive to the Companions to work and prepare themselves in the various duties that devolve upon a High Priest before reaching that position. Let the other rule prevail, and our Companions when placed in position will feel as if they had something to work for, and in this way our Chapter can always have good officers. This is our rule, and the results have been all we could wish for. We have good officers and good work, while with the opposite course we would be liable to have bad officers and bad work. Let our young sister try this rule for a short time and see what good effect it will have in her Chapters."

Under "New Jersey," he says:—

"He cautions the Companions against soliciting candidates for the degrees, believing as he does, that it is contrary to the principles of Capitalar Masonry, and that every brother should be left to apply of his own free will. The principle we admit applies to the Lodge, but we are ignorant of any rule in Capitalar Masonry which prohibits a R. A. Mason from soliciting a brother to join the Chapter. On the contrary, we think the rule the reverse of that, and that every brother who has proved himself in the Lodge to be worthy, should not only be solicited but urged to complete his Masonic edifice by taking the Chapter degrees, for without which we all know he has received 'light in Masonry but partially.' Holding these views, we were glad to see, when we had gotten nearly through the proceedings, that the Grand Chapter coincides in our view of the case, as the position assumed by the Grand High Priest was not concurred in by it."

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