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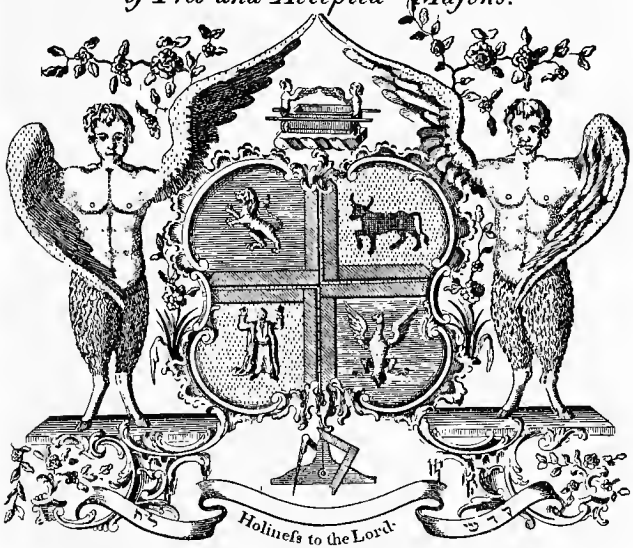


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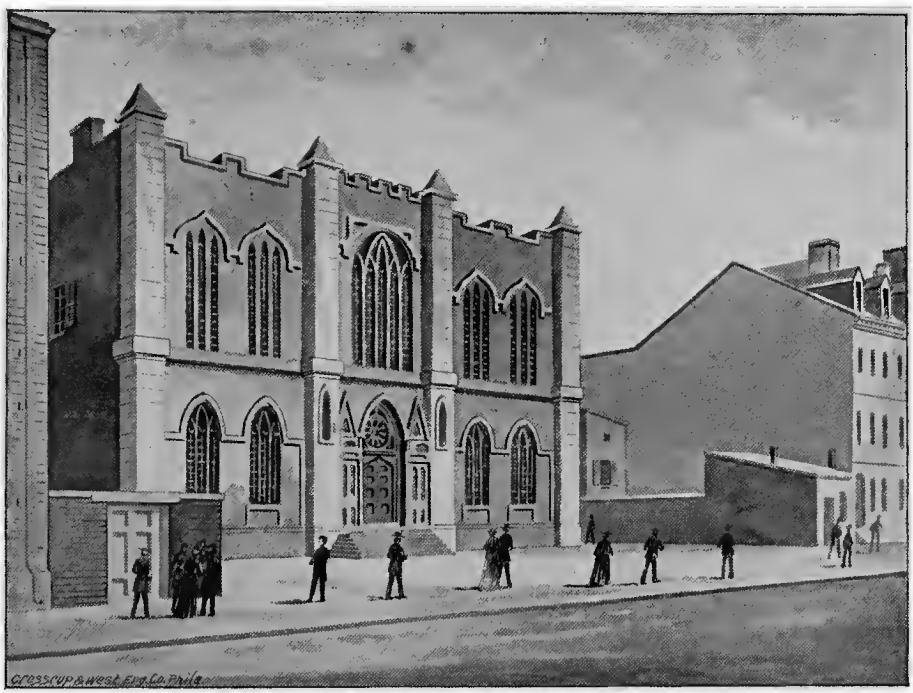
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This record of the ceremonies incident to the celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the birth of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, is presented with the hope that it will fittingly commemorate an event that has aided in promoting closer fraternal intercourse among our members and invited guests, and mark a continuance of the sentiments of good fellowship which have hitherto characterized the history of the Chapter.

Our thankful acknowledgments are tendered to the Committee on Library of the Grand Lodge for courtesies received, and to Washington Lodge, No. 59, F. and A. M., for the use of plates to properly illustrate various periods in our history; also to the members of Columbia Chapter for their generous encouragement.

CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
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GEORGE S. MACLAURIN,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
JOHN A. PERRY,
FRANCIS CHARLTON,
Committee.



Masonic Hall of 1820, where Columbia Chapter was Organized.

Proceedings.

The M. E. High Priest, Comp. JOSEPH MARTIN, in compliance with the request of the Committee on Anniversary, called a Special Meeting of the Chapter for Saturday, September 18, 1897, at four o'clock P.M., in Renaissance Hall, Masonic Temple.

Owing to the large number of Companions who had signified their intention to be present at the Anniversary, it was necessary, in order to accommodate them, to change the intended place of meeting from Renaissance to Corinthian Hall (Grand Lodge Room).

Meeting.

On September 18, 1897, a Special Meeting of the Chapter was opened in Ancient and Solemn Form at four o'clock P.M.

The Chapter was honored by the presence of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, and the M. E. Grand Scribe, Comp. EDWARD B. SPENCER.

After an invocation by the Chaplain, Comp. Rev. GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, the following exercises were proceeded with :

Music.

"Sunset," . . . . . *Gadsby.*

TEMPLE QUINTETTE.

(George Ford, J. Franklin Moss, Edgar A. Murphy, Howard M. Murphy, George W. Scouler.)

The M. E. High Priest, Comp. JOSEPH MARTIN, welcomed the assembled members and guests as follows :

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Companions :

It has been the custom, I believe, among all civilized people to take recognition of events, both historical and

social, of exceptional importance in their history or of unusual character in their experience, and to crystallize and fix that recognition by a fitting celebration. An event of such unusual character has come also to us, in the history of this Chapter; for, as you know, we have reached the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of our Chapter's birth; and seventy-five years in the lifetime of a Chapter, as in the lifetime of man, is, I find, a somewhat remarkable age, and denotes an initial vigor, and a conservation of energy, of a character out of the ordinary. We recognize and celebrate to-day, therefore, this unusual and altogether joyous occasion in the experience of our Chapter, and in the name of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, I greet the presence of our distinguished guests as a mark of especial honor, and the exceedingly generous attendance of our membership with peculiar pleasure, and to you all I bid a most hearty welcome.

Notwithstanding our venerable age of three-quarters of a century, however, we can console ourselves with the comforting thought that we bear not a single mark of senility, and can congratulate ourselves that we are in a thoroughly healthy and vigorous condition, and rejoice that our finances are sound, our membership large in numbers, select in character, yet withal varied in age, experience and attainments, and imbued throughout with an inspiring enthusiasm that leads our older members to be faithful in attendance and ever ready to give good counsel and advice, and our young men to be active, willing to work, and quick to respond to every effort for the welfare of our Chapter. Nor should we fail to be grateful for the feeling of brotherly love and the fraternal spirit that so thoroughly permeate our membership, and show a visible fruitage of the excellent principles taught by our beloved Chapter. Surely, could the organizers of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, be present and gaze upon this delightful scene, they would with thankful hearts rejoice with us, feel amply repaid for all the trials and sacrifices

of their early struggles, and bid us "Godspeed" for an even more successful future. And shall we not to-day hold ingrate ful remembrance those who have labored for the welfare of our Chapter, and, in emulation of their zeal, consecrate ourselves anew to the holy principles and excellent precepts of our Fraternity, and with renewed energy press on to the high mark of our calling, so that our Chapter may glory in a future even more successful than the past, and in a prosperity even more brilliaut than the present, and we individually may shine as living examples of our holy principles and ultimately merit the reward of faithful servants by entering into the "Joy of our Lord?"

Guests and Companions, I sincerely trust that your presence here to-day may prove so mutually pleasant and profitable to one and all, that the memories of this auspicious occasion shall linger long in your joyful recollections.

Music.

"Seek Ye the Lord," . . . . . *Baumback.*

TEMPLE QUINTETTE.

The M. E. High Priest introduced the Secretary, Comp. CHARLES F. WIGNALL, who delivered the following historical address:

M. E. Grand High Priest, M. E. High Priest and Companions:

Anniversaries are the milestones of history. At each of them we pause, review with gratitude the pathway we have traveled, and humbly invoke for the future the blessing and guidance of our Divine Father.

Through His infinite mercy, this Chapter has passed the limit of years allotted to the life of man, and to-day we are assembled to celebrate the completion of the seventy-fifth year of its existence.

Three-quarters of a century! What a flood of memo-

ries are awakened! What momentous events have occurred during these years, bringing happiness and sorrow to humanity? What wonderful changes have been made in the world's history! And by what heroic achievements in freedom's cause has the name "Columbia" been maintained as a beacon light in the pathway of civilization!

A thousand fantasies shape themselves in my mind and a myriad of thoughts struggle for utterance, but I dismiss them; for,

"An honest tale speeds best, being plainly told."

While its principles have existed from time immemorial, Masonry, like all human institutions, has been subject to influences that have retarded its growth, and at times threatened its very existence. All storms and dangers, however, were safely passed and it is now enjoying the bright and sunny skies of prosperity.

It may not then be inappropriate to briefly sketch the salient events in the early history of the Craft in Pennsylvania, and the circumstances that led to the formation of Columbia Chapter.

The "Holy Royal Arch Degree," as it was then called, was the *fourth* degree in Freemasonry. It was conferred in Chapters, working under the Warrants of the several Lodges, by virtue of the authority therein contained, "to admit and make Free Masons according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft."

Both Lodges and Chapters were governed by the Grand Lodge and held responsible to it.

In 1795, by the unlawful and unauthorized use of the Warrants of Lodges Nos. 19, 52 and 67, an attempt was made to form a Grand Chapter in Pennsylvania. The attention of the Grand Lodge being called to this innovation, on November 17, the Warrants of the Lodges concerned were suspended. A few days afterwards, on November 23, at an adjourned meeting of the Grand Lodge, the suspension was withdrawn, and the Warrants restored to those Brethren who had remained faithful in their allegi-



Present Masonic Temple, Dedicated September 26, 1873.

ance to the Grand Lodge. The pretended Grand Chapter was dissolved and the offenders forgiven. A preamble and resolutions were at the same time adopted, among which were the following:

"*Whereas*, It is the acknowledged right of all regular Warranted Lodges, so far as they have ability and members, to make Masons in the higher degrees, and as it is possible that some differences may exist or innovations may be attempted to be introduced in these higher degrees, which for want of some proper place of appeal may create schism among Brethren, ... be it therefore, and it is hereby

"*Resolved*, That a Grand Royal Arch Chapter be opened under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."*

Thus had the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania its birth —the first Grand Chapter in the United States. With all the attributes of sovereignty, it was not an independent body, but was appendant to and under the immediate authority of the Grand Lodge, the R. W. Grand Master, when a Royal Arch Mason, being *ex-officio* the ranking officer of the Grand Chapter.

This was the status of Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania when, in 1817, a number of Royal Arch Masons, late members of Harmony Chapter, petitioned Concordia Lodge, No. 67, for the use of its Warrant for the purpose of forming Concordia Chapter.†

This Chapter conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree for five years, when, in 1822, a spirit disturbing the peace and harmony of the Chapter developed. By abusing the privilege of the ballot, a Companion became so troublesome that the life or at least the prosperity of the Chapter was threatened.

* The resolutions in full are on pp. 232, 233, Vol. i, reprint of Grand Lodge Minutes.

† This was the second Chapter under the Warrant of Lodge No. 67. The first was organized in 1795, but had been out of existence for some years.

The M. E. High Priest was appointed a Committee to wait on this Companion and request him to withdraw. "This," the Committee subsequently reported, "he positively refused to do."

Advice as to the proper remedy was then sought of the Grand High Priest. Comp. JOSIAH RANDALL, by virtue of his position as R. W. Grand Master, occupied that station. He was a lawyer of prominence, a man of strong will—vigorous and fearless in his expression of opinion. His advice was, "that if the Companion persisted in his action, and would not resign, they should surrender their Warrant, dissolve the Chapter, and reorganize under the Warrant of another Lodge."

On August 1, the following was presented: "*Resolved*, That Concordia Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 67, be now dissolved, and that the M. E. High Priest be requested to return the Warrant, together with the thanks of the Chapter, to Concordia Lodge for the use of the same." Every member was notified of the contemplated action, and on September 5, 1822, the resolution was adopted and the Chapter closed *sine die*.

Thus was the recalcitrant Companion marooned upon an island of his own creation, hopeless of ever reaching a haven of Masonic rest, a fitting reminder of what may be expected when causeless dissension is introduced and the necessity arises for preserving that true and united harmony which should ever prevail among the Companions of the Royal Craft.

Thirteen days after this, on September 18, 1822, twenty-two of the former members of Concordia Chapter, and a few others, held a meeting at which Comp. RICHARD PERRY was called to the Chair, and Comp. GEORGE RUSSELL appointed Secretary.

A petition, soliciting the use of the Warrant of Columbia Lodge, No. 91, and articles of formation were read and unanimously adopted. The following officers were agreed upon:

Comp. CHARLES STOUT, *High Priest.*
Comp. JOHN HORTON, *King.*
Comp. JOHN KENWORTHY, *Scribe.*
Comp. THOMAS MANNING, *Recorder.*
Comp. STEPHEN P. BARBIER, *Treasurer.*

The use of the Lodge Warrant having been granted, the First Chief was appointed a Committee to return thanks for the same. The By-Laws of the old Chapter were altered to suit the new one, adopted and ordered to be printed. The minutes were then read, adopted and the meeting dissolved.

At the conclusion of this meeting, Columbia Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, immediately opened. The minutes of the preparatory meeting were read and ordered to be transcribed into the minute-book of the Chapter, and they were ready for work.*

Three petitions were presented. One from Bro. JOSEPH J. BARGEBER, P. M. of Lodge No. 91, for the degree of Holy Royal Arch as a sojourner, and two others for the same degree as members; the first from Bro. JOHN WILSON, P.M. of Lodge No. 52, and the other from Bro. JOSEPH CONOVER, P.M. of Lodge No. 127.

It appears not to have been necessary in the case of sojourners to have a period of one month elapse to inquire into fitness of character, and so Bro. BARGEBER was honored by being exalted at this same meeting—this being the first work done in the infant Chapter.

What impressive and suggestive memories this recalls as we contemplate the flattering progress of the Chapter from that eventful day to the present time!

At the next stated meeting, Bro. WILSON was exalted, and became the first member receiving his degrees in the

* Columbia Chapter is the third oldest in this jurisdiction. Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, first known as Royal Arch Lodge, was organized as early as 1758, and Harmony Chapter, No. 52, in 1794. Chapters Nos. 21 and 43, although having earlier numbers, were organized several years subsequent to Columbia Chapter, No. 91.

new Chapter. He was honored with an election as First Chief in 1825, and was blest with length of days, living to see and enjoy the Semi-centennial of the Chapter, which was celebrated with interesting ceremonies in 1872. A month later he entered into eternal rest. His son, JOHN WILSON, JR., was also honored by this Chapter, and attained eminence in the Grand Chapter, but died while serving as M. E. Grand King in 1873.

Suddenly as the Chapter sprang into existence, its life was not of a premature growth, but full of hardy vigor, capable of standing the stress of the troublous times that were to follow.

Among those to whom the welfare of the new Chapter was entrusted, Comp. CHARLES STOUT was the leading spirit. At the expiration of his term as First Chief he was elected Treasurer, served for eighteen years, and for three years was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter.

THOMAS MANNING, the first Recorder, was also quite influential in shaping the destinies of the new Chapter. He came to us from Concordia Chapter, bringing with him an experience of five years as its Recorder. He had a firm and intelligent grasp of the duties of the office, and served us faithfully for over thirty years, when the feebleness of age led him to retire, regretted by his Companions. In appreciation of his services, he was voted the salary of Secretary for the remainder of his life. He compiled and published *Manning's Masonic Register*, a volume of reference that increases in value and usefulness to the Craft with every year.

The first decade brought into the Chapter many men of worth and standing in the community, several of whom were called to the highest station in the Chapter, and afterwards served with equal distinction in our illustrious Grand Body.

Among those then exalted were JAMES HUTCHINSON and PETER FRITZ, both of whom graced the Oriental Chair of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. None, however, made

a greater impression upon the life of the Chapter nor possessed more influence among its members than Comp. SAMUEL H. PERKINS. For two years he was First Chief, and for the zeal and fidelity there displayed he was voted a gold medal, the first Companion to receive such a mark of esteem from this Chapter. A lawyer of marked ability, his talents were freely given in defending the Fraternity in its hour of greatest peril. His usefulness was not confined to this city, but extended to the Craft throughout the State. Beloved of his fellows, he was awarded the highest honors in their gift—Grand High Priest in 1832 and 1833; Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter in 1834, 1835 and 1836, and Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1839 and 1840.

His wisdom has come down to the present generation in the person of his son, one of our oldest Past High Priests and the senior Past Grand High Priest, Comp. SAMUEL C. PERKINS—a worthy successor of his most illustrious father. Upon him the Craft has conferred the honors of M. E. Grand High Priest and R. W. Grand Master.

In the early days, the "Holy Royal Arch" was the only authorized degree in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania. The Mark degree was conferred in Mark Lodges, working independently of the Chapters, but under similar Lodge Warrants. The Most Excellent Master's degree was conferred as early as 1796 in Chapter No. 3, but it was not generally sought until much later, as neither it nor the Mark degree was in Pennsylvania considered essential to the Royal Arch.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States had, however, made the Mark and Most Excellent constituent degrees of Capitular Masonry in the Chapters under its jurisdiction.

To meet this regulation, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania on June 23, 1823, "recommended all Brethren who then were or thereafter designed to become Royal Arch

Masons to make themselves acquainted with the honorary degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master as the means of enabling them to meet and act with Brethren in Arch Masonry throughout the United States."

Columbia Chapter had not waited for this recommendation of its superior, but had conferred the degree of Most Excellent Master upon some of its members as early as March, 1823. There is no record of the Mark degree having been conferred by the Chapter prior to the reception of the present Warrant. Even then it was rarely done, that degree being monopolized by the Mark Lodges to such an extent that from 1854 to 1871 it was not conferred at all in this Chapter. The Mark Lodges were then teeming with work—the Chapters languished. They were only awakened to renewed strength and activity when in 1870 the Grand Chapter by certain amendments placed the Mark degree in its present place as a constituent degree of Capitular Masonry *subsequent* to passing to the Chair—thus closely conforming to Capitular work in other jurisdictions.

In accordance with the generally accepted legend that the degree of *Royal Master* was precedent and preliminary to that of Master Mason, the older Chapters considered the right inherent in them, under the authority given in the warrants of the Lodges under which they worked, to confer the degree of Royal Master.

Columbia Chapter conferred this degree as early as 1827 and as late as 1842. There is nothing in our present Warrant authorizing it, and we can only infer from the high character of those receiving it that none of the laws or usages of the Royal Craft had been violated by the Chapter's action. Even now, in some jurisdictions, the Cryptic degrees are considered part of Capitular Masonry, and in Virginia and West Virginia, the Royal and Select Master's degrees are conferred before the Royal Arch.

To return to the events that occurred during the infancy

of the Chapter. A crisis was approaching! The Companions were restive under the restraints of the Grand Lodge. They could not sit with folded hands while Pennsylvania Masons were cut off from intercourse with Royal Arch Masons in other jurisdictions—the General Grand Chapter of the United States having declared "that no person could be recognized as a Royal Arch Mason unless he had been exalted in a Chapter that had received its Warrant from some Grand Chapter." This practically isolated Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania, and at the same time welded into one common system Royal Arch Masonry of the other jurisdictions. To allow this state of affairs to continue practically meant the gradual decay of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania. Appeals for separation were made in the Grand Lodge, and the agitation that followed was finally productive of an agreement, on January 5, 1824, by which the Grand Lodge released its control over the Grand Chapter, thus making it an entirely independent as well as a sovereign body. This step was to be productive of much good in the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, although its results were not immediately felt.

Columbia Chapter, ever ready to assist in any movement that would be of benefit to the Craft, applied in January, 1825, to the Grand Chapter for a Warrant with powers incorporated to "admit, make and exalt Mark Master Masons, Most Excellent Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons." On March 16, the Secretary cautiously recorded "that a document *purporting* to be a Warrant had been received from the Grand Chapter." It was read and accepted, and we have worked under its authority to this day.

On April 26, TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN, Grand Scribe, visited the Chapter, and installed the officers, after which he delivered a lecture upon the degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, which the minutes state "was received with universal satisfaction."

The Chapter held its first meeting in the Masonic Hall on Chestnut street, then recently rebuilt on the site of the one destroyed by fire in 1819. It followed the Grand Lodge in its change of homes, removing in 1836 to Washington Hall, Third street above Spruce; then in 1855 to the New Masonic Temple on Chestnut street, and finally, in 1873, to the present magnificent Temple.

The officers were generally called "First, Second and Third Chiefs," but the terms "High Priest, King and Scribe" are frequently used in the early minutes. The furniture and clothing were owned jointly by the Chapters. It was not until 1851 that Columbia Chapter sold its interest in them to Harmony Chapter for twenty-five dollars and purchased a set of its own. For some years an annual banquet was held in conjunction with Chapters Nos. 3 and 52, thus bringing the members of these bodies into closer Masonic intercourse and by interchange of sentiment promoting the welfare of the Royal Craft at large.*

Some of the present martinets would be surprised at the methods then prevalent of conducting meetings. Substance, not form, was considered. They worked the material as it was presented and recorded what they did. *Adjourned* meetings were held. Extra meetings frequently opened and closed in the Lodge in which the degree was conferred; even as late as 1852 a meeting was opened as a "Most Excellent Master's Lodge." Many quaint and interesting entries appear in the minutes, but as they had no influence on the Chapter's history, I have not referred to them.

The Chapter was scarcely in its 'teens when a fanatical whirlwind swept over the country, and was taken advantage of by designing politicians to further their purposes. In this State it was of unusual severity, and in the proscription that followed the Chapter suffered. Its ranks were thinned and meetings had to be omitted—not from

* It was customary to charge both members and visitors a small fee when refreshments were served at any of the meetings of the Chapter.

fear, but from lack of attendance. Leading Free Masons were summoned to testify before a Committee of the Legislature as to what are called "the evils of Freemasonry." Believing it to be a duty they owed to the cause of civil liberty and to a republican form of government to resist such a compulsory examination, some of them refused to appear. Among these were Comps. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, SAMUEL M. STEWART, and CHARLES STOUT of this Chapter—all of them active spirits in the Grand Lodge, SAMUEL M. STEWART being Grand Secretary.

There were others of our members who remained steadfast through all this clamor. WILLIAM BADGER, a noted lawyer from a family of distinguished counselors, was High Priest in 1833 and 1834, and GEORGE S. SCHOTT for the three succeeding years. To them was entrusted the duty of shielding the Chapter from the attacks of bigotry and of encouraging the devoted little band to remain steadfast in the faith.

Fearlessly and faithfully was the trust fulfilled, and the Chapter safely guided to more peaceful days.

In the midst of this gloom, when fanaticism was rampant, two young men bravely sought advancement in an institution proscribed by the pulpit and by at least two-thirds of their fellow-citizens. They were HARMAN BAUGH and JOHN THOMSON.

HARMAN BAUGH, trusty and tried. His earnestness, zeal and constant devotion to Masonry endeared him to his Brethren and brought unsought honors upon his head. For twenty-two years he was Treasurer of his Lodge, and for twelve years was Treasurer of this Chapter. After serving as our High Priest, he obtained higher honors and a wider field of usefulness as Grand High Priest in 1855 and 1856.

It was upon his motion in the Grand Chapter that a Committee on the Work was appointed. As an active member of that Committee he labored faithfully in securing uniformity, restoring and exemplifying the true work

in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania. An enthusiastic worker, he is said to have conferred the Capitular degrees upon upwards of a thousand Brethren.

JOHN THOMSON'S mild countenance was familiar to many of you. His diligence, his precise and methodical habits, his amiability and courtesy made him the beloved of the Craft in this jurisdiction. He was wise, prudent and faithful—traits which led to his early advancement to the highest station in the Chapter's gift. For two periods he served as its Treasurer, in all twenty-five years, when he declined further reëlection. To him belongs the proud distinction of having held all the elective offices in the Grand Lodge, covering a period of thirty-one years, and in addition serving as Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter. He was regarded as an authority on the work and usages of the Craft. Every trust reposed in him was administered with intelligence, zeal and fidelity.

> "His life was gentle, and the elements
> So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
> And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

He was soon followed by his two brothers, GEORGE and WILLIAM W., who successively filled the station of High Priest. But one is now left with us—our oldest member and senior Past High Priest, Comp. GEORGE THOMSON. Ever since the establishment of the Board, forty-four years ago, he has faithfully served as a Trustee of this Chapter.

Fathers and sons have been enrolled with us, but we have not been, more than others, a family Chapter. A glance at our membership will show that from the highest to the lowest walks in life the material has been offered—all good men and true, for a man may accept as high a standard of life's duties while laboring at a forge as in any of the learned professions—many of them honored and distinguished in the community. Among this number were such clergymen as SAMUEL HUGGINS, ALEXANDER

VAN PELT, EZRA STILES ELY and J. LANSING BURROWS; such giants of the Philadelphia Bar as WILLIAM BADGER, CHRISTOPHER FALLON and CONSTANT GUILLOU; eminent physicians; prominent merchants and financiers; railroad officials; princes of industry, and others who served their nation, State and city, in legislative and executive positions faithfully and well; an ex-Mayor of this city; an ex-Postmaster, and an ex-Judge are among our present members.

We contributed to the Board of Public Education three of its most active Presidents,* one of whom, just retired after a faithful service, is alone spared to us.

Among the early members was one who was the favorite of and delighted more than once the audiences of Philadelphia, EDMOND S. CONNER. An actor of the olden style, he is credited with being the greatest Romeo of his day, and with having taken the character of Richelieu over a thousand times, the second to play it in America.

A little entry on the minutes, "*manager of the magnetic telegraph*," recalls the achievements of that wonderful instrument of Morse's that has almost annihilated space and is one of the greatest factors in the development of the world's material progress.

The present anniversary year has been full of honors to two of our Companions. Exalted above their countrymen in full view of the nation, one, Comp. BOIES PENROSE, has been elected United States Senator from this noble Commonwealth; the other, Comp. JOHN R. BROOKE, with the scars of the Rebellion and Indian campaigns upon him, having served from the outbreak of the Civil War,† has received well-earned distinction by being commissioned a Major-General in the United States Army.

Nor has the Fraternity in this jurisdiction overlooked

* M. Hall Stanton, Edward T. Steel and Isaac A. Sheppard.

† Mustered into service April 20, 1861, as Captain of Company C, 4th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, at the close of the war he was Brevet Major-General of Volunteers.

our household. Of the forty-two Grand High Priests since our organization, this Chapter has contributed eleven. Of the forty-two Grand Masters, nine have been members of Columbia Chapter. One of our Companions, GEORGE E. WAGNER, is now R. W. Senior Grand Warden, with hopes of succession to the highest office.

Not content with furnishing officers for our own jurisdiction, we have been honored by our fraternal neighbors. Comp. MARSHALL B. SMITH, a man of rare graces and superior intelligence, received his Masonic education in our midst. Severing his connection on account of business, he removed to a sister jurisdiction, where his merit and abilities were early recognized and he was advanced to the highest honors, serving as Grand Master of New Jersey in 1876, 1877 and 1878.

The life of any organization is measured by the strength of its finances. Sound investments are the basis of permanent prosperity. These facts were early recognized by the officers of the Chapter and efforts made to establish an invested fund.

In 1831, there appearing to be a balance of some ninety-eight dollars in the hands of the Treasurer, it was resolved "that the High Priest, Treasurer and Comp. PERKINS be a Committee to invest a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars in such stock as might seem to them advantageous." By payment of bills, in two months this balance was reduced to about thirty-four dollars, so the contemplated investment was not made. What is deferred is not lost; the seed had been sown, and in 1846 the Chapter purchased one hundred dollars of the then Masonic loan at par. From time to time additional sums were invested in the loans of the United States and the city of Philadelphia. These securities were sold when the Grand Lodge asked for aid to build the present Temple and the proceeds invested in the Masonic Temple loan redeemed a short time ago.

From the small beginning made in 1846, the invested

fund has increased until it now amounts to over thirteen thousand dollars.

Too much credit cannot be given to the Trustees for their careful supervision of the Chapter's finances. The only survivor of the original Board is Comp. GEORGE THOMSON. His colleague, Comp. CONRAD B. DAY, has been the most active member of the Board since his election twenty-five years ago, and has given the investments the careful attention that would be expected of one in the transaction of his personal affairs. He has also ably represented us in the Grand Chapter since the establishment of the representative system in 1881.

The junior member of the Board of Trustees was Comp. EDWARD MATTHEWS, a member well known to all of you. Genial in his disposition, active and zealous in the Chapter's welfare, after a faithful service as Trustee for fifteen years, he died on the 17th of last July, mourned by all.

The fund, however, owes much of its present proportions to the vigilance, active efforts and financial experience of the Treasurer, P. G. High Priest Comp. GEORGE W. WOOD, whose motto was " that a surplus was a temptation and must be placed beyond reach by investing it." His kindly countenance will never be forgotten. His services in disseminating Masonic knowledge can never be overestimated. The right hand and counselor of many Grand Masters, an authority on the work of the Craft of those days, his memory will ever be green among those who derived inspiration and knowledge from his lips.

While the Chapter was striving to obtain an invested fund for times of adversity, the broad precepts of the Fraternity were never forgotten. Charity was liberally bestowed. No worthy applicant was ever turned away from our portals empty-handed. Assistance was sent to the afflicted and desolate beyond our borders. The great public calamities—the Chicago fire ; pestilence and devastating floods in various sections of the Union—all found

with us an open purse and a ready response.* Since the days of the elder PERKINS, no one's personality was more strongly impressed upon the history of the Chapter than that of Comp. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON. Exalted in 1846, he was High Priest in 1852. The Chapter then was strong in Masonic counselors, and he had as instructors such Solons as JOHN THOMSON, JAMES SIMPSON, WILLIAM WHITNEY, HARMAN BAUGH and ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, all leading lights in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. At the end of his term as High Priest he was elected Secretary, serving continuously to the hour of his death —in all forty-one years. He was probably the Nestor in service of Chapter Secretaries in America, if not perhaps in the world. For some years he was Assistant Grand Secretary and was influential in shaping the legislation of the Grand Chapter. Active and resolute, vigilant in protecting and zealous in promoting the welfare of his Chapter, his services are still fresh in our memories. Oh, good gray head! how we miss you. So much of the past history was yours that you alone could reveal its hidden treasures. You alone received from your predecessor the explanation of what is now misty to us and which rests concealed with you in the grave. During the first seventy-one years of its life this Chapter possessed the unique distinction of having had but two Secretaries—Comps. MANNING and SIMPSON.

At the stated meeting April 21, 1852, the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. EDWARD P. LESCURE, visited the Chapter for the purpose of having P.G.H.P. Comp. DAVID C. SKERRETT exemplify the work as adopted by the Grand Chapter. Through mistaken zeal, Comp. SIMPSON, then High Priest, refused to recognize the authority of the Grand High Priest to *delegate to another* the right to occupy the station of High Priest to the exclusion of himself.

* With a tinge of fraternal patriotism a contribution was at one time made to erect a monument to the memory of Bro. George Washington at Alexandria, Va.

After some discussion, the Grand High Priest sequestrated the Warrant and his action was upheld by the Grand Chapter at the Communication held May 17. At the same Communication the Warrant was unanimously restored to the Chapter, and thus no meetings were omitted by reason of the sequestration.

In the spring of 1861, the clouds of war darkened our homes, and the four years that followed were a continuous nightmare of sorrow, fear and distress. Faithful to their name, the sons of Columbia went early to the defense of the country. Among the first was one of our oldest members, Comp. JOHN K. MURPHY. A mere lad in the war of 1812, he was afterwards active in the city militia, and at the call to arms recruited the Twenty-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and led them to the front. He participated in several battles, was made a prisoner of war, and at the end of the Rebellion was mustered out with the rank of Brevet Brigadier-General.

Another hero was one of our youngest members, Comp. GARRICK MALLERY, JR., the son of a distinguished jurist, with an ancestry noted for its bravery even as early as the Colonial Wars. Rapidly winning an enviable name at the Philadelphia Bar, he laid all on the altar of patriotism, and entered the service of his country as Captain in the Seventy-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He distinguished himself in many battles, was wounded, captured and confined in Libby Prison; and by a strange caprice of fate, during the reconstruction period, was acting Governor of the State in which a few years before he had been a prisoner of war. While in Dakota, he made such valuable investigations into the sign language of the Indians, that he was transferred from the Army to the Smithsonian Institution, and for his researches made a member of many scientific societies at home and abroad.

I have named these two, being our oldest and youngest, but there were a number of others who won deserved promotion by their bravery—BROOKE, WAGNER, SICKEL,

DECHERT and MILLISON are names well known to you and are but types of the bravery of "Columbia's" Companions.

Comp. GEORGE W. WOOD, a member of the "Old Guard," in his humble way was preparing for the conflict, but while drilling his company* fractured his knee-cap, producing a lameness that afflicted him throughout his whole life.

That vast army of untitled soldiers, to which this Chapter contributed its quota, who left homes and loved ones at the call of duty, will never be forgotten. Some are with us to-day, and I look upon their veteran faces; others sleep in graves kept green by a nation's gratitude, there to rest until the reveille of God awakens them to the glory of an eternal morning.

Ever loyal in our support of the Grand Chapter, many times have we been honored and encouraged by visits of the Grand High Priest, either to lecture upon some Masonic subject or, in the early days, to exercise his prerogative of making a Royal Arch Mason by virtue of his presence.

The lectures were by no means confined to the Grand Officers, for one of our members, Dr. EDWARD A. ATLEE, three months after his exaltation, delivered a series of three lectures upon one of the chapters of Genesis. The Secretary records that the Companions were much edified by them. Among the contributors to the literature of the Craft was P.H.P. Comp. ZADOK A. DAVIS. He was the author of what he terms "A Free-Mason's Monitor, containing a Delineation of the Fundamental Principles of Free-Masonry—Operative and Speculative, as well in a religious as in a moral view." From the comprehensiveness of the "title," I have no doubt he thought there was little to be learned in Freemasonry outside of his book.

For deep research into the legendary history of the Craft, for his contributions to Masonic literature, for his

* Company G, Gray Reserves.



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eloquent lectures, affording instruction and entertainment to the Fraternity, no discourses can be compared with those delivered in recent years by our fellow-member, P. G. High Priest Comp. ALEXANDER H. MORGAN. We trust he may long be spared to give us the benefit of his wisdom and counsel.

In every year of its existence, whether under friendly skies or in the gloom of fanaticism, Columbia Chapter has never failed to find work to do. Of nearly thirteen hundred Companions exalted as members or sojourners, but 466 remain with us. Some withdrew to assist in forming other Chapters; others have completed their earthly labor and gone to their reward. Their memories are embalmed in our hearts; their love, their lives and their examples are still with us.

> "I name no names; instinctively I feel
> Each at some well-remembered grave will kneel."

Companions, the record I have traced is one of which you may well be proud; few Chapters have exceeded you in numbers—none have surpassed you in devotion to the traditions of the Craft, nor in love and allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Useful, honest labor is the spirit that pervades and rules the whole system of Masonry—operative and speculative. It ennobles and dignifies the humblest occupation; it has been and is the salvation of humanity. Let us not, then, in the vain pursuit of fancied happiness, seek royal roads to fortune or distinction, but strive to win the sure reward that comes to duties well done; as good Masons patiently setting one stone of our house upon another, ever extending the hand of fellowship and sympathy to our Brethren who toil below us on life's ladder.

It is your duty, and it will be your privilege, to carry into life's daily battle the cardinal principles of our Fraternity—"the Fatherhood of God—the Brotherhood of man"—to write upon your banners that symbolic word "Charity;" to serve and benefit your fellows, making

them wiser, better and happier by your example and influence.

"There is a word in our cold English tongue,
That first from Italy's warm bosom sprung,
Through rugged centuries to us descending,
It murmurs with a music never ending.
'Tis named 'Fraternity.' 'Oh, what a blaze
Of glancing lights that magic word displays!
What brilliant mirrors, in whose bright reflection
Glitter the flashing jets of recollection.
'Tis yet untold what potent spell may hide
Within the one word 'Brother,' yet a tide
Comes welling hotly from the heart, to claim
The sympathy of one who bears that name,
And as the pulsing wave of coming day
Breaks on the shore of night, and lights the gray
Of chilling twilight into splendid morn,
So bursts the wave of kinship newly born
Within the heart—in friendly smiles that meet
A glowing answer in the face they greet.
Not ours that gruesome brotherhood of blood
That drowned poor France beneath its crimson flood;
Not ours a proud knight-errantry, that asks
Its devotees a multitude of tasks;
Ours but to clasp the hand, to cheer the heart,
To meet as more than kin, and kindly part;
Forever cherishing—whate'er befall—
'Malice towards none, warm charity for all.'"

At the conclusion of the address, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be printed, a copy sent to each member of the Chapter and a vote of thanks be tendered to the Secretary, Comp. Charles F. Wignall, for the address just delivered.

Music.

"Come, Thou Spirit Holy," . . . . . *Abt.*

TEMPLE QUINTETTE.

After brief remarks by the Grand High Priest, Comp. RICHARD M. JOHNSON; the Grand Scribe, Comp. EDWARD B. SPENCER; P. G. High Priest Comp. GEORGE E. WAGNER, and others, the Chapter was closed.

The Companions then proceeded to the Banquet Hall, where covers had been laid for 350 persons.

During the Banquet, the Companions were pleasantly entertained by remarks from distinguished members of the Fraternity and selections by the Temple Orchestra.

Regrets were received from the following Companions :

MICHAEL W. JACOBS, M. E. Grand King,
CHARLES CARY, M. E. Grand Secretary,
THOMAS R. PATTON, M. E. Grand Treasurer,
WILLIAM J. KELLY, R. W. Grand Master,
HON. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
EDGAR A. TENNIS, R. W. Junior Warden and P. G. High Priest,
WILLIAM A. SINN, R. W. Grand Secretary,
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., P. G. High Priest,
CONRAD B. DAY, R. W. P. Grand Master,
J. SIMPSON AFRICA, R. W. P. Grand Master,
GENERAL JOHN R. BROOKE, U. S. A.
HON. BOIES PENROSE.

The toasts proposed and responded to were as follows :

"The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania."
Comp. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, M. E. G. H. Priest.

"The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."
Comp. GEORGE E. WAGNER, R. W. S. G. Warden.

"Our Sister Chapters."
Comp. LOUIS WAGNER, P.H.P. Chapter No. 208.

"Our Anniversary."
Comp. Rev. GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN.

"Young Men."
Comp. GEORGE E. SCHLEGELMILCH.

The ceremonies concluded by the Companions joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The following are the names of the Companions present at the meeting:

Officers.

JOSEPH MARTIN, M. E. H. Priest,
JOHN A. PERRY, King,
ARMSTRONG SPEAR, Scribe,
L. HASSELL LAPP, Treasurer,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL, Secretary,

Past High Priests.

Companions

GEORGE E. WAGNER, P. G. High Priest (and R. W. Senior Grand Warden),
GEORGE THOMSON,
THOMAS JACOBS,
JAMES C. ADAMS,
THOMAS S. WOODBURY,
WILLIAM P. BUZBY,
GIDEON SIBLEY,
JOSEPH R. CLAUSEN,
SAMUEL DAVIS,
M. HENRY GREEN,
CHARLES SUMMERFIELD,
GEORGE S. MACLAURIN,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
JOHN C. LETCHER,
WILLIAM A. FOSTER,
JOHN O'DONNEL.

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Companions

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CHARLES L. ADOLPH,
WILLIAM B. AGER,
WILLIAM H. C. ALBERTSON,
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EDWARD A. ANDERSON,
GEORGE W. ALTERMATT,
JOHN L. APPLETON,
THOMAS A. ATWELL,
HAMPTON AUBLE,
WILLIAM BABE,
JOHN W. BAKER,
JOHN BARNETT,
EDMOND BEALE,
THOMAS J. BEATTY,
GEORGE LEWIS BECK,
CHARLES H. BEEBE,
GEORGE W. BEEBE,
FREDERICK W. BENZ,
LOUIS H. BERKES, JR.,
HERMANN BIRNBRAUER,
SAMUEL C. BLAIR,
JACKSON BLANK,
WILLIAM BOLGER,
D. TAYLOR BOYER,
FRED BREWER,
ELMER G. BROOKS,
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James H. Forbes,
William Forbes,
DeWitt C. France,
John E. Fry,
Thomas Gamon,
John H. Geil,
Thomas J. Gibson,
William Gilbert,
Horace S. Glazier,
George A. Gumphert,
Augustus Haedrich,
L. G. Haeussermann,
George C. Haller,
Lewis F. Hammell,
Joseph B. Hancock,
Edward D. Hanna,
Samuel R. Hansell,
Howard W. Harley,
Samuel Harrison,
Hector S. Hazlet,
Henry T. Hey,
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William H. Hickman,
John G. Holmes,
Theophilus Holmes,
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Wm. Penn Kemble,
Peter Kenyon,
John M. Kern,
John J. Kerr,
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