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ADDRESS OF M. EX. COMP. H. L. ROBINSON, GRAND Z., TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.

The Grand Z., after fraternally welcoming the companions to the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Québec, and thanking them for electing him during his absence through ill health to the highest office within their gift, said that it gave him great pleasure to state, in the words of the Immediate Past Grand Z. at the last convocation, that "not a single appeal has been made, not a single case of grievance or a protest against any officer of our Grand Chapter, or of the subordinate chapters, has come before me."

The increase in membership has not been large, but from such information as I have received, as well as from personal observation, I am justified in stating that the increase has been healthy, and that the subordinate chapters are working efficiently. These are troublous times for the craft in this Province, and it is not to be wondered at that the "profane" display no great anxiety to become members of a fraternity excommunicated by the head of a powerful church on the one hand and assailed by professed friends, votaries of the craft, on the other.

He referred to several visitations he had made and to the address of Carnarvon Chapter, which he had the pleasure of presenting to the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Z. of the Grand Chapter of England. He made an excellent suggestion with regard to the Ritual, and said: "I recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a catechism of each degree; and would further recommend that a resolution be passed authorizing the second and third principals to confer the intermediate degrees under the supervision of the first principal. It would be a training school for them, and I am confident the effect would be beneficial."

He granted dispensations to Golden Rule, Carnarvon and Royal Albert Chapters, to instal principals who had not filled the constitutional offices; also, a dispensation to form a new chapter at Three Rivers, to be called Shawenegan Chapter.

During the year Grand Representatives were appointed for Massachusetts, Iowa, New Jersey, Nova Scotia, Rhode Island and Oregon.

In speaking of visits abroad, he stated that—"Being in Boston in June last I embraced the opportunity