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of the

GRAND CHAPTER

of

Royal Arch Masons

of

ALABAMA



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OF THE

Grand Chapter of Alabama,

AT THE

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD AT

THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY,

COMMENCING

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PROCEEDINGS.

THE M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama held its Forty-first Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 3d day of December, A. D. 1867, A. L. 5867, R. A. M. 2397.

PRESENT:

GEORGE D. NORRIS.....	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
RICHARD F. KNOTT.....	<i>D. G. High Priest.</i>
JAMES H. JOINER.....	<i>Grand King.</i>
P. J. PILLANS.....	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
EDMUND M. HASTINGS.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
DANIEL SAYRE.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
REV. E. V. LEVERT.....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
JOSEPH H. JOHNSON.....	<i>Grand C. of Host.</i>
J. J. DEMENT, <i>pro tem</i>	<i>Grand P. Sojourner.</i>
N. A. AGEE.....	<i>Grand R. A. C.</i>
JOHN CORTRIGHT.....	<i>Grand M. 3 Veil.</i>
R. D. WEBB, <i>pro tem</i>	<i>Grand M. 2 Veil.</i>
L. M. OPPENHEIMER, <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. McCaleb WILEY.....	<i>D. G. High Priest.</i>
JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE.....	<i>Grand King.</i>

Chapters Represented.

NO.	NAME.	REPRESENTATIVE.	GRADE.
1.	Tuscaloosa.....	William A. Cochrane*.....	H. P.
4.	Monroe.....	N. A. Agee*.....	H. P.
5.	Eunomia.....	John J. Dement.....	H. P.
		George D. Norris*.....	K.
9.	Clinton.....	William N. Hayes*.....	H. P.
		John N. Martin*.....	K.
10.	Tuscumbia.....	Felix G. Norman.....	H. P.
		Alfred H. Hutchinson*.....	H. P.
11.	Phenix.....	Isaiah B. Smaw*.....	K.
		George M. Duskin.....	S.
12.	Marion.....	E. V. LeVert*.....	H. P.
19.	Mount Moriah.....	Thomas W. Roberts*.....	H. P.
20.	Livingston.....	Robert D. Webb.....	H. P.
		Palmer J. Pillans.....	H. P.
21.	Mobile.....	John J. Delchamps*.....	K.
		Oliver S. Beers*.....	S.
		William H. Dingley.....	H. P.
22.	Montgomery.....	Noah B. Cloud.....	K.
		Daniel Sayre.....	S.
23.	Talladega.....	Joseph H. Johnson.....	H. P.
		James H. Joiner.....	K.
24.	Eufaula.....	Zadoc J. Daniel.....	H. P.
25.	Courtland.....	William V. Chardavoyne*.....	H. P.
27.	Dayton.....	Louis M. Oppenheimer.....	H. P.
		Henry Gatchell.....	H. P.
28.	St. Johns.....	James M. Dedman.....	K.
		W. T. Daughtery*.....	S.
30.	James Penn.....	J. W. Whitesides*.....	K.
32.	Fulton.....	William E. Beaird.....	H. P.
34.	Hermon.....	James T. Norman.....	K.
		Lewis Sessions.....	S.
36.	Pickensville.....	Humphrey S. Shelton.....	H. P.
37.	Concord.....	R. P. Bragaw.....	H. P.
		L. W. Jenkins.....	H. P.
40.	Camden.....	E. H. Cook.....	K.
		Milton Jenkins*.....	S.
43.	Tuskegee.....	James E. Cobb*.....	H. P.
44.	Choctaw.....	John T. Foster.....	K.
52.	Allenton.....	D. W. Bythewood*.....	H. P.
		E. Burson*.....	S.
		David B. Smedley*.....	H. P.
54.	Tyrian.....	Augustus A. Griffin.....	K.
		J. McCaleb Wiley*.....	S.
57.	Lebanon.....	W. J. Harralson.....	K.

*Proxies.

62. Rockford.....	{ John A. Sears.....	H. P.
	{ R. P. Mackay*.....	K.
63. Clayton.....	J. S. Paullin*.....	H. P.
64. Central.....	E. G. Walker.....	H. P.
65. Russell.....	Thomas T. Cotnam.....	H. P.
66. Alabama.....	{ John Cortright.....	H. P.
	{ Peleg Brown.....	K.
67. Farriorville	M. Etheridge.....	K.
69. Lower Peach Tree.....	R. J. Doak*.....	H. P.
71. Landmark	J. M. Bridges.....	H. P.
73. Lawrenceville.. ..	W. J. Singletery.....	H. P.
75. Pine Level.....	{ H. W. Clark.....	H. P.
	{ James B. Luckie*.....	K.
	{ Alfred Boyd*.....	S.
76. Elyton	G. W. Hewitt.....	H. P.
78. Danville.....	J. P. M. Woodall*.....	H. P.
79. Hillabee.....	M. G. Slaughter.....	H. P.
80. Loachapoka.....	Julius C Phillips*.....	K.
81. Jefferson.....	{ W. W. Harder.....	H. P.
	{ E. H. C. Bailey.....	K.
85. Gaston	Simeon Walton.....	K.
88. Roslin.....	H. R. Buchanan.....	H. P.
	{ Mark C. Lane.....	H. P.
90. Greenville.....	{ Thomas M. Bragg.....	K.
	{ William C. Batchelor*.....	S.

*Proxies.

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

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

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, and on motion of Companion H. S. Shelton, it was referred to a special committee of three; and the M. Ex. Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Richard F. Knott, appointed the committee as follows: Companions James H. Joiner, James B. Luckie and Julius C. Phillips.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

"*Qui dedit nobis principium, idem dabit prosperos successus.*" Who can doubt the truth of the above sentence? From whence came our beginning but from the Great *Shem Hamphorash*, and will he not give us prosperous success? Is he not now? Our gates are thronged with applicants, and the Hiram sounds in many Halls. What is this imperious institution, which spreads her wings over the continents of Europe and America, the Isles of the Sea, and every habitable part of the earth, and which, without the slightest dependance on any form of government, has preserved its purity amidst every species of political convulsion, the disasters of war, the demolition of empires, kingdoms and States? What is this immense and silent influential association whose origin is lost amid the darkness of antiquity, and whose ramifications branch out amidst the conflicting interests of commercial speculations, diplomatic alliances, religious creeds, and all the social establishments of mankind, in every country of the world, in spite of differences in climate, color, language and manners?

"What is the signification of its rites and ceremonies, its usages and its symbols? What services is it able to render to the sacred cause of humanity? It is Free Masonry, and the universe is the temple of the living God, whom Masons serve. Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty are about His Throne, as the pillars of his work; for his Wisdom is infinite, his Strength is Omnipotent, and Beauty shines forth throughout all creation in symmetrical order. He hath stretched forth the Heavens as

a canopy, and the earth he planted as his footstool. The canopy of his Temple is crowned with stars as with a diadem. The sun and moon are messengers of his will, and all his law is concord.

"Free Masonry is a benevolent institution founded by virtuous men, for the purpose of spreading the blessings of morality and science amongst all ranks and descriptions of men. It is the grand and universal science which includes all others; but having a more immediate reference to those branches which teach us a knowledge of ourselves, and our duty to others. Its purposes are benevolent, and being spread over the whole universe, operates without respect of persons, to make men happy in this world, with the hope of having it increased in the world to come.

"The Masonic system exhibits a stupendous and beautiful fabric, founded on universal piety, unfolding its gates to receive, without prejudice or discrimination, the worthy professors of every genuine religion; concentrating as it were into one body, their just tenets, unincumbered by the disputable peculiarities of all sects and persuasions. It soothes the unhappy, it binds up the wounds of the afflicted, it is joy to the widow and orphan. It has its foundation on Truth, and Truth is its great aim and end. It is applicable to all mankind, in all ages and conditions of humanity, and its construction is so perfect, that although it has been strictly scrutinized by enemies as well as friends, yet no material flaw has been found of sufficient importance to endanger its existence. It has outlived the envy of its opponents, and gathered strength from every hostile attack.

"In some countries, Church and State have been arrayed against it without effect; demagogues and adventurers have endeavored to obscure its purity by heaping upon it every kind of absurd innovation; but their respective systems, after an ephemeral existence, have sunk, one after another, into merited oblivion, leaving Free Masonry to enjoy its triumph. Seceders have threatened to betray its secrets, but all their attempts have signally failed. The Order being based on Truth, Brotherly Love and Charity, is imperishable. All that have opposed its progress have shared the same fate, being met by the obloquy and derision of mankind."

This is the institution that has called us together from far off places, from pleasant homes, kind and affectionate wives, children and parents,

to assemble in re-union for the good of the Craft. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Once more we have met in Grand Convocation from the mountains, hills, and dales of our loved Alabama, and shall we not return unfeigned thanks to our Supreme Grand High Priest for his mercies, for he has preserved us, has blessed us, and made our mother earth, which is constantly engaged in bringing forth for man's use, yield plenteously, under the influence of the early and latter rain. Yet with sadness we look around; many familiar faces are wanting to complete the happy group. Alas! one we shall see no more on earth, has fallen by the hand of an assassin. Our P. M. Ex. G. H. P., James B. Harrison, has left our Grand Convocation on earth, has passed the veils, and been admitted to the Supreme Grand Council of Heaven, there forever to be at rest; he has travelled the rugged road of life, and now is safely secure in the Eternal Tabernacle of God; he was a pure and upright christian and mason. May his memory ever be cherished.

Upon being officially informed of his death by our Ex. Grand Secretary, I directed him to notify all the Chapters within our jurisdiction, with a request that all R. A. Masons wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days; I also directed him to inform all Grand Chapters with whom we correspond and recognize of his decease. I would recommend that the Grand Chapter raise a committee to prepare a suitable notice in *Memoriam*.

In June last, I received a communication from M. E. J. E. F. Holmead, G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, asking for recognition by this Grand Chapter; also a communication from Potomac R. A. Chapter, No. 8, District of Columbia, also a circular addressed to all R. A. Masons within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, and signed by M. Ex. John L. Lewis, Gen. G. H. P., and from a careful consideration of the whole matter would recommend the full recognition of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and that we extend to them the right hand of fellowship. As our Grand Chapter does not recognize the authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, not being within or under its jurisdiction, the edicts of its Gen. G. H. P. can have no weight or effect within our jurisdiction. I submit the papers in relation thereto, and would recommend that a special committee be raised

to carefully consider the whole proceeding, as due to all concerned, in a kind and companionly spirit, in all honor and love, as becomes members of this most exalted Order.

I have received from Ex. E. Thayer, Grand Secretary of the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of South Carolina, a circular on the renewal of our friendly relations, in so true a masonic spirit, and so rich in eloquence, that I must request the Grand Chapter to spread it upon our minutes, and that a committee be appointed to answer the same. I herewith submit the circular and ask that it be read.

(The circular was read as follows:)

"MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
CHARLESTON, S. C., JULY 22, A. L. 2397, A. L. 5867. }

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, and other

Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, GREETING:

"On the felicitous renewal of friendly relations with your august Body, I have considered it my imperative duty to tender you, with the sanction of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion R. S. BRUNS, our sincere and hearty congratulations, that after the lapse of five wearisome and sorely afflictive years, we are permitted to reciprocate with you in the truly delightful interchange of the Proceedings of our Grand Chapter. Deeply, very deeply did the Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina regret the painful interruption of the fraternal intercourse that characterized more auspicious times. For a long while, excluded as it were from the rest of the external world, ours was the sad duty of ruminating upon the pleasures of fraternal intercourse once enjoyed, cherishing at the same time, the fond hope that we would ere long possess the highly prized happiness of renewing our fraternal relations with our beloved Companions of other jurisdictions. Masonic intercourse may, for a brief period, be interrupted, but never can be destroyed. For Masonry is unlike every other institution in the world. From its very origin and nature it accomplishes what religion has not, making of one nation all the families of the earth, from the frozen snows of the Pole to the burning sands of the Equator. As soon as a man is admitted into the mystic family, birth, nationality, religion, affluence, station, all are immediately obliterated, and he is only known and received by the endearing appellation of Brother. From his political relations, should he be unfortunately engaged in hostile conflict with any of his brethren, he will, amid the vivid lightnings and crashing thunders of relentless war, ever remember his most solemn obligation.

The mystic words spoken, or the mystic sign given, will cause his eye, gleaming with vengeful ire, to be suffused with the dew of affection, and his arm uplifted to inflict the mortal blow, to forego its fell purpose, and, encircling the prostrate form, his lips, in accents sweeter than the music of the spheres, will intone the thrilling, delightful words, 'my brother, my brother!'

"Consider not, beloved Companions, that any disrespect is intended to be reflected upon, or inefficiency asserted of Religion, when it is stated that it has not accomplished what Masonry has, from its being the honored instrumentality of intercourse with all the inhabitants of the world. Religion is from heaven, heavenly; Masonry is of earth, earthly. The dazzling lightnings and deafening thunders of Mount Sinai accompanied the revelation of the former. Masonry, the silent and glorious offspring of the sublime principles and instructions of Religion, required not these awful accompaniments. It may be very justly termed the handmaid of Religion, extending its sway and opening the road to its magnificent triumphs. Religion, too, has many phases, each pertinaciously considered by its professors as bearing the signet of divinity. From the very constitution of man, he most scrupulously guards what he believes is divine, and immediately fires with the greatest indignation at what he considers a slur or attack upon it. Masonry, though based upon revelation, most truly and wisely disclaiming all pretensions to be divine, and having, therefore, nothing antagonistic to any of the variant religions of the world, has but one phase, pre-eminently adapting it for being the great, sublime, magnificent regulator and medium of intercourse among all the tribes, kindreds, and nations of the earth.

"During the suspension of Masonic intercourse, beloved Companions, our Chapters suffered very greatly from the ravages of war. In some, the fires of incense ceased for years to burn, and the beautiful Ark of the Covenant was shrouded from view. Many of the Chapters were visited with the total loss of their Charters, Books, Furniture, and Halls; scattered, impoverished, the members of several of the Chapters are not yet able to hold their usual Convocations. On the statement of their great losses and sufferings, our Grand Chapter, utterly unable to assist them in a pecuniary way, most landably remitted the dues of many of the Chapters, as will be seen in the list appended to the Proceedings already sent to you. It is the most ardent wish of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Comp. R. S. BRUNS, that all the Chapters should be immediately revived, and new ones instituted. From the severe pressure of the times, and the great poverty of the people, it is apprehended that this cannot be accomplished as soon as wished, though Companions generally evince a laudable desire to accomplish this object.

"Three copies of our printed Proceedings have been sent to each of the Grand Chapters, addressed to its Grand Secretary. They embrace the Proceedings of three years, 1862, 1866, and 1867, together with the amended Constitution.

"You will, beloved Companions, be pleased to excuse the prolixity of this letter. Had I not written it I should have done great violence to my feelings. Having had the high and distinguished honor of being the first Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, to transmit its printed Proceedings to our sister Grand Chapters, I experienced very severely the painful suspension of Masonic intercourse. The Supreme Grand High Priest has most graciously vouchsafed to us the inestimable boon of its resumption. You will, beloved Companions, most cordially unite with me in intoning *esto perpetua*. As members of the greatest mystic family that ever was, is, and ever shall be, until the consummation of ages, we should always cherish towards one another sentiments of the warmest regard and greatest love, constantly praying that the fraternal chain may never again be sundered.

"Masonry has a great, noble work to perform; her mission, her destiny is a sublime one, beneficial not only to the members of the mystic tie, but greatly to all the rest of mankind. Hers is the amiable, magnificent office of diffusing light and knowledge; creating good will; disarming hostility; promoting peace; extending the area of true freedom, and enlightened civilization; multiplying and upholding the triumphs of religion; and causing joy to the hearts of the distressed brother, the widow, and the orphan.

{ L.S. }

Yours, very fraternally,

EBENEZER THAYER, *Grand Secretary*.

On the sixteenth of February, I granted a dispensation to a constitutional number of Companions, to form and open a Royal Arch Chapter, by the name of George D. Norris Chapter, No. 91, in the town of New Market, Madison county. Their work will be submitted for your approval. The Masonic Hall in New Market being destroyed by fire last December, I permitted the above named Chapter to assemble in Ennomia Hall, Huntsville, to exalt the first class, by special invitation of Ennomia Chapter, No. 5. The new and magnificent hall at New Market is now nearly finished, and hereafter all work will be done in it. This Chapter being near my residence, I have constantly attended their convocations and bear testimony to the zeal of the members, and correctness of their work.

I have also, during the recess of the M. Ex. Grand Chapter, granted

dispensations to Notasulga Chapter, No. 92, and Columbus Chapter, No. 93.

I have also received a communication from M. Ex. Jonathan L. Dawson, G. H. P. of Tennessee, enclosing resolutions of his Grand Chapter on jurisdictional violations, which I immediately answered. I herewith submit the papers for your careful consideration.

Upon being informed by our Ex. Grand Secretary, that through a mistake in handing the papers to another committee, the following Chapters, U. D., viz: Coosa, No. 86. Moulton, No. 87, and Somerville, No. 89, no report was had thereon, I therefore authorized the dispensations of the above named Chapters to be renewed until this Grand Convocation.

I have received an official communication from Jefferson Chapter, No. 81, requesting an order from me to authorize them to remove their Chapter to Demopolis; believing that the power to grant the same rested alone in the Grand Chapter, from By-Laws, Article III, Section 4, I declined granting their request.

Ex. R. D. Webb, H. P. of Livingston Chapter, No. 20, requesting information in the matter as follows:

"Can a H. P. of a Chapter in a disorganized condition, and, although represented at the last Grand Convocation, yet failed to elect officers, and practically dead, although not so declared by the Grand Chapter, grant himself a dimit, and affiliate with another Chapter?"

Held that he could not, and affirmed decision of H. P.

I have received a communication from Ex. P. J. Pillans, H. P. of Mobile Chapter, No. 21, asking for information in regard to the propriety of inserting a clause in their By-Laws suspending members for non-payment of dues.

Held, that according to Masonic usage it could be done, although no provision of that nature was in our Grand Constitution.

On the 26th of August, I granted to Allenton Chapter, No. 52, a dispensation to elect officers out of usual time. To Crawford Chapter, No. 82, I granted the same privilege.

Clinton Chapter, No. 9, at Athens, asked permission to substitute in exaltations, which I refused, having no power to grant the same, and believing it to be an innovation of an ancient landmark, and in violation of the covenant of every High Priest and Royal Arch Mason. I so

informed them. It is also in direct violation of Section 8, Article III, of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

I made an official visit to said Chapter, and found the membership few in number, though very zealous, and not being able to substitute, they granted permission to one of their candidates to be exalted in Tusculumbia Chapter, No. 10; finding another candidate ready for exaltation I advanced, presided, and acknowledged two others, and exalted a class. I take great pleasure in testifying to the masonic courtesy and zeal of the members of Clinton Chapter; most of their members have either dimitted or died in the service of their country, their town ravaged and destroyed by hostile foes, they are but a wreck, but still striving to dispense the true light of masonry.

I have also visited Eunomia Chapter, No. 5. Huntsville, and found them in a flourishing condition, and feel grateful for the kindness and courtesy of which I was made the recipient. They are a noble band of Companions.

I have been applied to for permission to confer the degrees upon one who had lost his arm in defence of his country, which I refused. For how could he practise or teach our art? It is his misfortune, but our ancient landmarks must not be violated or infringed in the least.

I would recommend to the Grand Chapter to devise some means by which its work could be disseminated to the Chapters, for I find great want of uniformity, and almost total want of conformity. B

I would also recommend the passage of an edict forbidding Royal Arch Masons wearing Royal Arch clothing in processions exclusively of Master Masons.

There is also another subject which should claim our most earnest attention, and that is, intemperance in the use of ardent spirits and profanity. Can nothing be done to check the one and prohibit the other? How is it possible for a Royal Arch Mason to take the name of the Most High in vain? Would that the High Priest of every Chapter would solemnly impress upon the minds of every member, the sin and folly of so ungentlemanly a habit, and enforce a reformation.

I would recommend that this Grand Chapter, by edict, require of each Chapter an examination as to the proficiency in the work and lectures of the third degree, or a recommendation under seal of their Lodge, signed by the Master, testifying to the perfection of their candidates,

and in open Lodge, for advancement, before and as a pre-requisite for further progress in each degree of the Chapter, as is customary in our Blue Lodges, for I find that but few can stand a strict trial or due examination.

I would also recommend the formation of a Council of High Priests, under the direction of the Grand Chapter, for the purpose of anointing and consecrating High Priests with the Order of High Priesthood.

I would also recommend that each Chapter under our jurisdiction be required forthwith to procure a Book of Marks, and that the M. M. M., so soon as he is advanced, be instructed and required to choose his mark, and have it duly recorded within ten days, and that all Royal Arch Masons who have neglected this important act and duty, be required forthwith to choose and record their marks.

Having now noticed all matters that claim our attention, I earnestly invoke the aid of our Supreme Grand High Priest, to be with, and aid us in our deliberations, grant us a pleasant, harmonious and profitable Convocation, be with and strengthen us in our journey over the rugged road of this life, and finally admit us to the presence of the Supreme Grand Council in Heaven.

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

Grand Secretary's Annual Report.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA, }
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Montgomery, Dec. 3, 1867. }

Companions:—The accounts and vouchers herewith submitted, will show the moneys received, disbursed, and paid over, since the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter.

At the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, fifty-two subordinate Chapters paid their "dues," and one has paid up since.

Three dispensations for new Chapters have been granted during the year.

Capitular Masonry is thus shown to occupy a firmer and prouder position than ever before in the history of the Grand Chapter. Most of those Chapters which had been compelled to succumb during the trials and afflictions of the war, have again erected their tabernacles; and they, together with others, established since that dark and disastrous period, are steadily pushing forward the glories and triumphs of the Holy Royal Arch.

Wide may it extend under the Blue Ethereal.

Fraternally,

DANIEL SAYRE, *Grand Secretary.*

[A.]

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

In account with DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

1866.

CR.

Dec. 4. By dues received Grand Convocation, 1866,.....\$1335 00

1867.

DR.

Jan. 11. To paid Grand Treasurer.....\$1335 00

Montgomery, December 3, 1867.

[B.]

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,

In account with DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

1867.

CR.

Jan. 11. By Contingent Fund\$300 00

DISPENSATIONS.

Feb. 16. By George D. Norris, No. 91.....\$90 00

May. 21. " Notasulga, No. 92.....90 00

June 3. " Columbus, No. 93.....90 00 270 00

BACK DUES.

Jan'y 2. By Dayton, No. 27.....30 00

DR.

To paid Barrett & Brown for printing.....247 00

" " Post-office.....16 00

" " Rent.....150 00

" " Grand Treasurer.....187 00

\$600 00-\$600 00

Montgomery, December 3, 1867.

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

Grand Treasurer's Annual Report.

E. M. HASTINGS, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama.

1866.

DR.

Dec. 4. To balance cash on hand. per last report.....\$ 986 25

1867.

Jan. 11. " cash from Grand Secretary.....1,335 00

Nov. 21. " " " same.....187 00

\$2,508 25

1866.

CR.

Dec. 6. By paid D. B. Smedley, appropriation.... Voucher 1..\$ 70 00

" 7. " " Peleg Brown " " 2.. 59 00

" 11. " " Thomas McDougal, Grand Sentinel " 3.. 20 00

" " " " same, per order..... " 4.. 75 00

" 14. " " Grand Treasurer's salary..... 100 00

1867.

Jan. 11. " " Grand Secretary's " " 5.. 400 00

" " " " same, contingent fund.. " 6.. 300 00

Dec. 3. " balance carried down..... 1,484 25

\$2,508 25

1867.

Dec. 3. To balance cash on hand.....\$1,484 25

E. M. HASTINGS, Grand Treasurer.

Montgomery, Dec. 3, 1867.

Companion Richard F. Knott offered the following preamble and resolution in regard to Mount Moriah Chapter No. 19, together with the petition and resolution, and the resolution was adopted :

REMOVAL OF MT. MORIAH CHAPTER NO. 19, AND JEFFERSON CHAPTER NO. 81.

WHEREAS, Mount Moriah Chapter No. 19, at Clinton, has expressed a desire, both by the accompanying petition and resolution, to remove said Chapter from Clinton to Eutaw, therefore be it

Resolved, That Mount Moriah Royal Arch Chapter No. 19 be, and it is hereby authorized to remove from Clinton to Eutaw. And also that Jefferson Chapter No. 81 be authorized to remove from Jefferson to Demopolis.

A petition was presented to reinstate and remove Turnbull Chapter No. 39, and it was referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

The Grand High Priest announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES :

No. 1, ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.—John J. Dement, Isaiah B. Smaw, Lewis Sessions.

No. 2, ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.—Alfred H. Hutchison, Henry Gatchell, H. W. Clark.

ON DISPENSATIONS.—M. G. Slaughter, John J. Delchamps, W. J. Singletery.

ON FINANCE.—Oliver S. Beers, Julius C. Phillips, Robert D. Webb.

ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS, AND APPEALS.—L. W. Jenkins, Mark C. Lane, Robert D. Webb.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.—Felix G. Norman, P. J. Pillans, Humphrey S. Shelton.

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

Companion Peleg Brown, chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the opening ceremonies of the M. M. degree, and the report was received and concurred in.

Companion Palmer J. Pillans, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report, and the report was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and printed with the proceedings.

And then, after prayer by the R. Ex. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion E. V. LeVert, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until $8\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock tomorrow morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 4, 1867.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 8½ o'clock, the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, George D. Norris, presiding, the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

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

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Joseph H. Johnson, from the Committee on Grand High Priest's address, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M. Ex. G. H. P., respectfully report that they have duly considered the same, and recommend, that so much as refers to Masonic law, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. That so much as relates to dispensations be referred to the Committee on Dispensation. That so much as refers to the complaint of the M. Ex. G. H. P., of the State of Tennessee, of violations of jurisdictions, be referred to a special committee. That so much as relates to the removal of Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1. That the recommendation in reference to devising more efficient means for the dissemination of the work, be referred to a special committee to report at the next Grand Convocation.

The committee would join the M. Ex. G. H. P. in enjoining upon the subordinate Chapters the exercise of great care in the selection of material for the building of the temple; but believe that further action by this grand body is unnecessary. The committee recommend the adoption of the recommendation of the Most Excellent Grand High

Priest, in relation to the establishment of a Council of High Priesthood, and to this end, that the same be referred to a committee to provide for the same. In reference to the recommendation that the Chapters be required to procure *Books of Marks*, your committee believe that this is already required, and hardly needs action by this body, as no Chapter is completely furnished without a Book of Marks. We, however, think that it is not advisable to adopt the recommendation of the M. Ex. G. H. P., compelling the selection and record of a Mark in any specified time. Your committee recommend the reference to a special committee, of that portion of the address alluding to the death of our esteemed and respected Past M. Ex. G. H. P., J. B. Harrison, to prepare resolutions expressive of the great affliction that has befallen us, and such other testimonials as may be meet and proper.

They also recommend the reference to a special committee of the communications from the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, Potomac Royal Arch Chapter, No. 8, of the same District, as well as the circular letter from the M. Ex. G. H. P.; also to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, as a committee, on the circular letter of Ex. E. Thayer, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, with instructions to reply to the same.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, by this Grand Chapter, That it is deemed improper and unbecoming in a R. A. M., who joins in any procession of Master Masons, as such, to wear the regalia or jewels of the R. A. degree, and it is hereby forbidden; and your committee beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JO. H. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Companion Alfred H. Hutchinson, from Committee No. 2, on Chartered Chapters, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

The Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 2, beg leave to report, that in discharging their duty, they find the reports of the following Chapters correct:

Central.....	No. 64	Jefferson.....	No. 81
Russell.....	No. 65	Gaston.....	No. 85
Alabama.....	No. 66	Coosa.....	No. 86 U. D.
Farriorville.....	No. 67	Somerville.....	No. 89, U. D.
Landmark.....	No. 71	Geo. D. Norris.....	No. 91, U. D.
Pine Level.....	No. 75	Notasulga.....	No. 92, U. D.
Danville.....	No. 78	Columbus.....	No. 93, U. D.

And the following incorrect in the several particulars respectively enumerated :

ROCKFORD, No. 62.—Back dues reported, and added as dues for this year; otherwise correct.

ALLENTON, No. 52.—Dues added erroneously. Report 49 members, and add up dues \$29 50. On 7th December, 1866, *two* candidates, J. B. McBryde and J. P. Benson, were exalted, and so entered in recapitulation. Affiliation of a Companion not dated. The course of this Chapter is respectfully referred to the Grand Chapter for investigation.

TYRIAN, No. 54.—Seal very indistinct. Reports several names under head of "heretofore reported," and classifies them as "Most Excellent, Past and Mark Masters," whereas, they should only appear as Most Excellent Masters.

LEBANON No. 57.—Reports three members under the head of Mark Masters, who appear from the report to have been also received and accepted. One of these was advanced in September, 1866, and should have been heretofore reported. Recapitulation reports two presided, while report shows three, and one advanced, which should have been two.

CLAYTON, No. 63.—Reports 47 members, and puts some of their dues at \$1 50, thus footing up \$37 50 dues to Grand Chapter. Ten suspensions and no date affixed to any of them. A Most Excellent Master reported under the head of Mark Master.

LOWER PEACH TREE, No. 69.—Dues not paid for two ministers; no dates to suspensions; no seal; not signed by High Priest. Report entirely informal, but the excuse is offered that no form was sent to the Secretary.

CHOCTAW CORNER, No. 70.—Royal Arch Masons reported under each of the different degrees. No Masters of the 1st and 2d Veils reported; no seal; post office not given.

ELYTON, No. 76.—Reports 57 members, and pays only \$27 50 dues.

HILLABEE, No. 79.—Thirty-one suspensions with no date affixed to any. No seal.

LOACHAPOKA, No. 80.—No date affixed to a reported affiliation.

CRAWFORD, No. 82.—Reports ten members and pays no dues; no seal.

CARROLLTON, No. 84.—Reports, under the head of degrees conferred, D. P. Davis as advanced and presided in March, 1866. Also, reported under head of "Most Ex. Masters heretofore reported." One dimitted without reporting date. Recapitulation wrong in several particulars; no seal.

GREENVILLE, No. 90.—Under the head of annual Dues, reports \$11 00, which is the amount of dues to the Grand Chapter—therefore supposed to be an error.

ROSLIN, No. 88.—Reports 19 members, and affixes no dues in the ap-

propriate column, while amount of dues is reported at \$9 00. No seal.

MOULTON, NO. 87.—Recapitulation shows two Past Masters who are not mentioned as such in the body of report.

All of which respectfully submitted.

A. H. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

Companion Louis M. Oppenheimer offered the following resolutions, and they were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS ON CODIFYING.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in Annual Convocation Assembled, That all the resolutions and edicts of this grand body, together with the decisions of the various committees on Masonic Jurisprudence, that have been in existence since the organization of this Grand Chapter, and that are now in force, be codified, digested and printed in pamphlet form, together with the necessary index, &c.

That a committee be appointed by the Grand High Priest to carry this resolution into effect, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed and ordered to furnish said committee with all the necessary data and information in his possession, to enable said committee to carry out this resolution.

That the committee be instructed to submit and report their manuscript to the next annual convocation.

That when approved by this grand body — copies be printed for the use of the Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Companion Henry Gatchell offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

RESOLUTION AS TO ALLENTON CHAPTER, NO. 52.

Resolved, That so much of the report of Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 2, as relates to Allenton Chapter having exalted but two companions at one and the same time, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, with instructions to report at the present convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Companion Felix G. Norman offered the following preamble and resolution, and the preamble was concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

RESOLUTION AS TO MOULTON CHAPTER, NO. 87.

Whereas, Moulton Chapter, No. 87, working under dispensation, has failed to send up its records, or a certified copy thereof, for the inspection of this Grand Chapter, as required by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and

Whereas, Said Chapter has sent up its regular returns, therefore be it
Resolved, That the dispensation of Moulton Chapter, No. 87, be continued until the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, and that said Chapter be instructed and required to send up its entire record and its By-Laws for inspection and approval.

Companion James H. Joiner offered the following preamble and resolution, and the preamble was concurred in, and the resolution adopted :

RESOLUTION AS TO UNION CHAPTER, NO. 26.

Whereas, The Masonic Building in Uniontown was, in February last, for the second time in the last few years, destroyed by fire, and

Whereas, Union Chapter at that time, lost its charter, records, &c., and sustained other great loss, therefore be it

Resolved, That the charter of said Chapter be renewed, free of charge, and that its dues to the Grand Chapter be and are hereby remitted.

Companion Peleg Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the M. M. Degree, and the consideration of the report was postponed until this afternoon.

And then, after prayer by the R. Ex. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion E. V. LeVert, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 4, 1867.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock, the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, George D. Norris, presiding; the other Grand officers at their several stations.

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

The minutes were read and approved.

And then, after prayer by the R. Ex. 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 5, 1867.

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

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

The minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year, and it resulted as follows, the Grand High Priest, George D. Norris, declining a re-election :

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

PELEG BROWN.....	<i>Mobile</i>	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
RICHARD F. KNOTT.....	<i>Newbern</i>	D. GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
JAMES H. JOINER.....	<i>Talladega</i>	GRAND KING.
JAMES B. LUCKIE.....	<i>Pine Level</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.
H. CLAY ARMSTRONG....	<i>Notasulga</i>	GRAND C. HOST.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

FRIDAY MORNING, Dec. 6, 1867.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 8½ c'clock, the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, George D. Norris, presiding; the other Grand officers at their several stations.

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

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion John J. Dement, from the 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 M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 1, respectfully beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the returns of the following named Chapters, and find them to be correct:

Tuscaloosa	No. 1.	Dayton.....	No. 27.
Lawrenceville.....	" 73.	Saint John's.....	" 28.
Eunomia.....	" 5.	Union.....	" 26.
Mt. Moriah.....	" 19.	James Penn.....	" 30.
Mobile.....	" 21.	Pickensville.....	" 36.
Montgomery.....	" 22.	Hermon.....	" 34.
Talladega.....	" 23.	Camden.....	" 40.
Eufaula.....	" 24.		

The following are incorrect in the particulars herein specified:

MONROE, No. 4.—Returns show no affiliations. Recapitulation shows six [6] blanks not filled. No seal; reason assigned, that it was lost during the war.

CLINTON, No. 9.—Returns show seven exaltations.

PHENIX, No. 11.—Blanks not filled.

FULTON, No. 32.—Blanks not filled.

CONCORD, No. 37.—One minister not paid for.

LIVINGSTON, No. 20.—Recapitulation incorrect.

COURTLAND, No. 25.—Caption to returns not filled.

McKINLEY, No. 48.—Returns only a list of members. Dues unpaid.
No seal.

TUSKEGEE, No. 43.—Caption to returns not filled.

MARION, No. 12.—Six Royal Arch Masons returned also as Most Excellent Masters, and five also as Past and Mark Masters.

JAMES L. DANIEL, No. 35.—Names of delegates to Grand Chapter not given.

CHOCTAW, No. 44.—Four ministers not paid for. Blanks not filled.

TUSCUMBIA, No. 10.—Recapitulation incorrect.

WETUMPKA, No. 17.—Names of delegates to Grand Chapter not given.

We would respectfully urge the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters to pay more strict attention to the printed directions on blank returns, and to be more careful in filling the blanks therein, and in giving the full names of Companions instead of their initials merely.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. DEMENT. Chairman.

Companion M; G. Slaughter, from the Committee on Dis-
pensations, made the following report, and the report was
received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

The Committee on Dispensations have considered the various minutes from Chapters under dispensation referred to them, and instruct me to report as follows :

The minutes of George D. Norris Chapter No. 91, are neatly and carefully kept, and are correct, with the single exception that, "the R. A. Chapter, or the R. A. Degree," was dispensed with, instead of "the labors in this degree were dispensed with." We recommend that a charter be granted George D. Norris Chapter No. 91.

The minutes of Coosa Chapter No. 86 evince care and skill, and are correct. We recommend that a charter be granted.

We recommend that a charter be granted Columbus Chapter No. 93, the minutes of which are carefully and well kept. We observe a very common error, viz : "The Degree of Mark Master was closed," instead of "the Lodge of Mark Masters was closed," &c.

We have before us minutes of but two convocations of Somerville Chapter No. 89—the first held June 13th, the other July 20th, 1867. The latter not being signed by the H. P. We recommend a charter be granted.

The minutes of Notasulga Chapter No. 92 are correct, well and neatly kept, evincing skill and ability. The work is "square work, true work, good work;" and we cheerfully recommend that a charter be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. G. SLAUGHTER, *Chairman.*

Companion M. G. Slaughter, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON TURNBULL CHAPTER NO. 39.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

The Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry companions, praying the revival of Turnbull Chapter No. 39, a "renewal of charter free of charge," the removal of the Chapter to Pineville, and a change of name from Turnbull No. 39 to Pineville No. 39, have had the same under careful consideration, and instruct me to report as follows:

We would recommend the renewal of the charter of Turnbull Chapter No. 39, upon payment for the same; but we are of opinion that this Grand Chapter can not grant the prayer of petitioners for removal to Pineville, without a violation of section 4th of article III of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

M. G. SLAUGHTER, *Chairman.*

Companion John J. Dement offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

COMPENSATION TO COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for the able report which he has presented, and that the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to him as a compensation for his arduous services.

The further report of the Committee on Work was postponed until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers elected for the ensuing masonic year

were installed in Ample Form; the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, George D. Norris, officiating, and Companion Joseph H. Johnson presenting.

Companion Felix G. Norman offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

JEWELS TO PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to procure a suitable High Priest's Jewel, to be presented to Past Grand High Priest, George D. Norris, as a testimonial of the regard of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure suitable High Priests' Jewels, to be presented to all other Past Grand High Priests, who have not heretofore been presented with one by this Grand Chapter.

Companion Oliver S. Beers, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

The Committee on Finance beg leave respectfully to report that they have examined the reports, books and vouchers of the R. E. Grand Treasurer and R. E. Grand Secretary, and find them correct and satisfactory; showing a balance in the

Treasury, December 1st, 1867, of.....	\$1,484 25
This amount will be increased by the regular contributions to this Convocation by at least.....	1,300 00
Leaving.....	\$2,784 25

two thousand seven hundred and eighty-four 25-100 dollars on hand to meet the ordinary expenses of the Grand Chapter, which expenses your Committee estimate at not exceeding (\$1200) twelve hundred dollars; thus showing a probable surplus in the Treasury of (\$1584 25-100) fifteen hundred and eighty-four 25-100 dollars, enough to defray the ordinary and legitimate expenses of the Grand Chapter for another year. It is not necessary to call upon subordinate Chapters for contributions beyond the legitimate wants of the Grand Chapter; and to prevent any further accumulation of funds, your Committee recommend that the dues of the Grand Chapter be reduced to (25c.) twenty-five cents for each Companion, and that the By-Laws (article iii, section 3.)

of this Grand Chapter be and are hereby amended to read (25c.) twenty-five cents instead of (50c.) fifty cents.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations to provide for ordinary expenses of the Grand Chapter, and instruct the R. E. Edmund M. Hastings, Grand Treasurer, to pay the same out of any funds in the Treasury of the Grand Chapter not otherwise appropriated, viz:

To R. E. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, four hundred dollars (\$400,) as his salary for the past masonic year; also six hundred dollars (\$600) as a contingent fund to defray incidental expenses, including expenses of Committee on Work, and costs of Court.

To R. E. Grand Treasurer, Edmund M. Hastings, one hundred dollars (\$100) for his salary as Grand Treasurer for past masonic year.

To Companion Thomas McDougal twenty dollars, (\$20,) for salary as Grand Sentinel during this Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OLIVER S. BEERS, Chairman.

Companion L. W. Jenkins, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Appeals, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

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

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Your Committee having performed the duties assigned them, beg leave to submit the following report, and recommendations :

The by-laws of Mobile Chapter, No. 21, we find correct, with the exception of using the word "stated," instead of "regular," in speaking of Convocations.

Coosa Chapter, No. 86, correct, except Art. III, Sect. 1. Strike out in this section: "Chair may be taken by any Past High Priest, and if no Past High Priest be present, then the."

George D. Norris Chapter, No. 91. We find the by-laws submitted by this Chapter deficient in arrangement and usual masonic form, and so often in conflict with the Grand Chapter as not to admit of specific alterations without destroying the body of the instrument. We recommend that they be referred back to the Chapter, with instructions to prepare another set of by-laws.

Notasulga Chapter, No. 92. By-laws correct in every particular, and strictly in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Greenville Chapter, No. 90. Correct.

In the opinion of your Committee, Jefferson Chapter, No. 81, justly

complaints of Dayton Chapter, No. 27, for conferring the chapter degrees on T. J. L. DeYampert, without the consent of Jefferson Chapter, if his fixed place of abode is, as stated in the complaint, nearer to Jefferson than Dayton Chapter. It is a violation of Art. III., Sec. 8, of the by-laws of the Grand Chapter. We recommend that Dayton Chapter be required to pay over to Jefferson Chapter the fees for the degrees in said case.

L. W. JENKINS, Chairman.

The amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter proposed by Companion Edmund M. Hastings at the Annual Convocation of 1866, (see proceedings of that year, p. 25,) in the following words, was adopted :

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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

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

ITINERANT LECTURERS.

Resolved, That no Companion R. A. Mason shall be allowed to travel and lecture in the subordinate Chapters, unless first procuring a certificate from the Committee on Work; *Provided*, That the Committee on Work shall not give such certificate to any Companion who is not a member of some subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of a Companion, it was resolved that Coosa Chapter, No. 86, have leave to insert the name of another Companion as High Priest of said Chapter, in lieu of the name of the one in its Dispensation.

The Grand Secretary, committee appointed to draw up a suitable tribute to the memory of P. M. Ex. Grand High Priest, James B. Harrison, submitted the following report :

TO THE MEMORY OF JAMES B. HARRISON.

Death is the universal solvent. No relationship whatever is known to the human family that does not crumble and dissolve at the touch of his wand. He is the great general reaper, and before the keen edge of his scythe, all ranks and conditions of men fall to the earth as grass before the blade of the husbandman. Masonry is not exempt from the inexorable law of nature; if it were, it would be more or less than human. But we bow to the inscrutable but just behest of the Almighty ;

and while we mourn the severance of the links that bind our companionship together, as one by one they separate and escape from our embrace, we are consoled and cheered by the reflection that when a good man leaves our earthly walks; when he quits the avenues of our mystic temple; when we are no longer blessed with his wise counsel in our representative sanctuary; he walks the golden streets above; he looks upon the glories of the heavenly Jerusalem; and dwells within the *sanctum* of the Grand Council of our Great High Priest.

The sacred book that lies forever open upon our altar, asserts that there is none that is good. That is true, for it is the declaration of Infallibility. There is none that is absolutely good but God. But men may be good comparatively, for one may be better than another. And in this sense we say that a good man has fallen from our ranks. One that we loved; one that we delighted to honor; one upon whose counsel we could rely; one whose word was truth; one who in the discharge of duty was as conscientious as he was ever prompt and reliable.

Our Past Grand High Priest fell by the hand of the assassin. The blow that deprived him of life, bereft us of a friend, a companion, a counselor. If we mourn, therefore, it is not for his loss, but our own. And yet he has only preceded us by a few short months, or perhaps years, to that rest in heaven at which we all hope eventually to arrive.

These reflections are not inopportune upon the death of JAMES B. HARRISON; and as an evidence of our appreciation of his worth, and that others may be incited to follow as near as may be in his footsteps, it is recommended that this tribute be spread upon the records of the Grand Chapter, that a copy thereof be sent to his family; and that his name be inscribed upon the printed proceedings in a mourning tablet.

When the M. Ex. Grand High Priest was informed of the death of P. M. Ex. Grand High Priest, James B. Harrison, he issued the following

CIRCULAR.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, U. S. A.
 NEW MARKET, August 29th, A. L. 5867, A. D. 1867, A. I. 2397. }

*To all Royal Arch Chapters in our jurisdiction, and to the
 Grand Chapters with whom we correspond, with fraternal love, GREETING:*

It is with great sorrow that we announce to you the sad tidings of the death of our beloved Companion, JAMES B. HARRISON, P. M. Ex. G. H. Priest. He was ruthlessly shot down on his way home from Selma, on the 17th, by whom it is not yet known.

Devoted to the teachings and sublime principles of our order, and

thoroughly imbued with all virtues constituting its glory, a noble man and mason; a patriot; a strong pillar of the church; he has fallen by the way, by the hand of an assassin. We mourn his loss, let us cherish his memory, and strive to emulate his christian and masonic walk and virtues.

Our Ex. G. Secretary will therefore send a copy of this, our letter to the several Chapters in the Jurisdiction of Alabama, and to each Grand Chapter with whom we correspond and acknowledge.

We also direct that all R. A. Masons in our Jurisdiction, put on the usual badge of mourning to be worn for thirty days from the receipt of this, our letter.

Done at our office, the place and date above written.

With fraternal salutations,

GEORGE D. NORRIS, G. H. P. of Ala.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest announced the following Grand officers and Committees:

GRAND OFFICERS.

THOMAS W. ROBERTS.....	Clinton.....	Grand P. S.
L. W. JENKINS.....	Camden.....	Grand R. A. C.
WILLIAM E. BEAIRD.....	Orrville.....	Grand M. 3 V.
WILLIAM V. CHARDAVOYNE....	Courtland.....	Grand M. 2 V.
WILLIAM A. COCHRANE.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Grand M. 1 V.
THOMAS McDOUGAL.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Sentinel.

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

EDMUND M. HASTINGS.....	Montgomery.
H. CLAY ARMSTRONG.....	Notasulga.
JOSEPH H. JOHNSON.....	Talladega.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

DAVID CLOPTON.....	Montgomery.
ROBERT H. ERVIN.....	Camden.
FELIX G. NORMAN.....	Tuscumbia.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

PALMER J. PILLANS.....	Mobile.
HENRY GATCHELL.....	Selma.
JOHN J. DEMENT.....	Huntsville.
JAMES T. NORMAN.....	Union Springs.
E. BURSON.....	Snow Hill.

ON THE QUESTION OF JURISDICTION BETWEEN TENNESSEE
AND ALABAMA.

FELIX G. NORMAN.....	Tuscumbia.
JOHN J. DEMENT.....	Huntsville.
JOSEPH H. JOHNSON.....	Talladega.

ON THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

PALMER J. PILLANS.....	Mobile.
ZADOC J. DANIEL.....	Eufaula.
WILLIAM E. BEAIRD.....	Orrville.

ON THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

GEORGE D. NORRIS.....	New Market.
EDMUND M. HASTINGS.....	Montgomery.
EUGENE V. LEVERT.....	Marion.

ON CODIFICATION.

DANIEL SAYRE.....	Montgomery.
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The minutes were read and approved.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the R. Ex. 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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APPENDIX.

WEST BOUND

Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, }
MONTGOMERY, December 10th, 1867. }

To the R. Ex. E. THAYER,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina :

COMPANION :

I have been appointed a Committee to respond to your letter of the 22d of July last, addressed to the officers and members of this Grand Chapter, and which you will find embodied in the Annual Address of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, George D. Norris, delivered at the opening of this Grand Chapter. I regret, (I may be permitted to remark at the outset,) that my sentiments will not be clothed in the like eloquent language with your own, but I beg you to believe that I, in common with the members of this Grand Chapter, appreciate the missive you have transmitted to us, and rejoice that we are again permitted to hold fraternal intercourse with the members of your own, and those of the other Grand Chapters of this continent.

Masonry is a peaceful institution. It has nothing to do with the politics of the world; nothing to do with the various systems of religion of the world, except that system, universal among civilized nations, which requires men to believe in the being and attributes of God; nothing to do with the wars which are constantly being waged in some quarter of the globe; and yet no where are its principles more beautifully illustrated than on the field of battle, and to which you have so appropriately alluded in your letter. There, those who were, at one moment foeman, may in the next be clasped in each other's arms, by a tie stronger than that of blood, and more enduring than any other relationship.

And yet, though during the late sanguinary conflict the principles of masonry were peculiarly alive and active, they have exhibited another brilliant illustration (and only less brilliant than that exhibited during that perilous time) since that season of blood and carnage came to a close. While the conflict raged the companionhood of this jurisdiction suffered many severe and heavy, and heart-rending losses. Without attempting to enumerate any of those losses—for that dreadful time has now passed by, and the writer of this communication has no disposition to keep the memory of them alive—it is not improper to refer to the houseless and homeless women and children who were left destitute, and in many instances without ordinary food and clothing,

except that which was supplied by the hand of charity. These the masonry of the North and West has, with a noble magnanimity worthy of the fraternity, assisted us in relieving. With hands open as the day, and with hearts boundless as their own broad, and fruitful, and luxuriant fields, they came to our rescue, and snatched from early graves the young and the tender; those who are to succeed us in the active duties of the Order, and transmit to posterity its sublime principles. It is upon reminiscences of this sort that the writer of this most delights to dwell; and if his feeble pen could eternize any thing, it would be the remembrance of that philanthropy, which has thus overlooked the boundaries of states and masonic jurisdictions, and remembered only that so many of the suffering ones of the South belonged to the same great masonic brotherhood with the North and West.

But, companion, I fear I am lengthening out unnecessarily this communication. I was directed more particularly to thank you for your kind and well-timed letter—its noble and generous sentiments, and the beautiful and appropriate language in which they are conveyed. It has caused the members of this Grand Chapter to become more ardently devoted to the Order to which they belong, and to renew their vows to devote more of their lives to the practical extension of its principals. I beg you to receive those thanks as from the heart of one deeply penetrated by the sentiments which you have uttered, and to convey them also to your M. Ex. Grand High Priest, Companion Brunns. And that the Grand Chapters to which we respectively belong may be more intimately united, if that be possible, in the delightful bonds of a common brotherhood, I am sure must be the prayer of yourself and him, as it is of the undersigned.

Faternally,

DANIEL SAYRE,

Grand Secretary.

Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to enlist the forbearance and charitable feelings of their companions for any short-comings which may be perceptible in this their Report. Unused to a matter like this, and unknown to their companions, save those of their own immediate circle, they enter with great trepidation upon the discharge of their duties when they so well know that they have been preceded by such bright and shining lights in the masonic firmament. Trusting, then, to your indulgence, they would report that they have examined the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters :

Arkansas,	Louisiana,	Ohio,
California,	Maine,	Oregon,
Canada,	Maryland,	South Carolina,
Florida,	Michigan,	Tennessee,
Georgia,	Mississippi,	Texas,
Illinois,	New York,	Virginia,
Indiana,	New Jersey,	Vermont,
Kansas,	North Carolina,	Wisconsin.

Twenty-four, which are filled with matters of great interest, and generally bedewed with brotherly love, and breathing the spirit of true masonry.

ARKANSAS.

This Grand Chapter held its 17th Annual Convocation at Little Rock, on the 1st November, 1866, twelve Chapters being represented.

The address of the M. E. G. H. P. is eloquent in urging the exercise of the various masonic virtues. It contains matter that he approaches "with pain and mortification," that of charges preferred against a H. P. by his Chapter, and from it we learn that two such cases exist in that jurisprudence. This is indeed deeply to be deplored, though it shows a lively living interest in the minds of the companions there, for the honor and integrity of the Order. In one of the cases attended to, we find that the committee to whom it was referred "made their report," and after some verbal statement, it was laid on the table, "further proceedings being deemed unnecessary". This strikes us as strange, for if the case was of such a character as to warrant the M. E. in bringing it to the attention of the Grand Body, it would seem of importance enough to have elicited action, and not the smothering process.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage report adversely to sundry proposed amendments to the Constitution of the G. G. C., and say that they "are

designed to increase its powers, and degrade the State G. Chapters into the condition of mere subordinates, a condition which they in the opinion of your Committee should firmly but fraternally decline to accept."

The Committee on F. C. review the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters, Alabama included. In it we find much from the Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France, that would interest a Grand Lodge, but nothing instructive to those working under our Royal Arch. A complimentary notice is made of the Address of our lamented M. E. P. G. H. P., J. B. Harrison, with many extracts, and a very kind rebuke of our worthy chairman of the previous Committee on Foreign Correspondence, concluding with: "stay your hands, break not the bruised reed nor quench the smoking flax, but let the former heal and grow, and kindle the latter to a flame of brotherly love."

In alluding to the reports of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, our companions of Arkansas express their astonishment at the opinion that a companion cannot be a member of two Chapters at one and the same time, and say: Why not; is there any difference between a Blue Lodge and a Chapter in this matter? It is undoubtedly in accordance with the Constitution of blue masonry that a Master Mason may be a member of two Lodges at once, if he is willing to be taxed with dues in both, and we have such cases in our State. This seems to your committee not the doctrine of the present day. Can a workman serve two masters at once? As well serve both God and Mammon. This report is one of the best which has been placed in the hands of your committee, and will fully repay a careful and critical reading, yet we must leave it, or our own will swell to such dimensions as to fatigue. It is from the pen of companion Sam. W. Williams.

Companion L. E. Barber was re-elected M. E. G. H. P.

Companion W. D. Blocher elected G. S. in place of companion Merrick, deceased.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its 13th Annual Convocation on the 15th October, 1866, with thirty Chapters represented.

The Address of the M. E. John Kilpatrick, after thanks to the S. G. H. P. for the peace and prosperity of the State, is confined entirely to local matters pertaining to the craft.

The Committee on F. C. takes exception to the able report of our companion, D. Sayre, on the right of an officer to resign, and states that circumstances may, and frequently do arise, which would render such step necessary for the good of the craft, which is provided for in that jurisdiction by permission being given to fill vacancies in office occasioned by the death, resignation, &c., of the incumbent." This opinion of companion Sayre meets with the approval of the G. C. of Wisconsin, whose Committee on F. C. says that Alabama holds with New Jersey. The acceptance of the office is an absolute engagement on the part of the officer that he will perform its duties; and nothing can justify his breach of it, except permanent removal from the jurisdiction." They allow that an officer may dimit, and thus cause a vacancy which may be filled by election under dispensation.

The Committee on F. C. is further justly severe on the report of our Committee on Dispensations, which after enumerating various deficiencies in the

proceedings of a Chapter, viz: as incorrectly and inaccurately kept—using terms pertaining to a Lodge—having no by-laws, and with inaccuracies very numerous” and which “cannot be pointed out without a very lengthy report”, yet recommend that *a charter be granted*. “In our opinion, says the committee of California, no charter should have been granted to that Chapter, nor should the dispensation even, have been continued, as the parties who composed it had shown themselves to be utterly ignorant of their duties, and unfit to conduct it properly.” What but slovenly work, unfit for the temple, is to be expected, when the G. C. to whom the subordinates ought to look for the perfection of light thus slights the work brought before it?

Companion Charles Marsh was elected M. E. G. H. P., and companion L. C. Owen re-elected R. E. G. Secretary.

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter for this jurisdiction held its 9th Annual Convocation on the 14th August, 1866.

In consequence of the absence of companion T. Douglas Harington, M. E. Z., M. E. companion W. Mercer Wilson, presided as such, and read the address of the M. E. Z. from which we are pleased to learn that entire harmony prevails among the craft in this jurisdiction, and from the reports of the various G. Sup. that the flames on their sacred altars are burning brightly and extending the light of their influence in every direction.

To the report of the Committee on F. C., are we indebted for a view of capitulary masonry in England, Scotland and Ireland, whose proceedings have not reached us, and as it contains much of general interest to the craft, your committee hope to be pardoned for copying almost entire the synopsis of these proceedings from this report.

ENGLAND.

The Earl of Zetland, M. W. G. M., of the Grand Lodge, is *ex officio*, G. Z., R. W. Bro. W. Grey Clarke, G. S. in a similar way. Two cases of grievances are reported. 1st. The Z. of Oriental Chapter No. 687, Constantinople, was severely reprimanded for installing two companions as H. and J., instead of those named in the warrant, who had removed from the place between the time of application, and the receipt of the instrument. An Irish and an American P. Z. are likewise censured for taking part in the installing and consecration ceremony. Ordered that the companions originally named as H. and J. be installed, and that all candidates exalted receive certificates. 2d. Chapter No. 784, Liskeard, complained that its Z. never attended a Convocation after being installed, thereby injuring the Chapter, and hindering the progress of work. It was therefore prayed that said Z. be deprived of rank as a P. Z. Ordered that he retain rank, but that he be severely censured.

From Ireland, we find nothing of particular interest save that the order is in a prosperous condition, and that a Female Orphan School is creditably maintained. His Grace, the Duke of Leinster, is M. E. G. H. P., and Hon. George Handcock, G. Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

Here we find a reply of the Grand Lodge of England to a memorial from

the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, which is embodied in two resolutions:

1. That the Grand Lodge of England, in its Book of Constitutions, has declared and pronounced "that pure ancient masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Royal Arch," and consequently it gives no sanction to the working of the Mark Masters degree in England. 2d. That the Grand Lodge of England does not acknowledge the M. M. degree to be a part of pure Ancient Freemasonry, and does not recognize the body styling itself "the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Wales, and the Colonies and possessions of the British crown. The Supreme Chapter of Scotland, therefore, unanimously resolved not to recognize the self-styled Lodge of Mark Masters.

The committee reviews the proceedings of 21 State Grand Chapters, among which are those of Alabama. In it they copy largely from the Address of the M. E. G. H. P., and speak of it as "written in forcible language, and breathes a truly masonic spirit." The committee says an able report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by R. E. Companion D. Sayre. "He treats with merited severity the want of masonic charity shown by certain reviewers in their strictures upon the late civil war. But it is desirable that, having his reply, no further reference should be made to the subject which ought henceforth to be buried in oblivion." This, in the opinion of your committee, is as it should be, and betokens that among our companions of Canada, the mantle of masonic charity is large and full, and ever ready to be used to cover the faults and frailties of "poor human nature."

M. E. companion T. Douglas Harington was re-elected G. Z.; R. E. companion Thos. Bird Harris was elected G. S. E.

FLORIDA.

This Grand Chapter held its 21st Annual Convocation on 14th January, 1867. The M. E. G. H. P., David Jones, delivered an address pertaining to local affairs entirely. From it, however, we infer that capitulary masonry is in a healthy condition, and that the Chapters of this our sister State, are re-establishing their altars and again raising the columns of their partly demolished temple. A truly catholic and christian spirit is displayed throughout this report.

The Committee on F. C. makes some very just strictures on the report of the Committee on F. C. of Michigan for 1866, for its unmasonic, uncharitable, and sectional feeling, which, however, it is better should be left unquoted in the hope of greater harmony in future.

In these proceedings we have an instance of the good effect of proper masonic teachings in the restoration through the Grand Secretary of the State of Connecticut of the records of one of the subordinate Chapters which had been carried off during the war, and the expression of brotherly thanks for their return.

M. E. companion D. Jones was re-elected G. H.; P. E. companion T. P. Tatum was re-elected G. Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the years 1862, '63 and '66, come bound in one pamphlet. Those for 1862-'63, only furnish additional evidence of the trials and troubles which surrounded our brethren and companions at that time. In 1863 this Grand Chapter was called to mourn the loss of its M. E. G. H. P. companion P. T. Schley, the record of whose virtues would indicate a bright and shining luminary in that masonic jurisdiction.

The G. H. P. in 1866, after a curt allusion to the trials and terrors which had prevented the holding Convocations in the next preceding two years, says: "The events of the past four years are fresh in the memory of us all. They have seared us, as with a hot iron furrow, so deep in our hearts that they can never be obliterated. But I pass them by without further notice. Except as they form a part of the chronicles of the passing age, they are entitled to no special consideration here, only we may be reminded that among Freemasons these truths may never be forgotten or overlooked—that might doth not make right, and true principles never die. No! Truth never dies. The eternal years of God are hers. It may be overcome and beaten down for a time by the ruffianly attacks of Error, Prejudice, and Vice, aided by the envious blows of unbridled, sinful powers, and sometimes—alas! by the weak or sinful treachery of supposed friends—but 'tis only for a time. As in the impressive symbolism so often repeated in our Lodges, it must and *will* be raised again by the aid of a grasp mightier than them all, and shine forth more beautiful than ever in its resuscitated and glorious form." How beautiful this sentiment, indicative of a heart filled with faith, and hope, and confidence, and how eloquently uttered!

With few exceptions, the Chapters in this jurisdiction appear to be extending the sphere of their influence.

M. E. companion Sam'l Lawrence, was re-elected G. H. P.; E. companion B. B. Russell, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

At the Convocation of this Grand Chapter for 1866, there were 78 Chapters represented.

From the address of the M. E. G. H. P. we learn that "the most perfect harmony prevails throughout that jurisdiction, and Royal Arch Masonry was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the proceedings of 23 Grand Chapters, ours included. The committee is much opposed to the destruction of the General Grand Chapter, and denies the right of any one of the Grand Chapters composing it, to leave without "leave" first obtained. Your committee differ from these views, but fearing to disturb the smouldering embers of political hate, refrain from entering into argument to sustain their opinion.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its 22d Annual Convocation on the 22d May, 1867, fifty-one Chapters represented.

The Address of the M. E. G. H. P. is confined to the usual business of a Grand Chapter, and to an argument to induce the Grand Chapter of Indiana

to rescind its previous action in dissolving connection with the General Grand Chapter. In it the M. E. emphatically denies the right of a Chapter to sever this connection, and in support of his views, we regret to see that he refers to our late political issue and its results. Your committee deprecates this method of producing constraint on the members of a Grand Chapter by calling in the aid of politically excited opinions, but prefer that the question should be left to stand upon its own merits. The committee to whom was referred this portion of the Address, reported a resolution repealing the previous action, which was (as might readily have been anticipated) adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence had before them the proceedings of 17 Grand Chapters, those from Alabama included, on which they make running commentary, furnishing quite an agreeable resume of the condition of the craft as far as heard from.

M. E. companion Newby was re-elected G. H. P. ; M. E. companion W. Hacker was re-elected G. Secretary.

KANSAS.

We greet our sister Grand Chapter of Kansas, and bid her God-speed in bringing light from darkness, and pray that she may be happy in "spreading the cement of brotherly love" among the Royal Craft. This, our youngest sister, has our best wishes for her growth and benign influence.

The first Annual Convocation was held on the 18th October, 1866. Three Chapters were represented, and the same number were chartered at this Convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered a beautiful, appropriate, and eloquent address, pouring oil upon the troubled waters, and attempting to still the waves which the preceding political storm had raised. In this connection, he says : " However much in all the ranks of life you may revere a home or kindred, friends or country, principles or faith—and cursed be he who feels not all this reverence—yet as Masons in that separate association, you know no land, no kindred, no country ; you know no ties but those which bind you to each other, and cement this world-wide brotherhood into one community."

From the proceedings, we infer that the Royal Craft is prosperous and harmonious.

Companion R. R. Rees was re-elected M. E. G. H. P. ; Companion E. T. Carr was re-elected R. E. G. Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

This Grand Chapter held its Convocation on the 12th February, 1867, ten chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in his address, states that "the avenues leading to our Temple have been carefully guarded, and I hope and trust that the same scrupulous care may continue and insure the same happy effect for the future."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of 23 Grand Chapters, and those of the General Grand Chapter with Alabama among them. Their notice of those from Alabama is very kind and fraternal.

No question of importance to the craft at large seems to have been before

this Grand Chapter, from which we infer that fervency and zeal, tempered with prudence, characterize our companions of this jurisdiction.

R. E., H. P. Buckley, was elected G. H. P.; Companion J. C. Batchelor, G. Secretary.

MAINE.

The Annual Convocation was held on the 6th May, 1867, twenty-one Chapters represented.

The Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, J. H. Drummond, is a very direct and business-like document, and would make a very favorable pattern for others. In it he deals with many points of masonic jurisprudence, in some of which we can have no interest, as they pertain to the special laws of that jurisdiction; but your committee entirely agree with him, in the position, that a petition, once presented, is beyond the control of the petitioner, and must take the usual course. Your committee experiences great pleasure in learning that notwithstanding the great loss by the fire of last year, the order in Portland is again arising from the ashes to shed new light upon the Royal Arch of our sacred Tabernacle.

Companion Drummond, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, runs a tilt with companion D. Sayre in relation to the right of a Grand Chapter to dissolve its connection with the General Grand Chapter, and meets the view of "mutuality" in the obligation, by stating that "If I owe companion S. a hundred dollars, he can, if he chooses, release me from the obligation, but does it follow that therefore *I can release myself from it?*"

Your committee does not express any view, or enter into any argument herein. Whenever this Grand Chapter shall entertain any proposition to renew its connection with the General Grand Chapter, then the opinion of its members as such may be uttered, but it deems that the acts and doings of the General Grand Chapter are of no greater interest to them, under existing circumstances, than are the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. In these we take a deep interest, only as they may adorn or mar our common Arch. Your committee is unwilling to close this review of the proceeding of this Grand Chapter without expressing its thanks to the R. E. Grand Secretary for his "abstract of returns", and to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for his table of the condition of the Royal Craft in the various jurisdictions reviewed, which cost him, as your committee well knows, so much labor, but which enables our companions everywhere readily to see the condition of the craft. Your committee undertook the same labor before the receipt of these proceedings, but almost abandoned the idea, because of the difficulties encountered in its prosecution. It would be well if the Grand Secretaries generally would publish like "abstracts of returns", for although the Grand High Priest may congratulate his Grand Chapter on the flourishing condition of Royal Arch Masonry within his jurisdiction, we would each for himself like to see the condition of our brethren as those composing one family like to read of, and see the evidences of prosperity of each other.

M. E. companion J. H. Drummond was re-elected G. H. P.; R. E. companion Ira Berry was re-elected G. Secretary.

MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Baltimore, on the 12th of November, 1866, a special convocation to pay the "last tribute of respect" to the memory of R. E. companion W. G. Parkhurst, having been held at Washington, on the 13th October ultimo.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters, including Alabama. The committee utters a very kind rebuke to companion Sayre, and throughout expresses the kindest and most fraternal feelings for the companions of other jurisdictions, reporting and recommending a resolution, which was adopted, containing fraternal expressions of good will toward the sister Grand Chapters of the Southern States."

M. E. companion Jas. G. Smith was re-elected G. H. P.; R. E. companion W. Morris Smith was re-elected G. Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State for 1866. The address of the M. E. High Priest A. B. Cudworth, is in direct and striking contrast with that of his predecessor. It is what such an address should be, fervent, devoted to the interests of the order, and free from all asperity or allusion to political issues. This, under the circumstances, excites our warmest admiration, and we heartily congratulate him and our companions of Michigan upon the wisdom of their M. E.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence evinces great industry and ability, but contains nothing of general interest not reported on elsewhere. The spirit in which it is written manifests a true masonic spirit at which we heartily rejoice.

M. E. companion J. P. Fiske was elected G. H. P.; R. E. companion J. E. Johnson was re-elected G. Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

"Tidings from the South" come to us from this State for the year 1866, and we find that the M. Ex. G. H. Priest gives some wholesome advice to the Grand Chapter and its subordinates, more particularly in relation to the hasty manner in which the Capitulary degrees are often conferred. He urges action by the Grand Chapter to put a stop to this, and to make it incumbent on the subordinates to be satisfied that the candidate "exhibits specimens of his skill in the preceding degrees" to warrant it, before they allow him to proceed. This we think excellent advice, and we believe that if acted upon, more good, square, and true work would result. A similar recommendation is found in the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, for 1865.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a valuable review of the proceedings of such Grand Chapters as had reached it, Alabama included. The report is marked by its peculiarly kind and masonic forbearance in noticing the violent and needless woundings of the feelings of Southern masons. We heartily commend it. Companion William D. Ferris was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest, R. E. Oscar T. Keeler was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK

Sends the proceedings of the convocation of her Grand Chapter, held on the 5th of February, 1867. One hundred and twenty-four Chapters were represented.

The address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest contains matter of interest to the Companions generally, in some decisions of questions which arose in that jurisdiction. He only asserts a masonic axiom when he rules that "a master mason who has lost an arm or a leg cannot receive the Chapter degrees." Again, he says: "When a candidate has been favorably reported upon by a committee and duly elected, the High Priest may confer the degrees at any meeting of the Chapter. But when the candidate presents himself to receive the first, or any subsequent degree, any member of the Chapter may call for a new ballot; when, if one or more black balls appear, the conferring of the degree shall be postponed to a future convocation. But it is not necessary that it shall be postponed for three months or any other definite period beyond the next regular convocation." To this, the Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence say: "We are constrained to think it would not be the law in the Craft degrees; and as we know no other test to apply to it, we differ from the Grand High Priest in opinion, as to the effect of the ballot for the Mark degree."

The Grand High Priest again ruled that if necessary to the preservation of order in his Chapter, the High Priest may refuse admission to a member of his Chapter, or cause an offending member to be removed from his Chapter room. But if a member of his Chapter is announced at the door, he has no right to exclude him merely because another member objects to his admission." The Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence say: "We think it should be understood with the qualification distinctly expressed in the decision, that the refusal to admit should not be merely upon the ground that a Companion objects; a reason should be assigned for the objection," and your committee think that reason should be supported by action of the Chapter.

From the report of the Most Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest we find that he installed but seven officers of a new Chapter under warrant, the validity and regularity of which was called in question, which was referred to the Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence, who say: "We think the action in this case irregular, and the irregularity should not pass without such declaration of opinion by us. They, however, recommend the recognition of the Companions exalted therein, *"after having been first formally healed!"*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence had before them the proceedings of twenty-three State Grand Chapters and Canada, Alabama included.

Your committee will make no extracts from the comments on the report of Companion Daniel Sayre, believing in the truth of the adage, that "the least said is the soonest mended," and under the desire to do what may be in their power to allay the "bitterness" of feeling heretofore existing, and satisfied that this is not to be accomplished by bickering. Yet although your committee admires the true masonic spirit generally pervading the report, they deem it proper to protest against being forced in silence to occupy the position of prime sinners, when in all they did as masons or as men, they were governed,

as were our brethren and Companions of the other section, by a conscientious sincerity, and a firm belief in the purity of their motives and the correctness of their actions.

Companion S. H. Stone was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and Companion C. G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

R. E. Companion Cole having declined to serve longer as Grand Secretary, the Grand Chapter *unanimously* resolved that, "In view of the invaluable and faithful services of Companion John O. Cole, as Grand Secretary for forty-two years, over twenty-five of which was with merely nominal compensation, (and during which he preserved the life of the Grand Chapter), this Grand Chapter do now as a slight testimonial and just compensation for his services, appropriate to him the sum of five thousand dollars." A very well-merited and handsome recognition of the services of a good and faithful officer.

The Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence having had referred to them the question, "Whether a Companion Royal Arch Mason applying for admission, as a visitor to a Chapter under this jurisdiction, he hailing from a Chapter under the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter recognised by this Grand body, may be admitted without regard to race or color," and which the Grand Chapter had decided affirmatively, says: "A Companion regularly exalted in a duly constituted Chapter, cannot be excluded on account of race or color merely, but any member of a Chapter may object to the admission of a visitor, without assigning any reason, and the objection would be valid."

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its 10th annual convocation on the 12th September, 1866, with thirteen Chapters represented.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter, and the Grand Chapter of Canada, and of many of them for two or four years. In the review of those from Alabama, the report abounds with great humor and good will, and right cheerfully do we join the committee in deprecating the introduction of any sectional or political matter into our masonic proceedings, but we fear that our Companion Corson is not altogether free from this sin. These things are now of the *past*, let us grapple with the present, and by the cultivation of true masonic feeling, and the inculcation of the various masonic lessons, let us endeavor to smooth the very rough and rugged paths we of the South are even yet compelled to travel, and thus turn the mind, if possible, from the harrowing contemplation of sad realities, to more agreeable pictures of the future, where pleasant pastures may be in view, and rest may be hoped for beside the still waters. And let us not forget, that we ought first to "pluck the beam" out of our own eye, ere we attempt to "take the mote" out of a brother's.

We have been many times tempted to extract from the exceedingly pleasant report of Companion Corson, he has such a naive and ready way of putting things, but have been deterred for fear of making this report too long. The following, however, is too good to be left only in his own report, and it expresses so admirably our own views, that in fact we cannot help quoting it:

"We cannot do less than smile at those enthusiastic devotees, who are constantly pursuing the chimera of uniformity of work, which as constantly evades their grasp. These good natured but sadly mistaken worshippers at

the shrine of uniformity, at regular periods become pregnant with a 'work' which is to be the only true and legitimate work, and when their period is fully accomplished, they are delivered after much travail, of just exactly nothing. "*Montes parturiunt et mus ridiculus nascitur.*" In this connection we also find that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Connecticut, at the convocation of 8th May, 1866, says: "True uniformity is very desirable, but this consists not so much in uniformity of language—the mere vehicle of ideas—as in uniformity of symbolism, of doctrine, and of principles. Do we not often quibble about words, and forget teaching; grasp at forms and neglect substance: and sometimes destroy charity, the greatest of all virtues, in stickling for mere words."

This report of Companion Corson has an infinite amount of humor and vivacity, and we envy him these and his peculiar fluency.

We have also received the proceedings of this Grand body at its convocation of 11th September, 1867, with sixteen Chapters represented. The address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest is confined to a few masonic decisions which were referred to the committee on masonic jurisprudence, some of which will be appropriately noticed.

We find that in this jurisdiction it is the duty of the several leading officers of the Grand Chapter to visit the several Chapters allotted to them. We believe this will tend greatly to the advancement of the Companions in zeal, and might well be copied in other jurisdictions.

Your Committee agrees with the decisions of the committee on jurisprudence, which generally are in accordance with the usage and decisions pertaining here, except where they report that "suspension" in a blue lodge to operate as such in a Chapter, should be "upon charges preferred and proved." We are of opinion that this should be the rule, and that it is based on sound masonic principle, though it has been held in this jurisdiction as it was enunciated by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of New Jersey, "that suspension from a blue lodge without regard to the cause of suspension," also suspends in the Chapter degrees. Suspension is a grave and serious punishment depriving a mason of all masonic rights and privileges, and should be inflicted only after trial and conviction of the violation of some masonic law or usage.

Non-payment of dues, however, your committee thinks is not of this nature, but a violation only of a particular duty to the body suspending, and ought not to deprive the delinquent of all masonic rights.

We sincerely regret that these proceedings have come to hand at so late a period, that when the cry, as in this latitude it is, is for bread, we have not found time to cull from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by Companion Corson, which is doubtless replete with wit and wisdom, for this, our Companion, is brim full of these commodities.

Nor have we time to correct our Abstract of Returns, but must leave it as already made.

Companion Israel Baldwin was elected M. Ex. G. H. P.; Companion John Woolverton was re-elected R. E. G. Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its annual convocation on the 4th June, 1866, there being eleven Chapters represented.

In the address of the Most Excellent, we find nothing to introduce to your notice, save the recommendation to prevent a Chapter from conferring degrees upon a brother who cannot stand a good examination as a master mason, which your committee thinks would greatly conduce to the good of the Order. Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction is in a prosperous and healthy condition.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, and the General Grand Chapter, Alabama being included. The report is a lively commentary upon the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, and closes with an expression of gratification at the true masonic ring of most of them, and a rebuke to such, as forgetting the high and holy teachings of the Order, introduce political or sectional passions among the Craft. It is from the pen of Companion A. Martin, who was at this convocation elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and Excellent Companion T. B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State, held on the 11th October, 1866, at which ninety-three Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is confined to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry within that jurisdiction, except wherein he reports in relation to the General Grand Chapter. From the address we infer that our Holy Arch is being raised in every portion of the State, and universal harmony prevails. In relation to the General Grand Chapter, there seems to be an evident apprehension lest this Grand body arrogate too much power, and a struggle by this body to increase its powers. Though very great good would certainly result from a free interchange of kind masonic feeling, representing all parts of our extended country, and doubtless greater uniformity in work grow out of such general, periodical companionship, yet it is apparent to your committee that the effort to centralize and increase the powers of the General Grand Chapter has already engendered feelings of great apprehension, destructive of that trust and confidence so essential to the unity of the Craft, and which may yet end in division of sentiment, and the destruction of that harmony which so happily marks the feelings of all Royal Arch Masons at present.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the proceedings of twenty-one State Grand Chapters, including Alabama, and those of the General Grand Chapter. After quoting a resolution of this Grand Chapter, that the suspension for non-payment of dues of a master mason, operates as a suspension of the same as a member of his Chapter, the committee says that "this seems to be *reductio ad absurdum*."

This report is a very lengthy and able one, from which we would like to make many extracts, but space forbids. In it, many points of masonic law are touched upon, and in every instance with great soundness, discretion and kindness. We cannot forbear, however, extracting the resolutions found at the close of the report, which show so well the good will by which our Companions in Ohio are actuated:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Ohio greets her sister Grand Chapters of the United States with expressions of brotherly love and kindness, and trusts that the unfortunate and terrible memories of the past may be forgot-

ten, and that there may never again be any contention amongst us, "but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter promptly responds to the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, to co-operate in any endeavors that may be initiated by other Grand bodies, to assuage any lingering bitterness of feeling that may still exist between the two recently hostile sections of the country, by bringing into play the powerful yet soothing influences of the mild and benignant precepts of Royal Arch Masonry.

We find in the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"A Chapter cannot, under the decision of the Grand Chapter, provide in its by-laws for a single ballot for all the degrees. A separate ballot for each degree is required."

This differs from the usage in this jurisdiction. Then are they, or are we, acting in accordance with the general usage among Royal Arch Masons?

Companion G. Rex was re-elected M. E. G. H. P.; Companion J. D. Caldwell was re-elected E. G. Secretary.

OREGON.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation on the 18th June, 1866, with six Chapters represented. The Address of the M. E. G. H. P. is very short, and pertaining entirely to local affairs. From it, however, we learn, with great regret, that this branch of masonry is not in a flourishing condition in that jurisdiction.

Companion G. A. Edes was elected M. E. G. H. P., and Companion Chas. M. Cartright, Grand Secretary.

We have also received the proceedings of the Convocation held on the 24th June, 1867. From this, we learn that the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska did, on the 19th March, 1867, assemble at Plattsmouth, and organize a Grand Chapter, whose proceedings we shall hail with pleasure—another star in our firmament, another sister teaching "peace on earth, good will to all men."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. E., B. F. Brown, then D. G. H. P., but since elected G. H. P., and we regret that we have not time to note many of the points of masonic law therein discussed, but it has reached us too late.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The proceedings from this State come to us for the years 1861-'65-'66, embodied in one volume. The distressed condition of our companions during these years is exemplified in the curtness of their proceedings, but for which we are repaid by the interesting report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the last year. It is also from the first committee on this subject, and is an able and well digested document. In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, it agrees with the opinions expressed by the M. E. Grand High Priest as to the value, and proper jurisdiction, and powers of the General Grand Chapter. The chairman says: "We fully coincide with the views expressed by our M. E. companion. So long as the General Grand Chapter shall act as an advisory body, the Grand Chapter will readily yield her support; but should she venture to be impe-

rious, and assume other authority over the State Grand Chapters, then should we use our best endeavors to dissolve our connection with her, and pursue an independent progress." This expression of sentiment meets our partial concurrence, but we are at a loss to see the utility of the General Grand Chapter, unless to it be delegated the power to compel obedience to its edicts, and for this reason your committee thinks that only a problematical benefit can be the result of connection with it.

We are almost tempted to transcribe the committee's report on the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, but a belief that harmonious, brotherly feeling demand an abstinence from all improper and exciting topics. Your committee, however, feels justified in quoting the concluding paragraph of this review for the information of our companions: "The introduction of politics, political opinion, and the charge of a grievous and great crime upon a large portion of our people and common country, into a Chapter of Masons, exhibits such flagrant ignorance of, and indifference to, all masonic principles, proprieties and law, and is so likely to be subversive of our institution, that it occurred to your committee to report a solemn resolution, that until the offensive language, as well as every political reference or inference, shall be rescinded or expunged from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, it would not be consistent with the dignity of this Grand Chapter, or with our sense of what is due to masonic law, to recognize, or hold any farther masonic communication with the Grand Chapter of Indiana; but we prefer for the present to give to the companions of said Chapter time for reflection, and an opportunity to do justice to themselves, and make of themselves a sufficient atonement to the order for this grievous violation of its principles."

We find that Joseph Sampson, High Priest of Carolina Chapter No. 1, was "indefinitely suspended from all the rights, privileges, and benefits of the order", on charges preferred against him by a member of his Chapter.

Companion A. G. Mackey was re-elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and companion Ebenezer Thayer, R. E. Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation was held on the 7th December, 1866. The M. E. Grand High Priest declares that "no element of discord exists". "Glad tidings of great joy," say we. In these proceedings we find that complaint was made to it of improper action of Chapters in Kentucky, Virginia, Alabama and Mississippi, in receiving and acting on petitions from brethren residing within the limits of the jurisdiction of Tennessee; whereupon it was resolved that the Grand High Priest should call the attention of the Grand High Priests of these States to this violation of their rights, and it was further resolved, "that after said correspondence is had, and one month intervenes, the subordinate Chapters within this jurisdiction are required not to recognize any M., Past or M. E. Master, or R. A. M., made after said time, by said Chapters, in violation of our rights: provided, however, brethren or companions thus wrongfully made or exalted may be healed by any Chapters nearest their place of residence, upon the payment of the fees charged by the Chapter thus healing, if no objection is made to the moral character of the applicants."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence having before them many reports from our sister Grand Chapters from 1861 to 1865, concluded to report only on the latest, and reviews those of 23, including the General Grand Chapter. We find Alabama among them. A very kind mention is made of the address of M. E. Grand High Priest, J. B. Harrison, and a fraternal allusion to the report of Companion Sayre are to be found therein. We do not think that in the performance of the duty assigned us, we have found any portion of it more pleasant than following our worthy companion chairman of this committee through the paths of his report, made so pleasant and agreeable by his flowing style and right true masonic feelings.

Companion J. S. Dawson was elected M. E. Grand High Priest; companion C. A. Fuller was re-elected R. E. G. Secretary

TEXAS.

It is now a long time since we have received anything from this our trans-Mississippi sister. We therefore hail the advent of her proceedings as a harbinger of peace, and an evidence of a more settled condition than heretofore, which we hope will not be so disturbed in the future as to cut off fraternal intercourse with her. The 18th Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 10th of June, 1867.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in his address, which is devoted almost entirely to the business of the Grand Chapter, takes occasion to say: "I have always believed, and so taught, that when in the use of our beautiful ritual in conferring the masonic degrees, the ceremonies were so conducted that the moral lessons taught therein were not so indelibly fastened upon the mind of the recipient as to become the ruling motive of his life, masonry failed of its object." This your committee heartily endorses, and regrets that oftentimes the degrees are conferred either with so much levity or incompleteness, that the candidate can form but little idea of the beauty and sublimity of their teachings. The M. E. then urges upon the High Priests to perfect themselves in the ritual, and "catch the divine principle shadowed forth in it", that "the mark of the engraver's chisel should not be effaced by time."

Upon reading the report of companion G. W. Van Vleck, Grand Visitor for the eastern district, your committee is struck with the anomalous condition of the craft. He reports having visited 40 Chapters, and of this number no less than 15 are either doing no work, or are doing worse, very bad work, and in many instances decline to receive instructions; yet he states that he finds "the Royal Craft, with few exceptions, in quite a healthy condition, and some very flourishing." We admire companion Van Vleck's honesty and candor, as exhibited in his report, which is very full and complete.

The report of companion J. M. Daniels, Grand Visitor for the western district, shows somewhat greater desire on the part of the Chapters to obtain the work, but, from his report, we infer that no lively interest is taken in this jurisdiction by our companions. This apathy, we hope, is only temporary, and will disappear, as the doubt and anxiety, and depression, consequent upon the political condition of our companions is removed.

Companion F. B. Sexton was elected M. E. Grand High Priest; companion R. Brewster, re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

We commend the very appropriate and truly masonic address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, George W. Dame, at the Convocation in December, 1866, as a model for its clearness and conciseness, as well as for the subject matter therein set forth. He deploras the ease with which almost all applicants for "this most sublime degree" obtain the same, and urges the Grand Chapter to take such steps as shall restore it to its original position as an honorary degree, to be obtained only by those "worthy" to receive it. He says that it has been conferred on many, "who cannot govern a Lodge, and do not govern their lusts, their habits, or their language; who cannot instruct an apprentice in the way to the Middle Chamber, and when tried by the "Overseers' Square, are found unfit for use in the Masonic Temple, and fit only to be *hove over* amidst its rubbish."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in its report, draws a picture of "lights and shadows" from the harsh and illiberal expression of political rancor on the one hand, and the true masonic kindness of the various Grand Chapters on this continent on the other; but the light of masonic charity and forgetfulness is so bright and dazzling that the shadows are almost lost, and kindly feeling, and love, and virtue, seem now almost entirely to fill the hearts of our brethren.

M. E. companion G. W. Dame was re-elected Grand High Priest; companion John Dove, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 3d of October, 1866. The Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest is terse and pertaining solely to the business of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of 11 Grand Chapters, Alabama among them, and we are pleased with the strong masonic feeling there evinced. In reference to the report of Companion Sayre, they say "we trust that as our companions South receive our proceedings, and our fraternal intercourse is renewed, they will find that we are still brothers of the heart." So mote it be.

At this Convocation were adopted the resolutions passed by the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in December, 1865, heartily approving the brotherly feelings therein expressed, and changing only North to South.

M. E. companion E. S. Dana was re-elected G. H. P.; R. E. companion J. B. Hollenbeck was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Chapter held its Convocation on the 6th February, 1867. The M. E. Grand High Priest, in his address, says "I do not know of a single discordant element that mars the harmony of the beautiful structure, whose foundations have been laid so broad and deep by the superior skill of those Master Builders, whose wisdom erected this magnificent Temple, at whose shrine we are wont to worship." This speaks well for our brethren of the extreme North, and shows that the ices of their climate have no influence in cooling their fervency and zeal.

Your committee fears the charge of prolixity, but feels that the subject of the following extract, is one of so great importance to the perpetuity and efficiency of Royal Arch Masonry that it will be excused for using the following beautiful language of the M. E. companion.

"In masonry, every lesson taught is calculated to make man better and purer, to inspire him with higher and holier thoughts and aspirations, to lead him to the Great Fountain of Truth, and while receiving those lessons, so dear to the heart of every intelligent member of the craft, whatever tends to draw his thoughts from the impression intended to be conveyed, is an innovation, and is calculated to debase rather than to exalt, and should receive the united condemnation of every member of the craft. * * * * *

"When so much material is brought up for inspection, some that is unworthy and will not stand the test of the Great Overseer's Square, must necessarily find its way into the walls of the building, instead of being rejected and thrown among the rubbish." * * * * * Let us guard well, then, the outer courts of the Tabernacle. See that no imperfect material enter into, and become a part of the structure; but may all the parts be so nicely adjusted, that we may form a perfect and complete whole; that when the Master Overseer shall try us by the unerring test of Truth, no discordant element, however *singular and beautiful* its form, may be found mingled with the good and square work we have brought up for the building."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence had before it the proceedings of 21 of our sister G. Chapters, including those from Alabama. The committee expresses the hope that hereafter there may occur no circumstances to prevent the regular interchange of sentiment, and gives assurance of their desire "for the permanent existence of the most cordial and fraternal relations." The committee speaks in right good brotherly terms of the address of our M. E. Past Grand High Priest, but bristle considerably at the report of our companion Sayre, though in a manner they deprecate the feelings which they say pervaded his report. It seems to your committee that companion Sayre was wholly misinterpreted, as from his remarks upon the address of M. E. Grand High Priest Youngs, we find nothing to condemn. It was a simple, plain, and *unvarnished* statement of facts as they existed; strongly put, to be sure, but blaming no one, and only inferentially justifying ourselves. Our brethren and companions, North and West, have expressed for us the most fraternal feelings, but they, or rather some of them, forget that it is not in human nature quietly and meekly to stand the taunts of, and yet more unendurable to be blamed by, those whom we have been wont to esteem as brethren. In speaking thus, we undertake not to justify our companion, but to show that there was much to excuse the warmth of feeling exhibited. Masons are but men, trying to live by the Rule and the Square, and they may not be always able to "keep their passions within due bounds," and for slight offenses there should be a mantle of charity. We sincerely hope, however, that this is the last of this imputation of crime, either directly or by innuendo, and that hereafter under the influence of the *Great Lights* we may so far learn to "subdue our passions" as to greet each other in true fraternal style.

The report of the committee is from the pen of companion J. P. C. Cottrill, and is written with so much ease that, had he not given us the intelligence that it was his first essay, we would have ranked him among those to whom

the labor had become light by reason of long practice. It is with no small degree of pleasure that we perused it, and we sincerely regret that it is to be the last from his pen.

The Grand Chapter adopted a resolution declaring all those exalted in any Army Chapter to be clandestine; and also another forbidding masonic intercourse with any companion who, as a Master Mason, remains more than a year unaffiliated.

M. E. companion D. H. Wright was re-elected Grand High Priest; R. E. companion W. T. Palmer was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Below we furnish an Abstract of Returns of the several Grand Chapters in the United States as accurately as it can be made from the "proceedings." In some we find Abstracts already made by the several Grand Secretaries, while in some the information is only to be obtained after great labor, and in many the information is too meagre to enable us to make any estimate at all:

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

	No. of Sub-ordinates.	No. of Members.	No. Exalted.	Admitted & Restored.	Dimitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Died.	Rejected.	REMARKS.
Maine.....	28	1765	382		36			20	27	
Indiana.....	63	2282	488	64	118	7	28	29		
California.....	34	1358	162	44	100	1	40	18	6	
Florida.....	18	445	77		11		1	7	6	
Louisiana.....	31	1425	185	49	105	3	37	30		
Maryland & D. C.	23	638	285	20	71	1	89	15	18	
Michigan.....	45	3173	702	125	109	5	82	83	92	
Mississippi.....	95	3174	346	141	347	3	426	91		
New York.....	204	9490	1963							
New Jersey.....	16	770	196	2	38		21	11		
South Carolina...	12	414	61		8		1	10		
Wisconsin.....	33	1755	392	28	106		12	13	43	Returns partial.
Vermont.....	14	1243		3	6	2		12		
Virginia.....	20	1536		2		1	55	20		
Georgia.....	48		674	51	68		29	28	13	Returns from only 64 chapters in Texas, and officers alone given.
Arkansas.....	27	1365	12	2						Tennessee, no information.
Texas.....										Ohio, ditto.
Tennessee.....										
Ohio.....										
Oregon.....	5	142	22	7	15		2	4		
North Carolina...	20	948	168	60	14	2	2	22	25	
Kansas.....	6	203	34		24		12	7	6	
Illinois.....	98	4408	1176	68	236	4	21	42	42	

This closes the labor of your Committee.

"what is writ is writ,"
Would it were worthier."

P. J. PILLANS,
for the Committee.

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, Rejected and Dimitted.

Number.....	NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	No. Members..	Am't of Dues...	Advanced.....	Presided.....	Rec. and Ack...	Exalted.....	Affiliated.....	Rejected.....	Dimitted.....
1	Tuscaloosa	30	15 00	4	4	3	3			2
4	Monroe.....	31	15 50	6	6	6	6	6		1
5	Eunomia.....	56	28 00	6	8	8	6	2		4
9	Clinton.....	23	11 50	3	3	5	7	3		2
10	Tuscumbia.....	25	12 50	6	6	6	6			1
11	Phenix.....	52	26 00							2
12	Marion.....	82	41 50	5	5	6	6	4		12
17	Wetumpka.....	35	17 50	8	8	8	6	2		2
19	Mount Moriah.....	51	25 50					3		1
20	Livingston.....	47	23 50		1	2	6	1		5
21	Mobile.....	189	94 50	10	11	12	12	1	1	12
22	Montgomery.....	65	32 50	3	8	8	6	3	1	3
23	Talladega.....	47	23 50							1
24	Eufaula.....	43	21 50	6	5	5	3			1
25	Courtland.....	69	34 50	10	11	11	12		1	10
26	Union.....	23								
27	Dayton.....	16	8 00	9	8	9	9	1		1
28	Saint Johns.....	70	35 00	13	13	13	15	3		3
29	James Penn.....	96	48 00				6			6
32	Fulton.....	30	15 00					2		1
34	Hermon.....	57	28 50	1	1	1	3			
35	James L. Daniel.....	36	18 00	1	1					1
36	Pickensville.....	39	19 50	8	9	9	9	1	1	1
37	Concord.....	45	22 50							18
40	Camden.....	40	20 00	5	5	3	3			2
43	Tuskegee.....	21	10 50	3	3	3	3	1		
44	Choctaw.....	50	25 00	3	3	3	3			4
48	McKinley.....	27								
49	Hope.....	38		2	2			1		2
52	Allenton.....	49	29 50	4	3	2	2	1		
54	Tyrian.....	53	26 50							1
55	Suggsville.....	41	20 50	3	5	3	3			
57	Lebanon.....	39	58 50	1	2	3				
62	Rockford.....	68	51 00	7	7	6	6			12
63	Clayton.....	47	37 50	1	1	1				5
64	Central.....	36	18 00	3	3	3	3			
65	Russell.....	25	12 50	6	6	6	6	1		

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS—CONTINUED.

Number.....	NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	No. Members..	Amt of Dues..	Advanced.....	Presided.....	Rec. and Ack..	Exalted.....	Affiliated.....	Rejected.....	Dismissed.....
66	Alabama.....	83	41 50	9	9	9	9			1
67	Farriorville.....	39	19 50	2	1				1	3
69	Lower Peach Tree.....	25	12 50							1
70	Choctaw Corner.....	10	5 00	3	3	3	3			
71	Landmark.....	58	29 00	5	5	3	3			20
72	Midway.....	65		2	3	3	6		1	3
73	Lawrence.....	33	16 50	2	2	3	3	10	2	
75	Pine Level.....	49	24 50	1	1	3	3	1		2
76	Elyton.....	57	27 50	3	3	3	3			
78	Danville.....	48	24 00							2
79	Hillabee.....	35	17 50							2
80	Loachapoka.....	33	16 50	12	12	12	12	1		12
81	Jefferson.....	33	16 50	5	5	5	6	1		3
82	Crawford.....	10								
83	Bell.....	22		3	3	3	3	2		
84	Carrollton.....	27	13 50	8	8	6	6			1
85	Gaston.....	29	14 50	2	2					1
86	Coosa.....	18						1		
87	Moulton.....	17		5	5	3	3			
88	Roslin.....	18	9 00	9	9	9	9			3
89	Somerville.....	12								
90	Greenville.....	22	11 00	3	3	3	3	5		
91	George D. Norris.....	16		6	6	6	6			
92	Notasulga.....	15		7	7	6	6		1	
93	Columbus.....	12		1						



JAMES B. HARRISON,

M. EX. P. G. H. P.,

Obiit Aug. 17, 1867.

A GOOD MAN;

AN EFFICIENT OFFICER;

A ZEALOUS MASON.

AT REFRESHMENT ABOVE.



JAMES E. H. HILL

1861-1911

AT THE MOUNTAIN VIEW

At Rest in Heaven.

Marion Tannehill, June 11.....	Tuscaloosa.....	No. 1
Velina Hart, October 12.....	Monroe.....	" 4
William P. Leslie, October 13.....	Eunomia.....	" 5
R. C. Harrison, February 9.....	Clinton.....	" 9
Daniel B. Turner, December 28, 1866.....	Phenix.....	" 11
William Richardson, December 13, 1866.....	Marion.....	" 12
Gideon E. Nelson, June 26.....	Wetumpka.....	" 17
George W. Jones, March.....	Mount Moriah.....	" 19
P. Stout, October 1.....	Livingston.....	" 20
G. L. Mason, May 2.....	Mobile.....	" 21
U. T. McLemore, October 1.....		
N. J. Hamill, January.....	Eufaula.....	" 24
George H. Hilliard, July 13.....		
Emille Atsinger, September 30.....	Saint Johns.....	" 28
John McNaughton, June 10.....	James Penn.....	" 30
R. Godwin, April 27.....	Hermion.....	" 34
H. P. Pratt, January 5.....		
J. E. Prestridge, February 25.....	Camden.....	" 40
JAMES B. HARRISON, August 17.....	Tuskegee.....	" 43
Fred Aram, October.....		
Robert P. Alexander, June 8.....	Tyrian.....	" 54
George C. Yarbrough.....		
Jonathan Thomas.....	Clayton.....	" 63
Gordon Bunkley.....	Russell.....	" 65
William Kane, October 21.....	Farriorville.....	" 67
Joseph R. Hand.....	Landmark.....	" 71
Samuel Mosser, March.....	Lawrenceville.....	" 73
James R. Darby, October 8.....	Hillabee.....	" 79
Needham E. Adams, October 26.....	Jefferson.....	" 81
G. W. Passmore, October 26.....		
B. F. Pankey, May 12.....		
Elijah M. Brundidge, February 24.....		
H. F. Solomon, April 13.....		
John Jones, October 7.....		
John B. Lumpkin, February 27.....		
John M. Pearson, April.....		
James Manning, August 16.....		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Benjamin B. Rogers.....	Eunomia.....	No. 5
M. W. Steele.....		
E. F. Betts.....		
J. M. Jett.....	Marion.....	No. 12.
Thomas Armstrong.....		
Robert B. Crowe.....		
John E. Drumgold.....		
James A. England.....		

Robert D. England.....	
James H. Graham.....	
Albert P. Hinton.....	
Oscar T. Harrell.....	
Henry C. Lockhart.....	
John Loughridge.....	
Jacob L. Lockwood.....	
John E. McEachin.....	
J. W. Patterson.....	MarionNo. 12
William W. Redding.....	
Laban S. Redding.....	
William Spencer.....	
S. Sturm.....	
Charles H. Snead.....	
John W. Scarborough.....	
John M. Waddell.....	
Edward H. Ustrick.....	
Richard U. Bryan.....	
John H. Dent.....	Livingston.....No. 20
C. M. France.....	
J. N. Gilmore.....	
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William P. Brashears.....	
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No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POSTOFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	CONVOCATIONS.
1	Tuscaloosa.	Tuscaloosa.	Tuscaloosa.	Tuscaloosa.	Jas. W. Baird.	John M. Martin.	2d Thursday.
4	Monroe.	Claiborne.	Monroe.	Claiborne.	Rufus C. Torrey.	N. A. Agee.	Fri bef full moon.
5	Enomah.	Huntsville.	Madison.	Huntsville.	John J. Dement.	Gross H. Sorriggs.	1st Tuesday.
9	Clinton.	Athens.	Limestone.	Athens.	Wm. A. Hine.	A. T. Evans.	2d Monday.
10	Tuscumbia.	Tuscumbia.	Golbert.	Tuscumbia.	Felix G. Norman.	Jas. E. Keenan.	3d Monday.
11	Phenix.	Greensboro.	Hale.	Greensboro.	N. T. Lupton.	Oscar F. Casey.	1st Tuesday.
12	Marion.	Marion.	Perry.	Marion.	Anson W. Hawley.	B. M. Huxey.	3d Tuesday.
17	Wetumpka.	Wetumpka.	Etowah.	Wetumpka.	Wm. A. Allen.	O. H. McWilliams.	Thurs bef full moon.
19	Mount Moriah.	Etowah.	Greene.	Etowah.	Demsey Harrison.	James T. Smith.	3d Saturday.
20	Livingston.	Livingston.	Sumter.	Livingston.	Robert D. Webb.	S. W. Murley.	3d Friday.
21	Mobile.	Mobile.	Mobile.	Mobile.	Palmer J. Pillans.	A. B. Alvord.	1st & 3d Thurs.
22	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Wm. H. Dingley.	Samuel Collier.	2d Saturday.
23	Talladega.	Talladega.	Talladega.	Talladega.	Jos. H. Johnson.	W. W. Honston.	1st Monday.
24	Enfauila.	Enfauila.	Barbour.	Enfauila.	Zadoc J. Daniel.	John C. Thomas.	1st Saturday.
25	Courtland.	Courtland.	Lawrence.	Courtland.	Joseph C. Baker.	G. K. Clopper.	2d Tuesday.
26	Union.	Uniontown.	Perry.	Uniontown.	James L. Price.	R. A. Terrell.	1st Saturday.
27	Dayton.	Dayton.	Marengo.	Dayton.	L. M. Oppenheimer.	John F. Tarrant.	2d Tuesday.
28	Saint John's.	Selma.	Dallas.	Selma.	Henry Gatchell.	R. S. Stedman.	4th Monday.
30	James Penn.	Jacksonville.	Calhoun.	Jacksonville.	John R. Clark.	D. P. Forney.	Last Monday.
32	Fulton.	Orrville.	Dallas.	Orrville.	Wm. E. Benard.	E. L. Coleman.	1st Saturday.
34	Hermion.	Union Springs.	Bullock.	Union Springs.	R. H. Powell.	Thomas Pullum.	4th Saturday.
35	James L. Daniel.	Glennville.	Barbour.	Glennville.	M. W. Davis.	S. C. Woolfolk.	1st & 3d Fridays.
36	Pickensville.	Pickensville.	Pickens.	Pickensville.	H. S. Sheltou.	J. C. Moorhead.	2d Saturday.
37	Concord.	LaFayette.	Chambers.	LaFayette.	R. P. Bragaw.	J. E. Scarbrough.	same.
40	Camden.	Camden.	Wilcox.	Camden.	L. W. Sankus.	Daniel W. Block.	1st Monday.
43	Tuskegee.	Tuskegee.	Macon.	Tuskegee.	Wm. G. Swanson.	Robert E. Park.	3d Thursday.
44	Choctaw.	Choctaw.	Choctaw.	Choctaw.	Curtis N. Wilcox.	John C. Chapman.	4th Monday.
48	McKinley.	McKinley.	Marengo.	McKinley.	W. T. Abrahams.	F. M. Dansby.	1st Monday.
49	Hope.	Bridgeville.	Pickens.	Bridgeville.	W. W. Stephenson.	Jos. Atkinson.	2d Friday.
52	Allenton.	Allenton.	Wilcox.	Allenton.	J. G. Bythewood.	J. W. Wilson.	4th Thursday.
54	Tyrian.	Troy.	Pike.	Troy.	A. N. Worley.	J. D. Murphree.	1st Saturday.
55	Suggsville.	Suggsville.	Clark.	Suggsville.	Samuel Coale.	Samuel Forwood.	Fri bef 3d Sab.
57	Lebanon.	Lebanon.	DeKalb.	Lebanon.	Wm. J. Roberts.	J. C. Boge.	2d Saturday.
62	Rockford.	Rockford.	Coosa.	Rockford.	John A. Sears.	R. A. Murchison.	Fri bef 4th Sab.
63	Clayton.	Clayton.	Barbour.	Clayton.	James S. Paulin.	James J. Winn.	Tues bef 1st Sab.
64	Central.	Montevallo.	Shelby.	Shelby.	E. G. Walker.	Sylvester Steele.	4th Monday.

65	Russell	Stevenson	Jackson	Stevenson	Thos. T. Cotnam	J. F. Mordin	2d Friday
66	Alabama	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	John Cortright	Wm. H. Eaking	2 & 4th Friday
67	Farristown	Farristown	Bullock	Farristown	Marshall J. Bean	Alex. Youngblood	1st & 3d Sat.
68	L. Peach Tree	L. Peach Tree	Wilcox	Wilcox	C. C. Curtis	J. Mayer	3d Saturday
69	Choctaw Corner	Choctaw Corner	Clarke	Clarke	John F. Tate	S. M. Gilmore	same
70	Landmark	Barnes' X Roads	Dale	Midway	James M. Bridges	J. A. F. Campbell	1st Thursday
71	Midway	Midway	Bullock	Midway	J. W. L. Daniel	E. L. Jenkins	1st Saturday
72	Lawrenceville	Abbeville	Henry	Abbeville	Wm. A. O'Hara	Lease S. Bruner	1st & 3d Wed.
73	Pine Level	Pine Level	Montgomery	Pine Level	Henry W. Clark	Wm. G. Jackson	3d Monday
74	Elyton	Elyton	Jefferson	Elyton	G. W. Hewitt	John C. Morrow	2d Saturday
75	Danville	Danville	Morgan	Danville	A. G. Copeland	John Y. Ferguson	1st & 3d Sat.
76	Hillabee	Pineknayville	Tallapoosa	Pineknayville	M. G. Slaughtier	G. M. Gamble	1st & 3d Sat.
77	Loachapoka	Loachapoka	Lee	Loachapoka	Myles J. Greene	Julius C. Phillips	1st & 3d Sat.
78	Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	Demopolis	W. W. Harder	E. A. Taylor	1st Wednesday
79	Jefferson	Crawford	Russell	Crawford	Wilson Williams	J. T. Holland	3d & 4th Sat.
80	Bell	Lineville	Clay	Lineville	J. W. Garrison	J. L. Williams	3d Saturday
81	Carrollton	Carrollton	Pickens	Carrollton	Samuel P. Hill	J. G. Longmire	Sat of 3d Sabbath
82	Gaston	Gaston	Sumter	Gaston	Wm. R. Horn	Marion E. Tarvin	2d Thursday
83	Coosa	Gadsden	Baine	Gadsden	R. S. Price	H. Herzberg	1st Monday
84	Moulton	Moulton	Lawrence	Moulton	Wm. H. Hill	Dewitt C. White	2d Saturday
85	Roslin	Springville	St. Clair	Springville	H. R. Buchanan	A. W. Woodall	Fri of 3d Sabbath
86	Somerville	Somerville	Morgan	Somerville	H. M. Welch	S. S. Morrow	1st Saturday
87	Greenville	Greenville	Butler	Greenville	Mark C. Lane	Geo. W. Thigpen	st & 3d Tuesday
88	Geo. D. Norris	New Market	Madison	New Market	Morris K. Taylor	Wm. R. Whitman	4th Saturday
89	Notasulga	Notasulga	Macon	Notasulga	H. C. Armstrong	Wm. S. Ford	1st & 3d Saturday
90	Columbus	Newton	Dale	Newton	Moses Jones	John R. Kelley	Fri bef 2d Sat.

