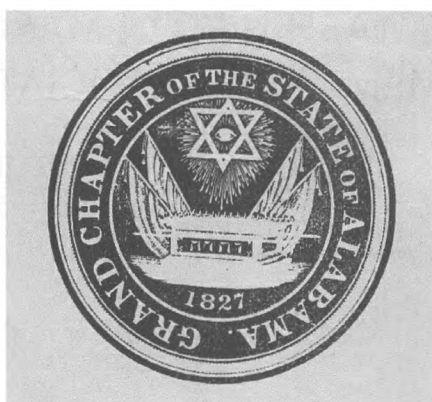


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OF THE
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OF THE
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CONVENED IN THE
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DECEMBER 7TH, 1847.

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MASONIC HALL, Montgomery, Dec. 7, 5847.

This being the time prescribed by the Constitution for the annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, the Grand Officers and Members convened at the Chapter Room, Masonic Hall in the city of Montgomery, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. FELIX G. NORMAN, Grand High Priest.
 E. WM. HENDRIX, Dep. Grand High Priest.
 E. JOHN R. CLARKE, Grand King, p. t.
 E. SYDNEY SMITH, Grand Scribe.
 E. REV. N. A. CRAVENS, Grand Chaplain p. t.
 E. EDWARD HERNDON, Grand Treasurer, p. t.
 E. AMAND P. PEISTER, Grand Secretary.
 E. JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, }
 E. JOHN N. WALTHALL, } G. Marshals.
 M. RUDLER, Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

N. E. Benson, Edward Herndon, J. McCaley Wiley.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

No.	Chapter.	Location.	Representative.	Office.
1	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	Carter B. Harrison,*	S.
4	Monroe,	Claiborne,	Wm. P. Leslie,	H. P.
			Chas. H. Foster,*	K.
			Joshua Gray,*	S.
5	Eunomia,	Huntsville,	Ellison Smith,*	H. P.
			Sept's D. Cabaness,*	K.

No.	Chapter.	Location.	Representative.	Office.
6	Cyrus,	Florence,	Doric S. Ball,*	H. P.
9	Clinton,	Athens,	James M. Brundidge,	H. P.
			Frederick Tate,	K.
10	Tuscumbia,	Tuscumbia,	Felix G. Norman,	H. P.
			Lewis B. Thornton,*	K.
11	Phoenix,	Greensboro,	Thos. J. Springs,*	H. P.
12	Marion,	Marion,	John R. Goree,	H. P.
			Robt. C. Hodge,	K.
			Wilson R. Brown,	S.
13	Gainesville,	Gainesville,	Edward Herndon,	H. P.
			Turner Reavis,	K.
			Edmund W. Pettus,*	S.
14	Leighton,	Leighton,	Philemon King,*	H. P.
15	Hayneville,	Hayneville,	Thomas J. Judge,	H. P.
			Thomas Harrison,*	K.
			Wm. Barry,*	S.
17	Wetumpka,	Wetumpka,	Wm. Price,	H. P.
			A. A. McWhorter,	K.
			S. J. McMorris,	S.
18	Jameston,	Warsaw,	Wm. Little,*	H. P.
			Jas. B. Cherry,	K.
			Seth Little,*	S.
19	Mt. Moriah,	Eutaw,	M. B. Posey,	H. P.
			Wm. F. Pierce,	K.
20	Livingston,	Livingston,	Moses F. Hoit,	H. P.
			C. S. McConnico,*	K.
			Thadeous C. Scales,	S.
21	Mobile	Mobile,	Rufus Greene,	H. P.
			J. A. Cuthbert,*	K.
			Edmund Harrison,	S.
22	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Nimrod E. Benson,	H. P.
			Edm'd M. Hastings,*	K.
			John P. Figh,	S.
23	Talladega,	Talladega,	S. H. Dixon,*	H. P.
			Daniel Sayre,*	K.

No.	Chapter.	Location.	Representative.	Office.
24	Eufaula,	Eufaula,	J. McCaleb Wiley,* Thos. Cargill,* L. L. Cato,	H. P. K. S.
25	Courtland,	Courtland,	Drury Mays,*	H. P.
26	Union,	Uniontown,	James White, Andrew S. Nicholson, P. N. Booker,*	H. P. K. S.
27	Dayton,	Dayton,	Sydney Smith, John T. Hollis,* Wm. P. Pegram,	H. P. K. S.
28	St. Johns	Selma,	J. M. Strong, Wm. Waddill, Jr., W. A. Taylor,	H. P. K. S.
29	Eureka,	Lowndesboro,	David Hartwell, H. V. Smith, T. C. Hartwell,	H. P. K. S.
30	James Penn,	Jacksonville,	John R. Clarke, Richard G. Earle,* John N. Young,	H. P. K. S.
31	Pr. Friens'p,	Benton,	John Adams, C. L. Cleveland, C. R. Harrison,	H. P. K. S.
32	Liberty, U. D.	Liberty Hill,	Wm. H. Norris,	H. P.
33	Aut'ga, U. D.	Vernon,	David B. Smedley, Wm. P. DeJarnette,	H. P. K.
34	Hermon, U. D.	Un'n Spgs.	A. N. Worthy,*	H. P.
35	Jas. L. Daniel,	Glennville,	H. W. Jarnigan, Winquet M. Turner,* A. C. Mitchell,	H. P. K. S.

*Proxies.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by the M. E. Grand H. Priest, and after solemn prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, declared opened in ancient form.

On motion of Companion Wiley, the following committees were appointed:

On Accounts—Companions Goree, Waddill, Clarke, T. C. Hartwell, Cuthbert.

On Chartered Chapters—Companions Herndon, McConnico, Wm. Little, C. R. Harrison, Reavis.

On Dispensations—Companions Hoit, White, Adams, Sayre, Cato.

On By-Laws—Companions Wiley, Creagh, Thornton, McWhorter, Figh.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions Sydney Smith, Strong, Walthall, Edmund Harrison, Scales.

On Credentials—Companions Posey, Mays, Seth Little, Earle, Booker.

On motion, Companions D. Hartwell and Greene were added to the standing Committee on Work.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was read and referred, with the accompanying documents, to the Committee on Accounts:

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama reports that all the duties required of him have been performed. The amount of cash remaining in his hands at the close of the Grand Chapter in 1846, after making the distribution of the surplus funds to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, and which was ordered to be held as a contingent fund, was, as per report of Committee,

\$444.16

Amount received for Dispensations during the recess--- 540.00

\$984.16

Amount expended during the year-----	253.00
	\$731.16

In consequence of a former report in 1845, made by the Grand Treasurer, that he had not qualified himself for said office, the Grand Secretary took upon himself to pay the distributive share of the funds appropriated by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer having subsequently surrendered his book and accounts to the Grand Secretary, also living at a distance from his office, no funds were placed in his hands.

During the last year we have had to regret the death of one who was ever a vigilant and zealous officer and a kind and fervent hearted Companion.

Companion Joseph W. Pierce, who departed this life during the last year at Marion, Perry county, was the Grand Sentinel of this Grand Chapter for several Convocations. He has left a widow and children and many Companions to mourn him.

Having reported all matters which he has deemed of importance, he submits the same, with the accompanying documents, to the consideration of your M. E. body.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

Statement of Cash on hand and appropriated at the Convocation, 1846.

Amount reported by Committee, appropriated to Grand Secretary, 1846-----	\$1,549.16
Surplus fund distributed to Sub. Chapters	\$ 100.00
Contingent fund, 1847 -----	1,005.00
	444.16
	\$1,549.16

DR. Contingent fund in account with Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Dec. 7. Cash appropriated for contingent fund ----- \$ 444.16

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1. By cash paid Grand Sentinel-----	\$ 15.00
2. By cash paid G. Treasurer for book----	1.75
3. By cash printing Proceedings-----	20.00
Cash pd. frt., wharf., & for archives	3.00
Cash pd. Stationery \$5, postage \$2.50	7.50
4. By cash paid Advertising convocation--	3.00
Cash paid Subscription M. Magazine and binding -----	2.75
By cash paid by appropriation to delegates to triennial convocation, G. G. C.-----	200.00
	253.00

\$191.16

A. Amount of Cash received since the adjournment of the Grand Chapter.

For Dispensation Hayneville Chapter, No. 15-----	\$90.00
For Dispensation Courtland Chapter, No. 26-----	90.00
For Dispensation Liberty Chapter, No. 32-----	90.00
For Dispensation Autauga Chapter, No. 33-----	90.00
For Dispensation Hermon Chapter, No. 34-----	90.00
For Dispensation Jas. L. Daniel Chapter, No. 35-----	90.00

Montgomery, Dec. 6, 1847. \$540.00

C. AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

To amount received in cash, Exhibit A-----	\$540.00
To amount received from contingent fund, B-----	191.16

\$731.16

Montgomery, Dec. 7, 1847.

The following report was received from the Grand Treasurer:

The Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, reports that he has not, since his election twelve months ago, received into the Treasury any funds for the Chapter. The Grand Secretary undertook the distribution of the funds under the resolution of the last Grand Chapter, and will, no doubt report, upon the same.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. GARRETT, Grand Treasurer.

Dec. 7, 1847.

On motion of Companion Hoit,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a suitable charter for the incorporation of this Grand Chapter, and the Subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, and to report at as early a day as practicable.

The following Companions were appointed: Hoit, Pettus, Creagh, Ellison, Smith and Greene.

On motion, the M. E. G. H. Priest was added to said committee.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to place all the papers in his hands to their appropriate committees.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 1847.

The Grand Chapter convened at 3 o'clock.

PRESENT:

M. E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. H. P.
E. WM. HENDRIX, Dep. G. H. P.
E. JOHN R. CLARKE, G. King, p. t.
E. SYDNEY SMITH, G. Scribe.
E. EDWARD HERNDON, G. Treasurer, p. t.
E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.
E. M. B. POSEY, }
E. JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, } G. Marshals.
MICHAEL RUDLER, G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

N. E. Benson, Edward Herndon, G. W. Creagh, D. S. Ball,
W. A. Ferrill; and a due representation of Chapters.

The following report from Companion Sterling A. M. Wood, Grand King of this Grand Chapter and delegate to the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held at Columbus, Ohio, in September last, was read and referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Deputy G. High Priest, E. Grand Scribe, and Companions of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

The undersigned, your delegate to the triennial Convocation of the M. E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States begs leave to report that he was present at the Convocation of said G. G. Chapter at Columbus, Ohio, on the 14th day of September.—The attendance of delegates from the different Grand Chapters, united under this jurisdiction, was so large as to afford convincing evidence that Masonry

throughout the Union was every where experiencing the blessings of prosperity. The admission of new Grand Chapters, the consideration of the difficulties which have arisen amongst the Chapters in Louisiana, and also the peculiar position of Royal Arch Masons in Texas, together with the establishing of Royal Arch Chapters in States and Territories where there are no Grand Chapters, were the subjects which claimed the chief attention and action of the G. G. Chapter. For its decisions upon these subjects your delegates beg leave to refer to its printed proceedings. And here your delegate might conclude his report, did not he feel himself compelled, by a sense of duty, to add his humble opinion upon some subjects connected with the action of a G. G. Chapter.

It is admitted that a uniform system of work throughout the United States, (and we might say throughout the world), is not only highly beneficial but almost absolutely necessary to the existence of Royal Arch Masonry. Depending almost wholly upon tradition, and certainly so, for its most vital principles; it is then true that unless the purity of transmission is observed, the Order itself will necessarily fall into confusion. Fully appreciating this subject, the Grand Chapter of Alabama provided, at its last Convocation, means by which a uniformity of work should be established throughout its jurisdiction. Your delegate feeling himself partially instructed by that action, and finding that no such thing as a "committee on work" was known to the G. G. Chapter, submitted a resolution requiring such an one to be appointed. This resolution was not adopted, and he was informed that the G. G. Chapter did not pretend to give, on any occasion, the mode of work. There was no question other than this, which arose in the General G. Chapter, in which the G. Chapter of the State of Alabama could have been particularly interested; nor can your delegate see, from all the lights before him, when there will arise such question or questions, save upon one contingency, and that one is, when the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall be invaded by some Sister Grand Chapter. If, then, such a contingency should occur, the Grand

Chapter of Alabama will find that her appeal for redress is to be directed to the G. G. Chapter. A question here proposes itself, and your delegate offers it, not with any misgivings as to whether it is worthy of your consideration, at least at some future day, but with a sense of the almost great presumption in one so humble as himself, even asking a question which might seem to doubt the wisdom of those who regard the G. G. Chapter as beneficial in all its results, as well as its existence. That question is, "What good results to Royal Arch Masonry from the establishment of a G. G. Chapter? If, after a careful persual of the proceedings of the G. G. Chapter for its last three Convocations, and a thorough weighing of the results arising from its action upon all questions which there appear to have come before it, it should then be considered as necessary, or highly beneficial, your delegate will certainly feel the necessity of a quiet acquiescence in a decision passed upon such a foundation. But to a consideration of the question above propounded, and such an examination as shall be convincing, he most respectfully asks your attention. Your delegate deeply regrets his unavoidable absence from your Annual Convocation; nothing but absolute necessity could prevent him having the honor to offer your Most Excellent Body this report. He has endeavored to communicate the results of his delegation to some of the Grand Officers, and begs your gracious consideration of this report.

Most respectfully submitted,

STERLING A. M. WOOD,

Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Companion Posey presented the following report, which was agreed to:

The Committee on Credentials have had the same under advisement, and have instructed me to report that they find almost all of them to be formal and correct, with a few immaterial exceptions, such as using the word Communication for Convocation, in stating the time of the meeting of M. E. G. Chapter to be on Monday instead of Tuesday, &c.

They find the Credential of Companion W. A. Taylor, proxy Scribe of St. John's Chapter, No. 28, without the seal of the Chapter being affixed thereto. The certificate of Companion William H. Green, constituting Companion C. S. McConnico his proxy, as King of Livingston Chapter, No. 20, is informal in its verbage, but has the seal of the Chapter and his name attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. POSEY, Chairman.

Companion Mays submitted a memorial from Mrs. Cushing, the widow of Isaac T. Cushing, a Companion R. A. M., praying assistance from this Grand Chapter, which was referred to a special committee, viz: Companions Thornton, Mays and Benson.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing twelve months, which resulted as follows:

M. E. WM. HENDRIX, of Marion, G. High Priest.

E. RUFUS GREENE, of Mobile, Dep. G. High Priest.

E. JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, of Athens, G. King.

E. MOSES F. HOIT, of Livingston, G. Scribe.

E. NIMROD E. BENSON, of Montgomery, G. Treasurer.

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, of Montgomery, G. Secretary.

E. REV. T. S. ABERNATHY, of Dayton, G. Chaplain.

E. R. G. EARLE, of Jacksonville,

E. JOHN N. WALTHALL, of Marion, } G. Marshals.

MICHAEL RUDLER, of Montgomery, G. Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 1847.

The Grand Chapter convened at 10 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E. FELIX G. NORMAN, G. H. Priest.

E. J. R. CLARK, G. King, p. t.

E. MOSES F. HOIT, G. Scribe, p. t.

E. N. E. BENSON, G. Treasurer

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. L. B. THORNTON,

E. WM. A. FERRILL,

} G. Marshals, p. t.

MICHAEL RUDLER, G. Sentinel.

CHAPTERS:

Numbers 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of its officers, M. E. Felix G. Norman, G. H. P., officiating, when the M. E. Wm. Hendrix, G. H. P. elect, was duly inducted to the chair; after which the remaining officers were installed in their respective places.

Companion Benson offered the following resolution, which was unanimously concurred in:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to our M. E. Past Grand High Priest, for the able and faithful manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand body, during his official term.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

T. C. HARTWELL, of Lowndesboro, G. P. Soj.

LEWIS B. THORNTON, of Tuscumbia,

JAMES WHITE, of Union Town,

DAVID DUNN, of Union Springs,

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The Grand Chapter adjourned to 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 1847.

The Grand Chapter convened at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. WM. HENDRIX, G. H. P.

E. JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, G. K.

E. MOSES F. HOIT, G. S.

E. REV. D. B. SMEDLEY, G. Chaplain, pt.

E. N. E. BENSON, G. Treasurer.

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. J. N. WALTHALL,

E. T. C. HARTWELL,,

} G. Marshals.

MICHAEL RUDLER, G. Sentinel.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

Numbers 1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35.

Companion Sidney Smith, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, that they have, as far as their limited time would permit, examined the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Maine, Connecticut, Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, placed in their hands by the

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Grand Secretary, and they are pleased to say, that a high degree of prosperity shows itself within the respective jurisdictions of those Grand Bodies.

Your committee find but little of general interest, worthy of the special attention or action of this Grand Chapter, in any of the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, except in those of Virginia and Mississippi. The committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, again recurs to the subject of conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master, by the Chapters, within its jurisdiction. The Grand Chapter of Mississippi, acting, as their proceedings state, under the recommendatory resolution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, adopted a resolution at their last annual Communication requiring their four first officers to exert their authority, and, if practicable, to take under their charge the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and direct the same to be conferred by their several Subordinate Chapters. Your committee have not before them the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States referred to by the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, containing the recommendations under which they have acted, and however much this Grand Chapter may feel disposed to cultivate and maintain the most friendly relations with all her sister Grand Chapters, yet, we cannot, consistently with our feelings, and the rights before us, recommend this Grand Chapter to take charge of the 8th and 9th degrees; nor can they, for like reasons, recommend the course pursued by our sister Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

Your committee have not before them the proceedings of the last triennial Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, which convened at Columbus, Ohio, on the 14th of September last; they have had placed in their hands the communication from our delegate, Companion Sterling A. M. Wood, which they return, and ask that it be again read for the satisfaction of the Grand Chapter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SYDNEY SMITH, Chairman.

Companion Goree, Chairman of the committee on Accounts, presented his report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee on Accounts to whom was referred the annual Report of the Grand Secretary, together with the accompanying documents, having examined the same and found them all correct, beg leave to submit the following report:

Amount of contingent fund on hand and reserved by the last Grand Chapter to pay expenses of the current year, (see proceedings of last Grand Chapter, p. 17,)	\$ 444 16
Amount received from dispensations during the current year, as per statement filed.....	540 00
Amount received from contributions for the current year, as per statement filed.....	374 00
Total	<u>\$1,358 16</u>

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By this amount expended during the current year, as per statement	\$ 253 00
Amount now on hand.....	<u>\$1,105 16</u>

Leaving amount now on hand, and subject to the order of the Grand Chapter, eleven hundred and five and 16-100 dollars.

Your committee find, from the report of the Grand Secretary, that the last Grand Treasurer elect did not qualify himself as such, and that the duty of paying out, to the several Subordinate Chapters, the contingent fund ordered by the last Grand Chapter to be distributed, has been performed by the Grand Secretary; and that the funds belonging to the Grand Chapter, as appears in the above statement, are still in his hands.

In view of the fact that the Grand Secretary has performed the joint duties of Secretary and Treasurer, for the past year,

and the consequent increased responsibility arising therefrom, and the additional services he must necessarily have performed in superintending the removal of the archives of the Grand Chapter from Tuscaloosa to Montgomery—not overlooking the very correct and accurate manner in which those duties have been performed by him—beg leave to recommend the adoption, by the Grand Chapter, of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be appropriated for the pay of the Grand Secretary, for his services during the past year.

We beg leave, further, to recommend to this Grand Chapter, that, after reserving out of the funds now on hand, a sum sufficient—say one hundred and fifty dollars—to meet the current expenses of the ensuing year, that the balance of the funds remaining on hand be loaned out at legal interest, on notes or bills of exchange, with such security as may be approved by a committee of three Companions, to be appointed for that purpose for the term of twelve months; and that in the event the same be applied for by one or more of the Lodges of this State, who may have undertaken to build up and have built up Institutions of learning, for educating the children and orphans of the members of our fraternity, within one month from the adjournment of the Grand Chapter, that said committee be authorized to loan the same to such Lodge or Lodges so applying, without interest; and that in case more than one such application is made that then the same shall be equally divided among such Lodges so applying, each giving such security as the committee shall approve. All of which is respectfully submitted, and your committee beg to be discharged.

J. R. GOREE, Chairman.

the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and they trust that no offense of this kind will again be committed.

The Chapter appears to be in a flourishing condition, and your committee believe the interests of Masonry will be promoted by the establishment of the Chapter, and they therefore recommend that a Charter be granted.

Your committee further report that they have examined the Minutes, By-Laws and Returns of James L. Daniel Chapter, No. 35,—that they find the Returns correct—that the Minutes contain the proceedings of but two meetings of the Chapter, but show that the Companions are too little acquainted with the work of the Chapter to receive a Charter at this Convocation.

After a due consideration of all the circumstances, your committee would respectfully recommend a renewal of the Dispensation for twelve months, without additional charge; and they would also recommend to the members of that Chapter a revision and amendment of their By-Laws.

Your committee further report that they have examined the Records, By-Laws and Returns of Courtland Chapter, No. 25, and find them generally correct; but in the Returns they find the dues to this Grand Chapter not stated, and would recommend that permission be granted to amend the Return in this respect. The Records are not regularly approved and signed by the H. P., and contain the names of the committees upon the petitions of candidates.—In these particulars your committee recommend a change. Your committee also find upon the Records the appointment of a *Representative* to this Grand Chapter—an officer not known in the Constitution.

Your committee, in conclusion, would respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted to Courtland Chapter, No. 25.

Your committee have examined the Returns, Minutes and By-Laws of Liberty Chapter, No. 32, and find them for the most part correct. Your committee recommend to that Chapter an amendment of the By-Laws, by striking out the word "ungentlemanly," or by substituting some more definite word for it, as they believe that to be too vague and indefinite a

term to be incorporated in the By-Laws of a Chapter. The Minutes show the appointment of a *Representative* to this Grand Chapter. The objection to this proceeding your committee have already pointed out.

Your committee respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted to Liberty Chapter, No. 32.

Your committee have also examined the Minutes of Hermon Chapter, No. 34, and report that they are substantially correct, but for the most part want the signature of the H. P. Your committee have not had the Returns or By-Laws before them, and cannot, therefore, report upon them; they have applied to the C. G. Secretary for them, but they were not to be found.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted to Hermon Chapter, No. 34, upon the annual Returns being made to C. G. Secretary.

Your committee would further report that they have examined the Returns and Minutes of Hayneville Chapter, No. 15, and that they find them, for the most part, correct. They would recommend to that Chapter to discontinue the practice of entering in their Minutes the names of the committees upon the petitions of candidates, and to be a little more particular in the wording of their Minutes.

In conclusion your committee respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted to this Chapter.

Your committee having fully reported upon all the business committed to them, respectfully ask to be discharged.

M. F. HOIT, Chairman.

Companion Herndon submitted the following report from the committee on Chartered Chapters, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the M. E. G. H. Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your committee, to whom was referred the reports from the following Subordinate Chapters under your jurisdiction, to-wit:

Eunomia, No. 5; Jameston, No. 18; Tuscaloosa, No. 1; Leighton, No. 14; Dayton, No. 27; Cyrus, No. 6; Clinton, No. 9; Mount Moriah, No. 19; Eufaula, No. 24; Marion, No. 12; Wetumpka, No. 17; Perfect Friendship, No. 31; St. Johns, No. 28; Union, No. 26; Talladega, No. 23; Mobile, No. 21; Livingston, No. 20; Phoenix, No. 11; Montgomery, No. 22; Eureka, No. 29; Gainesville, No. 13; James Penn, No. 30; Tuscumbia, No. 10; Monroe, No. 4; beg leave to report that they have given them a strict and careful examination, and find them all to be correct, and in conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Your committee find most of them made in a neat and careful manner, strict regard having been paid, with very slight variations on the part of some of them, to the forms prescribed by the Constitution.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

EDWARD HERNDON, Chairman.

Companion Wiley, from the committee on By-Laws, reported the following, which was concurred in:

REPORT.

The committee on By-Laws have examined the By-Laws of Hermon Chapter, No. 34, and Hayneville Chapter, No. 15, and find them respectively regular and in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter. They are not certified to and signed by the presiding officer.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

J. MCCAULEY WILEY, Chairman.

The select committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Cushing, reported thereon, accompanied with the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of \$100 be appropriated by this Grand Chapter, to relieve the necessities of Mrs. Cushing, the widow

of Companion I. T. Cushing, late of the State of Georgia, deceased, as a testimony of the sympathy of this Grand Chapter in her bereavement and misfortunes; and that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay said amount to her in quarterly installments.

Leave of absence for the residue of this Convocation, was granted to Companions Greene, Pearce, Herndon, R. K. Harrison, Edmund Harrison, and Cleveland.

The following preamble and resolutions were concurred in and adopted:

Whereas, it is the practice of some of the Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to refund to the candidate for the degrees, a portion of the fees established by the said Grand Chapter, thereby evading the constitutional provision regulating the same; therefore

Resolved, That it is considered by this Grand Chapter a violation of the spirit of said Constitution, and at variance with the custom of other Chapters in the State, and wholly imprudent.

Resolved, That a standing committee on Foreign Correspondence be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report on the first day of the next annual Convocation.

Companions Sydney Smith, Pfister and Goree, were appointed.

By Companion Wiley:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay Companion McDougald twenty-five dollars, for his services as additional Tyler at this Convocation.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter proceed to elect a Grand Lecturer for the ensuing twelve months.

Whereupon Companion David Hartwell, of Lowndesboro, was duly elected.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to 7 o'clock this evening.

SATURDAY, Dec. 11, 1847.

The Grand Chapter convened at 7 o'clock.

PRESENT.

M. E. WM. HENDRIX, G. H. P.

E. JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, G. K.

E. MOSES F. HOIT, G. S.

E. N. E. BENSON, G. Treasurer.

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. DAVID HARTWELL, G. Lecturer.

E. J. N. WALTHALL,

E. T. C. HARTWELL, { G. Marshals.

MICHAEL RUDLER, G. Sentinel.

A lecture on the several degrees in R. A. Masonry was delivered and a mode of work reported by the standing committee on Work, appointed at the last Convocation; whereupon the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter expresses its high satisfaction for the able manner in which said committee have performed their duties, and for the lecture delivered before this Grand Chapter.

Comp. Hoit, from the select committee to prepare a Charter for Incorporation, reported the following:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of preparing a Charter for incorporating this Grand Chapter, beg

leave respectfully to report that they have had the subject under consideration and have prepared a Charter, agreeably to instructions, which they now submit to this Grand Chapter for its consideration.

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Charter of Incorporation reported by the committee be entrusted to Companion Creagh, to be by him submitted to the Legislature of the State of Alabama and procure its passage.*

On motion of Companion Wiley,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure and present to our Past G. H. Priest, Felix G. Norman, the jewel of a High Priest, as a memento of the fraternal regard entertained for him by his Companions of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to procure said jewel, be authorized to draw on our Grand Treasurer for a sum sufficient to pay for the same.

The M. E. G. H. P. announced the following Companions on said committee: Benson, Pfister and Hastings.

The following Companions were announced as the committee to loan the surplus funds of the Grand Chapter, viz: Benson, Welsh and Jackson.

The following amendments to the Constitution were submitted and ordered to be entered upon the Minutes:

AMENDMENTS.

In the 7th Section, 4th Article, strike out all after the word "exalted," and insert as follows—"For the degree of Mark M.

*A Charter has been granted, a copy of which will be found in the Appendix.

\$5, P. M. \$5, M. E. M. \$5, and R. A. M. \$15, and no Chapter shall confer any of the degrees on a credit.

In the 3d Section, 1st Article, strike out the words "in December," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "after the last Monday in November."

By Companion Wiley:

Resolved, That all the unfinished business of this Grand Chapter be postponed until the next annual Convocation.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama was then closed until the next annual Convocation.

WM. HENDRIX, G. H. P.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Grand High Priest, Wm. Hendrix, Marion.
Dep. Grand High Priest, Rufus Greene, Mobile.
Grand Lecturer, David Hartwell, Lowndesboro.
Grand Secretary, Amand P. Pfister, Montgomery.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. Sydney Smith, Dayton.
Comp. Amand P. Pfister, Montgomery.
Comp. John R. Goree, Marion.

NOTE.

The Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters of the United States will confer a favor by sending a copy of their Proceedings, directed to the subscriber, and also to each of the standing committees on Foreign Correspondence, at an early date after they are printed.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

The next annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama, will be held in the city of Montgomery, commencing Tuesday the 5th day of December, —.

APPENDIX.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
AND THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened*, That William Hendrix, Grand High Priest, and others, officers and members of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, and the several persons who shall hereafter be the officers and members of said Grand Chapter, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, in name and deed, by the name and style of the "Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama and its Masonic jurisdiction," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession of officers and members, and a seal, with power to change, alter and make new the same as often as the said corporation shall judge expedient.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the several Chapters of Royal Arch Masons which have heretofore been formed under the jurisdiction of said Grand Chapter, and all such Chapters of Royal Arch Masons as shall hereafter be formed under the jurisdiction of said Grand Chapter, shall, each and every one of them, be, and each and every one of them are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate in name and in deed, by such name and style as each and every of them is or shall be known or distinguished in the charter granted by said Grand Chapter to each and every of such Chapters; and each and every of such Subordinate Chapters shall have a seal with power to change, alter or make new the same as often as each of such Chapters, under the jurisdiction of said Grand Chapter, shall judge expedient: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to an-

nul, change, alter or impair, in any manner, the Masonic jurisdiction and powers of said Grand Chapter over said Subordinate Chapters.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Grand Chapter, and the Chapters under its jurisdiction, shall, each and every of them, be, by their several names, able and capable in law to purchase, have, hold, receive, enjoy, possess and retain to itself, in perpetuity, or for any term of years, any lands, tenements or hereditaments of what kind or nature soever not exceeding the value of Twenty Thousand Dollars; and to sell, alien, exchange, demise or lease the same, or any part thereof, as the said corporations shall severally think proper, and by the same name severally to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in any court of law or equity in this State, and to make such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, not repugnant to the laws of this State, as may be necessary for the order, rule, good government and management thereof; and to do all things concerning the government, the estates, money and revenues of said Grand Chapter, and each of such Subordinate Chapters as may be necessary.

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for said Grand Chapter, or for any one of such Subordinate Chapters to take and hold forever, any charitable donation or devise of lands not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and to appropriate the same, for its own benefit, in such manner as it may determine.

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That said Grand Chapter, and each and every of such Subordinate Chapters shall be capable, in law, to have, hold and receive, possess and enjoy all such estates, real and personal, moneys, goods, chattels and effects which may be devised or bequeathed thereto, by whatever name such gift, devise or bequest may be made, and to receive subscriptions and other contributions.

Sec. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be deemed and taken as a public Act, and notice thereof shall be taken in all the courts of justice and elsewhere in this State, and shall

be given in evidence on any trial of any issue or cause without special pleading.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the General Assembly shall have full power, at any time, to repeal, alter or modify this Charter.

Approved Feb. 17th, 1848.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,
Montgomery, Alabama.

I, William Garrett, Secretary of State of the State of Alabama, certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy of the original Act on file in my office.

{ (Seal). } Given under my hand and the great seal of the
State, the 18th day of February, in the year of our
Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Eight.

W. GARRETT, Secretary of State.

LIST OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

TUSCALOOSA CHAPTER, No. 1, TUSCALOOSA.

—————, H. P. C. R. Harrison, Secretary.
Fourteen members—Meets 1st Monday.

MONROE CHAPTER, No. 4, CLAIBORNE.

Wm. P. Leslie, H. P. James B. Colburn, Secretary.
Thirty-six members.

EUNOMIA CHAPTER, No. 5, HUNTSVILLE.

Jered J. Sample, H. P. H. T. Carr, Secretary.
Nineteen members.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 6, FLORENCE.

Baylor B. Barker, H. P. Joseph Bigger, Secretary.
Thirty-three members.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 9, ATHENS.

James M. Brundidge, H. P. Thos. G. Tyus, Secretary.
Twenty members.

TUSCUMBIA CHAPTER, No. 10, TUSCUMBIA.

Felix G. Norman, H.P. L. B. Thornton, Secretary.
Thirteen members.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 11, GREENSBORO.

Wm. Kerr, H. P. Joseph C. Meredith, Secretary.
Seventeen members.

MARION CHAPTER, No. 12, MARION.

John R. Goree, H. P. Dennis Dykous, Secretary.
Thirty-four members.

GAINESVILLE CHAPTER, No. 13, GAINESVILLE.

Edward Herndon, H. P. A. H. Harris, Secretary.
Twenty-two members.

LEIGHTON CHAPTER, No. 14, LEIGHTON.

Charles A. Toney, H. P. Philemon King, Secretary.
Twenty-six members.

HAYNEVILLE CHAPTER, No. 15, HAYNEVILLE.

Thomas J. Judge, H. P. E. W. Thompson, Secretary.
Twenty-three members.

WETUMPKA CHAPTER, No. 17, Wetumpka.

Wm. Price, H. P. W. B. Cooper, Secretary.
Twenty members.

JAMESTON CHAPTER, No. 18, WARSAW.

Gray Little, H. P. Willis V. Hare, Secretary.
Twenty-four members.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, EUTAW.

M. B. Posey, H. P. A. R. Davis, Secretary.
Twenty members.

LIVINGSTON CHAPTER, No. 20, LIVINGSTON.

Moses F. Hoit, H. P. Preston G. Nash, Secretary.
Twenty-one members.

MOBILE CHAPTER, No. 21, MOBILE.

Rufus Greene, H. P. Edwin Rust, Secretary.
Forty-three members.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 22, MONTGOMERY.

Nimrod E. Benson, H. P. N. H. Wright, Secretary.
Thirty-eight members.

TALLADEGA CHAPTER, No. 23, TALLADEGA.

A. J. Cotten, H. P. Daniel Sayre, Secretary.
Twenty-nine members.

EUFAULA CHAPTER, No. 24, EUFAULA.

S. G. Cato, H. P. C. W. Snow, Secretary.
Thirty-four members.

COURTLAND CHAPTER, No. 25, COURTLAND.

A. W. Bentley, H. P. Joseph C. Baker, Secretary.
Sixteen members.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 26, UNIONTOWN.

James White, H. P. A. P. Walke, Secretary.
Twenty-nine members.

DAYTON CHAPTER, No. 27, DAYTON.

Sydney Smith, H. P. W. A. D. White, Secretary.
Twenty-four members.

ST. JOHNS CHAPTER, No. 28, SELMA.

John M. Strong, H. P. John F. Conoly, Secretary.
Thirty-two members.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 29, LOWNDESBORO.

David Hartwell, H. P. Jas. Harrison, Secretary.
Twenty-three members.

JAMES PENN CHAPTER, No. 30, JACKSONVILLE.

John R. Clarke, H. P. Wm. L. Terry, Secretary.
Twenty-four members.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 31, BENTON.

John Adams, H. P. S. P. Ferguson, Secretary.
Nineteen members.

LIBERTY CHAPTER, No. 32, LIBERTY HILL.

Wm. H. Norris, H. P. Felix G. Adams, Secretary.
Sixteen members.

AUTAUGA CHAPTER, No. 33, VERNON.

Rev. D. B. Smedley, H. P. A. W. McNeil, Secretary.
Fifteen members.

HERMON CHAPTER, No. 34, UNION SPRINGS.

A. N. Worthy, H. P. N. M. Eley, Secretary.

JAS. L. DANIEL CHAPTER, No. 35, GLENNVILLE.

H. W. Jarnigan, H. P. Winquet M. Turner, Secretary.
Sixteen members.

KING SOLOMONS CHAPTER, No. 36, PICKENSVILLE.

Established since adjournment.

SUSPENDED.

Barney Smith (n. p. d.), Phoenix, No. 11.

James Townsend, Wetumpka, No. 17.

Edward M. Ustick, (n. p. d.) Livingston, No. 20.

S. Richards, P. Friendship, No. 31.

EXPELLED.

John Fife, (unmasonic conduct), Phoenix, No. 11.

J. Conoly, (unmasonic conduct,) St. John's, No. 28.

OBITUARY.

JOSEPH W. PIERCE, P. G. Sentinel, G. C. of Alabama.

THOS. D. CLARKE, died August, 1847, Tuscaloosa, No. 1.

JAMES B. REILY, died Sept., 1847, Monroe, No. 3.

J. M. CUMMINGS, died Oct. 1st, 1847, Leighton, No. 14.

ALLEN McDONALD, died Oct. 14, 1847, Hayneville, No. 15.

J. M. WINSTON,* died — 1847, Mt. Moriah, No. 19.

J. C. MUMFORD, † died — 1847, Montgomery, No. 22.

H M. CUNNINGHAM,‡ died — 1847, Talladega, No. 23.

ROBERT FENNER, died Sept. 1847, Courtland, No. 25.

CHARLES SIBLEY, died May 15, 1847 }
R. H. CROOM, died Oct. 1857. } Union, No. 26.

W. E. HALL, died — 1847, St. John's, No. 28.

*Comp. Winston was one of the victims of the ill-fated Steam-boat Tuscaloosa.

†Comp. Mumford died in Tampico, Mexico. His remains have been brought to Montgomery by his brethren and interred.

‡Comp. Cunningham entered the service of his country, as a Volunteer, in the war with Mexico, and died from disease contracted in that country.