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of the
GRAND
CHAPTER
of
Royal Arch Masons
of
ALABAMA



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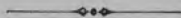
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OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,
AT THE
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD AT
THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY,
COMMENCING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 1866.



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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, convened at its Fortieth Annual Convocation, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 4th day of December, A. D. 1866, A. L. 5866, R. A. M. 2396.

PRESENT :

PELEG BROWN, as.....	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
WILSON WILLIAMS, <i>pro tem</i>	<i>D. G. High Priest.</i>
A. B. STARKE, <i>pro tem</i>	<i>Grand King.</i>
GEORGE D. NORRIS.....	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
EDMUND M. HASTINGS.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
DANIEL SAYRE.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
E. V. LEVERT.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
JOSEPH H. JOHNSON.....	<i>Grand C. Host.</i>
JOHN CORTRIGHT, <i>pro tem</i>	<i>Grand P. Sojourner.</i>
L. W. JENKINS.....	<i>Grand R. A. C.</i>
J. G. HARRIS, <i>pro tem</i>	<i>Grand M. 3 Veil.</i>
W. A. C. JONES, <i>pro tem</i>	<i>Grand M. 2 Veil.</i>
J. M. MCNAMEE, <i>pro tem</i>	<i>Grand M. 1 Veil.</i>
THOMAS MCDOUGAL.....	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

WILLIAM P. CHILTON.....	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
DAVID CLOPTON.....	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
J. MCCAULEY WILEY.....	<i>D. G. High Priest.</i>
JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE.....	<i>Grand King.</i>
N. B. CLOUD.....	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>

Chapters Represented.

NAME.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	GRADE.
Tuscaloosa.....	No. 1	{ J. S. Kennedy.....	H. P.
		{ R. F. Knott*.....	K.
		{ James L. Foster.....	S.
Monroe.....	" 4	{ N. A. Agae*.....	H. P.
		{ J. A. Willfick.....	H. P.
Eunomia.....	" 5	{ John M. Humphrey.....	K.
		{ George D. Norris*.....	S.
Clinton.....	" 9	{ W. A. Hine*.....	H. P.
Phenix.....	" 11	{ George M. Duskin.....	S.
Marion.....	" 12	{ E. V. LeVert*.....	H. P.
Wetumpka.....	" 17	{ W. A. Allen.....	H. P.
Mount Moriah.....	" 19	{ E. H. Lamb*.....	H. P.
		{ J. G. Harris*.....	H. P.
Livingston.....	" 20	{ W. A. C. Jones*.....	K.
		{ P. G. Nash.....	S.
Mobile.....	" 21	{ P. J. Pillans.....	H. P.
		{ William H. Dingley.....	H. P.
Montgomery.....	" 22	{ N. B. Cloud.....	K.
		{ Daniel Sayre.....	S.
		{ Joseph H. Johnson.....	H. P.
Talladega.....	" 23	{ James H. Joiner.....	K.
		{ George S. Walden.....	S.
Eufaula.....	" 24	{ H. W. Baker.....	H. P.
		{ Z. J. Daniel*.....	K.
Courtland.....	" 25	{ F. W. Sykes.....	S.
Dayton.....	" 27	{ H. A. Woolf.....	K.
Saint Johns.....	" 28	{ Henry Gatchell.....	H. P.
		{ William H. Forney*.....	H. P.
James Penn.....	" 30	{ B. F. Pope*.....	K.
		{ George C. Ellis*.....	S.
Perfect Friendship..	" 31	{ J. C. Waddill.....	H. P.
Fulton.....	" 32	{ William E. Beaird.....	H. P.
		{ Lewis Sessions*.....	H. P.
Hermon.....	" 34	{ Richard H. Powell*.....	K.
		{ Thomas Ramsey*.....	S.
James L. Daniel.....	" 35	{ M. W. Davis.....	H. P.
		{ A. B. Starke.....	K.
Concord.....	" 37	{ J. M. McNamee*.....	H. P.
		{ L. W. Jenkins.....	H. P.
Camden.....	" 40	{ J. Eades Gullett.....	K.
		{ R. H. Ervin*.....	S.
Tuskegee.....	" 43	{ David Clopton*.....	H. P.
		{ Jesse L. Adams*.....	K.

*Proxies.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED—CONTINUED.

NAME.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	GRADE.
Choctaw.....	No. 44	John T. Foster.....	S.
McKinley	" 48	{ S. F. Perkins*.....	H. P.
		{ W. T. Abrahams*.....	K.
Hope	" 49	Isaac W. Anderson.....	H. P.
Allenton	" 52	D. W. Bythewood*.....	H. P.
Tyrian.....	" 54	{ David B. Smedley.....	H. P.
		{ John R. Goldthwaite.....	K.
		{ W. M. Graves.....	H. P.
Zerubbabel	" 56	{ A. F. M. Garrett.....	K.
		{ M. Reeder*.....	S.
Hartwell.....	" 58	R. D. Hunter*.....	K.
		{ J. A. Sears.....	H. P.
Rockford.....	" 62	{ James Vanzant*.....	K.
		{ G. W. McEwan*.....	S.
Clayton	" 63	J. J. Wynn*.....	H. P.
Central	" 64	L. W. Dalrymple*.....	H. P.
Russell.....	" 65	James Williams*.....	H. P.
Alabama	" 66	{ John Cortright.....	H. P.
		{ Peleg Brown*.....	K.
Farriorville	" 67	John McCreless.....	S.
Cherokee.....	" 68	{ J. A. Rives.....	H. P.
		{ John W. Brandon*.....	K.
Lower Peach Tree...	" 69	W. E. Powe*.....	H. P.
Choctaw Corner.....	" 70	J. F. Pate.....	H. P.
Landmark	" 71	J. M. Bridges.....	H. P.
Midway	" 72	John W. L. Daniel.....	H. P.
Lawrenceville.....	" 73	{ W. A. O'Hara.....	H. P.
		{ W. A. Fenn.....	K.
Opelika	" 74	E. C. Bowen*.....	K.
		{ H. W. Clark.....	H. P.
Pine Level.....	" 75	{ James B. Luckie.....	K.
		{ E. S. Stewart.....	S.
Smedley	" 77	{ W. J. A. J. Hilliard.....	H. P.
		{ S. M. Carlton*.....	K.
Loachapoka.....	" 80	{ M. J. Greene.....	K.
		{ James M. Allen*.....	S.
Crawford	" 82	Wilson Williams.....	H. P.

*Proxies.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in ample form.

Prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion E. V. LeVert.

The Grand High Priest was not present, but he sent up his annual address, which did not come to the hands of the Grand Secretary until after the Grand Chapter was closed ; it is inserted here, however, in its proper place.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter :

Again, under the leadings of a beneficent and All-wise Providence, are we permitted to assemble in Grand Convocation, and to greet each other as companions and co-laborers in one of the best and greatest works that has ever enlisted the heart and occupied the mind of man. For the time we have abandoned the pressing engagements of life ; have left the endearing associations of home, to mingle in legislative consultation for the welfare and prosperity of R. A. Masonry throughout our jurisdiction.

With these ends kept steadily in view, and with a grateful recognition of that good Providence which still smiles upon our order, let us at once address ourselves with masonic unselfishness to the duty before us—the duty of raising the standard of capitular masonry to that high eminence, at which elevation alone it can fully receive and reflect that appropriate lustre and brilliancy which comes from above, and is derived from “Holiness to the Lord.” It affords me pleasure to state that, so far as I have been able to learn, peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and that R. A. Masonry is now in a prosperous condition ; some, if not all, of our subordinate Chapters seem determined to free themselves of the imperfect work which, by accident, or a want of faithful vigilance, may have passed the overseers’ squares. This work now exhibits its imperfections, and they are such as obviously render it unfit for use, and it is now being very properly thrown among the rubbish. This course commends itself to our favor ; let the subordinates but continue the work thus nobly begun, (of sacrificing numbers to purity,) until all shall be accomplished that is desired, and Royal Arch Masonry will soon occupy that high position of which it

principles are worthy, and sooner still "Holiness to the Lord" shall be engraved upon the heart of every true R. A. Mason.

Dispensations have been granted to open several chapters, of which you will be informed in the report of the Grand Secretary.

These, companions, will make due returns of their doings, and respectfully solicit charters from this Grand Chapter. Without intending to draw any invidious distinction, it is proper to mention Jefferson Chapter and Gaston Chapter (U. D.) as having exhibited great anxiety to observe the ancient landmarks, and to work in conformity with the usages of Masonry. Their proceedings have been characterized by extreme caution, and give assurance of their vieing at an early date with the oldest Chapters in the purity and grandeur of their work.

Application was made during the year by sundry Companions for a Dispensation to open a Chapter in Warrenton, Dallas county. Their petition set forth the great inconveniences, and the many difficulties they were subjected to in attending the regular convocations of the nearest Chapter, and which, from a personal knowledge of the country and water-courses, I know were difficulties at times insurmountable; but their proximity to Allenton Chapter, No. 52, (being less than twenty miles,) forbade my assent. It would, however, have afforded me great pleasure to have granted the petition, could I have done so constitutionally. Those companions will, as they have been advised, make direct application to this Grand Chapter, and I trust you will give them a favorable consideration.

Among the questions submitted for my consideration during the past year, the following are the most prominent, to-wit:

QUESTION—Can a Chapter adopt, &c.?

ANSWER—A Chapter cannot adopt any By-law compelling the members to attend every regular Convocation. Such a law would be onerous and oppressive; but the Chapter may require and compel the attendance of its members by special summons on certain emergencies—such, for instance, as the trial of a Companion, when it becomes necessary to have so many of the Chapter present to legalize a trial. Any and every companion failing to obey that special summons, must give a satisfactory reason to the Chapter before he can be excused; failing to do this, he may be dealt with (at the discretion of the Chapter) by

reprimand, suspension or expulsion; but not, however, until he has had a fair trial.

QUESTION—Can a By-law be legally, &c.?

ANSWER—A Chapter may adopt a By-law declaring that any Companion who shall be engaged in selling spirituous liquor, guilty of unmasonic conduct. Such companion is entitled to a fair trial, and the penalty after conviction may be a reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but the Chapter cannot dimit him; it has a right to pass a By-law suppressing vice or immorality. The Grand Lodge has promulgated that "retail traffic in intoxicating drinks is demoralizing in its tendency; opposed to the principles of the order, and inconsistent with the masonic character." If so in the Blue Lodge, how much more careful ought we to be in the Grand Chapter—we, who profess to have progressed, and to have attained a higher position.

QUESTION—As to maimed candidates, &c.?

ANSWER—A member who has been raised to the sublime degree of a M. M., according to the ancient landmarks, and who, in every respect, was qualified for exaltation, should not be debarred from the degrees of R. A. Masonry, simply because he has been providentially afflicted, such affliction having been in no wise brought about by his misconduct. Again, a brother was ballotted for and accepted for exaltation; but before he could receive the degrees, was called off upon duty, and was thus prevented from receiving them. During this necessary absence he had the misfortune to lose one of his arms in battle. On his return home he still desires the degrees, being in every respect worthy. I unhesitatingly recommend that the Chapter exalt him, or, in the event they refuse, that they recommend him to some other Chapter for exaltation. It is just such a case as peculiarly commends our unfortunate brother to masonic sympathy and masonic hearts.

The Committee on Work have labored zealously for several years to exemplify the work, and bring about a uniformity therein. Their labors thus far have proved a success. Their worthy chairman has bestowed much time and attention to perfect the work, and it is earnestly desired that the Grand Chapter will give the committee more time to report than has heretofore been allowed to them.

Amidst the many afflictions we are destined to suffer in our weary and toilsome journey through life, is that of the loss of friends and

Companions. He who was wont to meet with us on these occasions, will meet with us no more in this world. The spirit of our beloved Companion, HUGH PARKS WATSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, took its flight for another and better world, on Sunday, the first day of April last, to enter (as we humbly hope) the Great Temple above, in which the Grand High Priest of the Universe presides. In the death of our Companion, masonry has lost one from among its most zealous and brightest ornaments, and the community at large a useful member.

May the Supreme Grand High Priest counsel and direct you in your labor of love.

J. B. HARRISON, G. H. P.

(It may not be improper for the Grand Secretary to remark, that the Address of the Grand High Priest not having arrived in time, it was not referred to a committee, nor his decisions passed upon by the Grand Chapter.)

The Grand Secretary made his Annual Report, and the report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Grand Secretary's Annual Report.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA, }
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, Montgomery, Dec. 4, 1866. }

Companions :—I herewith submit to you my accounts, showing the disposition of all the moneys which have come into my hands during and since the last convocation of the Grand Chapter; the amounts received, the sums expended on account of the Grand Chapter, and the money paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

During the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, thirty-one subordinate Chapters paid their dues, and five have paid up since. Several Dispensations have been granted, including those ordered by the Grand Chapter at its last annual convocation. It thus appears that Capitular Masonry is growing in favor with the brotherhood, and steadily extending its Royal Arch.

Fraternally,

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

[A.]

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,

In account with DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

1865. *

CR.

Dec. 5. By dues received at this convocation, as shown on
pages 37 and 38 of printed proceedings..... \$1,662 50
“ “ By amount overpaid by Grand Secretary, and carried
to debit of recapitulation account marked C..... 24 00

DR.

Dec. 11. To paid Grand Treasurer as per his receipt, 1,129 00
To amounts refunded to Chapters
under resolutions on pages 31
and 33, as follows:

Monroe, No 4.....	14 50
Eunomia, No 5.....	65 00
Phenix, No. 11.....	25 00
Mount Moriah, No. 19.....	15 50
Livingston, No. 20.....	27 50
Union, No. 26.....	14 50
James L. Daniel, No. 35.....	16 00
Pickensville, No. 36.....	18 50
Concord, No. 37.....	34 00
Camden, No. 40.....	20 50
Choctaw, No. 44.....	35 50
Hartwell, No. 58.....	25 00
Alabama, No. 66.....	48 50
Lower Peach Tree, No. 69.....	16 50
Landmark, No. 71.....	46 50
Midway, No. 72.....	36 00
Lawrenceville, No. 73.....	11 50
Montgomery, No. 22.....	35 50
Pine Level, No. 75.....	24 00
Tuskegee, No. 43 (not called for)	8 50
Central, No. 69, “ “ “	19 00—
	557 50

\$1,686 50— \$1,686 50

MONTGOMERY, December 4, 1866.

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[B.]

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,

In account with DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secresary.

CR.

1865.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dec. 8.	By cash for Bell, No. 83.....	\$90 00
" 11.	" " " Gaston, No. 85.....	90 00
1866.		
Jan. 20.	" " " Coosa, No. 86.....	90 00
" 22.	" " " Moulton, No. 87.....	90 00
Feb. 19.	" " " Roslin, No. 88.....	90 00
June 14.	" " " Somerville, No. 89.....	90 00
Oct. 18.	" " " Greenville, No. 90.....	90 00
Feb. 10.	" " " Jefferson, No. 81.....	90 00

BACK DUES.

Jan. 22.	By Tyrian, No. 54.....	38 00
" 24.	" Wetumpka, No. 17.....	22 50
Feb. 22.	" Hope, No. 49.....	23 50
June 6.	" Perfect Friendship, No. 31.....	16 00
July 12.	" Hiram, No. 60.....	22 50

1865.

DR.

Dec. 11.	To cash paid Grand Treasurer.....	180 00
1866.		
Jan. 24.	" " " W. S. Barton.....	8 00
Feb. 28.	" " " D. A. Patrick.....	25 00
" "	" " " Barrett & Brown.....	174 00
" "	" " " Post-office.....	12 00
" "	" " " Rent.....	125 00
June 30.	" " " J. V. Gonzales.....	2 00
" 27.	" " " Barrett & Brown.....	60 00
Aug. 20.	" " " Parchments.....	32 50
" 30.	" " " Barrett & Brown.....	8 00
Nov. 30.	" amount carried to credit of recapitulation account marked C.....	216 00

\$842 50—\$842 50

MONTGOMERY, December 4, 1866.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,

In account with DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

1864.

Dec. 6.	By cash received for Dispensation to Carrollton Chap- ter, No. 84, in Confederate money.....	\$90 00
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N. B.—This Dispensation was never called for until after the convo-
cation of the Grand Chapter in 1865, and hence the amount has never
been reported.

[C.]

RECAPITULATION ACCOUNT.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,

In account with DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

1865.

DR.

Dec. 5. To this amount overpaid by Grand Secretary and brought
from credit side of account marked A..... 24 00

1866.

Nov. 5. To cash paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipt here-
with submitted..... 192 00

\$216 00

CR.

Nov. 5. By this brought from debit side of account marked B..\$216 00
MONTGOMERY, December 4, 1866.

The Grand Treasurer made his Annual Report, and the
report was received and referred to the Committee on Fi-
nance.

Grand Treasurer's Annual Report.

E. M. HASTINGS, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ala.

1865.	DR.		
Dec. 4.	To balance in Confederate Treasury notes.....	790	69
" "	do. U. S. Treasury notes.....	67	00
" 12.	" cash from Grand Secretary.....	180	00
" "	" cash from same—dues, 1865.....	1,129	00
1866			
Nov. 24.	" cash from same.....	192	00

\$2,358 69

1866.			
Dec. 4.	To balance cash on hand.....	\$986	25

1865.	CR.		
Dec. 4.	By Confederate Treasury notes on hand—Voucher 1..	790	69
" 8.	" paid Peleg Brown, appropriation.....	2..	61 75
" 12.	" Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary... "	3..	400 00
" 15.	" Grand Treasurer's Salary..... "	...	100 00
" "	" Thos. McDougal, Grand Sentinel. " 4..	20	00

1866.			
Dec. 4.	" balance cash on hand	986	25

\$2,358 69

E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.

MONTGOMERY, December 4th, 1866.

Companion Peleg Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the Mark Master's and Past Master's Degrees, and the report was received and concurred in.

The further report of the Committee on Work was postponed until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning, and made the special order for that hour.

The following were announced as the

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 1.—N. A. Agee, George W. Duskin, P. J. Pillans.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No 2.—W. J. A. J. Hilliard, H. W. Baker.
J. M. McNamee.

ON DISPENSATIONS.—J. C. Waddill, W. A. Allen. W. M. Graves.

ON FINANCE.—W. E. Beaird, J. A. Sears, W. E. Powe.

ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS, AND APPEALS.—M. J.
Greene, I. W. Anderson, R. D. Hunter.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.—D. Clopton, R. H. Ervin, George D,
Norris.

ON WORK.—Peleg Brown, E. M. Hastings, David B. Smedley.

And then after prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chap-
lain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refresh-
ment until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 5, 1866.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 8½ o'clock, the M. E. D. Grand High Priest, Peleg Brown, presiding ; the other grand officers at their several stations.

Prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion, E. V. LeVert.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Peleg Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the M. E. M. Degree, and also on the opening ceremony of the R. A., and the report was received and concurred in.

And then after prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

THURSDAY MORNING, December 6, 1866.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 8½ o'clock, the M. E. D. Grand High Priest, Peleg Brown, presiding, the other grand officers at their several stations.

Prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion E. V. LeVert.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion David B. Smedley offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That delinquent Chapters have 60 days in which to make returns and pay their "dues."

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year, and the election resulted as follows:

GEORGE D. NORRIS,	<i>New Market,</i>	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
R. F. KNOTT,	<i>Newbern</i>	D. GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
JAMES H. JOINER,	<i>Talladega,</i>	GRAND KING.
P. J. PILLANS,	<i>Mobile,</i>	GRAND SCRIBE.
EDMUND M. HASTINGS,	<i>Montgomery,</i>	GRAND TREASURER.
DANIEL SAYRE,	<i>Montgomery,</i>	GRAND SECRETARY.
REV. E. V. LEVERT,	<i>Marion,</i>	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
JOSEPH H. JOHNSON,	<i>Talladega,</i>	GRAND C. HOST.

Companion William A. O'Hara presented a petition from Lawrenceville Chapter No. 73, for the removal of that Chapter from Lawrenceville to Abbeville in the same county, and the prayer of the petition was granted.

Companion James Williams presented a petition from Russell Chapter No. 65, praying for authority to elect officers on the second Monday in December, or at the regular convocation in January, and the prayer of the petition was granted.

Companion R. F. Knott offered the following resolution and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the dues of Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, be, and the same are hereby remitted up to the end of the masonic year, 1865.

Companion N. A. Agee, from Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 1, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

To the Grand Chapter of Alabama :

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

Monroe.....	No. 4	Perfect Friendship.....	No. 31
Eunomia.....	" 5	Fulton.....	" 32
Tuscumbia.....	" 10	Hermon.....	" 34
Phoenix.....	" 11	Concord.....	" 37
Mount Moriah.....	" 19	Camden.....	" 40
Montgomery.....	" 22	Choctaw.....	" 44
Saint Johns.....	" 28		

The following incorrect :

TUSCALOOSA, No. 1.—The date erroneous.

CLINTON, No. 9.—Does not recapitulate.

MARION, No. 12.—No date and no recapitulation.

WETUMPKA, No. 17.—Short of dues \$1 50. Reports only one as presided and advanced instead of four. Returns incorrect and badly prepared.

LIVINGSTON, No. 20.—R. A. M. reported as M. M. P. M. and M. E. M.

MOBILE, No. 21.—Recapitulates only 2 advanced instead of 23.

TALLADEGA, No. 23.—Recapitulation erroneous.

EUFAULA, No. 24.—Recapitulation incomplete.

COURTLAND, No. 25.—Date of R. A. M. incorrect.

DAYTON, No. 27.—Charter forfeited. We recommended reinstatement on the payment of back dues.

JAMES PENN, No 30.—Error in recapitulation. Short of dues 50 cts.

JAMES L. DANIEL, No. 35.—Recapitulation erroneous.

PICKENSVILLE, No. 36.—Returns incomplete. Recapitulation wholly erroneous, and members not numbered.

TUSKEGEE, No. 43.—Overpaid dues, 50 cents. Affiliated members not on the list of members; returns seem to be made out hurriedly.

MCKINLEY, 48.—Seems to have overpaid dues 50 cents.

HOPE, 49.—Informal; requests, and we recommend that the Grand Secretary forward blanks for it to complete its returns.

CHOCTAW CORNER, No 70.—Having paid all back dues we recommend that its charter be renewed and the chapter reinstated.

The Committee would remark that the present form of blanks deprive secretaries of any excuse for sending informal returns.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

N. A. AGEE, Chairman.

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

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

The Committee on Finance to whom were referred the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correct.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

W. E. BEAIRD, Chairman.

Companion Isaac W. Anderson, from the Committee on By-laws, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Appeals, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

Your Committee beg leave to state that they have performed the duties assigned them and submit the following report and recommendations:

In the by-laws of Bell Chapter, No. 83, after the word vacancies, add "by protem appointment." Art. 3d, section 1st, after the word petitions, strike out the words, from "companions for membership or candidates." Strike out in same section, all after the words "lie over," and insert in lieu thereof "until the next regular convocation."

In section 2d, article 5th, strike out after the word contributions in

seventh line of the said section the word "fees," and insert in lieu thereof, "dues." In same section, after the word suspended, in fifteenth line, strike out all to and including the word "accordingly," in nineteenth line. Also, in 26th line same section, strike out communication and insert in lieu thereof "convocation."

In section 1st, article 7th, strike out the words "members present," and insert in lieu thereof "chapter."

In section 2d, article 7th, strike out all after the word "given," in the sixth line of said section.

Strike out all of section 3d, article 7th.

In section 4th, article 7th, strike out "withdraw," and insert "dimit," in lieu thereof.

The By-laws of Somerville Chapter, No. 89, provide for election of officers to fill vacancies by death or otherwise. This we deem not in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama, and therefore recommend that section 5th of said by-laws be stricken out.

In the by-laws of Allenton Chapter No. 52, in section 3d, article 1st, strike out presiding officer and insert in lieu thereof, "King or Scribe."

In section 4th article 1st, and section 2d article 2d, section 1st article 9th, strike out the word stated, and insert in lieu thereof, "regular."

In section 1st, article 3d, strike out Grand Royal Arch Constitution and insert in lieu thereof, "Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Alabama."

Strike out all of section 5th, article 5th, it being in conflict with rule tenth of the by-laws of the Grand Chapter.

In the by-laws of Clinton Chapter, No. 9, we find provision to fill vacancies occurring during the year, by death or otherwise, to which we find the same objections and offer the same recommendations as in Somerville Chapter, No. 89.

In by-laws of Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1, section 1st article 1st, strike out communications and insert in lieu thereof, "convocations." Section 8, article 1st, strike out withdraw and insert in lieu thereof "dimit."

In section 11th, article 1st, strike out the word persons, and insert in lieu thereof "companion."

In section 12th, article 1st, strike out the word meeting, and insert in lieu thereof the word "convocation."

In section 18th, strike out the word sitting, and insert in lieu thereof, "convocation."

Also, in same section, strike out all after the words "presiding officer."

In section 19th, strike out all after suspended, and insert in lieu thereof, "at the discretion of the Chapter."

In section 23d, strike out meeting and insert in lieu thereof, "convocation."

In section 20th, strike out communication and insert in lieu thereof, "convocation."

Strike out the whole of section 21st.

In section 23d, add after the word decide in the eighth line of said section, "provided a majority of the members of the Chapter are present."

Greenville Chapter, No. 90, in section 1st, article 1st, strike out meeting, and insert in lieu thereof, "convocation."

Also, in section 1st, article 2d, strike out meeting, and insert "convocation" in lieu thereof; and in same section, also, in section 1st and 2d, article 5th, section 1st, article 6th, and section 1st, article 12th, strike out stated meetings, wherever occurring, and insert in lieu thereof, "regular convocations."

In the by-laws of Livingston Chapter, No. 20, section 1st, article 1st, strike out stated, and insert "regular," wherever it occurs: also, section 2d, article 3d; in section 3d, article 3d; section 6th, article 3d; in section 10th, article 3d; and section 5th, article 4th: also, in section 2d, article 8th; in section 1st, article 9th; in section 1st, article 10th, make the same corrections.

In section 2d, article 1st, strike out lawful presiding, and insert in lieu thereof, "King" or "Scribe."

The amendment, section 9th, article 4th, is not in accordance with rule 10th of by-laws of Grand Chapter, and we therefore, recommend it stricken out.

Jefferson Chapter, No. 81, correct, except section 7th, article 2d, where the word guard occurs, instead of sentinel.

In the by-laws of Piekensville Chapter, No. 36, article 1st and article 22d, strike out stated communication, and insert in lieu thereof, "regular convocation."

In article 1st, also strike out next highest officer, and insert in lieu thereof, "King" or "Scribe."

In article 4th and article 11th, 20th and 21st, strike out stated meetings.

In article 17th, strike out stated or special meetings, and insert in lieu thereof, "regular or special convocations: Also, in the same article, after the word quarterly, strike out meetings, and insert instead, "convocations."

In article 18th, after the word suspended in 4th line of said article, strike out the remainder of said sentence to, and including the word same, and insert at the discretion of the Chapter.

In the by-laws of Roslin Chapter, No. 88, section 5th, article 3d, strike out fees, and insert "dues" therefor.

In article 8th, strike out after the word from in the 4th line, the words "his seat in"; and in article 9th in the 4th line, strike out meet-

ing, and insert instead "convocation"; and after expelled in 6th line, strike out the remainder of the sentence, including the word decide, and insert in lieu thereof, the words "by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast; Provided, in case of a suspension a majority of the whole Chapter be present.

In the by-laws of Coosa Chapter, No. 86, section 5th, article 3d, strike out fees and insert "dues," instead.

In section 1, article 9th, insert after the word of, in the 10th line, the words "two-thirds of," and after the word decide, in the 11th line, insert, "provided a majority of the whole Chapter be present.

In the by laws of Gaston Chapter, No. 85, in section 4th, article 7th, in the 2d line of said section, strike out the word meetings, and insert in lieu thereof "convocations," and in 2d section, article 9th, strike out the word meeting, and in there also, the word, "convocation." Also, in the same section strike out the word person, and insert in lieu thereof, the word "companion."

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

I. W. ANDERSON, Chairman.

And then, after prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

FRIDAY MORNING, December 7, 1866.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 8 o'clock ; the M. E. D. Grand High Priest, Peleg Brown, presiding ; the other grand officers at their several stations.

Prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand High Priest, Companion E. V. LeVert.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Officers elected for the ensuing masonic year were installed in Ample Form, the M. E. P. G. H. P. William P. Chilton, assisting.

Companion W. J. A. J. Hilliard, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 2, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, have carefully examined the returns confided to their charge, and beg leave to make the following report, to-wit :

Alabama Chapter No. 66, correct.

Tyrian, " " 54 "

Clayton, " " 63 "

Zerubbabel " " 56 "

Central, " " 64 "

Cherokee, " " 68 "

Crawford, " " 82—No Seal.

Coosa, " " 86—Under Dispensation.

Hillabee, under dispensation, correct.

Farriorville, " " 67—No Seal.

Rockford, " " 62—Date of exaltations under remarks.

SMEDLEY CHAPTER, No. 77; no seal, reason stated, unable to procure one.

LOWER PEACH TREE, No. 69.—No seal; place and time of convocation omitted.

CARROLLTON, No. 84.—Under dispensation; correct, but not neat.

ALLENTON, No. 52.—Returns show that fourteen have presided, &c., and fourteen exalted; and recapitulation show twelve and fourteen exalted.

MIDWAY, No. 72.—The caption wrong, by saying the "Most Worshipful Grand," instead of "Most Excellent Grand," &c.

MOULTON, No. 87.—Under dispensation, and shows that five have been exalted.

LAWRENCEVILLE, No. 73.—No seal; number of Royal Arch Masons not given; and no recapitulation.

GASTON, No. 85.—Under dispensation; correct.

SUGGSVILLE, No. 55.—Date of dimits omitted.

BELL, No. 83.—Under dispensation.

PINE LEVEL, No. 75.—Date of affiliation omitted.

LOACHAPOKA, No. 80.—No seal, and shows that seven have been exalted.

RUSSELL, No. 65.—No seal; destroyed by fire; date of deaths not given.

ELYTON, No. 76.—Date of dimits not given; no report of advancing, presiding, receiving, and acknowledging made.

OPELIKA, No. 74.—Date of presiding in wrong column.

HARTWELL, No. 58.—Date of deaths not given.

LAND MARK, No. 71.—Date of dimits in part omitted.

JEFFERSON, No. 81.—Under dispensation; suspended for unmasonic conduct under remarks; caption not filled up.

ROSLIN, No. 88.—Under dispensation.

GREENVILLE, No. 90.—Under dispensation; correct, except no treasurer or secretary reported.

SOMERVILLE, No. 89.—Nothing reported but number of members; under dispensation.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

W. J. A. J. HILLIARD, Chairman.

Companion J. C. Waddill, from Committee on Dispensations, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Your Committee on Chapters under Dispensation, would report that they have examined the minutes of Jefferson Chapter No. 81, and find them neatly kept, but notice petitions are not always of a specific nature. Officers are appointed for consecutive convocations, instead of being so *pro tem*. They recommend a charter.

They have also examined the minutes of Bell Chapter No. 83. It would fill several sheets to notice in detail the many inaccuracies occurring. No officers but the first three are recorded, and the proceedings are not signed by the H. P. and Secretary. The want of punctuation and capitals occasions frequent confusion. In one instance companions are fined. Hoping more correctness may characterize them in the future we recommend a charter.

The minutes of Carrollton Chapter No. 84, are informal in several important particulars. A petition of a brother from Ky. Chapter is received, but we are not told how disposed of. The term "Persons is applied to petitioners instead of brother."

At one convocation after the Chapter is attested as being called off, a postscript is added. On two occasions no list of officers is given. Believing such irregularities will be avoided hereafter we recommend a Charter.

The minutes of Gaston Chapter No. 85, contrast most favorably with those we have examined, and with great pleasure we recommend a Charter.

In Hillabee Chapter No. 79, no list of officers is ever given. At the first convocation a brother receives all the degrees, but no record shows the acceptance of his petition. As that Chapter has held but few convocations, and done but little work, we recommend the Dispensation continued.

The minutes of Roslin Chapter No. 88, are not attested by Secretary, who is appointed. For similar reasons concerning the last Chapter, we recommend the same course.

The minutes of Greenville Chapter are not signed by Secretary, and contain terms such as "meetings" instead of convocations. Believing such errors unintentional we recommend a Charter; Also that petition of Somerville Chapter No. 89 be granted.

A dispensation is prayed for by Companion Moses Jones and nine others, of Dale county. The requisitions required are complied with, and we recommend that it be granted.

J. C. WADDILL, Chairman.

Companion E. M. Hastings proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, which was approved by a vote of one-third the members present, was ordered to be entered upon the minutes, to be printed with the proceedings, and to lie over for consideration at the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

That Sec. 5, of Art. IV, be amended by adding at its close the words, "unless his petition be rejected."

Companion William O. Hudson offered the following resolution, and it was adopted.

Resolved, That the "Dues" of Elyton Chapter, No. 76, for the present year; and also the "Dues" of Bladon Spring Chapter, No. 59, for 1865 and 1866, be remitted.

Companion William O. Hudson offered the following resolution, and it was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to loan Companion Thomas McDougal, Grand Sentinel, the sum of seventy-five dollars, on his own note, without interest.

On motion, it was ordered, that the sum of three hundred dollars be set apart, in the hands of the Grand Secretary, as a contingent fund for the ensuing masonic year.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following Grand Officers and Committees:

JAMES A. WILLOCK,	<i>Huntsville,</i>	GRAND P. S.
N. A. AGEE,	<i>Claiborne,</i>	GRAND R. A. C.
JOHN CORTRIGHT,	<i>Mobile,</i>	GRAND M. 3 V.
W. A. ALLEN,	<i>Wetumpka,</i>	GRAND M. 2 V.
J. W. L. DANIEL,	<i>Midway,</i>	GRAND M. 1 V.
THOMAS McDOUGAL,	<i>Montgomery,</i>	GRAND SENTINEL,

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

To report on the first day of each annual Grand Convocation:

PELEG BROWN,	<i>Mobile.</i>
EDMUND M. HASTINGS,	<i>Montgomery,</i>
DAVID B. SMEDLEY,	<i>Troy.</i>

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

DAVID CLOPTON,	<i>Montgomery.</i>
ROBERT H. ERVIN,	<i>Camden.</i>
N. B. CLOUD,	<i>Montgomery.</i>

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

P. J. PILLANS,	<i>Mobile.</i>
J. M. HUMPHREY,	<i>Huntsville,</i>
J. J. DELCHAMPS,	<i>Mobile.</i>
HENRY GATCHELL,	<i>Selma.</i>
J. C. WADDILL,	<i>Benton,</i>

The minutes were read and approved.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion E. V. LeVert, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

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Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have had before them the latest proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, to-wit:

Arkansas.....	November, 1865.
California.....	October, 1865.
Florida.....	January, 1866.
Indiana.....	May, 1866.
Kansas.....	February, 1866.
Louisiana.....	February, 1866.
Maryland and D. C.....	November, 1865.
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Tennessee.....	February, 1865.
Virginia.....	December, 1865.
Maine.....	April, 1866.
Connecticut.....	May, 1866.
Wisconsin.....	February, 1866.
Iowa.....	June, 1866.
Kentucky.....	October, 1866.

ARKANSAS.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Arkansas, held its annual convocation in the city of Little Rock, on the 2d of November, 1865, the M. E. Luke E. Barber, G. H. Priest, present and presiding. There were present the representatives of fourteen subordinate chapters.

The business transacted was of very limited extent, and of no special interest to the Royal Arch Fraternity in general. Companion Barber was re-elected G. H. P., and Companion T. D. Merrick was re-elected Grand Secretary. Since the convocation, however, your committee regret to learn that Companion Merrick has been removed from the Royal Arch below, to the Higher Arch above. Companion W. D. Blocher has been appointed Grand Secretary in his stead.

There was no report on Foreign Correspondence. This is the more to

be regretted, as our sister jurisdiction of Arkansas possesses many intelligent and accomplished masons.

The reports from the subordinate chapters show a membership for the last year of the chapters that made returns of seventy-eight, deaths thirty, exaltations one hundred and sixty-eight, dimitted fifty, rejected twenty-four.

There are twenty-eight subordinate chapters in Arkansas, one of which returns a membership of *four*. Unless the figures are a typographical error, your committee do not understand this, as they cannot see how a chapter could exist with only four members.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, held its twelfth Annual Convocation in the city of San Francisco, on the 16th day of October, 1865, presided over by the M. E. Isaac Davis, G. H. P. There were present the representatives of thirty-two subordinate chapters.

The committee to which was referred the address of the Grand High Priest, congratulate the Grand Chapter, upon the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry within its jurisdiction.

A resolution was adopted recommending the subordinates to abridge the ceremonies conferring the Past Master's degree within the narrowest constitutional limits, only retaining the inducting the candidate into the oriental chair, and the communicating the means of recognition.

During the convocation of the Grand Chapter a complaint was made against Sacramento Chapter No. 3, for having adopted certain resolutions, referring, as your committee suppose, (for they are not placed on record,) to the late civil war. And your committee take great pleasure in laying the report of the committee, to which the complaint was referred, before this Grand Chapter, heartily indorsing it in every particular. The report is as follows:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

Your committee to whom was referred a communication from Comp. JAMES M. McDONALD, a member of *Sacramento* Chapter No. 3, complaining against the action of that Chapter in adopting certain resolutions on the 2d day of May last, have carefully examined the copy of the resolutions submitted, and report as follows:

Congregations of Masons, as such, whether in Lodges, Chapters, or other bodies of the Craft, are intended only for Masonic purposes—for furthering the great ends of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth—for disseminating the heaven-born ideas of Faith, Hope, and Charity—for doing actual, practical good to our fellow-men. All that is foreign to the philanthropic and benevolent principles which are the foundation of our Order, for the exemplification of which, both in precept and in practice, it alone exists—all that is not necessary to give aid and strength to the beneficent mission for which our institution is appointed, is jealously to be excluded from within our portals. With those many things which agitate and vex the minds of men when in the outer

world, in our capacity of Masons, we have nought to do; and among the earliest lessons we have been taught, it has ever been strongly impressed upon us that religious or political subjects find no proper place for introduction or discussion in temples sacred to the charitable and harmony-seeking purposes of Freemasonry. Our only religion is to believe in God and strictly to obey the moral law—our only politics to be peaceable subjects to the civil powers, and obedient to the laws of the land in which we live. As citizens, we have ample liberty, at other times and places, to discuss the merits of our several creeds, and to present our views upon matters of political or national importance; but it is as unnecessary and unwise, as it is Masonically unlawful, to allow either to find vent in a Lodge or Chapter.

This being the well-known law of Masonry, it is with sorrow that your committee have seen the resolutions under consideration. They ought not to have been offered in the Chapter—they ought not to have been entertained by its presiding officer—they certainly ought not to have been adopted. Your committee are aware, however, that at the time of their presentation, great excitement existed in consequence of the terrible crime which prompted them; and, while the action of the Chapter must be reprehended, that others may not commit a similar offense, they feel disposed only to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Sacramento Chapter No. 3, be directed to efface from its records the resolutions above alluded to, together with all other matters of record which may be connected therewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER G. ABELL,	} Com.
WILLIAM A. DAVIES,	
FRANCIS E. ENSIGN,	

The report was concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

The Grand Chapter of California seems to have adopted the practice of procuring and preserving the portraits of its Grand High Priests.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of that accomplished mason, Companion Lawrence C. Owen, the Grand Secretary. He reviews the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, those of Alabama, however, not being of the number, owing to the existence of the late war. He cannot account for the non-reception of the proceedings of Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, unless it is owing to the literary taste of some of those through whose hands they ought to pass; yet he hopes shortly to resume intercourse with the Grand Chapters of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Companion Owen refers to a decision made by the Grand High Priest of Indiana, that a chapter has authority to confer the degrees upon a maimed mason, upon the ground that Freemasonry will not require a more perfect physical organization than would be necessary in the commander of an army, the occupant of a seat in the cabinet, or the Presidential chair. The decision was referred to a committee which reported

against its correctness, and the report was adopted. Companion Owen approves of that report, and so do your committee.

Companion Owen also refers to a "general regular" of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, which requires the officers of chapters under dispensation to be installed. He says that he knows of no other Grand Chapter which requires or permits the installation of officers of chapters under dispensation; and he believes the regulation to be contrary to the usage in other jurisdictions.

The opening address of the Grand High Priest was short, but pertinent and happily conceived.

The Grand Secretary reports the existence of thirty-four subordinate chapters within his jurisdiction, with a membership of one thousand three hundred and fifteen. During the preceding masonic year, three hundred and eighty-one had been exalted, thirty-five affiliated, one hundred and eighteen withdrawn, sixty-eight suspended for n. p. d., thirty-one died, and two rejected.

John Kirkpatrick was elected Grand High Priest, and Lawrence C. Owen was re-elected Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter of Florida held its twentieth annual convocation in the city of Tallahassee, on the 8th of January, 1866. M. E. David Jones, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the representatives of seven subordinate chapters being present.

The Grand High Priest in his opening address congratulates the companions on the return of peace, and states that the chapters in that State are in a healthy and prosperous condition, doing much good work for the advancement of our great and glorious cause. Two charters had been lost or destroyed, and they were ordered to be replaced by others.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Companion Thomas Brown, one of the venerable fathers of masonry in Florida, and P. G. High Priest since 1851.

Companion Brown refers to the case in Indiana, where the Grand High Priest had decided that a maimed candidate could receive the chapter degrees, but which decision was over-ruled by the Grand Chapter. He agrees with the Grand Chapter of Indiana, and dissents from the opinion of its Grand High Priest; and expresses the conviction that it is a law of masonry that "a man deprived of a leg or an arm cannot be made a Royal Arch Mason." Such also is the opinion of your committee. In the language of Companion Brown, "we have the law, let us abide by it."

He quotes the following "magnificent" paragraphs from the opening address of the M. E. John M. Parks, G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio in 1862, and says that it is the only instance *he* has met with of

an intolerant spirit, or a design to drag politics and subjects of a discordant character into our sacred tabernacles:

"The period since last we met has been one of intense excitement. Then, we were in the opening scenes of a dreadful war—in a state of fearful expectancy—watching, with hushed breath, the fast-gathering storm-clouds, and awaiting, with deep anxiety, their scathing explosion. Since then, many a bloody page of our national history has been unfolded. How bravely have both our navy and army behaved themselves in front of the enemy! and what laurels have they won that will fill pages in the history of this war, that will be magnificent, of fame and glory, in future ages.

The energies and resources of the Federal Government have wrought a complete change in the European mind. The Eastern powers are standing aghast in wondering astonishment at the magnitude of our resources, the veteran bravery of our army and navy, and, especially, the exploits of our "*little monitor*," which has revolutionized maritime warfare. Even old England, the land of our forefathers, who are "bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh," when she saw us struggling for life, threatened to spring upon us with her *Lion Claws*; but the lofty soarings, and majestic evolutions of the *American Eagle*, has hushed the *Lion's* roar, or caused it to be only heard, in low, muttering growls, away back in its own sea-island caverns.

As we look out from this sacred retreat upon our once happy, but now bleeding and lacerated government, our hearts sink, almost to suffocation, as we see that sacred legacy, bequeathed us by our forefathers, assailed by the ruthless hands, and impassioned and frenzied minds, of political partizans and visionary demagogues.

He also quotes the following from the opening address of the same distinguished presiding officer in a subsequent year:

Among all these differences and strife, the fiery ordeal through which our country is now passing, we rejoice to know that the cherished tenets of our institution are preserved unchanged. "Obedient to the laws," we ignore all differences, religious and political—*suffering no discordant element to enter with us into this sacred tabernacle of our holy Order*. And while we regret the conduct of our Companions who have caused this unholy strife, we would ask them, *even now*, to pause, reflect, and let their better and nobler natures prevail. We would say to them, as did the great Lawgiver, on a certain occasion: "Come, now, and let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Let us render to every one their just dues: "to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

After giving these paragraphs it was but natural for Companion Brown to let out the emotions of his own kind and benevolent spirit, as he did, in the following exclamation—"Oh! consistency, how beautiful art thou, as well in word and profession, as in action and conduct."

As the distinguished chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Florida, has done up this matter so perfectly "brown," and as we have no disposition "to drag politics and subjects of a discordant character into our sacred tabernacle," and as the Grand High Priest of Ohio seems to be in a happy state of con-

valescence, we drop the subject; merely observing that Companion Brown did meet with another instance of intolerance in the person of Companion Parks' successor, a paragraph from whose opening address he quotes; but as these things must be as distasteful to the members of this Grand Chapter as they are to your committee, they proceed to matters of a more pleasant character. And for this purpose they make room for the following remarks from the address of the M. E., Melvin L. Youngs, G. H. P. of Wisconsin, in his address in 1865, which are evidently conceived in a kindlier spirit, and with a better appreciation of the true mission of Masonry.—

And among the most prominent blessings, and for which we cannot be too grateful, is the fact, that while war is abroad in our land, and many of our Companions are engaged at our country's call, in fighting her battles, yet we are permitted to meet in peace, undisturbed by the din of battle or the dread of hostile forces. Our ranks are unbroken. We meet here to-day the same familiar faces, who have so long been accustomed to attend this Annual Gathering, while the fires upon our altars, wherever erected throughout our entire jurisdiction, burn with more than their wonted brightness. But while we thus contemplate with satisfaction our own peaceful and happy lot, let us not forget that some of our sister jurisdictions have been denied this privilege. Some of them are reaping the fruits of a cruel and bloody war. Their lands are laid waste, their homes made desolate by the ravages of contending armies. The Altars around which they are wont to bow, are now overturned. Their Subordinates are broken up, and they denied the privilege, which we are now enjoying, of meeting in Grand Convocation, to deliberate upon, and devise measures to promote the well-being of the Craft. Let us all reverently pray to Almighty God that the time may soon come when wars and rumors of wars shall cease, and no more be heard in our once happy land. When brother shall no longer be called upon to raise his hand against his brother. When the Altars which are now broken down and destroyed shall again be reared, and their fires again lighted to be no more extinguished.

Florida has 15 subordinates upon its roll, which return 396 members, which had exalted 58 companions during the year, and rejected 8 candidates.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana held its twenty-first annual convocation in the city of Indianapolis, on the 23d of May last. The Grand High Priest, Thomas Pattison, was present. His opening address is a business document exclusively, referring to nothing outside of his own Grand Chapter, except to the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Columbus, in the State of Ohio, in September 1865. He intimates that a desire to *tinker* with the constitution of that body seems to be a prevailing disease among its leading members; and from his remarks your committee draw the conclusion that it is likely to become chronic. The expression is much more significant than elegant, but certainly appropriate. All constitutions that need repairing so fre-

quently must of necessity be very defective, if not entirely worn out, and the best thing that can be done with them is to throw them aside and get new ones. He cannot see that anything was accomplished at the meeting for the real benefit of Royal Arch Masonry; unless the splendid banquet given to the Royal Arch Masons present might have had that effect, a remark which your committee venture to throw in by the way. He recommends that the Grand Chapter of Indiana take no further part in its proceedings.

The Grand High Priest made the report on Foreign Correspondence. It is a brief review of 12 Grand Chapters.

During the Convocation, the Grand Chapter withdrew from all participation in the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter.

Indiana has under her jurisdiction 52 subordinate chapters with a membership of 1923. During the year 1865, 353 were exalted, 42 affiliated, 31 reinstated, 38 died, 111 dimitted, 43 suspended, and two expelled. Companion Thomas Newby was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion William Hacker re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Your committee have received the proceedings of a convention of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kansas, which met at the city of Leavenworth on the 27th of January and 26th of February last, for the purpose of forming a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for that State. Three subordinate chapters were represented. A constitution was adopted, and after the convention adjourned the Grand Chapter of Kansas held its first convocation on the same day. Companion R. R. Rees was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, and after the transaction of some necessary business, the Grand Chapter was closed, until again called together by the Grand High Priest, at such time and place as he may designate, and he has already designated Topeka as the place, and the 18th of October last as the time, for its next convocation, but the proceedings of that convocation have not yet been received.

Your committee, in the name and on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, venture to welcome the Grand Chapter of Kansas into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and to bid her God-speed in the noble work of Royal Arch Masonry.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana held its 19th annual convocation in the city of New Orleans, on the 13th of February last, the Grand High Priest, Henry R. Swasey, presiding, and the representatives of 12 Chapters present.

The address of the Grand High Priest breathes the true spirit of Royal Arch Masonry. From it your committee learn that the Grand

Chapter has not convened before for several years; but the companions are again getting to work, and capitular masonry is looking up in that jurisdiction. There was no report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana has 23 subordinates within its jurisdiction, with a reported membership of 1221.

Companion Henry Regenburg was elected Grand High Priest, and Samuel M. Todd re-elected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, was held at Washington City, on the 13th of November 1865, the Grand High Priest, John L. Yates, presiding, and the representatives of 8 subordinate chapters.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Companion E. L. Stevens. Companion Stevens is a good Mason, and an intelligent one; of a kindly nature, and full of love for all mankind. He evidently knows what he is about, and yet we cannot but think that his devotion to the General Grand Chapter or some other circumstance, has somewhat warped his better judgment as to the matter of loyalty. He seems to think that all the Grand Chapters in the United States are the mere creatures of the General Grand Chapter, and that that body having made them all, has the power to unmake them, and that they all owe eternal allegiance to it. He adopts the reasoning of Companion Drummond of Maine on this subject, and his principal argument is—that the State Grand Chapters are the offspring of the General Grand Chapter, and therefore subordinate to it; and that all action of the former, undertaking to dissolve the connection between them, is rebellion towards the latter. We cannot subscribe to this doctrine. The General Grand Chapter is itself the creature of individual chapters; nothing more. Besides, in every obligation there must be mutuality. Now, the General Grand Chapter can certainly dissolve itself, and thus relieve itself and the State Grand Chapters from all obligation from the one towards the other; but if the latter have no power to dissolve their connection with the former, then there is no reciprocity of obligation between them, and to suppose that, is to suppose an absurdity. But the matter is to us of too little interest to demand further argument. This Grand Chapter has severed its connection with the General Grand Chapter, and we trust it will never be renewed.

It appears that within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, the Grand Chapter controls the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and no one can be exalted until he receives those degrees. Companion Stevens is in favor of forming separate councils for those degrees, as in other jurisdictions.

Companion Stevens has a good natured hit at Companion O'Sullivan of Missouri. The latter had intimated that there might be good Masons and true men of intelligence and worth connected with the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, but that their morals, and perhaps their masonry, were learned in a purer atmosphere than that beneath the shadow of the American Capitol; while the former replies, that judging from some specimens he had seen, Missouri masonry was nothing to boast of. We imagine that both Companions have committed the error of judging a whole house by a few "bad bricks." Let Companion Stevens judge Companion O'Sullivan's house by Companion O'Sullivan himself, and *vice versa*, and each will come to the conclusion that the other belongs to a pretty good house.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia has 12 subordinate chapters within its jurisdiction, with a membership of 930; 254 appear to have been exalted during the preceding year, 11 have died, 3 been suspended, and 3 expelled.

Companion James G. Smith was elected Grand High Priest, and W. Morris Smith re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Boston, on the 10th of October 1865, present the M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest, and the representatives of 26 subordinate chapters. The convocation seems to have been a pleasant and harmonious one, but not much business of a character of interest to other jurisdictions was transacted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Companion James Kimball. It is among the best we have read. Companion Kimball is undoubtedly a well informed Mason, and of literary culture. He has great tact in selecting the most interesting subjects of remark from the proceedings of other jurisdictions, and what he says is clothed in chaste language, and with a commendable *common sense* not met with every day. If the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has many such writers as Companion Kimball, it is to be regretted that she has so long hid her light under a bushel—this being the first report on Foreign Correspondence that we have met with from that Grand Chapter. He reviews the proceedings of 12 Grand Chapters. We regret that ours was not among the number; but the interruption in the mails had doubtless prevented them from being received.

Companion Kimball notices, in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York for 1864, what appears to your committee, rather an extraordinary decision of that Grand Chapter. A Companion appealed to the Grand Chapter from the decision of a subordinate chapter, he being at the time an expelled Mason from a *Lodge*; but the Grand Chapter held that he had no right to appeal until he had been restored to all

the rights and privileges of the lodge; thus refusing him all redress from any injury he might have suffered, until after such redress might, perhaps, have been rendered unnecessary. Your committee do not, of course, mean to imply, any censure towards the Grand Chapter of New York; but it seems to your committee that when a party is on trial before a masonic tribunal, he is entitled to all the rights conceded to *any* party by the laws by which the tribunal is governed, without regard to his status in another jurisdiction, for how else shall he ever be able to obtain justice?

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has within its jurisdiction 34 subordinates, with a membership of 3,326, upward of 1,000 having been exalted in 1865. Richard Briggs was elected Grand High Priest, and Thomas Waterman was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi held its eighteenth annual convocation, in the city of Jackson, on the 18th of January last, the M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion William D. Ferris, presiding. There were present the representatives of 47 subordinate chapters. The Grand High Priest sent in his annual address, which is an interesting *resume* of the then present condition of Capitular Masonry in the State of Mississippi. Many of the chapters had suffered by the casualties of the late war, but the companions in our adjoining jurisdiction are girding their loins afresh for the work before them, and seem determined to go ahead with their great and noble mission. Although there was not a cent of money in the treasury, and the subordinate chapters had suffered greatly by the war, which was peculiarly disastrous in the State of Mississippi, yet, in the midst of their distress the companions did not forget the widow and the orphan. The Grand Chapter was in convocation two days, and much was done by its members towards putting it again in working order. There was no report on Foreign Correspondence.

In Mississippi the practice of using substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree is forbidden.

Petitions for the chapter degrees are not received from unaffiliated master masons.

Members suspended for non-payment of "Dues" are charged for the time for which they are suspended.

The degrees are forbidden to be conferred on mutilated candidates.

Companion William S. Patton was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Oscar T. Keeler was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri convened in the City of St. Louis, on the 23rd of May last, the D. G. H. P., Samuel Russell, presiding. The

representatives of twenty subordinates were present. The opening address of the D. G. H. P. is well conceived, and handsomely expressed. He recommended that more attention be given to learning the philosophy of Royal Arch Masonry, and complains that in some of the subordinate chapters the work is woefully deficient, and in others positively erroneous. He had granted a Dispensation to a Chapter in Nebraska Territory, to confer the chapter degrees on citizens of Missouri, to enable them to organize a Chapter at Rockport, in Missouri, the latter place being 80 miles from any chapter in Missouri, and only 20 from the chapter to which the Dispensation was granted, and the Grand Chapter approved what he had done.

Companion Martin Collier reported that there had come into his hands a set of journals, belonging to Beaufort Chapter, but whether to Beaufort in North or South Carolina he was ignorant, until he was informed by Companion A. G. Mackey that there was no such chapter in the latter State, and they were turned over to the Grand Secretary to await the call of the proper party.

During the Convocation of the Grand Chapter it assisted in laying the corner stone of a masonic temple in Saint Louis.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Companion George Frank Gouley. He reviews the proceedings of 24 Grand Chapters, and takes occasion to pay a handsome and well deserved compliment to the opening address of our present M. E. Grand High Priest, delivered at the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and kindly endorses the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence made at the same convocation. He thinks that Royal Arch Masonry is in good hands in Alabama, and promises abundant fruits. May his anticipations be fully realized.

In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut for 1865, he is very severe on the Grand High Priest, Companion Asa Smith, for indulging in a Fourth of July appeal to the sectional pride and passions of his hearers; and also upon the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Companion Storer, for the bad taste and worse spirit of the opening remarks of his report in 1865. But your committee do not transcribe what Companion Gouley says, because both parties to the late disastrous warfare having professedly "buried the hatchet," or, rather, our hatchet having been buried for us, we accept the "situation" in perfect good faith, and do not care to see the bloody instrument exhumed.

A mourning page is dedicated to the memory of Companion, the Rev. William White, Past Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri has upon its register 35 subordinates, with a returned membership of 1145. During the preceding year, 188 were exalted, 32 affiliated, 102 dimitted, 18 died, 6 suspended, and 10 re-ected.

Companion Samuel Russel was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Anthony O'Sullivan re-elected Grand Secretary.

Since writing the foregoing your committee have received the intelligence of the death of Companion O'Sullivan. Although personally unknown to the writer, he had learned to love Companion O'Sullivan for his good qualities as a mason, and for his great attainments in masonry, and for his faithfulness and diligence as a Grand Secretary. We can but drop a tear over his grave, and exclaim "*resquiescat in pace!*"

NEW YORK.

The Grand Chapter of the State of New York convened in the city of Albany, on the 6th of February 1866, the M. E. Horace S. Taylor, G. H. P., presiding, and the representatives of 103 subordinate Chapters present.

The opening address of the Grand High Priest, is an excellent paper, breathing the true spirit of masonic love and charity, and making no reference to the late war that might not have been made by a Southern man. He refers, in befitting terms, to instances in which the masonic recognition has turned aside the shaft of death, and lessened the horrors of the battle-field. Many instances have come to his knowledge of acts of kindness towards prisoners of war on the part of Southern companions, and which, he says, will ever be remembered with gratitude. He also refers to applications for relief made on the part of Southern Chapters that had been desolated by the war, and which had been generously responded to by the Companions of his State. We have seldom perused any opening address that gave your Committee more satisfaction than this one of Companion Taylor. Long may he live to enjoy the honors conferred upon him by the Grand Chapter of which he is the head, and which he no less honors; and to diffuse the principles of genuine Free Masonry, which he so fully appreciates.

During the year a monument had been erected, at the joint expense of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, and subordinate Chapters, at a cost of nearly \$1,500, to the memory of Salem Town, late Most Excellent Grand Chaplain, and which was to be dedicated by appropriate ceremonies.

Appropriate resolutions were passed in regard to the death of Companion Charles L. Church, P. G. H. P., and late Grand Treasurer; and of Companion Sylvester Gilbert, P. D. G. H. P.; and also of Companion William Connelly, late Royal Arch Captain.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was made by a Committee of which Companion Joseph White was Chairman. It is a very able report and embraces a review of the proceedings of 16 Grand Chapters.

The Grand High Priest of Indiana having decided that the loss of an arm did not disqualify a Companion from receiving the chapter degrees,

Companion White refers to that decision, and although he thinks it was wrong, he presents the following argument in its favor: That if one who was already a Royal Arch Mason, should lose an arm, and was still entitled to be present and participate in the proceedings of a Royal Arch Chapter, why should not the degrees be conferred upon one *after* he had lost an arm? We think the argument can be easily answered. If Companion White was building a house, and he should find that some of the stones had become broken and defective after they had been put in their places, would he therefore put in more broken and defective stones? We submit to Companion White that unless he can answer that in the affirmative, his argument must fall to the ground.

Speaking of the funeral obsequies of a Companion who had died in Baltimore, Companion White remarks:

"The abstract right of the different higher masonic grades to appear in funerals in their separate characters and costumes, your committee will not deny. But it appears to us that special distinctions and pageantry on such occasions detract from that impressive and solemn admonition exemplified in the Master's ritual; that man is mortal, and that in the grave all are equal, all alike are food for the worms, and all worldly distinctions are leveled in the dust."

We have a very decided opinion upon this question of Regalia, and upon a proper occasion would be delighted to discuss it with the distinguished companion; but as the matter is now before a committee of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, it would be indelicate for its Grand Secretary to do so in advance of their report. We therefore postpone it for a future opportunity.

The Grand Chapter of New York has upon its rolls 115 subordinates, with a returned membership of 7,556.

Companion Horace S. Taylor was re-elected G. H. P., and Companion John O. Cole was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

Your committee have the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee for 1861 and 1865. The Grand Chapter did not meet during the intermediate years. At neither convocation was anything done, other than the ordinary routine of business of the Grand Chapter, except at the latter, a committee of three was appointed to make an estimate of the damages suffered on account of the occupation of the Masonic Temple as a hospital, by the Federal troops. Our masonic companions of Tennessee will doubtless have a good time in getting those damages.

Notwithstanding the unsettled state of affairs in our sister jurisdiction, there was a fair number of the subordinate chapters represented, and Tennessee will soon be "all right" again.

Companion John Frizzell was elected Grand High Priest, and Charles A. Fuller was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The seventeenth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan was held in the city of Detroit, on the 8th of January last. The Grand High Priest, Ebenezer Sprague, was present, and the representatives of forty Chapters. The opening address is almost entirely a business document, though the Grand High Priest takes occasion to speak kindly of the Southern States lately in arms.

Not so, however, with Companion J. Eastman Johnson, the chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence. He speaks of the late war as a most atrocious rebellion, and is led to believe that masonry South, as an organization, has succumbed to the tornado; nor has he any regrets for our shattered tabernacles, the veils of our tents rent asunder, and lights gone out, and our altars desecrated; though all the mischief was done by Northern hands. As Companion Johnson appears to have been in possession of very little tidings from the South at the time he wrote, he may be surprized to learn that masonry on this side of the Potomac is not yet quite dead; we assure him that it is very much alive, and likely to remain so for some time to come.

The Grand Chapter adopted a resolution that thereafter no dues should be remitted to any subordinate Chapter, on account of loss by fire, unless at the time of the loss its jewels and furniture had been insured.

The Grand Chapter of Michigan has, under its Jurisdiction, 44 subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 2,595.

Companion A. Bernard Cudworth was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companion J. Eastman Johnson re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was held at Richmond, on the 14th day of December 1865. The Grand High Priest, John H. Purdie, was present, and the representatives of 16 subordinate Chapters.

Only the ordinary routine business was done. There was a very short report on Foreign Correspondence by Companion John Dove, the chairman of the committee, merely noting the reception of the proceedings of the other Grand Chapters.

Companion George W. Dame was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John Dove was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The eighteenth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina was held in Wilmington, on the 4th day of June last. The representatives of 11 Chartered Chapters were present, and of 6 working under Dispensation.

The address from the Grand High Priest is a business document. He says that during the last four years the number of Royal Arch Masons has increased rapidly, and complains that too many of them make no proficiency in the work and lectures of the degrees, and maintains that there is no neutral ground in masonry; every member, he says, is either an advantage or an injury to the order. Harmony prevails in the subordinate Chapters, and they are in a flourishing condition, and working well. Being about to remove from the jurisdiction he takes an affectionate leave of his companions.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Companion Alfred Martin, reviewing the proceedings of 21 Grand Chapters. He alludes in appropriate terms to the last address of our M. E. Grand High Priest, and speaks of it as a well conceived document, breathing a truly christian and masonic spirit. Our report on Foreign Correspondence for 1865 he terms "a very able one," and regrets that he has not had time to give it a more thorough examination. And your committee regret it also, for Companion Martin wields a vigorous pen, and seems perfectly to understand his business.

Companion Martin hails with pleasure the manifestations he has met with, "of a love and fraternal consideration, superior to the all-powerful and prevailing influence of the passions and prejudices that seem to have been kindled in the breasts of the great masses of our countrymen in the Northern and Western States," "though there are a few," and he rejoices to say "a very few, prominent masons that cannot divest themselves of political and sectional prejudices." These, he says, "should be rebuked promptly and sternly in every instance, and by every lodge and chapter in the land, supreme and subordinate."

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina has under its jurisdiction 38 subordinate chapters.

Companion Alfred Martin was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Thomas B. Carr was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Grand Chapter of Maine convened at Portland, on the 30th of April last, the M. E. Grand High Priest, A. J. Fuller presiding, and the representatives of 18 subordinate chapters being present. All the chartered chapters in the jurisdiction had made returns and paid their dues.

The opening address is principally upon business pertaining to his office, but the Grand High Priest takes occasion to say that "our country is at peace, and the clash of arms is heard no more; the red handed reaper has done his work, and now the benign influence of our time-honored institution comes to the rescue, to relieve the distressed, succor the needy, and bind up the wounds of the broken-hearted." Such appears to your committee to be the true mission of masonry.

Memorial pages are inscribed with the names of Companion James C. Churchill, P. G. H. P.; of Companion John C. Humphreys, P. G. H. P., and Companion Joseph Covell, all of whom died, during the preceding masonic year, and were distinguished in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry in Maine.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond made the report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of 23 Grand Chapters. He quotes approvingly from the annual address of our M. Ex-Grand High Priest in 1865. He does not seem to fancy much our report on Foreign Correspondence of that year, but we assure Brother Drummond that we have no objections to urge against what he says about us. Perhaps if the two sections of the United States could exchange places with each other for a short period, each might be induced to modify, to some extent, its opinion of the other; and be brought, perhaps, to a more correct appreciation of the "situation." As for ourself, we endeavored to perform our duty to our country as a citizen, and to masonry as a member of the order. We doubt not that our northern and western companions are, in the main, governed by the same high motives. But we are aware of our weakness. We are exceedingly impulsive, quick of temper, but not naturally disposed to be severe upon the faults of others. We do not think there is any malice in us, and we believe that we are sufficiently apt to forget and forgive those who have offended against us. We have nothing against Companion Drummond, or his Grand Chapter, and we heartily extend to both the right hand of genuine fraternity, and bid them God speed.

The Grand Chapter of Maine has 19 subordinates. M. E. Josiah H. Drummond was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Ira Berry was re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held in New Haven, on the 8th day of May last; present, Companion Luke A. Lockwood, Grand High Priest, and the representatives of 23 subordinate chapters.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a model. One does not often meet with such an one from presiding officers. He is not only an intelligent Mason, but a gentleman, and a man of great common sense. But for the already great length of this report, your committee would take great pleasure in laying parts of it before the members of this Grand Chapter.

After referring to the official business which he transacted during the preceding year, he remarks upon the General Grand Chapter, at whose last convocation he was present. As an advisory body, he is in favor of it, and also of its exercise of power in the formation and discipline

of chapters in States and Territories where there are no State Grand Chapters; but he has no idea that the exercise of discipline over State Grand Chapters will ever be tolerated by them. "They are now," he says, "full-grown sons of light, and will no longer submit to even parental correction, except in the way of advice, admonition, and reproof." If Companion Lockwood had stopped after uttering the word *advice*, your committee would have agreed with him exactly, but further than that they cannot go. With his remarks upon capitular masonry your committee agree, and it is these remarks that we would like to lay before this Grand Chapter.

The special committee to which the address was referred, reported resolutions in favor of the General Grand Chapter, simply as an advisory body; against any addition to the powers already possessed by that body, and against the proposition now pending in the Grand Encampment of the United States, which has for its object the conferring upon the General Grand Chapter, the power of discipline over the State Grand Chapters; and those resolutions were adopted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion William Storer. He reviews the proceedings of nine Grand Chapters, including those of Alabama. For fifteen years Companion Storer has been the chairman of the committee.

Companion Storer quotes, approvingly, from the last annual address of our M. E. Grand High Priest.

From the statistics appended, which are rather meagre, we gather that Connecticut has twenty-five subordinates under its jurisdiction.

Companion Luke A. Lockwood, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John W. Paul was elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky convened at Louisville, on the 15th of October last, the M. E. G. H. P., Harry Hudson, presiding, and the representatives of sixty subordinate chapters present.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an excellent business document. He is gratified that Royal Arch Masonry had received an impetus during the last masonic year, greater than at any previous period. But at the same time he regrets that the work is much neglected, so much so that in some of the chapters the officers cannot confer the degrees, and have to send abroad for assistance. He also speaks feelingly of the brotherhood in the sister States that have suffered by the war.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion L. A. Graham. He reviews the proceedings of nineteen Grand Chapters, and among them those of Alabama. He speaks approvingly of the address of the M. E. G. H. P., and quotes a paragraph which he commends to the attention of the craft in his own State.

The proceedings show returns from eighty-seven subordinate chapters,

with a membership of two thousand six hundred and forty-five. During the preceding year six hundred and twenty had been exalted.

Companion Joseph H. Branham was elected G. H. P., and Companion Philip Swigert re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin held its last Annual Convocation at Milwaukie, commencing on the 7th of February last; the M. E. Melvin L. Youngs presiding.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest is short, but in good taste, and breathing the true spirit of masonic friendship.

The general proceedings of the Grand Chapter present no points of special interest to companions outside of that jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion H. L. Palmer. It is written in excellent spirit, and although we do not coincide with all the positions taken by the excellent companion, yet, when we differ from him, it is upon points the discussion of which, at this time, could be productive of no benefit to the craft.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin has about thirty subordinates under its jurisdiction.

Companion David H. Wright was elected Grand High Priest, and William T. Palmer was re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

This Grand Chapter held its twelfth annual convocation at Davenport, on the first of June last. Companion John H. Brown, Grand High Priest, presiding. His address is conceived in a brotherly spirit, and is calculated to have a good effect upon the fraternity. He says that Royal Arch Masonry in that State is in a healthy condition.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a characteristic one from the pen of Companion Edward A. Guilbert. We are glad to learn that the companion has been very much "delectated" in the perusal of the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, including those of Alabama. He is a nervous, forcible, and strong writer; and being an M. D., has not failed to diagnose the pathological condition of those Grand Chapters to whose pulse he has applied his medical digits: and also several companions whose masonic health is not as good as he thinks it ought to be: and also the General Grand Chapter, which, in his opinion, is in a moribund condition.

In his review of the proceedings of Alabama, Companion Guilbert presents many inducements to us to undertake the shivering of a knightly lance with him; and in almost any other than a masonic arena, we should not hesitate to take up the gauntlet which he has thrown at our feet; but rather than do so *here*, we prefer to risk the imputation of being possessed of one of those "gelatinous spines" of which he makes

mention. We do not hesitate to acknowledge that our back-bone is not stiff enough for such a rencontre. We must, however, correct one of Companion Guilbert's misapprehensions; and vindicate the character of an esteemed companion from the wrong which Companion Guilbert has, inadvertently, we trust, and without reflection, we hope, done him. And first of the latter.

Reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina for 1863, and referring to the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Chicago, in 1859, Companion Gilbert has this sentence:

"Southern Companions, as usual, kindly consented to fill all the important offices; and knowing full well what was to come next year, a southern companion generously permitted himself to be selected, like his ancient prototype, *'to hold the bag.'*"

Now, in regard to the former part of this sentence, we have only to say, that whatever offices southern companions consented to fill, must have been freely and voluntarily bestowed upon them by northern companions, for there was a majority of the latter, and they could have given the offices to any companions that they preferred. But the truth is, that the offices were exactly divided between the North and South, there being four companions from each section elected. Companion Mackey was elected General Grand High Priest, and Companion Guilbert is as well aware, as is the writer of this report, that during the recent struggle all of Companion Mackey's sympathies were with the North.

Besides; for the three years next preceding 1859, there was not a single southern companion occupying any one of the eight principal offices of the General Grand Chapter. Nor does it appear that, previous to that date, that half a dozen southern companions had ever held office in the General Grand Chapter from its foundation in 1798. But it is not with this matter that we care particularly now to deal. Doubtless before this time Companion Guilbert has become aware of the wrong he has done Southern Royal Arch Masons, and will take an early opportunity of making reparation.

But it is with the latter part of the sentence that we have especially to do. Companion James Penn, at that time of Memphis, had previously been a citizen of Alabama; and had been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; and certainly we are within the bounds of truth, and do no wrong to any of the eminent brothers and companions who have since his time filled those offices, when we say, that no one in any of the ordinary walks of life, stood higher than he: a man without fear, and without reproach. In 1859 Companion Penn was elected Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter, and Companion Guilbert does not hesitate to insinuate, that in 1859, Companion Penn, knowing that secession (or rebellion, as Companion Guilbert prefers to call it,) was coming next year, sought

ceremonies, by means of which we initiate, pass, raise, and exalt the candidate? To compare each other's work, with our recollection of the work of the Grand Chapter or Lodge? To ascertain where we have erred, if we have erred, and to find out the old paths? To devise means for the relief of the unfortunate, and to advance ourselves in virtue, in knowledge, in literature, and in science? Is all this nothing? But, not until we take a real and sincere pleasure in these things; not until masonry becomes less of a utilitarian institution; not until we are less greedy for candidates, and take delight in polishing the stones already put into the building—and truth compels us to say that some of them are sufficiently rough and uncouth—not, we say, until we can be satisfied with this kind of work, will masonry ever again be what we think it once was, and what we think it was intended to be. Of the true and only proper way to build up a lodge or a chapter, and make it indeed a sacred and refined retreat for kindred minds—to cultivate the graces and ornaments which should pertain to civilized and enlightened men—your committee have a definite idea; and that is, to refuse and reject all doubtful material, and to polish and perfect the ashlar which we have already received. When we do the one, and heartily and earnestly apply ourselves to the other, we shall have done our duty—the result we must leave to God.

And now, your committee have finished their labors. They have endeavored not to be trifling on the one hand, which is bad, nor dull upon the other, which is scarcely better. If they have struck the happy medium of communicating useful masonic knowledge in a proper and true masonic spirit, they will be abundantly gratified. But, in any event, they cheerfully submit the workmanship of their hands to the kind and fraternal consideration of the Grand Chapter.

DANIEL SAYRE, Chairman.

Names and Numbers of Chapters.

With the Number of Members, amount of Dues paid to the Grand Chapter, and the number of those Advanced, Presided, Received and Acknowledged, Exalted, Affiliated, Dimited, and Rejected.

Number	NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	No. of Mem- bers.....	Am't of Dues..	Advanced	Presided.....	Rec. and Ack.	Exalted.....	Affiliated	Dimited	Rejected
1	Tuscaloosa	32	16 00					7		
4	Monroe	21	10 50	2	2	2	2	1		
5	Eunomia.....	57	28 50	4	4	3	4	2		
9	Clinton.....	16	8 00							2
10	Tuscumbia.....	23	11 50	5	5	6	6	2		
11	Phenix.....	54	27 00	3	3	3	3	1	9	1
12	Marion.....	73	36 50	6	6	6	6	1	1	
17	Wetumpka.....	30	13 50	1	1	2	3		2	
19	Mount Moriah.....	50	25 00	21	21	22	24	5	5	
20	Livingston.....	53	26 50	6	6	5	3		4	
21	Mobile.....	211	105 50	22	24	21	21	2	9	2
22	Montgomery.....	53	26 50	12	10	11	12	3	5	
23	Talladega.....	79	39 50	4	5	6			3	2
24	Eufaula.....	36	29 00	6	6	7	8	4	1	
25	Courtland.....	66	33 00	7	7	6	5	3	12	
27	Dayton.....	12	6 00							
28	St. Johns.....	55	27 50	5	5	5	3	10	1	3
30	James Penn.....	111	55 00				3		30	
31	Perfect Friendship.....	17	8 50	1	1			1		
32	Fulton.....	31	27 00	9	9	9	9		2	
34	Hermon.....	57	28 50	8	8	6	6	2	1	
35	James L. Daniel.....	42	21 00	9	9	9	9	4	1	
36	Pickensville.....	32	16 00	9	9	9	9		2	
37	Concord.....	63	31 50	3	3	3	3		3	
40	Camden.....	42	21 00	4	4	2	3		1	
43	Tuskegee.....	19	10 00					1	1	
44	Choctaw.....	54	27 00	4	4	6	6		22	2
48	McKinley.....	28	14 50	6	6	3	3	1		
49	Hope.....	40	20 00							
52	Allenton.....	55	27 50	12	12	14	14			
54	Tyrian.....	55	27 50						5	
55	Suggsville.....	46	36 00						1	
56	Zerubbabel.....	26	13 00	3	3	3	3		1	

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57	Lebanon	41						1	4	
58	Hartwell.....	39	19 50	1	1				3	
62	Rockford.....	84	42 00	13	13	13	12		3	
63	Clayton	31	28 00	6	6	6	6		3	
64	Central.....	52	26 00	1	1				1	
65	Russel	23	11 50							
66	Alabama	83	44 00	4	5	5	6	1	13	
67	Farriorville	48	24 00	2	2	2	2			
68	Cherokee	51	25 50						9	
69	Lower Peach Tree.....	33	16 50							
70	Choctaw Corner.....	12	36 00							
71	Landmark.....	76	38 00	3	3	2	3		16	4
72	Midway.....	62	30 50	6	6	3	3		6	
73	Lawrenceville.....	20	10 00						2	
74	Opelika	87	43 50	2	1				8	
75	Pine Level.....	47	24 00		2			1	4	
76	Elyton	44		1	1	1			7	
77	Smedley	35	17 50	3	3	3	3	3	3	
78	Danville	50	25 00	7	7	7	5		13	
79	Hillabee	71		5	5	5	3		9	
80	Loachapoka.....	29	14 50	9	9	9	7		1	
81	Jefferson.....	31		17	17	17	15	1		
82	Crawford	10	5 00							
83	Bell.....	19		9	9	9	9		1	
84	Carrollton	22		13	12	12	12	2	1	
85	Gaston.....	30		12	12	12	12			1
86	Coosa	17		6	6	6	6		2	
87	Moulton.....	16		5	5	5	5			
88	Roslin	15		6	6	6	6			
89	Somerville.....	14								
90	Greenville.....	14		3	3	3	3	1		

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F. L. White.....	Tuscumbia.....	" 10
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T. S. Pope, Sr.....		
J. W. Lastam.....		
William Hendrix.....		
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Henry Deas.....		
Duke W. Goodman.....	Mobile.....	" 21
E. H. Weed.....		
John P. Figh.....		
Francis Montee.....		
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L. B. Vasser.....		
C. Krout.....	Hartwell.....	" 58
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N. H. Craig.....		

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Thomas A. Caperton.....		
John H. Gibson.....		
Mathew Washington.....		
David Markstein.....		
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W. D. Robbitt.....	Montgomery.....	No. 22
John A. Elmore.....		
J. D. Randolph.....		
W. C. Bibb.....		
Richard Frazer.....		
James W. Powell.....		
Thomas B. Taylor.....		
Charles G. Gunter.....		
S. E. Norton.....		
Thomas M. Harris.....		
S. N. Brown.....		
A. S. Pfister.....		
C. Winterhalter.....		
A. J. Doolittle.....		
N. M. Harris.....		
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H. R. Callis.....		
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C. Hunter.....			
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John Oden.....			
William Evans.....			
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J. M. Nelson.....			
T. J. Lackey.....			
Seaborn Jones.....			
John A. Clifton.....			
J. W. Smith.....	}		
W. H. Willoughby.....			

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J. Alexander.....	Eufaula.....	No. 24
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REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEET'G.
1	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	Tuscaloosa,	J. S. Kennedy,	D. Baker,	2d Thursday.
4	Monroe,	Clatborne,	Monroe,	Clatborne,	Rufus C. Torrey,	N. A. Agee,	1st Tuesday.
5	Euromia,	Huntsville,	Madison,	Huntsville,	J. J. Dement,	A. H. Holden,	2d Monday.
9	Clinton,	Athens,	Limestone,	Athens,	Thos. S. Malone,	A. M. Bradley,	3d "
10	Tuscumbia,	Tuscumbia,	Franklin,	Tuscumbia,	Felix G. Norman,	L. B. Thornton,	1st Tuesday.
11	Phenix,	Greensboro,	Greene,	Greensboro,	Nath'l T. Lupton,	Oscar F. Casey,	3d "
12	Marion,	Marion,	Perry,	Marion,	John Moore,	A. M. Fowlkes,	3d "
17	Wetumpka,	Wetumpka,	Elmore,	Wetumpka,	Wm. A. Allen,	S. J. McMorris,	1st Thursday.
19	Mount Moriah,	Clinton,	Greene,	Clinton,	D. Harrison,	J. T. Smith,	3d Saturday.
20	Livingston,	Livingston,	Sumter,	Livingston,	Robert D. Webb,	S. W. Murley,	3d Friday.
21	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	P. J. Pillans,	L. D. Krebs,	1st and 3d Thurs.
22	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Montgomery,	Wm. H. Dingley,	Samuel Cellner,	2d Saturday.
23	Talladega,	Talladega,	Talladega,	Talladega,	J. H. Johnson,	Wm. W. Houston,	1st Monday.
24	Eufaula,	Eufaula,	Barbour,	Eufaula,	H. W. Baker,	John C. Thomas,	1st Saturday.
25	Courtland,	Courtland,	Lawrence,	Courtland,	Joseph C. Baker,	G. K. Clopper,	2d Tuesday.
27	Dayton,	Dayton,	Marengo,	Dayton,	C. C. Garrett,	Thos. J. Woolf,	2d "
28	Saint Johns,	Selma,	Dallas,	Selma,	Henry Gatchell,	A. Elkan,	4th Monday.
30	James Penn,	Jacksonville,	Calhoun,	Jacksonville,	John R. Clark,	Dan'l P. Forney,	last "
31	Pft Friendship	Benton,	Lowndes,	Benton,	J. C. Waddill,	W. L. Ernest,	1st and 3d Sat.
32	Fulton,	Orrville,	Dallas,	Orrville,	Wm. E. Beaird,	E. L. Coleman,	2d Saturday.
34	Hermion,	Union Springs,	Bullock,	Union Springs,	James A. Jones,	Thomas Pullum,	1st and 3d Fri.
35	Jas. L. Daniel,	Glennville,	Barbour,	Glennville,	M. W. Davis,	S. C. Woolfolk,	2d Saturday.
36	Pickensville,	Pickensville,	Pickens,	Pickensville,	H. S. Shelton,	Jno. D. Johnston,	2d "
37	Concord,	Lafayette,	Chambers,	Lafayette,	Wm. T. Brown,	J. E. Scarbrough,	1st Monday.
40	Camden,	Camden,	Wilcox,	Camden,	L. W. Jenkins,	Z. S. Cook,	3d Thursday.
43	Tuskegee,	Tuskegee,	Macon,	Tuskegee,	Sidney B. Paine,	Jno. C. Smith,	4th Monday.
44	Choctaw,	Butler,	Choctaw,	Butler,	C. N. Wilcox,	J. C. Chapman,	1st "
45	McKinley,	McKinley,	Marengo,	McKinley,	Wm. F. Perkins,	F. M. Dansby,	2d Friday.
49	Hope,	Bridgeville,	Pickens,	Bridgeville,	Wm. Stephenson,	D. H. Miller,	1st Saturday.
52	Allenton,	Allenton,	Wilcox,	Allenton,	J. G. Bythewood,	J. W. Wilson,	1st Saturday.

54	Tyrian,	Troy,	Pike,	Troy,	D. B. Smedley,	J. D. Murphree,	Fri. bf. 3d Sab.
55	Suggsville,	Suggsville,	Clarke,	Loachapoka,	Samuel Coale,	Samuel Forwood,	2d Saturday.
56	Zerubbabel,	Waverly,	Chambers,	Lebanon,	A. J. Davidson,	D. A. Patrick,	2d and 4th Thurs.
57	Lebanon,	Lebanon,	DeKalb,	Cahaba,	T. T. Coffman,	J. C. Bogle,	3d Friday.
58	Hartwell,	Rockford,	Dallas,	Coosa,	J. W. Kelly,	R. J. Travers,	4th Saturday.
62	Rockford,	Rockford,	Barbour,	Shelby,	John A. Logan,	James J. Winn,	Fri. bf. 4th Sab.
63	Clayton,	Clayton,	Shelby,	Montevallo,	Jas. S. Paulin,	Sylvester Steele,	1st Monday.
64	Central,	Stevenson,	Jackson,	Stevenson.	S. M. Doak,	Joseph S. Clarke,	4th Monday.
65	Russell,	Mobile,	Mobile,	Mobile,	T. B. Foster,	Jas. M. Williams,	2d Friday.
66	Alabama,	Farriorville,	Pike,	Farriorville,	John Cortright,	Jas. L. Williams,	1st & 3d Sat.
67	Farriorville,	Centre,	Cherokee,	Centre,	A. Haley,	Jas. A. Reeves,	2d Tuesday.
68	Cherokee,	Lower Pch Tree	Wilcox,	Lower P. Tree,	J. L. Cunningham,	Jacob Meyer,	3d Saturday.
69	Lower Pch Tree	Choct. Corner,	Clarke,	Choct. Corner,	J. F. Pate,	S. M. Gilmore,	3d "
70	Choctaw Corner	Barnes' x Roads	Dale,	Barnes' x R'ds.	J. M. Bridges,	J. A. F. Campbell,	1st Thursday.
71	Landmark,	Midway,	Barbour,	Midway,	J. W. L. Daniel,	C M Worthington,	1st Saturday.
72	Midway,	Abbeville,	Henry,	Abbeville,	Wm. A. O'Hara,	Timothy Lee,	2d Thursday.
73	Lawrenceville,	Opelika,	Lee,	Opelika,	J. R. Greene,	R. M. Greene,	1st & 3d Wed.
74	Opelika,	Pine Level,	Montgomery	Pine Level,	H. W. Clarke,	W. G. Jackson,	
75	Pine Level,	Elyton,	Jefferson,	Elyton,	Sam Thompson,	Jno. C. Morrow,	Friday bef. 2 Sab.
76	Elyton,	Brundidge,	Pike,	Brundidge,	W J A J Hilliard,	D. Williams,	2d Saturday.
77	Danville,	Danville,	Morgan,	Danville,	T. B. Nesmith,	J. Y. Ferguson,	2d Saturday.
78	Hillabee,	Pineknueyville,	Tallapoosa,	Pineknueyville,	M. G. Slaughter,	D. B. Brown,	Fri. bef. 3d Sab.
79	Loachapoka,	Loachapoka,	Lee,	Loachapoka,	M. J. Greene, K.	James J. Bedell,	1st and 3d Sat.
80	Jefferson,	Jefferson,	Marengo,	Jefferson,	W. W. Harder,	S. D. Smith,	4th Wednesday.
81	Crawford,	Crawford,	Russell,	Crawford,	Wilson Williams,	James T. Holland,	1st and 3d Sat.
82	Bel,	Lineville,	Clay,	County Line,	J. W. Garrison,	A. A. West,	2d Saturday.
83	Bel,	Carrollton,	Pickens,	Carrollton,	S. F. Hill,	J. G. Longmire,	Sat. bef. 3d Sab.
84	Carrollton,	Gaston,	Sunter,	Gaston,	W. R. Horn,	M. E. Tarvin,	2d Thursday.
85	Gaston,	Gadsden,	Gadsden,	Gadsden,	R. S. Price,	Herni Herzberg,	1st Monday.
86	Coosa,	Moulton,	Lawrence,	Moulton,	Isaac Van Eaton,	Dewitt C. White,	4th do.
87	Moulton,	Springville,	St. Clair,	Springville,	J. H. Willoughby	A. W. Woodall,	Fri. bef. 3d Sab.
88	Roslin,	Somerville,	Morgan,	Somerville,	H. M. Welch,	S. S. Morrow,	3d Saturday.
89	Somerville,	Greenville,	Butler,	Greenville,	W. C. Bachelor,		1st and 3d Tues.
90	Greenville,						

RECAPITULATION.

Chapters that were represented.....	48
Members reported at this convocation.....	2,850
Dues received at this convocation.....	\$1,335 00

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Advanced	302
Presided	305
Received and acknowledged	294
Exalted	292
Affiliated	62
Dimitted	233
Rejected	17
Died	66
Suspended for non-payment of "Dues"	60
Reinstated	1
Suspended for unmasonic conduct	2
Expelled	2

Chapters square upon the books	56
In arrears for one year	6
In arrears for two years	3
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Chapters under dispensation	3
Whole number	90

TABLE OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

STATE.	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.	RESIDENCE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	RESIDENCE.	MEETS AT	TIME.
Alabama	George D. Norris.	Newmarket	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery	Montgomery	Tues. af. 1 Mon. in Dec.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber.	Little Rock.	W. D. Blocher	Little Rock	Little Rock	November
California	Charles Marsh.	Nevada	Lawrence C. Owen.	San Francisco	San Francisco	2d Monday in October.
Canada	T. D. Harrington	Ottawa	Thomas B. Harris.	Hamilton	Hamilton	May 7, 1867
Connecticut	Luke A. Lockwood.	Greenwich.	John W. Paul	Waterbury	Hartford	2d Monday in January.
Florida			Hugh A. Corley	Tallahassee	Tallahassee	
Georgia			B. B. Russell	Augusta		
Illinois	Thomas Newby	Cambridge City	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield		
Indiana	H. Hemenway	Lausang	William Hacker	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	May 22, 1867
Iowa	R. R. Rees	Leavenworth	W. B. Langridge	Muscatine	Davenport	3d Tuesday in October.
Kansas	J. H. Branham	Owensburg	E. T. Carr	Ft. Leavenworth	Leavenworth	Wednes. af. 3 Tu. Oct.
Kentucky	Henry Regensburg.	Farmersville	P. Swigert	Frankfort	Levinville	3d Monday in October.
Louisiana	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland	Samuel M. Todd	New Orleans	New Orleans	February
Maine			Ira Berry	Portland	Portland	
Maryland						
Massachusetts			E. Waterman	Boston		
Michigan			J. E. Johnson	Centerville		
Minnesota			C. W. Carpenter	Saint Paul		
Mississippi			O. T. Keeler	Columbus		
Missouri	Samuel Russell	Saint Joseph.	Geo. Frank Gouley	Saint Louis		
New Hampshire			Horace Chase	Hopkinton		
New Jersey	Israel Baldwin	Newark	John Woolverton	Trenton	Trenton	3d Wednesday in Sept.
New York	Alfred Martin	Wilmington	John O. Cole	Albany		
North Carolina			Thomas B. Carr	Wilmington		
Ohio			John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati		
Oregon			Benj. F. Goodwin	Portland		
Pennsylvania						
Rhode Island			Samuel B. Swan	Providence		
South Carolina			Ebenezer Thayer	Charleston		
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Winchester	Charles A. Fuller	Nashville	Nashville	3d Monday in October.
Texas						
Vermont	Edward S. Dana	New Haven	Jno. B. Hollenbeck	Burlington	Burlington	1st Wednesday in Oct.
Virginia			John Dove	Richmond	Richmond	December
Wisconsin			William T. Palmer	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	

STATE OF OHIO AND COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

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