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## GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.

The fifth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was held in Royal Albert Lodge Rooms on the evening of the 27th Sept. The M. E. the Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. I. H. Stearns on the throne, supported by R. E. Comp. Edgar, Grand H., and R. E. Comp. Robinson, as Grand J. M. E. Comp. J. H. Graham, P. G. Z.; R. E. Comp. Tyler, Grand Commander of the State of Vermont, and R. E. Comp. Robert Ramsay, also occupied seats on the dais. All the Chapters were represented.

The Grand Chapter being opened in Ample Form the Grand Z. delivered the following address:—

*Companions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec,—*

In extending to you a cordial and fraternal welcome to this the fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, I rejoice with you at the apparent evidences of continued prosperity in this jurisdiction. It now becomes us to look with thankful hearts to the GREAT I AM, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, who has permitted us to meet again with unbroken ranks to review the past and provide for the future welfare of our Royal Craft, and more especially to

invoke His guidance and protection during our deliberations.

I am pleased to inform you, Companions, that notwithstanding the general prosperity of the Order during the past year, yet owing to the wisdom exercised by you and my learned predecessor, in perfecting our laws and regulations, I have had no disagreeable official duties to perform, and but few otherwise, and these few have been rendered comparatively light by the able and valuable assistance rendered me by our efficient and pains-taking Grand Scribe E., R. E. Comp. Grant. Our increase of membership in the Subordinate Chapters has not been large, yet the growth has, I trust, been a healthful one, nearly all of the Chapters reporting some work, and it is to be hoped that the material selected has been such as will stand the "Grand Overseer's" square, so that as we increase in numbers we may grow in strength and usefulness.

### DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year I have granted a number of dispensations to install Principals of Chapters, they not having filled all the offices as required by the constitution. In each instance strong arguments have been brought forward to prove the necessity of the case. This is a matter in which I