

re. There is a fund of mason  
ld draw your members together  
e mind. I have only hinted  
d it is for you to make the appl

which was commenced last  
l under the direction of the  
d Treasurer.

correspondence in his usual  
gnition of the Grand Mark

mization is regular, that of the  
has, to say the least, as good  
eneral Grand Chapter or any

ng Grand Chapters, not con-  
r, viz: Canada, Ireland and  
England has not recognized  
odge, for the simple reason  
r's degree.

oll, located in England, Aus-  
amaica, Gibraltar, Madras,  
a, Punjaub and Mauritius,  
10,000. It has contributed  
seventeen votes in the 'Royal  
e Institution for Girls, and  
es and Widows of Free-

es' from 1782, and another  
we have of this degree in  
ces in connection with a

gives several extracts

s with Comp. Gossip, of  
a Blue Lodge does not  
pter. We desire to ask  
son can be a Royal Arch  
nic rights, is not, during  
sense, a Master Mason:  
It seems to us that the  
its place after the first  
ell as a man can be a  
Master Mason."

man who is not a  
Mason, that is, he  
ut one who has re-

gived the third degree is eligible for the Chapter degrees,  
nd we cannot agree with the conclusions that Comp. Drum-  
ond draws from the admitted premises. No amount of  
suspensions or expulsions can take away the fact that a  
Master Mason has received the third degree, and although  
e is liable to suspension or expulsion by the Chapter, the  
ction of the Lodge does not, *ipso facto*, carry the same  
result in so far as the Chapter is concerned. The two bodies  
re separate and distinct organizations. Although none but  
Master Masons are eligible for admission to the Chapter, it  
is not requisite that candidates should be members of any  
Lodge. We admit non-affiliated Master Masons, if found  
worthy, and confer the degrees on them, regardless of their  
Lodge membership. And we insist upon the right of Chap-  
ters to discipline their own members, irrespective of the ac-  
tion of any other body. We preserve to our members the  
right to a fair trial, and we do not suspend or expel a mem-  
ber without summoning him to show cause, and giving him  
every opportunity to defend himself. We do not take it for  
granted that the proceedings in the Lodge are conclusive as  
to the guilt of the accused. In the Chapter we think we are  
quite capable to judge of that matter, and although in most  
cases the result would probably be the same in both bodies,  
yet there might be cases where it would be different; and all  
we claim is, that our members shall have the same rights  
that members of other bodies have, and that Chapters shall  
have the same powers as to the discipline of their members  
that Lodges have.

To this end, and to guard against possible injustice, we  
require that a Royal Arch Mason shall have a fair trial in  
his Chapter, or in Grand Chapter, before he is suspend-  
ed or expelled from it. Otherwise, we might as well allow  
the Lodges to say who shall be, and who shall not be mem-  
bers of the Chapter.

M. E. Comp. A. B. Marston (Bangor), Grand High Priest.  
R. E. Comp. Ira Berry (Portland), Grand Secretary.