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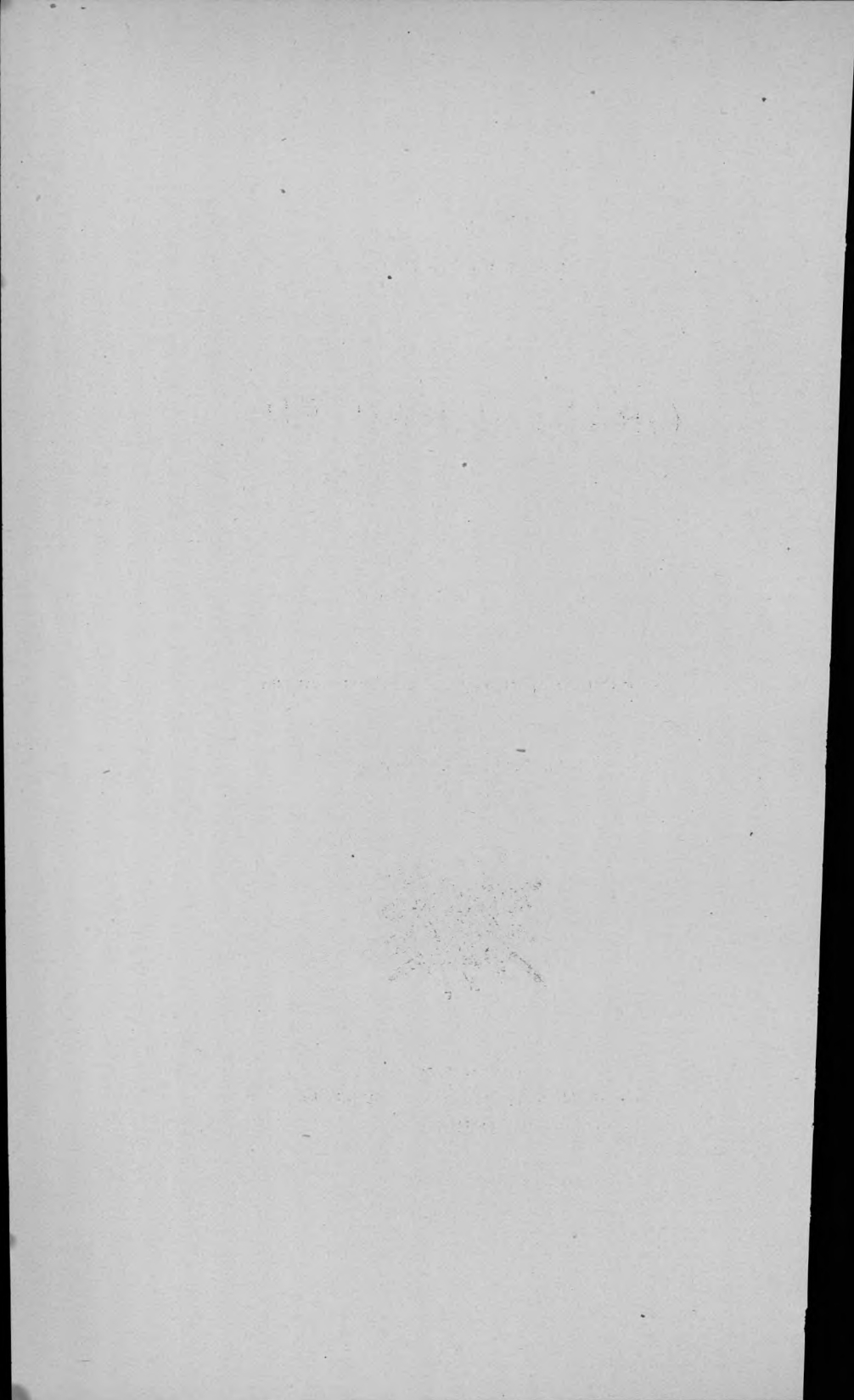
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA
CONVENED IN THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY
DECEMBER, 1848.



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PROCEEDINGS

MONTGOMERY, December 5th, 5848.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama held its Annual Convocation in the City of Montgomery, commencing on the 5th day of December, 5848, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. RUFUS GREENE, Dep. G. High Priest, presiding.

E. JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, Grand King.

E. MOSES F. HOIT, Grand Scribe.

E. REV. WM. LEIGH, Grand Chaplain, p. t.

E. DAVID HARTWELL, Grand Lecturer.

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

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, G. Secretary.

E. T. C. HARTWELL, Grand Marshal.

E. R. G. EARLE, Grand Marshal.

MICHAEL RUDLER, Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. NIMROD E. BENSON, G. H. P.

E. HARRY I. THORNTON, G. K.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

4	Monroe,	S. D. Kennedy,	H. P.
		Rufus C. Torrey,	S.
5	Eunomia,	Amand P. Pfister,*	H. P.
9	Clinton,	James M. Brundidge,	H. P.
11	Phoenix,	Francis M. Peterson,*	H. P.
12	Marion,	W. R. Brown,	K.
		Stewart Melvin,*	S.

13	Gainesville,	Thomas Welch,*	H. P.
15	Hayneville,	S. P. NeSmith,	H. P.
		William Barry,	S.
17	Wetumpka,	William Price,*	H. P.
		Lewis Harvey,*	K.
19	Mt. Moriah,	Harry I. Thornton,*	H. P.
21	Mobile,	Jesse Carter,*	K.
		Samuel M. Todd,*	S.
22	Montgomery,	Nimrod E. Benson,	H. P.
		W. T. Mitchell,	K.
		Thomas Harrison,*	S.
23	Talladega,	Daniel Sayre,*	H. P.
		S. D. Watson,*	K.
		H. P. Watson,*	S.
24	Eufaula,	Z. J. Daniel,	H. P.
		J. McCaleb Wiley,*	K.
		Thomas Cargill,	S.
26	Union,	James White,	H. P.
		J. G. Hudson,	S.
27	Dayton,	W. A. D. White,	H. P.
		William B. Moores,*	K.
		H. C. McCall,*	S.
28	St. John's,	John M. Strong,	H. P.
		Thomas B. Carson,*	K.
		W. A. Taylor,*	S.
29	Eureka,	David Hartwell,	H. P.
		T. C. Hartwell,	K.
		J. H. Caffey,	S.
30	James Penn,	John R. Clark,	H. P.
		R. G. Earle,	K.
31	P. Friendship,	William S. May,*	H. P.
		L. G. Cleveland,	K.
		O. P. King,	S.
32	Liberty,	Henry Chambers,*	H. P.
33	Autauga,	J. H. Sutherlin,*	H. P.
		Murdock McQueen,	S.

34	Hermon,	H. Peebles,	H. P.
		M. N. Eley,	K.
		A. A. Stewart,*	S.
35	Jas. L. Daniel,	Wingent M. Turner,*	H. P.
37	Concord,	P. H. Brittan,	H. P.
		Joseph Valentine,*	S.
38	Decatur,	Hartwell H. Brown,	K.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by the M. E. Dep. G. H. P. Rufus Greene, and after prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, declared open in ancient form. The Grand Secretary announced the credentials of the foregoing Companions to be in form.

The following Committees were announced by the G. H. P.:

On Accounts—Companions Wiley, Clark, Welch, NeSmith, and W. R. Brown.

On Chartered Chapters—Companions Torrey, Mitchell, T. Harrison, Hamilton and Hudson.

On Dispensations—Companions Strong, Turner, T. C. Hartwell, Carter and S. D. Watson.

On Education—Companions Moores, Todd, H. P. Watson, James White and Taylor.

On By-Laws—Companions Earle, Cargill, Valentine, Kennedy and Carson.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions Sayre, Caffey, Peterson, Mays and Peebles.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from Companion W. Hendrix, G. H. P., which was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes:

Marion, Perry County, Ala.

COMPANIONS—Though on the eve of leaving this morning, circumstances over which I have no control have occurred,

*Proxy.

which will prevent my attending this convocation of the Grand Chapter. One of my children, which had long been afflicted, was apparently better, and I promised myself the pleasure of being with you, but this morning I received information of his being taken very ill.

I assure I regret very much this disablement. I pray that you may have a pleasant and harmonious convocation, and that much good may be elicited from your deliberations.

Sending my fraternal regard,

I remain your Companion,

WILLIAM HENDRIX, G. H. P.

The following from Companion Norman was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

TUSCUMBIA, Ala., Nov. 28th, 1848.

MY WORTHY COMPANIONS—Through the polite attention of Mr. Whiting of your city, I received last Spring a rich, beautiful and finely engraved Jewel, presented as a token of confidence and regard of my Companions of the Grand Chapter. For an evidence so distinguished of their confidence and kind partiality, it is befitting that I should express the deep and sincere gratitude which I feel.

I am sensible of the honor intended, and also of the poor and undeserving services which I may have rendered the Institution. It is true, that during the time I had the undeserved honor to preside over the Grand Chapter, success and prosperity attended the efforts of the Companions. But that success and the bright prospects that hung inviting in the future, were justly to be attributed to the beauty and purity of our principles, and to the faithful and efficient labors of our Companions in the more humble but more useful sphere of officers and members of the subordinate Chapters.

I shall ever feel a sense of the liveliest gratitude to my Companions for this mark of their confidence and regard; and as the most acceptable and only return which I can make for it, I shall endeavor to renew my energy, redouble my exertions, and

apply myself with more zeal and industry to the spread of the pure, elevated and ennobling principles inculcated and enforced in our mystic ceremonies; and I shall esteem myself most fortunate and happy if, by my fidelity and my labors, I shall, in some degree, prove myself worthy of the confidence and partiality of my Companions.

My thanks are due to you and the other members of the Committee, for the handsome and tasteful manner in which you have executed the duty assigned you, and for the "golden wish" accompanying the Jewel.

My sincere desire is, that through the lives and teachings of our Brethren and Companions, the pure and elevated principles of our Order may shine brighter and brighter, until the good, the generous, the liberal, the charitable, the virtuous and the intelligent every where shall be attracted by their beauty, and shall embrace them because of their purity and excellence.

Present me kindly to all the Companions, and accept assurances of my continued regard and esteem.

Yours fraternally,

F. G. NORMAN.

T. WELSH, N. E. BENSON, A. P. PFISTER.

The Grand Secretary read his report, which was adopted and ordered to be recorded.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

In presenting my annual Report to the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama, I take pleasure in congratulating my Companions on the prosperous and efficient condition of R. A. M. in Alabama.

During the recess of the Grand Chapter, there have been organized three subordinate Chapters, to-wit:

King Solomon's No. 36, at Pickensville.

Concord, No. 37, at LaFayette.

Decatur, No. 38, at Decatur.

Charters were also issued to the following Chapters: Liberty No. 32, Liberty Hill; Autauga No. 33, Vernon; Hermon No. 34, Union Springs; and Hayneville No. 15, Hayneville.

The amount of funds passed through by hands is as follows: For three Dispensations, ninety dollars—two hundred and seventy dollars—which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The contingent fund has been more than sufficient for the expenses of the year, and leaves a balance in my hands, say sixty-eight dollars and sixty-three cents.

Two amendments to the Constitution—see page 18, printed proceedings—are before you for rejection or adoption.

I have the mournful intelligence to communicate, that since the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, Death has been in our midst. Our M. E. Companion, G. W. Creagh, is no more. He departed this life suddenly on the 25th November. Companion Creagh became a member of the Grand Chapter in 1842, at which time he represented Monroe Chapter, No. 4, and was that year elected Grand Scribe. In 1843, he was advanced to the station of Dep. Grand High Priest, and has been previous to this in attendance at almost all the convocations of this Grand Chapter. Indeed we miss his face from amongst us, and hope that he has exchanged this world for a far brighter and happier one.

Having reported on all matters which come within the purview of my office, and referring you for more varied and minute particulars to the accompanying statistical Exhibits.

I remain, fraternally,

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

Amand P. Pfister, Grand Secretary, in Account current with
the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama.

(EXHIBIT A.)

Dec. 9, 1847. To amount of Cash in hand, as per report of Committee on Finance—see proceedings, page 13	\$1105 16
Dec. 1, 1848. To amount of Cash received during the recess of Grand Chapter—see Exhibit B.	270 00
	\$1375 16

PER CONTRA CR.

By amount of Cash appropriated to G. Sec-
retary—see proceedings, page 13-----\$ 200 00
By amount of Cash appropriated to contin-
gent fund—see proceedings, page 13----- 150 00
By amount of Cash paid Grand Treasurer-- 755 16
By amount of Cash paid Grand Treasurer-- 270 00 \$1375 16

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 1st, 1848.

Cash received by the Grand Secretary during the recess of
the Grand Chapter.

(EXHIBIT B.)

Dispensation for King Solomon's Chapter, No. 36-----\$90 00
Dispensation for Concord Chapter, No. 37----- 90 00
Dispensation for Decatur Chapter, No. 38----- 90 00

Carried to general account-----\$270 00

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 1st, 1848.

Dr. Contingent Fund in Account with the Grand Chapter of
Alabama.

(EXHIBIT C.)

Dec. 10, 1848. To amount appropriated for expenses
for 1848, as per proceedings, page 13-----\$ 150 00

PER CONTRA CR.

By Cash paid G. Sentinel, as per voucher No. 1. \$15 00
By Cash paid McCormick for advertising, No. 2 3 50

By Cash paid Journal Office, advertising, No. 3	40	00	
By Cash paid Stationery, No. 4	7	37	
By Cash paid Postage, No. 5	6	75	
By Cash paid Subscription to Magazine, No. 6	2	00	
By Cash paid binding	75		
By Cash paid Secretary of State for copy of act of Incorporation	2	00	
By Cash paid Printing Circulars, 1848	3	00	
By Cash paid One piece of Scarlet Ribband	1	00	\$81 37
			\$68 63

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.
Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 1st, 1848.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

Dr. The G. Chapter of the State of Alabama, in account with N. E. Benson, G. Treasurer, for the year A. D., 1848.	
Dec. 14, 1847. To cash received from Grand Secretary	\$755 00
Dec. 4, 1848. To cash received from Grand Secretary	270 00
Dec. 4, 1848. To cash from Loan Committee	580 00
	\$1605 00

PER CONTRA.

Dec. 21, 1847. By cash paid Comp. McDougald, as per voucher No. 1	\$ 25 00
Jan. 16, 1848. By cash paid Mrs. Cushings, No. 2	25 00
Jan. 13, 1848. By cash paid Loan Committee, No. 3	580 00
April 1, 1848. By cash paid Mrs. Cushings, No. 4	25 00
April 15, 1848. By cash paid Comp. S. Smith, No. 5	65 00
July 4, 1848. By cash paid Mrs. Cushings, No. 6	25 00

Oct. 2, 1848. By cash paid Mrs. Cush-	
ings, No. 7 -----	25 00
Dec. 4, 1848. By cash on hand-----	835 00
Dec. 4, 1848. By balance carried forward to	
the credit of new account-----	\$1,605 00
N. E. BENSON, Grand Treasurer.	

The following report was received and accepted :

REPORT OF THE LOAN COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter to loan the surplus funds of said Grand Chapter, beg leave to submit the following report :

They have received from the Grand Treasurer the sum of *five hundred and eighty dollars*, and loaned as follows, viz:

On a bill of Exchange dated 13th January, 1848, drawn by William Waddill, Jr., accepted by J. F. Conoly, and endorsed by Hugh Ferguson, for the sum of *four hundred dollars*; payable on the first day of December, 1848, at the office of John Henley, in the City of Montgomery.

A bill of Exchange dated 29th January, 1848, drawn by Wiley Melton, accepted by F. S. Breton, and endorsed by John M. Strong, for the sum of *one hundred and eighty dollars*; payable at the same time and place as above.

The above sums were loaned to the brethren of Selma for the purpose of building up their Seminary, for which no interest was charged.

The above has been paid in full, and the amount returned into the Grand Treasury is five hundred and eighty dollars, this 5th December, 1848.

N. E. BENSON,
F. S. JACKSON,
THOMAS WELSH,
Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the name of Solomon's Chapter, No. 36, be changed to Pickensville; that the name of Jesse P. Cravens be inserted for H. P. instead of Henry Stith, and that the Companions have their Dispensation renewed.

Resolved, That all the papers in the hands of the Grand Secretary be referred to their appropriate Committees.

Comp. Moores presented a memorial respecting the Dayton Female Institute, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

A memorial was received from St. John's Chapter, No. 28, in reference to the Central Masonic Institute, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The following resolution offered by Comp. Leigh, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of this Grand Chapter making appropriations to the Central Masonic Institute at Selma, and the Masonic Female Institute, located at Tuscumbia.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to three o'clock tomorrow, P. M.

December 6th, 1848.

The Grand Chapter convened at three o'clock.

PRESENT:

M. E. JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, presiding.

E. MOSES F. HOIT, Grand Scribe.

E. REV. WM. LEIGH, Grand Chaplain, p. t.

E. DAVID HARTWELL, Grand Lecturer.

E. NIMROD E. BENSON, Grand Treasurer.

E. AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

E. R. G. EARLE,

E. T. C. HARTWELL, } Grand Marshals.

MICHAEL RUDLER, Grand Sentinel.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

Numbers 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38.

The minutes were read and approved.

Moved and carried that Comps. Leigh and Thomson be added to the Committee on Education.

The Grand Secretary reported on the following delinquent Chapters:

Tuscaloosa, No. 1, No return or representation.

Cyrus, No. 6, No representation.

Tuscumbia, No. 10, No representation.

Leighton, No. 14, No representation.

Jameston, No. 18, No representation.

Livingston, No. 20, No representation.

Courtland, No. 25, No representation or return.

Moved that the foregoing Chapters have sixty days to send their returns and pay dues.

A memorial of complaint against Wetumpka Chapter, No. 17, by James Penn Chapter, No. 30, was presented by Companion Earle, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of their Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve

months, whereupon the following Companions were duly elected:

- M. E. WILLIAM HENDRIX, of Marion, Grand High Priest.
 E. RUFUS GREENE, of Mobile, Dep. G. High Priest.
 E. JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, of Athens, Grand King.
 E. JOHN R. CLARKE, of Alexandria, Grand Scribe.
 E. NIMROD E. BENSON, of Montgomery, G. Treasurer.
 E. AMAND P. PFISTER, of Montgomery, G. Secretary.
 E. REV. H. H. BROWN, of Decatur, G. Chaplain.
 E. R. G. EARLE, of Jacksonville. }
 E. DANIEL SAYRE, of Talladega, } Grand Marshals.
 MICHAEL RUDLER, of Montgomery, G. Sentinel.

The following appointments were made:

- T. C. HARTWELL, of Lowndesborough, R. A. C.
 T. HARRISON, of Montgomery, { 3 }
 N. G. TORREY, of Claiborne, { 2 } Veils.
 H. PEEBLES, of Union Springs. { 1 }

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter elect a Grand Lecturer.

Companion David Hartwell, of Lowndesborough, having a majority of the votes given in, was duly elected.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to three o'clock, P. M., Friday.

FRIDAY, December 8th, 1848.

The Grand Chapter convened at three o'clock.

PRESENT:

- M. E. RUFUS GREENE, Dep. Grand High Priest.
 E. T. C. HARTWELL, Grand King.

E. J. W. CONOLLY, Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. REV. HARTWELL H. BROWN, Grand Chaplain.
E. N. E. BENSON, Grand Treasurer.
E. AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.
E. THOMAS HARRISON, }
E. J. McCALEB WILEY, } Grand Marshals, p. t.
MICHAEL RUDLER, Grand Sentinel.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

Numbers 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38.

The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented by Companion Moores, which report and resolutions were adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education to which was referred a Communication from St. John's Chapter, No. 28, asking the consideration of the Grand Chapter with regard to the Central Masonic Institute at Selma; also another Communication from the Trustees of the Female Masonic Institute, at Dayton, with regard to said Institute; as also a resolution asking your Committee to enquire into the expediency of this Grand Chapter's aiding the Central Masonic Institute and the Female Institute, contemplated being established at Tuscumbia, in North Alabama, by donation or otherwise, respectfully submit the following as their report:

The cause of Education must ever interest the feelings and excite the attention of the Christian and the Philanthropist, and must, therefore, equally interest the Masonic Fraternity.

Your Committee have seen, with lively emotions, the movements making and made upon this most interesting subject by the subordinate Lodges, Chapters and individual brethren in different portions of your Masonic jurisdiction, and cordially

recommend to your Grand Chapter to extend to all Masonic Institutions of learning, as well those that are already in operation, as those that may hereafter be put in operation, your fostering care and encouragement.

To promote therefore, as far as your Committee think it proper and practicable for your Grand Chapter to have action upon the subject at this time, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. This Grand Chapter believes the subject of Education one of first importance, and resolve that it is now time for this Grand Chapter to have definite action on the subject.

Resolved, 2d. That as the Central Masonic Institute at Selma, and the Female Masonic Institute at Dayton, are the only two chartered Institutions which have applied for aid to this Grand Chapter, that we will loan to individuals for the benefit of said Institutions, the sum of ——— dollars, in the proportion of two-thirds to the Central Masonic Institute, and one-third to the Female Masonic Institute, at Dayton, for the term of two years, without interest, renewable in twelve months.

Resolved, 3d. That this Grand Chapter cordially recommend to the favorable consideration of the subordinate Chapters, within our jurisdiction, the Masonic Institute contemplated being established at Tuscumbia.

Resolved, 4th. That when said Institution at Tuscumbia shall have been chartered, we recommend its being placed upon an equal footing with the other Masonic Institutions of learning.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. MOORES, Chairman.

Companion Torrey presented the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, which was concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters, to whom were referred the annual returns from the respective subordinate Chapters, respectfully report:

That they have made a careful examination of the returns from the following Chapters, to-wit: Monroe Chapter, No. 4; Eunomia, No. 5; Cyrus, No. 6; Clinton, No. 9; Phoenix, No. 11; Marion, No. 12; Gainesville, No. 13; Hayneville, No. 15; Mt. Moriah, No. 19; Mobile, No. 21; Montgomery, No. 22; Talladega, No. 23; Eufaula, No. 24; Courtland, No. 25; Union, No. 26; Dayton, No. 27; St. John's, No. 28; Eureka, No. 29; James Penn, No. 30; Perfect Friendship, No. 31; Liberty, No. 32; Autauga, No. 33; Hermon, No. 34; and LaFayette, No. 37; most of which are found to be correct and in conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee, however, specify that the returns from Eunomia Chapter, No. 5, are not signed by the H. P. Marion Chapter, No. 12, has returned as dues to the Grand Chapter, the sum of one dollar for each of its members, making the whole amount twenty-nine dollars, instead of fourteen dollars and fifty cents. The Committee recommend that the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents be returned to this Chapter. Montgomery Chapter, No. 22, has returned dues for a member who died during the year—it is recommended that the sum of fifty cents be refunded to that Chapter. Union Chapter, No. 26, has returned dues for three Ministers of the Gospel—it is recommended that the sum of one dollar and fifty cents be refunded to that Chapter. The returns from James Penn Lodge, No. 30, do not specify the Officers of that Chapter. No seal is attached to the returns from Liberty Chapter, No. 32. The returns from Hermon Chapter, No. 34, have no seal attached; neither are they signed by the H. P. Concord Chapter, No. 37,

have not yet procured a seal, having been at work under a charter only six months.

The Committee would recommend to the several subordinate Chapters, to state in their annual returns the periods of their regular convocations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. C. TORREY, Chairman.

Companion Strong, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, reported on that subject, which was concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Your Committee on examination of the report and by-laws of James L. Daniel Chapter, No. 35, report:

That they find them correct, neatly executed, and in conformity with the constitutional regulations.

Decatur Chapter, No. 38. Your Committee having nothing before them of this Chapter except the minutes and report. They find them correct.

Concord Chapter, No. 37. Your Committee, on examination of the minutes and by-laws, find them objectionable for their irregularity and multiplicity of words; but as this is a young Chapter, your Committee feel charitable, and recommend them to receive instructions from older Companions; they further recommend time to be given them to correct and draw up their by-laws more regular.

Your Committee move that Charters be granted to each of the foregoing Chapters.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. STRONG, Chairman.

Companion Wiley reported from the Committee on Accounts, which report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report:

That they have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct and accompanied with the proper vouchers.

They find that they report in the Treasury as per Grand

Treasurer's account	\$835 00
Balance of Contingent Fund	68 63
Amount received at this Convocation.....	347 00
Making total of Grand Chapter funds.....	\$1,250 63

Your Committee take pleasure in bearing testimony to the able and efficient manner in which the financial operations of the Grand Chapter have been conducted, and the correctness with which the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have discharged the duties of their several stations.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. MCCAULEY WILEY, Chairman.

Amount received for Contributions at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, 1848.

No. 4, Monroe,	\$16 50	No. 24, Eufaula,	16 00
No. 5, Eunomia,	10 50	No. 26, Union,	20 00
No. 6, Cyrus,	13 00	No. 27, Dayton,	15 50
No. 9, Clinton,	12 50	No. 28, St. John's,	20 00
No. 10, Tuscumbia,	11 00	No. 29, Eureka,	13 00
No. 11, Phoenix,	10 00	No. 30, James Penn,	12 00
No. 12, Marion,	29 00	No. 31, Perfect Friend's,	11 00
No. 13, Gainesville,	8 50	No. 32, Liberty,	8 50
No. 15, Hayneville,	14 50	No. 33, Autauga,	10 00
No. 17, Wetumpka,	9 50	No. 34, Hermon,	10 00
No. 19, Mt. Moriah,	7 00	No. 35, J. L. Daniel,	14 00
No. 21, Mobile,	24 00	No. 37, Concord,	10 50
No. 23, Talladega,	14 50	No. 38, Decatur,	6 00

\$347 00

BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws having no business referred to them for their consideration, beg leave to be discharged.

R. G. EARLE, Chairman.

By Companion Wiley:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to the Grand Secretary for his services during the last year.

Resolved, That twenty dollars be paid to the Grand Sentinel for his services during this convocation.

On motion of Companion Benson,

Resolved, That the sum of fourteen 50-100th dollars be refunded the Grand Secretary; he having overcharged himself in the dues of Union Chapter, No. 26, at Uniontown, in the report of 1847.

On motion of Companion Pfister,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a suitable blank form of reports, and furnish them to the subordinate Chapters, with instructions to use the same in making their annual reports to the Grand Chapter.

Companion Sayre offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of one dollar each be refunded to Concord Chapter, No. 37, and to James L. Daniel Chapter, No. 35, for dues overpaid by said Chapters.

On motion of Companion Benson,

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be set apart and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, as a contingent fund.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by Companion Wiley, were received and concurred in :

Whereas, doubts have arisen in the minds of many intelligent Royal Arch Masons, as to the proper arrangement of the various degrees, and whereas this evil, if an evil, can only be remedied by a grand convocation of all the Grand Councils, Chapters and Lodges in the United States, or a majority of them; and whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter that a uniformity of work does not exist in the various portions of this Union. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will appoint two delegates to meet with delegates from the various Grand Councils, Chapters and Lodges in the city of———, on the—— day of———, 18——, and that said delegates are hereby clothed with full power to act in the premises and to make such change or changes as they may deem proper.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of this preamble and resolutions to each Grand Council, Chapter and Lodge in the United States, and ask their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be also instructed to transmit a copy of the same to each Periodical in the United States devoted to our Order, and ask them to draw the attention of the Fraternity to the objects contemplated.

On motion of Companion Pfister,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a new seal for the Grand Chapter, retaining the same device.

The two amendments of the Constitution proposed at the last convocation, were taken up, voted on and lost.

Companion Wiley proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was concurred in and lies over for consideration :

In the 7th Section, 4th Article, strike out all after the word "exalted," and insert as follows, "For the degree of Mark M., five dollars; P. M., five dollars; M. E. M., five dollars; and R. A. M., fifteen dollars; and no Chapter shall confer any of the degrees on a credit."

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of its Officers elect, M. E. Nimrod E. Benson presiding and officiating. E. Companion J. McCaleb Wiley was presented as proxy for M. E. William Hendrix, Grand High Priest elect of this Grand Chapter, and duly inducted in the chair, after which, the other officers elect were duly installed in their respective places.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all unfinished business be postponed to the next annual convocation.

The Grand Chapter was closed, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Divine Grace, until the next annual convocation.

RUFUS GREENE, Dep. G. H. P.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

DEATHS.

G. W. Creagh, P. Dep. G. H. P., Grand Chapter of Alabama.
Tuscumbia, No. 10, William R. Moore, August 21,

Wilson Northercross.

Marion, No. 12, F. N. Tarrant, July 5, 1848.

Gainesville, No. 13, N. E. Chandler.

Hayneville, No. 15, A. B. Fornay,

G. P. Travis,

A. J. Lamar.

Wetumpka, No. 17, R. J. Harrison, Sept. 6.

Mobile, No. 21, Joseph T. Files.

Montgomery, No. 22, John A. G. Campbell.

Courtland, No. 25, R. Fenner.

J. L. Daniel, No. 35, Thomas Graves, April 21.

NOTICE.

The annual convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter for 1849, will take place in the city of Montgomery; commencing Tuesday, the 4th day of December.

ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM HENDRIX, Grand High Priest, Marion.

RUFUS GREENE, Dep. Grand High Priest, Mobile.

NIMROD E. BENSON, Grand Treasurer, Montgomery.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary, Montgomery.

EXPELLED.

Cyrus, No. 6, John R. Hough—Intemperance.

REINSTATED.

Perfect Friendship, No. 31, S. Richards.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS TO THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Number.	Name.	Location.	Counties.	H. Priests.	Secretaries.	Exalted.	Rejected.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Withdrawn.	Died.	No. Memb's.	Remarks.
1	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	_____	_____	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No Report received.
4	Monroe,	Claiborne,	Monroe,	W. P. Leslie,	J. B. Colburn,	3	--	--	--	8	--	33	
5	Eunomia,	Huntsville,	Madison,	J. M. Davidson,	M. W. Steele,	9	--	--	--	--	--	21	
6	Cyrus,	Florence,	Lauderdale,	S. A. M. Wood,	W. B. Wood,	3	--	1	--	--	--	26	
9	Clinton,	Athens,	Limestone,	J. M. Brundidge,	F. G. Tyus,	4	--	--	--	2	--	25	No Report received.
10	Tuscumbia,	Tuscumbia,	Franklin,	F. G. Norman,	W. Harvey,	--	--	--	1	2	2	22	
11	Phoenix,	Greensboro,	Greene,	William Kerr,	J. C. Meredith,	3	--	--	2	--	--	20	
12	Marion,	Marion,	Perry,	J. R. Goree,	D. Dykous,	5	--	--	--	1	1	29	
13	Gainesville,	Gainesville,	Sumter,	Ed Herndon,	A. H. Harris,	--	--	2	--	4	1	17	No Report received.
14	Leighton,	Leighton,	Lawrence,	_____	_____	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
15	Hayneville,	Hayneville,	Lowndes,	S. P. NeSmith,	E. W. Thompson,	10	--	--	--	3	3	29	
17	Wetumpka,	Wetumpka,	Coosa,	W. A. Allen,	W. B. Cooper,	6	--	--	--	5	--	19	
18	Jameston,	Warsaw,	Sumter,	_____	_____	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	No Report received.
19	Mt. Moriah	Eutaw,	Greene,	M. B. Posey,	S. J. Chapman,	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	
20	Livingston,	Livingston,	Sumter,	P. G. Nash,	R. S. Inge,	2	--	--	--	1	--	14	

APPENDIX.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama was formed in the City of Mobile, 1823, there being present, Dugald McFarlane, H. P., Wm. Armstrong, K., John H. Vincent, S.; John Elliott, H. P., J. B. Hogan, K., and H. V. Chamberlain.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

G. H. P.'S.

1823,	D. McFarlane, Texas.
1824-5,	Israel Pickens, deceased.
1826,	N. E. Benson, Montgomery.
1827-8	John Murphy, deceased.
1829,	Thos. B. Creagh, deceased.
1837-8-9,	John C. Hicks, Mississippi.
1840,	A. B. Dawson.
1841-2-3,	David Moore, deceased.
1844,	James Penn, Memphis.
1845-6,	F. G. Norman, Tuscumbia.
1847,	Wm. Hendrix, Marion.

DEP. G. H. P.S.

1823-4-5-6-7-8,	John Elliott, deceased.
1829,	James Penn, Memphis.
1837,	G. W. Esselman, Miss.
1838,	J. L. F. Cottrell.
1839,	A. B. Dawson.
1840-1-2,	Ed. Herndon, Gainesville.
1843-4,	G. W. Creagh, deceased.
1845,	J. McC. Wiley, Clayton.
1846,	Wm. Hendrix, Marion.
1847,	Rufus Greene, Mobile.

GRAND KINGS

1823,	H. G. Perry, deceased.	1823
1824-5,	A. Hutchinson, Mississippi.	1824
1826-7-8,	H. I. Thornton, Eutaw.	1826
1829,	James H. Saxon, Tusculum.	1829
1837,	Isham Woodward, deceased.	1837
1838,	A. B. Dawson, Tusculum.	1838
1839,	W. A. Ferrill, H. Square.	1839
1840,	David Moore, deceased.	1840
1841,	N. W. Fletcher, deceased.	1841
1842,	F. G. Norman, Tusculum.	1842
1843-4,	Chas. Whelan, Greensboro.	1843
1845,	Stephen F. Hale, Eutaw.	1845
1846,	S. A. M. Wood, Florence.	1846
1847,	Jas. M. Brundidge, Athens.	1847

GRAND SCRIBES.

1823,	Wm. B. Patton, deceased.	1823
1824-5,	Jas. Weakley, Florence.	1824
1826,	Thad. Sandford, Mobile.	1826
1827,	B. B. Fontaine, Mobile.	1827
1828,	Chas. O. Foster, deceased.	1828
1829,	A. Hutchinson, Mississippi.	1829
1837,	Thomas B. Jones,	1837
1838,	F. G. Norman, Tusculum.	1838
1839,	R. H. Dalton, Mississippi.	1839
1840,	J. A. Whetstone, Prattville.	1840
1841,	F. G. Norman, Tusculum.	1841
1842,	G. W. Creagh, deceased.	1842
1843-4,	E. V. Levert, Marion.	1843
1845,	Wm. Hendrix, Marion.	1845
1846,	Sydney Smith, Dayton.	1846
1847,	M. F. Hoit, Livingston.	1847

GRAND TREASURERS.

1823-4,	J. H. Vincent, Penn.
1825,	H. A. Snow, Tuscaloosa.
1826,	A. McBryde, deceased.
1827-8-9,	H. A. Snow, Tuscaloosa.
1837-8-9-40,	Major Cook, Fairfield.
1841,	L. S. Skinner, Tuscaloosa.
1842-3-4,	Wm. Garrett, Montgomery.
1845,	Edw. Herndon, Gainesville.
1846,	William Garrett, Montgomery.
1847-8,	N. E. Benson, Montgomery.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

1823-4,	John B. Hogan, deceased.
1825-6,	William D. Stone.
1827-8-9,	John G. Aikin, Mobile.
1837-8,	Doric S. Ball, New Orleans.
1839 to '49,	A. P. Pfister, Montgomery.