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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

because we cannot now call to mind those who we believe are in accord with us upon this question. In California it is not required that to be a Master, a brother must have served as a Warden. It is certainly seldom the case that a Master is elected who has not filled the Warden's chair, but there is nothing to prevent a Lodge from electing as its Master any brother from the floor, so that, in case either of the Wardens should not be well qualified to sit in the East, some intelligent brother may be chosen who will be a credit to the Lodge and to the Fraternity."

"In California, a Companion who remains non-affiliated for more than six months, or who does not pay to some Lodge a sum equivalent to its monthly dues for all the time he remains unaffiliated after the six months has expired, is excluded from the Chapter; should he, however, present his petition to a Lodge for affiliation and be rejected, the fact of the presentation of his petition is regarded as an effort on his part to do his duty as a Mason, and this act places him in good standing for six months thereafter. The object of this is to encourage affiliation with the Lodge, that being recognized as the foundation upon which the capular degrees are based."

M. E. Comp. Henry H. Knapp (Napa), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Charles L. Wiggin (San Francisco), Grand Secretary.

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Held at Denver, September 20th, 1877.

M. E. Comp. Irving W. Stanton, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 7; represented, 7; exalted, 90; members, 359; receipts, \$349.08. Annual Convocation, 3rd.

The Grand High Priest says that the business depression has affected the increase of membership; that it is prudent to guard well the outer courts, and to require a high standard of moral worth as a necessary qualification for admission.

He mentions the meeting of the committee on work, at which a system was agreed upon, which was afterwards adopted by Grand Chapter. Comp. A. G. Mackey was present at the committee, and rendered valuable assistance.

Quebec was recognized.

The dues to Grand Chapter were increased from fifty cents to one dollar per member.

M. E. Comp. Owen H. Henry (Golden), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Ed. C. Parmelee (Georgetown), Grand Secretary.

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