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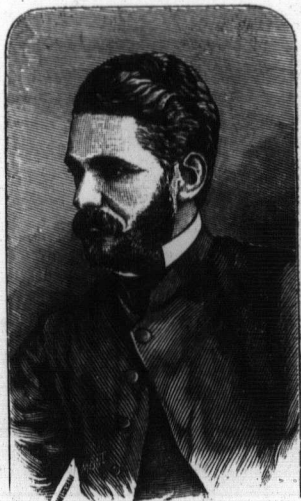


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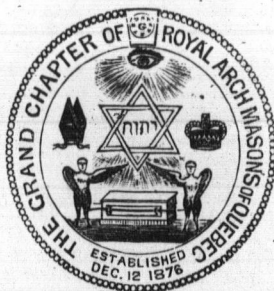
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GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.

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THE Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, was held in the Royal Albert Chapter Rooms, No. 6 Phillips Square, Montreal, on the evening of Tuesday, the 23rd day of September, A.D. 1879, A.I. 2409.

PRESENT.

M. E. COMP.	JOHN H. GRAHAM, LL.D., &c.....	Grand Z.	} GRAND COUNCIL.
R. E. "	I. H. STEARNS.....	" H.	
" "	FRANK EDGAR.....	" J.	
" "	ANGUS GRANT.....	Grand Scribe E.	
V. E. "	W. H. WHYTE.....	Grand Scribe N.	
R. E. "	ALBERT D. NELSON.....	Grand Treasurer.	
" "	F. T. THOMAS.....	Principal Sojourner.	
V. E. "	C. R. WILLIS.....	Grand First Assistant Sojourner.	
" "	ARTHUR F. SIMPSON.....	Grand Second Assistant Sojourner.	
" "	H. A. EARLE.....	Grand Sword Bearer.	
" "	SAMUEL KENNEDY.....	Grand Standard Bearer.	
" "	THOS. K. ALEXANDER.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies.	
" "	GEO. E. WELDON.....	Grand Pursuivant.	
" "	J. W. WIGGET.....	Grand Steward.	
" "	C. A. HILL.....	Grand Steward.	
" "	W. H. WHYTE.....	Grand Steward.	
" "	JOHN PORTEOUS.....	Grand Janitor.	

GRAND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

R. E. COMP. WM. M. LEMESURIER.....Montreal District.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS.

ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI.....ANGUS GRANT.
CALIFORNIA AND PENNSYLVANIA.....FRANK EDGAR.

CANADA.....	THOMAS MILTON.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND NEW YORK.....	JOHN H. GRAHAM.
FLORIDA.....	A. G. ADAMS.
GEORGIA AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	I. H. STEARNS.
IOWA.....	JOHN McLEAN.
MISSOURI.....	WM. M. LEMESURIER.
WISCONSIN.....	H. W. WOOD.
KENTUCKY.....	C. R. WILLIS.

A constitutional number of subordinate Chapters being present by their representatives, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was opened in ample form at 8.30 p.m.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following as being present, and entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter:—

GOLDEN RULE, No. 1.....	J. W. WIGGET, Z. J. H. GRAHAM, P. Z. and Grand Z. ARTHUR F. SIMPSON, H.
STADACONA, No. 2.....	F. T. THOMAS, Z. and Grand P. S. SAM. KENNEDY, P. Z. & Gr. Standard Bearer.
PREVOST, No. 4.....	H. W. WOOD, Z. C. A. HILL, J. and Grand S.
CARNARVON, No. 5.....	W. H. WHYTE, Z. and Grand S. ANGUS GRANT, P. Z. and Grand S. E. I. H. STEARNS, P. Z. and Grand H. J. H. ISAACSON, P. Z.
MOUNT HOREB, No. 6.....	C. R. WILLIS, Z. and Gr. 1st Asst. Sojourner. H. DUNNE, H. GEO. WELDON, J. and Grand Pursuivant. THOS. MILTON, P. Z. and P. G. D. Sup.
MONTREAL, No. 7.....	H. A. EARLE, Z. and Grand Sword Bearer. A. G. ADAMS, H. J. S. MARTIN, J. WM. M. LEMESURIER, P. Z. & Gr. Dist. Sup. JOHN McLEAN, P. Z.
ROYAL ALBERT, No. 8.....	A. D. NELSON, Z. and Grand Treasurer. T. R. ALEXANDER, P. H. Grand D. of C. FRANK EDGAR, P. Z. and Grand J. ARCH. R. FRASER, P. H.
ST. CHARLES, No. 9.....	WM. LEMESURIER, P. Z. THOMAS MILTON, P. Z.

VISITORS.

H. W. RYDER, E. H., Cleveland Chapter, No. 20, Newport, Vermont.
E. E. SPENCER, Prevost Chapter, No. 4, Dunham.
R. TYLER, Mount Horeb, No. 6, Montreal, and other visiting Companions.

On motion the Report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted, eight Chapters represented.

The M. E. the Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing during the session of Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Constitutional Regulations for the Government of the Grand Chapter during the time of business.

The Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters as above recorded, were presented to the M. E. Grand Z., who cordially welcomed them in the name of the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and the usual honors were accorded them.

On motion it was resolved that the minutes of the last annual convocation having been printed and distributed among the Companions, be considered as read.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then delivered the following address:—

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.

COMPANIONS OF THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH:

As your chief executive officer, it is my pleasing duty, fraternally to welcome you to this, the third annual convocation of the Most Excellent, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of the Province of Quebec;—to render to you an account of my stewardship;—to guide you in your present important deliberations;—and to aid you in drafting your designs on the trestle-board of the future, so that the great work entrusted to us, may be carried on to the glory of the Grand Geometrician of the universe, without whose blessing the craftsmen labor in vain. May our work thus begun in order, be continued in peace, and closed in harmony.

THE CRAFT AT HOME.

The year just closed has been one of concord and fraternal harmony, and the overseers and workmen have most commendably manifested their desire to lay the foundations of Capitular Masonry within our jurisdiction, wisely and well. No case of dissonance has been submitted to me for adjudication; and to the extent of my observation, it appears that the materials received for the erection of our superstructure, if not so great in quantity, have been of superior quality, and well fitted for the acceptance and approval of the chief overseers, and for the upbuilding and beautifying of our symbolic temple. It may moreover be justly inferred that the increasing zeal and intelligence so happily being displayed in Craft Masonry, and the favorable dawnings of greater material prosperity, every where observable within our borders, will cause many of the more expert and able of Master Masons to seek exaltation to the supreme degree of the Royal Arch, and thus reach the perfect consummation of the labors and awards of ancient Craft Masonry.

TIDINGS FROM ABROAD.

At the second annual convocation, I had the pleasure of making known to you that thirty-five Grand Chapters of the world, had extended unqualified fraternal recognition to our newly organized Grand Body, and had interchanged Grand Representatives and established fraternal correspondence therewith; and I have now the gratification to report that during the past year, the seven following Grand Chapters have also most cordially done the same, namely,—South and North Carolina, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Kentucky, and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, and that Grand Representatives have been duly appointed as follows:—

<i>At Quebec.</i>	<i>Grand Chapters.</i>	<i>From Quebec.</i>
I. H. Stearns.....	Hew Hampshire.....	G. P. Cleaves.
Frank Edgar.....	Pennsylvania.....	C. E. Meyer.
Angus Grant.....	Mississippi.....	B. A. Vaughan.
C. R. Willis.....	Kentucky.....	J. H. Leathers.
J. H. Graham.....	England.....	Rev. G. R. Portal.

GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Constituting as we do, an integral part of the British Empire, and bearing in mind our peculiarly intimate relations to the Craft in the mother country and our filial obligations thereto, I have great pleasure in announcing to you, that the recognition accorded by this Grand Chapter to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and of the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, has been fraternally accepted by that Grand Body,—that Grand Representatives to and from our respective Grand Bodies, have been appointed, and that therewith fraternal correspondence has been established under the most happy auspices, and based on the great principle of our respective sovereign jurisdictional supremacy embodied in our fraternal resolution of recognition.

And I am sure that I but give utterance to the sincere desire of every Royal Arch Companion within our jurisdiction, in expressing the hope that the day is not far distant when the same happy, fraternal relations will be firmly established between every Grand Masonic Body in this Province and all the Grand Bodies of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and thus forever settle all questions of jurisdiction and allegiance, and secure perfect union and harmony with all their attendant blessings, and so form a perpetual league of fraternal amity and international good-will between the craft in this Canada of ours and in the dear old mother-land. In response to all which, I know your heart-felt prayer is,—“So mote it be.”

REPLY OF THE PRINCE OF WALES, GRAND Z., &c.

The following communication from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, in reply to the address forwarded to him by this Grand Chapter, will be received by you with the greatest satisfaction; and the cause of the delay in answering, arising from the universally lamented death of Her Royal Highness,

Princess Alice of Hesse Darmstadt, will meet with deep responsive sympathy in the heart of every Royal Arch Companion, and of every member of our Order within our jurisdiction and throughout the Dominion.

FREEMASONS' HALL,
London, 24th January, 1879.

SIR AND COMPANION,

I am commanded by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, to acknowledge receipt of the fraternal address which you have been good enough to transmit to him in behalf of the M. E. Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, and to apologize for the delay which has taken place in such acknowledgment, a delay caused mainly by the almost constant absence of the Prince officially at the French Exhibition and elsewhere during the summer and autumn of the past year, and subsequently by a severe domestic affliction.

His Royal Highness however now commands me to thank the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, most sincerely for the good wishes expressed towards himself personally, and the Grand Body over which he deems it an honor to preside; and most especially for the sentiments of loyalty and attachment to which they give utterance, to Her Majesty his beloved mother the Queen, and for the blessings they have invoked on the Princess of Wales, and the members of the Royal family.

The Prince is also much touched by the reference made to the services rendered to Masonry in general, by his illustrious ancestor the late Duke of Kent.

In conclusion, I am to convey to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, the most earnest wishes of the Most Excellent the First Principal of England, for its future success and prosperity.

I have the honor to be,

R. E. Grand Scribe E.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY,

G. S. E.

E. Companion J. T. McMINN,

R. E. Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter of Quebec.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

As an illustration of the very kind, fraternal feelings entertained towards us by the officers and companions of other Grand Chapter jurisdictions, I cannot do otherwise than submit to you the following references anent Quebec, made by M. E. Companion David F. Day, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, in his address at the last annual convocation:—

"GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.

"During the last year, at the request of the proper authorities, I issued a commission to M. E., John H. Graham, of Richmond, in the Province of Quebec, Grand Zerubbabel of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, accrediting him as our representative near that Grand Chapter."

"This appointment, it seems to me, deserves more than a passing notice in this address. It is the establishment of a new representative relation between this jurisdiction and another, the more interesting because of the fact that the Grand Chapter to which our Grand Representative has been accredited, has its location in a country not in political alliance with our own. Is it too much to expect that the relation thus established may yield much good to the cause of Capitalar masonry, and that it may contribute largely to the perpetuation of those feelings of amity and mutual regard which now so happily exist between this country and Canada?"

I need hardly assure our companions abroad that these and such like sentiments are heartily reciprocated by all the brethren of this jurisdiction.

CONSTITUTION FOR GRAND CHAPTER.

Your committee on Constitution have carefully prepared and printed a draft of a proposed new constitution which will be submitted for consideration and adoption by Grand Chapter. The great importance involved in such action will secure from you such care and attention as that our organic law shall be in perfect accord with the ancient land-marks of the fraternity; and to the greatest extent practicable, be well adapted to the economical and efficient governance of the craft within our jurisdiction. It is moreover to be anticipated that the duty of providing every companion with a copy of the new constitution, will be faithfully discharged.

GRAND CHAPTER CERTIFICATES.

After some unavoidable delay, a well executed copper-plate has been procured for printing the Grand Chapter certificates on medium size parchment. Hereafter there need be no delay in furnishing them to all newly exalted companions. The design which has been prepared with special reference to symbolic expression, artistic neatness and economy, will, I think, receive your general approbation.

GRAND SCRIBE E.

This efficient officer has procured a complete set of books, admirably adapted for the keeping of an exact record of the transactions, and of the financial and other business of Grand Chapter; and for the highly creditable manner in which R. E. Companion Grant has performed the important and laborious duties devolved upon him as Grand Scribe E., he will, I know, as is so well deserved, receive your unanimous approval and commendation.

PERMANENT OFFICES.

Until the Craft in this Province may be able to realize the cherished project of possessing a "Freemason's Hall" in this metropolitan city of the Dominion, it appears to me very desirable that the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge, and it may be, other Grand Bodies, should, if practicable, have in this city a common, centrally located office of comfortable size, properly fitted up, and having safes and vaults for the due preservation of their records, papers, &c., and that if possible, the same efficient and trustworthy officer might act as Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, Foreign Correspondent, &c., of the several Grand Bodies, and be so

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enabled by fairly remunerative salary, as that his whole time would be devoted to attendance at his office, and to the performance of these important duties. This is admirably accomplished in some jurisdictions, and I am of the opinion that the matter is well worth the serious consideration of the Craft throughout the Province.

MARKS.

There is reason to suppose that there are some, and perhaps not a few, mark Master Masons who have been exceedingly remiss by not selecting and having recorded their appropriate and distinguishing marks pertaining to this beautiful and impressive degree, and I therefore urge upon every craftsman of this grade of our Order, that if he has hitherto neglected this duty, he will, at an early day, remedy this grave oversight.

I am moreover of the opinion that the officers of the subordinate Chapters should make it imperative that all mark masters shall have selected and presented their marks to the Scribe E. for registration, prior to their exaltation, and that all such marks should, along with the annual and semi-annual returns, be transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. for registration in the records of Grand Chapter.

The possession of these distinguishing marks by all the members of this rank, and their record in the books of the subordinate Chapters, and of the Grand Chapter, are matters not only of great present importance, but they will become of more and more general interest as years pass by; hence I sincerely trust that this defect will be immediately remedied, and that the Book of Marks of this Grand Chapter will, from the beginning of its history, be a complete and perfect record of the marks of every Mark Master Mason made within its jurisdiction and under its authority.

INTERNATIONAL CRAFT-MEDIATION.

I regret to have to report that circumstances have not, as yet, enabled me to carry out your wishes as embodied in the resolution passed by Grand Chapter, requesting and empowering me personally and otherwise, to aid in securing a satisfactory and final adjustment of the jurisdictional relations between the Craft Grand Bodies in the mother country and in this Province, and especially for the speedy removal of the present unhappy misunderstanding with the Craft in North Britain. Private correspondence however, clearly discloses the fact that there are those among the most eminent of the Craft there, who are equally grieved as ourselves, that ought inharmonious should have arisen, and they are earnestly desirous that international harmony should be speedily restored, as no doubt it will be ere long if all interested seek the desired object in the right spirit.

It seems to be the opinion of some "at home," and amongst ourselves, that personal conference between the leaders of the Craft on both sides, is the most likely to accomplish the desired end, and your being so fully aware of my deep sorrow anent the present international differences, and my great anxiety for their early removal, constitute in your estimation, at least, my chief qualification as a "peace commissioner" in what appears to be an impending crisis wholly unnecessary and greatly to be deplored. You may therefore rely upon it that if any personal or official efforts on my part, will tend to restore harmony with the mother Grand Bodies on a just and enduring basis, they will be cheerfully made, and I

have too firm faith in the intelligence and fraternal prudence and good-will of these brethren now in dissent here, and in the wisdom and ability of the fathers and rulers of the Craft in the mother land to have any *present* doubts as to the ultimate result. I trust, therefore, at no distant day to be able to communicate to Grand Chapter the consummation so devoutly desired.

AT REST.

Since we last met, the Angel of Death has been amongst us. V. E. M. McCarthy, first principal Z. of Golden Rule Chapter, No. 1, Sherbrooke, has been called from labor to rest. A well polished stone of no ordinary quality, has been removed from the living arch. The funeral cortege accompanying the mortal remains of this worthy and beloved companion to their last resting place, clearly manifested the very high esteem in which this excellent brother was so deservedly held, not only by the Craft but by his fellow citizens. I beg to suggest that Grand Chapter pass a resolution of condolence, that the same be officially communicated to the surviving members of his family, and that a memorial page in our printed proceedings, be dedicated to his memory.

MASONIC FUNERALS.

"From time immemorial, it has been a custom among the fraternity of free and accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there deposit his remains with the usual formalities;" and although on this continent, the Holy Royal Arch for its better governance, is under the authority of a separate Grand Body yet it remains as ever, an indivisible part, and is the copestone of ancient Craft Freemasonry, and hence has no need of a separate form of burial service for its deceased members, as our companions clothed in their distinctive regalia, are wholly identified with the other members of our ancient fraternity in the performance of the sad funeral rites. But as more especially in our day, many commendable benefit and other like societies have sprung into existence, and to one or more of which, members of our order may properly belong, and as some of these excellent bodies have adopted, or in part borrowed from the Craft, a form of burial service, it becomes therefore highly desirable, that the immemorial principles and practice of our Order relating to burial, should be fully understood and prudently carried out. The rulers of the Craft should therefore always bear in mind, that it is only at the request of a brother, that his remains are to be honored with masonic burial. The formalities of which at the grave, take place immediately after the services of the church to which the deceased may have belonged or was in some way connected, and the masonic services close the last mournful rites.

The Craft cannot, therefore, take part in or unite with any other Body or Bodies in having a double or triple funeral service at the grave. No member of our fraternity should make a request to be buried by any society, if he desires masonic rites of sepulture, but if he has done so, and if it is arranged that the burial services of any other Body, except those of the church are to be performed, the Craft cannot then rightly perform any burial service. This practice does not arise from any assumed superiority, or from any want of good-will to such societies on the

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part of our fraternity, but because it is required by immemorial custom, and is adhered to, in order to have everything on such sad occasions, "done decently and in order," and to promote peace, harmony and concord.

THE CRAFT, PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE.

Although we are members of one of the youngest and one of the smallest of Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Freemasons—and on account of our peculiar surroundings, we are not likely soon to have the large numerical increase enjoyed in many other jurisdictions, yet we cannot but rejoice at the healthy growth and rapid extension of Capitular, Mark and Craft Masonry in so many countries, on every continent, and on distant isles.

In all free and enlightened nations Masonry is becoming a mighty power for good. Freedom and Freemasonry are twin-sisters. Human enlightenment and the light of the craft spread alike together. Sound morality and the genuine principles of our order are one and inseparable. Wise government finds in our fraternity a bulwark of loyalty. Benevolence finds in it a perennial fountain, and pure religion finds a hand-maid in a fraternity whose fundamental doctrines are the FATHERHOOD OF GOD and the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

Just rulers of nations deem it among their highest honors to be rulers in the craft. Distinguished statesmen and learned divines,—eminent jurists, literati and scientists,—gentlemen of business and of leisure,—and a host of good and true men of every rank, throng our temples.

Methinks the GOLDEN AGE of our ancient fraternity is now dawning ; and it is not mere enthusiasm to affirm that an unprophetic eye may see in the not distant future, a grand realization of the vision of so many seers and sages of the olden time, who beheld afar off the benign reign of HUMAN FRATERNITY.

The hitherto most distant parts of this grand old world of ours, are being brought nearer and nearer to each other every year. The whole earth is fast becoming one great NEIGHBORHOOD, with all whose inhabitants we soon shall hold daily converse as neighbor with neighbor ; and it is no day-dream to predict that the time is at hand when from every clime, the sovereign rulers and princes of the craft will readily and frequently assemble in a WORLD'S CONCLAVE for the consideration and promotion of the interests of our UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

CLOSING WORDS.

Other subjects of great practical interest suggest themselves as worthy of being now submitted to you, but time forbids.

In gratefully returning to you the symbol of supreme authority, I have to express my great regret that I have not been able to perform all the duties of my office as I could have desired, and that it has not been practicable for me officially to visit the several Chapters as ought to be done by one of the Grand Council every year ; but I feel assured that you will not attribute these and other omissions to any want of interest in the welfare and progress of our Order ; and my successor in office will doubtless have the pleasing satisfaction and the fraternal felicity of supplying the obvious deficiencies of my administration.

May the MOST HIGH bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly, and grant abundant prosperity to us and to all our Companions and Brethren throughout the universe.

JOHN H. GRAHAM,

GRAND 'Z.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23rd, 1879.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Stearns, seconded by R. E. Comp. Samuel Kennedy, and resolved that the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. be referred to a Special Committee consisting of R. E. Comps. F. Edgar, Thos. Milton and H. W. Wood, to report thereon during the present session of Grand Chapter.

The following reports of Grand Superintendents were presented.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, September 23rd, 1879.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

I have again the pleasure of complying with constitutional demands, by submitting the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Montreal District.

The Chapters in this District, with one exception, that of St. Charles No. 9, are in good working order, holding convocations regularly and having peace and harmony prevailing amongst them.

We cannot congratulate ourselves on any great increase to our numbers by the addition of new material from the Quarries, but we have fortunately been enabled to hold our own, passing as we have through a season of continued business depression, that must of necessity prevent many of our brethren in Craft Masonry from seeking further light by admission to our discoveries.

I regret I should again have to report St. Charles Chapter, No. 9, in difficulties, which during past year have prevented its work being carried on with regularity and earnestness. In January last, after previously holding a few meetings in the city, it was deemed expedient to resume the occupancy of the hall at Point St. Charles, but apparently the burden of debt the Chapter was to bear, prevented the Companions from giving that support necessary to enable them to overcome their troubles, not seeing their way clear to meet in any reasonable time, the liability for arrears of rent and their share of expenses arising out of certain law proceedings connected with the occupancy of the hall. The First Principal R. E. Comp. Milton is still hopeful of restoring the Chapter to active usefulness, and I dare say, the apparent advent of better times will help him in his work.

I am happy to be able to report that no Masonic complaint has been laid before me during past year, nor has any irregularity called for official interference.

In conclusion, I beg to thank the Companions of Montreal District for the confidence they have reposed in me for the past two years, and must express the hope that my successor may be enabled at the expiration of his term of office, to report

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a greater share of prosperity for Royal Arch Masonry in this District, and I trust it may also be his privilege to report to Chapters in his jurisdiction, that the initial steps have been taken by Grand Chapter, to practically assert its supremacy in Quebec Province, and recognise no Royal Arch Masons in our jurisdiction, save those under the banner of our Grand Body.

All respectfully submitted,

WM. LEMESURIER,

Grand Superintendent Montreal District.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

I have the honor to submit the annual report on Royal Arch Masonry for the Eastern Townships District, for the past year.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 1 has made fair progress, and will eventually be one of the strongest Chapter in the Province. It has held regular convocations every month, and several emergent convocations. It met with an almost irreparable loss in the death of R. E. Companion M. McCarthy, its First Principal, G. Registrar and G. Representative of the M. E. the G. Chapter of South Carolina, near the G. Chapter of Quebec. He died on the 11th, and was buried with Masonic honors on the 13th of June. The funeral was attended by the largest assemblage of Masons from the different Lodges in this District, that the city of Sherbrooke has ever seen. The *great* number present, consisting of all *classes, creeds and nationalities*, was stronger testimony to his worth as a man than any words of mine can possibly be. As a Mason he has left but *few* equals in this vicinity. I would respectfully suggest that a page of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter be devoted to his memory.

I have not been able to visit Prevost Chapter No. 3, Dunham, but am informed by Companion Massie, Scribe E., that it has been prospering, with good prospects for the future.

Dorchester Chapter No. 4 is, I am *afraid*, "past hope," although the difficulties in the way of its resuscitation are not in my opinion, any greater than those which were so happily surmounted in the case of Golden Rule Chapter. I regret very much that I was unable to visit Waterloo, as I fully expected to do until last week, as I think I might have induced some of the Companions then to take hold and bring their Chapter to life again.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ADDIE,

G. S. E. T. D.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. Edgar, seconded by R. E. Comp. G. E. Weldon, the reports of the Grand Superintendents were received and referred to the following Committee, for examination and report thereon:—Comps. Samuel Kennedy, J. W. Wiggett and Arthur F. Simpson.

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ALBERT D. NELSON,
Grand Treasurer.

E. & O. E.

Montreal, 23rd September, 1879.

Moved by R. E. Comp. Stearns, seconded by R. E. Comp. Lem-
surier, and resolved, that the annual statements of Grand Scribe E.
and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the following com-
mittee for examination and report thereon, viz., R. E. Comps. Tho-
mas, McLean, and E. Comp. Whyte.

R. E. Comp. F. Edgar presented report of Committee on Foreign
Correspondence.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter.

The Committee have received reports of the proceedings of the following Grand
Chapters :—

UNITED STATES.—California, 1879; Connecticut, 1879; Florida, 1879; Ken-
tucky, 1878; Michigan, 1879; Nebraska, 1879; Nevada, 1879; New Hampshire,
1879; New York, 1879; North Carolina, 1879; Rhode Island, 1879; Texas,
1879; Vermont, 1879; Wisconsin, 1879.

CANADA.—Grand Chapter of Canada, 1879.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and Wales, 1879.

The Committee regret that owing to the withdrawal from active work in the
Grand Chapter of the Past Grand Scribe E., who was appointed Chairman of the
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at the last convocation of the Grand
Chapter, the report for this year must be limited to a simple acknowledgement of
the receipt of the proceedings of the several Grand Bodies in fraternal intercourse
with this Grand Chapter; but they hope that in future the subject of Foreign Cor-
respondence will receive the attention its importance requires; as well for the
information of the members of the Grand Chapter, and in order that we may
receive and communicate opinions and judgments on all important subjects that
may arise in connection with Royal Arch Masonry throughout the world.

The reports received bear evidence of the continued prosperity of the Royal
Craft in all the jurisdictions.

In the United States the subject of greatest importance is the proposed amalgamation of the Council Degrees (Royal and Select Master) with Royal Arch Masonry. These Degrees have been heretofore under the control of Grand Councils, but owing to the great expense of carrying on so many different Grand Bodies it is proposed to confer these Degrees by and under the control of Chapters of Royal Arch Masops. Several of the Grand Chapters have already taken charge and control of the Royal and Select Masters Degrees, and caused them to be conferred by Chapters in their jurisdiction, other Grand Bodies have the subject under consideration, while some are opposed to having anything to do with them. These Degrees have not yet been worked in Quebec, and we will await with interest the final settlement of this question of amalgamation by the Grand Chapters in the United States; and hope that it will be unanimous, and not entail future differences and difficulties.

The reports of the Grand Chapters received in former years, as well as those now acknowledged, have been placed at the disposal of the Committee on Constitution, who have derived valuable information and assistance from them in compiling the Constitution for this Grand Chapter; which will be submitted for your consideration at the present convocation of Grand Chapter.

The proceedings of our Mother Grand Chapter of Canada held on the 18th day of August of this year have been received, and we are pleased to notice among the Companions who were present, many old and respected friends of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. Our representative, M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, of Toronto Ont., was elected Grand Z., and our friend R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, was re-elected Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which position we hope he will continue to defend the landmarks of the Royal Craft from a Canadian standpoint, with his usual ability.

As all information about our Mother Grand Chapter must always be of special interest, we may mention that there are at present seventy-five Chapters on the Roll, of whom but forty were represented in Grand Chapter. The time of meeting of Grand Chapter was changed to "the Friday of the same week in which is held the meeting of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, at the same place." A committee was appointed to amend and revise the Constitution; and a committee under the chairmanship of M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, "to revise the work of the Mark, Past and M. E. Degrees," the latter a subject of special interest in our own jurisdiction.

We have also received the report of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for England and Wales for 1879, which Grand Body was duly recognised by this Grand Chapter at the last annual convocation. Your Committee notice with pleasure, that our M. E. Grand Z. has been appointed representative of the Grand Mark Lodge near this Grand Chapter, with the rank of honorary Past Grand Warden of the English Grand Body. That the recognition of this Grand Body was right and proper, is shown by the report received, which gives the number of Lodges under its jurisdiction in England, Wales, India, China, Africa, Australia, &c., as 259, of which are no less than ten holding their charters from "time immemorial." It will be remembered that the Grand Chapter of England does not confer or control the "Intermediate Degrees."

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Our Companions in the several Grand Chapters in the United States, continue to give us support, assistance, advice and encouragement for which we are so much indebted, and without which we would not to-day be in the position of Supreme Grand Chapter in this Province. We hope they will always show the same interest in our welfare, and we hope to continue to profit by their advice, example and assistance, in carrying on the work of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction.

We give the statistics of the Grand Chapters in America, and the remarks thereon, which we extract from the "Canada" report on the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine. They are from the pen of the old and esteemed friend of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Quebec, M. E. Comp. J. H. Drummond, and as well as everything coming from him having reference to Freemasonry, are specially deserving of our consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK EDGAR, GRAND J.,

For the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment for the space of half an hour.

On the Grand Chapter resuming labor, the Committee to whom the M. E. the Grand Z.'s address was referred, reported as follows :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Committee appointed to consider the address of the M. E. Grand Z. beg respectfully to report as follows :—

That they join with the M. E. Grand Z. in thankfulness to the G. A. of T. U. for the peace and harmony which prevails among the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction.

The Committee learn with pleasure that fraternal relations have been established between the Grand Chapter and the several Grand Bodies related in the address, and that Grand Representatives have been appointed on behalf of the Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of New York by its G. H. P., (and they beg to reciprocate the fraternal feeling expressed,) and the other Grand Chapters in the United States.

They join the Grand Z. in welcoming the establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Masters Lodge of England and Wales, and heartily congratulate him on his appointment as Grand Representative of that Grand Body.

The Committee have received with great satisfaction the reply of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of England, to the address presented to him by resolution of Grand Chapter at its first convocation.

They are confident that the reply will increase the feelings of respect and attachment entertained towards His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales by every Companion in this jurisdiction.

They recommend to Grand Chapter the careful consideration of the several suggestions of the Grand Z. having reference to the government of Chapters and Subordinate Chapters.

They join the Grand Z. in testifying to the zealous and efficient manner in which Grand Scribe E. has performed his arduous duties, and recommend that the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to him by the Grand First Principal, as a slight proof of the appreciation of his services.

The Committee regret to learn that so many able craftsmen have been called from labor to rest. They approve of the suggestion that the Grand Chapter pass a resolution of condolence to be officially communicated to the surviving members of the family of our late R. E. Comp. M. McCarthy, and that a memorial page in our printed proceedings be dedicated to his memory.

The Committee hope the Grand Z. will continue to give his special attention to the establishment of fraternal relation between the Craft in this Province and the Grand Bodies in the Mother Country, and they trust in this and in all matters relating to Capitular Masonry and the interest of this Grand Chapter, he will continue to bestow his valuable services, which are of so great importance to the Craft in this Province.

The whole respectfully submitted.

FRANK EDGAR.
THOMAS MILTON.
H. W. WOOD.

Moved by R. E. Comp. Edgar, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. G. Adams, that the report of the Committee be received and adopted.
Carried.

The Committee on Grand Superintendents of Districts reported as follows :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :—

That they have to congratulate the Grand Chapter on an increase of Craftsmen in the quarries, but regret that some Chapters show either signs of weakness or a lack of interest, notably Dorchester and St. Charles. As far as Stadacona Chapter is concerned, we regret that we are without any information, the Grand Superintendent of that District having neglected to report. We consider that there is sufficient material around the jurisdiction of Dorchester Chapter to have it revived, and would suggest that the coming Grand Superintendent warn the Companions that unless they satisfy him as to their intention and ability to reopen it, they will be requested to return their warrant to this Grand Chapter.

The whole respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL KENNEDY.
J. W. WIGGETT.
ARTHUR F. SIMPSON.

Moved by V. E. Comp. Earle, seconded by V. E. Comp. Weldon, that the report of the Committee just read, be received and adopted. Carried.

The Committee on Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer's reports, read the following report, which on motion of V. E. Comp. Willis, seconded by R. E. Comp. Kennedy, was received and adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Scribe E. beg leave to report that they regret that owing to the neglect of some of the Chapters, the Grand Scribe E. is unable to make a complete return of the number of Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction, and your Committee trust that at next annual convocation a larger increase to Capitular Masonry may be reported among the various Chapters.

The whole respectfully submitted.

F. T. THOMAS.
JOHN MCLEAN.
WM. H. WHYTE.

September 23rd, 1879.

The Committee appointed to audit the annual statement of the Grand Treasurer have much pleasure in reporting that after due and careful examination, they find the Books and Vouchers correct and satisfactory, and the balance to be two hundred and thirty dollars and ninety-four cents (\$230.94).

Your Committee would suggest, in the event of Grand Chapter deciding to publish the Report of Proceedings of this Annual Convocation, in view of the low state of the treasury, that if not over one hundred dollars be spent, it would effect a considerable saving.

The whole respectfully submitted.

F. T. THOMAS.
JOHN MCLEAN.
WM. H. WHYTE.

September 23rd, 1879.

The Committee appointed to draft a Constitution for Grand Chapter, presented its report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

To the M. E. Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter.

The Committee beg respectfully to submit as the result of their labours, a draft of the proposed "Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec."

They have carefully examined the Constitutions of the several Grand Chapters of the Dominion and the United States, and the proceedings of these Grand Bodies which have been available; and after due consideration of the laws and regulations therein contained, they have prepared for the consideration of the Grand Chapter a Constitution which they deem specially adapted to the requirements of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction.

Your Committee have been careful to "preserve the landmarks from encroachment," and hope in this particular to secure the support of the Grand Chapter, but in non-essentials they invite the fullest discussion ; and expect the draft now submitted will be altered and amended as the experience and knowledge of the members of the Grand Chapter are brought to bear on its several parts.

I. H. STEARNS, *Chairman.*

FRANK EDGAR, *Grand J.,*

Secretary.

A printed copy of the Constitution having been distributed among the Companions, it was read article by article, amended and adopted as printed in these proceedings.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

OF QUEBEC.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND STYLE.

The name and style of this Grand Chapter shall be "The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec."

ARTICLE II.

POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

Sec. 1.—This Grand Chapter has the sole government, control and superintendence of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and all Lodges of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Masons, in the Province of Quebec, subject to the ancient landmarks of the craft.

Sec. 2.—It grants charters, warrants and dispensations for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons ; and, when expedient, arrests, revokes, and annuls the same.

Sec. 3.—It has authority to settle controversies that may arise between the Chapters ; to assign their limits ; to prescribe laws and regulations for their government ; and to review, confirm, or annul their decisions.

Sec. 4.—It has appellate jurisdiction over the decisions, acts and decrees of its officers, and of the officers of subordinate Chapters, and may confirm, reverse, annul or modify the same at pleasure. It may also expel, suspend or reprimand a Companion, or Brother, on appeal from a subordinate Chapter.

Sec. 5.—No dispensation or charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, or Most Excellent Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS.

This Grand Chapter shall be composed of a

Most Excellent Grand First Principal Z.	} Who comprise the Grand Council.	
Right " " Second " H.		
" " " Third " J.		
" " " Superintendents of Districts.		
" " " Treasurer.		
" " " Scribe E.		
" " " Scribe N.		
" " " Principal Sojourner.		
Very " " Assistant "		
" " " Junior "		
" " " Pursuivant.		
" " " Three Stewards.		
" " " Janitor.		

And the Principals and Past Principals of Chapters in this jurisdiction, all of whom must be members in good standing of a subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE IV.

CONVOICATIONS.

Sec. 1.—The Grand Chapter shall hold its Annual Convocation at the City of Montreal, on Tuesday of same week of Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2.—The Representatives of three Chapters shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3.—The Grand First Principal Z₁ may call special convocations of the Grand Chapter whenever, in his opinion, the welfare of the Order shall require it.

Sec. 4.—Special Convocations shall be ordered by the Grand First Principal Z₁, (or, in his absence from the Province, by the presiding officer of Grand Chapter), upon an application therefor in writing, setting forth the causes which demand it, and signed by the First Principals of at least three chartered Chapters.

Sec. 5.—Every order for a special Convocation shall designate the object thereof, so far as is proper to be written, and shall be issued to each Chapter and member of Grand Chapter, at least thirty days before the day named for meeting, and no business shall be transacted thereat other than that for which the Grand Chapter was convened.

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ARTICLE V.

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL CONVOCATIONS.

Sec. 1.—A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened in *ample form* by the Grand First Principal Z. and the Grand Council (or in their absence by the presiding officers), and shall at once proceed to the transaction of business, observing as closely as possible the following order :

- 1st—Reception of the Report of the Committee on Credentials.
- 2nd—Reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation, and Special Convocations, if any have been held.
- 3rd—Address of the Grand First Principal Z.
- 4th—Reception of the reports of Grand Superintendents.
- 5th—Reception of the Report of Grand Scribe E.
- 6th—Reception of the Report of the Grand Treasurer.
- 7th—Reception of the Reports of the several Committees of Grand Chapter.
- 8th—Election of Grand Officers.
- 9th—Unfinished business.
- 10th—Installation of Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year.
- 11th—New business.

Sec. 2.—All questions in Grand Chapter (unless otherwise provided for) shall be decided by an open vote, by the members holding out their right hands, unless before or immediately after the announcement of the result thereof, three members demand a vote by ballot, in which case it will thus be taken.

Sec. 3.—All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of a tie the presiding officer shall have the casting vote.

Sec. 4.—Each Chapter shall be entitled to three votes ; and all members of Grand Chapter (not voting as Principals of Chapters) to one vote.

Sec. 5.—Each Chapter shall be represented in Grand Chapter by its Principals, or any one of them who may be present.

Sec. 6.—In case the Principals of a Chapter cannot attend the Convocation of Grand Chapter, it is the privilege of that Chapter to appoint a Proxy to represent it. The Proxy must be a member or honorary member of the Chapter so appointing him, and a Past Principal, and must be appointed by his Chapter at a Regular or Emergent Convocation, and a certificate of his appointment signed by the

Scribe E., and under the seal of the Chapter, must be presented to the Committee on Credentials of the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 7.—All questions of order shall be decided by the Grand First Principal Z., or presiding officer, and there shall be no appeal from his decision, unless by motion duly moved and seconded, and carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present in Grand Chapter.

Sec. 8.—All motions must be made in writing by two members, and read to Grand Chapter by the Grand Scribe E.

Sec. 9.—In case of the absence of the Grand Z., the Grand H. shall preside at the Convocation of Grand Chapter, in the absence of both these officers the Grand J. shall preside, and in case none of the three Principals be present, the First Principal of the senior Chapter present shall open Grand Chapter; in which case the Grand Chapter will immediately proceed to the election and installation of officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1.—The following regular Committees, to consist of three members each, shall be appointed by the Grand Z. at each Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

1st—On jurisprudence, grievances and appeals.

2nd—On foreign correspondence.

3rd—On finances and benevolence.

4th—On credentials.

Sec. 2.—The two first shall be Standing Committees, and shall serve during the year, and it shall be the duty of Grand Scribe E. to submit to these Committees (on receiving instructions from the Grand Z.) any subject of importance that may arise during the recess of the Grand Chapter, having reference to their particular duties; in order that they may report on the same to Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation.

Sec. 3.—Special Committees may also be appointed by the Grand Z. whenever deemed necessary by him, or by the Grand Chapter.

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ARTICLE VII.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.—The elective officers of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the

Grand First Principal Z.	} <i>The Grand Council.</i>
" Second " H.	
" Third " J.	
" Superintendents of Districts.	
" Treasurer.	
" Scribe E.	
" Scribe N.	
" Principal Sojourner,	

Who shall be chosen by ballot, by a majority of all the votes cast at each Annual Convocation, and, if in attendance, shall be installed before the close thereof; if not present, he or they may be installed in the respective Chapters of which they are members. They shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed.

Sec. 2.—The R. E. the Grand Superintendents of Districts shall be nominated by a majority of the representatives of their respective districts present at the annual convocation, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Z.

Sec. 3.—All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Z., with the consent of the Grand Council, shall be installed as soon as practicable thereafter, and shall hold their offices until their successors are appointed and installed.

Sec. 4.—No Companion shall be eligible to be elected to office in Grand Chapter unless he be an installed First Principal.

Sec. 5.—Any Grand Officer who shall, during the term for which he was chosen, remove from this Province, or cease to be a member of a subordinate Chapter therein, thereby vacates his office.

Sec. 6.—Any vacancy in office occurring when the Grand Chapter is not in session, may be filled by the Grand First Principal Z., and the officer so appointed shall possess all the powers and be charged with all the duties of one regularly elected.

ARTICLE VIII.

THE GRAND Z.

Sec. 1.—The Grand Z. shall exercise all the executive functions of this Grand Chapter during its recess, and shall, at each Annual Convocation, communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during such recess, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

Sec. 2.—He has power to issue dispensations for the formation of new Chapters, and constitute either in person or by proxy all newly chartered Chapters, and install their officers.

Sec. 3.—He has power to grant such dispensations (not expressly prohibited in this Constitution), as he may deem proper for the welfare of the Royal Craft.

ARTICLE IX.

THE GRAND PRINCIPALS H. AND J.

The Grand Principals H. and J. in the event of the death or absence from the Province of the Grand Z., shall, in the order of their rank, succeed to, and be charged with, all the powers and duties of the Grand Z.

ARTICLE X.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

Sec. 1.—This officer must be an installed First Principal or Past First Principal, and a resident in the district for which he is appointed.

Sec. 2.—He may preside in every Chapter he visits within his district, unless the Grand Principals, or either of them, be present.

Sec. 3.—He may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting Chapters or individual Companions within his district, and may proceed to admonition, or to suspension. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision, is to be transmitted to the Grand Z., through the Grand Scribe E., and when the case is of so flagrant a nature, as in the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of the district to require the erasure of a Chapter, or the expulsion of a Companion, he shall make a special report to the Grand Chapter, with his opinion thereon. His decision is final, unless an appeal is made therefrom to the Grand Z. or Grand Chapter.

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Sec. 4.—He may summon any Chapter or Companion within the district to attend him, and may order the production of the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and, in case of contumacy, he may suspend the offending Chapter or Companion, and shall report the case as before provided.

Sec. 5.—All petitions for warrants must be recommended and duly signed by the Grand Superintendent of the district prior to their transmission to the Grand Scribe E., whose duty it shall be to see that such recommendation and signature are duly attached to each petition.

Sec. 6.—He shall transmit to the Grand Scribe E. at least fourteen days prior to each annual convocation of Grand Chapter, a report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in his district, with a list of such Chapters as may have been constituted since the last annual convocation, for the information of the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 7.—He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Chapter from place to place within his district, but not from his district into another, nor from another district into his own, without the sanction of the Grand Z.

Sec. 8.—He may grant dispensations for festivals or public processions in his district.

ARTICLE XI.

GRAND TREASURER

Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all funds, property, securities and vouchers of the Grand Chapter. He shall receive all monies belonging to Grand Chapter from the Grand Scribe E., and shall pay all orders drawn on him by that officer, and countersigned by the Grand Z., or, in his absence, by the presiding officer of Grand Chapter.

Sec. 2.—Any sum remaining in his hands over the amount of one hundred dollars, after providing for the present liabilities of Grand Chapter, he shall deposit in a chartered bank in the joint names of the Grand Z. and Grand Treasurer of Grand Chapter, to be withdrawn only on their joint cheque.

Sec. 3.—He shall keep an account of his receipts and disbursements, and submit the same with all vouchers to the Grand Chapter

at each Annual Convocation, and hand over all monies to his successor immediately after the installation of officers.

ARTICLE XII.

THE GRAND SCRIBES.

Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe E. to record the transactions of Grand Chapter, and to superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each Annual Convocation; to keep a registry of all members of Subordinate Chapters; to receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents of Grand Chapter; to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Chapter, and to attach thereto the grand seal; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Chapter, and pay the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and report the same in detail to the Grand Chapter annually; to report the Chapters that have neglected to render proper returns of their elections, members and dues; and to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter, under the direction of the Grand Z.

Sec. 2.—He shall take charge of the Seal of Grand Chapter, and all its jewels, furniture, clothing, and paraphernalia, during its recess, and present to Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation a full and detailed report of his official acts.

Sec. 3.—He shall receive such compensation for his services as is provided in this Constitution, and as Grand Chapter may direct.

Sec. 4.—In case of the death or absence of the Grand Scribe E., his duties shall devolve upon the Grand Scribe N.

ARTICLE XIII.

PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER AND APPOINTED OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of these Grand Officers to perform such duties as by ancient usage pertain to their respective offices.

ARTICLE XIV.

THE GRAND JANITOR.

In addition to the proper duties of his office, the Grand Janitor shall, under the superintendence of the Grand Scribe E., prepare and keep in order the place of meeting of the Grand Chapter, and the jewels, &c., during the Convocations of Grand Chapter. He shall receive for his services such sums as the Grand Z. shall order.

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ARTICLE XV.

RANK AND PRECEDENCE OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers shall rank in the order stated in Article III, except in the case of Past Grand Officers, who shall rank next in order to the present Officers of the same rank. Past Grand First Principals shall rank next in order to the Grand Z., and before the Grand H., and so on through the several offices of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVI.

REVENUES.

Sec. 1.—The revenue of Grand Chapter shall be derived from fees charged for Dispensations, Charters, Diplomas, and other instruments issued under its authority, and from an annual fee levied upon the Chapters, which shall always be equal and uniform in proportion to their membership and degrees conferred, as follows :

- 1st—For a Dispensation to open a new Chapter, forty dollars, of which ten dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Scribe E.
- 2nd—For a Charter, fifty dollars, (ten dollars in addition to the charge for Dispensation, if such has been granted), of which fifteen dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Scribe E.
- 3rd—For every Dispensation to install Officers not otherwise duly qualified ; to hold election of Officers at a time other than that named in the By-Laws, or for any such Dispensation, the sum of five dollars, of which one dollar shall be the fee of the Grand Scribe E.
- 4th—For every Grand Chapter Certificate, three dollars ; one dollar to be the fee of Grand Scribe E.
- 5th—For the Registration in the Books of Grand Chapter of every candidate for exaltation, and of every affiliated companion, one dollar.

And in no case shall any of the foregoing documents be issued until the fees therefor shall have been paid to the Grand Scribe E.

Sec. 2.—Each Chapter shall pay for every member at the date of its semi-annual return, the sum of fifty cents per year, half of which shall be payable at each semi-annual return.

ARTICLE XVII.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS—THEIR ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1.—All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters, as regular bodies of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges. Every Chapter ought to assemble for work at least once in every three months, and shall consist of three Principals, two Scribes, three Sojourners, and a Janitor, (to which for the better working of the Chapter, may be added other officers,) and as many members as may be convenient.

Sec. 2.—Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Warrant, or a Dispensation from the Grand Z.

Sec. 3.—A Chapter can only be organized by the Dispensation of the Grand Z., or the Warrant of the Grand Chapter, and in each case only upon the application of nine regular Royal Arch Masons. The mode of application to be by petition, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such Chapter, and the names of the three intended Principals, and such Warrant or Dispensation shall also give power to open and hold Lodges of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Masters. The petition must be recommended by the Grand Superintendent of the District and by the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is to be held.

Sec. 4.—Chapters working by virtue of a Dispensation from the Grand Z., shall apply for a Warrant of Confirmation at the first Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter that shall be held after their organization, and shall submit, for the consideration of the Grand Chapter, a record of its work, together with the Minute Book, Register, &c.

Sec. 5.—Every Chapter shall be solemnly consecrated, according to ancient custom, by the Grand Z., or by a Past First Principal appointed as his Proxy for that purpose.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 6.—Every Warranted Chapter has the power to make such By-Laws as to them may seem meet for their own private government, provided they be not incompatible with the general laws of the Craft, or the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. Such By-Laws

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shall be copied in a book kept for that purpose, and must be approved by the Grand Z.; and every Companion shall sign them, as a token of submission to them, when he becomes a member.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 7.—The regular day of meeting of the Chapter shall be specified in the By-Laws. All business except the conferring of the intermediate degrees shall be done in the Chapter. Chapters of Emergency may at any time be called by authority of the First Principal, the reasons for which shall be stated in the summons, and no other business than that specified shall be entered upon at that meeting.

Sec. 8.—Every member in good standing is entitled to one vote, and is eligible for any office in the Chapter, except that of First and Second Principal. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, except where a ballot is specially enacted. If the numbers on the ballot, or a vote, shall, in any case, be equal, the First Principal shall have the casting vote, or he may order a new ballot at his discretion.

MEMBERS.

Sec. 9.—Membership in a Chapter may be acquired by having been named in the Warrant as one of the petitioners therefor, by having regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason therein, or by having been duly elected for affiliation therewith.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 10.—Every Chapter shall annually, at the time specified therefor in the By-Laws, elect, by ballot, the First, Second, and Third Principals, Scribes E. and N., Principal Sojourner and Treasurer. The First Principal shall annually appoint all the other officers required for the better working of the Chapter, who are, with the elective officers, to be regularly installed and invested.

Sec. 11.—No Companion shall be eligible for the First Principal's chair, unless he be first installed Master or Past Master of a regular Lodge, nor until he has served in the Second Principal's chair for twelve months, nor to the Second until he has served in the Third Principal's chair for twelve months, unless by special Dispensation from the Grand Z.

Sec. 12.—The officers elected and appointed shall be installed within forty days after their election, by any Present or Past First

Principal, and shall hold office for twelve months, and until their successors shall have been regularly installed and invested.

Sec. 13.—The Principal of the Chapter for the time being shall be the Master and Wardens respectively of the Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, and the other officers according to seniority.

REGALIA.

Sec. 14.—The Officers and Companions, whilst in Chapter, shall wear the insignia of the Order, according to their rank.

CHAPTER SEAL.

Sec. 15.—Every Chapter shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued, a description of which shall be duly sent to the Grand Scribe E., and registered in the books of Grand Chapter.

BOOKS.

Sec. 16.—Every Chapter shall have a Minute Book, in which all the transactions of the Chapter will be recorded; a Register of all the members and of all the Principals installed; a Book of Marks, in which every Mark Master shall register his mark prior to exaltation; and an Attendance Register, in which members and visitors shall sign their names, rank, and the Chapter from which they hail.

DUTIES TO GRAND CHAPTER.

Sec. 17.—Every Chapter shall, twice in each year, at the times ordered by the Grand Chapter, make returns to the Grand Scribe E. of all Companions who have been installed as First, Second and Third Principals, with the date of their installation, and of any installed Principals who shall have ceased to be members of the Chapter; also, a return specifying the names, ages, professions and residences, and the dates of exaltation of the Companions exalted, together with the dates of their taking the previous degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master, and shall at the same time remit the registering fee, and fees for Grand Chapter certificates that may be due; and when any Companion, exalted in foreign parts, whose name is not previously registered in the books of Grand Chapter, shall join a Chapter as a member, his name, age, profession, and Chapter shall be likewise returned, and the same fee shall be paid. The name of

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each candidate must be included in the return as soon as he has received the degree of Mark Master, and the registering fee must be then remitted. The names also of all Companions who may join from any other Chapter must be returned, and the Chapter in which they were exalted specified. The return must also contain a description of the Mark chosen by each Mark Master, for record by the Grand Scribe E. Also a return of all members who may have called off from membership in the Chapter, and of all members suspended and excluded.

DUTIES TO MEMBERS.

Sec. 18.—Every Chapter shall procure for each Companion exalted therein, immediately upon his being registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, a certificate under seal of the Grand Chapter, and signed by the Grand Scribe E., of such exaltation and registry, to be paid for by the Chapter; and such certificate shall specify not only the date of exaltation, but also the dates when the Companion was advanced to the degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master. Every Companion must sign his name in the margin of his certificate to make it valid. No Chapter shall grant a private certificate to a Companion for any purpose, except a dimit on his leaving the Chapter in good standing.

VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

Sec. 19.—In case of death or removal by Grand Chapter of a First Principal of a Chapter, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new Principal in his place, giving seven days clear notice of such election to all members of the Chapter. The new Principal so elected shall be immediately installed, and shall serve until the next annual election of officers. And should a vacancy occur in any other office, the First Principal shall appoint a duly qualified Companion to supply his place *pro tempore*; but in case such vacancy shall be that of Second or Third Principal, and there is no member of the Chapter duly qualified by having served as such to fill such vacancy, then the First Principal shall call a convocation of the Chapter to elect a Second or Third Principal, as the case may be, giving seven days clear notice to all the members of the Chapter, and the Companion so elected shall be immediately installed, and serve until the next annual election of officers; but no officer can resign his office after he has been installed

and invested, nor can he be removed, except for cause which appears to the Chapter to be sufficient, to be ascertained by the votes of the majority of members present, on the complaint being laid before it by the First Principal, after being duly notified to the members in the summons.

Sec. 20.—In case of the absence of the First Principal, his chair shall be taken by his immediate predecessor therein, or in his absence by the senior First Principal present, who shall discharge the duties of the Chapter.

PROHIBITIONS.

Sec. 21.—No Chapter can be opened, or held, except by three duly qualified Principals.

Sec. 22.—No Chapter shall exalt a Mason to the Royal Arch degree, or admit a joining member, without strictly complying with the regulations enacted for such occasions.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Sec. 23.—Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter in either of the following cases :

Omitting to hold a convocation of the Chapter for the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any return required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased under any circumstances, until the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

If a Chapter be dissolved, its Warrant, Records, and property shall be delivered up to the Grand Chapter.

RIGHT OF SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION.

Sec. 24.—Every Chapter has the power of inquiring into offences, and of suspending or excluding a member, but no Companion shall be suspended or excluded under any circumstances, until he shall have due notice of the charge or complaint preferred against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, so that he may be present and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself, before a decision is rendered as to his guilt or otherwise.

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Sec. 25.—Every member of a Chapter neglecting to pay his dues for two years shall be liable to suspension by the Chapter, as in Sec. 24; but he shall be immediately restored by the Chapter, without ballot, on payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension.

JURISDICTION.

Sec. 26.—The jurisdiction of every Chapter, except in cities and towns where there is more than one Chapter, extends between them half way to the nearest Chapter. Chapters in cities and towns have concurrent jurisdiction.

RIGHT TO HAVE DEGREES CONFERRED BY ANOTHER CHAPTER.

Sec. 27.—A Chapter has the right to have the degrees conferred upon any candidate who may have received one or more degrees from it by another Chapter without charge, on application made in writing to such Chapter, and signed by the First Principal and Scribe E., and under the Seal of the Chapter.

PRECEDENCE.

Sec. 28.—The precedence of a Chapter is derived from the number of its Warrant, as recorded in the books of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVIII.

OF MEMBERS OF CHAPTERS.

OF CANDIDATES FOR EXALTATION.

Sec. 1.—No Mason shall be advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, and exalted to the Royal Arch degree, until he has presented a petition recommended by two Companions, being members of the Chapter, and been regularly proposed at one convocation of the Chapter, and a committee has been appointed to enquire into his character, and his name, age, profession or calling, residence, and the Lodge of which he is a member, shall have been sent to all members of the Chapter in the summons for the next convocation, whether regular or emergent; when, if the committee report in his favor, he may be ballotted for, and if approved, admitted.

OF CANDIDATES FOR AFFILIATION.

Sec. 2.—No Companion shall be admitted a joining member unless he be a member of a Lodge, and shall have received the degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch, nor until he shall have been regularly proposed and seconded, by two members of the Chapter, at a convocation, and his name, residence, and Chapter, together with the names of his proposer and seconder, shall have been placed on the summons for the next convocation, when the proposition will be submitted to the ballot, and if the ballot is favorable he shall be declared duly elected.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.

Sec. 3.—No Mason shall be exalted to the Royal Arch degree unless he has been a Master Mason for at least three calendar months, except by dispensation from the Grand Z. He must have taken the degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master, previous to exaltation.

FEES.

Sec. 4.—No Mason shall receive the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch, for a less sum than twenty dollars, which sum must be paid before any of the degree are conferred, and may include the fees to the Grand Chapter for registry and certificate. The payment of this fee or any part of it must not on any pretence be deferred.

This is not, however, to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of fee or charge, provided that a dispensation be obtained from the Grand Z.

OF COMPANIONS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE INTERMEDIATE DEGREES.

Sec. 5.—When any Companion from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, presents himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every Chapter shall have the liberty to, and may confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master on such Companions, who have not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a fee to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.

JURISDICTION.

Sec. 6.—No Chapter shall admit a candidate who resides within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without the consent of such other Chapter, except by dispensation of the Grand Z.

BALLOTING.

Sec. 7.—No candidate shall be admitted, or Companion received as a joining member, if on the ballot two black balls appear against him. If the ballot for a candidate should prove unfavorable any member can demand that it be again passed a second or third time, but if at the third ballot it is still unfavorable to the candidate, he will be rejected.

Sec. 8.—No rejected candidate can be again proposed and ballotted for within six months of the time of his rejection.

WITHDRAWAL.

Sec. 9.—If a Companion wants to withdraw from membership in a Chapter, he shall give notice, in writing, of his desire to the Scribe E., who shall read the same to the Chapter at the next convocation, when if the Companion's dues are paid to that time, and there are no charges against him, his request shall be granted. The Chapter shall furnish the Companion with a certificate, under its seal, that he leaves in good standing and at his own request.

TRIAL AND APPEAL.

Sec. 10.—Every member of a Chapter (except the First Principal) is liable to suspension for non-payment of dues, or suspension, or exclusion, for any offence against the laws of God, of the country, or of Masonry, after due trial by his Chapter; but every member has the right to appeal to the Grand Chapter against the decision of his Chapter, in accordance with the rules that may be made by Grand Chapter regulating such appeals.

OBJECTIONS TO ADVANCEMENT OF ACCEPTED CANDIDATES.

Sec. 11.—Should objection be made to the advancement of a candidate, at any stage of advancement, it shall be the duty of the First Principal to cause enquiry to be made as to the justice of such objection, by a committee of the members of the Chapter appointed by

him for that purpose, who shall submit a report at the next convocation; when the Chapter shall by vote of the members present, sustain or remove such objection. The candidate has the right to appeal to Grand Chapter against any adverse decision of the Chapter.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP NOT PERMITTED.

Sec. 12.—No Royal Arch Mason shall be a member of more than one Chapter at a time, but he can be elected to the honorary membership of any Chapter or Chapters.

ARTICLE XIX.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Sec. 1.—Chapters may elect any Companion an honorary member by an open vote of the Chapter. Due notice must be given at one convocation, and the name be inserted in the summons for the next regular convocation. The Chapter must include all honorary members in its return to the Grand Chapter, and pay similar dues for them as for ordinary members.

Sec. 2.—Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting, except it is so declared at the time of election, and then it can be conferred only on those who were ordinary members when so elected.

Sec. 3.—Should such honorary members, as at the time of their election were honorary members, accept office in the Chapter, their honorary membership ceases. Honorary members who were not ordinary members, cannot hold office in the Chapter.

ARTICLE XX.

VISITORS.

Sec. 1.—No visitor shall be admitted to Grand Chapter or to any subordinate Chapter, unless he be duly vouched for, nor until he shall have registered his name, &c., in a book to be kept for that purpose. Visitors during their continuance in a Chapter are subject to its By-Laws.

Sec. 2.—No Companion residing in this jurisdiction and not affiliated with some Chapter, has a right to visit any Chapter in the place where he resides more than once.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

Sec. 1.—No public procession or festival of Royal Arch Masons shall be allowed without a dispensation from the Grand Z. or Grand Superintendent, except as to attending Masonic Funerals, the urgency of which may not admit of the delay necessary for procuring the dispensation.

Sec. 2.—If any Companion or Charter shall attend any public procession (except a funeral) or festival in Royal Arch Clothing, without a dispensation, such Chapter or Companion shall be suspended until the Grand Z. or Grand Chapter shall determine thereon.

ARTICLE XXII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution can be altered, or amended, at any annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, provided due notice of such alteration or amendment shall have been sent by two members of the Grand Chapter to the Grand Scribe E., at least two months previous to the time for the holding of the annual convocation, and such notice inserted in the summons for the said annual convocation, and sent to every member of the Grand Chapter. The proposed amendment, or alteration, must be submitted to the consideration of the Committee on Jurisprudence, who will report on the same to the Grand Chapter, and on the reception of their report it shall be voted on by the Grand Chapter, when, if adopted by two-thirds majority of the members present, it will become part of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XXIII.

REGALIA.

Sec. 1.—No Companion shall on any pretence be allowed into the Grand Chapter, or any subordinate Chapter, without his proper clothing and insignia.

Sec. 2.—The apron, sash and jewel of the Order to be worn by the Companions in this jurisdiction; the collars, jewels and robes of office to be worn by Officers and Past Officers of Chapters, and the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers shall be such as shall be determined by the Grand Chapter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

- M. E. COMP. J. HAMILTON GRAHAM, Richmond, Grand Z., re-elected.
 R. E. " ISAAC HENRY STEARNS, Montreal, " H., "
 " " FRANK EDGAR, Montreal, Grand J., re-elected.
 " " JOHN McLEAN, Montreal, Gr. Superintendent, Montreal Dist.
 " " F. T. THOMAS, Quebec, Grand Superintendent, Quebec District.
 " " JAMES ADDIE, Sherbrooke, Grand Superintendent, Eastern Townships District, re-elected.
 " " ANGUS GRANT, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.
 " " J. W. WIGGET, Sherbrooke, " N.
 " " ALBERT D. NELSON, Montreal, Grand Treasurer, re-elected.
 " " SAMUEL KENNEDY, Quebec, Grand Principal Sojourner.

The Grand Z. subsequently made the following appointments :—

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

- V. E. COMP. JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal, Assistant Sojourner.
 " " S. J. FOSS, Sherbrooke, Junior Sojourner.
 " " A. F. SIMPSON, Lennoxville, Grand Pursuivant.
 " " A. R. FRASER, Montreal, Grand Steward.
 " " H. DUNNE, Montreal, Grand Steward.
 " " J. P. MARTIN, Bedford, Grand Steward.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON JURISPRUDENCE, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

- R. E. COMP. F. EDGAR.
 " " W. M. LEMESURIER.
 " " A. D. NELSON.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

- V. E. COMP. A. F. SIMPSON, Lennoxville.
 R. E. " FRANK EDGAR, Montreal.
 V. E. " JOHN McLEAN, Montreal.

ON FINANCES AND BENEVOLENCE.

- R. E. COMP. I. H. STEARNS, Montreal.
 " " SAMUEL KENNEDY, Quebec.
 " " JAMES ADDIE, Sherbrooke.

ON CREDENTIALS.

- R. E. COMP. THOMAS MILTON, Montreal.
 " " H. W. WOOD, Knowlton.
 " " F. T. THOMAS, Quebec.

ON SUPPLEMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF GRAND CHAPTER.

- R. E. COMP. STEARNS, Montreal.
 " " FRANK EDGAR, Montreal.
 " " GRANT, Montreal.

The newly elected officers were presented to the M. E. the Grand Z., who proceeded with their installation and investiture, after which they were duly proclaimed, saluted and welcomed with the customary honors.

It was moved by E. Comp. Simpson, seconded by E. Comp. Martin, and carried unanimously, "that the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Royal Albert Lodge, No. 25, Q. R., for their kindness in granting the use of their Lodge Rooms, and also for their excellent arrangements for the comfort and convenience of this Grand Chapter at their third Annual Convocation."

The labours of the Grand Chapter of Quebec being ended, it was closed in AMPLE FORM.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Extracted from Returns for Twelve Months ending 30th June, 1879.

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	Registrations.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	No. of Members.
1	Golden Rule.....	Sherbrooke.....	3	..	..	19	..	71
2	Stadacona.....	Quebec.....	..	2	1	2	..	35
3	Prevost.....	Dunham.....	2	..	1	..	1	49
4	Dorchester.....	Waterloo.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	Carnarvon.....	Montreal.....	2	..	1	2	2	42
6	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal.....	2	..	6	10	1	48
7	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	1	1	2	1	..	37
8	Royal Albert.....	Montreal.....	82
*9	St. Charles.....	Montreal.....
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* No returns.

*Amos Paul
Grand Scribe*

At Rest.

No. 2—*Stadacona*—JOHN PROCTOR, 3rd July, 1879.

No. 2—*Stadacona*—C. KNOWLES, 18th September, 1878.

No. 3—*Prevost*—H. L. JAQUAYS, November, 1878.

No. 5—*Carnarvon*—F. W. L. PENTON, 1st April, 1879.

No. 5—*Carnarvon*—ANDREW GRANT, 25th June, 1879.

No. 6—*Mount Horb*—JAMES KING, October, 1878.

In Memoriam.

R. E. COMPANION

A. Mc Carthy

FIRST PRINCIPAL
GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER No. 1,

DIED 11th JUNE, 1879.

STATISTICS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	No. of Subordinates.	Ditto making Returns.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dismissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Supp. for Non-Paym't Dues.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama.....	49	37	1059	47	27	47	1	2	42	16	3
Arkansas.....	64	40	1453	67	16	45	1	2	13	28	..
California.....	49	49	2990	221	62	73	16	0	60	41	14
Canada.....	70	70	3115	391	78	101	7	*72	..	32	..
Colorado.....	7	7	359	30	..	7	1	*22	..	1	..
Connecticut.....	35	35	3846	102	38	20	0	4	17	53	..
Delaware.....	6	6	320	26	1	3	0	*10	..	2	..
District of Columbia.....	8	8	1091	71	22	20	..	1	48	15	3
Florida.....	16	8	280	7	4	5	..	*7	..	5	..
Georgia.....	54	44	1724	58	20	83	3	*104	28	5	..
Illinois.....	168	168	10671	549	108	258	18	*394	116	4	..
Indiana.....	95	90	4875	187	39	105	19	*13	100	79	..
Iowa.....	85	82	4253	353	53	186	8	*51	..	34	..
Kansas.....	35	35	1149	80	40	36	3	1	42	7	14
Kentucky.....	105	90	3509	160	51	105	3	*230	..	62	..
Louisiana.....	29	28	1424	32	26	20	0	0	83	35	0
Maine.....	42	42	4129	131	14	81	1	*17	1	49	19
Maryland.....	12	12	1258	45	10	..	..	*24	..	23	0
Massachusetts.....	68	68	9237	337	..	185	0	..	..	105	..
Michigan.....	100	99	7385	415	86	168	9	9	196	80	..
Minnesota.....	31	29	1623	106	19	29	1	0	37	17	..
Mississippi.....	73	58	1939	87	39	70	1	5	113	..	..
Missouri.....	89	81	3935	216	60	121	5	*90	..	52	12
Nebraska.....	15	14	683	52	51	33	2	*26	..	2	..
Nevada.....	8	8	402	26	14	20	0	0	5	1	1
New Hampshire.....	19	19	2157	103	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Jersey.....	35	35	2834	107	16	15	0	*122	..	38	..
New York.....	191	191	17642	733	163	314	10	0	1188	215	59
North Carolina.....	22	22	912	21	5	7	1	1	0	6	3
Nova Scotia.....	9	9	359	17	1	21	0	0	4	3	0
Ohio.....	136	135	8464	372	162	196	11	1	350	91	..
Oregon.....	13	13	415	25	11	20	0	0	0	6	1
Pennsylvania.....	97	96	10747	729	77	68	..	*226	132	..	..
Quebec.....	8	7	364	10	0	11	..	*34	..	4	..
Rhode Island.....	10	10	1617	49	..	2	0	2	1	19	5
South Carolina.....	33	25	993	37	9	38	0	1	25	11	..
Tennessee.....	93	81	3403	95	35	100	4	28	122	57	..
Texas.....	95	95	3946	428	156	274	7	*152	..	127	..
Vermont.....	25	25	1867	65	..	13	0	8	..	31	..
Virginia.....	38	33	1601	72	35	83	2	*37	..	22	..
West Virginia.....	17	15	509	36	3	16	0	0	11	5	..
Wisconsin.....	53	53	3133	186	29	104	1	*42	..	27	23
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* Including suspension for non-payment of dues.

† No returns this year; taken from last year's Table.

"As we apprehended last year, there is a falling off in the aggregate membership, but we think we have nearly reached the bottom of the descent, and that we shall soon begin to ascend with a steady and healthy growth."

GRAND CHAPTERS, ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETARIES, AND STATISTICS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Thomas H. Caswell.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	David McLellan.....	Hamilton.
Colorado.....	Edward C. Parmelee.....	Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	John K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	J. P. Allmond.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	Charles W. Hancock.....	Washington.
Florida.....	Dewitt C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	J. Emmett Blackshear.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	James H. Miles.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Wm. B. Langridge.....	Muscatine.
Kansas.....	Erasmus J. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	Joseph H. Branham.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Wm. A. Wentz.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Z. H. Thomas.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	Wm. P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	John L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	John W. Luke.....	St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	John D. Hammond.....	Carson City.
New Hampshire.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thomas J. Corson.....	Trenton.
New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia.....	James Gossip.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	James Nesbet.....	Troy.
Oregon.....	R. P. Earhart.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	John Thomson.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	Angus Grant.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	Wm. R. Greene.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	J. E. Burke.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
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