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of
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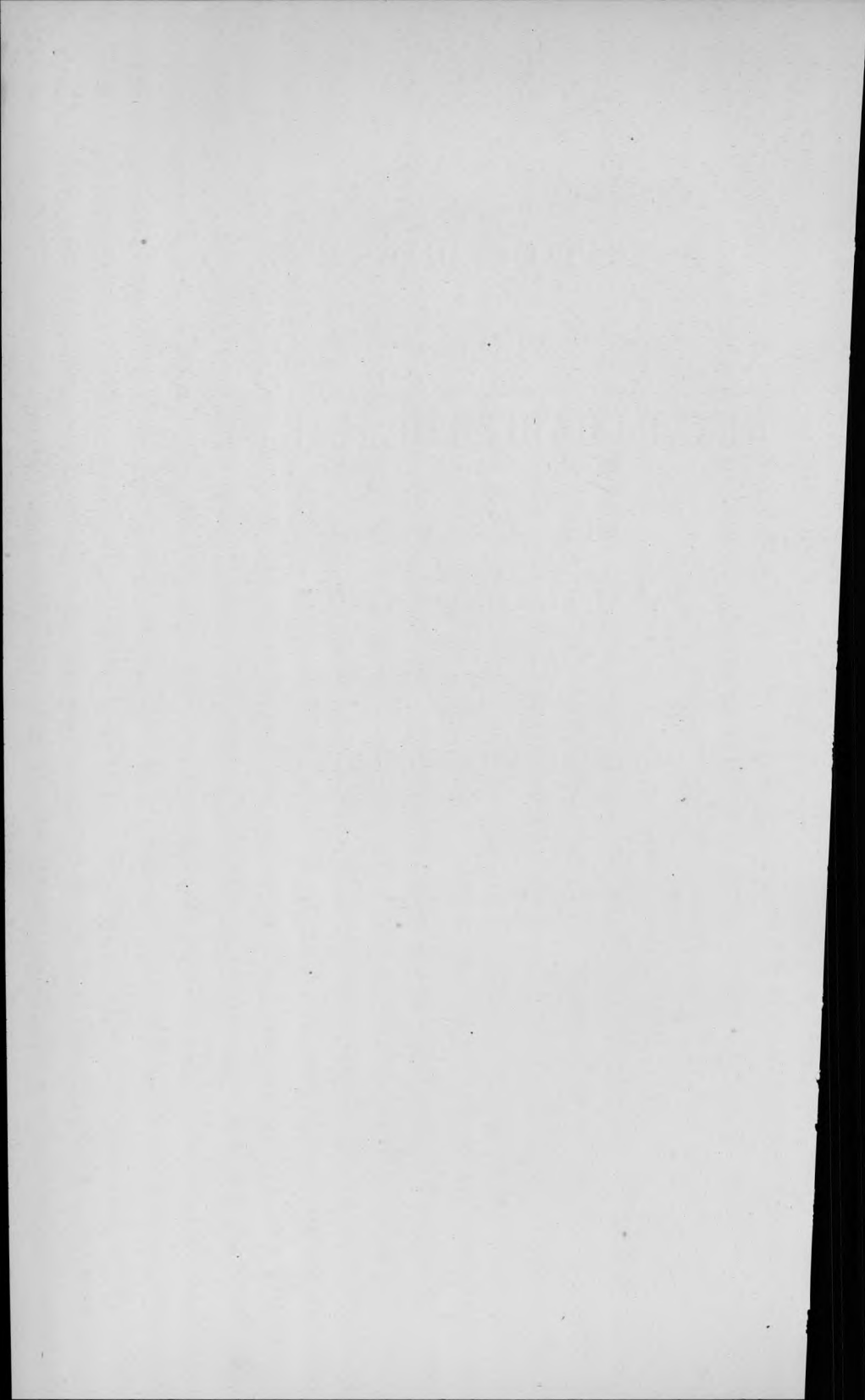
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA
AT THE
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD IN THE
CITY OF MONTGOMERY
COMMENCING
DECEMBER 4, 1860.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, convened at its thirty-fourth Annual Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 4th day of December, 1860, R. A. M., 2390.

PRESENT.

E. THOS. F. FLOURNOY, D. G. H. P. as Grand High Priest.
 E. J. M. BRUNDIDGE, *pro tem*, Dep. G. H. Priest.
 E. H. P. WATSON, Grand King.
 E. EDWARD HERNDON, *pro tem*, Grand Scribe.
 E. E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.
 E. DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.
 E. J. H. WILLOUGHBY, Grand Chaplain.
 E. THOMAS McDOUGALL, Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

EDWARD HERNDON, Dep. G. High Priest.
 J. McCALEB WILEY, Dep. G. High Priest.
 H. S. SHELTON, Grand King.
 WILLIAM H. NORRIS, Grand King.
 JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE, Grand King.
 STEPHEN F. HALE, Grand King.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

No.	Chapters.	Names of Officers.	Grade.
1	Tuscaloosa,	John M. Martin,	
2	Ex,		
3	Ex,		
4	Monroe,	R. C. Torrey,	H. P.
		J. C. Arthur,*	K.
24	GC		

No.	Chapters.	Names of Officers.	Grade.
5	Eunomia,		
6	Cyrus,	John S. Kennedy,*	H. P.
7	Ex,		
8	Ex,		
9			
10	Tuscumbia,	L. B. Thornton,	K.
11	Phoenix,		
12	Marion,	R. T. Jones,	H. P.
		James B. Sellick,*	K.
		C. H. Wood,*	S.
13	Ex,		
14	Ex,		
15	Ex,		
16	Ex,		
17	Wetumpka,		
18			
19	Mt. Moriah,		
20			
21	Mobile,	Lewis D. Krebs,*	H. P.
22	Montgomery,	H. P. Watson,	H. P.
		N. B. Cloud,	K.
		Charles L. Bulger,	S.
23	Ex,		
24	Eufaula,	H. P. Pratt,	H. P.
25	Courtland,		
26	Union,	Richard Clarke,	H. P.
27			
28	St. John's,	James B. Harrisor,	H. P.
29	Ex,		
30	James Penn,	J. C. Baird,	H. P.
31	Perfect Friendship,	Henry Traum,	H. P.
32	Fulton,	W. E. Beaird,	H. P.
33	Autauga,	B. F. Davis,*	H. P.
34	Hermon,		

No.	Chapters.	Names of Officers.	Grade.
35	James L. Daniel,	William Ivey,	H. P.
		A. B. Starke,	S.
36	Pickensville,	H. S. Shelton,	H. P.
37	Concord,	Jefferson Falkner,	H. P.
		J. W. Oslin,*	K.
38	Ex,		
39	Ex,		
40			
41	Washington,	B. J. Harrison,	H. P.
42	Ex,		
43			
44	Choctaw,	John T. Foster,*	H. P.
		A. A. Stalworth,	S.
45	Ex,		
46	Ex,		
47	Ex,		
48	Ex,		
49	Hope,	Isaac W. Anderson,*	H. P.
50	Sumter,	A. D. Hall,*	K.
51	Ex,		
52	Allenton,	J. G. Bythewood,	H. P.
53	Uchee,	George W. Long,*	H. P.
54	Tyrian,	D. B. Smedley,	H. P.
55	Suggsville,	I. J. Nordlinger,*	H. P.
		James Odom,*	K.
56	Zerubbabel,	J. J. Havis,	H. P.
		A. J. Dawson,*	K.
57	Lebanon,	V. C. Larmore,	S.
58	Hartwell,	John A. Loder,*	H. P.
59			
60	Hiram,	B. A. Posey,*	K.

No.	Chapters.	Names of Officers.	Grade.
61	Signet,	Thomas F. Flournoy, John U. Brown,*	H. P. K.
62	Rockford,	Isaac W. Suttle,	H. P.
63	Clayton,	Moses Padgett, G. J. McMurray,*	H. P. K.
64	Central,	R. W. Cobb,*	H. P.
65	Russell,	J. B. Ragsdale,*	H. P.
36	Alabama,	Peleg Brown,* John Cortright,* John H. Myers,*	H. P. K. S.
67	Farriorville,	A. Haley, Benjamin Still,	H. P. S.
68	Cherokee,	S. H. Sedberry,*	S.
39	Lower Peach Tree,	D. H. Portis, W. H. Southall,* T. S. Threadgill,	H. P. K. S.

* Proxies.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand Secretary made his annual report, and it was referred to the Committee on Accounts:

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama,
Montgomery, December 4, 1860.

Companions:—I herewith submit my report of the finances of the Grand Chapter, so far as they have passed through my hands, during the past Masonic year.

The balance of the contingent fund, amounting to three hundred and forty-nine 75-100 dollars, as shown by my report in the printed proceedings, has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt for the same is herewith submitted. (A.)

The amount of "Dues" received at the last Annual Convocation, amounting to eight hundred and twenty-five 50-100 dollars, as shown by my report in the printed proceedings, has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt for the same is herewith submitted. (B.)

I have received two hundred and seventy dollars for three Dispensations issued, for particulars of which the Grand Chapter is referred to my account accompanying this report, marked (C.) and the amount has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Of the Contingent Fund of six hundred dollars, appropriated at the last Grand Convocation for current exepnses, it has been necessary to expend two hundred and sixty 33-100 dollars, leaving a balance in my hands of three hundred and thirty-nine 67-100 dollars. (D.)

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

(A.)

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.

1859.

DR.

December 6. To balance in the hands of Grand Secretary as shown by report in printed proceedings ----- \$ 349 75

1859.

CR.

December 12. By amount paid over to Grand Treasurer as per his receipt ----- \$ 349 75
Montgomery, December 4, 1860.

(B.)

*DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of
Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.*

DR.

1859.

December. To amount of "Dues" received at the Con-
vocation of 1859, as shown by printed
proceedings -----\$825 50

CR.

1859.

December 12. By amount paid Grand Treasurer as per
his receipt herewith -----\$825 50
Montgomery, December 4, 1860.

(C.)

*DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of
Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.*

DR.

1860.

Feb. 3. To cash received for Dispensation, Choctaw
Corner Chapter, No. 70-----\$90 00
March 31. To cash received for Dispensation, Chapter
No. 71 ----- 90 00
April 12. To cash received for Dispensation, Chapter
No. 72 ----- 90 00

\$270 00

CR.

Dec. 1. By amount paid Grand Treasurer as per his
receipt herewith -----\$270 00
Montgomery, December 4, 1860.

1860.]

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

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(D.)

*DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of
Alabama, in account with the Grand Chapter.*

DR.

1859.

December. To amount of Contingent Fund.....\$600 00

CR.

By bill No. 1, Printing	\$ 140 00	
By bill No. 2, Office rent	100 00	
By bill No. 3, Postage	12 33	
By bill No. 4, Printing	8 00	\$ 260 33
		\$339 67

Montgomery, December 4, 1860.

The Grand Treasurer made his annual report,
and it was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

. DR.

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

1859.

Dec. 6. To balance cash on hand.....	\$ 122 74
Dec. 12. To cash from Grand Secretary for dues....	825 50
Dec. 12. To cash from Grand Secretary, for balance Contingent Fund	349 75

1860.

Dec. 1. To cash from Grand Secretary for Dispensa- tions	270 00
	\$1,567 99

CR.

1859.

Dec. 10.	By paid Thomas McDougall, Grand Sentinel, (Voucher No. 1) -----	\$ 20 00
Dec. 12.	By paid Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, Sal- ry, (Voucher No. 2)-----	300 00
Dec. 12.	By paid Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund, (Voucher No. 3)-----	600 00

1860.

Feb. 9.	By paid E. M. Hastings, Grand Treasurer, appropriation (Voucher No. 4)-----	75 00
Dec. 4.	By balance cash on hand, carried down----	572 99

 \$1,567 99

E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.

Montgomery, December 4, 1860.

Companion E. M. Hastings, from the committee to revise the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, made a report, and it was made the special order for to-morrow at 3 o'clock.

Companion R. C. Torrey made the following report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and it was received and ordered to be published with the printed proceedings:

 REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report, that they have had the pleasure and the task, of examining the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

California -----	1860	Mississippi -----	1860
Canada -----	1860	Missouri -----	1860
Florida -----	1860	New Jersey -----	1859-60
Georgia -----	1860	North Carolina -----	1859-60
Indiana -----	1859	South Carolina -----	1860
Iowa -----	1859-60	Ohio -----	1859-60
Kentucky -----	1860	Tennessee -----	1859
Louisiana -----	1860	Texas -----	1860
Maine -----	1860	Vermont -----	1859
Maryland & Dist. of Col.	1859	Virginia -----	1859
Michigan -----	1859	Wisconsin -----	1860

We notice, in the first place, a pleasant contrast in the matters presented in their proceedings, with what met our eye one year ago. Then a question was agitated respecting not only the powers, but the existence of the General Grand Chapter. Many considered it not only a useless body, but as a positive evil. Others strenuously contended for its great utility and continued existence. The difficulty between it and the Grand Chapter of Michigan added fuel to the fire. The Grand Chapters of Virginia, Florida and Pennsylvania, had never acknowledged its jurisdiction, while those of Kentucky and North Carolina had withdrawn. Several others were making preparations to withdraw.

This state of things called forth, in the several State Grand Chapters, much discussion, which involved the origin and history of Capitular Masonry, and the powers and appropriate duties of the General Grand Chapter. Sufficient on this subject was said by us in our last report. We now allude to it thus to express our pleasure at the happy change which we perceive in the manner and tone of the latter proceedings. The General Grand Chapter has voluntarily divested itself of several assumptions of power. It has now become rather an advisory tribunal—an arbiter to decide questions and disputes which may be voluntarily referred to it—and undertaking to promulgate and establish a uniform system of work; and this, in view of the ability and zeal of the very learned and enlight-

ened Companions who have it in charge, we hope and trust it may fully accomplish. We caused the revised Constitution of this august body to be printed in the proceedings of our last Convocation, and to it we would refer all who desire more particularly to ascertain its office and powers. It succeeded in healing the Michigan difficulty by a course which smacked more of *expediency* than of assertion of authority— but which had the merit of getting out of a difficulty by the shortest route. Sufficient for us that harmony prevails in Michigan.

We are struck, too, with the general and uniform harmony which prevails throughout the Masonic body from Canada to Mexico, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Happily for us, too, we are relieved from discussing many points which engaged our attention a year ago.

The increase of Royal Arch Masonry in the new jurisdictions in the West, appears to be healthy and probably not too rapid, while in the older States it is not exciting more than ordinary zeal.

With these preliminaries we proposed to bring together some of the matters which may possess a more general interest, as they are presented in the printed proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, so far as they have reached us.

California.—May, 1860—Henry Hare Hartley, G. H. P. In his opening address the G. H. P. says that the past year has been one of general prosperity. Not one of the Companions who met at the preceding meeting had been summoned hence by death.

He heartily approves of the amendments of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, by which its assumed powers have been so much curtailed that it cannot be considered anything but an advisory body, without power to do harm.

He expresses an opinion that when a member of a Symbolic Lodge, who is a Royal Arch Mason, is suspended for non-payment of dues by his Lodge, it operates as a suspension in the Chapter, the only difference being that in the one case he may restore himself by paying his dues, while in the other case a vote of the Lodge is required.

The Committee on Jurisprudence sustain this view, and say: "We are prohibited by the ancient rules of the Order from holding Masonic intercourse with a suspended Mason, during the period of his suspension, and that it is not the province of any individual Mason, or any body of Masons, other than that which possesses jurisdiction in the case, to enquire either into the cause or manner of that suspension, * * * The Symbolic degrees being the foundation on which the entire structure of Masonry rests, the standing of a Mason should be good in his Lodge, to entitle him to Masonic fellowship in the Chapter; otherwise he could enjoy all the privileges and rights of a Royal Arch Mason, which include those of a Master Mason, while he would be regarded as masonically unworthy to enter a Lodge. Such an absurdity Masonry does not tolerate." A similar decision has been made by the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

On the subject of dimitting, the Committee on Jurisprudence say: "Our association is purely voluntary. Originally composed of operative, for operative purposes, drones were not permitted to enjoy its benefits; neither was any one compelled to work. Whilst the drones were expelled from the Lodge, those who preferred to withdraw from the active labors of the craft had only to signify their desire. The rules which governed the fraternity while they were operative builders, are the ancient usages and customs of the Order by which we are now governed; these rules are the common law of our Order."

Canada.—Annual Convocation, February, 1860, and Special Convocation, July, 1860. Thomas Douglas Harrington, Grand Z. This Grand Chapter is now recognized by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and is in correspondence with all, or nearly all, the Grand Chapters of the United States. It adopts the intermediate degrees of Past Master and M. E. Master, which are not recognized in England. The principal officers are the Grand Z., Grand H., and Grand J. Eighteen Chapters are under its jurisdiction.

Florida.—January, 1860. The Grand H. P., D. P. Holland, says: "Recollect that oratory is not Masonry; poetic imagery, fluency of language, scholarship and ability to disclose the

vaults of ancient mysteries, are not of themselves Masonry. Be not then deceived by false teachers. *To know what Masonry is*, ask yourself *what was Masonry?*—for what it was, it must ever be, else we are at fault. To ascertain and discover ancient Masonry, and disconnect the spurious from the genuine, test that work which is offered you by the Masonic trying-square, which is the several lectures or traditions, and then if it is square work, and plumb work, it is such work as you are authorized to receive.”

This is well, and well said. He pays a feeling tribute to the memory of that “old Father of Masonry in Florida,” P. G. H. P., Gad Humphries.

He considers that the present Constitution of the General Grand Chapter has made it a thing of name and not of power, and sees no reason why this Grand Chapter should connect itself with it.

It was ruled: That when a candidate has been balloted for and accepted, and the Lodge closed, a Lodge can be opened below with a less number than is necessary to open a Chapter.

That a P. M., by degree, who has never been a Master of a Lodge, cannot be present at the conferring the P. M. degree by Masters of Symbolic Lodges.

That the degree of P. M. is conferred in a Chapter only for the purpose of qualifying the applicant to take the Royal Arch degree.

Georgia.—April, 1860. The G. H. P., P. T. Schley, is not profoundly impressed with the dignity or utility of the General Grand Chapter, even with its amended Constitution. He remarks that “the sixth amendment, which would have stricken from the degrees that of P. M. was lost by an overwhelming vote, the Grand Chapters of Indiana and Georgia only voting in the affirmative—and which vote would seem to contradict the boasting of our learned Masonry—that Free Masonry is a science—as I am not aware of any science or art, unless it be the art of Signor Blitz, McAllister or Jacobs, which admits or practices such farce, flummery, and disgraceful foolery, as has been done by many in qualifying (!!) a Master to *preside*.

* * * Perhaps it is well enough it should form a part of the Constitution of such a Grand Chapter; which by its own vote, has shorn itself of all dignity and even power to command respect or obedience."

There is undoubtedly much occasion for the severe criticism of our M. E. Companion, in the *manner* in which the degree of Past Master is too often conferred; but we think that this abuse might be corrected, and the degree with propriety retained. If there is utility in the degree, the improper manner in which it is frequently conferred, is not a good reason for blotting it out.

He further adds: "The General Grand Chapter was about half opened after a sort of fashion, new to me; and it was not closed, except in a half sort of a row. Such is the body from which we are to obtain the true light, and at whose Fount to drink the living waters of Sublime Masonry."

We trust our worthy Companion will attend the next Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Memphis, in September, 1862, and there give to Companions Mackey, Penn, Hillyer, Lewis and others, the aid of his acknowledged skill and experience.

He gives good advice when he says that he "fears that Companions too often seek office more from a notion of its honors, than a desire to learn and discharge its duties creditably to themselves, or the information and satisfaction of their Companions. It is not every Companion who is called a clever fellow, that should be put in office. The Companions of every Chapter should look well to the social position and standing of those whom they elect to office. He should be not only a clever fellow, but a clever man in mind, talents, acquirements and zeal as a Mason, and a zeal according to knowledge. Among the edicts of this Grand Chapter we find the following:

"The presiding officer of a Chapter is, for the time being, supreme; and no appeal can be taken from his decision, and such appeal be decided by the Chapter. The redress is by appeal to the Grand Chapter, to whom the presiding officer is alone amenable."

"Neither of the first three officers of a Chapter shall call upon any other than a Past or Present High Priest to preside."

"All Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are prohibited from conferring the degrees upon an unaffiliated Mason."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence "hit off" the General Grand Chapter in the following rather grandiloquent and ironical manner: "The General Grand Scaffolding, by the agency of which this magnificent structure has been erected, and by whose presence the beauty and splendor of the principal arches are somewhat obscured, having accomplished the purpose for which it was erected, and proving somewhat troublesome in the Grand Arch of Michigan, received a blow from the setting mallet of Companion Coffinberry, that shook the entire structure. North Carolina and Kentucky, alarmed at the danger, violently tore down the post in front of their strong arches, and seven others were in favor of destroying the whole. The Master Builders and such workmen as could trace their official genealogy from the first erection of this modern contrivance, recently met and took down all but the base poles and basement story of this threatening structure; leaving these, we presume, for the purpose of affording the G. G. Council recently in session, a conspicuous place for exemplifying the true work, when discovered; but intimating by their record, that in a few years, when the Western porches shall have been completed, all this rubbish will be removed. Then a platform will be erected in front of this magnificent Temple, and the Craft, assembled to witness the dedication and divine approval, with one accord will involuntarily raise their hands in admiration of its transcendent beauty, and exclaim, Rabboni!"

The committee then present a review of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters which have come before them, and conclude their able and interesting report by again throwing their sharp fires into the body of the General Grand Chapter after this fashion: "We are truly rejoiced that the body of this National Masonic Patient, after having its constitution so thoroughly repaired, has been placed under the care of that

learned physician and eminent Mason, M. E. Comp. Mackey, to be raised to *working* condition; for he will surely raise it by a stronger grip than any other Companion within our knowledge, if there shall be found sufficient vitality in the debilitated system to induce reaction; if not, there is no one better qualified to embalm it according to the strictest Egyptian ceremonies."

Considering how harmless as well as useless the General Grand Chapter is alleged to be, and doomed to death and burial, it has called forth a wonderful amount of comment. As a matter of literary justice, we add that the report is from the pen of Companion M. P. Kellogg.

Indiana.—May, 1859. M. E. Daniel K. Hays, G. H. P., declares that a non-affiliating Mason cannot hold membership in a Chapter; that the original intent of Royal Arch Masons was that their members should maintain a good standing and membership in a Lodge of Craft Masons. The fact that a Companion being expelled by a Lodge, deprives him, without the action of a Chapter, of all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, teaches the same doctrine.

The above rule does not prevail with us, and, we think, for good reasons. A non-affiliated Mason is subject to the action of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides. Though he cannot be compelled to attend its meetings or pay dues, he may be tried by it, and suspended or expelled; which suspension or expulsion does not relate to his membership; but is a deprivation of all the rights and benefits of Free Masonry. One member of a Lodge might prevent a most worthy Companion from affiliation in that Lodge, yet nothing would be more unjust than to allow such action to deprive that Companion of his privileges as a Royal Arch Mason, and contrary to the unanimous desire of the members of a Chapter.

The G. H. P. further says that a *dimit* should not be granted to any one, simply because he desires to get rid of his membership. He may have leave to *withdraw*—but without a *dimit*.

To the question whether a High Priest, in the absence of all Past High Priests, can install himself into office, he replies that he cannot. No one can take upon himself this office, but he "must be called and chosen" and "set apart" to this high office by one higher than himself.

With regard to the singular request of two Companions, who desired a total severance of their connection with Masonry, because they regarded it as contrary to the teachings of the Bible, he properly says that these Companions either do not understand Masonry, or they do not understand the Bible. With equal propriety he says they ought to be allowed to withdraw.

He considers the General Grand Chapter not only calculated to preserve the unity and protect the interests of Royal Arch Masonry throughout this Confederacy, "but a means of preserving the cement of National Brotherhood from the East to the West, and between the North and the South of this greatest, freest and best of all countries."

He adds: "That it has been said of many in times past, that they were the most profane and drunken class of the community. I am sorry to have to admit that there was ever any truth in the charge; but there has been some ground for such complaint, *and there still is, to some extent.*"

This is a mortifying confession, and we trust it will apply to but few localities. Possibly in this we may find a key to the request of those two, who desired to withdraw from Masonry, finding it to be contrary to the teachings of the Bible. If they judged Masonry by such fruits, their request was not unreasonable. We find no report from a Committee on Correspondence.

Kentucky.—October, 1860. The G. H. P., Thomas Todd, reports Royal Arch Masonry to be thoroughly disseminated throughout the State, many Chapters at work, with full membership, and high character. There is about one Chapter to four working Lodges, and one Royal Arch Mason to six Master Masons—which is a natural and proper proportion.

The General Grand Chapter, (from which Kentucky is severed) finds no favor in his eyes, notwithstanding its modified

Constitution. He thinks that if the ten or fifteen gentlemen who enjoy the high sounding titles of the General Grand Chapter were satisfactorily honored and rewarded elsewhere, and their Masonic ambition gratified, the General Grand Chapter itself would be suffered quietly to fall to pieces and be forgotten.

When we reflect that the General Grand Chapter exercises no jurisdiction in Kentucky, and that its officers are among the most enlightened, laborious and respected Masons in the United States, this imputation of personal and unworthy motives is most uncharitable, ungenerous and unjust.

He urges a compilation of the history of Royal Arch Masonry in that State.

A newly revised Constitution is published in the proceedings.

Louisiana.—February, 1860. The G. H. P., Comp. Fellows, objects to the *requirement* of a collar, to be worn as part of the clothing of a Royal Arch Mason, and thinks it an innovation introduced from a foreign jurisdiction. He thinks that the triangle *within* the circle on the flap of the apron, incorrectly placed, but that the position the two should be reversed.

Your Committee do not profess to be sufficiently well versed in the mere externals of dress to express an opinion on the above points, but are inclined to think that it is immaterial how such questions are settled.

He thinks that exact uniformity in words and mere forms are not essential, in comparison with uniformity in the ties which bind us together, in the means of recognition, and in the order of succession of the various steps in the ceremonies pertaining to the several degrees; that the good time is near at hand when uniformity of principles, ideas and thoughts will be attained.

He favors the abolition of all dues from the craft, except to the Blue Lodges, on the ground that many are deterred from advancing beyond the Symbolic degrees, by the increasing dues which attend each step, till the amount at length becomes alarming; that these higher bodies ought to be supported by

the fees alone, which being once paid, there is an end of further compulsory contributions. He states that this principle of exemption from dues has been adopted by the Grand Council in Louisiana, and that it works well.

The committee to whom this subject was referred, reported adversely to the views of the G. H. P., and declares, that in the assessment of dues in all Masonic bodies, this principle should obtain, to possess only such amount as will meet the absolute incidental expenses. By abolishing dues and depending upon the uncertain resource of fees for degrees, you subject your Chapter not only to the embarrassment of debt, but to a greater curse, the plea of *expediency* for receiving into the fraternity those who otherwise would be rejected, merely to replenish the treasury. And they cite an instance where a Lodge was nearly ruined by adopting the policy of depending upon fees alone.

We think the committee had the best of the argument.

Among the edicts of this Grand Chapter, we find one declaring it incompetent for a subordinate Chapter to confer degrees on a Master Mason who has but one arm. We believe this principle is adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and by most of the Grand Chapters in the United States. It has always seemed to us one of extreme hardship, and not devoid of injustice. If a member of a Chapter loses his right arm, we do not, on that account, deprive him of his membership, nor of any of the rights and privileges of Masonry, except that of further advancement. If worthy Companions are retained, notwithstanding this misfortune, it is difficult to show, on principle, why others in like condition and equally worthy, should not be received. We honor the Master Mason who, in defence of Right and Truth, his country, his altar or his home, loses his right arm, and—we close the veils of the Tabernacle against him. We commiserate his misfortune, and sympathize with his loss, and commend his bravery; and then we reward him by telling him that he is no longer fit to be received as one among us. One misfortune is assumed to be a sufficient ground for adding another. If he appeals to us, that upon his first en-

trance into the Lodge he was taught that it was the *internal* and not the *external* qualities of a man which Masonry requires, we must reply to him that this is an exception to the *principles* which Masonry teaches. If he insists that the "Rule and Guide of our Faith and *Practice*" assures him that the loss of the offending right hand is no bar to his reception into the kingdom of Heaven, we must answer that there is a principle connected with our ritual—mere form—which cannot yield to such considerations as these. He must be content with knowing that the loss of an arm is a sufficient reason for being debarred from receiving or diffusing further Masonic light and knowledge among men. Though the heart be in the right place, the arm is not, and he can go no further. Do we not herein sacrifice a great principle to an inferior one?

No Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter can confer the Chapter degrees upon a non-affiliated Mason.

Maine.—May, 1860. The M. E. G. H. P., Moses Dodge, in his opening address, speaking of the General Grand Chapter, says: "With me it has long been a settled belief that the necessary laws of true Masonry are simple and obvious, and approach as near perfection as those of any human institution can; and that centralization of power, legislative enactments, and compulsory Masonic laws, will only have a tendency to mar the primitive beauty and destroy the harmony and purity of those landmarks that were ordained and instituted for our government and guidance long centuries ago, and which are consecrated in the heart of every true craftsman."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in their report in relation to the same subject, express their belief that "the strength of the Masonic tie and of this body has been tested in a manner to inspire new confidence in its mission, and to establish its moral power on firmer foundations than it ever rested upon before."

Maryland and District of Columbia.—May, 1860. James Goszler, G. H. P., comments, in his address, upon a difficulty created by the refusal of the Council of High Priests to ordain a Companion who had been only elected H. P. of a Chapter, and

by which they prevented him from exercising the duties of his office—a resolution of the Grand Chapter making such ordination a prerequisite to his entering upon his official functions. He recommends an alteration of their Constitution, disclaiming this right. He remarks that while he admits the beauty of the degree, he sees no utility in it, or that a Companion is better qualified to perform the duties of High Priest of a Chapter, after he has received it, than he was before.

Mississippi.—January, 1860. The address of the G. H. P., M. S. Ward, is confined to local matters. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review, with comparative brevity, the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters. We observe nothing in it which calls for special comment.

The Grand Chapter adopts and warmly recommends the "*Book of the Chapter*," by Comp. Mackey, and resolve: "That Royal Arch Chapters have no right to confer the Past Master's degree on a Master Mason, merely for the purpose of qualifying him to preside as Master of a Blue Lodge."

A committee reported that the General Grand Chapter might be useful as an advisory board, with power to adopt and *recommend* to State Grand Chapters a uniform system of work and lectures—to act as arbiters between conflicting jurisdictions, and settle questions of Masonry; and it was resolved that the late amendments to its Constitution have removed the great cause of dissatisfaction and objection to such a body, and that they were willing to continue their connection with it *for the present*.

Missouri.—May, 1860. J. W. Crane, G. H. P. A prosperous and most harmonious condition of Royal Arch Masonry is announced. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters. The proceedings relate almost entirely to matters of local interest.

New Jersey.—M. W. Goodwin, G. H. P. We have the proceedings of the Grand Chapter from its organization in 1856, to its last Convocation in 1859. The G. H. P. says that the fierce political storm, which swept over the land in 1827, so completely prostrated Royal Arch Masonry in this State, that

all his endeavors to ascertain the origin of the old Royal Arch Chapter have proved ineffectual. We trust that with patience and perseverance, some secret ark or vault may be found which will disclose the desired records. He cautions his Companions against too great haste, and especially against any innovation in the ritual, or deviations from it.

North Carolina.—June, 1859. No address from the G. H. P. is reported. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a brief report, which is mainly devoted to the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter.

A committee reported that the Royal and Select Master's degrees are, or should be, a part and parcel of Royal Arch Masonry; but they reported a resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter, disclaiming all control over these degrees.

Ohio.—October, 1859.—George Rex, G. H. P. The G. H. P. advises that Chapters should not be established except in large cities or a densely populated country, where their jurisdiction would be comparatively limited in territory.

He also ruled, that a member who had been indefinitely suspended could not be reinstated except by petition and unanimous vote—but the Grand Chapter decided that a Royal Arch Mason, indefinitely suspended for unmasonic conduct, may be restored at the pleasure of the Chapter pronouncing the sentence, by a majority vote, at a stated meeting, on proper petition filed one month before being voted upon, such vote being by ballot.

The G. H. P. also complains that members of subordinate Chapters are frequently suspended for non-payment of dues, and during the term of such suspension, no dues are paid for them to the Grand Chapter. By paying their dues to their Chapters, they become reinstated, but the dues to the Grand Chapter are not accounted for.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a brief report, which is mainly devoted to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the expulsion of a member of a Chapter by a Lodge of Master Masons, expels

him from a Chapter without action on its part, for the reason of the prerequisite of his being a Master Mason in good standing is thereby taken away. The restoration of the expelled member by the Lodge does not restore him to membership in the Chapter; and in order to restore him to such membership, the same proceedings are necessary in the Chapter as in the Lodge.

The Committee on Grievances had nothing before them.

Ohio.—Oct. 1860. The M. E. Grand High Priest condemns in strong terms the too common case of using *substitutes* when only one or two Companions are exalted at the same time. This practice, which had its origin in what is called “convenience,” he declares to be “contrary to the traditions, usages, teachings and obligations of the order, and should be abandoned at once and forever in every Chapter in which it has obtained.” The Grand Chapter adopted a resolution concurring in this opinion, but failed to pass an edict prohibiting it.

It was decided that the High Priest of a Chapter cannot, *by virtue of his office*, confer the degree of Past Master on the Master elect of a Lodge of Master Masons, except upon a petition presented to the Chapter over which he presides, and after the applicant has received the degree of Mark Master. The degree of Past Master, regularly conferred in a convention of Past Masters, is legal, and need not again be conferred upon the recipient, should he apply for the Chapter degrees. But he cannot sit in a Lodge of Past Masters, under the authority of a Chapter, until he has received the degree of Mark Master.

It was further decided that the exaltation of a Royal Arch Mason constituted him a member of the Chapter without his signing the By-Laws. Also, that the installation of any officer of a Chapter by proxy, either with or without notice to him, is inconsistent with the obligations which he is required to assume, and unauthorized by the obligations of Royal Arch Masonry.

South Carolina.—Feb. 1860. Comp. Mackey, the M. E. Grand High Priest, and G. G. High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, has much to say respecting the latter body, and its new Constitution. He conscientiously believes that it now possesses

more power for good, and less for evil, than it has ever had since its organization in 1806. He states that the representatives of the Grand Chapters of Mississippi, Ohio, and Michigan, attended the last Convocation under instructions either to procure permission to withdraw, or obtain a dissolution of the General Grand Body; but they were so well satisfied with the amendments of the Constitution, that they became advocates of its continuance.

Our Companion has high hopes that it will accomplish much in seeing "that the ancient work of the order is preserved in the several degrees."

He declares that for the last six years the idea has been fast gaining ground, that the sole ground for the controversies in 1853 was the ignorance of some (who should have known better) of the true meaning of the symbolism of the lost and recovered word. The latter especially was considered simply as a sign of recognition, a pass-word or countersign which was to secure admission to its possessor, and to some as a test of his having been accepted, and not what it really is, the philosophic expression of a profound idea, the symbol of a great truth on which the whole system of speculative Masonry depends, and for the preservation of which alone Royal Arch Masonry was constructed. Hence he attaches great importance to the result of the investigations of the enlightened committee who are to make their report at the Convocation at Memphis, in 1862.

We find nothing further in these proceedings calling for special comment.

Tennessee.—October, 1859. An excellent address was delivered by the G. H. P., Robert S. Moore, from which we make the following extract: "While many are flocking to our portals, and all is enthusiasm within, is there not much danger that some material may be introduced which is scarcely fit for the builder's use, and which can add neither strength nor beauty to the edifice? I am fearful that many seek admission from motives of vain glory and idle curiosity; and when admitted, they are over zealous for a time; but when the novelty

has worn away, you will hardly ever find them within our sacred walls."

A well considered report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented, from the pen of Comp. C. A. Fuller, who is also Grand Secretary.

Texas.—June, 1860. The proceedings are comprised in a carefully prepared volume of 130 pages. The G. H. P., Comp. William T. Austin, devotes much of his address to a consideration of the acts, powers and duties of the General Grand Chapter, and expresses a decided hostility to that body. and we see but little occasion for the indignation which appears to be kindled within him against it. Dispensations have been issued to eight new Chapters, during the previous year.

Subordinate Chapters are prohibited from conferring the degrees of R. A. Masonry upon any but Master Masons.

Among important memoranda, we find the following: October 24, 1797, Preliminary meeting at Boston, Mass., of three Chapters.

January 24, 1798, organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Northern States of America.

September, 1798, first meeting after organization, for choice of officers.

January 9, 1799, name changed to "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."

January 9, 1806, name changed to that of "The General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America."

Among the standing regulations is one declaring that installations of officers of Chapters under Dispensation shall no longer take place.

That new Chapters shall not be established within thirty-five miles of one previously existing.

That the practice of working in Chapters on the Lord's day, is highly reprehensible.

That the subordinate Chapters are positively instructed not to confer the Chapter degrees on any one who is addicted to profane swearing, gambling, or intemperance, such being unfit material for the Royal Arch Temple, whose corner stone is morality, as taught by the Holy Bible.

Vermont.—August, 1859. The M. E. G. H. P., John S. Webster, assures us that Royal Arch Masonry in that State, stands as firm as the granite rocks of her everlasting Green Mountains.

He complains of the act of a Chapter in New York, which conferred the degrees upon an applicant from Vermont, who had previously put his petition before a Vermont Chapter, and while the latter Chapter had not acted upon it. This act was discourteous, if not illegal.

Virginia.—December, 1859. M. E., P. B. Starke, G. H. P. No address of the G. H. P. is reported, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence failed to get the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters in time to make a report.

It was resolved that a Royal Arch Mason should not be deprived of his membership in the Chapter, simply because he was not an affiliated Master Mason. The attention of this body was directed to local matters, and these were few.

Wisconsin.—February, 1860. The G. H. P., H. L. Palmer, pays a tribute to the memory of John W. Hunt, late Grand Secretary. Dispensations had been issued to five new Chapters.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that a subordinate Chapter could suspend any of its officers except the High Priest, for non-payment of dues.

2. That a Chapter may be *closed* by a less number than nine. This conclusion our North Carolina Companions think hasty. They say that in such a contingency the Chapter should be "called off."

3. That in cases of exaltation, one or more Companions may be—substituted—in lieu of regular candidates; but this power should be cautiously exercised, and not adopted as a general rule.

Michigan.—January, 1859. The annual address of Companion Coffinberry, G. H. P., is chiefly devoted to matters of local interest, and the General Grand Chapter. We trust that his triumph in his contest with the P. G. G. H. P. will now reconcile him to the *modified existence* of the General Grand Body.

Forty-three pages of the printed proceedings are taken up with the elaborate report of a special committee on the same subject, the result of whose deliberations was a recommendation that the General Grand Chapter be dissolved. All this was done, however, before the last triennial meeting at Chicago.

Iowa.—Kimball Porter, M. E. G. H. P. The proceedings for 1859 and 1860 reach us, printed in one pamphlet, for the reason, we learn, that the Grand Secretary was not supplied with sufficient funds to print those of the preceding year earlier.

Comp. Eastman, G. H. P., 1859, thus beautifully sets forth the office and design of Masonry: "Has the recording angel written in the history of the year, that the close of it leaves us morally and socially better than the beginning found us—that the fire of brotherly love, relief and truth is burning upon the altar of our hearts—that the light and warmth of our sympathy and benevolence have been seen and felt in dark and benighted corners—that the warm hand of our charity has bound up the broken heart, and relieved the distress of suffering humanity when there was no human eye to see the hand, and no tongue to reveal the author! Such in my view is the great object and mission of Masonry. Its original design was to make its members morally and socially better, and secretly to answer the calls of distress, and provide a home for the orphan. I say *secretly*, for it was never the design of Masonry to publish its good deeds to the world. As we meet in retired places, so is the whole world to be kept in ignorance of our errands of mercy. Even the recipients are not to know the heart that sympathizes, or the hand that relieved. Masonry, like the deep mystic river, should move on its mission in silence and in secret, until all things are revealed by Him, from whom nothing can be hid."

He warns us against a too numerous class whom he terms "traveling vagabonds," who "go from Mason to Mason, and from Lodge to Lodge, seeking charity upon a pretense of some woeful calamity. I have never met with one of them who was not a base counterfeit, and I make it a rule to turn my back

upon *that class of beggars*, and to warn all, and especially young and uninformed Masons, to have no fellowship with them."

He observed that a Charter may be revoked, and yet the members may wrongfully retain it, and pretend to meet by virtue of it. But they will be clandestine to all intents and purposes. A Chapter exists and acts by virtue of having been regularly established and chartered, and not by virtue of having the parchment in the hall. Strangers might refuse to meet with them if their Charter was not there, but the absence of the Charter would not make them clandestine.

P. G. H. P. Eastman offered the following, which was adopted by a vote of 28 to 15.

"*Resolved*, That we believe that the ancient landmarks of Masonry make all Grand Masonic bodies sovereign and independent; and therefore we declare this Grand Chapter sovereign and independent, and in no manner whatever subject to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and this Grand Chapter is absolved from all connection therewith."

New Jersey.—T. J. Carson, G. H. P. The proceedings for September, 1860, have just reached us. This, one of the youngest Grand Chapters, in one of the oldest States, continues in a flourishing condition.

We learn from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, that our Companions of Arkansas, whose proceedings have not reached us, "*Resolved*, That whenever there are not present nine regular Royal Arch Masons, *there is no Chapter*. And if a Chapter is regularly opened with that number, and afterwards one withdraws, leaving but eight present, the assemblage is no longer a Chapter; therefore, it cannot be formally closed, nor can it "call off" until another day; the members can only disperse and there will be no Chapter in session again until it is again regularly opened."

It strikes us that this would involve the anomaly of *twice* opening a Chapter without *once* closing it in the interval: and we cannot yield our consent to a rule which looks so much like an absurdity. We think the better reason will allow the Chap-

ter to "call off," even to a regular Convocation—although the same Grand Chapter, (Arkansas) decided that "under no circumstances can a Chapter "call off" until another day "or evening;" in which opinion we are again compelled to differ from them.

North Carolina.—June, 1860. E. F. Watson, G. H. P. The address of the H. P. is a well considered and carefully written document, showing that he has the true principles of Masonry well fixed in his heart. We would hardly know where to make an extract, where so much is worthy of it, did our space permit.

The Committee on Correspondence report on the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters, in an able and instructive manner. The General Grand Chapter meets with no favor in their eyes. They do not agree with our Companions in Missouri, who think a Chapter may be *closed* with a less number than nine, but say the proper course is to "call off," otherwise the unauthorized withdrawal of members might leave a Lodge or Chapter "*to close itself*." Is not this the predicament in which our Arkansas Companions would place the matter?

We have now finished our review, and brought our labors to a close. We conceive the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is to present an abstract of the proceedings of the several Grand Bodies which are in correspondence with us—to state such matters pertaining to the history, jurisprudence and regulations of Royal Arch Masonry, and the resolutions, edicts and acts of the Grand Chapters, which are of general interest to the craft.

The comments and opinions which we have thought it proper to express, are to be received as those of the committee alone, and not obligatory upon the Grand Chapter. We do not wish to encroach upon the rights and duties of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Their sphere is judicial, ours is historical.

With these remarks we close our report. It has been hastily prepared amid the press of business, and the matters which are always crowded upon us when the several Masonic bodies

are assembled at the same time and place. These are our excuses for what may appear crude and not well digested or arranged in it.

R. C. TORREY, Chairman.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and it resulted as follows:

S. A. M. WOOD, Florence, Grand High Priest.
T. F. FLOURNOY, Opelika, Dep. G. H. Priest.
H. P. WATSON, Montgomery, Grand King.
H. S. SHELTON, Pickensville, Grand Scribe.
E. M. HASTINGS, Montgomery, Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.
J. H. WILLOUGHBY, Gadsden, Grand Chaplain.
JAS. B. HARRISON, Selma, G. C. Host.
PELEG BROWN, Mobile, G. P. Sojourner.
R. C. TORREY, Claiborne, G. R. A. C.
N. B. CLOUD, Montgomery, G. M. 3rd Veil.
J. J. HAVIS, Oak Bowery, G. M. 2d Veil.
ISAAC N. PRESTON, Haw Ridge, G. M. 1st Veil.
THOS. McDOUGALL, Montgomery, Grand Sentinel.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 5, 1860.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock. The Ex. D. G. H. Priest, Thomas F. Flournoy, presiding. The other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The special order for this day at 3 o'clock, being the Constitution presented by the committee on revising the Constitution, was taken up, read by Companion E. M. Hastings, approved, ordered to be entered on the minutes, printed with the proceedings of this Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and lie over for consideration until the next Annual Convocation.

The Ex. D. G. H. Priest announced the following

COMMITTEES.

On Chartered Chapters, No. 1.—R. T. Jones, J. C. Arthur, B. F. Davis, George W. Long, Moses Padgett.

On Chartered Chapters No. 2.—N. B. Cloud, Lewis D. Krebs, C. H. Wood, David B. Smedley, Isaac W. Suttle.

On Dispensations.—John U. Brown, J. J. Havis, Isaac N. Preston, A. Haley, R. W. Cobb.

On Accounts.—B. J. Harrison, D. H. Portis, A. W. Starke, W. Ivey, J. W. Oslin.

On Appeals.—W. E. Beaird, G. J. McMurray, A. Haley, A. J. Dawson, John T. Foster.

The Committee on Work reported on the M. M. Degree, and the report was received and concurred in.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 6, 1860.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock. The Ex. D. G. H. Priest, Thomas F. Flournoy, presiding. The other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Officers elect for the ensuing Masonic year were duly installed, the M. E. P. G. H. P., Edward Herndon, officiating.

On motion of Companion Peleg Brown, the Committee on the Grand Chapter Hall had further time until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to report, and Companion H. P. Watson was appointed in place of Companion S. D. Mooror, deceased.

Companion R. T. Jones made the following report from the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 1.

The Committee No. 1, on Chartered Chapters, beg leave to report that they have examined the returns submitted to them, and find the following correct:

No. 4, Monroe.	21, Mobile.
19, Mt. Moriah.	28, St. Stephens.
22, Montgomery,	33, Autauga.
12, Marion.	

Eunomia, No. 5.—Shows no R. A. C., Mark and Past Masters numbered as members, and those withdrawn, suspended and rejected, placed in the list of actual members.

Tuscumbia, No. 10.—Withdrawals under the head of remarks. List of officers improperly made out, but corrected under head of remarks. Reports three Fellow Crafts and thirteen Entered Apprentices. Sets down fees for initiation at \$15; passing \$5, and raising \$10; is signed by the H. P., under the title of Master of Washington Lodge, and has the seal of said Lodge affixed.

Phoenix, No. 11.—Past Masters numbered with members. Date R. A. M. incorrect.

Eufaula, No. 24.—Dues short fifty cents—a minister not charged.

Courtland, No. 25.—Has no seal; Masonic grade incorrect. Date R. A. M. incorrect.

James Penn, No. 30.—Heading not filled up. Exalted only two candidates at one time, and only one at another, both noted as emergencies.

Perfect Friendship, No. 31.—Masonic grade wrong.

Fulton, No. 32.—Masonic grade incorrect. Dues short \$1—two ministers not being charged.

James B. Daniel, No. 35.—Masonic grade not fully given.

Pickensville, No. 36.—Masonic grade not given.

Concord, No. 37.—Dues short fifty cents—a minister not charged. Date R. A. M. not given.

Camden, No. 40.—Members not numbered. Dues not extended. Masonic grade not fully given.

Washington, No. 41.—Masonic grade incorrect. Date A. L. incorrect. No Date R. A. M.

Choctaw, No. 44.—Dues footed correctly, and then reduced \$1.50, by a credit taken for three ministers. The returns of this Chapter are incorrectly headed, badly mixed up throughout, and signed by the H. P. under the title of M. E. Master. The committee recommend the Secretary to procure forms of returns from the Grand Secretary.

In consequence of the very common error of recording deaths and withdrawals under the head of remarks, your committee recommend that in forms printed hereafter, those casualties

be expressly included in the column headed rejections, suspensions, &c.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

R. C. TORREY, Chairman.

Companion B. J. Harrison made the following report from the Committee on Accounts, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to present the following report:

They have examined the several accounts (with the accompanying vouchers) of Companion Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre, which they find to be correct, showing a balance in his hands, December 4, 1860, of two hundred and sixty 33-100 dollars.

They have also examined the account current (with the accompanying vouchers) of Companion Grand Treasurer, E. M. Hastings, and find the same to be correct, showing a balance in his hands, December 4, 1860, of five hundred and seventy-two 99-100 dollars.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

B. J. HARRISON, Chairman.

Companion John U. Brown made the following report from the Committee on Dispensations, and it was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Your Committee on Dispensations have had the duties assigned to them under examination, and beg leave to make the following report:

Midway Chapter, No. 63.—We have examined the minutes, and find them neatly and correctly kept, and the By-Laws in

conformity with the constitution. We recommend that a Charter be granted.

Choctaw Corner, No. 70.—The minutes of this Chapter are informal. Officers improperly stated, and improper terms used, such as Royal Arch Lodge, etc. The minutes show that they have made three cases of emergency, receiving petitions, reporting thereon, and conferring the degrees, all at the same Convocation. We recommend that these errors be corrected. The By-Laws are in conformity with the Constitution. We recommend that a Charter be granted.

Landmark, No. 71.—The minutes neatly and correctly kept. By-Laws in conformity with the Constitution. The minutes show that this Chapter has received petitions, balloted, and conferred degrees, all at the same Convocation. We recommend that a Charter be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. U. BROWN, Chairman.

The Committee on Work, through its Chairman, Companion Peleg Brown, reported on the P. M. and M. E. M. Degrees, and the report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Work, through its Chairman, Companion Peleg Brown, reported on the R. A. Degree, and the question of receiving and concurring in the report was, on motion, postponed until to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow afternoon at 2 1-2 o'clock.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 7, 1860.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 2 1-2 o'clock. The Ex. D. G. H. Priest, Thomas F. Flournoy, presiding. The other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion R. C. Torrey was installed as G. R. A. Captain, he having been absent on yesterday.

A petition was presented by Comp. W. E. Beaird, praying for the removal of Fulton Chapter, No. 32, from Fulton to Orrville; and the prayer of the petition was granted.

Companion W. E. Beaird made the following report from the Committee on Appeals, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Webb Morris, of the State of Arkansas, stating that he is a member of Courtland Chapter, No. 25, praying the Grand Chapter to grant him a dimit, for reasons therein stated, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the Grand Chapter has no authority to grant a dimit to a member of a Subordinate Chapter. We therefore recommend that said petition be transmitted to Courtland Chapter, and instruct them to grant the dimit, if no good reason exists why the same should not be done.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

W. E. BEAIRD, Chairman.

Companion N. B. Cloud made the following report from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 2, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 2.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

The Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 2, to whom was referred returns from subordinates, have examined the same, and beg leave to make the following report:

No. 50, Sumter.	66, Alabama.
54, Tyrian.	67, Farriorville.
57, Lebanon.	68, Cherokee.
61, Signet.	69, Lower Peach Tree.
65, Russell.	

The above returns all correct.

Hope, No. 49.—Names of Dimitted Companions under wrong head. Otherwise correct.

Allenton, No. 52.—The name of H. P. not signed. Otherwise correct.

Uchee, No. 53.—In the caption of the returns name and number of Chapter not given; no mention of dues; seal in wrong place, and date R. A. M. improperly given.

Suggsville, No. 55.—Date R. A. M. improperly given. Otherwise correct.

Zerubbabel, No. 56.—Masonic grade improperly given, and also date R. A. M.

Hartwell, No. 58.—Dues not added up, and seal not in proper place.

Hiram, No. 60.—Masonic grade improperly given, and date R. A. M. not given.

Clayton, No. 63.—Masonic grade improperly given. Names of expelled and dimitted Companions given in the list as part of the whole number, and date R. A. M. not given.

Choctaw Corner, No. 70.—Officers improperly arranged; no evidence of dues and no seal affixed.

Landmark, No. 71.—(Under Dispensation)—Officers improperly arranged. Otherwise correct.

Midway, No. 72.—Officers improperly arranged, and no seal affixed.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

N. B. CLOUD, Chairman.

Companion H. S. Shelton offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1, having paid all back dues, be allowed 60 days to make her returns, and that the G. H. P. be allowed to approve of the same, when sent up.

On motion of Companion A. B. Starke, the following appropriations were ordered to be made:

That the sum of six hundred dollars be set apart in the hands of the Grand Secretary as a Contingent Fund, for the ensuing Masonic year.

That the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary for his services during the past Masonic year.

That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to the Grand Treasurer for his services during the past Masonic year.

That the sum of twenty dollars be paid to the Grand Sentinel for his services during the present Masonic year.

On motion, a resolution was passed ordering one hundred dollars to be paid to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion, a resolution was passed ordering seventy-five dollars to be paid to the Chairman of the Committee on revising the Constitution.

Companion Jefferson Falkner offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter be and he is hereby authorized to pay the expenses of the Committee on Work, while engaged in the discharge of their duties as such Committee.

The Ex. D. G. H. Priest announced the following committees:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery.
LEWIS B. THORNTON, Tuscumbia.
JEFFERSON FALKNER, Lafayette.
JOHN A. LODER, Cahaba.
WILLIAM IVEY, Glennville.

ON WORK.

EDWARD HERNDON, Sumterville,
PELEG BROWN, Mobile.
H. P. WATSON, Montgomery.
J. H. WILLOUGHBY, Gadsden.
E. M. HASTINGS, Montgomery.

COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE JEWEL FOR M. E. DAVID CLOPTON,
P. G. H. P.

DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery.
H. P. WATSON, Montgomery.
E. M. HASTINGS, Montgomery.

The following committees were ordered to be continued, to report at the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter:

ON GRAND LODGE HALL.

THOMAS F. FLOURNOY, Opelika.
H. P. WATSON, Montgomery.
PELEG BROWN, Mobile.

ON MEMORIAL FROM CONCORD CHAPTER.

S. B. PAINE, Tuskegee.

H. P. WATSON, Montgomery.

WILLIAM P. CHILTON, Montgomery.

Companion Jefferson Falkner offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Work be instructed to assemble in the city of Montgomery, one week before the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and that they proceed to perfect themselves in the work and lectures of the several degrees conferred in the subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand body, and that their expenses, while thus engaged, be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter.

Companion Jefferson Falkner offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be, and the same are hereby, tendered to the Ex. Thomas F. Flournoy, D. G. H. Priest, for the able, dignified, and courteous manner with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Grand Chapter during present Convocation.

And then after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace by the Ex. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, J. H. Willoughby, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Section 1. This Grand Chapter shall be known by the style and title of "*The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama*," and shall be under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, and shall have a seal with suitable devices engraved thereon, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by its authority.

Sec. 2. This Grand Chapter shall consist of the several officers thereof, and likewise of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters over which they shall respectively preside, and of the Past Grand and Dep. Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of this Grand Chapter.

Sec. 3. The powers and duties of this Grand Chapter and its officers, not herein enumerated, shall be such as are specified in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Sec. 4. This Grand Chapter shall hold its Grand Annual Convocation at the City of Montgomery, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December, and the Grand or Dep. Grand High Priest shall have the power of convening the

Grand Chapter whenever it may be in their opinion necessary, and shall be bound so to do, whenever requested in writing, by at least six Chapters, and not less than twenty days notice of said Convocation shall be given to each Chartered Chapter.

Sec. 5. In the election of officers, and on all questions requiring the vote by Chapters, each Chartered Chapter shall be entitled to three votes, whether represented by one or more Companions, and each permanent member hereof shall have one vote, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a decision.

Sec. 6. All officers and members of this Grand Chapter, and proxies appointed by the High Priests, Kings or Scribes of Subordinate Chapters, must be regular members of some Chapter under its jurisdiction; and no Companion can represent more than one Chapter at the same time, nor can any Companion act as proxy for any other Chapter than the one of which he is a member.

Sec. 7. No Charter for constituting a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted by this Grand Chapter, unless those applying for the same shall have performed a requisite amount of work under Dispensation from the Grand or Dep. Grand High Priest, and such work examined and approved by the Grand Chapter at an Annual Convocation thereof: *Provided*, That in all cases where a Charter shall not be granted nor the Dispensation continued, the fee deposited in the hands of the Grand Secretary shall be returned to said petitioners.

Sec. 8. No Dispensation shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons, which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that said Dispensation be granted: *Provided*, That before such Dispensation shall be issued, the sum of *Ninety Dollars* shall be deposited by the petitioners in the hands of the Grand Secretary: *And pro-*

vided further, That no petition for a Dispensation shall be recommended by any subordinate Chapter, until they are fully satisfied that none of the petitioners are members of any other Chapter, and that they have a suitable place in which to assemble, which facts must be certified in the recommendation.

ARTICLE II.

OF ELECTIONS.

Section 1. The officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a Grand High Priest, a Dep. Grand High Priest, (whose several addresses are Most Excellent,) a Grand King, a Grand Scribe, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Secretary, a Grand Chaplain and Grand Captain of the Host, (whose several addresses are Right Excellent,) who shall be chosen by ballot, on the second day of each Grand Annual Convocation; also, a Grand Principal Sojourner, a Grand Royal Arch Captain, three Grand Masters of Veils, and a Grand Sentinel, (whose several addresses are Excellent,) who shall be appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest; and the officers thus elected and appointed, shall be duly installed as soon thereafter as practicable, and when so installed, shall hold their offices respectively until their successors are duly elected, appointed and installed.

Sec. 2. No Companion shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest, Dep. Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, who has not been duly elected, installed and presided over a subordinate Chapter; and no Companion shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest for more than three years successively.

Sec. 3. No Chapter shall be entitled to vote in the election of officers, nor shall its High Priest, King or Scribe, or either of their proxies, be eligible to any of the Grand offices, until its dues to the Grand Chapter are paid.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Section 1. The Grand and Dep. Grand High Priests, severally, shall have the power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners, possessing the requisite qualifications, empowering such petitioners to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for a certain specified term of time.

Sec. 2. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Grand Chapter, from the Grand Secretary, and shall keep a just record thereof in a book kept for that purpose. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Secretary, that may be authorized by the Grand Chapter, and on the first day of each Grand Annual Convocation, shall present a detailed account of his receipts and disbursements, together with vouchers for the latter; and before his installation, shall execute and file with the Grand Secretary a bond, in the sum of one thousand dollars, with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand High Priest, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

Sec. 3. The Grand Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the transactions of the Grand Chapter which should be written. He shall keep sufficient books of account, in which separate accounts shall be kept with each subordinate Chapter; he shall receive all moneys due the Grand Chapter, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer; he shall keep the seal of the Grand Chapter, and shall affix the same, with his attestation, to all Charters, and other instruments of writing, necessary to be executed; he shall see that the returns of subordinate Chapters, their dues and other contributions, be regularly made, and shall, on the second day of each Grand Annual Convocation, and before the election of officers, report

all delinquencies; he shall superintend the printing and publishing of all proceedings ordered by the Grand Chapter, and duly forward copies of the same to the General Grand and State Grand Chapters and officers, and to the High Priest, King and Scribe of each subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by this Grand Chapter, and on the first day of each Grand Annual Convocation, shall present his account and vouchers for the inspection and approval of the Grand Chapter, and before his installation shall execute and file with the Grand Treasurer, a bond, in the sum of one thousand dollars, with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand High Priest, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

Sec. 4. The duties of the remaining Grand officers shall correspond with those respectively assigned them in the charges given at their installation.

In case the four principal Grand officers shall be absent from any Convocation, the Past Grand officers of like rank shall, in the order of their rank and seniority, be empowered to preside.

ARTICLE IV.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Section 1. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within this State must have a Charter, signed by the first four officers, attested by the Grand Secretary, and sealed with the seal of this Grand Chapter, or a Dispensation from the Grand or Dep. Grand High Priest, under their respective hands and private seals, and every Chapter failing to comply with the above provisions, is hereby declared clandestine and illegal, and all Masonic communication, either public or private, with such clandestine associations, are hereby strictly forbidden, under the penalty of expulsion.

Sec. 2. Every Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of a High Priest, a King, a Scribe, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Captain of the Host, a Principal Sojourner, a Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of Veils, a Sentinel, and as many members as shall be found expedient; and no Chapter shall be opened for the transaction of any business unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

Sec. 3. Dispensations granted by the Grand or Dep. Grand High Priest for the establishment of new Chapters, shall continue and be in force only from their date until the succeeding Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, at which time the original record of all the proceedings of every such Chapter, or a certified copy thereof, together with the By-Laws which have been adopted for its government, shall be submitted to the Grand Chapter for examination, and if approved, a Charter shall issue for its permanent establishment, or if deemed advisable, the Dispensation may be continued for twelve months longer, by endorsement thereon by the Grand or Dep. Grand High Priest, attested by the Grand Secretary, at the expiration of which time the original or a certified copy of their proceedings during the preceding twelve months, must be submitted to the Grand Chapter for examination and approval, when a Charter must issue, or the Chapter be discontinued.

Sec. 4. Every chartered Chapter shall have a seal, with its name, number and suitable devices engraved thereon, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority: *Provided*, That all Chapters shall have twelve months, and no longer, from the date of their respective Charters, to procure the same.

Sec. 5. No Chapter shall charge a less fee than thirty dollars for the Chapter degrees, which fee must in all cases accompany the petition—and in no case shall credit be given, nor shall any part thereof be refunded to any candidate.

Sec. 6. All Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall, at each Grand Annual Convocation, make a re-

turn in writing, showing who are its officers and members, the dates of admission to membership, the number and nature of the degrees conferred during the same time, with the names of the recipients and the dates at which the degrees were conferred; also, the names of those suspended, expelled, reinstated, withdrawn and dead, since the last return, with the dates annexed to each, and shall close the report of their proceedings on the first Monday in November next preceding the Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and immediately forward the same to the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Every proposition to alter or amend this Constitution shall be submitted in writing, at a Grand Annual Convocation, and if approved by a vote of one-third of the members present, shall be entered on the minutes and printed with the proceedings, and if at the next Grand Annual Convocation two-thirds of all the Chapters present assent thereto, the same shall become a part of this Constitution.

For the purpose of more effectually carrying out the provisions of the Constitution, and preserving order in this jurisdiction, the Grand Chapter hereby make and ordain the following By-Laws:

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Section 1. This Grand Chapter shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within its jurisdiction, to assign their limits, and to settle the controversies that may happen between them, and shall have power to require from the several Chapters such annual sums from their respective members as shall be appointed, and may exercise all other authority which may be deemed necessary for the maintenance of good order and the advancement of the interests of Capitular Masonry in this State.

Sec. 2. The representatives of ten Chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and when the Grand Chapter is opened, the reading of the minutes of the preceding Grand Convocation (unless their reading be dispensed with) shall be first in order, after which the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest or presiding officer, the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary—all of which shall be referred to appropriate committees. After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the last session.
2. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials and appeals.
3. Reports of regular and special committees, in the order named, and action thereon.
4. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand officers to attend punctually in person the Annual and Special Convocations of the Grand Chapter, and every officer, before he takes his seat as such, at any Convocation, shall clothe himself with the jewel appertaining to his station.

Sec. 2. The M. E. Grand High Priest shall have a watchful supervision over the subordinate Chapters, and shall carefully see that the Constitution, laws and edicts of the Grand Chapter are duly and promptly observed. He may visit and preside in any Chapter within his jurisdiction, and give such instructions as he may deem necessary, and as shall not be inconsistent with the several enactments of this Grand Chapter.

He shall, on the first day of each Grand Annual Convocation, and before the adjournment thereof, appoint the following committees:

1. A Committee on Chartered Chapters.
2. A Committee on Chapters under Dispensation.
3. A Committee on Finance.
4. A Committee on By-Laws, suspensions, expulsions and appeals.
5. A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
6. A Committee on Work.

Each of which committees shall be composed of three members, and immediately after the installation of the Grand officers, he shall appoint a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, consisting of five members, who shall report at the next Grand Annual Convocation.

He shall also be invested with such other powers, and shall discharge such other duties, as may be required by the ceremonies and rituals of the Royal Craft.

Sec. 3. In the absence of the M. E. Grand High Priest at any Convocation of this Grand Chapter, or if from any other

cause whatever he shall become unable to perform the duties appertaining to the office of Grand High Priest, the same shall devolve on and be discharged by the Dep. Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, in the order herein named; and in case of the absence or inability of either of them, then the duties shall be discharged as provided for in Article III, Section 4, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer, in addition to the duties required of him by the Constitution, to hand over at the expiration of his term of office, to his successor, all moneys, books, papers, and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter, which may be in his hands as such Grand Treasurer, and for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, he shall receive annually the sum of one hundred dollars.

Sec. 5. The Grand Sceretary, in addition to the duties required of him by the Constitution, shall have in charge the correspondence of the Grand Chapter, keep all books, jewels, charts, furniture, and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter, and upon the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver the same over to his successor. He shall also annex to the printed proceedings of each Grand Annual Convocation an abstract of the annual returns of each subordinate Chapter, in like manner as are now directed by the Grand Lodge of this State, and for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office he shall receive annually the sum of four hundred dollars, and be entitled to the further sum of ten dollars for each Charter issued for the institution of new Chapters.

Sec. 6. The Grand Sentinel shall be allowed for each day's attendance upon the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, the sum of five dollars.

ARTICLE III.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Section 1. All Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall have a right to convene as "Royal Arch Masons, advance and exalt candidates, elect and install their officers, make By-Laws, rules and regulations for their own government: *Provided*, such laws, rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand or General Grand Chapters, and may require from their members such dues and fees as they may deem reasonable and proper.

Sec. 2. Any Chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, failing to assemble once in any year, or being represented in this Grand Chapter for three years successively, or fail for two successive years to make their returns, and pay the dues required by the third Section of this Article, the Charter of such Chapter shall be forfeited; and should the Charter of any Chapter become forfeited, or should the same from any cause whatever be stricken, by order of the Grand Chapter, from the roll of subordinate Chapters, the jewels, furniture, property, and other effects of such Chapters shall become the property of this Grand Chapter, and the Grand or Dep. Grand High Priest, or such suitable Companion as either of them may appoint, shall take possession of and hold the same for the benefit of this Grand Chapter.

Sec. 3. The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary, at each Grand Annual Convocation, for each member of such Chapter, the sum of *fifty cents*.

Sec. 4. No Dispensation shall be granted for the establishment of a new Chapter within twenty miles of any other Chapter, except it be in cities or towns, with not less than five hundred inhabitants; and no Chapter shall be removed from the place where it is located, except upon the petition

of a majority of the members of such Chapter, and a majority of this Grand Chapter assenting thereto.

Sec. 5. It is incumbent on the High Priest of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution, laws and edicts of this Grand Chapter, together with those of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, are duly observed; that all other officers of the Chapter perform the duties of their respective stations, faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and exact records be kept by the Secretary, of the proceedings of the Chapter; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all money belonging to the Chapter; that regular returns be made to the Grand Chapter, according to the sixth Section of the fourth Article of the Constitution, and that the dues to the Grand Chapter be punctually paid.

The Charter of the Chapter is committed to his special care and keeping. He has the right and authority of convening the Chapter at pleasure, and shall preside therein at all times when present, except when superseded by a Grand Officer. He shall not permit any Companion who is not a member of some Chapter under this jurisdiction, to give the work or lectures in his Chapter. It is likewise his duty, together with the King and Scribe, to attend, either in person or by proxy, every Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 6. All applications for the advancement or exaltation of candidates in every Chapter under this jurisdiction, or for membership therein, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, who must be regularly affiliated with some Lodge, and presented at a regular Convocation, referred to a committee, and shall lay over for investigation at least until the next regular Convocation, and no candidate shall be received, nor shall a Companion be admitted a member therein without the unanimous consent of the members present.

Sec. 7. No candidate whose application may be rejected in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted in any

other Chapter than that to which he first applied, without the consent of such Chapter being first had and obtained, and no Companion shall be admitted a member of any Chapter until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in good standing as such, and at his own request was dismissed therefrom: *Provided*, That if such Chapter be no longer in existence, other evidence of such facts may be received.

Sec. 8. The jurisdiction of the several Chapters, subordinate to this Grand Chapter, shall extend half way in all directions, between the several Chapters respectively, and no Chapter shall have the right of conferring any of the Chapter degrees upon any candidate whose fixed place of abode is within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without the consent of such Chapter being first had and obtained, nor shall any Chapter exalt less than three candidates at the same time.

Sec. 9. Every regularly constituted Chapter under this jurisdiction shall annually, at the regular Convocation immediately preceding the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, elect, by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast, the several officers of such Chapter, and the officers, when so elected, shall be duly installed into office by some Past or acting High Priest, as soon after their election as practicable, and the names of the officers thus elected shall be communicated to the Grand Secretary immediately after their installation.

Sec. 10. All ballotings shall be in the Royal Arch degree, and unless a further ballot be required by a member, one clear ballot shall entitle the candidate to all the degrees.

Sec. 11. Every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter has the right to try for unmasonic conduct all Companions within its jurisdiction, and in all such trials the proceedings shall be conducted in the following manner, to-wit:

Rule 1. The charges and specifications shall be made in writing, under the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, or of a committee of the Chapter appointed for that purpose, and delivered to the Secretary of the Chapter.

Rule 2. The Secretary shall make out a true copy of the charges and specifications, attest the same, and deliver it as attested—or cause the same to be done—to the accused, at least ten days before the time of trial.

Rule 3. If the residence of the accused be within ten miles of the place of the meeting of the Chapter, an attested copy of the charges and specifications, enclosed by mail to the post-office nearest to his place of residence, thirty days before the trial, shall be deemed good notice. If he reside out of the State, and his residence be known, sixty days notice thereof shall be given—but if his residence be unknown to all the members of the Chapter, the trial may be had *ex parte*.

Rule 4. The examination of the charges shall be in a Chapter specially notified and convened for that purpose, at which no visitors shall be admitted, except witnesses and counsel: *Provided*, said witnesses and counsel are Royal Arch Masons.

Rule 5. It shall be the duty of the Chapter to hear any evidence relevant to the charge, and the same commit to writing—if proper to do so—when it shall be heard in open Chapter, or evidence of persons not Royal Arch Masons, may be taken out of the Chapter, by any person authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths to witnesses, notice having been given to the adverse party, so as to allow one day to every thirty miles travel from the place where said notice is served, to the place of taking said testimony, and a written notice left with the High Priest or Secretary of the Chapter, shall be sufficient to authorize the taking of testimony on the part of the accused.

Rule 6. The depositions shall be sealed up by the person taking them, and conveyed by some trust-worthy person, or by mail, and delivered to the Secretary of the Chapter, who shall endorse thereon whether received sealed or otherwise.

Rule 7. Upon every trial the Secretary of the Chapter shall write down in a fair hand, the whole of the evidence in the case proper to be written.

Rule 8. When the testimony is closed, the accused and the accuser (unless the charge be preferred by a committee) shall

retire, and the question upon each specification shall be distinctly put by the Chair to each member present beginning with the youngest, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" The answer shall be given standing, and in an audible manner, and the Secretary shall record the same.

Rule 9. If the accused be found guilty, the Chapter, by vote, shall assess the punishment due the offense, and every member shall be required to vote.

Rule 10. In all cases of suspension or expulsion of any member from the privileges of Capitular Masonry, two-thirds of the votes of all the members present shall be required: *Provided*, in all cases of suspension or expulsion, a majority of the whole Chapter be present.

Rule 11. Any Companion, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter upon the trial of any Companion, may take an appeal to the Grand Chapter.

Rule 12. The appeal shall be made in writing, and in the following form, to-wit:

I, ———, a Royal Arch Mason, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, do declare, that I feel materially aggrieved by the decision of ——— Chapter, No. ———, in the case of ———, and for a rehearing of the case, and to the end that justice may be done in that matter, do take my appeal to said Grand Chapter.

The above form shall be signed by the appellant, and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

Rule 13. The appeal must be taken within sixty days after the trial and judgment, and not afterwards.

Rule 14. The Secretary of the Chapter shall immediately record the appeal, and transmit to the Grand Chapter, at the next Convocation thereof, a true copy of the evidence in the cause, together with the appeal, certified under his hand and the seal of the Chapter.

Rule 15. The Grand Chapter, on receipt of the appeal and evidence, shall be possessed of the cause, and shall proceed to examine and try the same, upon the evidence so transmitted, without any other testimony, and decide the matter finally.

Rule 16. The appellant shall give to the other party at least ten days notice, in writing, of the taking of the appeal, a copy of which notice shall be forwarded to the Grand Chapter, with evidence of its service.

Rule 17. The Grand Chapter may reverse the decision of a subordinate Chapter, whereby a Companion is suspended or expelled, but such reversal shall in no case restore the accused to membership in the Chapter from which he was suspended or expelled, without the unanimous consent of the members present at a regular Convocation.

Rule 18. The rules for taking depositions, serving notices, and deciding causes herein prescribed for the Chapters, shall also prevail, so far as the same are applicable, in reference to trials in the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 12. It shall be the duty of each subordinate Chapter to adopt a proper code of By-Laws for its special regulation and government, and such Chapter shall have the power to alter or amend the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That all such By-Laws or amendments shall be presented, from time to time, for the approval of this Grand Chapter.

Sec. 13. Alterations or amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1. On the first day of each Grand Annual Convocation, the M. E. Grand High Priest, or officer next in order of rank, shall open the Grand Chapter, at 3 o'clock P. M., and at the same hour on each successive day of the session, unless otherwise ordered.

Rule 2. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, appoint all committees, fill vacancies which may occur by the absence of any regular officer, by appointments *pro tem*; and on all questions where the Grand Chapter is equally divided, give the casting vote.

Rule 3. Any Companion desiring to address the Grand Chapter, shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address the presiding officer, confining himself to the question under debate, and avoiding all personalities, and no Companion shall be permitted to speak more than twice on any one subject, without permission from the Grand Chapter.

Rule 4. All reports submitted—the report of the Committee on Work excepted—all petitions, memorials, or appeals, presented, and all orders, motions or resolutions, shall be in writing, and the Companion offering the same shall read it in his place, and present it to the presiding officer, to be submitted to the consideration and decision of the Grand Chapter.

Rule 5. No motion shall be entertained until it is seconded, and no debate shall be had thereon until the question is stated by the presiding officer.

Rule 6. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or amend, and all motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are moved, except in the filling up of blanks, when the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

Rule 7. The previous question shall not be called for, nor shall a question indefinitely postponed be acted upon during the session.

Rule 8. When a question has been decided, any Companion of the majority may move a re-consideration thereof, but no motion to reconsider shall be entertained unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be re-considered was decided.

Rule 9. In all proceedings not herein specially provided for, this Grand Chapter shall be governed by the rules of deliberative bodies, (as far as applicable) as prescribed by Jefferson's Manual.

Rule 10. All laws and regulations heretofore enacted by this Grand Chapter, not herein contained, or which conflicts in any manner with this Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Rule 11. These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may be, at any Grand Annual Convocation, added to, altered, amended or repealed, by a vote of two-thirds of the Companions present.

Rule 12. This Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, shall commence and be in force from and after the passage thereof.

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA, WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AND THE AMOUNT OF DUES PAID FOR 1860.

No.	Chapter.	Location.	County.	Post Office.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Dues.
1	Tuscaloosa,						15 00
2	Ex,						
3	Ex,						
4	Monroe,	Claiborne,	Monroe,	Claiborne,	R. C. Torrey,	N. A. Agee,	20 10 00
5	Eunomia,	Huntsville,	Madison,	Huntsville,	J. J. Ward,	J. G. Coltart,	30 15 00
6	Cyrus,	Florence,	Lauderdale,	Florence,	S. D. Weakley,	S. A. M. Wood,	31 15 50
7	Ex,						
8	Ex,						
9							
10	Tuscumbia,	Tuscumbia,	Franklin,	Tuscumbia,	F. G. Norman,	John L. Wood,	19 9 50
11	Phoenix,	Greensboro,	Greene,	Greensboro,	William Kerr,	C. W. Hatch,	30 13 50
12	Marion,	Marion,	Perry,	Marion,	R. T. Jones,	James B. Sellick,	51 25 50
13	Ex,						
14	Ex,						
15	Ex,						
16	Ex,						
17	Wetumpka,						9 50

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No.	Chapter.	Location.	County.	Post Office.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Dues.	
18	Jamestown,	Warsaw,	Sumter,	Warsaw,	William Little,	J. J. Little,	40	20 00
19	Mount Moriah,	Clinton,	Greene,	Clinton,	D. Harrison,	Rob. Harkness,		
20								
21	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	James Wilkins,		85	42 50
22	Montgomery,	Montgomery.	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	H. P. Watson,	J. N. Browder,	53	26 50
23	Ex,							
24	Eufaula,	Eufaula,	Barbour,	Eufaula,	H. P. Pratt,	Charles W. Snow,	32	16 00
25	Courtland,	Courtland,	Lawrence,	Courtland,	J. C. Parker,	J. H. Lorance,	29	14 50
26	Union,	Uniontown,	Perry,	Uniontown,	James L. Price,	Wm. Deason,	29	14 50
27								
28	Saint Johns,	Selma,	Dallas,	Selma,	J. B. Harrison,	George F. Plant,	29	14 50
29	Ex,							
30	James Penn,	Jacksonville,	Calhoun,	Jacksonville,	John R. Clark,	Wm. H. Forney,	30	15 00
31	Perfect Friends'p	Benton,	Lowndes,	Benton,	Henry Traun,	W. L. Ernest,	29	14 00
32	Fulton,	Orrville,	Dallas,	Orrville,	W. E. Beaird.	W. R. Smyly,	28	14 00
33	Autauga,	Autaugaville,	Autauga,	Autaugaville,	T. L. Faulkner.	A. W. McNeel,	22	11 00
34	Hermon,	Union Springs,	Macon,	Union Spgs.	M. Butterfield.	Thomas Pullum,	52	25 00

35	James L. Daniel,	Glennville,	Barbour,	Glennville,	William Ivey,	James M. Wright,	14	7 00	1860.]
36	Pickensville,	Pickensville,	Pickens,	Pickensville,	H. S. Shelton,	S. Noland,	28	14 00	
37	Concord,	Lafayette,	Chambers,	Lafayette,	J. Falkner,	J. S. Prather, Jr.	22	10 50	GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.
38	Ex,								
39	Ex,								431
40	Camden,	Camden,	Wilcox,	Camden,	John C. Jones,	D. W. Block,	44		
41	Washington,	Summerfield,	Dallas,	Summerfield,	B. J. Harrison,	C. N. Briggs,	21	10 50	
42	Ex,								
43									
44	Choctaw,	Butler,	Choctaw,	Butler,	C. N. Wilcox,	John T. Foster,	34	17 00	
45	Ex,								
46	Ex,								
47	Ex.								
48	Ex,								
49	Hope,	Bridgeville,	Pickens,	Bridgeville,	E. R. Shipman,	T. B. Gardner,	21	10 50	
50	Sumter,	Gainesville,	Sumter,	Gainesville,	L. H. Anderson,	A. H. Harris,	33	16 00	
51	Ex,								
52	Allenton,	Allenton,	Wilcox,	Allenton,	J. G. Bythewood,	E. H. J. Mobley,	39	19 50	
53	Uchee,	Uchee,	Russell,	Uchee,	M. B. Jelks,	R. P. Scarborough,	31	15 50	
54	Tyrian,	Troy,	Pike,	Troy,	D. B. Smedley,	J. D. Murphree,	44	22 00	
55	Suggsville,	Suggsville,	Clarke,	Suggsville,	S. Coale,	Samuel Forwood,	44	21 50	
56	Zerubbabel,	Waverly,	Chambers,	Waverly,	J. J. Havis,	David Sargent,	14	7 00	
57	Lebanon,	Lebanon,	DeKalb,	Lebanon,	W. J. Roberts,	J. L. Barnard,	20	10 00	

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA, WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AND THE AMOUNT OF DUES PAID FOR 1860.

No.	Chapter.	Location.	County.	Post Office.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Dues.	
58	Hartwell,	Cahaba,	Dallas,	Cahaba,	J. P. Fulks,	C. J. Currie,	46	23 00
59								
60	Hiram,	Braggs,	Lowndes,	Braggs,	R. B. Twombly,	E. D. Lavender,	29	14 50
61	Signet,	Society Hill,	Macon,	Society Hill,	T. F. Flournoy,	A. S. Griggs,	22	11 00
62	Rockford,	Rockford,	Coosa,	Rockford,	Isaac W. Suttle,	Geo. E. Brewer,	27	14 00
63	Clayton,	Clayton,	Barbour,	Clayton,	Moses Padgett,	S. Mabry,	67	17 50
64	Central,	Montevallo,	Shelby,	Montevallo,	S. M. Doak,	J. P. Morgan,	27	20 00
65	Russell,	Stevenson,	Jackson,	Stevenson,	A. A. Russell,	F. J. Graham,	38	19 00
66	Alabama,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Thomas Henry,	A. B. Couch,	33	16 50
67	Farriorville,	Farriorville,	Pike,	Farriorville,	Abijah Haley,	Geo. Williams,	48	23 00
68	Cherokee,	Centre,	Cherokee,	Center,	J. H. Willoughby,	W. L. Sharp,	34	17 00
69	Lower P. Tree,	Lower P. Tree,	Wilcox,	Lower P. Tree,	D. H. Portis,	J. L. Godbold,	18	8 00
70	Choctaw Corner,	Choctaw Corner,	Clarke,	Choctaw Corner,	J. S. Dickinson,	S. M. Gilmore,	16	
71	Landmark,	Barnes' X Rds.	Dale,	Barnes' X Rds.,	I. N. Preston,	R. Deal,	28	
72	Midway,	Midway,	Barbour,	Midway,	W. B. Bowen,	Thos. Griffin,	32	

Total number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons represented in the Grand Chapter, 1,523. Delinquent Chapters had a membership of 191 in 1859. Total number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons in the State, 1,714. Amount of "Dues" paid, \$705.50.

GRAND CHAPTERS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES, OF THE UNITED STATES, AND CANADA.

Grand Chapters	G. H. Priests.	Residences.	Grand Secretaries.	Residences.	Where Held.	Time.
Alabama,	S. A. M. Wood,	Florence,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Tu. af 1 M. in Dec.
Arkansas,	E. H. Whitfield,	Camden,	James W. Finley,	Little Rock,	Little Rock,	Th. bf 1 Monday.
California,	H. H. Hartley,	Sacramento	L. C. Owens,	San Francisco	Sacramento,	May 9th.
Canada,	T. D. Harrington	Quebec,	Thos. B. Harris,	Hamilton,		
Connecticut,			E. G. Storer,	New Haven,		
Florida,	T. Y. Henry,	Quincy,	John B. Taylor,	Tallahasee,		
Georgia,	Philip T. Schley,	Savannah,	B. B. Russell,	Augusta,	Augusta,	4 Wed. in April.
Illinois,	N. D. Elwood,	Joliet,	H. G. Reynolds,	Springfield,	Springfield,	September 27th.
Indiana,			Francis King,	Indianapolis,		
Iowa,	Kimbal Porter,	Iowa City,	W. B. Langridge,	Muscatine,	Davenport,	10th June, 1861.
Kentucky,	T. N. Wise,	Covington,	P. Swigert,	Frankfort,	Louisville,	3 Mon. in October.
Louisiana,			Samuel G. Risk,	New Orleans,		
Maine,	Moses Dodge,	Portland,	Ira Berry,	Portland,	Portland,	
Maryland & D. C.	James Goszler,	Washingt'n,	W. M. Smith,	Washington,	Washington,	2 Monday in Nov.
Massachusetts,			W. Waterman,	Boston,		
Michigan,	Wm. P. Innes,	Grand Rap	I. E. Johnston,	White Pigeon,	Detroit,	
Minnesota,	A. T. C. Pierson,	Saint Paul	G. W. Prescott,	St. Paul,	St. Paul.	

Mississippi,			R. W. T. Daniel,	Jackson,		
Missouri,	J. W. Crane,	St. Louis,	A. O'Sullivan,	St. Louis,	St. Louis,	May 22.
New Hampshire,	Geo. H. Hubbard	Manchester	Horace Chase,	Hopkinton,	Concord,	1 Monday in June.
New Jersey,	T. J. Corson,	Trenton,	J. Wolverton,	Trenton,	Trenton,	2 Wed. in Sept.
New York,			John O. Cole	Albany,		
North Carolina,	E. F. Watson,	Watsonvi'e,	Thos. B. Carr,	Wilmington,	Wilmington,	1 Monday in June.
Ohio,	Harvey Vinal,	Springfield,	Jno. D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati,	Columbus,	October 11th.
Pennsylvania,			William H. Adams,	Philadelphia,		
Rhode Island,			Thomas A. Doyle,	Providence,		
South Carolina,	A. G. Mackey,	Charleston,	Ebenezer Thayre,	Charleston,	Charleston,	Tu. af 2 W. in Feb.
Tennessee			Chas. A. Fuller,	Nashville,		
Texas,	Wm. T. Austin,	Galveston,	A. S. Ruthven,	Galveston,	Houston,	W. af 2 Mon. June.
Vermont,			J. B. Hollenback,	Burlington.		
Virginia,	P. B. Starke,	Chas. City,	John Doye,	Richmond,		2 Mon. in Dec.
Wisconsin.	Erastus Lewis,	Janesville,	Wm. T. Pabrer.	Milwaukee.	Milwaukee,	2 Wed. in Feb.

REPORT OF DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

DELINQUENT IN RETURNS.

Tuscaloosa -----No. 1

DELINQUENT IN DUES.

Camden -----No. 40

DELINQUENT IN REPRESENTATIVES.

Eunomia -----No. 5

Phoenix -----No. 11

Mount Moriah -----No. 19

Courtland -----No. 25

Hermon -----No. 34

DELINQUENT IN RETURNS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

Wetumpka -----No. 17

DELINQUENT IN DUES AND REPRESENTATIVES.

Jamestown -----No. 18

DELINQUENT IN DUES, RETURNS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

Clinton -----No. 9

Livingston -----No. 20

Dayton -----No. 27

Tuskegee -----No. 43

Bladon Springs -----No. 59

