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GRAND CHAPTER R. A. M. OF QUEBEC.

The Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec was held in the Royal Albert Rooms, on Tuesday, Sept. 21st. The following is the excellent address of the Grand Z., M.E. Comp. J. H. Graham: Companions of the Holy Royal Arch:

Time, in its ever onward course, has brought us to the tenth year of the twentyfifth century of the traditional year of Capitular Masonry.

This Grand Chapter, being in comparison but of yesterday, has now entered on its Fourth Annual Convocation, to which I bid you heartily and fraternally welcome.

Each succeeding year shows more and more clearly the wisdom of its organization, and we trust that many succeeding generations of Loyal Craftsmen will rejoice in upbuilding and beautifying the Grand Superstructure whose foundations have been so harmoniously and auspiciously laid.

It now becomes my duty to lay before you the principal events of our history during the past year; to preside over you in the discharge of your important duties during the Annual Convocation, and to aid you in drafting the designs for the overseers and workmen in their future labors; and may the Most High bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly, and grant abundant prosperity to us, and to all our Companions and Brethren throughout the Universe.

THE CRAFT AT HOME.

It is with great satisfaction that I have to report that peace, unity and harmony have continued to prevail throughout the jurisdiction; that an increased zeal has been manifested, and that an encouraging degree of well-grounded prosperity has been enjoyed. The resuscitation of Dorchester Chapter Waterloo, and of St. Charles Chapter, Point St. Charles, are noteworthy events, and I sincerely hope that they may hereafter have a prosperous career. Several of the officers with whom I am personally acquainted, I know to be talented men and zealous Companions.

Two new Chapters have recently been established by Dispensation—the Bedford Chapter, in the village of Bedford, and the Mississippi Chapter, in the village of Man-

sonville

These are presided over by able and well-skilled officers, and I trust that they will, on examination, be found to have made such progress that Warrants of Constitution may be granted to them at the present Convocation of Grand Chapter. Detailed information concerning these four Chapters will, doubtless, be given in their reports by the R. E., the Grand Superintendents of the respective Districts of Montreal and of the Eastern Townships.

TIDINGS FROM ABROAD.

All our relations to the sister Grand Chapters of the Dominion, and of the United States of America, from nearly all of whom we have received due recognition, and with most of whom we have fraternal correspondence, and have exchanged Grand Representatives—continue to be most harmonious and satisfactory. The volumes of Proceedings received from them are deeply interesting and instructive, and indicate that Capitular Masonry is fairly prosperous throughout the world.

It will, I am sure, afford you very great pleasure to learn that the Grand Chapter of Quebec has been duly recognized in the most fraternal manner by the Most Excellent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland. The recognition of our young Grand Chapter by that venerable Grand Body has