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of the

GRAND CHAPTER

of
Royal Arch Masons
of

ALABAMA



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OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA

AT ITS
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD IN THE
CITY OF MONTGOMERY

COMMENCING
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PROCEEDINGS.

THE M. E. GRAND CHAPTER of Alabama held its Annual Convocation commencing Tuesday the 5th day of December, A. D., 1854, R. A. M., 2384.

PRESENT.

M. E. WM. HENDRIX, (P. G. H. P.) Grand H. Priest, pro tem.
E. M. W. DAVIS, (G. K.) Dep. G. H. Priest, pro tem.
E. J. MCCALED WILEY, (P. D. G. H. P.) Gr. King, pro tem.
E. J. R. CLARK, (P. G. K.) Grand Scribe, pro tem.
E. AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.
E. E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.
E. REV. MOSES PADGETT, G. Chaplain, pro tem.
E. D. HARTWELL, Grand Lecturer, pro tem.
E. W. A. FERRELL, Grand C. H.
E. THOS. McDOUGALL, Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM HENDRIX, Past G. H. Priest.
J. MCCALED WILEY, Dep. G. H. Priest.
JOHN R. CLARK, Grand King.
SYDNEY SMITH, Grand King.
W. H. NORRIS, Grand King.
S. A. M. WOOD, Grand King.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

No.	Chapters.	Location.	Representatives.	Grade.
4	Monroe,	Claiborne,	R. C. Torrey,	H. P.
5	Eunomia,	Huntsville,	E. F. Betts,*	K.
6	Cyrus,	Florence,	S. A. M. Wood,*	H. P.
			T. P. Hatch,*	K.

No.	Chapters.	Location.	Representatives.	Grade.
10	Tuscumbia,	Tuscumbia,	V. M. Benham,*	H. P.
11	Phoenix,	Greensboro,	R. D. Huckabee,*	H. P.
12	Marion,	Marion,	Wm. Hendrix,*	H. P.
			L. A. Weissinger,*	S.
13	Gainesville,	Gainesville,		
15	Hayneville	Hayneville,	Wm. Barry,	H. P.
17	Wetumpka	Wetumpka,	A. J. Terrell,*	H. P.
			Wm. Price,	K.
			L. P. Butler,	S.
18	Jameston ,	Warsaw,	Wm. Little,*	H. P.
19	Mt. Moriah,	Clinton,	A. P. Barry,*	H. P.
20	Livingston,	Livingston,	D. L. Ayres,	H. P.
21	Mobile,	Mobile,	James A. Miller,*	H. P.
			Edmund Harrison,*	K.
			Peleg Brown,*	S.
22	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	H. P. Watson,	H. P.
23	Talladega,	Talladega,	J. M. Moore,	H. P.
24	Eufaula,	Eufaula,	J. H. Danforth,	H. P.
			Thomas Cargill,	K.
			D. A. McCall,*	S.
26	Union,	Uniontown,	Richard Clarke,*	H. P.
27	Dayton,	Dayton,	Syd. Smith,	K.
			John H. Prince,*	S.
28	St. Johns,	Selma,	John M. Strong,	H. P.
			Wm. A. Taylor,	K.
29	Eureka	Lowndesboro,	D. Hartwell,	H. P.
			John H. Caffey,	K.
			James K. Whitman,	S.
30	James Penn,	Jacksonville,	John R. Clark,	H. P.
31	Per. Friend'p	Benton,	O. P. King,	K.
			David Gordon,	S.
32	Fulton,	Fulton,	W. H. Norris,	H. P.
			A. F. G. Campbell,*	S.
33	Autauga,	Autaugaville,	E. Stoudenmire,*	H. P.
			A. C. Taylor,	S.

No.	Chapters.	Location.	Representatives.	Grade.
34	Hermon,	Union Springs,	T. L. McGowen,	H. P.
35	J. L. Daniel,	Glennville,	Winquit M. Turner*	H. P.
36	Pickensville,	Pickensville,	David A. Walker,	H. P.
			H. S. Shelton,*	K.
			W. H. Terrell,*	S.
37	Concord,	LaFayette,	M. C. Blanchard,*	H. P.
40	Camden,	Camden,	J. D. Catlin, Jr.,*	H. P.
41	Washington,	Summerfield,	C. N. Briggs,*	H. P.
42	Macon,	Auburn,	J. W. W. Drake,	H. P.
			N. J. Scott,*	S.
43	Tuskegee,	Tuskegee,	S. B. Paine,	K.
			D. Clopton,	S.
44	Choctaw,	Butler,	E. T. Ridgway,	H. P.
45	Dadeville,	Dadeville,		
46	Jerusalem,	New Prospect,	W. A. Ferrell,	H. P.
48	McKinley,	McKinley,	S. B. Jackson,*	H. P.
50	Sumterville,	Sumterville,	J. C. Brown,	H. P.
52	Allenton,	Allenton,	J. G. Bythewood,	H. P.
53	Uchee,	Uchee,	M. W. Davis,	H. P.
54	Tyrian,	Troy,	J. McCaleb Wiley,	H. P.
			M. M. Nall,	K.
55	Suggsville,	Suggsville,	James J. Goode,*	H. P.
56	Zerubbabel,	Oak Bowery.	W. S. Wilkerson,	H. P.
57	Lebanon,	Lebanon,	V. C. Larmore,	K.
58	Hartwell,	Cahaba,	Isaac Geiershoffer,*	H. P.
			Thomas G. Rainer,	K.
60	Hiram,	Bragg's Store.	S. D. Mooror,	H. P.
			R. D. Hunter,	K.
61	Signet,	Society Hill,	T. F. Flournoy,	H. P.
63	Midway,	Midway,	Moses Padgett,	S.
64	Central,	Montevallo.	S. M. Doak,*	H. P.
			D. H. Carter,	K.

* Proxies.

The M. E. Grand High Priest called the Companions to order and the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

A communication was received, through the Grand Secretary, from the M. E. G. H. Priest, William P. Chilton, announcing his inability to attend the present Convocation, in consequence of severe sickness in his family.

On motion,

Resolved, That the reading of the proceedings of the last Convocation be dispensed with.

Resolved, That the following Committees be appointed:

On Accounts;

On Chartered Chapters;

On Dispensations;

On Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Comp. Ferrell:

Resolved, That Rockford Chapter No. 60, have ninety days to make up their returns and present them to the G. H. P., and if approved by him, that the Grand Secretary issue a charter to said Chapter.

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

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I have the honor of reporting to the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama, that during the last year two new Chapters have been established, viz:

Midway, No. 63, at Midway, Barbour County.

Central, No. 64, at Montevallo, Shelby County.

A petition for the establishment of a Chapter at Stevenson, Jackson County, was received, but as there was a nonconformity with an edict of the Grand Chapter, of 1852, requiring "that the recommendation must certify the dismissal of the petitioners from their respective Chapters," I returned the petition for correction. This edict of the Grand Chapter of Alabama has been commented on by some of our sister Grand Chapters, and declared useless. They say, "when the new Chapter is organized, the petitioners become members of it, and are virtually dimitted. If such a construction can be put on the edict by this Grand Chapter, it would be advisable to rescind it, as much inconvenience has resulted therefrom.

I have paid into the Grand Treasury, as will be seen by my account current and vouchers, the sum of \$1,293.05. The amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund has been more than sufficient for the annual expenses, and there remains a surplus of \$499.65.

Among the delinquent Chapters, I name the following:

Gainesville,-----	No. 13,
Leighton,-----	" 14,
Decatur,-----	" 38,

Which have not reported for three years.

During the year, letters were directed to each of these Chapters, as required by a resolution of the Grand Chapter, but no satisfactory reply has been received.

Action will be required in arranging the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, so as to accord with that of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. This duty was imparted to me, but as I was not satisfied on some points, I considered it advisable to postpone acting, and bring the subject before the Grand Chapter.

All of which I fraternally submit.

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

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

DR.

1853.

Dec.	To amount of Contingent Fund unexpended, 1853, reported by Committee on Accounts -----	\$ 429 05	
	To amount of Contributions from Subordinate Chapters, as reported by Committee on Accounts, 1853 -----	587 00	\$1,016 05

1854.

Feb. To back contributions from the following Chapters:

Tuscumbia No. 10 -----	\$ 15 00	
Marion No. 12 -----	30 00	
Talladega No. 23 -----	15 00	
J. L. Daniel No. 35 -----	3 00	
Pickensville No. 36 -----	1 00	
Macon No. 42 -----	3 00	
Tyrian No. 54 -----	10 00	
Suggsville No. 55 -----	20 00	

To Dispensations issued to:

Midway No. 63 -----	\$ 90 00	
Central No. 60 -----	90 00	277 00

CONTRA CR.

By amt. paid to the Grand Treasurer as per voucher A -----	\$1,016 05	
Nov. 21. By amt. paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per voucher B -----	277 00	

\$1,293 05 \$1,293 05

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

Montgomery, Dec. 4th, 1854.

*CONTINGENT FUND of Grand Chapter of Alabama, in
account with Grand Chapter.*

1853.

Dec. 8. To amt. cash appropriated for 1854-----\$ 600 00

CONTRA CR.

Dec. 12. By amt. paid G. Sentinel, No. 1--\$12 00

By amt. p'd Bates & Gardner, No. 2-- 5 00

By amt. paid ptg. Proceed, No. 3-- 50 00

By amt. paid bill of postage

and stationery -----No. 4-- 33 35

By bal. in Contg. fund-----499 65

\$600 00 \$600 00

AMAND P. PFISTER, Grand Secretary.

Montgomery, Dec. 4th, 1854.

The Grand Treasurer presented his report, which
was received and laid on the table.

*E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer, in account with the M. E.
Grand Chapter of Alabama.*

DR.

1853.

Dec. 6. To balance brought forward-----\$ 110 50

Dec. 12. To cash from Grand Secretary-----1,016 05

1854.

Nov. 21. To cash from Grand Secretary----- 277 00

\$1,403 55

1854.

Dec. 5. To balance brought down-----\$ 489 87

CR.

1853.

Dec. 12.	By paid appropriation to Contg. Fund, 1---	\$ 600 00
Dec. 12.	By paid appropriation to G. Secretary, 2---	250 00
Dec. 13.	By same to Grand Sentinel, 3---	20 00
Dec. 14.	By same to Furnishing Committee, 4---	42 18
Dec. 14.	By order in favor of Syd Smith for dues overpaid by Dayton Chapter, 5---	1 50

1854.

Dec. 5.	Balance carried down-----	489 87
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 \$1,403 55

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, That a committee of three on the Constitution be appointed.

Comps. Clopton, Wiley and Davis, were appointed.

Moved, That the election of Grand Officers be made the order for 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

A memorial was received from Companions of Choctaw Chapter, No. 44, praying a removal of said Chapter from Mt. Sterling to Butler, which prayer was granted.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock,
December 6, 1854.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor, and proceeded to business.

M. E. J. McCaleb Wiley, P. D. G. H. P., in the chair.

The Grand Officers at their stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following Committees were announced :

On Accounts.—Comps. Miller, Strong, Moore, Prince, and Ayres.

Chartered Chapters.—Syd. Smith, Brown, Little, Watson, and Huckabee.

Dispensations.—Norris, Danforth, John R. Clark, Drake, and Carter.

Foreign Correspondence.—Clopton, S. A. M. Wood, A. J. Scott, Weissinger and Paine.

The regular order of business was suspended, to enable Comp. Paine to present a memorial from Macon Chapter, No. 42, on the subject of Education, which was referred to a special Committee of three.

Comps. Paine, S. A. M. Wood and Flournoy.

Resolved, That Comp. Ferrell, H. P. of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 46, be allowed to take his seat, and that said Chapter be allowed ninety days to make its returns and pay dues.

The election of Grand Officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows :

M. E. W. A. FERRELL, of Hollow Square, Grand High Priest.

E. JOHN R. CLARK, Jacksonville, Dep. G. H. Priest.

E. H. S. SHELTON, Pickensville, Grand King.

E. M. W. DAVIS, Uchee, Grand Scribe.

E. REV. MOSES PADGETT, Midway, Grand Chaplain.

E. DAVID HARTWELL, Lowndesboro, Grand Lecturer.

E. E. M. HASTINGS, Montgomery, Grand Treasurer.

E. AMAND P. PEISTER, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

E. H. P. WATSON, Montgomery, Grand C. Host.

E. A. P. BARRY, Clinton,

E. J. W. W. DRAKE, Auburn, } Grand Marshals.

E. THOS. McDougall, Montgomery, Grand Sentinel

The M. E. G. H. Priest made the following appointments:

D. L. AYERS, of Livingston, Master 3d Veil.

J. H. DANFORTH, of Eufaula, Master 2d Veil.

A. J. TERRELL, of Wetumpka, Master 1st Veil.

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

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.,
December 7th, 1854.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor, and proceeded to business.

M. E. Wm. Hendrix, P. G. H. P. in the chair.

Grand Officers at their stations.

Minutes were read and approved.

The regular order of business was suspended.

On motion of Comp. Harrison:

Resolved, That the H. P. of Hayneville Chapter be allowed to take his seat in this Grand Chapter, and that said Chapter be allowed ninety days to make their returns.

The Grand Secretary reported the following Chapters delinquent:

Turnbull No. 38, and Franklin, and moved that they be allowed ninety days to make returns and pay dues.

Bro. Norris, from the Committee on Dispensations, reported the following, which was concurred in:

To the Most E. G. H. P. King, Scribe and Comps.

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the proceedings and by-laws of Midway Chapter, No. 63, and the proceedings and by-laws of Central Chapter, No. 64, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find the proceedings of Midway Chapter generally correct. We find, however, they use the word "post," instead of "station" of officers, which we think should be corrected. We find their by-laws in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter and the usages of Masonry. We recommend that a charter be granted.

In the proceedings of Central Chapter, we find them neatly kept, except the proceedings of one Convocation, which is sent up in pencil. We recommend they be instructed to transcribe that portion of their proceedings. We find their by-laws in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter and the usages of Masonry. We recommend that a charter be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. NORRIS, Chairman.

Brother Miller, from the Committee on Accounts, reported, which report was concurred in:

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

Your Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the reports and vouchers of the Excellent Grand Treasurer, and Excellent Grand Secretary, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the same and find them correct.

Your Committee submit the following statement of the finances of this Grand Chapter:

Cash balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$489 87
The amount received for contributions, 1854.....	657 00

We also find in the Grand Secretary's hands balance of Contingent Fund, unexpended (as per report), \$499.65.

Your committee recommend that the sum of \$700 be appropriated for the current years' expenses, as a contingent fund.

They also recommended that that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report, relating to delinquent Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. MILLER, Chairman.

*Amount of Contributions received at the Convocation of the
M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama, 1854.*

No. 1, Tuscaloosa	-----\$ 9 00	No. 36, Pickensville	-----\$13 50
5, Eunomia	----- 11 50	37, Concord	----- 15 00
6, Cyrus	----- 14 50	40, Camden	----- 21 00
9, Clinton	----- 9 50	41, Washington	----- 13 00
10, Tusculumbia	----- 15 00	42, Macon	----- 15 50
11, Phoenix	----- 8 00	43, Tuskegee	----- 12 00
12, Marion	----- 14 50	44, Choctaw, 2 years	16 00
17, Wetumpka	----- 7 00	45, Dadeville	----- 9 00
18, Jameston	----- 11 50	48, McKinley	----- 12 00
19, Mt. Moriah	----- 8 50	49, Hope	----- 14 00
20, Livingston	----- 7 00	50, Sumterville	----- 8 00
21, Mobile	----- 19 50	52, Allenton	----- 17 50
22, Montgomery	--- 27 50	53, Uchee	----- 10 00
23, Talladega	----- 14 00	54, Tyrian	----- 12 50
24, Eufaula	----- 18 00	55, Suggsville	----- 14 00
25, Courtland	----- 32 00	56, Zerubbabel	----- 9 00
26, Union	----- 18 50	57, Lebanon	----- 11 50
27, Dayton	----- 17 00	58, Hartwell	----- 17 00
28, St. Johns	----- 18 00	59, Bladen Springs	4 50
29, Eureka	----- 10 00	60, Hiram	----- 12 00
30, James Penn	---- 13 00	61, Signet	----- 12 50
31, Perf. Friendship	15 00	63, Midway	----- 8 00
32, Fulton	----- 11 00	64, Central	----- 5 50
33, Autauga	----- 12 00		
34, Hermon	----- 17 00	Total	-----\$657 00
35, Jas. L. Daniel	15 00		

On motion of Comp. Clopton, the Committee on the Constitution was allowed until the next annual Convocation to report.

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

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.,
December 8th, 1854.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor, and proceeded to business.

M. E. William Hendrix, P. G. H. P., in the chair.
Grand Officers at their stations.

Minutes read and approved.

Comp. Sydney Smith, from the Committee on Charters, submitted his report, which was received and concurred in:

REPORT.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters beg leave to make the following report:

The annual returns of the following Chapters are found correct:

No. 1, Tuscaloosa Chapter.	6, Cyrus Chapter.
19, Mt. Moriah Chapter.	60, Hiram Chapter.
36, Pickensville Chapter.	54, Tyrian Chapter.
10, Tuscumbia Chapter.	55, Suggsville Chapter.
32, Fulton Chapter.	45, Dadeville Chapter.
41, Washington Chapter.	21, Mobile Chapter.

The following Chapters are incorrect:

Marion Chapter, No. 12—Deficient in dues 50 cents; date of R. A. M. incorrect.

Signet Chapter, No. 61—Date of R. A. M. 2374, instead of 2384, and exalting a petitioner for the R. A. degree with two substitutes.

Wetumpka Chapter, No. 17—Date of R. A. M. 2383; officers improperly arranged, and no date given of advancing, presiding or accepting.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 11—Date of R. A. M. 5854.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 57—Use the word Tyler, instead of Sentinel; dates of advancing, &c., not given; dues short fifty cents.

Uchee Chapter, No. 53—Substitutes Tyler for Sentinel.

Clinton Chapter, No. 9—Same error.

Jameston Chapter, No. 18—No dues paid for three ministers of the gospel, and one affiliated member, dead and dimitted, entered with the regular members; officers improperly entered; no Masonic grade, and no date of R. A. M.; short of dues \$1.50.

Eunomia Chapter, No. 5—Members not numbered; substitutes Tyler for Sentinel.

Eureka Chapter, No. 29—Dead and withdrawn entered with the regular members.

Dayton Chapter, No. 27—Date of R. A. M. not given; seal in the improper place.

Courtland, No. 25—Date of R. A. M. not given.

Talladega, No. 23—Date of R. A. M. 2389, instead of 2384; list of officers and members promiscuously entered; no dues charged for two ministers of the gospel; short of dues \$1.00, and exalting with a substitute.

Montgomery, No. 22—Date of R. A. M. not given.

Livingston, No. 20—Date of R. A. M. omitted, and no dues for one minister of the gospel; short of dues 50 cents.

Hartwell, No. 58—Mark M. and P. M. numbered with the list of members, and making a substitute in exalting a candidate.

Zerubbabel, No. 56—Asks for assistance in educating and taking care of the indigent children of deceased Masons; there is no Treasurer named in the list of officers.

Sumterville, No. 50—Officers under the wrong head; exalting one petitioner with two substitutes; date of R. A. M. not given.

Autauga, No. 33—Wanting in seal, not authentic. We recommend the returns to be sent back to the Chapter, with instructions to send up a correct return within 90 days.

Camden, No. 40—List of officers incomplete and improperly entered.

McKinley, No. 48—The name of a Master Mason expelled by Pfister Lodge, No. 90, appears improperly among the list of members, and as the Grand Master of the Third Vail; Masonic grade not given; dues not carried out or added up.

Perfect Friendship, No. 31—The certificate has no date as to the year, in other respects neatly made out.

St Johns, No. 28—List of officers improperly entered; they appear among the list of members; dates not given properly.

Union, No. 26—Incorrect generally, as will appear by reference to form appended to Constitution of G. Chapter, on p. 11.

James Penn, No. 30—List of officers improperly arranged; number of members not given, and the name of an expelled member appearing among the list; Masonic grades given which are not known to a Chapter; date of R. A. M. 2389, instead of 3284.

Concord, No. 37—Officers placed; Past Masters numbered with the members; exaltations with a less number than three petitioners; dues carried out improperly, but corrected by deducting the overplus; date of R. A. M. improperly given.

Hermon, No. 34—Exaltations with less number than three petitioners.

James L. Daniel, No. 35—Very neatly made out, but exaltations are made with a less number than three petitioners.

Tuskegee, No. 43—Dues not carried out or amount given; date of R. A. M. not given.

Choctaw, No. 44—Names of officers appearing among the list of members, and improperly placed, also the names of deceased members. They state the removal of members to Texas; date of R. A. M. incorrect.

Allenton, No. 52—Number of members not inserted; amount of dues not carried out; Tyler used instead of Sentinel, and exaltations with a less number of petitioners than is approved by the Grand Chapter.

Your committee recommend that the High Priests of Subordinate Chapters inspect the returns of their respective Chapters, and see that they are not only neatly made out, but in accordance with the Constitution, regulations and forms of the Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SYDNEY SMITH, Chairman.

Comp Norris, from the Committee on Dispensations, reported thereon, which was concurred in:

To the Most E. G. H. P., King, Scribe and Members of the G. R. A. Chapter of Alabama:

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the proceedings of Rockford Chapter No. 62, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find them badly incorrect, and badly kept. Not signed by the H. P., no by-laws. We recommend they be instructed to adopt by-laws, and charter be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. NORRIS, Chairman.

Comp. Clopton, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report, which was concurred in.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit the following report:

The Grand Secretary has placed in the hands of your committee the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the States of Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Iowa, New York, Indiana, Louisiana, Texas and Vermont, and of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Your committee regret, that other duties and engagements have prevented them from devoting that time and attention to the subject-matter of this report, which their importance requires. We are compelled to refrain from any discussion of these subjects, and must content ourselves with quoting the opinions of others. We regret this compulsion less, however, inasmuch as every question, at present mooted, has received full and ample discussion from minds far more capable of doing justice to its merits, than your committee are qualified to bestow. Much light and knowledge have been shed upon the science of Masonic Jurisprudence, which, we doubt not, will prove highly beneficial to the Craft.

Your committee also feel relieved from much labor, which would otherwise have devolved upon them, by the prompt action and decisions of the last General Grand Chapter, which determined all the vexed questions that, before then, had been engaging the attention of the different Grand Chapters.

In reviewing the proceedings received by your committee, we have been much gratified by the evidences which they furnish, of a general prosperity in this department of Masonry throughout the wide extent of our country. Never before has Royal Arch Masonry stood on a surer or firmer basis. Whilst the necessary physical qualifications of a candidate have elicited much thought, research and discussion, it has not been forgotten, that there are also certain mental and moral qualifications requisite. In respect to the character and deportment of the members of the Fraternity, the highest moral ground has been taken by some of the Grand Chapters. The Grand Chapter of New York, for instance, adopted this resolution—"that profanity, drunkenness and gambling have ever been held as high offences in Masonry, and ought not to be practised or tolerated among Royal Arch Masons; and the Chapters are directed to make these offences causes of severe discipline." We hope and believe that Royal A. Masonry is progressing, with all expected speed, to the consummation of its noble destiny.

On the 18th day of June last, a Grand Chapter was organized for the State of Iowa, under the authority of the G. G. Chapter. M. E. T. S. Parvin was elected G. H. Priest. No proceedings were had, except such as were necessary to an organization. On behalf of this G. Chapter, your committee extended the hand of affection to the youngest of all the Grand Chapters, and send greetings of kindness and good will, with the wish that it may possess uninterrupted prosperity, and that peace may abide within its borders.

Your committee have not the time, however profitable and pleasant it would be, to present a synopsis of the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters. Many of them are almost exclusively local in their character. There are a few questions, however, which are, at this time, receiving the attention of some of these Grand Bodies, and which will interest you. To some of these, your committee invite the attention of this Grand Chapter.

THE RIGHT OF A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TO TRY AN OFFICER OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER.

The discussion of this question arose from the expression of an official opinion by the G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, that "it is incompetent for a Subordinate Chapter to try, for any purpose, either of its own presiding officers, or, much less, any one of the Constitutional Grand Officers." The committee on Masonic *law and usage* of that Grand Chapter dissented from the opinion of the G. H. Priest; and it is matter of regret to us, that we have not received the report of that committee, which has been so much commended by others for its learning and ability, in order that we might fully understand the grounds of their dissent. A difference of opinion also exists between the Committees on Foreign Correspondence in the other Grand Chapters.

The committee of the Grand Chapter of Missouri uses the following language:

"Your committee are compelled to differ with the (Grand) High Priest of Arkansas. They hold, that whilst it is not competent for a Lodge to try its Master, or a Chapter its High Priest, it is yet competent for a Lodge or a Chapter to try any *other* of its officers or members for unmasonic conduct. An officer of a Grand Lodge or a Grand Chapter is amenable to the body that creates him, for the mal-performance or non-performance of the duties that appertain to his office; but for any violation of Masonic duty or obligation, apart from those duties, he is amenable to his Lodge or his Chapter."

The committee of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana remarks as follows:

"In the opinion of your committee, a subordinate Chapter is competent to try and suspend, or expel for cause, any member of their Chapter, except the High Priest of the Chapter, and the G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter under which she holds her charter, or in case of absence, death, or other disability of the High Priest or G. High Priest, the presiding officer of the Chapter or Grand Chapter, for the time being.

"Should the views of the G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas prevail, and the subordinate officers of a Grand Chapter be declared too high to be reached by the disciplinary action of the subordinate Chapter to which they belong, how long would it be before the *members* of the Grand Chapter would *also* claim exemption from trial for offences in the subordinate Chapter, and thus an aristocratic body grow up among us too high to be reached by the power that gave them existence?"

In this opinion, the committee in Missouri concur, and also the same committee in Connecticut.

On the other hand, in commenting upon the opinion expressed by Comp. Taylor, of Missouri, "that whilst it is not competent for a Lodge to try its Master, or a Chapter its High Priest, it is yet competent for a Lodge or chapter to try any other of its officers or members for unmasonic conduct. An officer of a Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter is amenable to the body that creates him, for the mal-performance or non-

performance of the duties that appertain to his office, but for any violation of Masonic duty or obligation, apart from those duties, he is amenable to his Lodge or Chapter." The very able and learned chairman of the Committee of the Grand Chapter of New York says: "It will be observed that these opinions are but opinions, yet we are happy to accord to them much consideration for the conceded learning and high position of their author. We must be allowed, however, to inquire upon what ground the distinguished Comp. draws a distinction between different offenses committed by a Grand Officer in fixing the tribunal which is to try him? And who is to decide whether his delinquency be official or personal? If, like the arrangements of the municipal law, we had a civil and a criminal court, and distinctions existed which should direct the offender to one or the other of these courts for correction, there would be substantial reasons for sending the delinquent in the one case to the Grand Chapter, and in the other to the Subordinate Chapter, for trial, but in the absence of the different tribunals, and in the absence of these different codes, it appears to us that the offender is amenable alone to the body whose officer he is. If this be so, a Subordinate Chapter has no jurisdiction over an officer of the Grand Chapter, whatever his grade or offence may be. In expressing our belief in the correctness of this conclusion, we beg to refer to our comments on the report of Comp. Storer, of Connecticut, for additional reasons why such a policy should prevail. We would add, that the same reasons which render it improper for a Chapter to try its High Priest, must certainly arise in its attempt to try either the King or the Scribe. They have no peers in the Chapter, out of the council of which they form constituent parts, and they are equally liable to the Grand Chapter for the proper conduct of the body over which they preside. For these reasons we feel little hesitation in endorsing the opinions advanced by the learned Companion who presides over the Grand Chapter of Arkansas."

Your committee concur in the opinion expressed by Comp. King of New York, but will not engage in the futile attempt

to add anything to his conclusive, though condensed argument.

THE GRAND CHAPTERS OF VIRGINIA, PENNSYLVANIA AND FLORIDA.

It is well known to this Grand Body, that these Grand Chapters have never connected themselves with the G. G. Chapter. The Grand Chapter of Virginia appointed a committee to consider the propriety of doing so. The majority of the committee reported in favor of connecting with the G. G. Chapter,—the report of the minority was against it. No definite action was had by the Grand Chapter upon these reports. The Grand Chapter of Florida seems as determined as ever in its opposition to the G. G. Chapter. We have no means of knowing how the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is affected upon the subject. A difference of opinion prevails, to some extent, concerning the relations of the Grand Chapters which are united with the G. G. Chapter and these several Grand Chapters. Your committee agree with the opinion expressed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, with the light and knowledge which they now possess upon the subject. That committee uses the following language concerning the action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, in reference to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:

“Your committee regret exceedingly to find the following action of this Grand Chapter, with reference to our elder sister, Pennsylvania:

“Comp. Warren, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which was referred the matter in relation to admitting Royal Arch Masons, hailing from Pennsylvania, to seats in Chapters under this jurisdiction, reported against admitting any Royal Arch Masons to visit Chapters in this State, hailing from Pennsylvania, or any other State in this Union, not acknowledging the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

"On motion, the question was divided, and so much of the report as relates to Royal Arch Masons, hailing from Pennsylvania, was adopted."

"It is true that Pennsylvania did not, in 1798, choose to come into the union which formed the General Grand Chapter, and she has to this day declined the invitation.

"If we are not much mistaken, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was organized in 1795, and is consequently much the senior of the General Grand Chapter. Since that period, she has gone on steadily and successfully, and maintains, with honorable reputation, a proud position among Grand Chapters.

"Your committee are at a loss for a motive for the strange action of our companions of Illinois, unless it be the result of an over-much zeal for the maintainance and glory of the General Grand Chapter. That portion of the report which was laid upon the table, seems to justify such a conclusion.

"If a companion were legally made and in good standing, whether hailing from Pennsylvania, Virginia, or Florida, we, in Missouri, would deem ourselves derelict in duty and Masonic good brotherhood to refuse him admission, merely because those Grand Chapters have not seen proper to become affiliated with the General Grand Chapter.

"If there be no cause, other than the one we have alluded to, which has prompted the legislation of our companions, we fraternally ask them to examine well the position they have assumed, and not hastily sever the chain of union and strength whose links bind us in one glorious confederation."

Your committee are aware that the Grand Chapter of Missouri does not entertain, itself, the kindest feelings for the G. G. Chapter; and hence we would scrutinize more closely and carefully any opinion, in which the G. G. Chapter was interested, that might be expressed by that Grand Chapter:—not that we believe it would do the G. G. Chapter any intentional injustice, but because our judgments are so subject to be, unconsciously, influenced by our feelings. To sustain, however, the action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, would seem to be the beginning of an effort to cause them, ar-

bitrarily, to unite with the G. G. Chapter, and thus deprive them of their sovereign right to decide for themselves, Your committee, nevertheless, will indulge the hope, that the day is not far distant when every Grand Chapter in the United States will be harmoniously united in the support of the G. G. Chapter; the proceedings of which, we shall now briefly consider.

The triennial session of the General Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall in Lexington, Kentucky, on the 13th day of September, 1853; M. E. Robert P. Dunlap, G. G. H. Priest. There are twenty-four Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, which embraces all in the United States, except Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida. Twenty of these were represented at Lexington. This Grand Chapter was represented by Comp. Pfister, Proxy for D. G. H. Priest; none of our other officers were present; but, for their absence, rendered satisfactory excuses at our last Convocation.

The proceedings of the G. G. Chapter are interesting and of great importance to the Craft. By its prompt, enlightened and judicious action, it has redeemed its character and reputation from the charges which had been preferred against it. Questions of Masonic Jurisprudence, which had agitated the several Grand Chapters for many years, and the tendency of which was to partially estrange them, were finally determined; and a more harmonious feeling appears to exist between the Grand Chapters, since its session, than did previously. No want of firmness or decision in meeting important and intricate questions was manifested; and a careful study of its proceedings will shed much light upon the science of Royal Arch Masonry. A brief synopsis of the proceedings and decisions of the G. G. Chapter will not be uninteresting to your Grand Body.

A letter from Comp. Simon Greenleaf to the M. E. G. H. Priest, was laid before the Grand Chapter, of which the following is a copy:

"Cambridge, June 24, 1852.

Hon. R. P. Dunlap, *General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S.*

Dear sir and Companion: You are already aware that during the war of the Revolution, there was a Lodge of Free Masons in the main army, called Washington Lodge, of which my father, the late Captain Moses Greenleaf, of the eleventh Massachusetts regiment, was Master. I have often heard him mention the visits of the Commander-in-Chief to this Lodge, and the high gratification they afforded to the officers and members—especially as he came without ceremony as a private brother. It has occurred to me that the records of this Lodge may still be in existence, and that if so, they ought to be recovered and deposited for safe-keeping in the archives of the craft. Permit me, therefore, to invite your attention to this subject, as I know of no member of the Fraternity whose position affords equal facilities for the accomplishment of this desirable object.

Believe, me, dear sir, with great regard, faithfully yours,

SIMON GREENLEAF."

We have copied this letter, both on account of the interesting incident, connected with the history of Masonry during the war of the Revolution, which it narrates, and the attachment which it discloses, the Father of our country cherished for the Institution; as well also to excite more diligent and general enquiry for the records of the Lodge, therein referred to, if they are still in existence.

In obedience to a resolution of the Grand Chapter of New York, Comp. Lewis of that State presented the following resolutions, and the matters therein contained, for consideration and definite action, which together with another resolution offered by him, were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter recommend the adoption by thhe G. G. Chapter, of the resolution proposed by

a committee of that body at its last session, (that of 1850,) on the subject of establishing a representative fund.

2. *Resolved*, That we do not believe that Chapters have a right to confer the degrees upon Master Masons who have lost an arm, or who are under any disability either to receive the degrees in Masonry, impart them, or be recognized as a regularly made Companion.

3. *Resolved*, That Chapters have not exclusive jurisdiction over the Past Master's Degree; and that when the same is conferred on Masters elect by a Past Master, according to ancient usage, it is not *unmasonic* and *clandestine*.

4. *Resolved*, That a High Priest may be installed, and enter upon the duties of his office before receiving the degree of High Priesthood.

The Committee, subsequently, submitted the following report, viz:—

"The undersigned, a majority of thte Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, beg leave to submit the following resolutions as their report on the 2d, 3d, and 4th resolutions passed by the Grand Chapter of New York at their meeting in February, 1853, to be found on page 97, of their proceedings; and the resolution of Comp. J. L. Lewis, in relation to the powers of the officers of State Grand Chapters.

1. *Resolved*, That it is Masonically illegal for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, M. E. Master, and Royal Arch Mason, on a brother Master Mason who has lost a leg or an arm.

2. *Resolved*, That it is legal and Masonic for the requisite number of Past Masters who have themselves been duly qualified to preside over a Lodge to confer the degree of Past Master, according to ancient usage, on the Master elect of a Lodge.

3. *Resolved*, That it is not indispensably necessary, though always desirable, that a High Priest elect should have received the order of High Priesthood to qualify him to preside over a Chapter, installation by a present or Past High Priest, duly authorized, being sufficient.

4. *Resolved*, That the Officers of State Grand Chapters possess no powers, incidental or otherwise, except such as are expressly conferred by the Constitutions of State Grand Chapters or of the G. G. Chapter, or by their express authority otherwise given.

W. B. DOBBS,
PHILLIP C. TUCKER,
E. G. STORER,
THOS. C. EDWARDS.

The undersigned concurs in the 2d, 3d, and 4th of the foregoing resolutions; dissents from the 1st, and begs leave to submit the following as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, That inasmuch as Masonry is speculative rather than operative, that it is Masonic and legal for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, 1. E. Master, and Royal Arch, on a worthy Master Mason who has lost a leg or an arm, Chapters in all cases being the proper judges of the propriety of so doing.

WILLIS STEWART, Chairman.

The first resolution was laid on the table. The second was, on motion of Comp. Mackey, amended so as to read as follows: "That this body does not claim jurisdiction over the degree of Past Master, when about to be conferred on a Master elect of a Symbolic Lodge;" and was adopted as amended. The third resolution was indefinitely postponed, and the fourth was adopted.

A resolution was adopted requesting the four first officers of the G. G. Chapter, to cause the work of R. A. Masonry, as sanctioned by the G. G. Chapter at the preceding triennial meeting, to be exemplified. In accordance, the work was afterwards exemplified by Comp. Lovell, of Massachusetts; after which, the majority of the Committee on Work made a verbal report. Comp. Mackey, from the same committee, submitted the following as the report of the minority:

"The minority of the committee, to whom was referred the exemplification of the work adopted by the General G. Chapter, at its session in 1850, and exemplified at this session, respectfully report:—

That, in their opinion, the said work, more especially so far as respects the Royal Arch Degree, is so contrary to, and subversive of, the landmarks of Free Masonry, that they cannot consistently with their obligations as Royal Arch Masons, recommend the same for adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALBERT G. MACKEY,
Delegate from South Carolina.

JOSEPH FOSTER,
Delegate from Missouri."

The whole subject was subsequently laid upon the table, without adopting either report, thus leaving the mode of work as previously adopted by the G. G. Chapter.

On the subject of the physical qualifications of a candidate, Comp. Tucker of Vermont, from the committee appointed at the previous biennial meeting, made a very able and lucid report, which closes in the following language:

"Your committee, then, having treated the question as one resting upon constitutional paramount authority, and not upon mere regulation; having investigated the authority which, in their opinion, should govern the decision upon it, and having satisfied themselves that the subject-matter is not a question of mere policy, but one which involves an "ancient landmark" of the Order, have reached the unavoidable conclusion, that *it is competent and Masonically lawful for Royal Arch Chapters as well as Blue Lodges, to confer the respective degrees of Masonry, properly conferrable by each, upon all candidates whose defects of bodily qualifications are not such as to prevent them from conforming literally to what the several degrees respectively require of them.* If their physical capacities enable them to do this they are admissible, and can comply with every requisition of the Order.

Your committee are perfectly aware that the Ahiman Rezon contains a different rule, and requires a candidate to be *perfect in every bodily qualification*; but they have already said that they do not acknowledge that work as authority when it conflicts with the constitutions of Anderson."

The report was made the special order for the next day, when it was considered, and the following proceedings were had:—

Comp. Tucker offered the following resolution in relation to this subject, viz:

"Resolved, That it is competent and Masonically lawful for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees of Masonry, within their jurisdiction, upon all candidates whose defects of bodily qualifications are not such as to prevent them from conforming literally to what such degrees respectively require, if in other respects qualified."

Comp. Mackey moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word resolved, and inserting,

"That no Royal Arch Chapter should take a candidate unless he be a perfect man, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art."

Comp. Gilman moved to amend the amendment, by striking out all after the word "that," and inserting, "it is incompetent for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees of Masonry upon candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally to all the requirements of those degrees;" which amendment was agreed to.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to, and the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Your committee are of opinion that the resolution as amended and adopted, would have been a correct exposition of Masonic law, if it had extended so far as to have prevented the degrees from being conferred upon a candidate, whose physical defects are such as to prevent him from conforming, literally, to all the requirements of all the degrees.

The special committee on the Royal and Select Masters Degrees, made the following report:

"The undersigned, a special committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, commonly called the Council Degrees, respectfully report: That they have examined the several very able reports and resolutions which have been made upon the subject of these degrees in various State jurisdictions, and attentively considered the positions taken by them, and have availed themselves of the light and information which they shed upon the history, character and value of them. The subject is one which has claimed a large share of the attention of the fraternity for many years, and loud calls are made upon this G. G. Body to definitely settle the various questions which have grown out of the discussion. We have regarded these demands as rightly and properly urged, and have aimed to arrive at such conclusions as are just, as well as satisfactory; and although we cannot flatter ourselves that we have entirely succeeded, yet as a reflection of the views of Companions, we think it will meet the just expectations of the larger number, and give offence to none.

"The important question is that of jurisdiction, and to that single point we have directed attention. We have not aimed to reconcile contending claims, as, from the conclusion to which we have arrived, it is not necessary. We regret to state that past action and past legislation on the part of this M. E. Body, has given rise to many misapprehensions, and induced the belief that the Royal and Select Masters Degrees were within the pale of the jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masonry; and hence, looking at this body as the common head, G. Chapters and Subordinates of this body have come to the conclusion that they were under their control, where Councils did not exist. But when we come to trace the common source of title, we are unable to discover how this Body has or ever had any rightful jurisdiction over them; and it must be borne in mind, that it is incumbent on this body to prove title affirmatively and conclusively, and not to rely upon the weakness of the title of any other claimant. We think there will be found an utter failure of proof on this point; and

when we examine the G. G. Constitution, and find no allusion to these degrees, and, on the contrary, a distinct recognition of the four degrees conferred in R. A. Chapters, and those alone, and that Comp. R. A. Masons are affiliated with us throughout the land, without reference to their possession of them, we are irresistibly led to the conclusion that no governmental jurisdiction in Royal Arch Masonry has any control over them. And if this strong position needed any confirmation in the existing state of things in the Fraternity, we shall find that in those States where they are cultivated to any considerable extent, they are under the government of Councils where these degrees and no others are conferred, and there we are content to leave them.

"The conclusions to which we have arrived, will render it unnecessary for us to examine any of the other questions which have grown out of the discussions relative to these degrees; for if we have no jurisdiction, we have no right to pass upon them, and we do not here assume to state who has jurisdiction, but only to state that, in our judgment, we have not. The subject has been examined so thoroughly and elaborately, and the features of it have been so fully canvassed by the whole Fraternity, that we have not deemed it expedient to recapitulate any of the various positions which have been taken, and to defend or deny them. We trust that this M. E. Body will concur with us in opinion that the demands of justice and the claims of expediency, both require a settlement of the whole matter, and that it be hereafter excluded from the consideration of the R. A. Masons as such.

"We subjoin the following resolutions, expressive of our conclusions, for the consideration of the G. G. Chapter:

Resolved, That this G. G. Chapter, and the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masonry, affiliated with, and holding jurisdiction under it, have no rightful jurisdiction or control over the Degrees of Royal and Select Master.

Resolved, That this G. G. Chapter will hereafter entertain no question or matter growing out of the government or working of those degrees, while in their present position."

Which resolutions were adopted, and will, no doubt, meet the approval of this G. Chapter.

The question, whether any High Priest of a Subordinate Chapter can properly be installed, before being duly anointed by a regular Council of High Priests, was submitted to a special committee, who afterwards presented a report, accompanied by the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, That it is not within the province or the control of this General Grand Chapter, or of any State Grand Chapter, to define the duties or powers of a Council of High Priests.

"Resolved, That while, in deference to the long established usages of Royal Arch Masonry in this country, it is recommended that every newly elected High Priest should, as soon as it is convenient, receive the order of High Priesthood; his anointment as such is not necessary to his installation, or to the full and entire discharge of all his powers and duties as the presiding officer of his Chapter."

The Constitution of the G. G. Chapter was thoroughly revised, and many amendments were made. In consequence of these, it will be necessary for the several Grand Chapters, in like manner, to revise their Constitutions, in order that there may be no conflict. Your committee do not deem it necessary to notice these various amendments; but would recommend that the subject be referred to an appropriate committee.

The General Grand Chapter refused to adopt the proposed plan for creating a "Representative" fund; or to fix a permanent location for its sessions. M. E. Robert P. Dunlap was re-elected G. G. H. Priest; and the next session will be held in Hartford, Connecticut, in September, 1856.

Your committee have now noticed all the business transacted by the G. G. Chapter, which bears, directly, upon the State G. Chapters. In view of the amount and importance of the business transacted, your committee feel that they cannot more appropriately close this report than by quoting the following remarks of Comp. King, of New York, in reference to that Body. He says, "she has established two-thirds, if not three-fourths of all the Grand Chapters now existing in the

Union; she has established many colonies of Royal Arch Masonry in territories where no organizations of the kind previously existed; she has regulated the orbits of the State Grand Chapters, wherein, if they will prove true to the mission which she has confided to them, and to the laws which she has marked out for them, they may move in ceaseless harmony; she has controlled and settled, to a large extent, conflicting interests between State bodies which had otherwise remained unsettled, reducing in their jarring contact disastrous collisions; she has agreed upon and is now disseminating a mode of *work* which brings from the quarries of Maine and those of Louisiana, from the quarries of Michigan and those of Georgia, specimens of Masonry which, when adjusted, will rear a temple perfect in all its parts, and unequalled in beauty, symmetry and grandeur by anything in modern times; and she has cultivated harmony and fraternity among the great sisterhood of her subordinates."

All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID CLOPTON, Chairman.

On motion of Comp. Hastings:

Resolved, That the sum of nine dollars, overpaid by Zerubabel Chapter, No. 56, for dues at our last Convocation, be refunded.

Resolved, That the note of Comps. Dixon and Moore be extended for one year at 7 per cent. per annum.

On motion of Comp. Miller:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to our worthy Grand Secretary, for his services during the past year.

On motion of Comp. Ferrell:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be appropriated to the Grand Sentinel, for his services during the present Grand Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.,
December 9, 1854.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor, and proceeded to business.

M. E. William Hendrix, P. G. H. P., in the chair.

The Grand Officers at their stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers.

On motion of Comp. Wiley :

Resolved, That Comp. Hastings, Grand Treasurer, be allowed fifty dollars, out of the funds of the Grand Chapter, for his services during the past year.

The Grand Chapter was closed until next Annual Convocation.

DIED.

- No. 5. Eunomia Chapter----Archibald E. Mills, May 12.
- 6. Cyrus Chapter-----James M. Stewart, March 10
- 10. Tuscumbia Chapter-E. B. Wilkerson,
- 12. Marion Chapter ----James C. Harrell.
- 22. Montgomery ChapterNimrod E. Benson.
Joseph T. Moore.
- 24. Eufaula Chapter --- J. C. Wellborn,
- 29. Eureka Chapter ---- William Graves, Nov. 11.
- 30. James Penn ChapterAlfred Moore.
- 57. Lebanon Chapter ---John B. Burns.



SUSPENDED.

- No. 10. Tuscumbia ----- John S. Allen,
Willis Lucas.
- 33. Autauga -----A. W. McNeill.
- 37. Concord -----James M. Grady.

EXPELLED.

- No. 30. James Penn ----- R. G. Earle.
 37. Concord ----- Dr. James M. Gunn.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama commenced its existence in the City of Mobile, on the 19th of May, 1823. Of its Grand Officers then, and since, the following are known to be living:

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

Edward Herndon -----	Gainesville -----	1840
James Penn -----	Memphis, Tenn. -----	1844
Felix G. Norman -----	Tuscumbia -----	1845
William Hendrix -----	Marion -----	1847
William P. Chilton -----	Tuskegee -----	1851

DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

G. W. Esselman -----	1837
J. L. F. Cottrell -----	Hayneville ----- 1838
J. McCaleb Wiley -----	Troy ----- 1845
James L. Price -----	Uniontown ----- 1851

GRAND KINGS.

Harry I. Thornton -----	San Francisco, Cal. -----	1826
William A. Ferrell -----	Hollow Square -----	1839
Charles Whelan -----	Greensboro -----	1843
Stephen F. Hale -----	Eutaw -----	1845
Sterling A. M. Wood -----	Florence -----	1846
James M. Brundidge -----	Athens -----	1847
John R. Clark -----	Jacksonville -----	1850
William H. Norris -----	Fulton -----	1851
Thomas J. Clark -----	Hope -----	1853

GRAND SCRIBES.

James Weakly	Florence	1824
Thaddeus Sanford	Mobile	1826
John A. Whetstone	Texas	1840
Rev. E. V. Levert	Marion	1843
Syd. Smith	Dayton	1846
M. W. Davis	Uchee	1853

GRAND SECRETARIES.

William D. Stone	Pickensville	1825
John G. Aikin	Stockton	1827
Doric S. Ball	New Orleans, La.	1837
Amand P. Pfister	Montgomery	1839

GRAND TREASURERS.

John H. Vincent	Chicago, Ill.	1823
Henry A. Snow	Tuscaloosa	1825
Major Cook	Fairfield	1837
L. S. Skinner	Tuscaloosa	1841
William Garrett	Bradford	1852
E. M. Hastings	Montgomery	1850

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Rev. J. H. Thomason		1838
Rev. James Young	Louisville, Ky.	1845
Rev. Thomas S. Abernathy	Dayton, Ohio	1846
Rev. H. H. Brown	Bridgeforth	1848
Rev. S. R. Wright	Newbern	1850
Rev. P. R. McCrary	Summerfield	1851
Rev. J. H. Willoughby	Gaylesville	1852

GRAND LECTURERS.

David Hartwell	Lowndesboro	1848
Thomas Harrison	Montgomery	1850

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	Chapters.	Locations.	Counties.	High Priests.	Secretaries.
1	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	Henry McGowen,	Henry Kulper.
4	Monroe,	Claiborne,	Monroe,	R. C. Torrey,	James M. Agee.
5	Eunomia,	Huntsville,	Madison,	R. C. Brickell,	J. T. Yeatman.
6	Cyrus,	Florence,	Lauderdale,	Sam'l B. Weakley,	T. F. Pettus.
9	Clinton,	Athens,	Limestone,	John Turrentine,	J. W. Sloss.
10	Tuscumbia,	Tuscumbia,	Franklin,	John Sevier,	John N. Green.
11	Phoenix,	Greensboro,	Greene,	F. M. Peterson,	W. Kerr.
12	Marion,	Marion,	Perry,	E. V. Levert,	John G. Huckabee.
15	Hayneville,	Hayneville,	Lowndes,	No report,	
17	Wetumpka,	Wetumpka,	Autauga,	W. A. Allen,	W. T. Hatchett.
18	Jameston,	Warsaw,	Sumter,	Gray Little,	J. B. Wilkinson.
19	Mount Moriah,	Clinton,	Greene,	D. Harrison,	B. T. Higginbotham
20	Livingston,	Livingston,	Sumter,	D. L. Ayres,	S. W. Murley.
21	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	H. S. Levert,	J. A. Miller.
22	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Montgomery.	H. P. Watson.	B. S. Theiss.
23	Talladega,	Talladega,	Talladega,	John M. Moore,	W. Taylor.
24	Eufaula,	Eufaula,	Barbour,	J. H. Danforth,	C. W. Snow.

25	Courtland,	Courtland,	Lawrence,	J. C. Baker,	G. W. Griffin.
26	Union,	Uniontown,	Perry,	J. L. Price,	J. G. Hudson.
27	Dayton,	Dayton,	Marengo,	E. D. Connor,	E. Rogers.
28	St. Johns,	Selma,	Dallas,	John M. Strong,	J. B. Harrison.
29	Eureka,	Lowndesboro,	Lowndes,	D. Hartwell,	A. J. Caffey.
30	James Penn,	Jacksonville,	Benton,	J. R. Clark,	M. J. Turnley.
31	Per. Friends p	Benton,	Lowndes,	W. S. Knox,	W. L. Earnest.
32	Fulton,	Fulton,	Dallas,	William H. Norris,	W. M. Ridgeway.
33	Autauga,	Autaugaville,	Autauga,	D. B. Smedley,	J. H. Golson.
34	Hermon,	Union Springs,	Macon,	T. L. McGowen,	E. W. Toney.
35	Jas. L. Daniel,	Glennville,	Barbour,	A. C. Mitchell,	W. M. Turner.
36	Pickensville,	Pickensville,	Pickens,	David A. Walker,	W. H. Terrill.
37	Concord,	LaFayette,	Chambers,	E. J. Bacon,	J. L. Williams.
39	Turnbull,	Turnbull,	Monroe,	No report,	
40	Camden,	Camden,	Wilcox,	S. G. Cochran,	J. D. Catlin, Jr.
41	Washington,	Summerfield,	Dallas,	P. R. McCrary,	C. N. Briggs.
42	Macon,	Auburn,	Macon,	J. W. W. Drake,	P. H. Swanson.
43	Tuskegee,	Tuskegee,	Macon,	W. P. Chilton,	Daniel Sayre.
44	Choctaw,	Mt. Sterling,	Choctaw,	E. T. Ridgeway,	J. T. Foster.
45	Dadeville,	Dadeville,	Tallapoosa,	A. W. Ballard,	M. C. Lane.
46	Jerusalem,	New Prospect,	Greene,	No report.	
48	McKinley,	McKinley,	Marengo,	W. B. Modawell,	Y. M. Moody.

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50	Sumterville,	Sumterville,	Sumter,	L. H. Anderson,	W. G. Myers.
51	Franklin,	Sparta,	Conecuh,	No report,	
52	Allenton,	Allenton,	Wilcox,	J. G. Bythewood,	D. W. Carter.
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55	Suggsville,	Suggsville,	Clarke,	James S. Dickinson,	Samuel Forwood.
56	Zerubbabel,	Oak Bowery,	Chambers,	H. S. Wilkinson,	W. F. Slaton.
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58	Hartwell,	Cahaba,	Dallas,	James Kelly,	J. A. Loder.
59	Bladon Spgs.	Bladon Spgs.	Washington,	W. A. D. White,	A. H. Hutchison.
60	Hiram,	Bragg's Store,	Lowndes,	S. D. Moorer,	R. D. Hunter.
61	Signet,	Society Hill,	Macon,	T. F. Flournoy,	R. T. Foote.
62	Rockford,	Rockford,	Coosa,	William Garrett,	
63	Midway,	Midway,	Barbour,	W. A. Willis,	J. C. P. Kennymore.
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