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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

FREEMASON'S HALL, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA,
Tuesday, the 6th day of June,
A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA was held this day, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Present :—

GRAND OFFICE BEARERS.

- Companion James Gossip, *M. E., Grand High Priest.*
" James Poyntz, (*as*) *R. E., Grand King.*
" Lorenzo F. Darling, (*as*) *R. E., Grand Scribe.*
" William A. Hesson, *R. E., Grand Treasurer.*
" George T. Smithers, *R. E., Grand Secretary.*
" Rev. Fred. Murray, (*as*) *R. E., Grand Chaplain.*
" Wm. V. Murray, *R. E., Grand Captain of Host.*
" John W. Ruhland, (*as*) *Grand Prin. Sojourner.*
" William Williams, (*as*) *R. E., Grand R. A. Capt.*
" Samuel Porter, (*as*) *V. E., Grand Mast. 3rd Vail.*
" A. D. McGillvray, *M. D., (as) G. Mast. 2nd Vail.*
" Uriah Mulholland, (*as*) *V. E., G. Mast. 1st Vail.*
" Richard T. Roome, (*as*) *V. E., Grand Steward.*
" Theodore A. Cossman, *V. E., Grand Organist.*
" Benj. H. Landis, (*as*) *V. E., Grand Stand. Bearer.*
" James Martin, (*P. G. S.*) *V. E., G. Pursuivant.*
" John M. Taylor, *V. E., Grand Tyler.*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp., | B. Curren, | <i>P. G. H. P.</i> |
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| " " | L. F. Darling, | <i>P. G. H. P.</i> |
| R. E. Comp., | James Poyntz, | <i>P. G. K.</i> |
| " " | Geo. T. Smithers, | <i>P. G. K.</i> |
| " " | William Williams, | <i>P. G. S.</i> |
| " " | James Martin, | <i>P. G. S.</i> |

and the GRAND REPRESENTATIVES near this Grand Chapter of the following Grand Chapters:— *Arkansas, Canada, District of Columbia, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Missouri, New Jersey, Nebraska, Ohio and Quebec.*

The M. E., Grand High Priest ordered the Roll of Chapters to be called by the Grand Secretary, upon which was found to be present Representatives from seven out of the eleven Chapters in the jurisdiction, viz.:

REPRESENTATION OF CHAPTERS.

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| James Martin, (<i>P. H. P.</i>) | <i>H. P.</i> , | } Royal Union, No. 1. |
| Uriah Mulholland, | <i>K.</i> , | |
| Rev. F. R. Murray, | <i>S.</i> , | |
| Wm. V. Murray, | <i>H. P.</i> , | } St. Andrew's, No. 2. |
| Samuel Porter, | <i>K.</i> , | |
| Benj. H. Landis, | <i>S.</i> , | |
| James Poyntz, | <i>P. G. K.</i> , | Proxy for Hiram, No. 3. |
| T. A. Cossman, | <i>P. H. P.</i> , | Proxy for Rossignol, No. 6. |
| G. T. Smithers, | <i>P. H. P.</i> , | Proxy for St. John's, No. 8. |
| F. R. Murray, | | Proxy for Shannon, No. 9. |
| A. D. McGillvary, | <i>High Priest</i> , | } Prince of Wales, No. 10. |
| | Proxy for <i>K.</i> and <i>S.</i> , | |
| Keith, | No. 4, | } Not being represented. |
| Eureka, | No. 5, | |
| Union, | No. 7, | |
| Alexandra, | No. 11, | |

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The M. E., Grand High Priest then opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia in AMPLE FORM.

The Grand Secretary then presented the Report of the Committee on Credentials, of the Committee of General Purposes, which was read and adopted, shewing the Representatives entitled to seats and votes in this Grand Convocation, viz :

The following are the names of all entitled to sit and vote in this Grand Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, on 6th June, 1882 :—

**GRAND-OFFICE BEARERS,
1881-1882.**

James Gossip, Halifax, N. S., *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 Charles Crewe Read, Sydney, C. B., *R. E. Grand King.*
 John R. Cowen, Windsor, N. S., *R. E. Grand Scribe.*
 William A. Hesson, Halifax, N. S., *P. G. H. P., R. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 George T. Smithers, Halifax, N. S., *R. E. Grand Secretary.*
 Rev. Richard Avery, Aylesford, N. S.,
 Rev. H. D. DeBlois, Annapolis, N. S.,
 Rev. David C. Moore, Stellarton, Pictou, N. S., } *R. E. Grand Chaplains.*
 William V. Murray, Halifax, N. S., *R. E. G. C. Host.*
 Simon W. Crabbe, Charlottetown, P. E. I., *R. E. Grand P. S.*
 John R. Davies, Pictou, N. S., *R. E. Grand R. A. C.*
 Moses Monroe, St. John's, N. F. L., *V. E. Grand 3rd V.*
 Aubrey Blanchard, Windsor, N. S., *V. E. Grand 2nd V.*
 Luther B. Archibald, Truro, N. S., *V. E. Grand 1st V.*
 Miner T. Foster, Halifax, N. S., *V. E. Grand Steward.*
 Theodore A. Cossman, Halifax, N. S., *V. E. Grand Organist.*
 W. Walter Rickards, Windsor, N. S., *V. E. Grand Standard Bearer.*
 James Martin, Halifax, N. S., *Grand Pursuivant.*
 John M. Taylor, Halifax, N. S., *Grand Tyler.*

Royal Union Chapter, No. 1, Halifax.

JAMES MARTIN, *P. H. P. High Priest.* URIAH MULHOLLAND, *King.*
 REV. FREDERICK R. MURRAY, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

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| W. S. Symonds, | G. T. Smithers, | James Dempster, |
| R. T. Roome, | James Gossip, | A. H. Woodill, |
| B. Curren, | James Martin, | W. J. A. E. Rix. |
| W. A. Hesson, | John W. Ruhland, | |

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2, Halifax.

WILLIAM VINCENT MURRAY, *P. H. P. High Priest.* SAMUEL PORTER, *King*
 BENJAMIN HOWARD LANDIS, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

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| William Taylor, | David Pottinger, | M. T. Foster, |
| J. M. Taylor, | W. F. Chase, | L. F. Darling, |
| C. J. McDonald, | T. A. Cossman, | William Williams. |
| J. K. Munnis, | J. B. Foster, | |

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*Proceedings of the***Hiram Chapter, No. 3, Windsor.**ANTHONY S. SANFORD, *High Priest.*JAMEL POYNTZ, *King.*EDWARD SHAND, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

W. W. Rickards,

H. W. Dimock,

J. R. Cowen,

Aubrey Blanchard.

Keith Chapter, No. 4, Truro.

(No. return.)

"Eureka" Chapter, No. 5, Annapolis.REV. RICHARD AVERY, *High Priest.*SIMEON D. TOBIAS, *King.*THOS. F. HARRIS, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

Rev. H. DeBlois,

Robert L. Hardwick,

Fraser W. Dakin,

Simeon D. Tobias,

Augustus Robinson, M.D.,

Rev. Richard Avery.

Rossignol Chapter, No. 6, Liverpool.NATHAN R. FREEMAN, *P. H. P. High Priest.*ROBIE S. STERNS, *King.*ARTHUR C. PARKER, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

Nathan R. Freeman,

J. N. S. Marshall,

William Knaut,

James R. Tupper.

John W. Cobb,

Union Chapter, No. 7, Yarmouth.F. A. BAILEY, *High Priest.*J. W. BINGAY, *King.*GEORGE W. JOHNSON, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIEST:

J. W. BINGAY.

St. John's Chapter, No. 8, Pictou.JOHN R. DAVIES, *High Priest.*ALEX. H. MCKAY, *King.*GEO. D. IVES, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

Jas. D. Fraser,

Thomas V. Cooke,

William Campbell,

John R. Davies.

Joseph A. Gordon,

Shannon Chapter, No. 9, St. John's, N. F. L.JAMES L. DUCHENIN, *High Priest.*GEORGE ADOLPHUS HUTCHING, *King.*RICHARD A. MCCOBBEY, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

Moses Monroe,

Charles Speare Pinsent.

James Stevenson Hayward,

William Stratford Canning.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 10, Sydney, C. B.A. D. MCGILLVARY, *High Priest.*E. S. STERLING, *King.*WILLIAM MCKAY, M.D., *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

Charles Crewe Read,

J. Howard Beatty.

Murray Dodd.

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Alexandra Chapter, No. 11, Charlottetown.

GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, *High Priest.* CHARLES J. CLARKE, *King.*
J. H. READ, D.D., *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

J. S. Carvell, N. P. Stramberg,
A. N. Large, Robt. Young,
Adam Murray, Simon W. Crabbe,
Don. McKinnon, David Small,
George W. Wakeford.

Also: The following Past Grand Office bearers :—

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS :

M. E. Stephen R. Sircom, M. E. William Taylor,
" Benjamin Curren, " Lorenzo F. Darling,
" William A. Hesson, " C. J. McDonald.

PAST GRAND KINGS :

R. E. Fraser W. Dakin, R. E. George T. Smithers,
" James Poyntz, " Rev. R. Avery,
" Thomas V. Cooke.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES :

R. E. William Williams, R. E. Augustus Robinson,
" James Martin, " Sanford H. Pelton,
" R. L. Hardwick.

Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia :—

CanadaL. F. Darling.
Dis. Columbia, }
Illinois, }James Gossip.
New Jersey, }
Maryland.....
New York.....Chas. J. McDonald.
Iowa.....W. A. Hesson.
Maine.....Benj. Curren.
Missouri.....Geo. T. Smithers.
Nebraska.....William Taylor.
Nevada.....Thos. V. Cooke.
Ohio.....William Williams.
Pennsylvania.....F. W. Dakin.
Quebec.....James Poyntz.
Scotland.....S. R. Sircom.
Tennessee.....Geo. Fraser.
Arkansas.....F. A. Cossman.
Louisiana.....J. R. Cowen.
North Carolina.....C. Crewe Read.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
GRAND SEC'Y.
for Credential Committee.

Halifax, N. S., June 5th, 1882.

The Grand Secretary reported that all the Chapters in the jurisdiction, with the exception of Keith, No. 4, Truro, had sent in their returns this year, and that the following Chapter were not represented at this Convocation :

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| Keith, | 4, Truro. |
| Eureka, | 5, Annapolis. |
| Union, | 7, Yarmouth. |
| Alexandra, | 11, Charlottetown, P. E. I. |

Before proceeding to the business of the Convocation, the Grand Secretary read "The Regulations for the Government of Grand Chapter" as prescribed by the Constitution.

On motion of R. E., Companion John W. Ruhland, seconded by R. E., Companion T. A. Cossman, it was resolved, "That the reading of the proceedings of the Twelfth Convocation be dispensed with, as the same had been published and distributed to the members of this Grand Chapter and to the several Chapters."

It was resolved, on motion of M. E., Companion B. Curren, P. G. H. P., seconded by R. E., Companion James Poyntz, "That all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors to witness the proceedings of this Grand Chapter."

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then presented and delivered his Annual Address in the following words:

DEAR COMPANIONS,—

It is with pleasurable feeling that I again meet the Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nova Scotia, at this Annual Convocation.

For thirteen consecutive years, 12 of which were devoted to the business management of your Grand Body as Grand Secretary, and the past year in the highest position in the gift of the Royal Arch Body, have I endeavoured to make myself as generally useful as circumstances would permit, in the promotion of the welfare of our Institution, and the perpetuation and permanency of the same.

I trust that the companions assembled here to-day have come animated with a determination to legislate for the future well being of our good cause.

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Royal Arch Masonry is prolific of an amount of thought which would be invaluable to us in our daily lives, if we did but pay even a small amount of attention to the precepts inculcated by its symbolic teaching.

The various degrees appertaining to the Royal Arch system, are each and all of an impressive and solemn character, and are calculated by a careful study of their intention and meaning to give us a more extended view of our various moral duties. The Rites and Ceremonies of the several degrees refer in every case to matters of a sacred character, and demand for us as Royal Arch Masons, the most absolute reverence. In the Royal Arch Degree more particularly, are we taught with what profound veneration the great and sacred name should be used, and the greatest possible caution even in its mention.

Almost every particle of the appointment of a Chapter, as you all should well know, has its symbolic meaning. The Robes of the several Office Bearers, the banners of the Veils, and their colours, the lights, ornaments, &c., &c., are all full of matter for thought and instruction, and could be profitably studied by each and all of us, if we would but think of the necessity of so doing.

I would advise all officers of Chapters—who take any interest in their work to study well—not only the *words* of the Ritual of the several degrees as authorized, but also the symbolic meaning intended to be conveyed, which would enable *them* if sincere in their work, to impress on the minds of the Candidates the moral, as well as the physical beauties of our order.

I trust that the time may arrive when the symbolic teaching of Freemasonry in every branch will become a matter of more thought than heretofore; believing firmly that such a knowledge would be calculated to elevate the whole craft far above its present level.

The Royal Arch Body in the jurisdiction as a whole, is not in that flourishing condition that is desired by its well wishers, although there are several individual Chapters in connection with us which are notable exceptions of this statement. There appears on the part of a very small minority of subordinates for the past two or three years, a spirit of lethargy and carelessness which might have been easily thrown off, if those who had been put in the position of rulers of their several organizations had shown more aptitude and zeal, and a desire to advance the interest of their several Chapters.

Holding as I did for many years, the responsible position of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, I had a favorable opportunity of making myself well acquainted with the workings of the several Chapters, and the amount of energy displayed in each in their desire to perpetuate and make prosperous the Royal Craft.

I have been forced to the conclusion that carelessness and indifference on the part of the principal officers of some of these subordinate Chapters, has been the cause of that want of healthfulness which might have been kept up, if these Companions had been prompted by a sense of their duty to their respective bodies.

From reports received through the Grand Secretary however, I am led to believe that of late there has sprung up a desire that this lifeless state of matters should no longer exist, and a determination expressed that in future a more active interest will be taken in the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry.

That such may be speedily realised is my earnest wish.

A very pertinent question might be asked, viz:—

What remedy can be devised to make our Institution more prosperous and useful? I may say that in my opinion there are several things which would conduce to a more satisfactory state of affairs than at present exists.

First.—A more decided and active interest on the part of those put in authority over the respective Chapters, with a due appreciation of the solemn duties they severally promise to perform.

Second.—The introduction on more frequent occasions of any social element which would be calculated to increase any latent desire on the part of members, to attend more regularly the convocations of their respective Chapters, provided always it be of a legitimate character.

Third.—The dissemination of Masonic Literature—of this there is a great lack. I do not hesitate to say that amongst the Craft generally, in this jurisdiction, there is more ignorance as to what is being done abroad in the Masonic world, than obtains in any jurisdiction on this continent.

Why is it that Freemasonry in England and the United States, holds such a high position and character throughout the world. I believe it is to a considerable extent due to the fact, that these countries possess a high class Masonic literature, composed of magazines and newspapers, edited by brethren of eminence in general social life, and enthusiastic in what they consider the holy cause of Freemasonry, which literature is sown broadcast amongst the craft, and the effect of this dissemination of wholesome Masonic information is to bind more closely the brotherhood in these countries, and creates amongst them a healthy rivalry to excel in Masonic knowledge, and the more of this knowledge which is imparted of the good the Institution is doing in the world, so much stronger will be their respect for it.

The first, and what I considered a most desirable act, performed by me in my official capacity, was the appointment of M. E. Companion, Moses Monroe, Past High Priest of Shannon Chapter, St. John's, Newfoundland, to the important and

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responsible position of Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for Newfoundland—this as most of you are aware, was in accordance with a request from Shannon-Chapter, and which was unanimously recommended by Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation. This appointment, we are led believe, has proved satisfactory and beneficent to our Companions of Newfoundland.

I have also during the year made the following appointments of representatives of Foreign Grand Chapters, near our own, viz :

Comp. Theo. A. Cossman, Halifax, Arkansas.

“ J. R. Cowen, Windsor, Louisiana.

“ C. Crewe Read, Sydney, North Carolina.

The credentials of these Companions will be presented to you at this Convocation for acceptance.

I have also sanctioned the appointment of Companion Robert Hendry, Jr., of Kingston, Ontario, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a distinguished representative, T. Douglas Harington, Past Grand Z., of Canada, and of Companion Wm. Simpson, of Raleigh, North Carolina, to be the representative of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, at that of North Carolina; these appointments were made at the request of the M. E. Grand High Priest of these respective jurisdictions.

It is with feelings of regret that I have to record a severe loss met by St. John Chapter, Pictou, in the destruction by fire of their Chapter room, Paraphenalia, and also their Warrant.

The records of the Chapter were fortunately saved. As the Companions of this Chapter were anxious to renew work, and on application from their body, I issued a duplicate warrant to replace that destroyed.

I trust that a much larger amount of prosperity may attend the working under the duplicate than the original.

The Royal Arch Craft on this continent has, during the past year, met with severe losses in the removal by death of several very distinguished members of the craft, amongst the most prominent are—Companion T. Douglas Harington, Past Grand Z., of Canada, one of the most enthusiastic and genuine Freemasons in the world. M. E., Jas. M. Austen, G. H. P. of New York; M. E., Albert G. Mackey of New York; one of the ablest Masonic writers of his day.

We are also called upon to deplore the loss sustained by the Royal Craft in the United States by the death of M. E., Comp. Robert Farmer Bower, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, who died on 19th May, last past, at the age of 59 years. No words of mine can add to the general regret expressed at his untimely death; his eulogy is that he attained the highest honor of Royal Arch Masonry in America.

I cannot conclude the list of those who have been called from their Masonic duties in this life, without adding the name of the late President of the United States, Brother and Companion Jas. A. Garfield, whose melancholy death caused by that diabolical communistic spirit of the present day, removed from a sphere of usefulness one whose life and conduct was an example to be followed, and from what I have learned of his Masonic connection, entitles his memory to special mention in the record of all Masonic Lodges and Chapters throughout the world.

I fully expected at the time of my installation into the important and exalted office of Grand High Priest, to have been able to carry out a programme I had arranged, whereby some of our Chapters at a distance which have not yet had the honour of a visit from the G. H. P., should have the benefit of the presence of that functionary amongst them this year. My plans and programme all came to nought from untoward circumstances, over which I could exercise no control, and very much to my regret.

I appointed R. E. Comp. David Small, P. H. P., to officially visit Alexandra Chapter, No. 11, Charlottetown, P. E. I; also, R. E. Comp. C. Crewe Read, to officially visit Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 10, Sydney, C. B.

I also deputized the R. E. Grand Secretary, to officially visit St. John's Chapter, No. 8, Pictou, and Keith, No. 4, Truro. Reports in reference to these official visits will be laid before you.

In conjunction with the R. E. Grand Secretary, I paid a visit to Windsor, on April 6th, for the purpose of visiting Hiram Chapter, No. 3. I had the books of the Chapter before me which I carefully examined, and found every thing correct, but that no work had been done through the year, not on account of any want of energy or willingness on the part of either officers or members, but from lack of material—the Companions assured me, however, that there was no doubt but that the coming year would show an accession of membership. On account of sickness in my family, I was obliged to return home by early train, which prevented me from attending a Convocation of the Chapter which had been called for that evening, for the purpose of welcoming the M. E. Grand High Priest. I officially deputized the Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. Smithers, to attend said Convocation in my behalf, who will report to you in reference thereto.

In company with the R. E. Grand Secretary, I visited Royal Union Chapter, No. 1—found that there had been a sad neglect of attendance of members at the several convocations during the year, which had retarded to a considerable extent the prosperity of that venerable body. No work had been done up to a late period of the year, but during the latter month there had been an influx of candidates, which would improve very much the financial condition of the Chapter.

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The High Priest, Scribe and Secretary of the Chapter, deserve special mention for their close attention to their duties, having been absent on no occasion; but the neglect of attendance of members is to be reprehended, tending as it does to injure the prosperity and reputation of any body.

In company with the Grand Secretary, I visited St. Andrews, No. 2. This body shows considerable vitality, and on enquiring I found that this vitality was not of spontaneous growth, but had been gradually developing for some time. I found the minutes well recorded, but felt bound to make objection to a part of the minutes of one Convocation, wherein it appears that a Lodge of M. E. Masters, had been opened independent of the Royal Arch—that is, that the Chapter was not opened previously to the Lodge—on this action I declared irregular. I observe that in connection with this subject there is a notice of motion to be considered at this Convocation.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is good.

There is a subject which has been creating considerable stir in the jurisdiction on this continent, viz; in reference to the recording of Marks. This question has been on many occasions brought before the several Chapters in our jurisdiction, but the effect has not been very marked.

I do not intend to elaborate this subject, but would simply state that the constitution requires that such shall be done, and a neglect to carry out the provisions of that constitution is certainly a violation of that enactment.

I will read you an extract taken from the Proceedings of one of our Sister Grand Chapters on this subject.

“Your Committee to whom was referred the question, as to the right of a member of a Chapter to withdraw, who refused to record his mark, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that the Grand Chapter having provided that every Mark Master must within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in the Book of Marks kept by the Chapter for that purpose. A member who refuses to record his mark, is acting in disobedience of one of the regulations of the Grand Chapter, all of which it is his bounden duty to obey, and whilst refusing, is liable to Masonic censure. He is consequently not entitled to withdraw until he has purged himself of his disobedience, by complying with the established regulation.”

I thank you, Companions, for the kind attention given to these crude remarks. I trust that the deliberation of to-day, may conduce to the prosperity of the Royal Craft throughout the world.

JAMES GOSSIP,
G. H. P.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

A Committee was then appointed, consisting of

M. E., Comp. Wm. Taylor, P. G. H. P.

R. E., " James Poyntz, P. G. K.

Ex. " Rev. F. R. Murray,

to whom was referred the Address of the M. E., G. H. P. with directions to make a report thereon during this Convocation of Grand Chapter.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Grand Secretary then read communications from R. E., Companion C. Crewe-Read, Grand King, expressing regret that unavoidable circumstances prevented his attendance at this Convocation. Also from the R. E., Grand Scribe, Companion John R. Cowen, stating that from illness it was also impossible for him to be present. These letters were then ordered to be placed on file.

The Grand Secretary presented the report of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Committee of General Purposes, and of the several Officers deputed to make official visitations, which were severally received and ordered to remain over for consideration and disposal at the afternoon session

TIME FOR ELECTIONS.

The hour for Election of Officers was named as half-past four o'clock, P. M.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshments, to resume again at half-past two o'clock, P. M., this day.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
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AFTERNOON SESSION.

IN FREEMASON'S HALL, HALIFAX,
June 6th, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412.
Half-past two o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment and resumed labor at the hour named above.

PRESENT—

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| <i>The M. E., Grand High Priest,</i> | Comp. James Gossip. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand King, p. t.,</i> | " James Poyntz. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand Scribe, p. t.,</i> | " L. F. Darling. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand Treasurer, p. t.,</i> | " Wm. Taylor. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand Secretary,</i> | " Geo. T. Smithers. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand Chaplain, p. t.,</i> | " Rev. F. R. Murray. |
| <i>The Grand Captain of Host, p. t.,</i> | " John W. Ruhland. |
| <i>The Grand Principal Soj., p. t.,</i> | " Theo. A. Cossman. |
| <i>The Grand R. A. Captain, p. t.,</i> | " William Williams. |
| <i>The Grand Master 3rd Vail,</i> | " Samuel Porter. |
| <i>The Grand Master 2nd Vail,</i> | " A. D. McGillvary. |
| <i>The Grand Master 1st Vail,</i> | " B. H. Landis. |
| <i>The Grand Steward,</i> | " R. T. Roome. |
| <i>The Grand Standard Bearer,</i> | " U. Mulholland. |
| <i>The Grand Pursuivant,</i> | " James Martin. |
| <i>The Grand Tyler,</i> | " John M. Taylor. |
| <i>and Past Grand High Priests,</i> | B. Curren, Wm. Taylor, Wm. A. Hesson, L. F. Darling, James Poyntz, Geo. T. Smithers. William Williams, James Martin. |

Past Grand Kings,

Past Grand Scribes,

The Grand Representatives, as before.

The following Chapters being now represented :

Royal Union, No. 1, Halifax, by Comps. James Martin, *H. P.*,
Uriah Mulholland, *K.*, Fred R. Murray, *S.*

St. Andrew's, No. 2, Halifax, by Comps. W. V. Murray, *H. P.*,
Samuel Porter, *K.*, B. H. Landis, *S.*

Hiram, No. 3, Windsor, by Comp. James Poyntz, Proxy for
Chapter.

Rossignol, No. 6, Liverpool, by Comp. T. A. Cossman, Proxy
for Chapter.

St. John's, No. 8, Pictou, by Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, Proxy
for Chapter.

Shannon, No. 9, St. John's, N. F., by Comp. Rev. Fred R.
Murray, Proxy for Chapter.

Prince of Wales, No. 10, Sydney, C. B., by Comp. A. D. Mc-
Gillivray, *M. D.*, *H. P.*

Also, Past High Priests B. Curren, R. T. Roome, W. A.
Hesson, Geo. T. Smithers, John W. Ruhland,
James Gossip, James Martin, James Dempster,
A. H. Woodill, *M. D.*, of Royal Union No. 1,
Wm. Taylor, John M. Taylor, Wm. Williams,
T. A. Cossman, L. F. Darling and W. V. Mur-
ray, St. Andrew's No. 2; and Companions
Wm. Lawson, John Oudney, Jas. G. Jamieson
and James Price, of No. 1; T. P. Healy, of No.
2; Angus McLeod, of No. 10; and Robert
Campbell, of Carleton Chapter 47, R. S., St.
John, N. B.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes for the
past year was then taken up and read :—

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

FREEMASONS' HALL,
HALIFAX, N. S., 14th July, 1881.

PRESENT—*M. E.*, Comp. L. F. Darling.
R. E., Comp. W. Williams.
R. E., Comp. W. V. Murray.
R. E., Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, (Grand Secretary.)

The Grand Secretary convened the meeting and called on the Committee to elect a chairman for the year; when, on motion, R. E., Comp. W. Williams was again elected chairman, and took the chair.

The Grand Secretary submitted all the routine correspondence received since the annual Convocation of May 31st, last, which was received, read, and ordered to be placed on file. Also, copies of notices sent to Keith Chapter, No. 4, Truro, and Rossignol Chapter, No. 6, Liverpool, N. S., in reference to their delinquency in not forwarding annual returns in time for the past Annual Convocation. No action was taken thereon at this meeting, as the Grand Secretary expected replies shortly.

The Grand Secretary stated that the returns had since come in from Shannon, No. 9, St. John's, Nfld., and also from Union Chapter, No. 7, Yarmouth, N. S.; and that the dues had, since the Treasurer's account was presented, been received from Royal Union, No. 1, Shannon, No. 9, and Prince of Wales, No. 10.

The Grand Secretary announced that the M. E. G. H. P., Comp. James Gossip, had been pleased to appoint R. E. Comp. Moses Monroe a P. H. P. of Shannon Chapter, No. 9, his Proxy Representative for the Province of Newfoundland, delegating certain powers to him under his authority, which had been duly forwarded. The Committee expressed their gratification at the prompt action of the G. H. P. in such an important matter and were glad to find from the correspondence had since, that the appointment made was very satisfactory to our Newfoundland Companions. There was also submitted an alteration made in the by-laws of Shannon Chapter No. 9, to alter time of meeting to *monthly* instead of *quarterly*—and same was noted as approved already by the G. H. P. With reference to the subject of reprinting the constitution, by-laws and revisions, it was resolved that as several changes were advisable, and in contemplation that it would be better to delay the reprinting and not incur any outlay, especially as it was in contemplation to endeavor, if the state of the finances warranted the expenditure to publish a Report on Foreign correspondence in the forthcoming (last year's, 1881-2) proceedings, and that the Committee did not see their way clear to do both, preferring the publication of a Report F. C. as an item of outlay if at all within the state of finances of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported up his collection of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, specifying the number complete and those missing of the several Jurisdictions. Ordered to remain over, and in the mean to appeal to our sister Grand Chapters, to aid in supplying the deficiencies in order to make up a Grand Chapter Library.

Accounts of Mr. Martin, shelving in office \$3.50, were submitted and approved.

On the matter of Foreign Correspondence the Grand Secretary stated that no Report had been made at the Annual Convocation in May last, but that with the consent of the M. E. G. H. P. he would write a review of the proceedings received since last acknowledgement, and the Annual Convocation in May last, 31st May, 1881, and print the same in the forthcoming proceedings of 1881-2,—which offer was accepted.

The Grand Secretary was in addition named Chairman of Foreign Correspondence for 1882-3, and requested to report at the Annual Convocation, June 5th, 1883.

On motion it was resolved to hold the Annual Meetings of this Committee on the day before Annual Convocation, and other meetings as required at the call of the Chairman. No further business offering, the Committee adjourned.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Secretary,
(Secy. ex officio.)

FREEMASONS' HALL, HALIFAX, N. S.,
March 2nd, 1882.

The Committee of General Purposes met at 8 p. m. this evening.

PRESENT—R. E. Comps. W. Williams, *Chairman*.

John W. Ruhland,

James Dempster,

Geo. T. Smithers, *Secy. ex officio*.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Committee then took into consideration a circular letter, announcing the decease of M. E. Companion James Harvey Joiner, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, on 6th Sept., 1881, and the Grand Secretary was ordered to acknowledge the circular and convey the condolence of the Royal Craft in Nova Scotia, in connection with this melancholy event.

The Grand Secretary reported that Keith Chapter No. 4, had not sent in their returns for last year. *Ordered* to call for returns and without delay.

Accounts as follows:—

“Chronicle,” advertizing.....\$3.00

“Herald,” “..... 6.00

James Bowes & Sons, Printers..30.25 were passed.

The Grand Secretary announced that the M. E., G. H. P. of Arkansas, had been pleased to appoint R. E. Comp. Theodore A. Cossman as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Secretary also submitted correspondence conveying the melancholy intelligence of the death of M. E. Comp. Thomas Douglas Harington, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and Representative of our Grand Chapter near that of Canada; in connection with this subject, the G. H. P. had received a communication from the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, suggesting R. E. Comp. Robert Hendry, Jr., to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented decease of M. E. Comp. Harington, and that appointment had been made, and the Credentials duly forwarded to the new Grand Representative.

R. E. Comp. Ruhland called attention to the fact that the list of Grand Representatives near several other Grand Chapters was not filled up, and asked that the attention of the M. E. G. H. P. be called to this matter.

R. E. Comp. Smithers, gave three months' notice of a motion to be submitted to Grand Chapter, at the next Annual Convocation to make it necessary to amend Sec. of Constitution, so as to make it imperative that every Mark Master should record his Mark in the Lodge Book of Marks, previous to his exaltation. Also to allow Lodges of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Masters to be opened, and the several Degrees to be conferred therein at *emergent* meetings, called for the purpose, without it being necessary to open the Chapter.

A communication was submitted from St. John's Chapter, No. 8, Pictou, N. S., shewing that having suffered a serious loss by the recent fire in that town, by which they lost their paraphernalia and furniture, (which unfortunately was uninsured,) as also their warrant, and asking that they be granted a new duplicate warrant free of charge. The application was approved by the Grand High Priest, and on motion it was resolved that the G. H. P. be respectfully requested to order a duplicate of the original warrant to be issued to that Chapter as requested.

As no other business offered, the Committee then adjourned.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,

Grand Secy.

(*Secy. Committee, ex officio.*)

FREEMASONS' HALL, HALIFAX, N. S.

9th May, 1882.

PRESENT—R. E. Comps. Theo. A. Cossman,
James Dempster,
John W. Ruhland,
William V. Murray,
Geo. T. Smithers, *Grand Secy.*

The Chairman R. E. Comp. Williams being absent, R. E. Companion Cossman on motion presided.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from M. E. Comp. Monroe the Representative of the G. H. P., at Newfoundland, who gave a cheering and satisfactory report of the proceedings, and on the condition of Shannon Chapter No. 9, which was read and ordered to be published with the proceedings.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had visited officially Hiram Chapter No. 3, Windsor, on 6th April, 1882, and reported his doings in connection therewith.

Arrangements in regard to other Chapters were suggested.

The Grand Secretary reported that the warrant asked for by St. John's Chapter No. 8, Pictou, had been issued and forwarded, and that it was hoped that the Chapter would be able to resume its labours in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Grand Secretary announced that the M. E. G. H. P., had made appointments to and from the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, and that a representative had also been appointed to represent the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, near this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, whose names would be announced at the Annual Convocation ensuing.

The continued delinquency of Keith Chapter, Truro, was again brought forward, and the Grand Secretary was ordered to notify that Chapter of the necessity of complying with the requirements of the Constitution.

During the Session the Chairman, Comp. Williams, attended. No further business offering, the Committee adjourned.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Secy.
(*Secy. Com. ex. officio.*)

ANNUAL MEETING, FREEMASONS' HALL,
Halifax, N. S. 5th June, A. D. 1882.

PRESENT—R. E. Comps. W. Williams, *Chairman.*
L. F. Darling,
T. A. Cossman,
W. V. Murray,
Geo. T. Smithers, *Grand Sec'y.*

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Grand Secretary submitted the returns of Chapters received, reporting all but Keith No. 4.

Comps. Williams, Darling and Cossman, were appointed Committee of Credentials, to report to-morrow in Grand Convocation.

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The Grand Secretary also submitted the following papers, viz.: The Grand Treasurer's reports, accounts and vouchers, &c.; the Grand Secretary's official report and accounts and papers; reports on visitation of Alexandra Chapter No. 11, by R. Ex. Companion Small, P. H. P.; on visitation of Hiram 3.; St. John's 8 and Keith 4, by the R. E. Grand Secretary Comp. Smithers, and on Shannon Chapter, by R. E. Comp. Monroe, Grand representative of G. H. P., for Nfld. Also the correspondence of the year in connection with the affairs of the Grand Chapter, as well as abstract of returns, (as shown in tabular statement).

The Membership was reported as 455 against 436, last year, the exaltation as 23, being the same as previous returns, affiliations and restorations same number—10. Deaths were decreased from 6 last year, to only 3 this. Dismission 10 against 14, last return. Cash received \$224.55 against \$108.50 last year. Balance on Treasurer's hands, \$228.29 against \$148.74 last year.

The several documents and reports, were read, approved, and ordered to be annexed to the minutes of the Committee.

A petition was presented from Rossignol Chapter No. 6, Liverpool, N. S., in reference to their arrearages, and being received and read, it was on motion of Comp. Cossman, seconded by Companion Darling, resolved to recommend the Grand Chapter to give favourable consideration to the petition.

A donation of \$3.50 was made by the Grand Council of Order H. P., to fund of Grand Chapter.

The business of this year being completed, the labours of the Committee ended.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Sec'y,
(Sec'y ex officio.)

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent and Excellent Companions composing the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia :—

THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICERS AND COMPANIONS OF ROSSIGNOL CHAPTER, No. 6, R. N. S.,

Humbly Sheweth,—

That the said Chapter, on account of a number of the Companions having left the Province, and the remaining members being scattered over the Counties of Queen's, Shelburne and Lunenburg, have found it difficult to hold any Chapter Meetings for nearly two years. They have, however, been enabled to get a sufficient number of Companions together to elect and install Officers for the ensuing year, and also have conferred the Chapter

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Degrees on your Candidates, all residing in Liverpool. Your petitioners feel confident that, with the additions we have already made, and with the hopes of others soon joining us, that Rossignol Chapter will, in future, be able to hold her place among the Chapters of the Province. The Chapter, from donations made by Companions and Fees from late exaltations, has been able to pay the bills the Chapter was being pressed for.

Your petitioners most respectfully request that the Grand Chapter will take our situation into their most favourable consideration, and grant that Rossignol Chapter, Grand Chapter dues, for the last and present year be remitted, and your Companions will ever pray.

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| Nathan R. Freeman, <i>H. P.</i> , | Wm. A. Kenney, <i>3rd V.</i> , |
| Robie S. Sterns, <i>K.</i> , | John Smith, <i>2nd V.</i> , |
| Arthur C. Parker, <i>S.</i> , | H. C. Holmes, <i>1st V.</i> , |
| J. W. Cobb, <i>C. H.</i> , | Jas. R. Tupper, <i>P. H. P.</i> , |
| J. B. Meddlems, <i>P. S.</i> , | A. F. West, <i>Secretary.</i> |
| Robie McLeod, <i>R. A. C.</i> , | Newton Truman, <i>Treasurer.</i> |

Liverpool, May 22nd, 1882.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

FREEMASONS' HALL, HALIFAX, JUNE 5, 1882, A. I. 2412.

I herewith submit my Report for the year past, since my election as Grand Secretary:—

As soon as possible after the Convocation of 1881, I issued and distributed the Annual proceedings, although their publication was delayed by my undertaking to write a short Report on Foreign Correspondence reviewing the proceedings received by me from the date of my election up to the date of issue. The Committee of General Purposes finding that no provision had been made to print a report, authorized me as Grand Secretary to make a beginning in the direction of resuming, after a lapse of several years, the issue of that very important feature in any Grand Chapter Proceedings. I trust that this voluntary action upon my part will meet with approval and that however humble the attempt, that it will be credited solely to my sense of the value and importance of this means of conveying to our own Companions some account of the work of other Grand Bodies as well as information upon many subjects of interest to the Chapt.

I have this year received all the proceedings issued by our sister Grand Chapters, and present herewith my Report thereon for approval. And although I fear that our financial condition will barely warrant the outlay, I trust that means will be provided

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to print the Report, as I feel that it will be only a wise measure to continue the work resumed last year, and which has been favourably noticed by other Correspondents as a pleasing feature of our publication. I have during the year collected and indexed the larger portion of the published proceedings of the several other Grand Chapters and arranged for binding enough to complete a large number of volumes, and I hope to induce the jurisdiction in some way to provide a fund by which a start can be made towards forming the nucleus of a Grand Chapter Library, long an object of ambition to me. I have also undertaken the task of compiling a complete Register of the members of the Jurisdiction and am satisfied that if the work began is continued by future Grand Secretary's that it will prove a valuable record for reference in the future. I have succeeded in obtaining nearly all the information required and must ask Secretaries of Chapter to supply any additions required to make the registry complete. The work has received the approbation of the M. E. G. H. P. and is now before you for inspection. The amount of labor bestowed has been considerable, but I feel assured that the result will repay all the time and trouble expended. I have had the usual amount of correspondence, and have endeavored to keep the same well in hand and guard against any intentional neglect of attending to and answering promptly all communications, whether received from other jurisdictions or within our own border; and in this connection I beg to acknowledge the benefit I received by having the advantage of the advice and direction of our M. E. G. H. P., Comp. James Gossip, whose experience, (as my predecessor) as Grand Secretary since the organization of the Grand Chapter, in 1869, proved invaluable to me in discharging my several duties. And I wish to add that I can thank the Secretaries of our Chapters generally for that efficiency in the discharge of their duties, which has helped materially to lighten my official labor.

I have received to date Returns from all our Chapters, except Keith, No. 4, Truro, in our jurisdiction, from which I find that while some have done well and better than others who have barely retained their position, others have decreased and are virtually at a stand-still. A reference to the statistical tables annexed will show plainly the true state of our jurisdiction, and I trust that each subordinate Chapter will judge for itself its status amongst us, and endeavor by renewed zeal and energy to improve a condition of affairs amongst some of our Chapters which should not for a moment exist. The number exalted is as about the same as last year, but is cut down by dimissions and deaths to an increase of 21 membership over the number of last year. What the causes are inducing this state of inaction I am unable to state. Our jurisdiction is well and carefully divided to pre-

vent crowding by the contiguity of Chapters, to be healthy we want more push, devotedness and heart in the work of the Royal Craft. Any Chapter not possessed of these essentials had better cease to exist, as half heartedness will not do—we want live bodies—not those who are treading on the verge of their grave in a moribund condition, and I must say that from my own knowledge that there is not a Chapter located in any place that could not be sustained vigorously *if the Companions set their minds to work to do so.*

I herewith submit all correspondence, the minutes of Committee of General Purposes, my account of receipts and expenditure for the year past with all official documents transmitted to me for presentation. It will be seen that our finances have as far as receipts are concerned slightly increased, that our expenditure has kept pace with them and that our balance on hand is about \$228, but to pay off our present liability I believe this balance will be at once absorbed.

I also beg to remind the Grand Chapter that the Edition of the Constitution is now exhausted and that it will be as well to make provision for a revision and republication, if possible.

I may state that the supply of Diplomas having been exhausted, a new lot has been sent for the use of Grand Chapter and will be issued in due course.

Harmony prevails in our ranks. Our death roll is confined to three Companions only, and our jurisdiction is to be congratulated if the fact that no cases of discipline, of grievance or appeal have been before us, is an indication of prosperity and good conduct and not the result of indifference and inattention.

Geo. J. Smithers

Grand Secretary.

I have received the following amounts which have been paid the Grand Treasurer, viz :

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| | " Shelving Library..... | 2.50 | | |
| | " Book-binding..... | 3.50 | | |
| | " Vote Janitor..... | 5.00 | | |
| | " Office Expenses, Stamp..... | 3.00 | | |
| | " Printing..... | 28.50 | | |
| | " Stamps, &c..... | 1.50 | | |
| | " Exp. Visitations..... | 12.00 | \$143.00 | |
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Passed in Grand Chapter and approved.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Sec'y.

Halifax, N. S., June 6, 1882.

The petition of Rossignol Chapter, No. 6, Liverpool, presented with the said Report, and favorably recommended to Grand Chapter by the Committee, was then discussed, when it was resolved, on motion of R. E. Companion Cossman, seconded by E. Comp. Porter, That the petition be referred to a Special Committee to report upon, when Companions Curren, Darling and Hesson were appointed the committee.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were then read and approved, and severally adopted, on motion of M. E. Companion W. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Companion W. Williams.

The following Resolution, of which due previous notice of motion had been given in Committee and approved, was then moved by R. E. Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, seconded by R. E. Comp. Landis and adopted:

“That it shall be compulsory that every Mark Master Mason advanced to that degree, to duly record his mark in the Lodge Book of Marks, previous to his exaltation to the Royal Arch degree.”

Also, a Resolution, under notice of motion, by R. E. Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Williams, was on motion adopted.

“That it shall hereafter be competent for Lodges to be called and opened for the purpose of conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, or Most Excellent Master at emergent meetings called therefor, without assembling the Chapter; provided that no other business or work be done except that for which the said Lodge or Lodges shall be assembled and specially summoned to confer all or either of said degrees.”

R. E. Comp. Geo. T. Smithers presented Reports of official visits made by him, by direction of the M. E. G. H. P., to Hiram Chapter, No. 3, Windsor; St. John's, No. 8, Pictou; and to the Companions' of Keith, No. 4, Truro.

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REPORT ON VISITATION OF HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 3, WINDSOR,
N. S.; ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 8, PICTOU, N. S.; KEITH
CHAPTER, NO. 4, TRURO, N. S. :—

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
FREEMASONS' HALL, HALIFAX, N. S.,
June 6th, A. I. 2412.

To the M. E. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia :

M. E. COMPANION,—

I have the honor to submit for your information a report of
the several visitations made by me, as your Representative, to—

1. Hiram Chapter, No. 3, Windsor.
2. St. John's Chapter, No. 8, Pictou.
3. Keith Chapter, No. 4, Truro.

Under your commission it was arranged that Eureka Chapter,
No. 5, Annapolis, and Hiram, No. 3, both being in the same
line of travel, should be successively visited, but at the last
moment it was found that from various causes the Eureka Com-
panions could not guarantee a full convocation at the date
designated, the visitation was therefore confined to Hiram, No. 3,
Windsor, which Chapter I officially visited on the evening of the
7th April, 1882; on which occasion I had the pleasure of being
accompanied by our R. E. Grand Scribe, Comp. J. R. Cowen
and R. E. Comp. F. W. Dakin, Past Grand King, to whom I
am indebted for assistance and support. I found that while
Hiram Chapter had not done any work during the year, that
their organization is as good as ever, and their affairs generally
well conducted. The records and business having received your
own personal inspection leaves me no more to say than that they
are a credit to their able and energetic Secretary, Comp. H. W.
Dimock, P. H. P. It afforded me great pleasure to meet with the
Companions of Hiram, a Chapter which numbers amongst its mem-
bers so many active workers in the Royal Craft; and I was especi-
ally pleased to be again honored in meeting our venerable and
esteemed Companion, Col. James Poyntz, Past Grand King, who
exhibits a pattern of zeal and attention to his duties in the Craft
well worthy of the emulation of many younger members. I be-
lieve that Hiram Chapter is in a most prosperous condition, and,
with the work in progress, will shew a substantial increase next
year. After the visitation I conferred the order of High Priest-
hood in Royal Arch Masonry upon M. E. Comp. Aubrey Blanchard,
H. P. of the Chapter, in solemn form, being assisted in the
impressive ceremonies of that Order by P. H. Priests Dakin,
Rickards and Cowen.

On the _____ day of May, accompanied by R. E. Companions William Williams, Past Grand Scribe, and Ex-Comp. Landis, the Scribe of St. Andrew's, No. 2, I paid an official visit to St. John's Chapter, No. 8, Pictou, and was, on presenting and reading my commission, received with due honor as your representative. As you are aware our Companions in Pictou had been prevented from meeting for some time by the disastrous fire which, in Nov. last, totally destroyed the Masonic Hall, Pictou, and by which the Chapter lost all its property, paraphernalia, Charter and Jewels, &c.; the only thing saved being the records of the Chapter from its constitution. While sympathising with the great loss sustained, it is a gratification to know that their Books, which happened to be in the possession of the Secretary, were saved. It is to be regretted that the Chapter had no insurance upon their property, a precaution which, if taken, would have been a great help to them in their endeavor to place their Chapter in a working condition again. I have to suggest to you, M. E. Companion, to urge upon the Chapters the duty of providing against loss in this way, by insuring their effects, as a failure to do so may strike at the very existence of a Chapter if not in a position to replace their furniture, &c. I found the Records well and correctly kept by their attentive Secretary, Comp. Fred. W. Fraser. The Chapter is at present meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall, but I believe that the Craft in Pictou will re-build their Temple at an early date, and have a house and habitation for themselves. The election of officers took place after the visitation, when I installed the new officers, being assisted by the visitors, Comps. Williams and Landis. I also took the opportunity of installing M. E. Comp. J. R. Davies, the H. P., as Grand Royal Arch Captain of this Grand Chapter, to which office he had been appointed at last Annual Convocation.

After making some explanations as regards Constitutional matters, and instruction in several parts of the Ritual, the Chapter was closed by the M. E. H. P., an invitation to partake of the hospitality of the Companions, closing the exercises of a meeting pleasing alike to visitors and visited. I feel confident that the Chapter having received a new Warrant, and having elected good officers, and possessed of energetic members, will attain a good position amongst our Chapters.

With reference to Keith Chapter, No. 4, Truro, on my return I met by arrangement the Secretary and several other Companions, with whom I spent some time in urging them to attend to the duties of their Chapter, and received a guarantee from them to meet on the following week to elect officers and progress with the work in hand. I am unable to understand the causes why "Keith" Chapter has not been able to meet for two

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years past ; as they have a considerable number of members, and I cannot but express the feeling that the exercise of a little more energy would revive their body from its present moribund condition to renewed life and vigor, and regain the position it once held amongst our Chapters.

I have no more to report beyond noting my attendance upon yourself, as G. H. P., at a visitation of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2, Halifax, and to Royal Union, No. 1, Halifax, in May, 1882.

I have to thank the Companions of the above named Chapters for their kind considerate attention and hospitalities upon the several occasions referred to.

Yours, respectfully and fraternally,

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Secretary.

A Report was also read from R. E. Comp. David Small, P. H. P., on

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, NO. 11,
CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., 23RD MAY, 1882.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of
Nova Scotia :*

SIR,—

In accordance with your commission I officially visited Alexandra Chapter, No. 11, and having examined the Books and Record of the Chapter, found them to be well and correctly kept.

There being five Regular Convocations and one Special. The Chapter had been summoned on different times, but from snow storms there failed to be *nine* Companions present. Seven and eight being assembled they were unable to open a Chapter.

I have the honor to be yours, fraternally,

DAVID SMALL,
P. H. P.

The following Official Report, made by R. E. Comp. Moses Monroe, P. H. P., Representative of the M. E. G. H. P. for Newfoundland, was then presented by the M. E. G. H. P. and read :—

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF SHANNON CHAPTER, NO. 9, ST. JOHN'S, N. F. L.

ST. JOHN'S, MAY 2ND, 1882.

M. E. Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia:—

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION,—

I have the honor to acknowledge your esteemed favour of 11th ultimo, and in obedience to your commands, and armed with the authority invested in me as your authorized Representative, I visited Shannon Chapter on the 1st inst., which was the occasion of the Annual Convocation for the election and installation of officers. I found Shannon Chapter in an excellent condition in regard to its vitality, numbers and finances. R. E. Companion Canning, the retiring High Priest, bequeaths to his successor in office, R. E. Companion Duchemin, a state of affairs that is very creditable to him and to the Chapter over which he has reigned for the space of two years.

Shannon Chapter is now composed of 61 members, 56 of whom are in good standing, 3 honorary, and but 2 members in arrears. There have been 7 exaltations and 3 affiliations in the Chapter during the last year; and there are three applications now before the Chapter for membership.

I regret that I am called upon to record the death of one of the members of Shannon Chapter during the year.—Companion Rendall, who was a young and apparently a probably useful member of the Chapter.

The utmost harmony prevails amongst the members of the Chapter. Meetings are now held monthly, and are fairly well attended, and on the whole a very commendable enthusiasm exists amongst us in Royal Arch matters.

The members of Chapter have appointed a representative to Grand Chapter. I regret exceedingly that circumstances prevent my doing myself the pleasure of visiting Grand Chapter this year. The members of the Chapter look forward to a visit of yourself, M. E. Companion Crewe Read, or some other prominent member of Grand Chapter, during the coming summer; and I feel sure I can promise any of you a warm welcome.

The Secretary of Shannon Chapter will, I think, be able to send all returns and dues to Grand Chapter by present mail.

With fraternal regards,

I have the honor to be yours, &c.,

M. MONROE,

Supt. Royal Arch Masonry, St. John's, N. F. L.

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The Grand Secretary presented and read the following Report from the Grand King, R. E. Comp. C. Crewe Read, on Official Visitation of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 10, Sydney, C. B., which said Report were in order as above severally received, ordered to be published for information in the proceedings:—

REPORT ON VISITATION OF PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER,
No. 10.

SYDNEY, C. B., 10TH JUNE, 1882.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest:—

M. E. COMPANION,—

I have the honour to present for your information the following Report on the condition and state of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 10, which I visited on the 18th ultimo, in obedience to your instructions, conveyed to me through the R. E. Grand Secretary. I beg to state that I found the Minutes very correctly kept by the efficient Secretary, Companion McLean.

Five (5) meetings have been held during the year, at which the average attendance has been fifteen (15).

Three (3) exaltations have taken place during the year; the present total number of members beings sixty-five (65).

I found the finances in a very satisfactory condition, the Chapter being entirely clear of debt with a balance in the Treasury, and this sum, I am informed, will shortly be increased by the payment of dues owing by members, making a total of over \$500 in cash, besides the property of the Chapter, which is of considerable value.

I had the honour of installing the High Priest and Officers for the present year, and I have much pleasure in reporting that I am satisfied the recently elected officers will spare no efforts to maintain the high state of efficiency and prosperity to which I consider this Chapter has attained.

I have the honour to be,

M. E. Comp., yours, fraternally,

C. CREWE READ,
Grand King.

The Grand High Priest expressed, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, their thanks to the several Companions for their zealous discharge of the duties delegated to them.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, ARKANSAS.

The Credentials appointing R. E. Comp. Theo. A. Cossman Representative near the Grand Chapter from Arkansas, was then presented and read, and the R. E. Companion being announced and received in Grand Chapter with all due honor, and responded to the welcome extended to him in a speech marked with his usual *fervid eloquence*.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Credentials appointed R. E. Comp. C. Crewe Read, Grand King, to be Grand Representative of North Carolina near this Grand Chapter. And the Credentials of R. E. Grand Scribe, J. R. Cowen, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana near Nova Scotia, were presented, read and received with honors in Grand Chapter, the R. E. Companion named being, as previously announced, unavoidably absent, were prevented from receiving the honor done them in person.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, OHIO.

R. E. Comp. William Williams was then announced, and as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, entered and presented the fraternal regards and compliments of the Grand Body represented by him.

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the consideration, the Address of the Grand High Priest was then announced, and on entering presented their Report thereon, which was read by E. Comp. Rev. F. R. Murray, as follows:—

The Committee on the Report of the M. G. H. P. :

Your Committee feel that the long and valuable services from M. E. H. P. as G. Secretary fully entitles him to the high position at which he has arrived; and we have no doubt that he will continue to promote the welfare of our institution.

We hope that the Companions will legislate for the well-being of our good cause, and adopt his advice to take an interest in their work, that the symbolic teaching will become more a matter

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of thought than heretofore, and will, no doubt, tend to elevate the whole Craft and to advance the interests of the several Chapters.

We agree with the suggestion that more frequent occasions of the social element, together with the dissemination of Masonic Literature, will dispel the grievance with regard to Symbolic Masonry at present existing and bind Companions more closely and create a healthy rivalry.

The appointments made we consider judicious, and we mourn the loss we have sustained by death in the other R. A. Chapters on this Continent; and, also, the misfortune that has produced such a severe loss in St. John and Co. Pictou; and we beg to suggest that a Memorial of those eminent Companions be placed on record in our Annual Proceedings.

In reference to the loss of Charter by the St. John's Chapter, we coincide with the request expressed by the G. H. P., and beg to suggest that his action in the ordering of a new Charter, and all work enacted thereunder, be approved and fully legalized by the G. Chapter.

In regard to the proceedings in the St. Andrew's Chapter, to which the G. H. P. takes exception, we are pleased to find that such action will be had that will set the question at rest, and a rule adopted for positive guidance in the Chapter.

The record of marks your Committee considers indispensably necessary.

We regret the cause that hindered the M. E. H. P. from visiting the Chapters as he intended.

All of which is submitted,

WM TAYLOR,
JAMES POYNTZ,
FREDK. R. MURRAY, } COMMITTEE.

When on motion the same was received and adopted.

RE-ISSUE CHARTER TO ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 8, PICTOU.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. F. Darling, P. G. H. P., seconded by E. Comp. B. H. Landis, and

Resolved—That the Grand Chapter approve of the prompt action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in re-issuing to St. John's Chapter, No. 8, Pictou, a new duplicate Charter, (to replace that destroyed by the fire in Pictou in November last) to enable that Chapter to resume their labor.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS, 4.30 P. M.

The time appointed for the election of the Office-Bearers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Chapter proceeded therewith. R. E. Comp's. William Williams and T. A. Cossman being appointed Tellers; the ballots resulting as follows:—

M. E. James Gossip being re-elected *Grand High Priest*.
 R. E. Richard T. Roome being elected *Grand King*.
 " Theodore A. Cossman " *Grand Scribe*.
 M. E. William A. Hesson, re-elected *Grand Treasurer*.
 R. E. Geo. T. Smithers, " *Grand Secretary*.

COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following Companions were then duly elected by ballot as "The Committee of General Purposes" for the ensuing year, viz:—

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| M. E. Companion | W. Taylor, | <i>P. G. H. P.</i> | |
| " | " | L. F. Darling, | <i>P. G. H. P.</i> |
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| R. E. | " | R. T. Roome, | <i>G. King,</i> |
| " | " | T. A. Cossman, | <i>G. Scribe,</i> |
| " | " | Geo. T. Smithers, | <i>G. Sec'y,</i> |
| | | | } Ex- Officio. |

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS.

The M. E. G. H. P. then invited Past-Grand High Priest Wm. Taylor to the Grand East to perform the ceremony of Installation, when the Officers elected were duly installed into their respective stations by M. E. Comp. Taylor, assisted by M. E. Comp's. Hesson and Darling, Past-Grand High Priests.

KEITH CHAPTER, NO. 4.

The Grand Secretary reported that no returns had come in for two years from Keith Chapter, No. 4, Truro, and that

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the Constitution required such delinquent Chapters to show cause why their Charter should not be arrested; when in motion it was resolved, "To remit the matter to the Committee of General Purposes to endeavor to get this Chapter if possible into good working order again."

UNION CHAPTER, No. 7.

The Grand Secretary also reported Union Chapter, No. 7, Yarmouth as having not fulfilled the requirements of the Constitution in not meeting for two years, although they have sent in their return of membership,—but were in hopes of getting to work and revive from their present dormant condition.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 5.

Also a communication from a number of Royal Arch Companions and Brethren of Kentville, asking for a Chapter at that place. In view of the desire not to interfere with the working of "Eureka" Chapter No. 6, at Annapolis, the matter was referred, together with that of "Union" No. 7, Yarmouth, to the Committee of General Purposes, with an understanding that if the members of "Eureka" Chapter at Annapolis, in conjunction with those at Kentville, would arrange to remove the Charter to the latter town it would probably meet with approval, as being for the interests of Royal Arch Masonry,—the opinion being that only one Chapter could be worked for the benefit of the Craft in that section of the Province, and the Grand Chapter being entirely opposed to any unnecessary increase of Chapters, unless in a locality capable of preserving their vitality and proving by their work their usefulness.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

The Committee of General Purposes were also directed to appoint a Sub-committee, composed of Companions Williams, Darling and Cossman to revise the Constitution and report thereon.

R. E., Companion Poyntz presented an application from Adolph Von Guzman, a member of "Hiram" Chapter, No. 3, asking for re-issue of a Diploma of membership, he having lost the same, together with his other papers and documents, whilst travelling some years ago and never had recovered the same. The Grand Secretary stated that the Companion still retained membership and was by this year's returns in good standing in "Hiram" Chapter, in which he had received his Capitular Degrees; when, on motion of M. E. Companion W. Taylor, seconded by R. E., Companion R. T. Roome, it was resolved to submit the case to the decision of the Committee of General Purposes for action, and that, in the mean time, the Grand Secretary notify the Secretary of Hiram Chapter, No 3, of the action herein, under Seal, shewing the status of the Companion named pending the decision of the Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then were pleased to make the following appointments of the several named companions to the Offices set against their respective names. viz :--

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| R. E. Comp. | Rev. R. Avery, <i>P.G.K., P.H.P., No. 5.</i> | } <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| " " | Rev. H. D. DeBlois, <i>P.H.P., No. 5.</i> | |
| " " | Rev. D. C. Moore, <i>No. 8.</i> | |
| " " | Rev. F. R. Murray, <i>S., No. 1.</i> | |
| " " | John W. Ruhland, <i>P. H. P., No. 1, G. Cap. Host.</i> | |
| " " | Wm. S. Canning, <i>P. H. P., No. 9, G. Prin. Soj.</i> | |
| " " | A. D. McGillvary, <i>H. P., No. 10, G. R. A. C.</i> | |
| V. E. | J. A. Gordon, <i>P. H. P., No. 8, G. 3rd Vail.</i> | |
| " " | Adam Murray, <i>P. H. P., No. 11, G. 2nd Vail.</i> | |
| " " | Nathan Freeman, <i>P. H. P., No. 6, G. 1st Vail.</i> | |
| " " | B. H. Landis, <i>S., No. 2, Grand Steward.</i> | |
| " " | Samuel Porter, <i>K., No. 2, Grand Organist.</i> | |
| " " | Anthony S. Sanford, <i>H. P., No. 3, Grand S. B.</i> | |
| " " | W. Mulholland, <i>K. No. 1, Grand Pursuivant.</i> | |
| " " | John M. Taylor, <i>P. H. P., No. 2, Grand Tyler.</i> | |

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The Grand Secretary reported that he had during the year prepared a Registry of the Membership of the Jurisdiction, and also a Registry of Diplomas issued since the organization of the Grand Chapter, and as it was his intention to make it as complete a Record as possible, desired the Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters to give him the necessary aid and information to attain the object in view.

The Chairman of Foreign Correspondence reported receipt of proceeding of Grand Chapters, received and reviewed, and it was resolved to continue publishing the report, if the finances, after paying the accounts now due by Grand Chapter, would justify the expense.

The Grand Secretary submitted a detailed report of the result of his labors in arranging for binding the proceedings of other Grand Bodies which had been accumulating in his office for some years, and trusted that an appropriation of a sum of money would be granted to enable him to commence binding a few volumes as the commencement of a Grand Chapter Library. The report was received and referred to Committee of General Purposes to be acted upon if at all practicable.

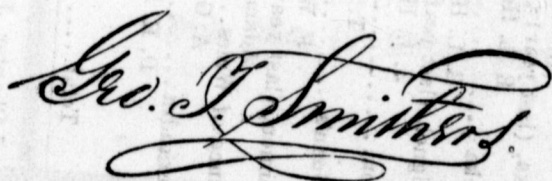
The sum of five dollars was voted to the Grand Tyler and a like sum of five dollars to the Janitor for services rendered during the Convocation.

On motion a vote of seventy-five dollars was made to the Grand Secretary.

The business of the Thirteenth Convocation being finished the Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

(Attest)

JAMES GOSSIP,
Grand High Priest.



Grand Secretary.

RETURNS from Subordinate Chapters made to end of May, 1882, A. I. 2412.

| | Present Membership | Exalted | Amiliated | Restored | Dimitted | Died | Membership, last return | P. H. P. ret. this year | Gain | Loss | Dues at 25 cents each | Affiliation Diploma, 1.50 | Affiliation Registry, .50 | Registry, .50 | Missing | Exaltation Diploma, 1.50 | Totals | Paid | Unpaid | |
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| 1 Royal Union, (last year) | 66 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 60 | 10 | 6 | 1 | \$16.50 | 8.00 | 1.00 | \$7.00 | 1 | \$10.00 | \$38.00 | \$38.00 | | |
| J. G. Jamieson, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| W. Williams, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Hiram | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6.75 | | | | | | 6.75 | 6.75 | | |
| H. W. Dimock, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 Eureka, (last year) | *31 | | | | | | 31 | | | | 7.75 | | | | | | 7.75 | | 7.75 | |
| R. L. Hardwick, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Eureka | 16 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 | 6 | ..... | ..... | 4.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.00 | 4.00 | ..... |  |
| R. L. Hardwick, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Rossignol, (last year) | *37 | 4 | | | | | 33 | 4 | | | 5.75 | | | | | 6.00 | 15.75 | | 15.75 | |
| J. L. Hemmeon, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 8 St. John's | 33 | | | | 8 | 1 | 37 | 5 | | 4 | 8.25 | | | | | | 8.25 | 8.25 | | |
| F. W. Fraser, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 Shannon, (last year) | *62 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 4 | 10 | | 15.50 | 1.50 | | 7 | | 12.00 | 35.50 | 35.50 | | |
| Adam Johnson, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Prince of Wales | 65 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 62 | 3 | 8 | ..... | 16.25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.50 | 28.75 | 28.75 | ..... |  |
| A. G. McLean, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 Alexandra | 43 | | | | | 1 | 44 | 9 | | 1 | 10.75 | | | | | | 13.75 | 13.75 | | |
| D. R. McLennan, Sec'y. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 455 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 486 | 23 | 23 | | | | | | | | \$150.05 | \$153.55 | | |
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In Grand Chapter, June 6th, 1882, A. I. 2412. A true abstract of returns to date. GEO. T. SMITHERS, Grand Secretary.

In Memoriam.

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED

TO THE MEMORY OF

M. E. Comp. Robert F. Bower,

General Grand High Priest,

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER U. S. A.

Born, September 15, 1823.

Died, May 19, 1882. Aged 59 Years.

In Memoriam.

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TO THE MEMORY OF

M. C. Comp. Albert Galitin Mackey,

Past General Grand High Priest,

G. G. C.

Born in Charleston, 1807.

Died at Old Pt. Comfort, Va., June 20th, 1881.

In Memoriam.

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED

TO THE MEMORY OF

M. G. Comp. James M. Austin,

Past General Grand High Priest.

OF G. C. C. UNITED STATES.

Born, November 12, 1813.

Died, December 3, 1881.

In Memoriam.

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED

TO THE MEMORY OF

Thomas Douglas Harrington,

Past Grand

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Canada,

AND

Grand Representative of the Grand
Chapter of Nova Scotia.

Peace be with thee in the Spirit Land.



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"They Rest from their Labors."

*This Memorial Page is to mark
the Death of the following Companions,
Members of Chapters of this
Jurisdiction:*

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 8, Pictou:

Peter G. Sinclair,

DIED 24TH APRIL, 1882.

SHANNON CHAPTER, No. 9, St. John's, Nfld:

William H. Munn,

DIED 25TH NOVEMBER, A. D. 1881.

ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, No. 11:

John F. Irving,

DIED 15TH JULY, 1881.

GRAND CHAPTERS

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Names and Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

| GRAND CHAPTERS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | RESIDENCES. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Alabama..... | Daniel Sayre..... | Montgomery. |
| Arkansas..... | James A. Henry..... | Little Rock. |
| California..... | Thomas H. Caswell..... | San Francisco. |
| Canada..... | David McLellan..... | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Colorado..... | Edward C. Parmlee..... | Georgetown. |
| Connecticut..... | James K. Wheeler..... | Hartford. |
| Delaware..... | H. P. McIntire..... | Wilmington. |
| District of Columbia..... | Lewis G. Stephens..... | Washington. |
| England and Wales..... | Frederick Binckes..... | London. |
| Florida..... | D. C. Hawkins..... | Jacksonville. |
| Georgia..... | J. E. Blackshear..... | Macon. |
| Illinois..... | Gilbert W. Bernard..... | Chicago. |
| Indiana..... | J. M. Bramwell..... | Indianapolis. |
| Iowa..... | William B. Langridge..... | Muscatine. |
| Ireland..... | Samuel B. Oldham..... | Dublin. |
| Kansas..... | John H. Brown..... | Wyandotte. |
| Kentucky..... | Joseph H. Branham..... | Louisville. |
| Louisiana..... | James C. Batchelor, M. D..... | New Orleans. |
| Maine..... | Ira Perry..... | Portland. |
| Massachusetts..... | Z. H. Thomas, Jr..... | Boston. |
| Maryland..... | George L. McCahan..... | Baltimore. |
| Michigan..... | William P. Innes..... | Grand Rapids. |
| Minnesota..... | A. T. C. Pierson..... | St. Paul. |
| Mississippi..... | J. L. Power..... | Jackson. |
| Missouri..... | William H. Mayo..... | St. Louis. |
| Nebraska..... | William R. Bowen..... | Omaha. |
| Nevada..... | John D. Hammond..... | Carson City. |
| New Hampshire..... | George P. Cleaves..... | Concord. |
| New Jersey..... | George B. Edwards..... | Jersey City. |
| New York..... | Christopher G. Fox..... | Buffalo. |
| North Carolina..... | Donald W. Bain..... | Raleigh. |
| Nova Scotia..... | George T. Smithers..... | Halifax. |
| Ohio..... | James Nesbitt..... | Troy. |
| Oregon..... | Rocky P. Earhart..... | Salem. |
| Pennsylvania..... | Charles E. Meyer..... | Philadelphia. |
| Quebec..... | Angus Grant..... | Montreal. |
| Rhode Island..... | William R. Green..... | Providence. |
| Scotland..... | Lindsay McIntosh..... | Edinburgh. |
| South Carolina..... | J. E. Burke..... | Charleston. |
| Tennessee..... | John Frizzell..... | Nashville. |
| Texas..... | Robert Brewster..... | Houston. |
| Vermont..... | W. H. S. Whitcomb..... | Burlington. |
| Virginia..... | William B. Isaacs..... | Richmond. |
| West Virginia..... | Odell S. Long..... | Wheeling. |
| Wisconsin..... | John W. Woodhull..... | Milwaukee. |
| General Grand Chapter.... | Christopher G. Fox..... | Buffalo, N. Y. |

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CORRECTED ROLL OF PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS
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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Chapter of Nova Scotia
Since its Formation in 1869, to 1883, Inclusive.

| <i>Organization.</i> | | Grand High Priest. |
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| 1869-70. } 1870-71. } 1871-72. } 1872-73. } 1873-74. } 1874-75. } 1875-76. } | *Alexander Keith. Stephen Rowland Sircom. | 1876-77. Charles J. Macdonald. 1877-78. Benjamin Curren. 1878-79. William Alexander Hesson. 1879-80. William Taylor. 1880-81. Lorenzo F. Darling. 1881-82. James Gossip. 1882-83. James Gossip. |

| <i>Organization.</i> | | Grand King. |
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| 1869-70. } 1870-71. } 1871-72. } 1872-73. } 1873-74. } 1874-75. } 1875-76. } | Stephen R. Sircom. *J. Conway Brown. William A. Hesson. Fraser Wylie Dakin. Benjamin Curren. James Poyntz. | 1876-77. William Taylor. 1877-78. Lorenzo F. Darling. 1878-79. Thomas V. Cooke. 1879-80. George T. Smithers. 1880-81. Richard Avery. 1881-82. C. Crewe-Read. 1882-83. Richard T. Roome. |

| <i>Organization.</i> | | Grand Scribe. |
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| 1869-70. } 1870-71. } 1871-72. } 1872-73. } 1873-74. } 1874-75. } 1875-76. } | *James Conway Brown. William Alexander Hesson. Fraser Wylie Dakin. Benjamin Curren. William Williams. James Martin. | 1876-77. Lorenzo F. Darling. 1877-78. Theodore Vincent Cooke. 1878-79. Robert Leslie Hardwick. 1879-80. Augustus Robinson. 1880-81. Samuel Harrington Pelton. 1881-82. John Robert Cowen. 1882-83. Theo. A. Cossman. |

| <i>Organization.</i> | | Grand Treasurer. |
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| 1869-70 } to } 1876-77. } | William Twining. | 1877-78. William Taylor. 1878-79 } to } 1881-82. } 1882-83. } William Alex. Hesson. William Alex. Hesson. |

| <i>Organization.</i> | | Grand Secretary. |
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| 1869-70 } to } 1880-81. } | James Gossip. | 1881-82. George Thomas Smithers. 1882-83. George Thomas Smithers. |

*Deceased.

Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia near other Grand Chapters.

| GRAND CHAPTERS. | REPRESENTATIVES. | RESIDENCE. |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Alabama..... | M. E. H. Clay Armstrong | Notasulga. |
| Arkansas | M. E. Luke E. Baker..... | Little Rock. |
| California | M. E. Charles Marsh | Nevada City. |
| Canada | R. E. Robert Hendry, Jr. | Kingston, Ont. |
| Connecticut | R. E. Luke A. Lockwood | Stamford. |
| Delaware | R. E. William F. Godwin.... | Milford. |
| District of Columbia.. | Comp. John Edwin Mason... | Washington. |
| Florida | R. E. W. M. Mackintosh | Tallahassee. |
| Illinois | R. E. James H. Miles | Chicago |
| Indiana | M. E. Rees J. Chestnutwood.. | South Bend. |
| Iowa | M. E. T. S. Parvin | Iowa City. |
| Kansas..... | R. E. E. T. Carr | Leavenworth. |
| Kentucky | M. E. William Ryan | Louisville. |
| Louisiana..... | M. E. Michael Eloi Girard... | Vermilionville. |
| Maine | M. E. Josiah H. Drummond.. | Portland. |
| Maryland | M. E. Charles H. Ohr. | Cumberland, All. Co. |
| Massachusetts | R. E. John W. Dadmun..... | Winthrop. |
| Minnesota | R. E. William S. Combs..... | St. Paul. |
| Mississippi..... | R. E. J. L. Power..... | Jackson. |
| Missouri..... | R. E. R. F. Stevenson | Jefferson City. |
| Nebraska | M. E. E. A. Allen | Omaha. |
| Nevada | R. E. Frank Bell..... | Reno. |
| New Hampshire..... | * | Concord. |
| New Jersey..... | E. George Scott | Paterson. |
| New York..... | R. E. George Van Vliet..... | New York. |
| North Carolina | R. E. William Simpson..... | Raleigh. |
| Ohio | R. E. James Nisbet..... | Troy. |
| Oregon | M. E. James R. Bayley..... | Corvallis, Brenton Co. |
| Pennsylvania | M. E. Michael Nisbett..... | Philadelphia. |
| Quebec | R. E. H. L. Robinson | Waterloo. |
| Rhode Island | R. E. Geo. H. Burnham | Providence. |
| South Carolina..... | M. E. Augustine T. Smythe.. | Charleston. |
| Scotland | R. E. Alex. Hay..... | Edinburgh. |
| Tennessee..... | E. Henry C. Hensley | Nashville. |
| Wisconsin..... | R. E. William T. Palmer.... | Milwaukee. |

Representatives of Foreign Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

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| Arkansas | R. E. T. A. Cossman..... | Halifax. |
| Canada | M. E. L. F. Darling | Do. |
| District of Columbia.. | M. E. James Gossip..... | Do. |
| Illinois | M. E. James Gossip..... | Do. |
| Iowa | M. E. W. A. Hesson..... | Do. |
| Louisiana | R. E. John R. Cowen | Windsor. |
| Maine | M. E. Benj. Curren..... | Halifax. |
| Maryland..... | M. E. C. J. McDonald | Do. |
| Missouri..... | R. E. Geo. T. Smithers..... | Do. |
| North Carolina | R. E. C. Crewe Read | Sydney, C. B. |
| New Jersey..... | M. E. James Gossip..... | Halifax. |
| Nebraska..... | M. E. William Taylor | Do. |
| Nevada | R. E. Thomas V. Cook | Pictou. |
| New York..... | M. E. Augustus Robinson.... | Halifax. |
| Ohio | R. E. William Williams | Do. |
| Pennsylvania | R. E. F. W. Dakin..... | Windsor. |
| Quebec | R. E. James Poyntz..... | Do. |
| Scotlaud | M. E. S. R. Sircom | Boston. |
| Tennessee | R. E. George Frase | Halifax. |

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APPENDIX.

MEMBERS

OF

The Order of High Priesthood of Nova Scotia.

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| *Joseph Conway Brown, | William Williams, |
| *Alexander Keith, | Augustus Robinson, |
| Stephen Rowland Sircom, | James Martin, |
| Benjamin Curren, | George Hyde, |
| Richard T. Roome, | William Knaut, |
| George Fraser, | William Taylor, |
| William Alexander Hesson, | John W. Ruhland, |
| *John D. Nash, | Lorenzo F. Darling, |
| George T. Smithers, | C. Crewe Read, |
| David Pottinger, | Henry N. Wright, |
| James Knox Munnis, | Theodore A. Cossman, |
| William Thomas Wilkins, | John R. Cowen, |
| Fraser W. Dakin, | Robert L. Hardwick, |
| *Arthur Fletcher, | W. J. A. E. Rix, |
| John Miles Taylor, | Rev. Richard Avery, |
| James Gossip, | Sanford H. Pelton, |
| William Fletcher Chase, | Aubrey Blanchard, |
| William Walter Richards, | J. Howard Beatty. |

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Order of High Priesthood for Nova Scotia.

GRAND CONVENTION.

HALIFAX, N. S., October 28th,
A. D. 1881, A. I. 2411.

The Grand Convention met this evening at 8 o'clock, in Royal Arch Chapter Room, Freemasons' Hall.

PRESENT—M. E., Comp. Darling, P. G. H. P., *President.*
M. E., Comp. W. A. Hesson, P. G. H. P., *Treasurer.*
M. E., Comp. James Gossip, G. H. P., *Recorder.*
R. E., Comp. Comp. J. M. Taylor, *Sentinel.*
and M. E., Comp. B. Curren, P. G. H. P.
R. E., Comp. G. T. Smithers, P. G. K.
R. E., Comp. James Martin, P. G. Scribe.
R. E., Comp. W. Williams, P. G. Scribe.
R. E., Comp. J. W. Ruhland, P. H. P.
and R. E., Comp. T. A. Cossman, P. H. P.

The Grand Convention was opened in AMPLE FORM, by the M. E. President.

The Recorder then read the records of previous Convention, and same being found correct was approved.

The Election of Officers then took place, resulting as follows:

M. E., Comp. James Gossip, G. H. P., *President.*
R. E., Comp. J. Crewe-Reade, G. K., *Vice President.*
R. E., Comp. J. R. Cowen, Grand Scribe, *Chaplain.*
M. E., Comp. W. A. Hesson, P. G. H. P., *Treasurer.*
R. E., Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, P. G. K., *Recorder.*
R. E., Comp. John W. Ruhland, *M. of C.*
R. E., Comp. James Martin, P. G. Scribe, *Cond.*
R. E., Comp. T. A. Cossman, *Herald.*
R. E., Comp. W. Williams, *Steward.*
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No further business then offering, the Grand Convention was closed in AMPLE FORM, by the M. E. President.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Recorder.

(SPECIAL CONVENTION.)

WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA,
Royal Arch Chambers,
Hiram Chapter, No. 3,
April 7th, 1882.

A Special Convention was held this evening, at 8.30 o'clock.

PRESENT—R. E., Geo. T. Smithers, *Recorder*, who by the authority of the M. E. President, opened this Convention in DUE FORM, with the assistance of

R. E., Comp. F. W. Dakin, *P. G. K.*
R. E., Comp. J. R. Cowen, *P. G. Scribe*,
and R. E., Comp. Walter W. Rickards, *P. H. P.*

The President *p. t.* stated that a petition was presented from Comp. Aubrey Blanchard, H. P. of Hiram Chapter, No. 3, asking to be solemnly anointed. The ballot being favorable, M. E. Comp. Blanchard was then solemnly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in Free Masonry in due and solemn form by the Acting President.

No further business being before the Convention, the same was closed in due form.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Recorder,
(*Acting as*) *President.*

FREEMASONS' HALL, HALIFAX, N. S.,
April 21st, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412.

A Special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held this evening.

PRESENT—

The M. E., President, Comp. James Gossip, G. H. P.
 “ Vice-President, *p. t.*, Comp. W. A. Hesson, P. G. H. P.
 R. E., Chaplain, *p. t.*, Comp. Rev. R. Avery, P. G. K.
 “ Recorder, “ Geo. T. Smithers, *G. Secy.*
 “ Conductor, “ James Martin, *P. G. Scribe.*
 “ Steward, “ W. Williams, *P. G. Scribe.*
 E., Sentinel, “ J. M. Taylor, P. H. P.

The Convention was opened in AMPLE FORM by the M. E. President.

A petition was then presented from Comp John Howard Beatty, a P. H. P. of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 10, Sydney, C. B., and on ballot he was declared duly elected, and being introduced, was then solemnly anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in Freemasonry in due and solemn-form by the G. Recorder, G. T. Smithers.

No further business appearing, the Convention was closed in AMPLE FORM by the M. E. President.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Recorder.

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**GRAND-OFFICE BEARERS,
1882-1883.**

James Gossip, Halifax, N. S., *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 Richard T. Roome, Halifax, *R. E. Grand King.*
 Theo. A. Cossman, Halifax, *R. E. Grand Scribe.*
 William A. Hesson, Halifax, N. S., *P. G. H. P., R. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 George T. Smithers, Halifax, N. S., *R. E. Grand Secretary.*
 Rev. Richard Avery, Aylesford, N. S.,
 Rev. H. D. DeBlois, Annapolis, N. S.,
 Rev. David C. Moore, Stellarton, Pictou, N. S.,
 Rev. F. R. Murray, Halifax, N. S., } *R. E. Grand Chaplains.*
 John W. Ruhland, Halifax, N. S.,
 W. S. Canning, St. John's, N. F., *R. E. G. C. Host.*
 A. D. McGillvary, Sydney, C. B., *R. E. Grand P. S.*
 J. A. Gordon, Pictou, N. S., *R. E. Grand R. A. C.*
 Adam Murray, Charlottetown, P. E. I., *V. E. Grand 3rd V.*
 N. R. Freeman, Liverpool, N. S., *V. E. Grand 2nd V.*
 B. W. Landis, Halifax, N. S., *V. E. Grand 1st V.*
 Samuel Porter, Halifax, N. S., *V. E. Grand Steward.*
 Anthony S. Sanford, Windsor, N. S., *V. E. Grand Organist.*
 U. Mulholland, Halifax, N. S., *V. E. Grand Standard Bearer.*
 John M. Taylor, Halifax, N. S., *Grand Pursuivant.*

Committee of General Purpose.

L. F. DARLING, *P. H. P.*
 WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *P. H. P.*
 WM. TAYLOR, *P. H. P.*
 JOHN W. RUHLAND, *P. H. P.*
 JAMES DEMPSTER, *P. H. P.*
 SAM'L PORTER, *K.*
 THE GRAND KING,
 THE GRAND SCRIBE,
 THE GRAND SECRETARY, } *ex-officio.*

Notice.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation will be held at Freemasons' Hall,
 Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday, June 5th, A. D. 1883, at 12 o'clock (noon).

JAMES GOSSIP,
Grand High Priest.
 GEORGE T. SMITHERS,
Grand Secretary,
Chairman Foreign Correspondence.
Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.

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FOR 1882-1883.

Address :

JAMES GOSSIP,
Grand High Priest,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Geo. J. Smithers

Grand Secretary,
Chairman Foreign Correspondence,
Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, N. S.

NOTICE.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia will be held at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Halifax, on Tuesday, the 5th day of June, A. D. 1883, A. I. 2413, at twelve o'clock, noon.

Returns to be sent in by Chapters at least ten days previous to the date.