

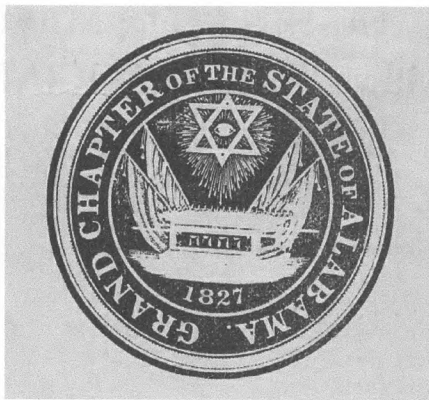
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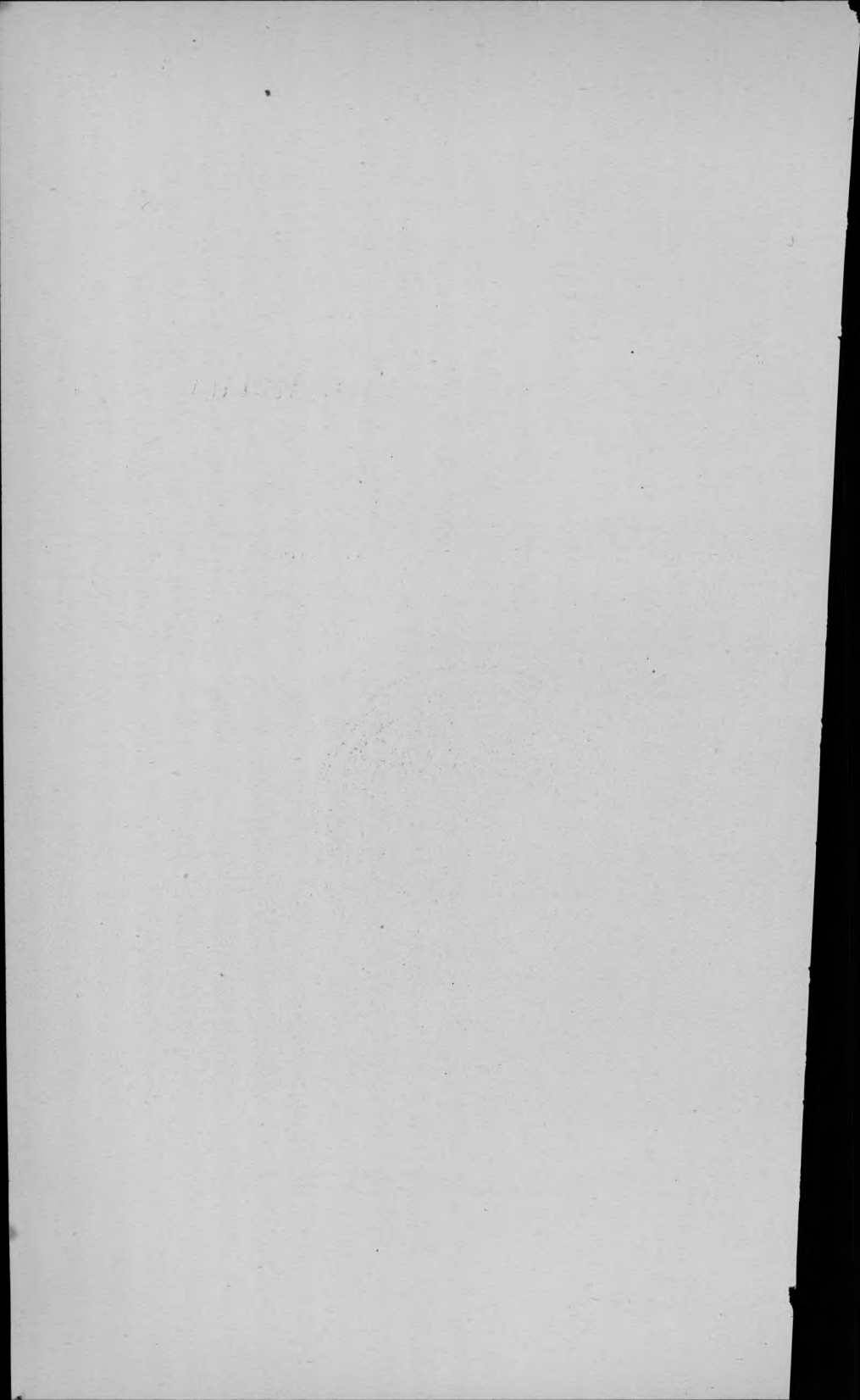
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OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA
AT ITS
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, IN MONTGOMERY,
DECEMBER 2, A. D. 1851.



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PROCEEDINGS.

MONTGOMERY, December 2d, 1851.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama convened on the first Tuesday of December, it being the 2d day of December, A. D. 1851, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. W. P. CHILTON, Deputy Grand High Priest as G. H. P.
E. J. McCALEB WILEY, as D. G. High Priest, pro tem.
E. J. H. DANFORTH, Grand King, pro tem.
E. J. T. BRADFORD, Grand Scribe, pro tem.
E. E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.
E. AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.
E. REV. P. R. McCARY, Grand Chaplain, pro tem.
E. THOS. H. HARRISON, Grand Lecturer.
E. JAMES HARRISON, } Grand Marshals.
E. SIDNEY B. PAINE, }
THOMAS McDOUGALL, Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

N. E. BENSON, G. H. P.
JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, P. G. King.
WILLIAM A. FERRELL, G. K.
DAVID HARTWELL, P. G. Lecturer.
WILLIAM GARRETT, Grand Treasurer.

And the representatives of subordinate Chapters, as follows:

No.	Chapter.	Location.	Representative.	Grade.
1	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	Justin E. Bebee,	H. P.
4	Monroe,	Claiborne,	R. C. Torrey,	H. P.
			W. P. Leslie,	King.
			And. J. Henshaw,	Scribe.

5	Eunomia,	Huntsville,	A. P. Pfister,*	H. P.
			G. W. Matthews,*	K.
9	Clinton,	Athens,	J. N. Malone,*	H. P.
11	Phoenix,	Greensboro,	R. H. Jackson,*	H. P.
			James D. Webb,*	King.
12	Marion,	Marion,	John S. Smith,*	H. P.
13	Gainesville,	Gainesville,	John C. Whitsitt,	King.
15	Hayneville,	Hayneville,	Wm. Barry,	H. P.
17	Wetumpka,	Wetumpka,	W. T. Hatchett,*	H. P.
19	Mt. Moriah,	Clinton,	G. G. Higginbotham,*	H. P.
20	Livingston,	Livingston,	Daniel L. Ayres,	H. P.
21	Mobile,	Mobile,	J. P. Barnes,*	H. P.
			W. H. George,*	King.
			E. Harrison,*	Scribe.
22	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Thos. Harrison,	H. P.
			E. M. Hastings,	King.
			S. D. Watson,	Scribe.
23	Talladega,	Talladega,	Sam'l H. Dickson,	H. P.
			J. T. Bradford,	King.
			L. E. Parsons,*	Scribe.
24	Eufaula,	Eufaula,	J. H. Danforth,	King.
26	Union,	Uniontown,	James L. Price,	H. P.
27	Dayton,	Dayton,	E. D. Connor,	H. P.
			J. H. Prince,*	King.
28	St. Johns.	Selma,	Wm. Lowry,	H. P.
			W. A. Taylor,	King.
			Jno. M. Strong*	Scribe.
29	Eureka,	Lowndesboro,	D. Hartwell,	H. P.
			J. H. Caffey,	King.
30	James Penn,	Jacksonville,	R. G. Earle,*	H. P.
31	Per. Friend'p,	Benton,	O. P. King,	H. P.
32	Fulton,	Fulton,	Wm. H. Norris,	H. P.
			R. U. Bryan,*	King.
33	Autauga,	Autaugaville,	E. Stoudenmire,	H. P.
34	Hermion,	Union Springs,	A. A. Stewart,	H. P.
35	J. L. Daniel,	Glennville,	W. M. Turner,*	H. P.
			E. R. Flewellen,	King.
			John R. Peck,	Scribe.

36	Pickensville,	Pickensville,	H. S. Shelton,	H. P.
37	Concord,	LaFayette,	E. J. Bacon,	H. P.
39	Turnbull,	Turnbull,	W. M. Longmore,*	H. P.
40	Camden,	Camden,	F. K. Beck,	H. P.
			S. G. Cochrane,	King.
			John C. Jones,*	Scribe.
41	Washington,	Summerfield,	P. R. McCrary,	King.
42	Macon,	Auburn,	J. W. W. Drake,	H. P.
			N. J. Scott,	King.
43	Tuskegee,	Tuskegee,	Wm. P. Chilton,	H. P.
			S. B. Paine,	King.
			David Clopton,	Scribe.
44	Ruf. Greene,	Butler,	G. W. Gaines,*	H. P.
			E. R. Adair,*	King.
45	Dadeville,	Dadeville,	E. J. Havis,*	H. P.
			Charles Stone,*	King.
			J. W. Spears,*	Scribe.
46	Jerusalem,	New Prospect,	Wm. A. Ferrell,	H. P.
47	Newbern,	Newbern,	W. T. Hendon,	King.
			E. L. Kimbrough,*	Scribe.
48	McKinley,	McKinley,	H. C. McCall,	H. P.
			S. F. Perkins,	King.
49	Hope,	Hope P. O.,	Wiley Burgess,	H. P.
			Thos. J. Clark,*	King.
			S. N. Ferguson,*	Scribe.
53	Uchee,	Uchee,	M. W. Davis,	H. P.
54	Tyrian,	Troy,	J. McCaleb Wiley,	H. P.
			David A. Dunn,	King.
			O. S. Johnson,*	Scribe.
55	Suggsville,	Suggsville,	J. S. Dickinson,	H. P.
56	Zerubbabel,	Oak Bowery,	Wm. E. Allen,	H. P.
57	Lebanon,	Lebanon,	J. H. Willoughby,	H. P.
			Peter J. Walker,	Scribe.
58	Hartwell,	Cahaba,	Thos. J. Howell,*	H. P.
			H. F. G. Campbell,*	King.
			W. M. Lapsley,	Scribe.
59	Bladon Spgs.,	Bladon Spgs.,	W. A. D. White,	H. P.

*Proxy.

The Grand Chapter was declared open by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest then rose and addressed the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary submitted his report, which was received and laid on the table.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter has the honor of reporting that since the last Annual Convocation, eight Dispensations have issued for the establishment of the following Chapters, viz:

Allenton, No. 52, at Allenton, Wilcox County.

Uchee, No. 53, at Uchee, Russell County.

Tyrian, No. 54, at Troy, Pike County.

Suggsville, No. 55, at Suggsville, Clarke County.

Zerubbabel, No. 56, at Oakbowery, Chambers County.

Lebanon, No. 57, at Lebanon, DeKalb County.

Hartwell, No. 58, at Cahaba, Dallas County.

Bladon Springs, No. 59, at Bladon Springs, Choctaw County.

The financial operations have been as follows:

Received since last Annual Convocation, for back dues...\$ 87 50

Received on Dispensations720 00

Total amount received\$807 50

Which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The contingent fund has been more than sufficient for the current expenses of the year. There remains in my hands a balance of \$74 59-100. All of which, with the accompanying documents, are respectfully submitted.

AMAND P. PFISTER.

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

AMAND P. PFISTER in account current with the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

1850.

DR.

Dec. 7.—To am't reported by the Committee on Ac-	
counts, as being in his hands	\$ 469 00
Dec. 7. To am't for back contributions	87 50
Dec. 7. To am't for Dispensations	720 00
	\$1,276 50

1850.

CR.

Dec. 9.—By am't paid G. Treasurer	\$469 00
1851.	
Nov. 19. By am't paid G. Treasurer	807 50
	\$1,276 50

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

Montgomery, December 2, 1851.

CONTINGENT FUND, in account current with the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

1850.

DR.

Dec. 6.—To amount cash appropriated	\$250 00
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CONTRA CR.

By cash paid for print'g proceedings	
Convocation, 1850, No. 1	\$102 96
By cash paid Grand Sentinel, No. 2	15 00
By cash paid postage bill, No. 3	16 50
By cash paid bill of stationery and	
incidental expenses, No. 4	40 95
By cash balance in Grand Secre-	
tary's hands	74 50
	\$250 00

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

Montgomery, December 2, 1851.

The Grand Treasurer's report was received and laid on the table.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. M. HASTINGS, in account with the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama from 1st Monday in December, 1850, to 1st Monday in December, 1851.

1850.

Dr.

Dec. 9.—To cash received from Past G. Treasurer,

N. E. Benson ----- \$1,010 71

Dec. 9.—To cash received from Grand Secretary---- 469 00

1851.

Nov. 19. To cash received from Grand Secretary---- 807 50

\$2,287 21

1850.

Cr.

Dec. 9.—By cash paid order in favor of Wm.

Hendrix, -----No. 1, \$100 00

Dec. 9. By cash appropriation to D. Hartwell,

Grand Lecturer -----No. 2, 100 00

Dec. 9. By cash appropriation to East Ala.

Female Masonic Institute -----No. 3, 250 00

Dec. 9. By am't note of Samuel H. Dixon

and Jno. M. Moore, of this date, for

cash loaned (by order of the G.

Chapter,) to East Ala. Female Insti-

tute, and due on 1st Monday in De-

cember, 1851 -----No. 4, 300 00

Dec. 9. By cash appropriation to G. Sec.,-----No. 5, 250 00

Dec. 9. By cash appropriation for Contingent

Fund, -----No. 6, 250 00

1851.

Jan. 1.—By cash appropriation to G. Sentinel, No. 7, 20 00

Jan. 13.	By cash appropriation to Ridgely Male and Female School, at Ridgeley, Macon County -----	No. 8, 100 00
Jan. 23.	By cash appropriation to East Ala. Masonic Institute, at Oak Bowery, No. 9,	100 00
	By balance carried down-----	817 21
		\$2,287 21

Dec. 2.—To balance on hand-----\$ 817 21
E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Comp. Price,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with committees of the Grand Lodge and Grand Council with reference to furnishing this Hall, the title of the Grand bodies to its use, and to report before the close of this Grand Convocation.

Committee.—Malone, Paine and Earle.

On motion of Bro. Wiley,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed on Work, of which the Grand Lecturer shall be one, and that they report at this Convocation.

The following Comps. form the committee: Harrison, D. Hartwell, Brundidge.

Comp. Ferrell was added to the above committee.

On motion of Comp. Wiley,

Resolved, That the following committees be appointed: On Accounts, on Chartered Chapters, on Dispensations, on Education, on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Comp. Torrey,

Resolved, That the committee formed on Foreign Correspondence at this Convocation, be instructed to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M., tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 1851, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Wm. P. Chilton.

Grand officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The M. E. G. H. P. announced the following committees:

On Accounts.—Barry, Ayres, Higginbotham, J. S. Smith, P. J. Walker.

On Chartered Chapters.—Danforth, Barnes, O. P. King, R. H. Jackson, Beebe.

On Dispensations.—Connor, George, W. A. Taylor, Norris, J. H. Prince.

On Education.—Torrey, Strong, Dixon, Bacon, Paine.

On By-Laws.—Lowry, Earle, Dunn, Drake, Gaines.

On Foreign Correspondence.—D. Clopton, N. J. Scott, A. P. Pfister, Ed. Harrison, Hendon,

On motion of Comp. Danforth,

Resolved, That all papers on the Grand Secretary's desk be referred to their appropriate committees.

On motion of Comp. Ferrell,

Resolved, That in the election of the officers of this Grand Chapter, when the three principal officers of a subordinate Chapter are present and agreed, one shall cast the vote of the Chapter; if one dissent, he shall cast a single vote, and the others one vote, counting two; and if all three disagree, then each shall cast a single vote.

Comp. Torrey, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported as follows, which report was laid on the table:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed twelve months since, to make a report to the present Convocation, beg leave now to submit the following:

We have received no official report of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, at the triennial meeting held in Boston in September, 1850, but from the Freemason's Monthly Magazine, and other sources, we have sought for all the information within our power. The most important act of that body seems to have been the adoption of a uniform system of work, with a resolution requesting the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter to take such measures as they may think best for diffusing as extensively as may be, a knowledge of the mode of work and lectures to the several Chapters under its jurisdiction. In accordance with this request the designated officers divided the whole jurisdiction, including the whole country, into four districts, each officer taking the superintendence of the district most convenient to his residence. These officers are Robert P. Dunlap, of Maine, Joseph K. Stapleton, of Baltimore, Md., Willis Stewart, of Louisville, Ky., and Thomas H. Lewis, of New Orleans, La. We are informed that the Grand Lecturer of this Grand Chapter is in possession of the work and lectures thus adopted.

An amendment of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter was adopted, so as to admit P. G. H. Priests to all the privileges of members, except that of voting.

The question, "Whether it is competent for a R. A. Chapter to confer the Chapter degrees upon a Master Mason who has but one arm?" was referred to a committee who subsequently made a report, in which, with much good sense, as we think, they say: "It has long been a question in the Blue Lodges whether any maimed person is admissible to the first three degrees, and the question has been settled differently in different Grand Lodges. As an original rule, considered in view of the ancient operative character of Masonry, doubtless no maimed brother was admissible; but in view of the modern speculative character of the order only, doubtless this rule has been strongly modified in practice. Although some Grand Lodges still adhere to the ancient rule, others have limited it by holding that if the candidate be not so far maimed as to disenable him from complying physically with the forms and ceremonies of the order, he ought not to be excluded. As a mere moral question, doubtless the Order in general are inclined to modify the ancient practice. As a question of Masonic law, your committee do not believe that the old rule can be considered as an ancient and essential landmark, which is to be treated as immutable forever. On the contrary, they consider it a mere question of convenience and policy, which may be properly modified by competent masonic authority." And, in accordance with these views, they proposed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That hereafter it shall be considered competent for a Royal Arch Chapter to confer the Chapter degrees on a Master Mason who has but one arm."

The resolution was not adopted, but the subject was referred to the next triennial meeting.

The General Grand Chapter also expressed an *opinion* that "all persons who have been expelled or suspended by any regular Lodge or Grand Lodge, of competent jurisdiction, from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, should be forbidden to visit or sit in any Chapter of R. A. Masons, and that it is the

duty of all R. A. Masons to abstain from all masonic communication with persons so expelled," &c.

A memorial was presented, asking that R. A. Masons from England and other places, where the "intercallary degrees" of M. P. and M. E. Masters are not required as preparatory to the R. A., may be allowed to visit our Chapters. The committee to whom it was presented considered the question as settled, and not open for further consideration; but they recommend that the Chapters under jurisdiction, be allowed to confer the degrees in question upon such R. A. Masons, free of charge.

The Committee on Work say that they deem *uniformity* as vitally important, but do not expect or aim at perfect sameness of expression. Their object is to secure, if practicable, uniformity of action, believing perfect unity of language to be unattainable, however desirable such a result might be.

The next meeting of the General Grand Chapter will be held at Lexington, Ky., on the second Tuesday of September, 1853.

In connection with the jurisdiction exercised by the G. G. Chapter, it is much to be regretted that that body did not put to rest a topic of much discussion among several of the Grand Chapters. We allude to the true meaning and intent of the ninth section of the first article of the G. G. R. A. Constitution, a portion of which is as follows: "No R. A. Mason within the jurisdiction of the G. G. Chapter, shall be permitted to confer any degree in Masonry, not recognized as a constitutional degree, nor establish any society of Masons, not recognized as a constitutional body; and the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter, or any three of them, shall in all cases have authority to decide all constitutional questions under this section."

The difficulty in question is discussed with such marked ability by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Chapter of Vermont, that we offer no further apology for transferring their views to our report. Their remarks are as follows:

"What is to be understood by this section as a 'constitutional degree' of Masonry? We understand the Grand Lodges

Master Mason's degrees; that most Grand Chapters recognize none but the Mark Master's, Past Master's, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees; and that the General Grand Chapter, to recognize the Entered Apprentices', Fellow Craft's and by its Constitution, speaks of only the four last degrees named. So far, then, as Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters in general, and the General Grand Chapter say anything, regular 'constitutional' Masonry has but these *seven* degrees, and no more. Yet the General Grand Chapter itself has treated the Royal and Select degrees as legitimate and regular, whether constitutional or not, and Councils of those degrees are universally sustained and supported. But if these are respected as 'constitutional,' though not named in the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and if to confer them be within the *spirit*, though beyond the letter of that instrument, how are we to understand the application of the section as to what are termed the 'ineffable degrees?' How, for instance, as to the degrees of Secret Master, Perfect Master, Intimate Secretary, and others, over which jurisdiction is claimed by the 'Supreme Council 33d', or to the degree termed the 'Heroine of Jericho,' all of which have long been conferred by Royal Arch Masons, from month to month, and generally without suspicion that they were violating the highest Masonic authority.

"'Constitutional degrees' of Masonry, so far as we understand the general Masonic system existing in the United States, are those which are embraced by written constitutions. Thus limited, we have but *seven*, although two others are at least tolerated and sanctioned by authoritative Masonic action. This gives us *nine* degrees, as recognized by written constitutions, and what we recognize as constitutional action. Are we to understand that beyond this, all else is unconstitutional by the terms of our paramount law? If so, all who tolerate or meddle with any other Masonry, by whatever name, are obnoxious to the rule, and we are bound to keep within it by abandoning all connection with all side degrees. Now it is well known that this is not the practice of Royal Arch Masons, and that if that is the designed meaning of the rule, it is often

violated unintentionally from a deficiency of knowledge, and disregarded where no such deficiency exists. The value of every law lies in the respect it receives from the common consent of those who are required to obey it; or, in the absence of such respect, and consequent submission, in the *power* of the enacting body to enforce obedience. That the provision alluded to, upon the *apparent* construction it should receive, fails in its intended object, is, as to this jurisdiction, well understood by every intelligent Royal Arch Mason. No one recognizes its force, and Royal Arch Masons generally feel at liberty to take and receive their side degrees, without feeling themselves restrained by the provisions of this enactment. This is to disregard it as a binding law, and a practical nullification in every fair sense of it. Has the General Grand Chapter the power of enforcement for such violations? We think not. Its power can go no further than expulsion, and as we believe the majority of its members are within this category, we do not think the minority will be very likely to have the power of expelling them. If this view be a fair one, it shows the weakness and impolicy of the provision, and with this view we recommend to this Grand Chapter to instruct its representatives to the General Grand Chapter to make all proper Masonic efforts to procure a repeal of this section, which they deem to be an unnecessary, unwise, impolitic regulation, and in their judgment, whether standing in the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, or otherwise, is now, and always will be, wholly inoperative as to producing any practical obedience as to its requirements."

Thus much say the Vermont committee. We think that the provision in question was intended to apply to those "side" or "honorary" degrees, which are usually considered as appendages and subordinate to the Royal Arch, and was not intended to apply to those *regular* degrees of Masonry, which are usually held to be higher than the Royal Arch. But the plain letter of the law is liable to all the objections our Vermont companions have urged against it, and we think the whole section ought to be stricken out.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama has more than once condemned the practice of conferring "side" or "honorary" degrees, and we believe that they are now conferred in open Chapter in this State, but that they are generally regarded as a species of amusement, attended with little evil, and certainly with as little good.

The printed proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, contain little of public interest. We have already made a large extract from those of Vermont. The vexed question of the Royal and Select degrees, occupies much of their attention, especially as to the time and mode of their introduction into this country, the jurisdiction which ought to exercise proper control over them, and the order in which they shall be conferred, in reference to the Chapter degrees. The committee think that these degrees should be conferred before the Royal Arch, though a different practice prevails in that State. They regret that there is not some legitimate tribunal, competent to determine this matter, but they do not see how such a tribunal can be established. In the absence of any generally recognized power, they believe that no jurisdictional authority can be rightly assumed in any quarter, and that no basis for its establishment can exist, which is not derived from a mutual common consent. And until such common consent can be legitimately ascertained, they agree that the G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, in "holding the rule to be fundamental, that we are to use and transmit to others, Masonic knowledge in no other manner than that in which we receive it," and that "if the Royal Arch Chapters had not the jurisdiction of the Royal and Select degrees in the beginning, they cannot now get it by their own act."

The difficulties to be apprehended from certain provisions of the General Grand R. A. Constitution are strongly pointed out. The Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida and Texas, do not acknowledge the jurisdictions of the General Grand Chapter. From the best information we can get, New Jersey, Delaware, Illinois, Arkansas, Iowa and Califor-

nia, have no Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapters of all the other States and of the District of Columbia, are under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. A fair construction of the first section of the third article of the G. G. R. A. Constitution would seem to interdict all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Chapters of Florida and Texas, if not with those of Pennsylvania and Virginia; and yet we believe that this provision in these instances, is uniformly disregarded. It is to be regretted that these Grand Chapters do not acknowledge the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, for the sake of uniformity at least, though it must be confessed that their reasons for not so doing contain much force. If all the Grand Chapters were united in this respect, the Constitution of the General Grand R. A. Chapter might be greatly improved, its powers somewhat restricted or more clearly defined, and its members might be induced to act more efficiently and promptly upon the grave subjects which are brought before it, and which are too often passed over without final adjudication.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York are mostly devoted to local matters. The chief source of difficulty seems to be in the fact that one or more of the subordinate Chapters have recognized as Masons in good standing some of the members of the spurious Grand Lodges, which have occasionally sprung up in that State. "The existence of a clandestine Chapter or Chapters in the city of New York," is announced as established by Henry C. Atwood, the reputed Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, under a warrant from the Cerneaux Consistory, (an illegal body now defunct), by which he confers all the Chapter degrees, and degrees of Knighthood, &c. We are also notified that "Ancient Chapter, No. 1," of the city of New York has elected for their High Priest one who is expelled by the Grand Lodge, and who, in consequence, is deprived of all his Royal Arch functions. It is well that visitors to New York should be on their guard as to what Masonic bodies they visit, that they may not, by mistake, compromise their Masonic duties.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia zealously advocates the correctness of their course in assuming jurisdiction over the R. and S. degrees, and in placing them before the Royal Arch. Their Committee on Foreign Correspondence say that more interest appears to be felt as to the jurisdiction than to the location of these degrees, and pertinently add, "that if any body of Masons can show a better legal authority to them than we possess, we recommend that proper steps be taken to acquire that right, and to impart them as truth, history and chronology justify." They also earnestly set forth the injuries which, as they contend, flow from the acts and very existence of the General Grand Chapter; contending that its tendency is to swallow up the rights and privileges of the Grand Chapters, looking more to the accumulation of power, than to the dissemination of correct Masonic principles; that the means of imparting information on the part of the Grand Chapters are restricted, by preventing or destroying those fraternal relations which ought to exist amongst the brotherhood; that jealousies and contentions are excited, when none should exist, because obedience is not yielded to their authority; that Grand Chapters are prevented from regulating their own internal affairs as their wants may require; that their freedom of action is impaired, causing them to protract an expression of opinion on important and vital questions, while they lean upon a body which is disregardful in its legislation, of the recognized principles which belong to Masonic bodies; that it forgets, or is ignorant of the fact, that it cannot acquire more power, by the addition of numbers, than it possessed at its first organization, unless from those who voluntarily surrender their rights and privileges to its custody; that it has no more power than of right belongs to every independent Grand Chapter; that its sessions are the cause of much waste and expense, and that its recent proceedings cause much alarm among its most zealous advocates.

They also strongly urge that a Mason who has lost an arm, or has not entire limbs, cannot legally receive the Chapter degrees. The Grand Chapter of Ohio is also of the same opin-

ion, while that of North Carolina thinks the rule thus stated, to be too broad and harsh, and that it would be uncharitable to make the misfortunes of a brother, eminently worthy, a barrier to the enjoyment of our social rights. It would be no departure from the spirit of the ancient landmarks to confer degrees on one capable of receiving instruction, and of earning an honest livelihood. And confidence should be placed in subordinate Chapters, before whom such questions must arise, that they will act judiciously.

The G. H. P. of North Carolina, points out various defects in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, in addition to those to which we have already alluded. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence say: "The General Grand Chapter was established for certain purposes; it has not been successful; it is an institution unstable, imperfect and feeble." They recommend to the General Grand Chapter to remodel its constitutions so as to confine its powers—

1st. To a uniform system of Work.

2d. To have jurisdiction over the Grand Chapters of the United States, and adjudication of all questions or differences arising between them.

3d. To have sole jurisdiction in States and Territories where no Grand Chapter exists.

Thus divested of all legislative powers, and holding biennial sessions, they think that it might prove to be of some practical utility.

The Grand Chapter of Georgia has decided that "the presiding officer of a Chapter is for the time being supreme, and no appeal can be taken from his decision on any point, and such appeal be determined by the Chapter. The redress is by appeal to the Grand Chapter."

The G. H. P. of Mississippi, in his address, says: "Reflection has but confirmed me in the conviction, either that some important amendments should be made to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, or that a *General Convocation of Masonic Delegates* should be substituted. It must be apparent to all, that the great and leading objects of a General Grand

Body, are to preserve uniformity of work, and to guard the ancient landmarks of Masonry. But all other matters of local legislation, particularly all matters of finance, should, in my opinion, be left exclusively to the control of the State Grand Bodies."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Florida, take high ground against the General Grand Chapter, and speak of its doings at its last annual convocation in a somewhat *stilted* strain, as follows: "Your committee observe from recent masonic publications, that about one-half of the revenue of the General Grand Chapter is expended in the payment of *per diem* and mileage to the members, and that the remainder is appropriated for the benefit, not of R. A. Masonry, but of the General Grand Chapter, probably to pay the permanent salaries of the officers, and to meet the expenses of another triennial jubilee. Not a dollar has been appropriated to the support of the widow or the education of the orphan. After all the flourish of trumpets about the settlement of vexed questions by the General Grand Sanhedrim at Boston, what have they done? They have settled that no appeal can be taken from the presiding officer of a Chapter, and that a Mason may be made a Mason with *one arm*; but let us not do the General Grand Chapter injustice; they have done more. They have, after mature consideration, *settled* their *per diem* and *mileage*, if they have not settled their *permanent salaries*. It is true our General Grand Chapter had a glorious festival. They luxuriated on the rich viands of Boston, and drank her ruby wines; but whilst they feasted and quaffed their mantling cup, did they remember for a moment that the widow and the orphan were exposed to the peltings of the pitiless storm? That they were eating the bread of sorrow, and draining the cup of misery to the dregs? Surely the sceptre is about to depart from Judah. Did not the General Grand High Priest, surrounded by his Captains of great estate, see, like Belshazzar, the hand writing on the wall, "mene, mene, tekel, upharsin?"

We know not how much truth or how much fancy there may be in the preceding extract, but we know that Boston is somewhat noted for its hospitality, and we incline to the opinion that if our worthy companions of Florida had been present on the occasion alluded to, they might possibly have forgotten for once the "land of flowers" and its sunny clime, while enjoying "the feast of reason and flow of soul," which distinguish our Boston brethren.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee adopted a resolution declaring, as their opinion, that the degrees of Royal and Select Master are separate and distinct from Royal Arch Masonry, and that their Grand Chapter claimed no jurisdiction over them. At the same time it is declared by the Grand Chapter of New York, that Grand Chapters have control over these degrees where no Grand Council exists; that they should be conferred *after* the Royal Arch degree; that they are "constitutional degrees," and not irregular or honorary; that they are of value to the well informed R. A. Mason, and that inasmuch as there is no regular Grand Council in the State of New York, those degrees are under the control of its Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, have presented an excellent summary of the proceedings of most of the Grand Chapters, and express their disappointment as to the action of the General Grand Chapter, and say that they think it evident from its proceedings that during its late session, it did not fulfil the expectations of its friends, or meet the wants of the fraternity.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana seems to entertain the same opinion of the acts of the General Grand Chapter.

In his address to the Grand Chapter of Michigan, the G. H. P. alludes to the practice of conferring upon Master Masons, who are Masters elect of a Blue Lodge, the full degree of Past Master, by a number of Past Masters assembled without the sanction of a regular Chapter; and he submits whether this degree, being a "constitutional degree," and jurisdiction being expressly given to R. A. Chapters to confer it, any body of

Masons attempting to confer it, without the sanction of a R. A. Chapter, are not in this respect clandestine? Yet the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the *Grand Lodge* of New York, treat the claim of exclusive jurisdiction on the part of *Chapters* as absurd.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence regard "side" or "honorary" degrees as mere "verbiage," calculated to make unnatural distinctions among Masons, and as innovations in the body of Masonry.

They also express a regret that the General Grand Chapter did not adopt some more feasible plan for diffusing a knowledge of the work and lectures.

The Constitution of this Grand Chapter provides for the establishment of Councils of R. and S. Masters.

In Missouri the Committee on Foreign Correspondence report against the propriety of conferring the Chapter degrees on a Master Mason having but one arm, and complain of inaction on the part of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter also appointed a committee to take into consideration the propriety of dissolving the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, and directed their Secretary to address the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter and request them, in the name of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, to define what degrees are "constitutional" within the meaning of section 9, of article 1, of the General Grand R. A. Constitution. They also protest against the establishment of a representative fund, as contemplated by the G. G. R. A. Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri was organized in February, 1850, but we find nothing calling for particular comment in its proceedings.

From a view of the publications which have been placed before us, we are satisfied that Royal Arch Masonry was never in a more flourishing condition in the United States than at the present time, and more especially in the Southern and Western States; that entire harmony prevails in most of the States, as happily as it does in our own, and with feelings of

gratitude and thankfulness to the Great Disposer of events, we may congratulate ourselves that the benign influences of Freemasonry are gradually extending over the civilized world.

R. C. TORREY, Chairman.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to elect their Grand Officers, which resulted as follows:

- M. E. WM. P. CHILTON, of Tuskegee, Grand High Priest.
 E. JAS. L. PRICE, of Uniontown, Dep. Grand High Priest.
 E. WM. H. NORRIS, of Fulton, Grand King.
 E. THOS. J. CLARK, of Hope, Grand Scribe.
 E. AMAND P. PFISTER, of Montgomery, Grand Secretary.
 E. E. M. HASTINGS, of Montgomery, Grand Treasurer.
 E. R. R. MCCARY, of Summerfield, Grand Chaplain.
 E. THOS. HARRISON, of Montgomery, Grand Lecturer.
 E. T. C. HARTWELL, of Lowndesboro, }
 E. OLIVER S. BEERS, of Mobile, } G. Marshals.
 E. THOS. McDOUGALL, Grand Sentinel.

The following appointments were made by the M. E. Grand High Priest:

Sidney B. Paine, of Tuskegee, P. S.

E. D. Connor, of Dayton, }
 R. C. Torrey, of Claiborne, } G. M. { $\begin{matrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$ } Veils.
 S. H. Dixon, of Talladega, }

The Grand Secretary reports the following Chapters as delinquent. Cyrus No. 6, Leighton No. 14, Jamestown No. 18, Courtland No. 25, and Decatur No. 38, as having made no report or representation. Tuscumbia No. 10, and Allenton No. 52, as having no representation.

Resolved, That it is urged upon all the subordinate Chapters, not represented at this Convocation, to observe strictly the 12th section of article 4th of the Constitution, as to the duty en-

joined upon them, and that sixty days be allowed those Chapters, who have not reported and paid their contributions, to perform the same.

Comp. Gaines submitted a petition, asking that the name of his Chapter, "Rufus Greene," be changed to that of "Choctaw," which was granted.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Dep. G. H. P., W. P. Chilton.

The Grand Officers at their several stations.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was taken from the table, and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes.

Comp. Danforth, from his committee, reported the following, which was recommitted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters, having examined all the returns placed in their hands, beg leave to report that they find the returns of the following Chapters correct, viz:

Monroe -----	No. 4	Autauga -----	No. 33
Tuscumbia -----	No. 10	J. L. Daniel -----	No. 35
Marion -----	No. 12	Pickensville -----	No. 36
Wetumpka -----	No. 17	Turnbull -----	No. 39
Livingston -----	No. 20	Washington -----	No. 41
Mobile -----	No. 21	Macon -----	No. 42
Talladega -----	No. 23	Rufus Greene -----	No. 44
Eufaula -----	No. 24	Dadeville -----	No. 45
Union -----	No. 26	Jerusalem -----	No. 46
Eureka -----	No. 29	McKinley -----	No. 48
Perfect Friendship-----	No. 31	Sumterville -----	No. 50

They find the returns of the following Chapters incomplete, viz :

Tuscaloosa, No. 1.—Deficient in dues 50 cents.

Eunomia, No. 5.—Has not separated the names of dimitted members and sojourners exalted, from regular members, in their return.

Clinton, No. 9.—Gives the name of a member dimitted in 1848, and asks G. C. to refund back dues for him, having been returned several times after withdrawal. Dates R. A. M. 23-5.

Phoenix, No. 11.—No masonic grade to members.

Gainesville, No. 13.—No masonic grade to members. No R. A. C. Four Masters Veils.

Haneyville, No. 15.—Two Masters Third Veil.

Mt. Moriah, No. 19.—Deficient in dues 50 cents.

Montgomery, No. 22.—No masonic grade to members; deficient in dues \$1.

Dayton, No. 27.—Signature H. P. wanting.

St. Johns, No. 28.—No Master Second Veil. Dues not added up.

James Penn, No. 30.—No masonic grade to members. Dates R. A. No. 2380.

Fulton, No. 32.—Gives dimitted members in list of members belonging to Chapter.

Hermon, No. 34.—No masonic grade to members. Dates R. A. M. No. 2851.

Concord, No. 37.—Gives the names of the officers after the members.

Camden, No. 40.—A Companion received the degree of P. M., in this Chapter, before receiving the degree of M. M., for the reason that he wished to be qualified to preside over a Lodge of M. M.'s. H. P.'s signature wanting to return.

Hope, No. 49.—No masonic grade given to members. No seal.

In closing this report, your Committee beg leave to call the attention of the Secretaries to the date of R. A. M.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. DANFORTH, Chairman.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow afternoon, 3 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Grand Officers at their several stations.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Comp. Connor, from his committee, reported the following, which was adopted:

REPORT ON CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred Chapters under Dispensation, beg leave to make the following report, viz:

We have carefully examined the Proceedings and By-Laws of the following Chapters, viz: Tyrian Chapter No. 54, Bladon Springs 59, Newbern 47, Allenton 52, Zerubbabel 56—the minutes of which we find correct, and neatly kept, and the By-Laws in accordance with the Constitution, and recommend that charters be granted.

We have had the Proceedings and By-Laws of Franklin Chapter No. 51, under consideration, and find them correct, with this exception, viz: The Chapter is said to be opened in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of R. A. M., when it should have been, in form. Recommend that a charter be granted.

We find the minutes of Uchee Chapter No. 53, neatly and correctly kept. Recommend a charter.

The Committee have had the records of Hartwell Chapter No. 58, before them, and find them to be incorrect in many

particulars, and badly kept. They also find upon the records an unconstitutional resolution by conferring the degree on a credit, in taking notes of hand for the amount of fees, and considering it as a loan from the Chapter, thereby evading the constitutional regulations upon that subject.

The records of Suggsville Chapter, No. 55, and Lebanon 57, are neatly and correctly kept; By-Laws right. Recommend that a charter be granted. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. D. CONNOR, Chairman.

Comp. Earle, from the special committee appointed on the part of the Grand Chapter to confer with such committee as had been appointed by the Grand Lodge, and such other committees as should be appointed by other Masonic bodies, in relation to furnishing the Hall of the Grand bodies, reported as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FURNISHING MASONIC HALL.

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama:

The Special Committee of Three, appointed on the part of the Grand Chapter, to confer with such Committee as had been appointed by the Grand Lodge, and such other Committees as should be appointed by other Masonic bodies, in relation to furnishing the Hall of the Grand bodies, respectfully report that they have had the matter referred to them under consideration, and it was agreed by the several Committees to report the following:

Resolved, That the sum of Two Thousand Dollars be appropriated by the Grand bodies, for the purpose of furnishing the Hall; of which sum the Grand Lodge shall pay Twelve Hundred Dollars, the Grand Chapter Six Hundred Dollars, and the Grand Council Two Hundred Dollars. That the Hall be leased for the term of fifty years to the Grand bodies, and to Montgomery Lodge, and the annual rent shall be paid by Montgomery Lodge; that Montgomery Lodge shall guarantee

to keep the furniture in good order, and be responsible for all damages to it.

Resolved, That a Committee of Five, consisting of Bros. Swan, Bowdon, Hastings, Welsh and Pfister, be appointed to superintend the expenditure of the money appropriated for this purpose; also, to procure a lease of the Hall for the time specified.

J. N. MALONE, Chairman.

Your Committee report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of Six Hundred Dollars be appropriated, for the purpose of furnishing the Hall of the Grand Bodies.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Comp. Torrey, from the Committee on Education, reported the following, which was concurred in:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama:

The Committee on Education respectfully report that no papers or special matters have been laid before them, except a memorial addressed to this Grand Chapter on behalf and by order of Auburn Lodge, No. 76. Your committee doubt the propriety of a Chapter considering memorials addressed to them by a Masonic body, which can have no knowledge of the objects and powers of Chapters, but they will content themselves with recommending that the Masonic Female College at Auburn be remembered when this Grand Chapter shall appropriate moneys in aid of education.

Their attention has been directed to the condition and prospects of education in the State, as connected with our Institution; to the growing interest which is so laudably manifested in this respect; to the efforts, neither few nor feeble, which have been made to diffuse the benefits of education, and to the liberality, ability and zeal which have crowned their efforts with such gratifying success.

The establishment of the Central Masonic Institute, at Selma, the East Alabama Female Masonic Institute, at Talladega, the Oak Bowery Male Masonic Institution, in Chambers coun-

ty, the Masonic Institute, at Dayton, the Masonic Academy, at Ridgeley, the Female Masonic Institute at Auburn, and others now in successful operation, show that our brethren in various parts of the State have not come short of their duty—that they have manifested their principles and their faith by their works, the results of which will not pass away with the rolling year, but will produce fruits, the value and measure of which are beyond human calculation. Our brethren, at Talladega, are taking measures to rear up a school on a still broader foundation, and which will afford to those who drink at its fountains all the privileges and benefits of a full collegiate course of instruction. Other schools of less extensive means, but well calculated to meet the necessities of the neighborhood where they are located, are in operation, and others still are contemplated. If the Central and Eastern parts of the State have taken the lead in this respect, the Northern and Southern portions are not idle or indifferent. Everywhere the interest in the cause of education is great and apparently increasing. The world is receiving a lesson that the lights and benefits of Masonry are not confined within the walls of lodge rooms—that its influences, silent, constant and diffusive, like the dews from Heaven, are shed upon thousands even of lisping children, whose minds might otherwise have groped and wandered in darkness forever.

Formerly it was an objection to our Institution that its funds were wasted in feastings, processions, and the costly appendages of useless shows. Whether well or ill founded, it cannot now be urged. The true mission of Masonry is better understood. To educate the orphan, and place the children of the needy and prosperous on the same level, so far as the acquirements of human knowledge are concerned, is one of its main designs. If it be noble and praiseworthy to sustain the feeble, encourage the doubting, and relieve the distressed, how shall we estimate those labors which serve to dispel the mists and darkness of bigotry, prejudice and ignorance, by the enlightening influences of love, knowledge and truth? The tenets of our profession are before the world. Let it be our care not to

disappoint the expectations thus raised. As we judge others by their fruits, so in like manner must we be judged. A noble beginning has been made. Let it be the care of each one of all of us that these efforts be not like the meteors of the night, sudden, brilliant and flashy, and then leaving a darkness more intense than before; but rather, like the sun in the heavens, ever constant, enlightening and life-giving. Let each one contribute his mite of time, labor and money to promote and sustain this cause, and Masonry will soon cease to be looked upon with eyes of suspicion, for it will be discovered that its most important secret consists in the act of accomplishing the greatest amount of good.

The Grand Bodies which annually assemble here can, as such, do but little of themselves. Their pecuniary means are limited, and it is not their policy to accumulate large sums of money. Individual Chapters and Lodges, from whom all the funds of the Grand Bodies are derived, can and ought to do much. We urge it upon them to establish funds for this purpose, to husband their resources, and make them available only for this desirable end. As individual Masons we can do still more. If we cast our bread upon the waters we shall find it after many days. The results of long continued and strenuous efforts will not disappoint the most sanguine. We call upon our brethren of the Northern and Southern portions of the State, not to yield the palm of honor to the dwellers between the mountains and the sea, and we call upon those in the West to keep equal pace with their friends in the East. We present a good account this year; why shall we not have a better next? Why not have in every county in the State adequate means of education for every child and orphan of every indigent Mason among us? Our Lodges and Chapters are constantly increasing. It is generally difficult and undesirable to send children away from their homes. Let concert of action be established, and this desirable object is accomplished. Every Lodge and Chapter will then see how their funds are expended, and what results flow from their exertions. It will not then be the fortunate few, who reside in

certain favored localities, who will be the sole recipients of Masonic beneficence, but its benefits and privileges will be more universally diffused, even as the principles of Masonry are universal.

And thus having presented our views, we respectfully ask to be discharged.

R. C. TORREY, Chairman.

Comp. Ferrell introduced the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, which was adopted.

The Committee on Accounts reported the following, which 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 Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them correct.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in cash, in his hands, after deducting the expenditures during the year, for which vouchers have been exhibited, of----- \$817.21

The Report of the Grand Secretary exhibits a balance in his hands (received at this Convocation, and balance Contingent Fund) of----- 652.09

Total amount of cash on hand-----\$1,469.30

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BARRY, Chairman.

Your Committee would recommend that the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars be appropriated as a Contingent Fund for the next year.

By Comp. Torrey,

Resolved, That a Committee on Education be appointed at this Grand Convocation, with instructions to report at the next Annual Convocation the number and locality of the Masonic schools in this State, to what extent they can properly

be called Masonic, how much money they have received from the Grand Chapter, and on what terms; also, the condition of such schools.

By Comp. Wiley,

Resolved, That the note of Comps. Dixon and Moore to this Grand Chapter for three hundred dollars, be extended for twelve months, free of interest.

Resolved, That a charter issue to Hartwell Chapter No. —.

On motion of Comp. Dixon,

Resolved, That a committee of five, to be denominated the Loan Committee, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to loan the money belonging to the Grand Chapter upon the same terms as are provided for a similar committee on the part of the Grand Lodge.

Comps. Dixon, Scott, W. A. Taylor, Stone and Price were appointed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws having no business, beg to be discharged.

R. G. EARLE, Chairman.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Grand Officers at their several stations.

The Minutes were read and approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

That the 4th Article, 13th Section of the Constitution, be amended, so as to read "25 cents" instead of "50 cents."

The amendments offered at the last Convocation were postponed until the next Annual Convocation.

The Grand Officers elect were installed by the P. Dep. G. H. P., Comp. Wiley.

On motion of Comp. Price,

The sum of fifteen dollars was ordered to be paid to Comp. Louis Czartousky.

The Committee on Work, by their Chairman, proceeded to the lectures on the degrees of R. A. M.

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

The following resolutions were offered by Comp. Wiley:

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to the Grand Secretary, for his services for the past Masonic year.

Resolved, That fifteen dollars be paid out of the Grand Treasury to Comp. McDougall, for his services as Grand Sentinel at this Grand Convocation.

Resolved, That all persons are prohibited from lecturing in the subordinate Chapters in the State of Alabama, on the degrees of R. A. M. unless he be a member of a subordinate Chapter in the State, or authorized by the Grand Chapter so to do.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to the M. E. Grand High Priest, W. P. Chilton, for the

able and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations at the present Convocation.

On motion of Comp. Bradford,

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

MEMORIAL.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

Your memorialists, in behalf of Auburn Lodge, No. 76, would most respectfully ask leave to submit to the notice of the Grand Chapter, the action it has taken on the subject of Female Education. Your memorialists would further state, that they are thus emboldened to obtrude upon your consideration their humble work, in behalf of a cause so great, by the fact that it has been the pleasure of your Most Excellent Grand Body, to encourage by your approbation all laudable effort and action tending to advance the progress of education. Your memorialists will not allude to the importance of the subject, of which your Grand Body is so fully aware, and has so frequently manifested by its action, but will proceed to state that Auburn Lodge, No. 76, has founded at Auburn a Masonic Female College, and has adopted for its government a Constitution, under which have been regularly organized, a Board of Directors, a Board of Visitors, and a Faculty of Instruction. The College is to be under the entire care and control of the Lodge, and it is required that no gentleman shall be engaged in the Faculty unless he be a Master Mason, in good standing. Thus the Institution is to be in fact, as well as name, a *Masonic Female College*.

The Board of Directors have taken unusual care and caution in filling the Faculty, and have engaged Professors and Teachers of the highest literary and scientific attainments, and of unquestionable morality. To do which they have been compelled to pay very large salaries; their expenditures for buildings, apparatus, &c., have also been *very* considerable, but your memorialists are proud to state that every facility will

be offered for the perfection of female education, and they trust that the Institution will in no respect be undeserving the approbation of the Grand Chapter.

Your memorialists believe the location, as well as the peculiar Masonic organization of the College, at Auburn, must make it an object of interest, not only to the Masonic fraternity, but to all lovers of education, particularly in East Alabama.

Having said thus much, and trusting it is sufficient to induce the warm approval of your Most Excellent Grand Body, your memorialists would respectfully ask that the Auburn Masonic Female College be classed with the other similar institutions which have received the approval of your Grand Body, and that it share in all the benefits which the Grand Chapter of Alabama may have to bestow upon Masonic literary and scientific institutions within its jurisdiction.

N. J. SCOTT,

J. F. WHITE,

J. W. W. DRAKE,

Committee.

Done by order of Auburn Lodge, No. 76.

N. J. SCOTT, W. M.

S. M. GRAYSON, Secretary.

AMOUNT OF CASH

Received from Subordinate Chapters, at the Annual Convocation, 1851.

Tuscaloosa, No. 1-----\$ 8 00	Clinton, No. 9 -----\$11 00
Eunomia, No. 5----- 11 00	Phoenix, No. 11----- 8 50
Tuscumbia, No. 10---- 18 00	Marion, No. 12----- 15 50
Gainesville, No. 13---- 7 00	Hayneville, No. 15---- 20 50
Wetumpka, No. 17----- 10 50	Mt. Moriah, No. 19---- 6 50
Livingston, No. 20----- 9 00	Mobile, No. 21----- 23 50
Montgomery, No. 22--- 23 00	Talladega, No. 23----- 15 00
Eufaula, No. 24----- 16 50	Union, No. 26----- 19 00
Dayton, No. 27----- 14 00	St. Johns', No. 28----- 20 00

Eureka, No. 29-----	12 00	James Penn, No. 30----	13 50
Per. Fr'ndship, No. 31--	14 00	Fulton, No. 32-----	12 50
Autauga, No. 33-----	10 00	Hermon, No. 34-----	11 50
Jas. L. Daniel, No. 35--	14 50	Pickensville, No. 36---	12 00
Concord, No. 37-----	15 50	Turnbull, No. 39-----	9 00
Camden, No. 40-----	24 00	Washington, No. 41----	12 00
Macon, No. 42-----	15 50	Tuskegee, No. 43-----	14 50
R. Greene, No. 44-----	12 50	Dadeville, No. 45-----	7 50
Jerusalem, No. 46-----	7 50	Newbern, No. 47-----	5 00
McKinley, No. 48-----	13 50	Hope, No. 49-----	10 00
Allenton, No. 52-----	8 00	Uchee, No. 53-----	9 00
Tyrian, No. 54-----	10 50	Suggsville, No. 55-----	8 50
Zerubbabel, No. 56-----	7 00	Lebanon, No. 57-----	5 50
Hartwell, No. 48-----	9 00	Bladon Springs, No. 59	4 50
Monroe, No. 4-----	13 50		
Total amount-----		\$577 50	

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

- M. E. WM. P. CHILTON, of Tuskegee, Grand High Priest.
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 E. T. C. HARTWELL, of Lowndesboro, }
 E. OLIVER S. BEERS, of Mobile, } G. Marshals.
 E. THOS. McDUGGALL, Grand Sentinel.

EXPULSIONS.

- Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1—George Sprague.
 James Penn Chapter, No. 30—John N. Young.

SUSPENDED.

- Marion Chapter, No. 12—John W. Hays.
 Mobile Chapter, No. 21—Rufus Greene.
 Turnbull Chapter, No. 39—L. C. Lane.
 Tyrian Chapter, No. 54—Wm. Leaman.

DEATHS.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 11—J. C. Meredith, August 14, 1851.

Marion Chapter, No. 12—John H. Elliott, Aug. 14, 1851.

Alex. Graham, Aug. 14, 1851.

Gainesville Chapter, No. 13—Joel C. Whitsitt, January, 1851.

Hayneville Chapter, No. 15—M. Henrick, August 28, 1851.

Montgomery Chapter, No. 22—John McCormick, Dec. 24, 1850

Eureka Chapter, No. 29—B. H. Sherrill, Nov. 18, 1851.

James Penn Chapter, No. 30—J. E. Newton, Nov. 18, 1851.

Washington Chapter, No. 41—Rev. J. J. Lane, March 28, 1851.

L. Butler, February 22, 1851.

Macon Chapter, No. 42—Jos. R. Bedell, February 22, 1851.

Tuskegee Chapter, No. 43—Jacob H. Frailie, Feb. 22, 1851.

Choctaw Chapter, No. 44—W. J. Callaway, July, 1851.

D. A. Callaway, August, 1851.

Dadeville Chapter, No. 45—G. W. Dillard, June 14, 1851.

R. R. Fulder, Nov. 15, 1851.

Newbern Chapter, No. 47—Geo. T. Huckabee, March 24, 1851.

McKinley Chapter, No. 48—John F. Jones, June 4, 1851.

DIRECTORY AND TABULAR STATEMENT.

Of Reports of Subordinate Chapters for the Year 1851.

Numbers.	Chapters.	Locations.	Counties.	High Priests.	Secretaries.	No. Members.
1	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	Justin E. Beebe,	Henry Kulper,	16
4	Monroe,	Claiborne,	Monroe,	Rufus C. Torrey,	Jas. B. Colburn,	27
5	Eunomia,	Huntsville,	Madison,	Robert C. Brickell	Samuel Coltart,	22
6	Cyrus,*	Florence,	Lauderdale,			
9	Clinton,	Athens,	Limestone,	John Turrentine,	Jas. W. Sloss,	22
10	Tuscumbia,	Tuscumbia,	Franklin,	Benj. Pybus,	Henry Tobey,	36
11	Phoenix,	Greensboro,	Greene,	F. M. Peterson,	H. A. Stollenwerck,	17
12	Marion,	Marion,	Perry,	Thomas Cole,	Dennis Dykous,	21
13	Gainesville,	Gainesville,	Sumter.	Edw. Herndon,	A. H. Harris,	14
14	Leighton,*	Leighton,	Lawrence,			
15	Hayneville,	Hayneville,	Lowndes,	Wm. Barry,	E. W. Thompson,	41
17	Wetumpka,	Wetumpka,	Autauga,	Wm. A. Allen,	W. T. Hatchett,	21
18	Jameston,*	Warsaw,	Sumter,			
19	Mt. Moriah,	Clinton,	Greene,	Dempsey Harrisor	B. T. Higginbotham,	12
20	Livingston,	Livingston,	Sumter,	Dan'l. L. Ayres,	S. W. Murley,	18

21	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Henry S. Levert,	James A. Miller,	46
22	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Thos. Harrison,	B. S. Theiss,	46
23	Talladega,	Talladega,	Talladega,	John M. Moore,	A. J. Cotten,	30
24	Eufaula,	Eufaula,	Barbour,	S. G. Cato,	C. W. Snow,	33
25	Courtland,*	Courtland,	Lawrence,			
26	Union,	Uniontown,	Perry,	Jas. L. Price,	A. P. Walker ,	38
27	Dayton,	Dayton,	Marengo,	E. D. Connor,	B. E. Smith,	28
28	St. Johns,	Selma,	Dallas,	Wm. Lowry,	Wm. Waddell, Jr.,	40
29	Eureka,	Lowndesboro,	Lowndes,	David Hartwell,	N. Smith, Sen'r.,	24
30	James Penn,	Jacksonville,	Benton,	J. R. Clark,	O. Hendrick,	26
31	Perfect Friendship,	Benton,	Lowndes,	O. P. King,	W. H. Chambliss,	28
32	Fulton,	Fulton,	Dallas,	W. H. Norris,	Felix G. Adams,	25
33	Autauga,	Autaugaville,	Autauga,	E. Stoudenmire,	A. W. McNeil,	20
34	Hermon,	Union Springs,	Macon,	A. A. Stewart,	T. Pullum,	26
35	Jas. L. Daniel,	Glennville,	Barbour,	John O. Lamar,	W. M. Turner,	31
36	Pickensville.	Pickensville,	Pickens,	H. S. Shelton,	J. J. Massey,	26
37	Concord,	LaFayette,	Chambers,	E. J. Bacon,	John Appleby,	33
38	Decatur,*	Decatur,	Morgan,			
39	Turnbull,	Turnbull,	Monroe,	J. G. Wallis,	E. W. Roberts,	18
40	Camden,	Camden,	Wilcox,	F. K. Beck,	E. L. Moore,	48
41	Washington,	Summerfield,	Dallas,	P. R. McCrary,	C. N. Briggs,	31
42	Macon,	Auburn,	Macon,	J. W. W. Drake,	W. W. Evans,	31
43	Tuskegee,	Tuskegee,	Macon,	W. P. Chilton,	Daniel Sayre,	29
44	Choctaw,	Butler,	Choctaw,	T. Vivion,	G. W. Gaines,	25
45	Dadeville,	Dadeville,	Tallapoosa,	Leroy Gresham,	J. G. Smith,	16

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Number.	Chapters.	Location.	Counties.	H. Priests.	Secretaries.	No. Memb's.
46	Jerusalem,	N. Prospect,	Greene,	Wm. A. Ferrell,	J. R. Elliott,	15
47	Newbern,	Newbern,	Greene,	B. F. Hendon,	J. T. Whitsitt,	10
48	McKinley,	McKinley,	Marengo,	H. C. McCall,	W. B. Modawell,	27
49	Hope,	Hope,	Pickens,	Wiley Burgess,	Thos. Clark,	20
50	Sumterville,	Sumterville,	Sumter,	L. H. Anderson,	W. G. Myers,	13
51	Franklin,	Sparta,	Conecuh,	H. F. Sterns,	G. G. Herrington,	15
52	Allenton,	Allenton,	Wilcox,	J. G. Bythewood,	D. W. Carter,	17
53	Uchee,	Uchee,	Russell,	M. W. Davis,	T. M. Walton,	18
54	Tyrian,	Troy,	Pike,	J. McCaleb Wiley,	Rich'd. F. Cook,	21
55	Suggsville,	Suggsville,	Clarke,	J. S. Dickinson,	S. Forwood,	17
56	Zerubbabel,	Oak Bowery,	Chambers,	W. E. Allen,		
57	Lebanon,	Lebanon,	DeKalb,	J. H. Willoughby,	V. C. Larmove,	11
58	Hartwell,	Cahaba,	Dallas,	G. W. Gayle,	R. J. Travers,	18
59	Bladon Sp'ngs	Bl'd'n Sp'gs	Choctaw,	W. A. D. White,	A. H. Hutchison,	9
*No report.						1,086