

CONCLUSION.

I now lay down the gavel of authority, which you so generously placed in my hand, with the hope, that you will look leniently upon the many instances, in which I have fallen short of my full Masonic duty. My heart and my inclination were always to be up and doing, but my restrictions proved to be dominant, and I have left undone some very important things which I should have done. Royal Arch Masonry has prospered and prospered greatly, during the six years which I have been a member of the Grand Council. Those true and enthusiastic Brethren, many of whom are now present, whose sustained efforts in the affairs of Grand Chapter, and the younger Companions, who have become imbued with the true spirit of the Royal Craft, are to be congratulated. I feel, that, in laying down this gavel, to be committed to the hands of such eminent Royal Arch Masons, as the Grand Second and Third Principals, the Grand Chapter of Canada will continue its honored advancement, shedding light in the pathway of Capitular Masonry, and contributing its disinterested benevolence to the welfare of those needy ones who are members of the Household of the Faithful.

For what you have done I thank you. I trust human frailty may never cause me to be unworthy of the great honor, and assure you that the Companions of Western Canada have appreciated the fact that one of their number has been selected, by you, to preside over this August Assembly. One more word and I am done.

You will note in this address, that I have made no mention of the increase in membership of Grand Chapter, our financial condition, approval of By-laws, and such other matters, because, I am convinced that these should be first announced in the reports of the officers whose duty it is to deal with such.

Fraternally submitted,

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