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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama held its Forty-eighth Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 8th day of December A. D. 1874, A. L. 5874, Anno Inv. 2404.

PRESENT :

MYLES J. GREENE	Grand High Priest.
PELEG BROWN, <i>as</i>	Deputy G. H. Priest.
JAMES MILTON.....	Grand King.
JAMES E. COBB.....	Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.....	Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	Grand Secretary.
REV. JAMES K. HAZEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
LUCKEY W. JENKINS.....	Grand C. of H.
WILEY W. BLOODWORTH.....	Grand P. Sojourner.
WILLIAM W. McCOLLUM.....	Grand R. A. Captain.
WILLIAM R. HORN.....	Grand M. 3 Veil.
WILLIAM E. BEAIRD.....	Grand M. 2 Veil.
THOMAS J. THOMASON, <i>as</i>	Grand M. 1 Veil.
JAMES DAVIDSON.....	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

PELEG BROWN.....	Grand High Priest.
JAMES McCALEB WILEY.....	Deputy G. H. Priest.
JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE.....	Grand King.
JAMES H. JOINER.....	Grand King.
PALMER J. PILLANS.....	Grand Scribe.

And High Priests, Kings, Scribes, and Proxies, from Subordinate Chapters, as follows:

No. 5.	Eunomia.....	Robert W. Coltart*.....	H. P.
" 6.	Cyrus.....	Henry W. Sample*.....	"
" 9.	Clinton.....	Joseph A. Moore.....	K.
" 10.	Tuscumbia.....	{ William R. Julian*.....	H. P.
" 13.	Gainesville.....	{ Wesley M. Smith.....	K.
" 17.	Wetumpka.....	{ Edward N. Kring.....	H. P.
" 19.	Mount Moriah.....	{ Edmunds Mason.....	"
" 21.	Mobile.....	{ Thomas P. Whitby*.....	K.
" 22.	Montgomery.....	{ Thomas C. Clark.....	H. P.
" 23.	Talladega.....	{ William S. Foster.....	"
" 26.	Union.....	{ Dan Harris*.....	K.
" 28.	Saint Johns.....	{ Apollos Harris.....	H. P.
" 32.	Fulton.....	{ William D. Wadsworth.....	K.
" 37.	Concord.....	{ Stephen H. Beasley.....	S.
" 40.	Camden.....	{ James H. Joiner.....	H. P.
" 43.	Tuskegee.....	{ Alonzo G. Story*.....	K.
" 44.	Choctaw.....	{ Joseph H. Johnson*.....	S.
" 64.	Central.....	{ Robert Christian.....	H. P.
" 65.	Russell.....	{ William W. McCollum.....	K.
" 66.	Alabama.....	{ William E. Beaird.....	H. P.
" 67.	Farriorville.....	{ William T. Brown.....	"
" 69.	Lower Peach Tree.....	{ James M. Driver*.....	K.
" 70.	Choctaw Corner.....	{ Luckey W. Jenkins.....	H. P.
" 71.	Landmark.....	{ Robert H. Ervin*.....	K.
" 72.	Midway.....	{ James E. Cobb.....	H. P.
" 73.	Gordon.....	{ Asa L. Brooks*.....	K.
" 74.	Opelika.....	{ Jesse L. Adams*.....	S.
" 80.	Loachapoka.....	{ Alanson J. Gray.....	H. P.
" 83.	Bell.....	{ Seth S. Mellen*.....	K.
		{ Joseph H. Knighton*.....	S.
		{ George A. B. Smith*.....	H. P.
		{ Thomas T. Cotnam.....	"
		{ Oliver S. Beers*.....	"
		{ Abijah Haley.....	"
		{ Christopher C. Curtis.....	S.
		{ John A. Dahlberg*.....	H. P.
		{ James M. Bridges.....	"
		{ John H. Weed.....	K.
		{ James Stratton Paullin.....	H. P.
		{ Alvin H. Pruitt*.....	K.
		{ Newell M. Thornton.....	S.
		{ Elisha C. Bowen.....	H. P.
		{ Myles J. Greene.....	"
		{ Wiley W. Bloodworth*.....	K.
		{ George P. Harrison Jr*.....	S.
		{ John W. Garrison.....	H. P.

*Proxies.

No. 85.	Gaston.....	{ William R. Horn.....	H. P.
		{ Simeon Walton*.....	K.
" 87.	Moulton.....	{ DeWitt C. White.....	H. P.
" 88.	Roslin.....	{ Thornesbury B. Taylor.....	K.
		{ Thomas D. Bradford.....	S.
		{ Angus M. Scott.....	H. P.
" 93.	Columbus.....	{ Henry S. Cassady*.....	K.
		{ Richard A. Ramsey*.....	S.
" 96.	Daniel Pratt.....	{ James K. Hazen.....	H. P.
" 99.	Thomas M. Bragg.....	{ George W. Jones.....	"
" 100.	Rock Mills.....	{ Thomas J. Thomason.....	K.
		{ William L. Gude.....	H. P.
" 101.	Mineral City.....	{ John A. Milner*.....	K.
		{ George W. Cruik*.....	S.

*Proxies.

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

Prayer by the R. Ex. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion James K. Hazen.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, and on motion of Companion George P. Harrison Jr., it was referred to a special

COMMITTEE ON G. H. P. ADDRESS.

GEORGE P. HARRISON JR., of Loachapoka No. 80,
 OLIVER S. BEERS, of Alabama No. 66,
 PELEG BROWN, Past Grand High Priest.

The history of the United States is a story of growth and development. From the first settlers to the present day, the nation has expanded its territory and its influence. The early years were marked by struggle and hardship, but the spirit of the American people was always one of optimism and hope. They believed in a better future for themselves and for their children. This belief was the foundation of the American dream, a dream of a land where everyone has the chance to succeed. The history of the United States is a testament to the power of the human spirit and the strength of the American people. It is a story of a nation that has overcome many challenges and emerged as a global superpower. The United States has shown the world that it is possible to build a better society, one that is free, just, and prosperous. The history of the United States is a story of hope and possibility, a story that continues to inspire and motivate people around the world.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

The twilight of another year is drawing the drapery of night around the earth. Its sunshine and its shadows have made a checkered scene on the back-ground of each heart. It has ushered its millions to the tomb, and the dim land of a dreamless slumber. The roseate bloom of youth, the summer fruitage of manhood, and the "sere and yellow leaf" of age, alike have been scattered by its adverse winds, or withered by its frosts.

"Friends have been scattered like roses in bloom—
Some at the bridal, some at the tomb."

Amid these shifting scenes in the great panorama of life, the convergent life-paths along which our sometimes weary, and sometimes joyous feet have trod, have once more brought us together in this hallowed spot. And now, assembled around our common altar, with pleasure beaming in every eye, and joy welling in every heart, let lip, and thought, and eye, and heart, be lifted on high in thanksgiving and praises to our Great High Priest, whose ever-watchful eye has been upon us, and whose bountiful providence has ministered to our wants every moment of our lives.

The year now drawing to a close has been marked by many evidences of Divine favor. The honest labor of the diligent husbandman has been rewarded with a generous harvest. The blighting hand of pestilence has been stayed, and a remarkable exemption from sickness and disease has been enjoyed throughout our borders. Moreover, the general depression and dreadful forebodings that have so long been inspired by the threatening aspect of the political situation of our country, have given place to a bright and encouraging prospect, that is indeed cheering to contemplate. Confidence is being restored, and the general out-look gives promise of the

early dawn of a brighter day for our long and sorely tried people,—a day when Jew and Gentile, Northman and Southron, shall regard and recognize each other as belonging to a common brotherhood. The gloomy past is gone—let us hope—forever; and, with full hearts, let us enjoy this pleasant reunion. For indeed it is pleasant. What genial joys spring exultant in the heart of every true Mason, as he watches the uplifted gavel whose welcome sound shall call him up and forward, from the miasma below and behind.

Pardon me, companions: I feel the change in every drop that courses through my veins. I have come but recently from the hustings. *There*, upon a political level with the sable sons of Africa; *here*, on a social level with the virtue and intelligence of Alabama—my own loved companions—asssembled in Grand Convocation. Who would not feel the change? As the traveler who has journeyed through the dense malaria that hovers about the Pontine marshes, rises the eminence that brings into view the Eternal City, may be supposed to exclaim, “and this is Rome, that sat upon her seven hills, and from her throne of beauty ruled the world,” so I, with a devotion doubly dear by contrast, hail this Grand Temple, where only white men “meet upon the level and part upon the square.”

Here, then, let us for a brief season, especially consecrate ourselves. Here let us insulate our minds against the shocks and jars incident to our situation; “then back to busy life again.” Hence borne on the wings of the true spirit of Masonry, let our flight be like the eagle’s, “upward, onward, and true to the line.” Let us go forth inspired with new resolves, and panting with higher hopes and nobler aspirations.

Let us, my companions, illustrate in these dark days of degeneracy, the sublime teachings of our noble order. Let us add to our “Faith, Virtue; and to Virtue, Knowledge; and to Knowledge, Temperance; and to Temperance, Brotherly-Kindness; and to Brotherly-Kindness, Charity.” Then, when all other lights shall fail, if our lamps are found brightly burning, we shall surely go forth to meet the bridegroom.

It gives me sincere pleasure to inform you that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction is not only peaceful and harmonious, but hopeful. Although the energies of our people have been borne down by the general financial depression, and as a consequence the fires on

many of our altars have burned but feebly, yet with returning agricultural and commercial prosperity, we may confidently hope to see them shed forth a steadily increasing light. And then, in the true spirit of its noble mission, will Freemasonry be found co-operating with other legitimate and healthful influences, in ushering in the glad day, when, from North to South, from East to West, all hearts and voices shall unite in the loud acclaim, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

On the 10th February, I granted a dispensation to Montgomery Chapter No. 22 to use a substitute to complete a class for exaltation.

On the 11th May, I granted a dispensation to Companions Homer N. Sneed and others, to constitute a chapter at Cross Plains, in Calhoun county.

On June 3d, I granted a dispensation to Cross Plains Chapter to confer all the degrees of the chapter on a class at one convocation; for the purpose of instruction; the chapter having just been instituted, and a competent Past High Priest from a neighboring chapter having kindly offered to preside and assist in the work.

On the 7th June, I appointed R. Ex. Companion Frederick G. Wiese as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey; and his credentials were forwarded by the Grand Secretary.

On the 24th June, I received notice of the appointment of our worthy companion, James H. Joiner, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey near the Grand Chapter of Alabama. Companion Joiner is in possession of the proper credentials, and at the proper time, I trust you will receive and recognize him in a suitable and becoming manner.

At different periods, I granted dispensations to the following Chapters to elect their officers at other than the usual time, providential causes having, in each case, prevented attention to that duty at the proper period:

Livingston Chapter	.....	No. 20.
Gainesville "	.....	No. 13.
Clinton "	.....	No. 9.
Elyton "	.....	No. 76.

On September 5th, I granted a dispensation to Companions Benjamin M. Sharit, William T. Jones, Annias Thomas, John P. Willoughby, William

S. Self, Charles Drennen, Moses M. Perry, John C. Posey, and William Gravlee, to institute a Chapter at Warrior Station, Jefferson county.

On the 4th July, Companions E. C. Bowen, R. M. Greene, F. Watkins, J. R. Hodge, R. S. Brownfield, N. Tucker, H. L. Griffin, A. W. McCoy, J. C. W. Rogers, J. R. Greene, and R. H. Willis, formerly members in good standing of Opelika Chapter No. 74, and at the time of the forfeiture of the charter of said Chapter in 1868, applied to me for a dispensation to work said Chapter until the present convocation of the Grand Chapter. Being aware of the excellent character of the applicants, and convinced that the highest interests of capitular Masonry would be subserved thereby, the prayer of the petitioners was granted. I herewith submit a synopsis of the more important official decisions rendered since the last session of the Grand Chapter.

1st. Any member of the Chapter, who is in good and regular standing, is eligible to the office of High Priest.

2nd. Any member of the Chapter who is regularly affiliated with some subordinate Lodge, who is clear on the books, and under no charge, is in good and regular standing.

3rd. Subordinate Chapters have the right to enact by-laws suspending members for non-payment of dues.

4th. It is not necessary to submit to the Grand Chapter every by-law adopted by a subordinate Chapter. After the Grand Chapter has passed upon the by-laws of a Chapter, that Chapter may amend such by-laws according to their own provisions for amending the same, and such amendment is valid and binding from the adoption: subject, of course, to be tested, at any time, before the Grand Chapter, as to its constitutionality.

5th. When a companion has been suspended for non-payment of dues, according to the provisions of the by-laws of his Chapter, he can be reinstated only by complying with such by-law. He is undergoing the penalty of a law, valid at the time sentence was passed upon him, and the subsequent repeal of the law cannot affect him, nor change his status.

6th. A Chapter has no right to suspend the operation of a by-law.

7th. When a candidate for the degrees of the Chapter has been elected, he is entitled to those degrees; *provided*, no charges are preferred against

him. In other words, a second ballot for a candidate cannot be had after his election.

In conclusion, I would respectfully, but earnestly, impress upon the Grand Chapter, the necessity of deliberate consideration in the transaction of the important business that brings us together. Remember, that what is worth doing, is worth doing well. By observing these wholesome admonitions, we may avoid the evils that inevitably result from precipitate action.

And now, Companions, having, for two years, endeavored, to the extent of my ability, to meet the responsible obligations imposed upon me as your presiding officer, I return the high and honorable trust to the hands that so generously bestowed it. Whether the talent thus committed to me has been buried or improved, is not for me to say. That there have been errors and failures in my administration, I am free to confess. But I am conscious of no intentional deviation from the rule and line of duty. It has been my earnest desire and constant aim to elevate the moral standard of Freemasonry, and to incite companions to a living exemplification of her exalted virtues.

Blessings, Companions, upon you and yours; and may the course of our "ancient and honorable order" be onward, ever onward, until millennial glory shall burst in splendor on the earth. Then the voices of many companions shall be heard, saying, "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plow shares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

MYLES J. GREENE,

Grand High Priest.

The Grand Secretary made his Annual Report, and it was received and referred to the Committee on Finance. (*See Appendix.*)

The Grand Treasurer made his Annual Report, and it was received and referred to the Committee on Finance. (*See Appendix.*)

Companion Palmer J. Pillans, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report, and it was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and printed with the proceedings. (*See Appendix.*)

The Committee on Work, through Companion Peleg Brown, made report on the M. M. Degree, and it was received and concurred in.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 1.—Wiley W. Bloodworth, Angus M. Scott, Wesley M. Smith.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 2.—William S. Foster, De Witt C. White, Thornesbury B. Taylor.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 3.—Robert Christian, Christopher C. Curtis, Edmunds Mason.

ON DISPENSATIONS.—William L. Gude, Jesse L. Adams, Edward N. Kring.

ON FINANCE.—John W. Garrison, Alanson J. Gray, James M. Bridges.

ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS, AND APPEALS.—William R. Horn, John H. Weed, John A. Milner.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.—James E. Cobb, Oliver S. Beers, James H. Joiner.

Companion ——— offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

CENTRAL CHAPTER NO. 64.

Resolved, That the Dues of Central Chapter No. 64, for the past masonic year, be, and the same are hereby, remitted,

Companion John A. Milner offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

ELYTON CHAPTER NO. 76.

Resolved, That the Dues of Elyton Chapter No. 76, for the year 1873, be, and the same are hereby, remitted, and that said Chapter have sixty days to pay its dues for the year 1874.

REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW JERSEY.

The commission of Companion James H. Joiner, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, was presented, and the Companion was received and welcomed.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, December 9, 1874.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 8½ o'clock, the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, Myles J. Greene, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

Prayer by the R. Ex. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Peleg Brown offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

APRONS, SWORDS, AND SCEPTERS.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a sufficient supply of Aprons, Swords, and Scepters, necessary for the use of officers and members of the Grand Chapter.

Companion Edward N. Kring, from the Committee on Dispensations, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT ON DISPENSATIONS.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the minutes of the following Chapters under Dispensation, submitted to our consideration, and report as follows:

OPELIKA CHAPTER No. 74.—We find the minutes correct and neatly kept.

and recommend that the Chapter be reinstated, and that the same officers remain in their respective offices until the next annual election of officers.

CROSS PLAINS CHAPTER No. 102.—We find the minutes neatly kept and correct, except that they are not signed by the High Priest or Secretary. We recommend that a charter be granted, when they present their by-laws, and they are approved by the Grand Chapter, as required by their Dispensation.

WARRIOR CHAPTER No. 103.—We find the minutes correct, and recommend that their Dispensation be continued, as requested by the Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. N. KRING,

Chairman.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year, Companions Oliver S. Beers and William E. Beard acting as tellers, and the election resulted as follows :

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS.

MYLES J. GREENE.....	Loachapoka.....	Grand High Priest.
JAMES E. COBB.....	Tuskegee.....	Deputy G. H. Priest.
JAMES MILTON.....	Eufaula.....	Grand King.
LUCKEY W. JENKINS.....	Allenton.....	Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Secretary.
REV. JAMES K. HAZEN.....	Prattville.....	Grand Chaplain.
WILEY W. BLOODWORTH.....	Loachapoka.....	Grand C. of H.

The Grand High Priest *elect* announced the following

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM E. BEARD.....	Orrville.....	Grand P. Sojourner.
JAMES H. JOINER.....	Talladega.....	Grand R. A. C.
WILLIAM R. HORN.....	Gaston.....	Grand M. 3 V.
WILLIAM T. BROWN.....	LaFayette.....	Grand M. 2 V.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....	Mobile.....	Grand M. 1 V.
JAMES DAVIDSON.....	Montgomery.....	Grand Sentinel.

Companion William S. Foster, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

To the *M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama* :

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, beg leave to report that they have examined the returns submitted to them, and find the following

CORRECT:

Fulton.....	No. 32	Alabama.....	No. 66
James L. Daniel.....	" 35	Farriorville.....	" 67
Concord.....	" 37	Lower Peach Tree.....	" 69
Tuskegee.....	" 43	Choctaw Corner.....	" 70
Russell.....	" 65		

INCORRECT:

CAMDEN No. 40.—Blanks not properly filled; word *none* in wrong column.

CHOCTAW No. 44.—Names of delegates to Grand Chapter not given.

LEBANON No. 57.—Blanks under the head of "Degrees conferred" not filled; no delegate to Grand Chapter.

CLAYTON No. 63.—Date of Dimit not given.

CENTRAL No. 64.—Names of members not written out in full—initials and abbreviations used.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. S. FOSTER, Chairman.

Companion Wiley W. Bloodworth offered the following, and it was adopted:

RELIEF OF OPELIKA NO. 74.

WHEREAS, Opelika Chapter No. 74, under Dispensation, has been reinstated by the action of this Grand Chapter; and *Whereas*, said Chapter No. 74, about the close of the war, lost her furniture and jewels at the hands of the Federal soldiers stationed at Opelika, and their Hall having since been converted to other uses, therefore

Resolved, That Opelika Chapter No. 74 be, and the same is hereby, relieved from the payment of all arrearages due to this Grand Chapter, and its charter restored free of charge.

Companion John W. Garrison, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON FINANCE.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Your Committee on Finance have examined the reports and vouchers of the R. Ex. Grand Treasurer, and the R. Ex. Grand Secretary, and beg leave to report that they find the same correct.

The balance in the Treasury of the Grand Chapter on the 8th	
day of December, 1874, is.....	\$ 633 90
Amount of dues from Sub-Chapters.....	1,085 65
Total.....	1,719 55

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations to meet the necessary annual expenses of the Grand Chapter, to-wit:

To Companion William H. Dingley for salary as R. Ex. Grand	
Treasurer for past masonic year.....	\$ 100 00
To Companion Daniel Sayre for salary as R. Ex. Grand Secretary	400 00
To Companion Palmer J. Pillans for services and expenses as	
Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	150 00
As a contingent fund in the hands of the Grand Secretary for	
printing, incidental expenses, &c.....	600 00
Total.....	\$1,250 00

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN W. GARRISON,
Chairman.

Companion Thomas P. Savage offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

CROSS PLAINS NO. 102.

Resolved, That Cross Plains Chapter No. 102 be authorized to elect its officers for the unexpired term, and report the same to the Grand Secretary.

Companion Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

COOSA NO. 86.

Resolved, That Coosa Chapter No. 86 be allowed sixty (60) days in which to make returns and pay dues.

Companion Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

ROCKFORD NO. 62.

Resolved, That Rockford Chapter No. 62 be allowed thirty (30) days in which to make returns and pay its dues.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers, elected and appointed, were installed in Ample Form, the M. Ex. P. G. H. P. Companion Peleg Brown, officiating, and Companion George P. Harrison Jr. acting as Grand Marshal.

Companion George P. Harrison Jr. made the following report on the Grand High Priest's Address, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

COMPANIONS : The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest beg leave to report:

That after a careful examination of this able document, they are, if possible, more charmed with its elegant diction and true masonic breathings, than they were in listening to its eloquent delivery before the Grand Chapter. Your Committee recommend its perusal to all companions within this jurisdiction, both for the pleasure they will realize in its reading, and the profit they may derive from its precepts.

We find all the official acts of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest reported in this address to be both regular and in accordance with the former rulings and edicts of this Grand Chapter; and do therefore recommend their approval.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. P. HARRISON JR.,

OLIVER S. BEERS,

Committee.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

THURSDAY MORNING, December 10, 1874.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 8½ o'clock, the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, Myles J. Greene, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

Prayer by the R. Ex. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Wiley W. Bloodworth, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1 have carefully examined the returns intrusted to them, and beg leave to report as follows—

CORRECT.

Clinton.....	No. 9	Talladega.....	No. 23
Gainesville.....	" 13	Etufaula.....	" 24
Wetumpka.....	" 17	James Penn.....	" 30
Montgomery.....	" 22		

INCORRECT.

EUNOMIA No. 5.—The word *none* not given in blanks on face of returns, nor in recapitulation; several names abbreviated; annual dues from each member of the chapter payable to the subordinate chapter, set down at 75 cents, which is probably a mistake, as that is the amount of dues to the Grand Chapter.

CYRUS No. 6.—Returns for 1873 and 1874. Dues set down in 1873 at 50

cents, should be 75 cents, due the Grand Chapter \$11.00. Many errors in the returns, especially in degrees conferred. Seal not upright.

TUSCUMBIA No. 10.—The name of one dimitted is put as R. A. C.

PHENIX No. 11.—No date to suspensions for N. P. D.

MOUNT MORIAH No. 19.—No name or number of chapter on back of returns; names abbreviated; the word *none* omitted in the blanks where nothing is recorded.

LIVINGSTON No. 20.—No number on back of return; no recapitulation; no post-office; seal not upright; several names abbreviated.

MOBILE No. 21.—Amount of annual dues chargeable to each member by the chapter not set down.

COURTLAND No. 25.—Dues not added up, nor placed opposite the names.

UNION No. 26.—Dues for 1874 added up thirteen 75-100 dollars for seventeen members; one dollar overpaid; several names abbreviated.

SAINT JOHNS No. 28.—Amount of annual dues chargeable to each member by the Chapter, set down at 75 cents, which is probably an error, as that is the amount payable to the Grand Chapter; two names abbreviated.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

WILEY W. BLOODWORTH,

Chairman.

Companion Robert Christian, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 3, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 3.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 3 beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the returns submitted to them, and find the following

CORRECT:

Loachapoka	No. 80	Coosa.....	No. 86
Gaston	" 85		

INCORRECT:

LANDMARK No. 71.—The name of one dimitted is put among the members, but no dues paid for him; seal illegible; Jesse T. Hammack, exalted in this chapter, is not returned among the members, unless he is set down as *James T. Hammack*.

MIDWAY No. 72.—No dues put opposite members' names; one name abbreviated.

GORDON No. 73.—No post-office set down.

OPELIKA No. 74.—Initials and abbreviations used; no seal.

ELYTON No. 76.—Initials and abbreviations used; number of members 30, in the recapitulation set down at 29.

JEFFERSON No. 84.—Initials used; seal pasted on, but so loosely as to come off, and therefore not to answer the purpose of authentication.

BELL No. 83.—Initials used; annual dues to the subordinate chapter from each member set down at 75 cents; possibly right, probably wrong; no post-office.

CARROLLTON No. 84.—No date to dimissions or affiliations; seal not plumb.

MOULTON No. 87.—Proceedings certified to on the first day of November, which was Sunday.

ROSLIN No. 88.—Erroneous in several particulars; several blanks not filled out; no seal.

GEORGE D. NORRIS No. 91.—Abbreviations used, and in one instance no Christian name; dues not set down in the column for dues; no A. Inv. set down; recapitulation incomplete; candidates are put down as being "Received and Accepted" November 8, 1874, and "Exalted" December 22, 1874. Whole return very imperfect and badly made out.

COLUMBUS No. 93.—Initials and abbreviations; no seal; returns certified to on the first day of November, which was Sunday; no date to affiliations; thirteen degrees conferred in one day.

DANIEL PRATT No. 96.—Secretary writes an elegant hand, but is indifferent about the looks of his returns; whole lines are crossed out, and then certified to that they ought to stand; he charges dues on one whose name is among the dimitted; no recapitulation.

OXFORD No. 98.—A. Inv. wrong, should be 2404, and not 2474; no post-office.

THOMAS M. BRAGG No. 99.—Caption recites, "commencing on the first Monday in November, 1874, and ending on the first Monday in November, 1874"; some of the members not numbered, and no dues opposite their names; one is reported as dimitted November 28, 1874, which is after the close of the masonic year; returns not signed by the H. P.

ROCK MILLS No. 100.—Caption filled out wrong; should be—"commencing on the first Monday in November, 1873," and not 1874.

MINERAL CITY No. 101.—Year A. L. not filled out; no seal.

CROSS PLAINS U. D. No. 102.—Dispensation issued since last convocation

of Grand Chapter, yet caption recites—"commencing on the first Monday in November, 1873"; amount of Annual Dues to the subordinate chapter from each member either 25 cents or \$1.25, impossible to tell which.

WARRIOR U. D. No. 103.—Dates at the head of returns ought to have been filled out; there being no regular treasurer, secretary, or sentinel, officers *pro tem* ought to have been inserted; amount of annual dues from each member to the chapter not set down.

Fraternally submitted.

RO. CHRISTIAN,
Chairman.

Companion William R. Horn, from the Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Appeals, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON BY-LAWS, APPEALS, &C.

To the M. Ec. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

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

They find no violation of the Constitution in the By-Laws of the following Chapters, to-wit:

Opelika Chapter.....	No. 74
Mineral City Chapter	" 101
Cross Plains Chapter.....	" 102

We recommend the following corrections in the By-Laws of Landmark Chapter No. 71, in Art. I, Sec. 2: Strike out "*And the expenses of such special convocation shall be defrayed by the member or members at whose request it may be called, unless the object is business of a general character.*"

Your Committee hold, that no special convocation can be called unless the *good of the Order demands it*; and therefore it is unmasonic to hold such special convocation in the interest of the private individual. We report said By-Laws correct, with that exception.

The By-Laws of Warrior Chapter No. 103 we find incorrect, and suggest the following amendments: In Article VII strike out "*which shall be submitted to the Chapter for approval before being transmitted.*"

In Article XII strike out "*All such petitions must state, petitioner does not belong to any other chapter;*" and,

In Article XV, strike out all after the word "*dues*," in third line, to "*if in arrears*," in tenth line.

In Article XVI strike out "*second*" in sixth line.

In Article XVII put "*standing*" for "*permanent*."

Section 2 of Article XXIII is so informal and unintelligible we deem it proper to strike out the entire section.

In Section 5, Article XXIII, strike out "*or the next regular*" in fifth line.

In the "Order of Business," first line, strike out "*or subsequent*."

In the case of Companion A. Z. Huggins, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, your Committee are of the opinion that the Grand Chapter has no power to go beyond the record, and the Grand Secretary having furnished Companion Huggins with a certified copy of the facts as upon record, the Grand Chapter can take no further action in the premises.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

W. R. HORN,

Chairman.

The Committee on Work, through Companion Peleg Brown, P. G. H. P., made report on the opening ceremonies of the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees, and the report was received and concurred in:

Companion DeWitt C. White offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

TUSCUMBIA NO. 10.

Resolved, That in consideration of the losses sustained by our companions of Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10, during the tornado on the 22d of November last, the Dues of said Chapter for the present year are refunded.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest announced the following Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter:

ON WORK.

Henry Clay Armstrong.....	Notasulga.
Joseph H. Johnson.....	Talladega.
Luckey W. Jenkins.....	Allenton.

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK.

Myles J. Greene, <i>virtute officii</i>	Loachapoka.
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MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

James E. Cobb.....	Tuskegee.
James M. Dedman.....	Selma.
Peleg Brown.....	Mobile.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

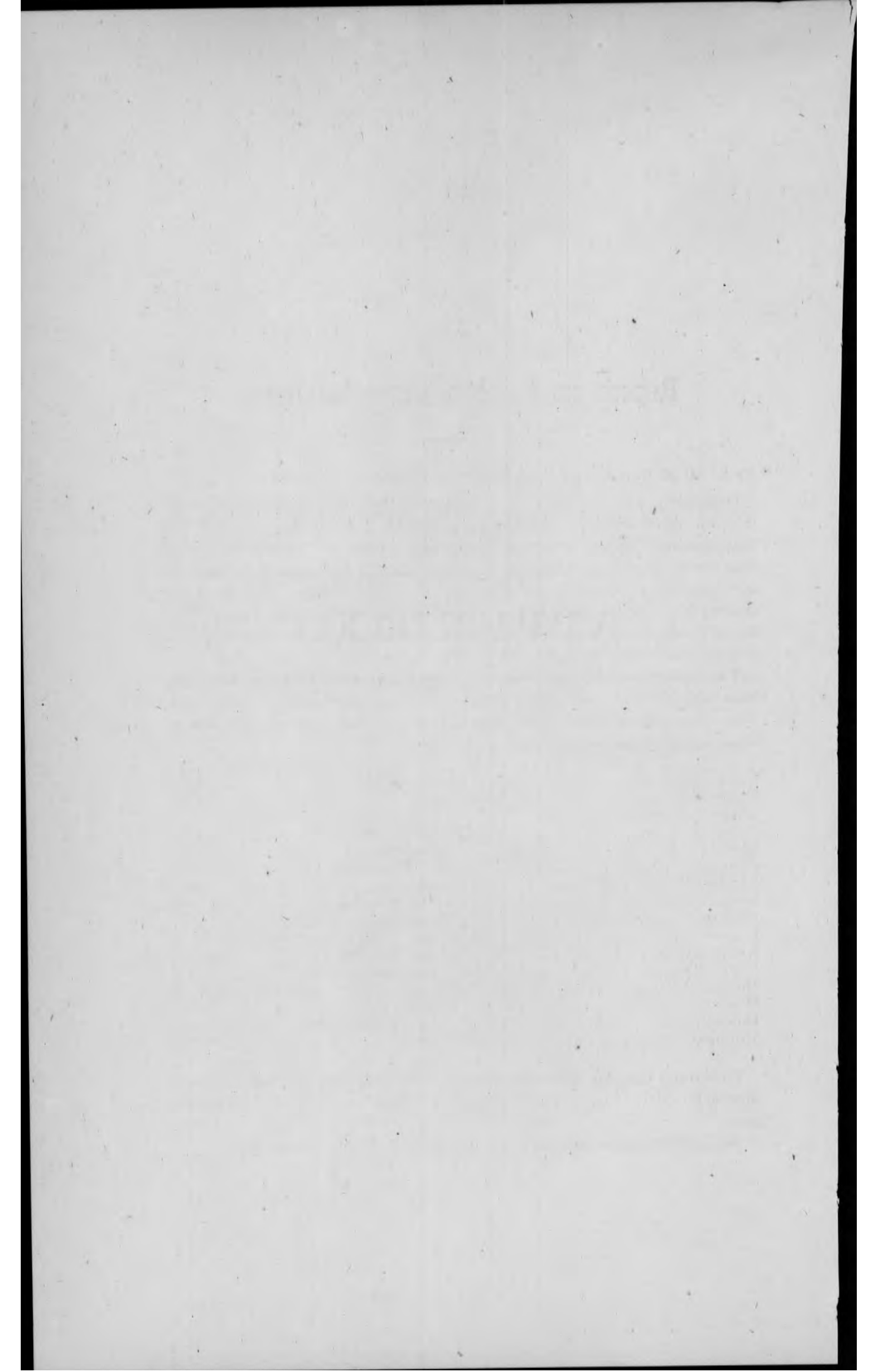
Palmer J. Pillans.....	Mobile.
George P. Harrison Jr.....	Auburn.
DeWitt C. White.....	Moulton.
Angus M. Scott.....	Newton.
Henry W. Sample.....	Florence.

And there being no further business to be brought before the Grand Chapter, 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 James K. Hazen, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in AMPLE FORM.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.



Report on Foreign Correspondence.

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

Once again we have had a grand gathering of the family, and have been in close converse on the events of the past year, and on the prospects for that on which we are entering. Once again have our hearts been gladdened with words of cheer and encouragement. And although some of our friends have fallen by the way, yet in most instances they have left shining lights to guide those less instructed, and to cheer the weary. The Royal Craft seems harmonious generally and sufficiently prosperous to gladden the hearts of its friends.

The family gathering has been large, yet a few of the members have not been with us. This we greatly regret, nor do we know why it is that any with whom we are in relations of amity should fail to reach us. Those who were here are as follows:

California.....	1874	Mississippi.....	1874
Connecticut.....	1874	Maine.....	1874
District Columbia.....	1873	New York.....	1874
Delaware.....	1874	New Jersey.....	1874
Florida.....	1872-73	Nova Scotia.....	1872-73
Georgia.....	1874	New Hampshire.....	1873
Illinois.....	1873	Oregon.....	1874
Iowa.....	1873	North Carolina.....	1874
Indiana.....	1873	Pennsylvania.....	1873
Kansas.....	1873	Rhode Island.....	1872-73-74
Kentucky.....	1873	South Carolina.....	1874
Louisiana.....	1874	Tennessee.....	1873
Maryland.....	1873	Texas.....	1873-74
Missouri.....	1873-74	Virginia.....	1874
Massachusetts.....	1873	West Virginia.....	1872-73
Michigan.....	1874	Wisconsin.....	1874

The Grand Chapter of California opened its twentieth Annual Convocation on the 14th April, 1874, with the representatives of 40 chartered chapters.

We quote from the address of the M. E. G. H. P. W. A. Davies:

"The subject of physical qualifications is one of interest to the Chapter organization, and one upon which the statute cannot be too plainly defined. I know the general rule in our jurisdiction is, to evade, by saying that an applicant for the Chapter degrees must be able to conform literally to the requirements of the symbolic degrees. I do not think this sufficiently definite; and while in the symbolic degrees—the making of Masons—I hold to the strictest construction of the rule, that a candidate should not be deformed nor dismembered, yet I do not concur in the opinion that a *Mason*, by reason of such dismemberment or deformity, should be debarred from the progress ever sought after by the intelligent Free and Accepted Mason, by reason of such accident. Let us make the rule definite, and if the committee to whom the applicant's petition is referred, shall, upon examination, find upon him a false *hand* or *foot*, representing the originals, let them say to him by authority of the plainly written laws: 'We love you, sir, and hold you in all brotherly regard. We know you as a workman full of honor and without guile—a Master of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons—yet you are dismembered, and, in obedience to the law of California, we must reject you—yes, even though you are able to conform literally to what the several degrees require of you.' Let us make the law positive, and leave nothing, in so important a particular, subject to the judgment or discretion of a Council, or of the High Priest. I hope this subject may be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, or a special committee, who may report a rule of which we may make a definite regulation, clearly defining the qualifications of applicants for our privileges."

Which was referred to a special committee, who reported that the Grand Lodge rule should be taken as a guide for the Chapters, but after some discussion, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be simply that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary."

The Grand Chapter of California has wisely, we think, settled within her jurisdiction the much vexed question of the position of the Master Mason under suspension for non-payment of dues. We quote the report of Committee on Jurisprudence as adopted by the Grand Body, not, however, endorsing its correctness, for our views have been fully expressed on this subject; yet it is well that there should be a fixed rule, that there may be no dispute.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the question presented at our last Annual Convocation, by Comp. Charles Louis Wiggin, viz: 'Does the restoration of a member of a Lodge, after suspension, restore him in the Chapter?' having carefully considered the same, beg leave to submit the following report:

"Our Constitution provides that no one can become a Royal Arch Mason unless he is a Master Mason in good standing, (see Art. XVII, Sec. 4,) and by implication it was held that he must continue in like good stand-

ing, to maintain his membership in a Chapter; but as some doubts arose on the subject, General Regulation No. 5 was adopted, which declares that "no masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason for any cause."

"The Lodge is the foundation of all Masonry, and it is eminently proper that a person who is considered unworthy to participate in the rights and privileges of the symbolic degrees, should be refused admission among Royal Arch Masons.

"Our laws delegate to the Lodge the power to deprive any companion of his rights as a Royal Arch Mason; and this being an established fact, your committee are of the opinion that the converse of the proposition should be accepted. If we allow the Lodge to suspend a companion, we should certainly permit it to restore him again when the cause of his suspension has been removed. We therefore submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

"*Resolved*, That the restoration to good standing by a Lodge of any companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in his case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,

"JOHN WILLIAM HARVILLE,

"JACOB HART NEFF,

"WILLIAM SEWALL WELLS,

"HENRY SAYRE ORME,

"Committee."

We recommend to the consideration of this M. E. Grand Chapter the following resolution as providing against a lack of uniformity in work more effectually than any we have yet seen. Such a certificate from our Committee on Work would soon make the work everywhere in this jurisdiction uniform, and we would be saved whole pages of reprimands from Grand High Priests in annual addresses:

"*Resolved*, That from and after the first day of December, A. D. 1874, A. I. 2404, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is 'qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining,' and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary."

Comp. Wiggin again reported from Committee on Correspondence, and it is, as heretofore, an admirable paper. We are glad to quote his views on the visits of Grand Officers because in accord with our own previously expressed opinions:

"We have long been satisfied that nothing so greatly tends to create enthusiasm and healthy emulation among masonic bodies, of whatever grade, as frequent visits of Grand Officers. These visits show to the subordinate bodies that the parent organization has an interest in their prosperity, and watches over their welfare with parental anxiety. The members seeing

this to be the fact, are anxious to perfect themselves in the work. The visit of a Grand Officer is an epoch in their history, and each strives to do his level best to convince said official that his Lodge or Chapter, as the case may be, is the best working body in the jurisdiction.

"We are of the opinion that each subordinate body should be visited at least once a year by one or more Grand Officers; and if the Grand High Priest, Deputy, King, or Scribe, cannot perform this duty, then let the Grand Lecturer be paid a sufficient salary to enable him properly to attend to it, and the result will soon be made manifest in the increase of zeal, efficiency, and prosperity to the Craft."

Commenting on the opinions of Comp. Pierson, of Minnesota, in relation to the action of the Grand Chapter of Iowa in requiring every Royal Arch Mason to be an affiliated blue Mason, he expresses our own views in the following paragraphh:

"We hold that 'it is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some lodge,' that he may discharge the share of the duties and bear his portion of the burdens which Masonry entails upon all her votaries. A non-affiliate is a drone in the hive; he expects to enjoy all the benefits of the masonic connection without rendering any equivalent; and if permitted to remain in the Chapter, he shirks his duty by hiding beneath the shadows of the Royal Arch, and says to the honest working Mason in the Lodge; 'Come not near me, for I am holier than thou.' Then if sickness or misfortune overtakes him, he is swift enough to claim the aid and sympathy of his brethren of the Lodge, to which he has made no contribution, and from which he cannot reasonably demand assistance. We have no patience with non-affiliated Masons, or with those who advocate their cause; but Comp. Pierson having classed us correctly—among the 'old fogies'—this may be one of our old fogy notions."

This must suffice, however, of this very interesting report, else we fear our own will be too long.

Comp. William Alex. January was elected M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles Louis Wiggin re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, William Wallace Lee, opened in ample form this Grand Chapter on 12 May, 1874, with the representatives of thirty-three subordinates present.

We read the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest with pleasure, for it is concise and pertaining strictly to the business of the Grand Chapter alone, but with nothing of general interest.

The whole proceedings are straightforward, and as there was no wrong to redress, no grievance complained of, the business was speedily concluded.

Comp. John N. Lewis made the report on correspondence a very able and lengthy one, not, however, including the proceedings from Alabama.

We have read no report which, throughout, evinces a clearer head or nobler heart. We have, however, made no quotations from it because, after having marked many passages, we thought that as they treated not of questions mooted, perhaps we would be making our own unnecessarily long and we could not discriminate among them. The report is 151 pages long, and as interesting as long.

Companion Edmund Tweedy was elected M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and Companion Jos. R. Wheeler re-elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

There was a semi-annual convocation of this Grand Chapter held on 13th May, 1873, with a full representation of the subordinates, at which the only important business transacted seems to have been the authorizing the Grand Treasurer "to negotiate a loan sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the Grand Chapter," and on 11th November following the annual convocation was held, Companion A. T. Longley, M. Ex. Grand High Priest, presiding, who reported "that uninterrupted prosperity continues throughout the jurisdiction." From the address we copy for your information as follows:

"One of our Chapters, (Lafayette, No. 5,) during the past year, has been highly honored, by having received from the Grand Chapter of Canada an invitation to make them a fraternal visit, and exemplify the work of this Grand Chapter before that Grand body. The invitation was accepted, the trip made, and the R. : A. : degree exemplified in a very satisfactory manner, I am informed.

"While I am satisfied that the officers of Lafayette or any other Chapter in this jurisdiction could exemplify the Capitular degrees before the Grand bodies of this, or any foreign country, with credit to themselves and to this Grand Chapter, still I am fully of the opinion that an invitation of this kind, from a Grand to a subordinate Chapter, should have come through this Grand Chapter, and the Grand Representative of Canada near this Grand Chapter must have forgotten to extend that courtesy due from one grand body to another.

"While I have no cause to complain of the action of Lafayette Chapter or her officers in this particular instance, I would recommend that the Grand Chapter adopt some rule requiring the sanction of this Grand Body or the M. : E. : G. : H. : P. : before any Chapter could appear officially in any public procession, (except in cases of funeral,) or going to other jurisdictions either to confer the degrees or exemplify the work."

We are pleased to learn from the report of the Committee on Finance that the funds of the Grand Chapter will hereafter be sufficient for its needs and that a very small assessment *per capita* will relieve it of debt.

Companion Albert Pike stated that inasmuch as it had been asserted in the Grand Chapter this evening that Chapters were working in this jurisdiction under charters granted by the Grand Chapters of Scotland and England, he would therefore move that a committee of three be appointed

to ascertain if such were the facts, and if so, that the committee report to the Grand High Priest, and that he at once notify such Grand Bodies that unless the Charters were immediately revoked he would declare Masonic intercourse suspended, and request sister Grand Bodies to do likewise. Companions Albert Pike, A. G. Mackey and J. E. F. Holmead were appointed the committee.

Companion E. B. MacGrotty made the report on correspondence, and in it we find Alabama. Companion MacGrotty says: "We would inform Companion Pillans that a decision has been rendered by the Grand Master of this jurisdiction to the effect, that a brother suspended for non-payment of dues by his Lodge is to be regarded as a non-affiliated Master Mason, in all respects." Then one so suspended occupies the ground we think he should, and may yet hold masonic intercourse and visit, though deprived of some of the more important privileges of masons. This, however, is not the rule in this jurisdiction. Here he is made to stand in the same position toward the fraternity as one who has been *tried* for any masonic crime and been *suspended* by the action and deliberate decision of his Lodge, and this we esteem wrong.

Companion MacGrotty champions the new tetragrammaton, and in support of his views he cites "The Holy Triad, a reply to the Grand Chaplain and Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts." We regret this discussion has been entered into thus, that the profane are to become the umpires apparently in this grave matter. And it seems to us that either our forefathers had the word or we are not what we have supposed ourselves, and that such fundamental changes tend to destroy the stability of the edifice.

Companion Noble D. Larnier was elected M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and Lewis G. Stephens re-elected Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

We have the proceedings of the Sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter before us. This body was opened in ample form by the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, G. W. Stone, on the 21st January 1874, representatives from all the five Chapters being present.

The address of the Grand High Priest contains some admirable remarks upon where to obtain the work, how to obtain it, and how to keep it, which are peculiarly applicable to small jurisdictions. In this address there are some excellent admonitions, among which we find the following:

"There is an opportunity within the Jurisdiction of every Subordinate Chapter belonging to this body to put in practice the excellent principles we so impressively teach in our work and lectures and I unhesitatingly assert that if you will each seek out and apply our principles whenever and

wherever an opportunity presents itself, you will not hear any complaint of a want of interest in your Convocations or of a scarcity of work.

"Do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" is as applicable now to us, as it was to the Galatians in Paul's day. For Masonry knows no bounds. It is as broad as humanity. While it aims to enroll among its members only those who are capable of engaging in its really glorious work, still it should not, and does not aim to confine its labor to its own limited circle, but to make itself a power for good in every city, town and hamlet where it exists. Its lessons teach Morality, Patriotism and Virtue. It is grounded on a belief in the existence of an over-ruling Father who governs and controls his children in Love. It announces itself to be the champion of Virtue and Manliness, at any and all times, and its power should be felt in every relation of our lives; as fathers, sons and brothers, as citizens, as business men, as Christians or Jews. Its field of operation is too extensive to be covered by any sect or party. It is not weighed down by doctrines, or hindered by doubtful disputations about principles, but is always led by its thrilling watchwords—which should lie at the root of all our actions—*Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.*"

The Grand Chapter also met in special convocation on the 5th March, "for the purpose of installing the officers of Delta Chapter No. 6."

"The installation being concluded and proclaimed, the Grand Chapter retired at 9:20."

No report on correspondence. Companion Stone was again made M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and Companion Allmond again made Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

In one pamphlet we have the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the years 1872 and 1873. Companion Wm. Morrill as M. Ex. Grand High Priest opened the convocation on 18th June, 1872, and on 20th of same month the M. Ex. Grand High Priest DeWitt C. Dawkins appeared, and after expressing his regret at not being able to be with them sooner, delivered his address which contains a beautiful picture of a true Mason, and also the following appeal:

"Admit no unworthy seeker into your circle; permit no vicious character to remain there; preserve the honor and standing of your Chapters with the same tenacity that you would guard your own individual character; leave not the principles and teachings of Masonry within your halls, but carry them with you in all the vicissitudes, transactions and meanderings of life, so that, after passing through all the Vails of the earthly Tabernacle, you, with all the companions of earth, may have the regular pass and great signet, and thereby enter safely the Most Holy Sanctuary of eternal duration, where vice can never go. Then, indeed, the proclamation may be sounded throughout the limitless space of creation, The Temple's Completed! 'Tis Finished!

Comp. Carruth made his report on Correspondence, but it was not published because of the "want of funds to print."

At this Convocation, Comp. William Morrill was elected M. E. Grand

High Priest, and on 11th February, 1873, the twenty-seventh Annual Convocation was opened by Comp. David Jones, Past Grand High Priest, as Grand High Priest. On the 12th, however, we find the Grand High Priest presiding, 12 Chapters being represented.

The report of Comp. Carruth to this Convocation is printed with the proceedings, and from it we clip some stirring words on temperance, or rather on dealing in liquors, in reply to Comp. Horner, of Louisiana. He has evidently never taken the degree 101, and we hope he may, by the aid of Comps. Corson and Drummond, then perchance "looking through a glass," he may see things not darkly, but with increased and strengthened vision:

"We cannot find words sufficiently strong to express our utter abhorrence of this slow method adopted to kill men, and while doing so rob them of home, money, friends, virtue and happiness, both for time and eternity; and it is no spirit of fanaticism which impels us so to write, but a love for our race, a love of virtue and holiness, a love for the poor wives and children who are the chief sufferers from this practice. Is this, Masonry? Is this the exemplification of Faith, Hope and Charity? Can the rumseller place the sign of 'Holiness to the Lord,' over the doors and counters of his gilded den? If so, then we would pray, from such Masonry, good Lord deliver us!"

Comp. Michael Bowes was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and DeWitt C. Dawkins Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 29th April, 1874, Comp. George W. Adams being the M. E. Grand High Priest. His Address is short and pointed. In it he says: "So far as has come to my knowledge, peace, quiet, and fraternal kindness obtain among all our companions in all our jurisdiction. Not one appeal or complaint of illegality from the action of a Chapter has come before me during the year just closed."

We most fully agree with him that accumulating funds in the hands of Grand Treasurers is an unwise policy, because they are almost always "frittered away."

"I take this occasion to say that I am opposed to accumulating a fund in the Grand Treasury of an amount greater than will pay the expenses of the ensuing session; as nearly all our income is derived from the members of subordinate Chapters, it would seem to me to be a wiser policy, whenever we have in hand enough money to pay all our proper and economic expenses for the ensuing year, to remit a portion of the dues levied on each Chapter, as, in my judgment, (from the manner in which the former funds of this body were frittered away,) it would have been better if they had never been accumulated."

The finances of the Grand Chapter have so improved that we hope next year to see another of Comp. Blackshear's admirable reports on Correspondence, of which we have been deprived because of the cost of printing. We have seen no Committee on Correspondence, though the edict of the Grand Chapter (Pro. 1867, p. 15,) remains unrepealed.

Capitular Masonry seems to be prosperous, quite a sufficient number of exaltations having been reported.

Comp. Luther J. Glenn was made M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. Emmett Blackshear Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was opened in ample form on the 30th October, 1873, by M. E. Comp. Asa W. Blakeley, Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest, in his address, says:

"It affords me great pleasure to be able to report that the Royal Craft throughout this jurisdiction is, as a general thing, in a prosperous and healthy condition. Very little has transpired to disturb the harmony or impede the workmen in their labors.

"The history of this Grand Chapter, from its organization, April 9, 1850, to the present time, shows a continued and steady progress. From the little number of six Chapters, which first organised the Grand Chapter of this State, we have steadily advanced to 154. At the organization in 1850, we numbered about 240 members, at our last Convocation we numbered 9,378—showing an annual increase of 380 members. Still the work goes nobly on. New blocks are added annually, and the temple rises in steady and uninterrupted harmony. It has been my fortune to have met this Grand Body annually, from 1851 to the present time."

There were quite a number of decisions on Masonic law, which were in accordance with the usage in this jurisdiction, and all of which were sustained by the Grand Chapter.

Active Chapters.....	147
Membership.....	9,257
Exalted.....	604

Comp. J. H. Miles made the report on Correspondence on 33 Grand Chapter proceedings, among which we are glad to find those from our own State. The report is confined to giving extracts from the proceedings reviewed, and statistics—in short, information to the companions, and in it there is no "buncombe."

Comp. George E. Lounsbury was made M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. James H. Miles remaining Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

This Grand Chapter was convened on 23d October, 1873, and opened by Comp. E. A. Guilbert, M. E. Grand High Priest. We copy from his Address:

"Another year has gone! Another mile-stone on life's weary pathway is fast receding into distance! With the year has gone the hopes and day-dreams, which gathered like a crown around its kingly head, and alternately glowed and faded, as, under the influence of our surroundings, our souls were either animated or depressed. Bright were the hopes, and the day-dreams were entrancing, but they 'came like shadows and so departed,' for few of them have been crowned with fulfillment.

"The year has gone. Its beginning shone upon many an ingle side, whose family circle was rounded and complete, prosperous and happy. Its ending finds many of those circles sadly broken, and by those inglesides sees numerous vacant chairs. To some joyous homes commercial mutations have brought utter poverty, and others yet temptation—crime's elder brother—has irremediably disgraced. The mosaic pavement of the year has been 'checkered with good and evil,' and verily the black squares have predominated. War and shipwreck, and the incendiary torch, have done well that which they were commissioned to do; while yonder, in not remote sister States, pestilence—the inscrutable decimator—has laid his pallid hand upon busy, populous cities, destroying thousands of victims, and drying the springs of commercial endeavor at their very sources.

"Yet, even amid this carnival of death, the white squares have often gleamed, and again has it been the privilege of that divinest of masonic virtues, Charity, to exercise her office-work on behalf of stricken fraters. Here gifts have been lavishly bestowed, and not the least among them were the invigorating words of cheer with which the ministrants gladdened the solitary convalescent, from whom hope and friends had fled; or those other reverent words of prayer and faith, which they whispered in the dull ear of the dying. God grant that those benedictions sufficed to light up the 'valley of the dark shadow of death,' and to assist in giving the departed 'abundant entrance' into the blessedness of the beyond!"

The Grand High Priest tells of attending the funeral obsequies of Comp. David Stileco, who died at the age of *one hundred and seven*, having been a Mason *eighty-one years*. During this long masonic life he had assisted in founding lodges in Western New York, Northern Ohio, Southern Michigan, Northern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin, and Northern Iowa.

The Grand Chapter, by resolution, "censured" a High Priest for having "admitted to a lodge of Past Master Masons a brother who had never taken any of the Chapter degrees, because he had taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

It appropriated \$500 for the relief of Shreveport and Memphis, then being scourged with a pestilence.

The report on Correspondence was made by Comp. N. D. Taylor, who closes as follows:

"And now, companions, the time has come when we must say good-bye, perhaps forever. My connection with the masonic reportorial corps ends with these lines. If one single word I have written has unjustly given pain, I frankly state I am sorry for it; if one word I have written has evolved its molecule of good, then I have not written in vain."

We don't know how the mistakes in our report for 1872, pointed out by Comp. Taylor, got in—we have never seen the manuscript since it was written—didn't read the proof—don't know any devil printers or other—and never took the degree 101.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of this State was opened in ample form by the M. E. Grand High Priest, Eden H. Davis, the representatives of 76 subordinates being present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest excuses himself from presiding because of infirmity, and the Deputy Grand High Priest officiated in his stead. We admire the straight-forward and concise business-like tone of the Address, and of this we extract the following specimen:

"As usual, a goodly number of questions, embracing points of law and usage in Royal Arch Masonry, have been submitted for decision or advice, most of which were answered by referring the parties to the laws and decisions of the Grand Chapter already made. A few there were, however, which seemed to raise some new points upon which no decision has yet been reached. These were all so governed by local circumstances that a decision was readily reached by applying to general principles; and as no appeal has been taken from the rulings in these cases, I am led to conclude that they were satisfactory, and perhaps no further notice thereof is at this time necessary."

Thereby not encumbering the records with numberless decisions on unimportant points.

We most heartily sympathise with our companion in his suffering, and with our companions of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, who

Resolved, That as a Grand Body and as individual companions, we deeply sympathise with our esteemed Grand High Priest Comp. Eden H. Davis, who for the last seventeen years has shown his untiring devotion to Ancient Craft and Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that we will ever pray that he may yet regain his wonted health, and be able to meet with us and participate in the active labors of this Grand Body; but if the Supreme Grand High Priest above shall order differently, our earnest prayer shall be that the Holy One may interpose and smooch the path of life, while it lasts, that our deeply afflicted companion may constantly be in possession of that inward faith and sight that will make his days to come his happiest days; that he may be supported by faith which gives a confident assurance that those who trust in him who is 'Lord of all' shall never want any good thing, and may his end be peace, and he receive an

abundant entrance into the Grand Council Chamber not made with hands, where the Grand High Priest above presides."

In consequence of his ill health and infirmity of the eyes, we have no report on the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, though we find that those from Alabama for 1872 are acknowledged as received.

Comp. Alexander Thomas was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John M. Bramwell Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on 25th October, 1873, M. E. Comp. William Ryan, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest says:

"On the whole, however, the past twelve months, while not distinguished by any very signal advance of Royal Arch Masonry in our midst, have, in a great measure, been a period not of retrogression, but of steady and healthful growth in our companionship, and we cannot be too grateful to Him to whom every Mason looks as the source of all things for the manifold mercies he has vouchsafed to us, and for permitting us to again assemble here in this Grand Body, as the representatives of our beloved Fraternity.

"I have visited very few of the subordinate Chapters during my term of office, although urgently invited by some to visit them. I have in most instances forborne to visit for the reason that it was extremely unsatisfactory to me to do so, in view of the fact of the great want of uniformity in the work in our jurisdiction, the Grand Chapter having authoritatively prescribed no uniform work for the guidance of its subordinates. This is a great evil, from which the Chapters are suffering much, and which in the past has been a source of very serious detriment to them. Such a state of things should be allowed to exist no longer."

The proceedings of the Grand Body were of an entirely local character, and indicate that harmony prevails among the Royal Craft.

As a frontispiece to the Proceedings is a view of "The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, as it will appear when completed." Companions, we bid you God-speed in this holiest of undertakings.

Comp. Henderson gave a resume of the proceedings of Grand Chapters, including those of our own State. He says: "First in alphabetical order, and first in the affections of the Chairman—he having been made a Royal Arch Mason within that sunny jurisdiction—is Alabama."

The report is full of humor, as well as sound, discriminating judgment on masonic questions.

In his review of New Jersey, he opens it with—"The minutes, in crimson and gold, look as gay as a red bird perched in a dog-wood tree."

Comp. Henderson's views and our own, on the utility of the representative system, are in unison, and we confess that though ourself a represent-

ative of the Grand Chapter of a neighboring State, we are now, as we always have been, greatly at a loss to know what are the duties of the office, or what is expected of us by the power we represent. Can't some one get up a code for our guidance? Hear Henderson, however, on New York:

"The representative farce was gone through with. The Grand High Priest resigned the chair, and together with Comps. Simons, Chase, Day, and Ferguson—accredited representatives of several Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of New York—retired to the ante-room, and were then marched in and 'introduced and welcomed with the usual honors.' Children playing keeping house and receiving visitors is funny, but Royal Arch Companions playing this comedy is simply ridiculous.

"Companion Williams, having been introduced and honored as the representative of Vermont, reascended the dais and reassumed his position as Grand High Priest. The scene was very imposing.

"The King of France, with forty thousand men,
Went up a hill, and so came down again."

"Granting the utility of a system of representation, such as we have, let us be done with this child's play. The idea of introducing John W. Simons, who is as familiar to the New York Craftsmen as a postage stamp, as the Companion from Pennsylvania! *Hi! Hi!! Ho!! Ho!!! Ha!!! Ha!!!!*

"But New York is not alone. We have seen the same thing played in Kentucky, to the infinite merriment of everybody—not excepting the representatives themselves."

Comp. D. P. Robb was made M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. John M. S. McCorkle Grand Secretary,

KANSAS

Sends us the proceedings of its ninth Annual Convocation, held on 14th October, 1873, Comp. Edwin D. Hillier, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest dwells lengthily and earnestly upon the necessity and the duty of every Royal Arch Mason fostering education and the cultivation of the sciences as being in keeping with the spirit of the age—*"Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur cum illis."*

The Grand Chapter refused to recognize the Grand Chapter of Virginia, *"because it refuses to acknowledge the authority of the General Grand Chapter."* Will this Grand Chapter cut off communication with all Royal Arch Masons whose Grand Chapter "refuses to acknowledge the authority of the General Grand Chapter?" Are there no Royal Arch Masons except those sanctioned by this authority? The territory in which this Grand Chapter is situated was not unoccupied, and it came into existence with the full consent of the Grand Chapter having jurisdiction over it, and is as competent to control the destiny of its subordinates as the Grand Chapter of Virginia,

which formerly held jurisdiction over the territory. Are there no Royal Arch Masons except those who "acknowledge the authority," etc.? This sounds to us like dragooning, disciplining. Our companions in Kansas, however, seem to be working with zeal, and the Grand High Priest informs us, with discretion.

Comp. John M. Price was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Erasmus T. Carr Grand Secretary.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of E. T. Carr, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, including ours. The report is concise, but presents a complete resume of those things most important,

LOUISIANA.

The M. Ex. G. R. A. Chapter of this State convened on the 10th day of February, 1874, M. Ex. Companion Jos. P. Horner, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest opens his address thus:

"I gladly welcome you in this our Tabernacle, to our Twenty-Seventh Annual Grand Convocation, and trust that it shall be as pleasant and fraternal as any of our former reunions. The lapse of another year requires that its history should be communicated to you, so far as the workings of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction are concerned, and while there has been very little of note to which it is necessary to call your attention, yet the most minute of our affairs demand your examination and approval. Since we parted last year, though we were then living in a state of great pecuniary embarrassment and of political turmoil and uncertainty, which mainly contributed to produce it, we have seen even more troublous times; the evils which then seemed to be confined to our own section of country, and almost entirely to our own State, so far as financial matters were concerned, have since spread like a great tidal wave over the whole country, and all the people have had trials and misfortunes, which it would be in vain to attempt to picture or describe; calamity of every kind has sought all classes, and an untold amount of suffering has been endured; from this state of affairs we are not yet finally rescued, and the still unsettled condition of our political matters, disturbing as it does all classes of industry and enterprise, compels us to fear that the end is not yet, and that further troubles are in store for us. But throughout all the distress that has and still surrounds us, the mission of masonry has gone ever onward; peace and fraternal love reign throughout our chapters, and a noble disposition to help each other has manifested itself among our companions to quite as great an extent as any former emergency ever called forth, and at this moment our institution is undepressed by any of its mournful surroundings, and shines forth with a brightness of character all its own. For this great mercy, companions, let us give our heartfelt thanks to the Great Grand High Priest 'who doeth all things well,' and humbly acknowledge His manifold kindness to us and to our works, and gladly render to Him 'all the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen!'"

We copy with entire approval the recommendation contained in the fol-

lowing, and think that it would be well for our Grand Chapter to act upon it:

"Before concluding this summary statement of the transactions of my office during the past masonic year, I have one recommendation to make, and that is, that this Grand Chapter make it imperative, by special edict, that no candidate shall receive the Royal Arch Degree, until he has complied with the requirements made upon him in the Mark Master's Lodge, by selecting his mark, and having it recorded as provided by law. This has heretofore been treated as a matter entirely optional with the novitiate, and it frequently happens that he never does it. We can not be too particular over even the smallest items of our ritual, and the point in question is intended to keep forever fresh in our minds the solemn lessons inculcated in the first Capitular Degree, and he who desires further masonic light should first appreciate that which he has received, before advancing further."

The report of the Masonic Board of Relief shows how much good may be effected by united effort on the part of the brethren in times of great distress and when the pestilence is abroad, as at Shreveport and Memphis.

The report on correspondence this time is the joint production of Companions Horner, Whittaker, and Leake, the Committee, reviewing thirty volumes of proceedings. Alabama receives friendly notice, but the committee thinks that the reading of the report on correspondence would have the effect of "doing away altogether with the reports of these committees, or else reducing their reports to a very brief statement of current affairs." If the former, the loss, we think, would be incalculable; if the latter, perhaps the gain would be almost as great.

As expressing our own views, curtly rendered elsewhere when reviewing Kansas, we copy:

"*Resolved*, That we will not recognize the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, because it refuses to acknowledge the authority of the General Grand Chapter.

"We are sorry that the reasons which led to this course of action were not given more explicitly, and that we are unable to hear the arguments that were brought forward to produce the result effected. The Grand Chapter of Kansas recognises and is in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Texas, Alabama, and others in the United States of America, which no more recognize the General Grand Chapter of the United States than the Grand Chapter of West Virginia does; and if a system of coercion is going to be commenced with West Virginia, the Grand Chapters of the other non-affiliating States will have just cause to fear that it will be extended to them in order to force them to join the National Grand Body. Self-preservation will naturally suggest to them that they must stand by their sister Grand Chapter of West Virginia, and refuse recognition to those who deny it to her, and thus form common cause against the Grand Chapter of Kansas first, directly, and indirectly, against all the other Grand Chapters recognizing the authority of the General Grand Chapter. In other words, the above action of the Grand Chapter of Kan-

sis is a declaration of war made by a subordinate State Grand Chapter without the authority of its sovereign. If the Grand Chapter of Kansas is going to take upon itself to refuse recognition to another Grand Chapter in the United States for any reason whatever, it might as well send in its resignation of membership to the General Grand Chapter at once. It has been demonstrated beyond the possibility of a doubt, as plainly as a mathematical proposition, that the General Grand Chapter has no power to force obedience to its dictates or to control any of its own members, and it is not probable that more power will ever be granted to it. We see no reason why the Grand Chapter of West Virginia should not at once pass resolutions of non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and, subsequently, with all Grand Chapters recognizing the Grand Chapter of Kansas, in case the above action we have noticed is persisted in. Upon the whole, we think the action alluded to, although the result of a year's labors in consideration of a committee, has been adopted inadvisedly and without regard to the consequences which must inevitably result from it. Our Grand Chapter has recognized the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, as many other Grand Chapters in the United States have done. It was formed out of the territory of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, a Grand Chapter which never belonged to the General Grand Chapter, but with which we have always been in fraternal relations. We can see no reason why our recognition should have been refused. Should the Grand Chapter of West Virginia call upon us to determine whether we would continue in friendly relations with it or the Grand Chapter of Kansas, by what rule should we be governed in our course of decision? If we are to be governed by the rules of righteousness, we certainly think we would have to decide that the Grand Chapter of West Virginia having been legally formed, the objection of the Grand Chapter of Kansas was capitious, unwarranted, and of no weight. We trust the resolution will be repealed. It certainly can neither be amended nor acted upon in any way by the General Grand Chapter at the peril of the existence of that Grand Body."

Companion Horner, who evidently wrote the report, has not changed his views one jot as to the usefulness of the General Grand Chapter, but avows his determination, while a member of that body, to cast his votes for whatever in his judgment will advance the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in Louisiana first.

Companion Horner was again elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Batchelor, M. D., continued Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest called a special convocation of this Grand Chapter on the 14th January, 1873, to consider some changes necessary in the ritual since the exclusion of the cryptic degrees, and that the Grand Chapter might make some necessary appropriations; all of which having been attended to, the Grand Chapter was closed.

The Annual Convocation was held on the 10th November of the same year, Companion George L. McCaban, M. Ex. Grand High Priest, presiding; and from his address we make the following extracts:

"The past year shows marked improvement in all that pertains to the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, and gives great promise for the future. The companions throughout the State have, with few exceptions, exhibited such zeal and energy as calls for the highest commendation, and no reasonable doubt exists, that if the same liberal policy as at present practiced towards the subordinate chapters on the part of the Grand Body, is continued, that great and permanent good will result."

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"It is not the chief end of masonry to make Masons, notwithstanding a laudable desire to recognize among our numbers good and true men wherever they may be, and yet, we find the feeling prevails with a great many, that when there is no work, there is no necessity of attendance on their part. No greater mistake than this could be made, as upon the attendance of the membership and the interest engendered thereby, depends the very existence of the chapters."

Business entirely of a local nature. Companion J. W. Bowers was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion William A. Wentz re-elected Grand Secretary.

Companion Henry L. Emmons, for the Committee on Correspondence, reviewed the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters.

In his comments under the head of California, we find that he concurs with ourself in his views on suspension for non-payment of dues; for he says:

"Our objection to section six is two-fold: First, that it suspends without trial; and, secondly, it allows a companion suspended to be restored by the act of paying his arrearages. We hold that no Royal Arch Mason should be suspended for any cause, except after due trial, and when once suspended that he should only be restored upon petition and ballot."

MASSACHUSETTS.

The advantage of rapid and cheap inter-communication is admirably illustrated by this Grand Chapter. Special convocations are held to constitute and consecrate chapters and install officers, and a good time generally the M. Ex. Grand Chapter had on these festive occasions.

At the Annual Convocation held on the 9th December, 1873, the very best method of illustrating the several degrees was adopted; that of practical exemplification.

We note that at this convocation a burial service for chapter use was reported and adopted, and we fancy that now the pride of what are commonly called the higher degrees will relieve the lodge of many of its burials and most of its charity. Death, the grand leveller, destroys, we thought all distinctions, but pride no longer allows even the dead to "meet upon the level."

The report on correspondence is by Companion John W. Dadmun, of

whom we have heard before. As usual, we receive a kindly greeting from him, and are again placed "No. 1." We copy his conclusion because of its having the true ring. A reporter to make a short report, as we are now trying to do, finds it almost impossible to determine upon the proper selections to make, and after having made them he is equally at a loss as to how far his own views ought to be expressed. To give excerpts only, is like furnishing bread without the butter.

"In conclusion, we should like to say a few things in regard to the reports on correspondence, if our companions will not think us egotistical. A very few seem to think they are getting to be too voluminous, and consequently expensive; others say, give us full reports.

"We believe they may be made universally popular, if we only take the medium ground. This can be done by making short, pithy extracts and comments, except in special cases where all will readily see the propriety of an extended notice. We do not think extracts should be made merely for the sake of having it said, 'he quoted largely' from this or that report or address. Long extracts are seldom read.

"By all means do not give us a mere skeleton, but clothe it with sinews and arteries, and send the life-blood coursing through its veins, so that it will speak and sparkle like a thing of life. A skeleton is only fit to be buried, unless you want to set it up in a museum as a matter of curiosity.

"As a rule, this year, we have made quotations only when we have met with something of special interest to our own jurisdiction, or to the Craft at large. If lengthy reports are a fault, we have erred, for we have made some long ones. Be it said, however, to the praise of Massachusetts, she has never interfered with her reporters in this respect.

"Respectfully submitted.

"JOHN W. DADMUN,
"Committee."

Companion Alfred F. Chapman was continued M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and Companion Thomas Grand Secretary.

* MISSOURI

Sends us the proceedings of the twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of her Grand Chapter held on the 9th October, 1873.

The address of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, James E. Carter, notices the death of two Past Grand officers, and makes an earnest appeal for aid to the suffering companions of Memphis and Shreveport. He says:

"From all that I can learn, the chapters throughout the State are in a prosperous condition. I deeply regret that I have been unable to make official visits to at least some of the chapters during the year, and truly hope that my successor may make full amends for my short-comings in this particular.

"And now, my companions, I lay down the trust so kindly placed in my keeping one year ago, with the fond hope that harmony and brotherly love may characterize all our proceedings, and that the acts of the present Con-

vention may tend to elevate and extend the glorious work of Capitular Masonry throughout the State. May we all, when our labors on earth have ended, meet in that happy land where parting will be no more—where bliss eternal reigns."

The Grand Treasurer accompanied his report with a letter detailing the reasons for a deficit of \$2,331.43—which were, that he had "recently very unexpectedly found himself involved in a partnership concern," and had "been forced into bankruptcy," and this "in my old age, now past eighty;" and the Committee on Accounts offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sympathy of the Grand Chapter be and is hereby extended to our venerable Grand Treasurer in his great misfortune at his advanced age. That upon examination, the Committee on Accounts are fully satisfied that it was no fault of his own that he has been rendered bankrupt and unable to at once meet his financial obligations."

This was doing the thing handsomely, and with our companions in Missouri, we extend to our aged and faithful companion our heartfelt sympathy in this the day of his distress. "May the Lord temper the wind to the shorn lamb."

Companion Xenophon Ryland was elected Grand High Priest, and Geo. Frank Gouley, he of the Freemason, re-elected Grand Secretary.

This last named knight of the quill, whose paper is so widely circulated here, and is of so much value, as usual made the report on correspondence. But it is not such as we have been accustomed to receive from his pen. We miss his trenchant strokes; his calm disquisitions on masonic law; his sound decision of mooted or doubtful questions. He introduces his report thus:

"I submit herewith my annual report on Foreign Correspondence, which will be brief, chiefly because I desire to condense the matter as much as possible, not only on the score of economy, but also out of deference to those who think the reports on Correspondence generally are becoming too voluminous, and as most of our companions have not had the opportunity of seeing a 'condensed report,' we think it no more than proper that they should have a chance to judge for themselves which style they prefer. Since 1865 we have been furnishing what are called 'full reports,' and this, therefore, will be an exception and a contrast. Some States prefer the one and some the other."

He notices the receipt of our proceedings, and misspells our name—"nothing more."

He closes his report as follows:

"We have at last got to the end of this report, after reading through an immense amount of matter to get at it. We find, everywhere, the Craft in a flourishing condition, except in North Carolina, and we sincerely hope

she may soon get out of the 'slough of despond.' Peace and harmony prevail throughout the land.

"For complete statistics, see the extract from report of Maine.

"We rather expect that our companions of the Mutual Corps will say that Gouley's report puts them in mind of the preacher, who considered it sacrilege to pick out any particular chapter of the Bible, but held that it should be opened first where the Lord inspired him, and one day he happened to open at 1st chapter of 1st Chronicles, and after reading about forty verses, he sighed and closed the book, saying, 'thus, my brethren, they kept on begatting and dying to the end of the chapter.'

"Hoping, however, I may be forgiven for all short-comings, I am."

And this is all of Frank Gouley.

MISSOURI.

At the very last moment, and as we are about to leave home for the Grand Chapter, the proceedings for 1874 of the Grand Chapter arrive. We find that it was opened by Comp. Xenophon Ryland, M. E. Grand High Priest, on 8th October. In his Address he notices the death of Past Grand High Priest J. W. S. Mitchell, and also of Past Grand High Priest John D. Daggett, the aged Treasurer, who had received the expressed sympathies of the Grand Chapter at its previous convocation. The Address closes as follows:

"There is no disturbing element in our jurisdiction. Yet there is danger in the fact that we do not all entertain proper conceptions of the duties that rest upon us as Masons. It is an elevating acquirement to possess a knowledge of our beautiful Ritual, and to be able properly to impart that knowledge to others; but he only is the true Mason, and fully understands his mission here, who is influenced by the truths and principles inculcated by the Institution of Masonry in his daily walk through life. This is an individual work. No one can represent us in the drama of life. Each has his work to do, and he only meets the obligation resting upon him that devotes all the energies of his soul to the task.

"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the God we profess to worship.

"We said at the commencement, the pathway of duty is clear to all. The question for us to decide, my companions, is, are we in the pathway of duty? The responsibility of this question we cannot avoid. It is no time to pass encomiums on the Order of Masonry. Its foundation stone may be belief and trust in God; Holiness to the Lord may be engraved upon the proud arch that encircles the dome of its temple, and Truth may be the keystone of the arch, and yet, if we, its votaries, are found wanting in the discharge of duty, our professions amount to nothing. Corruption stalks abroad through the land. Virtue, honor and integrity are being forgotten. We claim to be the sons of Light. Most Excellent Masters, let us remember that as a man thinketh, so is he. May our conceptions of right be in accordance with the revealed will of God. May we adore Him as the chief good, the father of us all. May we look upon man as our brother. Let us present a determined and united front against the evils of our day.

Silently and without ostentation, let us cling to the principles dear to our hearts, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left. Upon the way of life scatter the seeds of kindness, raise the fallen and cheer the faint. With love for man, love for truth, and love for God in our hearts, a pure and holy light will beam upon our way. And when we come to tread "that path alone of all unsought yet found by all," without fear we shall enter into that dark valley, for beyond it is the land of Light. Death opens the portals of the grave, Truth robs it of its victory, and leads immortal man into the presence of Him who said, I am the way, the truth, and the light, and falling at His feet, man worships Him forever.

"Oh, blessed be our God, for life, for death,
But most for Truth and Immortality."

But one grievance is reported on.

Comp. Gouley commences his report on Correspondence by stating that it was "prepared under the difficulties attendant on temporary bad eyesight." He has our sympathies and best wishes for his restoration. The report includes Alabama, but lacks the vigor of Comp. Gouley, though of sufficient length to compensate for his previous "condensed report."

Comp. Rufus E. Anderson was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Gouley remaining Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 20th January, 1874, M. E. Comp. John W. Finch, Grand High Priest. In his Address he says:

"But while our rapid growth is a matter of congratulation to ourselves, we should bear in mind that our status as an institution will not be fixed by our numbers, but by the manner in which we, as individuals and as citizens, perform our part in the active duties of life."

He details a strange condition of things in one of the Chapters. The High Priest is guilty of drunkenness and of swindling the Chapter out of a large sum of money, and yet upon a trial, and such a judgment, he is not disciplined, *because if left alone the money might be obtained*. Would not an expulsion have at least prevented a similar recurrence in the future, and thus have proved of infinitely more profit to the craft than a paltry few hundred dollars? The Committee on Grievances, to whom this portion of the Grand High Priest's Address was referred, avoided all mention of the money, but noticing the action of the Chapter, say:

"Intemperance is a masonic crime, and the offender must atone to the offended law; and the Chapter that winks at such acts, and gives countenance to such unworthy examples, should learn, now and forever, that it will find no aid or sympathy in this Grand Body; on the contrary, our se-

were condemnation. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of these resolutions:

"1. *Resolved*, That Hudson Chapter No. 28, be reprimanded by the M. E. Grand High Priest as soon as he can conveniently do the same, for its action in refusing to inflict a masonic penalty on Companion Enos Caniff after finding him guilty of the charge aforesaid.

"2. *Resolved*, That Enos Caniff, a member of Hudson Chapter No. 28, be, and he is hereby, expelled from the rights and benefits of Royal Arch Masonry."

The Address closes with the following:

"Then let us evince our attachment to our ancient Institution by a firm and constant adherence to its rules and to its precepts, and prove our advancement by constant and untiring practice of the important and sublime truths which are so beautifully illustrated and so forcibly symbolized by it in our ceremonies and our ritual, so that it may be well with us here and well with us hereafter."

Comp. J. Eastman Johnson made the report from the Committee on Correspondence in his usual exhaustive manner and felicitous style.

We thank our Companion for his courteous dealing with us, and we doubt not that if we could "come and see," we would find "several good things" there.

Comp. Alfred J. Sawyer was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. Eastman Johnson continued Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the years 1873 and 1874 bound in one pamphlet, and upon examining them we find that our companions of that jurisdiction are still hampered with debt, but we are satisfied that this will not be of long duration when so self-sacrificing a disposition shall continue to be displayed as that exhibited during the session of 1873.

The Grand High Priest, H. C. Robinson, in his Address, on 7th February, 1873, says:

"So far as I know, harmony prevails throughout our jurisdiction; yet I fear that this harmony is not real, but only apparent. The punishment of masonic offenses is generally left to the Lodges, and if an offender escapes punishment there, he is continued in good standing in his Chapter, no matter what the offense charged; and if he is expelled or suspended by his Lodge and afterward restored, he is continued in full fellowship in his Chapter. If we claim to be higher in degree, should we not also be higher in morality and virtue? I think we should.

"If I had the power, I would consolidate, not only the Grand Chapter and Council, in one body, but the whole of Masonry—Symbolic, Capitular, and Cryptic—under one Grand Lodge and Grand Master, in each jurisdiction. As it is, our funds are squandered in costly charters, regalia, high

salaries, and printing, and very little left for the destitute brother and the widow and orphans.

"I think that no good results from subordination to the General Grand Chapter, and recommend that steps be taken to dissolve our connection therewith."

The twenty-sixth Annual Convocation, held on 6th February, 1874, was presided over by the M. E. Grand High Priest, George R. Fearn.

Here is what he says on suspension for N. P. D.:

"At the last meeting in 1873 of Canton Chapter No. 10, I directed the Secretary not to enter as suspended those members who were twelve months in arrears for dues. I am aware, Companions, that this order or decision is in direct conflict with a regulation of this Grand Chapter. I do not believe that regulation correctly interprets the will of this Grand Chapter; nor is it, in my opinion, in accord with the spirit of our Institution. It has been held in the Grand Lodge that no Mason shall be deprived of any of his masonic privileges until an opportunity has been given him to be heard. Is there any good reason why a departure should be had in the Chapter from a principle which so heartily commends itself to our every sense of justice and masonic charity. I am no advocate of those who, having the ability, neglect or refuse to pay their just dues; such men are not fit to be Masons, and should be debarred the privilege of entering our Chapters. But let them be heard—do not proceed against them without notice; if they neglect their duty, let us not forget ours. I trust these views may meet your approbation, and that you will so alter that section of our regulation that it will no longer be obnoxious because of such objections."

He rebukes Chapters for exalting those who only a few months before were among the profane, and the Grand Chapter issued an edict forbidding the reception of a petition from one who had not been at least six months a Master Mason.

A condensed report is made on Correspondence.

Comp. George R. Fearn was re-elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and J. L. Power Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The proceedings of the Annual Convocation of this M. E. Grand Chapter, held on the 5th May, 1874, are before us. Comp. Horace H. Burbank, M. E. Grand High Priest, being in the east.

We admire the Address of this Grand Official for its frankness and the moral courage therein displayed. He hesitates not to call faults by their right names, nor is he blind to these faults. If Grand Visitations are of any use, other than display, it appears to us this is the most proper method of making them so. The following will be readily understood by all Companions, and we hope will be as well appreciated and followed:

"As I have done in my visits, Companions, so here would I repeat a criticism of too general application. The beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Royal Arch are often marred by the introduction of levity and mirth utterly inconsistent, to my mind, with the sublime history and principles of Capitular Masonry. The lessons intended by the *living arch* and the *weary sojourn* are often reduced from the *sublime* to the *ridiculous*, and *exaltation* becomes a misnomer for *degradation*. Such performances are not only *unmasonic*, but *uncomely* (I had almost said *uncouth*) in Companions and towards candidates. They are far beneath rational amusement. Overseers! reject all such unseemly stones. Clear away such *rubbish* from your temples, ye who love *the true* and *the beautiful*. Such precedents are wanting in our early annals, and should receive no countenance to-day. Due reflection on the part of members and official firmness in High Priests, will, I trust, remove this blemish from our work."

He expresses the sentiment heretofore uttered by us that a more careful perusal and examination of our annual proceedings "would have spared Chapters, in most instances, the necessity of submitting questions for decision."

He closes thus:

"You, who wear the robes of office and are custodians of the work in your several Charters, yea, *all* Companions within hail of this Grand Chapter, let us individually remember that 'good work' inside our veils, and *good works* in our outward walk, are alike incumbent on us. Let *intemperance* and *profanity* be *unseen* and *unheard* among Royal Arch Masons, and may our deeds and dealings comport with our professions.

"Thus shall we best prevail over our enemies, and best accomplish that mission designed for our noble Institution."

This Grand Chapter

"*Resolved*, That no petition for the degrees shall be received by any Chapter from any candidate who has previously been rejected in any Chapter, until six months after the date of such rejection."

It also hereafter requires bonds to be filed by the Secretaries and Treasurers of Chapters before installation.

Comp. Horace H. Burbank was again elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Ira Berry Grand Secretary, for the twenty-first time, and our Companions display their good sense in retaining the prince of Secretaries.

Comp. Stephen J. Young again made the report on Correspondence, though this we find is to be his last. He is to be succeeded by that profound masonic thinker and legal expounder, Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of whom we have heretofore heard. And although we don't think he is always right, we will say he is seldom wrong. We gave in to the Companion sometime since on a certain point, not because we were convinced that because we were the offspring of the General Grand Chapter having attained full age, we had not become a part of the "confederation" of State

Chapters, but for the sake of harmony, and because we did not care about crying "scissors" more.

Comp. Young reviews Alabama for 1873, giving courteous and fraternal notice.

When on the District of Columbia, after quoting the paragraph from Companion MacGrotty's report wherein he expresses the opinion that if Companion Young had read Companion Pike's article on "The Holy Triad," he (Comp. Y.) would have changed his mind about the Tetragrammaton, Companion Young says:

"We have read the article referred to, and we acknowledge the learning and ability therein displayed, but we are not yet convinced of the correctness of Companion Pike's reasoning. Solomon sent to Tyre, the metropolis of Baalistic religion; procured a workman who had gained his reputation in building the temples of "Melkarth, Baal of Tyre," and of Astaroth; gave him orders to make the cherubim, which were a mere union of a man's head with the old nature-symbols of Assyria and Egypt; and last, but not least, commanded him to set up two brazen pillars, which were well-known emblems of the old Baalistic worship, as their names abundantly prove.

"Dr. Emanuel Deutsch, one of the most learned men of this century, and a most devout Jew, speaks as follows:

"Panthéism, in the Greek sense, is utterly unknown to the Shemites. Nature is nothing but that which has been begotten, and is ruled absolutely by the one Great Absolute Power. And only in the more or less abstract conception of this power are found what differences there do exist in the Semitic creeds in their respective stages. There is but one name for this Being: Baal, El, Elohim, Allah, Elyon, Astarte-Tanis—meaning, one and all of them, Might, Almighty, Omnipotent, the Divine Judge—while Jehovah denotes the mercy which revokes and tears up the dread decree before it is carried into execution." (*Lit. Rem. of Dr. Deutsch, page 160.*)

"The 'wise king' evidently knew no great distinction between the various religions of his day, for he adopted any symbols which pleased him, without any apparent squeamishness as to their source. He saw no antagonism between Bel and El. During all this time Solomon was receiving aid from the very king who had invested the worship of Melkarth with a splendor before unknown, and built in his capital the most magnificent Baalistic temple of antiquity. Solomon was a wise man, but he was not so well informed as Companion Pike, because Solomon evidently had no suspicion that Baal of Tyre was the devil.

"Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country and all the wisdom of Egypt,' says the Old Testament, but it carefully omits Arkansas!"

He admirably illustrates the position of a Royal Arch Mason, suspended or expelled by his lodge and subsequently restored to membership in the lodge, thus:

"A man is convicted of adultery and sent to the penitentiary, whereupon his wife obtains a divorce, basing her complaint upon the verdict of the jury.

"It is subsequently discovered that the evidence was false, and the man is consequently pardoned and restored to his civil rights.

"Does his restoration to society, *ipso facto*, confer upon him his marital rights?"

We copy the table of statistics because they are usually very correct:

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	No. of Subordinates.	Ditto making Returns.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Susp. for non-payment dues.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama.....	54	51	1,691	112	20	80	...	...	...	37	7
Arkansas.....	69	49	1,672	154	19	40	1	1	11	32	...
California.....	42	42	2,268	237	57	82	1	1	47	22	20
Canada.....	54	51	2,492	380	15	65	...	34	...	20	...
Connecticut.....	33	30	4,166	230	6	79	0	1	4	35	...
Delaware.....	6	6	296	32	1	0	0	5	0	2	...
Dist. Columbia..	8	8	1,093	111	35	40	0	2	13	11	12
Florida.....	18	14	458	31	5	3	0	19	...	2	...
Georgia.....	55	43	1,927	152	52	95	1	85	...	38	5
Illinois.....	153	146	9,515	604	83	235	35	146	...	117	...
Indiana.....	89	83	4,332	356	44	97	11	41	...	60	...
Iowa.....	69	69	3,268	339	43	124	2	27	35	36	...
Kansas.....	25	25	925	121	32	32	2	5	10	7	10
Kentucky.....	106	93	3,885	251	62	132	4	73	...	62	17
Louisiana.....	29	25	1,494	98	22	46	1	...	47	35	3
Maine.....	36	36	3,500	223	...	37	...	...	...	57	22
Maryland.....	13	13	1,313	133	14	16	5	2	20	13	11
Massachusetts.....	64	64	8,268	883	...	141	0	23	9	79	...
Michigan.....	91	90	6,791	666	80	219	9	27	...	76	...
Minnesota†.....	22	21	1,043	238	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mississippi.....	80	77	2,462	182	101	133	4	7	235	54	...
Missouri.....	79	72	3,979	382	76	125	13	25	...	43	35
Nebraska.....	9	9	392	67	6	11	0	0	0	2	0
New Hampshire..	18	18	1,973	127	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Jersey.....	32	32	2,583	308	...	...	1	62	...	22	...
New York.....	190	190	18,481	1,795	149	285	9	5	571	210	139
North Carolina..	12	12	439	16	15	9	1	1	11	10	0
Nova Scotia.....	6	6	223	40	7	11	0	2	...	3	2
Ohio.....	132	131	7,909	619	254	227	17	1	250	80	...
Oregon.....	6	6	203	29	6	12	...	0	0	2	...
Pennsylvania.....	90	85	9,209	987	222	157	...	194	...	99	33
Rhode Island†...	10	10	1,381	177	2	28	0	0	0	7	32
South Carolina..	30	30	938	83	10	11	1	0	38	20	...
Tennessee.....	94	82	4,168	234	45	207	5	20	...	80	...
Texas.....	111	101	4,022	431	153	243	12	153	...	69	...
Vermont.....	25	24	1,744	98	17	18	...	3	...	19	...
Virginia.....	38	34	1,639	...	...	...	...	28	...	13	...
West Virginia†..	5	5	252	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin.....	43	43	2,633	278	36	64	3	...	120	25	25
	2046	1926	125,027	11,204	1689	3104	138	993	1421	1488	373

* Including expulsions. † For a former year. ‡ Estimated from returns.

NOTE.—In our table of last year the positions of Indiana and Illinois were exchanged; thus making the statistics of each incorrect.

NEW YORK.

On the 3d Febrary, 1874, M. Ex. Thomas C. Cassidy, Grand High Priest, opened the seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter in Ample Form, there being present representatives [from one hundred and eighty-one chapters. The Grand High Priest puts some very pertinent questions, thus :

"As Mark Masters, have we faithfully earned the wages which we have received? Have we rendered a just return for all the masonic privileges we have enjoyed? Have we performed such work as will, in the day of final account, stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square? Or have we so lived as to deserve to be thrown away among the rubbish as worthless stones, unfit for places in that beautiful Temple not made with hands?

"As Past Masters have we, as we solemnly promised when we were installed, endeavored to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men; and have we kept our agreement to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate a knowledge of the royal art?

"As Most Excellent Masters have we availed ourselves of all suitable occasions to impart light to such as were in darkness; and has our deportment in the outward walks of life been such as to maintain that fair and unspotted reputation which should ever distinguish those who have passed through the solemn and impressive ceremonies of this beautiful degree?

"As Royal Arch Masons have we attentively studied and treasured up the lessons of wisdom to be found in that sacred Book of the Law, which, though once buried and lost for gloomy ages beneath the ruins of the Temple, has in this age of improvement been multiplied by countless numbers, and so cheapened as to place it within the reach of the poorest and most destitute?

Among the decisions we find one which is in keeping with the resolution passed by the Grand Chapter of Alabama three years since. It is indorsed by the Committee on Jurisprudence :

"1. That a member who has been stricken from the roll of his lodge for non-payment of dues, if in good standing in his Chapter, is entitled to vote and is eligible to any office therein."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported, among others, the following resolution, which was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That it being the sense of this Grand Chapter that each of the subordinates has sole and exclusive jurisdiction over all the Chapter material for degrees, and that such degrees, when conferred upon a candidate either within or without the State, by any chapter not having such jurisdiction, is an irregularity; and further believing, that conferring such degrees by a chapter upon a candidate who has been rejected in another chapter, without the consent of the chapter rejecting him, is also an irregularity, respectfully request the General Grand Chapter to adopt regulations upon the subject embracing these principles."

Harmony and peace reign within the borders of this large jurisdiction—

no complaint is heard—not an appeal is made, and this Grand Chapter is not called on to interpose her authority to encourage the right or suppress the wrong.

Companion Ogden made the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama kindly. He errs in supposing that there was no direct action taken on the resolution in reference to the Grand Chapter of West Virginia; for on page 12 of our proceedings he will find that the Committee on Correspondence presented its report, which was “received, ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and printed with the proceedings, and the resolution accompanying it was adopted.”

While reviewing Iowa Companion Ogden expresses a difference with the Grand High Priest, which is explained in the following extract, but in doing so he differs also with his own Committee on Jurisprudence who made an elaborate report on the subject to this convocation:

“Another decision of the Grand High Priest does not appear to us to be sound, viz: That if an officer elect declines to be installed, the incumbent whom he is to succeed holds over for the remainder of the current capitular year, unless a special dispensation from the Grand High Priest authorizes a new election. The rule of law we supposed to be, that with the term the officer ended his functions, and that in the case stated the office would be vacant, and must be temporarily filled till an election is held; and, with all respect to our learned Comp. Guilbert, we hold such to be the rule of law.”

The committee reports:

“The conclusion at which we arrive, therefore, is that the High Priest of a Chapter may hold over by force of circumstances.”

Companion Thomas C. Cassidy was re-elected M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and Companion Christopher G. Fox Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A special convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in December 1872, to act on certain previously proposed amendments to the Constitution, and which being finished the Grand Chapter was closed.

The fourth Annual Convocation was then held on the 3rd June, 1873, we suppose, though the year is not given in the published proceedings. For your information, we copy from the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, as follows:

“A printed circular has been received from the Supreme Committee of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, declining to recognize this Grand Chapter, setting forth, as their principal reason, the following:

“‘To recognize as a Grand Chapter a body having fewer admissions during the year, and less funds at its credit, than each of several subordi-

nate Chapters holding of the Supreme Chapter, which could be named, appears to your committee to be making a burlesque of Grand Chapters, and has a manifest tendency to lower the dignity and impair the efficiency of Grand Chapters in general.'

"In Nova Scotia, it has been long understood that Royal Arch Masonry in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland meant fees and dues to the Grand Scribe E., and this last proof of *money considerations* is sufficiently conclusive that these views were not incorrectly formed. Money, I admit, is a very useful commodity, but I was not before aware that the possession of any particular sum was a pre-requisite to a successful formation of a Grand Chapter; will Comp. Hay and Comp. Mackersey, the signers of this circular, inform us of the exact amount in bank notes, gold and silver, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland possessed at its formation? did it much exceed £30, 1s. 11d.? I doubt it.

"Some of the Grand Chapters on this continent, with small funds, without any funds, and some in debt, had better be a little less lavish in their expenditure, or the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland may visit them with its displeasure, for the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia is not the only Grand Chapter whose funds are less than some of the subordinate Scottish Chapters; in this jurisdiction there are two Chapters who possess conjointly in funds and property, some \$2,500, over £500 Sterling, and I believe there are not more than ten Grand Chapters on this continent, if as many, that have even this comparatively small amount to their credit.

"Touching the number admitted during the year 1870-71, I find in proportion to the number of Chapters we stand very favorably. Let me call your attention to the statistics of M. E. Comp. J. H. Drummond in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine, for 1872, where the following Grand Chapters show less additions than ours:

Delaware,	Number of Chapters,	4.	Exaltations,	25.
North Carolina,	"	15.	"	13.
Oregon,	"	5.	"	5.
Virginia,	"	43.	"	15.
Nova Scotia,	"	3.	"	30.

"Numbers are not at all times an evidence of prosperity. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, however, may be fully convinced of one wholesome fact, that the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia is a firm organization, and that it has placed Capitular Masonry in this Province in that prosperous condition that otherwise it would never have occupied. We can wait for the recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; if it comes, well and good, we shall rejoice; if not, we can do without it."

And in consequence, the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia cut off intercourse with those Companions holding allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and there are still two Chapters holding under the jurisdiction of Scotland, not yet having recognized the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. These are Union Chapter No. 103, at Yarmouth, and St. Johns Chapter No. 130, at Pictou, and all intercourse with their members is forbidden.

The Grand Secretary reported the discovery of some records of 1782, which are published with the proceedings in the Appendix. From these we learn that they by a law prohibited the exaltation of more than two at a

time. These, however, were regular actual Past Masters, who had presided at least six months.

Companion Gossip made the report on Correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1872 fraternally.

*Comp. Stephen R. Sircorn was re-elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. James Gossip Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Comp. Edward Gustine, M. E. Grand High Priest, opened Grand Chapter in ample form on 20th May, 1873. The Address of the Grand High Priest is entirely of local interest; so also is the business of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. J. J. Bell made the report on Correspondence, giving an excellent condensation of the several proceedings reviewed.

Comp. Edward Gustine was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. John A. Harris Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

At a very late hour, and scarcely in time, we have received the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State, embellished with an engraving of the prince of correspondents, our Corson. M. E. Comp. Wm. H. McIlhanney, Grand High Priest, opened the Grand Chapter on the 9th September, 1874. These proceedings have been rapidly published and promptly forwarded. Those for 1873 have never been placed in our hands, and we would be glad if Comp. Corson will mail a copy to our address.

We find nothing of general interest in the proceedings.

Comp. Corson, of course, made the report on Correspondence, giving Alabama a kind notice. About these reports he says:

"A man who does not read the reports on Correspondence must remain almost as ignorant of Masonry as the citizen who does not read the newspapers must be of the history of current events of the day."

The following extract gives a fair expression of his views in relation to objection to advancement after ballot:

"Thank God! the Grand Chapter of our little State allows no such injustice to be practiced upon elected candidates as they have to suffer in some other jurisdictions. Here, at least, we hold a masonic promise to be sacred and inviolable, be it made to whom it may. And if any tender-footed brother or companion desires to prevent the progress of a candidate who has been duly elected, he must state and *prove* that there is good and sufficient cause why he should be stayed, otherwise the candidate will be advanced to full membership; and if the sensitive soul of the objector is shocked by the presence of the new comer, he can either sit in the corner

and suck his thumb until 'purity gets off of his back,' or else he can 'get up and get.' Strict justice to all is the rule which governs us, and we have found it to work well."

We copy a part of his conclusion, and express our deep sympathy with him in his afflictions, and the hope that his disease has distempered his imaginings. We sincerely hope to hear more from him, and the dearest wish we have had for sometime, was that we might be able to meet him this November in New Orleans:

"I shall not attempt to apologize for the imperfect manner in which my work has been performed. Considering the material which has been furnished, I feel that I have not offered such work as the overseers can conscientiously approve. But if my companions knew all—if they knew how the body and mind had been prostrated by disease—their criticism of my work would be tempered by mercy. A painful presentiment forces itself upon my mind that this may be the last report that I shall ever have the pleasure of presenting to this Grand Body. God grant that this may not be so, for I love the work so well that the thought of ceasing it makes me shudder. But whatever may await me in God's mysterious providence, I pray that I may be cheered by the thought that I have the love of my brethren and companions. If I have ever written a word that has caused pain—if my love of fun and my natural tendency to indulge in joking has wounded a single heart, I pray God to forgive me. Life is too short and the end too near for any of us to do or say aught that would inflict pain,

"Well, either you or I,

After whatever is to say is said,

Must see the other die,

Or hear, through distance, of the other dead,
Sometime.

And you or I must hide

Poor empty eyes and faces, wan and wet,

With Life's great grief, beside

The other's coffin, sealed with silence, yet,
Sometime.

And you or I must look

Into the other's grave, or far or near,

And read, as in a book

Writ in the dust, words we made bitter here,
Sometime."

"With a heart full of love to all true Masons, and with an earnest desire that every one of us may live consistently with our professions, so that it may be said of each of us, after we shall have passed from here to the hereafter, 'He loved his fellow-men.'"

NORTH CAROLINA.

We have before us the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State,

opened on 1st June, 1874; M. E. Comp. H. H. Munson, Grand High Priest, with representatives from nine Chapters present.

On the subject of the representative system, the Grand High Priest says:

"I desire to call your attention to the representative system as at present conducted. If the object be to confer an empty honor upon a Companion Royal Arch Mason, residing in another jurisdiction, the end is gained by such an appointment, but if a mutual benefit is desired, the result is practically a failure. I would, therefore, recommend that the appointment of companions residing in other jurisdictions, as the representatives of this Grand Chapter in their several Grand Bodies, be discontinued."

An earnest plea is made in the Address for a suitable provision for the "Orphan Asylum," as one of the noblest methods of practicing true masonic virtue:

"COMPANIONS—I regret, in closing, my inability to bring you 'glad tidings of great joy.' I fondly hoped for a thorough revival of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction during the masonic year now gone. In a few, a very few Chapters, increased zeal is manifest, but in the majority, lukewarmness exists. We are prone to find excuses for the non-performance of duty, when our interest has abated, or the force of binding obligations become lessened. The past season has been one almost unprecedented in our national history. Suddenly, without a moment's warning, a financial panic swept over the country, engulfing, in its resistless flow, many bright, grand and noble prospects, and paralyzing to a great extent public and private schemes for the future. This, added to the unfortunate position in which the war left us, and from which we have not yet recuperated, is probably one reason why the love of many has waxed cold. In due time our commercial, mechanical, and agricultural interests will revive, and shall we be less active in seeking to advance our masonic interests? Shall we prove laggards in the race? Rather shall not individual and united effort be made to regain whatever may have been lost in the past? Shall we not in our own persons evince such an attachment to our beloved Institution, so carrying into practice the symbolized truths of our beautiful ritual, that its diffusive influence may be felt in the Chapters with which we are severally connected, resulting in overcoming our lethargy, giving us a renewed consciousness of our obligations, and a tireless, unflagging zeal in the prosecution to the desired end of the work enjoined upon us? Thus will our Institution be respected, its votaries honored, and mankind convinced 'that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.'"

The committee to whom was referred the Address recommended that the appointment of representatives be discontinued, and it was discontinued. We are not inclined to differ from them.

The Grand Chapter determined to allow substitutes in accordance with the resolution of the General Grand Chapter.

Companion James Southgate submitted the report of the Committee on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters. The committee divided the work, "but some members did not complete

their portion in time for the printer, and hence the review of some jurisdictions is omitted." Alabama is not of the number reviewed.

Comp. H. H. Munson was again elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. T. M. Gardner Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held on 5th June, 1874, Comp. James R. Bagley, Grand High Priest. His Address pertains to local matters entirely. In it he gives very excellent advice about punctual and constant attendance upon the Chapters.

Are our companions in Oregon to carry to every Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter their record or minute books, as would seem to be indicated in the following?

"*Resolved*, That subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction shall produce their original records of proceedings, or a certified copy of the same, at each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter."

Comp. Patton again reports for the Committee on Correspondence, not, however, having the proceedings of our Grand Chapter. This report is fully equal to Comp. Patton's previous reports, and will compare favorably with the productions of any of the reportorial corps.

We are pleased to find that he endorses the position of Comp. Guilbert, M. E. Grand High Priest of Iowa, when he asserts "*that rejection follows a brother wherever he may go.*" This is so well settled a principle in Alabama that we did not think proper to note it, though we had marked the report of the committee to whom it was referred as containing heterodox doctrine, but allowed it at last to escape us.

We copy a portion of his conclusion, and congratulate the Craft upon the fact that notwithstanding Comp. Patton's name still stands at the head of the committee:

"In our last report, we expressed a desire to be relieved from further duty. The last two years have been devoted exclusively to masonic labor. To perform the duties of Grand Master, and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, requires time and expense, and seriously affects our business operations. We therefore ask that we may be *rotated* out of office and some other Worthy Companion *rotated* in."

The Grand High Priest and Secretary were retained.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Annual Grand Communication was held 27th December, 1873, Companion Charles E. Meyer, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding. At a preceding quarterly communication, Comp. Andrew Robeno Jr., having

been elected M. E. Grand High Priest, the presiding Grand High Priest, Comp. Meyer, delivered his valedictory previous to the installation of his successor, and gave an account of his stewardship.

Among his rulings we find some which we very heartily approve, thus:

"That it was not in my power to permit the parade or display in public, in regalia, of a Chapter at a funeral."

"That a Chapter cannot appear as such outside of the Chapter hall."

We commend the following from the Address of Comp. Robeno to the consideration of the companions of this jurisdiction:

"For I hold to the earnest conviction, so far at least as the purity, permanency, and well being of our Chapter are concerned, that it is better far a good man should be deprived of the enjoyment of our privilege by the abuse of the ballot, however much it should be regretted and deplored, than to suffer one bad man to come among us by its neglect, and by so doing disturb the peace and harmony, and thus mar the pleasure of our communications.

"I would also urge upon your attention, in this connection, the great importance of a judicious selection of officers for the Chapters, and the exercise of great caution to have representative men at the head. In this respect, they should be ornaments as well as useful members of our Order. I regret to say this is not always the case.

"The office of High Priest is invested with great dignity, duties, and privileges. In the Jewish economy, he was invested with both temporal and spiritual authority. He was the final arbiter of all controversy. Sometimes the pontifical and regal dignity was united in him. The very garments peculiar to his office were called holy. On front of his mitre was inscribed, 'Holiness to the Lord.' The crown itself was called the holy crown. The oil with which he was anointed, holy ointment. The seat of his administration was called the holy sanctuary. Imagine in all seriousness, imagine what should be the character of him upon whom you place these robes pontifical. Aye, I say, pause well to consider his virtues, ere you exalt to such a position of sacred trust and holy dignity."

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. William J. Kelly, who, however, had not received the proceedings of our Grand Chapter.

We agree with our companion's views on the effect of Blue Lodge suspension in the Chapter:

"With us, suspension means qualified or limited expulsion. That is, during suspension the brother is cut off from all rights, benefits, or pleasures of Masonry. Now it is conceded that the brother must have committed some offense, or else there would be no occasion for punishment. The Blue Lodge having suspended the brother, and the Chapter fully recognizing the propriety of having no one in their membership who could not belong to a Blue Lodge, suspends—either *ipso facto* or otherwise.

"We clearly think (and practice) that if the restored brother wants membership in the Chapter again, he must come in the Chapter by the same process as in the Lodge—that is, by petition."

Though we would so far qualify as to say the suspension be after due trial and conviction, and not by operation of the Constitution for non-payment of dues.

We copy entire from this report:

“GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

“The half-yearly communication was held June 3, 1873.

“We make the following extracts without comment, as we have not yet got used to the work of a Grand Mark Lodge, we give the following for information:

“A committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland appointed to examine into the position of the Degree, reported in 1865: ‘In this country from time immemorial and long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, (in 1736,) what is now known as the Mark Master’s Degree, was wrought by the Operative Lodges of St. John’s Masonry.’

“In A. D. 1598, William Schaw, Master of Works to King James VI., orders the *Marks* of all Masons to be inserted in their work.

“In the seventeenth century, Mother Kilwinning Lodge made members choose their Marks and charged them *four shillings* each for the same.

“On January 7th, A. D. 1778, the Banff Operative Lodge resolved—‘That in time coming, all members that shall hereafter raise to the degree of Mark Mason, shall pay one merk scots, but not to obtain the degree of Mark Mason, before they are passed Fellow Craft; and those that shall take the degree of Mark Master Mason, shall pay one shilling and sixpence sterling unto the treasurer for behoof of the Lodge. None to attain to the degree of Mark Master Mason until they are raised Master.’ This shows clearly the relative positions of the degrees of Mark Mason or Mark Man, and Mark Master Mason, to each other, and to the Operative Craft. Every Operative Mason, or Fellow Craft, being obliged to be made a Mark Man or Mark Mason, before he could ‘Mark’ his work. While the degree of Mark Master Mason was confined to those who, as Masters of Lodges or Master Masons, had been chosen to rule over the Fellow Crafts.

“The Most Worshipful Grand Master, at the conclusion of the ceremony of presentation, said: ‘Brethren, I wish to inform the Grand Lodge that, by virtue of the power vested in me, I have appointed Brother Drummond, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the United States of America, to be Past Grand Senior Warden in this Grand Mark Lodge.’

“In the United States, since the middle of the last century, the Mark Degree has been conferred in independent Mark Lodges, as well as under the authority of Grand Chapters of the Royal Arch.”

RHODE ISLAND.

The volume before us contains the proceedings of three Annual Grand Convocations, besides one special, at the latter of which a very beautiful and eloquent address on the objects and requirements of Masonry was delivered by Comp. Rev. Sydney Dean.

The seventy-fourth Annual Convocation was held on 12th March, 1872, M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is strictly confined to local matters, save when he speaks of the General Grand Chapter. Having filled the position seven years, and seen the Chapters doubled in number, he declined to be re-elected. In relation to the Grand Chapter he says:

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence will undoubtedly place before you a report on the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, when you will be able to judge whether any necessity exists, more than heretofore, for placing our Grand Chapter on the list of their subordinates.

"I certainly saw no reason to change the opinion I have so long held in reference to this organization, which, while it calls together the distinguished Masons of the country for social intercourse, and, so far, promotes harmony and good fellowship among the Masons of different sections of the Union, is not of any practical utility as a governing body, and if any good is accomplished from its meetings, equally as good results will be attained from the convocation of the various Committees on Foreign Correspondence of the several Grand Bodies of the United States."

Companion Henry C. Field was elected and installed M. Ex. Grand High Priest.

The seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the "Most Excellent Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" was held on the 11th March, 1873, Companion Henry C. Field presiding.

Companion Francello G. Jillson was made M. Ex. Grand High Priest; Companion George Burnham being continued Grand Secretary.

The seventy-sixth Annual Convocation was held on the 10th March, 1874, Companion Jillson, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Companion Burnham presented the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of Alabama for 1873, among others. This is courteously done, and he seems delighted that, as we did not act on the resolution repealing our severance from the General Grand Chapter, "Alabama still keeps us company 'out in the cold.' We congratulate Alabama." Well, we are satisfied with our position, and prefer to act on the old advice, "*festina lente*."

From his conclusion we copy:

"Since our last report 'things have changed' somewhat: Vermont and Florida, North Carolina and Kentucky, have joined the General Grand Chapter. It is true that many of the constituents of that body don't seem to pay much attention to its laws or edicts, especially if they happen to conflict with local regulations; but that seems to make no difference. The action taken at the convocation of 1871, by which Past Grand High Priests were made members, gave the body a new lease of life, and there now seems to be no doubt of its permanence. The action referred to was a very adroit flank movement on the part of the friends of the body, and no doubt prevented its early dissolution."

And we transfer entire his table of

STATISTICS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.				
	Year.	No. of Subordinates	No. of Members.	No. of Exaltations.
Alabama	1873	55	1,732	113
Arkansas	1872	65	1,498	175
California	1873	43	2,161	192
Canada	1873	54	2,492	380
Connecticut	1873	35	4,166	230
Delaware	1873	5	225	43
District of Columbia	1873	8	1,083	111
Florida	1873	13	496	41
Georgia	1873	55	1,927	152
Illinois	1873	147	9,773	604
Indiana	1873	88	4,332	420
Iowa	1873	69	3,268	339
Kansas	1873	25	925	121
Kentucky	1873	106	3,485	251
Louisiana	1873	30	1,617	110
Maine	1873	35	3,500	223
Maryland	1873	13	1,257	133
Massachusetts	1873	63	8,268	883
Michigan	1874	85	6,791	666
Minnesota	1872	20	1,072	104
Mississippi	1874	80	2,462	182
Missouri	1873	80	3,979	382
Nebraska	1872	6	339	67
New Hampshire	1873	18	1,973	127
New Jersey	1873	29	2,583	308
New York	1873	183	17,468	1,621
North Carolina	1873	12	488	13
Nova Scotia	1873	6	223	40
Ohio	1873	130	7,909	619
Oregon	1872	6	190	20
Pennsylvania	1872	86	8,409	988
Rhode Island	1874	10	1,609	74
South Carolina	1873	27	911	110
Tennessee	1873	94	4,168	234
Texas	1873	94	4,022	431
Vermont	1873	25	1,744	98
Virginia	1873	38	1,550	76
West Virginia	1871	5	242	.....
Wisconsin	1873	43	2,525	235
Total		1,986	122,880	10,915

These figures do not include Chapters under Dispensation.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 10th February, 1874, Companion Augustine T. Smythe, R. Ex. D. Grand High Priest, as Grand High Priest.

How mournful and solemn the opening notes of his address, may be seen by this short extract :

"Companions of the M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina :

"It is with a sad heart I take up the duty which devolves upon me, of addressing you to-day as we assemble once more for annual council beneath the arch of our temple. Our meeting, looked forward to as a season of pleasant greeting and fraternal intercourse, is darkened with the shadow of a great sorrow, and our temple itself is hung with the solemn habiliments of mourning, instead of the usual garlands of festive and gladsome rejoicing.

"He who should have this day guided our councils, and presided over our deliberations—our Grand High Priest, James Birnie—is dead !

"How little we thought, as one year ago we called him by our unanimous voice to the leadership among us, and trusted that with his great heart, his cool, evenly-balanced mind, his ripe, mature judgment, he would have done great good for us,—that ere this meeting was held, ere we had heard one word of cheer and advice from his lips, we should be called to write his epitaph, to mourn his departure from our midst."

And of the aged and accomplished Grand Secretary he says :

"Like as a shock of corn fully ripe, Past Grand Secretary Ebenezer Thayer, on the 23d October last, laid him down and was gathered home. A long, long life could he look back, upon a weary, toilsome journey, yet one well spent, bravely travelled.

"We all remember the old man who, with his hoary hairs, his bent form, his tottering steps, only a year or so ago went in and out among us, standing at his post of duty as Grand Secretary, which he had so ably filled for many years. How he loved this Grand Chapter ! Fondling over it as a mother over the child whom she has nursed and cared for through a long and troubled childhood ! And even when the infirmities of age prevented his discharging the active duties of his office, his interest continued as unflagging as of yore ; and often would he come to me, as his successor in office, to talk over with me its affairs, and to give me that aid and assistance in the discharge of the manifold duties of the position which his long experience so well fitted him to impart.

"We shall miss the old veteran, but we can not mourn that he is at rest."

Companion A. T. Smythe was elected M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and Companion M. B. Moses Grand Secretary.

Companion Wilmot G. DeSaussure made the report on correspondence, which includes Alabama, and which, the committee to whom it was referred says, is "a perspicuous and well arranged collation of current masonic rulings, making an interesting digest of the recent opinions of eminent masonic authorities."

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held on the 5th November, 1873, Companion Joseph M. Anderson, M. Ex. D. Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand Secretary read the address of the M. Ex. John W. Paxton, Grand High Priest, which, however, was entirely local in its character.

The Grand Chapter adopted the following rule:

“That the granting of a dispensation to companions to form a new chapter does not dissolve their membership in their chapters, but upon the granting of a charter they shall elect of which chapter they will continue members.”

Companion John Frizzell made the report on correspondence—short, very short, and pithy.

Companion Anderson was elected M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and Companion Frizzell re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Comp. Norton Moses, M. E. Grand High Priest, opened the Grand Chapter on 4th June, 1873. The business of the Grand Chapter was local, or rather we discover nothing of general interest to the Craft, save the fact that prosperity and peace abound.

Comp. H. J. McBride was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Robert Brewster continued Grand Secretary.

Comp. Robert M. Elgin made the report on Correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1872. We object to being called Pillows, for when long years ago we thought we were earning some reputation on the frontier of that same Texas, we were woefully disgusted to find our name in print just as we find it in this report. Now, Comp. Elgin, “give the devil his due,” and don’t make us some other fellow. The report is a good one, and judiciously made.

TEXAS.

The twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held on 3d June, 1874, M. E. Comp. H. J. McBride, Grand High Priest, presiding. The Address is devoted to matters of local interest, and the decisions generally in accordance with the practice in this jurisdiction.

Comp. Elgin again made the report on Correspondence, reviewing Alabama among others. As we did once long since, he now says:

“With reference to the practice of keeping the written work of Masonry in the archives of the Lodge or Chapter, we do not hesitate to say that, in

our opinion, it is unmasonic and improper, and we cannot understand how any Mason can reconcile such a course with his obligations and duties to the Order."

Of Gouley's condensed report, hear him:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence is from Comp. George Frank Gouley. It is what he calls a 'condensed report.' He says he has been making 'full reports' since 1865, and gives this by way of contrast, partly for the sake of economy, and partly out of deference to those who complain of long reports—he wishes them to have a chance to judge of each. Well, we hope his 'constituents' are satisfied. We are. We might prefer the 'condensed' from some—we mention no names—but we want no more of Gouley's condensed in *ours*. Horner says it is the most miserable and wretchedly horrible report that he ever read, considering the source from whence it comes, and we agree with him. Texas was duly 'condensed.'"

Comp. W. K. McAlpin was made M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Robert Brewster Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

M. E. Comp. Robert E. Withers, Grand High Priest, presided at the opening of the Grand Chapter of this State, on the 11th day of December, 1873.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:

"On thus reassembling in Grand Annual Convocation, I congratulate you on the peaceful and harmonious condition of our jurisdiction. Few questions have arisen requiring adjudication—no appeals have been presented—no grievances complained of. I fear, indeed, that our state of quietude may, to some extent, be ascribed to apathy. Royal Arch Masonry, outside of the cities and larger towns, seems to elicit too little interest. Its elevating principles and ennobling precepts, its magnificent ritual and benign influence, certainly present the strongest possible claims on the confidence and support of the Masonic Fraternity. Confident of the ultimate triumph of the sacred principles which underlie our Order, we may safely await with patience the full fruition of our hopes."

The report on Correspondence is from the ever ready pen of Comp. W. B. Isaacs. Objecting to the starch look of alphabetical arrangement, he mixes the proceedings up generally, and begins with Wisconsin, wherein, on the subject of granting dispensations to make Masons out of time, he says:

"What jurisdiction has not suffered, more or less, from hastily made Masons? Generally, *dispensation* Masons are of those who have lived within the sound of the gavel from the period of their majority, and when about to travel, or desire to join in some grand festivity, their 'burning zeal to do good,' induces them to apply for the rights and benefits of the Order. The officers believing them to be 'good fellows,' succumb to the pressure, and in ninety-nine times out of a hundred, introduce drones into the masonic hive."

Comp. B. M. Harris was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Dove continued Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened on 10th November, 1872, by M. E. Comp. Thomas H. Logan, Grand High Priest.

The Address evinces the prosperity of the Craft in this new jurisdiction.

On the 13th November, 1873, a third Annual Convocation was held, with the same officers presiding.

The number of Chartered Chapters is.....	12
Number of Chapters under Dispensation.....	2
Membership.....	451

Comp. O. S. Long, from the Committee on Correspondence, made report, and introduces himself thus:

"In presenting this their first report relating to the proceedings of Royal Arch Masons in other Grand Chapters, your committee feel some timidity, which is natural to the newness of the duty devolved upon them, and to their lack of experience in this especial field of labor. Their trepidation has been somewhat increased by a perusal of the reports of similar committees elsewhere presented; the display of masonic learning which in most instances characterizes such reports tending to abash our inexperience and deter our unflinched quill.

"The inquiry, 'Whom say the people that I am?' is more than eighteen hundred years old, and to this day it is the chief question of solicitude among men. To stand well in common repute; to maintain a good reputation among equals, is one of the chief concerns of social or business life, and masonic organizations are not exempt from this common desire, or free from interest in the answer to the common question. Our report is therefore, in the main, confined to what our sister Grand Chapters say of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, deferring to future committees the duty of criticising and commenting upon the proceedings of the Grand Chapters into whose companionship we have so lately been admitted."

We don't know how we so mixed up names, for we well remember that we read those papers with great interest, because here was a Grand Chapter which owed no paternity to the General Grand Chapter, and yet seemed to us to be unexceptionally regular.

Comp. Thomas H. Logan was again elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. O. S. Long Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

We have before us the proceedings of the twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, held on 17th February, 1874, C. F. G. Collins, M. E. Grand High Priest, in the Grand east.

From the Address we copy the following cheering remarks:

"From our subordinate Chapters we have, almost without exception, the report of substantial, healthy progress, of *good work, well done*, and a condition of fraternal harmony most commendable. Let us all strive earnestly for a continuance of this by endeavoring to follow more closely the teachings of our Institution, not only with our lips, but in our lives, and by marking our legislation in this Grand Body with the highest wisdom we can command, having in view only the best interests of the Royal Craft."

The business of the Grand Body was of local interest only.

Comp. Cottrill again gives us the report on Correspondence, and among the proceedings reviewed we find ours for 1872. We copy his introductory remarks:

"Your committee have attentively read these thirty-five volumes; and having returned from their annual excursion through these flower gardens and fertile fields of masonic light and knowledge, they present to the companions of this jurisdiction the gems, bouquets, and treasures which they have gathered and garnered during their travels—and, as our Scottish companions say, they add their remarks and comments thereanent."

We thank Comp. Cottrill for his kind notice of ourself.

Comp. J. H. Evans was made M. E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. W. Woodhull Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. J. PILLANS,
Chairman.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

MONTGOMERY, ALA., December 8, 1874.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Herewith I beg to submit my annual report, together with the receipts and vouchers. The residue of the contingent fund, and the amounts received from various sources during the year, have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Two dispensations have been granted by the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, upon proper application, and in sections of the country where they were much needed.

Ten (10) copies of the Code have been sold since the last Grand Convocation, leaving now in the office of the Grand Secretary three hundred (339) and thirty-nine copies.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

DANIEL SAYRE,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,

In account with DANIEL SAYRE,

Grand Secretary.

1873.

CR.

Dec. 2.	By dues at this Convocation.....	\$1,085 65
Dec. 12.	" Contingent Fund.....	600 00

BACK DUES.

1874.

Jan. 24.	By dues from Elyton Chapter No. 76.....	\$ 56 75
Jan. 29.	" " Tuskegee Chapter No. 43.....	18 75
Mar. 23.	" " Hermon " No. 34.....	22 50
May 1.	" " Mount Moriah Chapter No 19..	22 50
July 30.	" " John A. Clifton.....	20 00
	" 10 Codes.....	140 50
		10 00

DISPENSATIONS.

May 11.	" Cross Plains No 102.....	90 00	
Sept. 5.	" Warrior No. 103.....	90 00	180 00
			\$2,016 15

1873.

DR.

Dec. 12. To paid Grand Treasurer.....1,085 65

1874.

May 2. " Postage 20 00

May 31. " Armstrong for printing..... 229 40

" Barrett & Brown..... 8 25

Nov. 16. " paid Grand Treasurer..... 672 85 \$2,016 15

MONTGOMERY, December 8, 1874.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary,

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

1873.		DR.	
Dec. 2.	To Balance.....	\$	248 90
Dec. 12.	“ received from Grand Secretary.....		1,085 65
1874.			
Nov. 16.	“ “ “ “ “		672 85 \$2,007 40
1873.		CR.	
Decemb'r.	By Committee on Work, J. H. Johnston...		42 00
	“ “ “ H. C. Armstrong..		36 50
	“ “ “ L. W. Jenkins...		35 00
	“ Ch'm'n Com. on For. Correspondence..		150 00
	“ Grand Secretary.....		400 00
	“ Grand Sentinel.....		10 00
	“ Contingent Fund to Grand Secretary..		600 00
1874.	“ Grand Treasurer.....		100 00
Dec. 8.	“ Balance on hand.....		633 90 \$2,007 40

MONTGOMERY, December 8, 1874.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY,
Grand Treasurer,

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 acknowl-
edged, exalted, affiliated, rejected, and dimitted, since last return.

Number	Names of Chapters.	No. Members.	Amount of Dues.	Advanced	Presided	Rec'd and Ack'd.	Exalted	Affiliated	Rejected	Dimitted
5	Ennomia	35	26 25							
6	Cyrus	51	60 25	6	7	6	6	1	2	
9	Clinton	24	18 00							1
10	Tuscumbia	43	32 25	6	6	5	5		1	2
11	Phenix	20	15 00							
13	Gainesville	17	12 75	11	11	8	8	1		1
17	Wetumpka	22	16 50	2	2	3	3	1		
19	Mount Moriah	27	20 25	3	3	3	3			
20	Livingston	25								3
21	Mobile	58	43 50	1	1	3	3			5
22	Montgomery	61	45 75	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
23	Talladega	31	23 25							2
24	Eufaula	21	15 75	1	2	3				1
25	Courtland	47	35 25	1						
26	Union	17	32 00					1		1
28	Saint Johns	60	45 00	5	5	5	5	1		8
30	James Penn	30	22 50					1		17
32	Fulton	12	22 50							1
35	James L. Daniel	16	12 00					1		
37	Concord	20	15 00							
40	Camden	25	18 75							1
43	Tuskegee	23	17 25							1
44	Choctaw	32	24 00	3	3	3	3			1
57	Lebanon	39	44 50							3
63	Clayton	34	25 50							1
64	Central	13	9 75							
65	Russell	24	18 00	2	2	1				
66	Alabama	39	29 25							5
67	Farriorville	15	11 25			2	3	1		1
69	Lower Peach Tree	18	34 75							
70	Choctaw Corner	12	18 75					2		

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS—CONTINUED.

Number	Names of Chapters.	No. Members....	Amount of Dues.	Advanced.....	Presided.....	Rec'd and Ack'd.	Exalted.....	Affiliated.....	Rejected.....	Dimitted.....
71	Landmark.....	46	33 75	3	3	3	3	2	....	1
72	Midway.....	17	44 25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
73	Gordon.....	34	25 50	7	6	6	6	1	....	2
74	Opelika.....	13	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....
76	Elyton.....	29	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9
80	Leachapoka.....	17	12 75	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
81	Jefferson.....	28	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
83	Bell.....	15	25 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
84	Carrollton.....	19	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....
85	Gaston.....	16	12 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
86	Coosa.....	26	36 75	....	....	....	....	2	....	....
87	Moulton.....	28	21 00	3	2	2	2	....	....	....
88	Roslin.....	20	26 25	5	5	5	5	1	....	....
91	George D. Norris.....	19	14 25	....	....	....	3	....	....	....
93	Columbus.....	18	13 50	8	8	9	9	1	....	3
96	Daniel Pratt.....	25	18 75	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
98	Oxford.....	17	12 75	....	....	....	....	1	....	....
99	Thomas M. Bragg.....	20	15 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
100	Rock Mills.....	29	21 75	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
101	Mineral City.....	24	33 75	2	2	2	2	2	....	....
102	Cross Plains.....	20	....	7	7	7	7	1	....	....
103	Warrior, U. D.....	12	....	3	3	3	3	....	....	....

AT REST.

William Leigh.....	Cyrus.....	No. 6
John A. Thompson.....	Clinton.....	" 9
John P. Grigsby, March.....		
Joseph McGaw, Sept. 29.....	} Mobile.....	" 21
Francis R. Jarvis, Oct. 13.....		
James Cunningham, Nov. 10.....		
Stephen B. Pleasants, Jan. 24.....	Montgomery.....	" 22
Efford A. McCrary, Nov. 28.....	Courtland.....	" 25
Richard F. Knott, Nov. 22, 1873.....	} Saint Johns.....	" 28
William R. Ditmars, May 15.....		
Earnest F. Givens, Sep. 22.....		
James S. Estis, Nov. 30.....	James Penn.....	" 30
William H. McNamee, May 24.....	Concord.....	" 37
Henry G. Hendricks, July 3.....	Choctaw.....	" 44
Kenneth McKay Campbell, Nov. 8, '73.....	} Alabama.....	" 66
Rush Tuller, April 16.....		
John M. Linton, Sept. 1.....	Farrierville.....	" 67
Green D. McConnell, July 9.....	Lower Peach Tree.....	" 69
Thomas M. Little, Sept. 1.....	Elyton.....	" 76
William L. Kerley, May 22.....	Bell.....	" 83
Edward Lee, Sept. 4.....	Carrollton.....	" 84
Peter M. Phillips, Sept. 21.....	Coosa.....	" 86
Robert J. McCaleb, Oct. 23.....	George D. Norris.....	" 91

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

PHOENIX No. 11.—George M. Duskin, Robert Shackelford, Wilson Oberry, J. Whitworth Burton—4.

WETUMPKA No. 17.—Milton Cooper, William S. Thomas—2.

LIVINGSTON No. 20.—Socrates Parker—1.

MOBILE No. 21.—William D. Berry, George L. Boice, Joseph A. Carter, William C. Donovan, George H. Ellison, Francis T. Forbes, Leopold Goldsmith, Jacob F. Holland, Robert McLean, Harvey McAdams, John S. Maths, Charles I. Malone, Corbet A. Ryoler, Herbert Steiner, Jethro Thompson, Simon Weiss, William W. Wilcox—17.

MONTGOMERY No. 22.—Leopold Benedick, I. Z. T. Morris, Edmund H. Morrison—3.

TALLADEGA No. 23.—James G. L. Huey, William C. Patterson, Andrew J. Ritchie, Joseph Allen, Andrew W. Bowie—5.

EUFULA No. 24.—Frederick L. Robertson, Benjamin Morris, Eli S. Shorter, John W. Drury—4.

COURTLAND No. 25.—Daniel N. Cooper, Beaufort M. Farris, William S. Grey, John H. Gilchrist, George Turner—5.

UNION No. 26.—Wilson Etheridge, T. H. Hopkins, James M. Redding, Guilbert S. Nicholson, Edward E. Hudson, George P. White—6.

SAINT JOHNS No. 28.—John W. Cleary, James D. Hill, Thomas Williams—3.

JAMES PENN No. 30.—James M. Andrews, John M. Anderson, Benjamin S. Evins, Henry A. Earnes, James J. Fountain, John A. Glum, Hampton Graham, Samuel D. McLelen, Egbert G. Morris, Isaac G. Morris, James G. Nesbit, Jonathan Phillips, Robert G. Ragan, Alexander Woods, James J. Timberlake—15.

FULTON No. 32.—William P. Benning, Charles M. Erwin, Talbert A. McElroy, John J. Olds, John K. White—5.

CAMDEN No. 40.—James P. Fairly, William A. George, Robert Tait, Felix Tait, John C. Pritchett, John D. Caldwell, Theodore H. Watson, Marshall G. Candee—8.

CHOCTAW No. 44.—Robert W. Moody, Harrison R. Callis—2.

LEBANON No. 57.—James Penn, Lewis P. Waid, Solomon S. Clayton, John P. Gregory—4.

CLAYTON No. 63.—William M. Russell, W. James Valentine, Richard D. Reynolds, James Slaughter, Hilliard G. Glover—5.

CENTRAL No. 64.—Rufus W. Cobb, C. H. Gorman, D. C. Logan, Sylvester Steele, T. B. McCluskey, W. M. Thomas, R. H. Kelly, Jacob Schwartz, Mark Tatum, J. W. Jones—10.

ALABAMA No. 66.—Harrison G. Baugh, George Taylor, James C. Moore, Paul A. Savage, Benjamin F. Carver, James Hussey, Timothy J. Jewett—7.

CHOCTAW CORNER No. 70.—John F. Pate, William R. Foster, William M. Vaughan—3.

ELYTON No. 76.—William P. Hickman, William F. Hanby, Henry A. Hale, Morgan G. Wood, Obadiah W. Wood, S. Wilds White, Robert J. Vann, Francis A. Spencer, Samuel M. Thames, Nicholas D. Talley, Bud E. Mullens, John McDonald, John C. Morrow, David Montgomery, N. D. Maske, G. W. Maske, James E. Andrews, Emberson Acton, Wiley Russell, John T. Reed, David Barton, Jonathan W. Bass, Abram G. Bates, Thomas H. Owen, Henry F. Fancher, Benjamin Loveless, William H. Cross, Andrew J. Cross, William S. Earnest, Robert T. Emond, William Killough, John G. Gurley, Jacob Brake, Nicholas L. Nail—34.

LOACHAPOKA No. 80.—Thomas Giddings, Peyton J. Moore—2.

JEFFERSON No. 81.—George F. Glover, Benjamin T. Hart, William W. Harder, Louis B. McCarty, James M. Quinney, Frederick W. Obering, Francis G. Lyon, Alexander Armstrong, Pearson J. Glover, John W. Jones—10.

BELL No. 83.—John P. Shaffer, Jehu Orr, John Reaves—3.

GASTON No. 85.—George S. White, Issac R. McElroy, Edward H. Ward, Henry T. Lindsey, James Y. Pennington, J. Wesley Johnston—6.

COOSA No. 86.—William S. Tillisson, Phillip M. Turner, Andrew J. Prater, Perry K. Brinlee, Robert A. Timmons, Thomas Y. Cain, Leonidas W. Grant, Joseph H. Francis, S. Harrison Hodge, John H. Campbell, James A. Reeves, George S. Duncan, William G. Smith, John J. Reynolds, Abiezer C. Ramsey—15.

ROSLIN No. 88.—James L. Gillespie, Thomas McCluney, James M. Ragsdale, James A. Glenn, John M. Edwards, Peter Hardin, William H. Edwards, Frank M. Burnham, John Posey, John S. Edwards, John S. Potts, William F. Finley, James Palmer—13.

COLUMBUS No. 93.—Matthew R. Howell, Benjamin R. Newton, D. C. Hunt, Nelson Stucky, Ranson Dean—5.

REINSTATED.

EUFAULA No. 24.—John F. Kehor, Thomas Cargile, Patrick O'Byrne.
 SAINT JOHNS No. 28.—Richard F. Knott, John A. Scott, Andrew J. Blair.
 JAMES L. DANIEL No. 35.—Thomas J. Dismukes.
 CAMDEN No. 40.—William G. Fail.
 CHOCTAW No. 44.—Thomas Bonner.
 FARRIORVILLE No. 67.—Thomas J. Williams.
 LANDMARK No. 71.—David Chancey sen., John W. Simmons.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Richard J. Jennings.....Tuscumbia.....No. 10

EXPELLED.

Thomas J. Martin.....Concord.....No. 37

RECAPITULATION.

Chapters that were represented.....	36
Members reported at this Convocation.....	1404
Estimated membership not represented.....	327— 1731
Dues received at this Grand Convocation.....	\$1,133.00

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Advanced.....	83
Presided.....	82
Received and Acknowledged.....	83
Exalted.....	82
Affiliated.....	28
Rejected.....	6
Dimitted.....	77
Died.....	23
Expelled.....	1
Suspended for unmasonic conduct.....	1
Suspended N. P. D.....	197
Reinstated.....	14

STATE OF THE CHAPTERS.

Chapters square upon the Books.....	38
Chapters under Dispensation.....	1
Chapters delinquent.....	19
Charters forfeited.....	45
Whole number at the end of the year.....	103

NOTICE TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Officers of Subordinate Chapters, and especially High Priests and Secretaries, are requested to take particular notice of the following :

“Any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter failing to assemble once in any year, (at *least* once in any year, is the meaning,) or being represented in this Grand Chapter for three years successively, or fail for two successive years to make their returns, and pay the dues required by the third section of this article, the charter of such Chapter shall be forfeited.” (*See Section 2, Article III, of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter.*)

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT IN 1874.

Tuscaloosa.....	No. 1	Danville.....	No. 78
Phoenix.....	“ 11	Carrollton.....	“ 84
Marion.....	“ 12	Coosa.....	“ 86
Livingston.....	“ 20	Somerville.....	“ 89
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James Penn.....	“ 30	George D. Norris.....	“ 91
James L. Daniel.....	“ 35	Notasulga.....	“ 92
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CHARTERS FORFEITED.

Numbers 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 18, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 68, 75, 76, 77, 79, 82, 90, 94, 95.

MEMORANDA.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Peleg Brown.....	Mobile.....	Indiana.
Palmer J. Pillans.....	Mobile.....	Louisiana.
David Clopton.....	Montgomery.....	Mississippi.
George D. Norris.....	New Market.....	South Carolina.
H. Clay Armstrong.....	Notasulga.....	Nova Scotia.
Peleg Brown.....	Mobile.....	Missouri.
George D. Norris.....	New Market.....	District of C.
James H. Joiner.....	Talladega.....	New Jersey.
Peleg Brown.....	Mobile.....	Tennessee.
Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.....	Oregon.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

George R. Fearn.....	Canton.....	Mississippi.
Richard P. Earhart.....	Salem.....	Oregon.
John W. Simons.....	New York.....	New York.
Harvey G. Hazelrigg.....	Indianapolis.....	Indiana.
Jonathan S. Davis.....	Paris.....	Tennessee.
Frederick G. Wiese.....	Bordentown.....	New Jersey.
Charles W. Hancock.....	Washington.....	District of C.

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

No	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	CONVOCACTIONS.
5	Ennomia	Huntsville	Madison	Huntsville	Jeff. J. Dement	Wm. H. Tancere	1 Tuesday
6	Cyrus	Florence	Lauderdale	Florence	Brantley P. Joiner	James R. Price	Wed of or bf fm
9	Clinton	Athens	Limestone	Athens	August's F. Evans	Samuel Tanner jr.	2 Monday
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	Tuscumbia	Felix G. Norman	John N. Greene	Mon at 2 Sat
11	Phenix	Greensboro	Hale	Greensboro	F. M. Peterson	Oscar F. Casey	1 Tuesday
13	Gainesville	Gainesville	Sumter	Gainesville	Edward N. Kring	Joseph Schiffman	Thursday af fm
17	Wetumpka	Wetumpka	Elmore	Wetumpka	Isaac W. Suttle	William S. Penick	Fri of or bf fm
19	Monnt Moriah	Entaw	Greene	Entaw	Thomas C. Clark	James T. Smith	3 Friday
20	Livingston	Livingston	Sumter	Livingston	John G. Harris	Robert S. Mason	"
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	William S. Foster, J. H. Hampshire	1 and 3 Thurs	
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Apollos Harris	Calvin W. Sayre	2 Saturday
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	James H. Joiner	Henry H. Hamill	3 Friday
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	Eufaula	James Milton	John C. Thomas	1 Saturday
25	Courtland	Courtland	Lawrence	Courtland	Joseph C. Baker	W. J. Baker	Tuesday af fm
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	Uniontown	Robert Christian	B. F. Harwood	1 Thursday
28	Saint Johns	Selma	Dallas	Selma	James Kent	Adolph Jacobson	4 Monday
30	James Penn	Jacksonville	Calhoun	Jacksonville	Geo. J. Turnley	Daniel P. Forney	Last Monday
32	Fulton	Orrville	Dallas	Orrville	Wm. E. Beard	Benj. F. Ellis	3 Saturday
35	James L. Daniel	Glenville	Russell	Glenville	Malchi W. Davis	S. C. Woolfolk	2 "
37	Concord	LaFayette	Chambers	Chambers	Wm. T. Brown	J. E. Scarbrough	1 Monday
40	Camden	Camden	Wilcox	Camden	L. W. Jenkins	DeF. Richards	Friday bf fm
43	Tuskegee	Tuskegee	Macon	Tuskegee	James E. Cobb	Asa L. Brooks	4 Monday
44	Choctaw	Butler	Choctaw	Butler	Alison J. Gray	Oliver C. Ulmer	1 "
57	Lebanon	Lebanon	DeKalb	Lebanon	Wm. J. Roberts	Joseph C. Bogle	3 Friday
63	Clayton	Clayton	Barbour	Clayton	Alto Velo Lee	James J. Winn	Mon at 1 Sab
64	Central	Montevallo	Shelby	Montevallo	Edw. G. Walker	Robert D. Harris	Mon at sat bf fm
65	Russell	Stevenson	Jackson	Stevenson	Thos. T. Cotman	Wm. M. Cowan	2 Friday
66	Alabama	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Thos. P. Brewer	James Tait	2 and 4 Friday

67	Farriorville.	Bullock	Linwood.	Abijah Haley.	Aaron W. Bean.	1 and 3 Sat
69	Lower Peach Tree.	Wilcox.	Lower P. Tree.	James H. Miller.	Jacob Mayer.	2 Saturday
70	Choctaw Corner.	Clarke.	Choctaw Corn'r	H. C. Grayson.	Ste. M. Gilmore.	2 "
71	Landmark.	Dale	Ozark.	James M. Bridges.	Mark A. Cooke.	3 "
72	Midway.	Bullock	Midway	James S. Paulin.	John C. Ray.	1 Thursday
73	Gordon.	Henry.	Abbeville.	Edw. Blackledge.	James W. Stokes.	3 Saturday
74	Opelika.	Lee.	Opelika	Elisha C. Bowen.	R. M. Greene.	3 Tuesday
76	Elyton.	Jefferson.	Elyton.	Sam Thompson.	Geo. M. Morrow.	2 Monday
80	Loachapoka.	Lee.	Loachapoka.	Myles J. Greene.	W. W. Bloodworth.	1 Tuesday
81	Jefferson.	Marengo.	Demopolis	Ed. H. C. Bailey.	Edw. A. Taylor.	4 Thursday
83	Bell.	Olay.	Lineville.	John W. Garrison.	Jas. L. Williams.	3 Saturday
84	Carrollton.	Pickens.	Carrollton.	Martin L. Stansel.	J. G. Longmire.	Sat bf 2 Sab
85	Gaston.	Sumter.	Gaston.	William R. Horn.	Robert L. Seale.	2 Thursday
86	Coosa.	Etowah.	Gadsden.	D. C. Turrentine.	James T. Brooks.	1 Monday
87	Moulton.	Lawrence.	Moulton.	De Witt C. White.	J. L. Lattimore.	2 Saturday
88	Roslin.	Saint Clair.	Springville.	Littleby Clayton.	Allen Reavis.	Friday bf 3 Sab
91	George D. Norris.	Madison.	New Market.	Morris K. Taylor.	Wm. R. Whitman.	4 Saturday
93	Columbus.	Dale.	Newton.	Angus M. Scott.	John R. Kelly.	1 and 3 Sat
96	Daniel Pratt.	Anaunga.	Prattville.	James K. Hazen.	Ed. H. Wingate.	1 Mon af f m
98	Oxford.	Calhoun.	Oxford.	S. C. Williams.	Josiah Draper Sr.	2 Saturday
99	Thomas M. Bragg.	Crenshaw.	Rutledge.	George W. Jones.	Pinkney A. Tatum.	4 "
100	Rock Mills.	Rock Mills.	Rock Mills.	Ereliad M. Cook.	F. P. Randle.	Friday bf 2 Sab
101	Mineral City.	Birmingham.	Birmingham.	William L. Gude.	Peter Hulschnher.	1 and 3 Mon
102	Cross Plains.	Jefferson.	Cross Plains.	Homer N. Sneed.	Benj. F. Savage.	Sat bf 2 Sun
103	Warrior, U. D.	Calhoun.	Warrior Station.	Benj. William T. Jones.	William T. Jones.	2 Saturday

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESS.

0. Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
1. Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.
2. California.....	Charles L. Wiggin.....	San Francisco.
3. Canada.....	John J. Mason.....	Hamilton, Ont.
4. Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
5. District of Columbia.....	Lewis G. Stephens.....	Washington.
6. Delaware.....	John P. Allmond.....	Wilmington.
7. Florida.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
8. Georgia.....	James Emmett Blackshear.....	Macon.
9. Illinois.....	James H. Miles.....	Chicago.
10. Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
11. Iowa.....	William B. Langridge.....	Muscatine.
12. Kansas.....	Erasmus C. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
13. Kentucky.....		Louisville.
14. Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor.....	New Orleans.
15. Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
16. Maryland.....	William A. Wentz.....	Baltimore.
17. Massachusetts.....	Zephaniah H. Thomas Jr.....	Boston.
18. Michigan.....	James Eastman Johnson.....	Centreville.
19. Minnesota.....	Edwin D. P. Porter.....	Saint Paul.
20. Mississippi.....	John L. Power.....	Jackson.
21. Missouri.....	George Frank Gouley.....	Saint Louis.
22. Nebraska.....	Daniel H. Wheeler.....	Plattsmouth.
23. New Hampshire.....	John A. Harris.....	Concord.
24. New Jersey.....	Thomas J. Corson.....	Trenton.
25. New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
26. North Carolina.....	Thomas M. Gardner.....	Wilmington.
27. Nova Scotia.....	James Gossip.....	Halifax.
28. Ohio.....	James Nesbitt.....	Troy.
29. Oregon.....	Richard P. Earhart.....	Eugene City.
30. Pennsylvania.....	John Thomson.....	Philadelphia.
31. Rhode Island.....	George H. Burnham.....	Providence.
32. South Carolina.....	Myer B. Moses.....	Sumter.

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| 33. Tennessee..... | John Frizzell..... | Nashville. |
| 34. Texas..... | Robert Brewster..... | Houston. |
| 35. Vermont..... | William H. S. Whitcomb.... | Burlington. |
| 36. Virginia..... | John Dove..... | Richmond. |
| 37. West Virginia..... | Odell S. Long..... | Wheeling. |
| 38. Wisconsin..... | John W. Woodhull..... | Berlin. |
| 39. United States..... | Christopher G. Fox..... | Buffalo. |

COUNCIL OF HIGH PRIESTS.

SIXTH CONVOCATION.

MONTGOMERY, December 9, 1874.

The Council of High Priests for the State of Alabama met at its Hall, in the city of Montgomery, at 3 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT.

PELEG BROWN.....	President.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, as.....	Vice President.
JOHN N. BROWDER.....	Chaplain.
THEODORE L. EASTBURN, as.....	Treasurer.
LEE W. BATTLE, as.....	Recorder.
JAMES E. COBB.....	Master of C.
FRANK PRINCE, as.....	Conductor.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....	Herald.
JOHN A. MILNER, as.....	Steward.

A Council of High Priests was opened in Ample Form, with solemn and appropriate ceremonies.

The President made the following address, and it was ordered to be spread upon the minutes :

Companions of the Council of High Priests of the State of Alabama :

It not being the custom of this Order for the presiding officer to deliver annual addresses, I shall therefore report such of my acts during the recess of the Council as have devolved on me by your order at our last Annual Convocation,

On the 8th of December, I issued Dispensations, with instructions to report at this Annual Convocation, as follows:

To Comps. George D. Norris, Morris K. Taylor, ——— Ginter, to assemble, open a Council, and confer the Order on Comps. John J. Dement and Wm. B. Jones.

To Comps. H. Clay Armstrong, Myles J. Greene, James E. Cobb, to assemble, open a Council, and confer the Order on Comps. Benjamin F. Johnson and Wm. S. Ford.

The above named four candidates having been duly elected in accordance with the Constitution at our last Annual Convocation.

I have also drawn off a list of members Anointed by this Council since its formation, with the dates, and would suggest a register of the same be kept with our records, and added to annually, for easy reference.

Congratulating you all, who, by permission of a kind Providence, have once more been permitted to assemble, and thanking you for the distinguished honor you have conferred in selecting me to preside over your deliberations for the past year,

I am, sincerely and fraternally,

PELEG BROWN,

Pres't Council of H. P. of the State of Ala.

December 8th, 1874.

On motion made, the Dispensation to Companions H. Clay Armstrong, Myles J. Greene, and James E. Cobb, to confer Orders, was continued.

Petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, accompanied with the proper and necessary vouchers of having been elected and installed to preside over Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and the requisite contribution, were presented by

Companion Angus M. Scott, of Columbus No. 93.

Companion Thomas P. Brewer, of Alabama No. 66.

Companion Dan Harris, of Mobile No. 21.

Companion James H. Joiner, of Talladega No. 23.

Companion Apollos Harris, of Montgomery No. 22.

Companion Edward N. Kring, of Gainesville No. 13.

Companion Abijah Haley, of Farriorville No. 67.

Companion Alanson J. Gray, of Choctaw No. 44.

Companion Jefferson Falkner, of Concord No. 37.

And were referred to the Committee of the Whole, and a ballot was had, and they were elected.

The applicants (except Companion Thomas P. Brewer, who was absent,) were then introduced, set apart, and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood in solemn form.

The Council was then adjourned until tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

MONTGOMERY, December 10, 1874.

The Council of High Priests for the State of Alabama assembled at 7 o'clock P. M.; officers present as before.

The Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following companions were duly elected :

PELEG BROWN.....	President.
JAMES E. COBB.....	Vice President.
JOHN N. BROWDER.....	Chaplain.
JAMES MILTON.....	Treasurer.
LEE W. BATTLE.....	Recorder.
FRANK PRINCE.....	Master of C.
HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG.....	Conductor.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....	Herald.
APOLLOS HARRIS.....	Steward.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Council of High Priests was closed in Solemn Form until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama.

T. L. EASTBURN,
Recorder *pro tem.*