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of the

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Royal Arch Masons
of

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AT THE

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

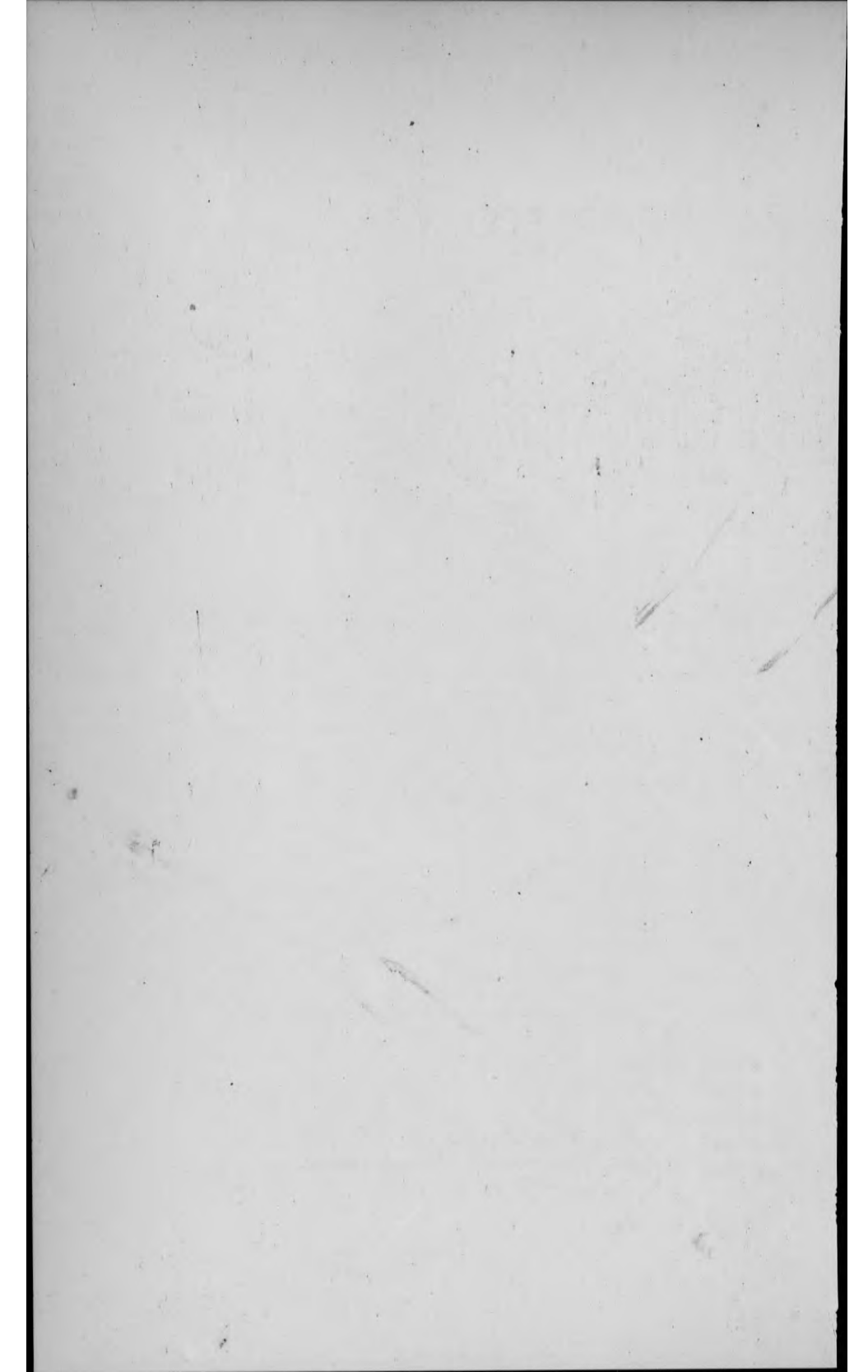
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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama held its Fifty-eighth Annual Grand Convocation at the New Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1884, A. L. 5884, Anno. Inv. 2414.

PRESENT:

WILLIAM STORY FOSTER.....	Grand High Priest
WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS.....	Deputy G. H. Priest.
WILLIAM WALLACE McCOLLUM.....	Grand King.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.....	Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY.....	Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM CAREY BLEDSOE— <i>Rev.</i>	Grand Chaplain.
JAMES TAIT BECK.....	Grand C. of H.
GEORGE LITTLEFIELD SMITH, <i>as</i>	Grand P. Sojourner.
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN POPE, <i>as</i>	Grand R. A. Captain.
PINKNEY McDONALD BRUNER, <i>as</i>	Grand M. 3 V.
WILLIAM GILBERT COCHRANE, <i>as</i>	Grand M. 2 V.
GEORGE WHITFIELD HARDY, <i>as</i>	Grand M. 1 V.
ADAM REIGART BAKER.....	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

PELEG BROWN.....	Grand High Priest.
HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG... ..	Grand High Priest.
MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE.....	Grand High Priest.
JAMES MCGINNIS BRUNDIDGE.....	Grand King.
PALMER JOB PILLANS.....	Grand Scribe.

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

NEWELL M. THORNTON, M. D.	Arkansas.
WILLIAM DWIGHT WADSWORTH	California.
JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, M. D.	Canada.
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN POPE	Florida.
PELEG BROWN	{ Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee.
MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE, M. D.	Iowa.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS	Kansas.
PALMER JOB PILLANS	Louisiana.
WILLIAM STORY FOSTER	Maryland.
HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG	Nova Scotia.
GEORGE LITTLEFIELD SMITH	Ohio.
DANIEL SAYRE	Oregon.
JAMES TAIT BECK	Rhode Island.
JOHN R. GOLDTHWAITE	Vermont.

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

No.	1.	Tuscaloos	William Gilbert Cochrane*	H. P.
"	4.	Monroe	Noah A. Agee	"
"	6.	Cyrus	Henry W. Sample	"
"	10.	Tuscumbia	John A. Steel	K.
"	11.	Gainesville	Edward N. Kring	H. P.
"	20.	Livingston	John Gideon Harris	"
"	21.	Mobile	{ William A. Alexander	"
			{ William Story Foster*	S.
"	22.	Montgomery	{ Archibald L. R. Thompson	H. P.
			{ Emil Kulman	K.
			{ Henry Clark Davidson	S.
"	23.	Talladega	{ Joseph Henry Johnson	H. P.
			{ Myles Jefferson Greene*	K.
"	26.	Union	Mims Walker*	H. P.
"	28.	Saint Johns	William Wallace McCollum*	"
"	38.	Decatur	James McGinnis Brundidge	"
"	40.	Camden	James Tait Beck*	"
"	54.	Tyrian	John Randall Goldthwaite*	"
"	66.	Alabama	{ Philip C. Candidus	"
			{ Peleg Brown*	K.
			{ Daniel Smith	S.
"	73.	Gordon	{ Newell M. Thornton	H. P.
			{ John W. Foster*	K.

*Proxies.

"	76.	Elyton	Sam Thompson.....	H. P.
"	79.	Hillabee.....	George W. Porter.....	"
"	83.	Bell.....	Edmund B. Stephens.....	K.
"	85.	Gaston.....	William Henry Evington*.....	H. P.
"	86.	Coosa	Benjamin Franklin Pope.....	"
"	87.	Moulton.....	Noble G. Deleshaw*.....	"
			Henry Clay Armstrong.....	"
"	92.	Notasulga.....	George W. Hardy*.....	K.
			William S. Ford*.....	S.
"	96.	Daniel Pratt.....	George Littlefield Smith.....	H. P.
"	104.	Weogufka.....	Oliver P. Looney.....	"

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

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, and it was referred to a special—

COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

Myles Jefferson Greene,

John R. Goldthwaite,

Philip C. Candidus.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

Having been permitted by the great I Am once more to meet in Grand Convocation, and having once more assembled around our altar, and offered up our prayers and adorations to the one true and ever-living Jehovah, and implored his blessing upon our labors; having exchanged once more our fraternal greetings, and renewed again that social intercourse which makes these annual gatherings so pleasant and so profitable to every true Mason whose privilege it is to be permitted to attend them, let us at once turn our attention to a diligent discharge of the duties which lie before us.

And as we go to our labors, we should bear in mind the great fact that we are here to-day as the representatives of our Companions at

home, and remembering this, should strive so to acquit ourselves of the responsibilities resting upon us that those who have sent us here may have no reason to regret the honor they have conferred upon us. But first let us give a few moments consideration to what has been done, and what left undone, in the year now drawing to a close. As we look back over its days and its weeks, which once were ours to use as we would, but which, alas! are ours no longer; and as we call to mind the numberless opportunities we have had of doing good to our fellow creatures around us; let each one ask of himself, how have these hours been spent and these opportunities improved? Have they been so used as we will wish they had been when, at the last great day, we shall be called to give an account of them? These questions, honestly asked and honestly answered, will be useful and instructive as serving to show our failures and shortcomings in the past, and to point the way to better things in the future.

It is my sad duty to report to you the death of our old Sentinel, Companion James Davidson, who died on the 6th day of January last, at his home in the city of Montgomery. Companion Davidson had been the faithful guardian of our outer door for so many years that but few of those here to-day will remember the Grand Chapter as ever having had any other Sentinel. He has gone to his rest. Let justice be done to his memory.

My official labors for the year have been light. But few calls have been made upon my time, and but few questions asked, and these have been easily answered. I granted a Dispensation to Eunomia Chapter No. 5 to elect officers at a later date than that fixed by the Constitution, good reasons having been given for the failure to elect at the proper time. Having been officially informed that at the election of officers held in Hillabee Chapter No. 79, Companion C. M. Pope, who was not at that time a member of the Chapter, took part in its proceedings, and was elected to the office of High Priest, I declared the election illegal and void, and issued a Dispensation for a new election, which I directed should be held as soon as practicable, and the result thereof reported to the R. Ex. Grand Secretary. My reasons for this decision were that Companion Pope was a member of

a Chapter at Union Springs, which Chapter had forfeited its charter; that he had never applied for or received from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, nor had he ever affiliated with Hillabee Chapter. On the 13th day of December, 1883, I appointed R. Ex. Companion C. H. Ostrander, of Columbus, to represent this Grand Chapter near that of Ohio; and on the 15th day of November, 1884, I appointed Companion W. W. Garland, of Morrilton, Ark., to fill the position of Representative of this Grand Chapter near that of Arkansas, made vacant by the death of M. Ex. Elbert Hartwell English, which occurred on the 1st of September, 1884. It falls to the lot of but few Masons to be so widely and so well known as was Companion English. In the course of a long and honorable career as a Mason, he was called to fill many positions of trust and responsibility—among them the highest office in the gift of his Companions—that of General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. At the time of his death he was and had been for many years the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; and to you, Companions, I leave the melancholy duty of paying suitable honors to his memory.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa, at its Convocation in 1883, by resolution, declared that the commissions of all its Representatives near sister Grand Chapters, should terminate with each Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. P. G. H. P. Companion, Myles J. Greene, the former representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa near that of Alabama, has, I am happy to inform you, been reappointed to that honorable position. And Companion George Littlefield Smith, of Prattville, has been commissioned to represent the Grand Chapter of Ohio near that of Alabama. I trust that these Companions will be received and welcomed by this Grand Chapter with the honors due to the M. Ex. Grand Chapters which they represent.

The following statement and question were submitted: A Companion belonged to a Chapter in this jurisdiction, paid his dues to said Chapter until it ceased to exist, and owed it nothing at that

time. He now desires a certificate from the Grand Secretary as to his standing; does he owe the Grand Chapter anything?

Answer.—The Companion referred to was entitled, upon application, to receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of his standing as a R. A. Mason without making any further payment. He owed the Grand Chapter nothing.

At our last Annual Convocation, the Grand High Priest submitted a circular letter from the Grand 1st Principal Zerubbabel of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Quebec, in which he complained of an invasion of territory by the Grand Mark Masters Lodge of England, and interdicts all Masonic intercourse with the said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. I have since received a communication from the Grand Master of the above mentioned Grand Lodge, giving a history of this unfortunate difficulty from his standpoint, and withdrawing the recognition heretofore accorded by his Grand Lodge to the Grand Chapter of Quebec. In calling our attention to this matter, our Companions of Quebec doubtless hoped for some action or expression of opinion on our part. But while this Grand Chapter is unalterably committed to the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, it behooves us to be extremely cautious how we take part in any controversy of this kind, and to consider well any action we may be disposed to take in the premises. In my humble opinion, no difficulty of this character has ever yet been settled by interdicting Masonic intercourse, or a resort to any such harsh measures. Wiser counsels must prevail, and more peaceful methods be employed, before any satisfactory solution of the matter can be arrived at. I herewith submit the communication referred to, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. I would respectfully suggest to the Grand Chapter the propriety of a change in the time of making Returns by the Subordinate Chapters. At present these Returns are made up to the first Monday in November of each year, but by far the larger portion of them are brought here and handed to the Grand Secretary by the delegates when they come to attend the Convocation of the Grand Chapter. The committees to which they are then referred can only point out errors when they ex-

ist; but have neither the time nor the power to correct them. Some of the errors are trifling, but in many cases they are so serious as to destroy the value of the Returns. For instance—at our last Convocation three Chapters are reported as having conferred degrees, but give no dates. One Chapter reports the death of a member, but gives no date. It will readily be perceived such Returns are valueless. If these Returns were required to be made up and sent to the Grand Secretary at least two months before the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, to be corrected by him, or, when necessary, returned to the Secretaries making them for correction, they would, when submitted to the Grand Chapter, be a correct record of all the Chapters under its jurisdiction at that date. It would also enable either the Grand Secretary, or the Grand High Priest, or the Committee on Chartered Chapters, to furnish to the Grand Chapter at its opening, or early in its Convocation, a statement of what had been done by its subordinates during the previous year, giving the number of Chapters in good standing and making Returns, the aggregate membership of all the Chapters in the State, with such other information as might be deemed of interest to the members of the Grand Chapter, or useful in shaping its legislation.

I would also recommend that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter be so amended as to limit eligibility to the office of Grand High Priest to two years, instead of three, as it now is; two years being in my opinion as long as any one should be eligible to the position. This change would bring us into conformity with the custom in most other Masonic Grand Bodies, especially those of our own State.

And now, Companions, my year's work is done, and its record is before you. Whether well or poorly done is not for me to say. Certainly it falls far short of my own conception of what it ought to have been.

I have but little to say as to the condition of the Royal Craft throughout our Jurisdiction. But I see no good reason for being discouraged or disheartened at the prospect before us. In such a season of wide spread and general business prostration as we have been passing through, any great accession to our numbers was not to be

expected. But if those of us who are already within the veils act well our part—if we remain true to ourselves, and to our noble and time honored institution—we need have no fears or apprehensions on that score; new material, and good material, too, will be at hand as fast as it shall be needed. Then let us strive so to labor in the erection of our Temple here, that at last, when our labors shall be over, we may be enabled to appropriate to ourselves the proud title of workmen that need not be ashamed.

WM. S. FOSTER,
Grand High Priest.

After the above was written, and as I was on the eve of leaving home to attend this Grand Convocation, I received a letter from M. Ex. Companion, H. L. Robinson, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, asking an indorsement of the action of said Grand Chapter, in relation to its difficulties with the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Companion Robinson's communication, together with that from the above mentioned Grand Mark Master Lodge, is herewith submitted.

The Grand High Priest announced the following—

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 1.—William G. Cochrane, George L. Smith, George W. Hardy.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 2.—Newell M. Thornton, Edmond B. Stephens, Philip C. Candidus.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 3.—George W. Porter, William H. Evington, James T. Beck.

ON DISPENSATIONS.—Oliver P. Looney, Noah A. Agee, John A. Steel.

ON FINANCE.—Daniel Smith, Sam Thompson, William S. Ford.

ON BY-LAWS.—John W. Foster, William W. McCollum, Edward N. Kring.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.—Myles J. Greene, John R. Goldthwaite, Henry Clay Armstrong.

REPORT ON WORK.

Companion Henry Clay Armstrong, of the Committee on Work, made report on the M. M. Degree.

And then, on motion of Companion Benjamin Franklin Pope, the further report on Work was postponed until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

REPORTS MADE.

The R. Excellent Grand Treasurer and the R. Excellent Grand Secretary made their Annual Reports, and the Reports were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

And then the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, December 3, 1884.

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

The minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year, Companions John R. Goldthwaite and Edmund R. Hastings acting as tellers; and the election resulted as follows:

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS:

WILLIAM STORY FOSTER.....MobileGrand High Priest
 WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS....Montgomery....Deputy G. H. Priest
 WILLIAM WALLACE MCCOLLUM..Briarfield.....Grand King.
 JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.....Livingston.....Grand Scribe.
 WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY.....Montgomery....Grand Treasurer.
 DANIEL SAYRE.....Montgomery....Grand Secretary.
 WILLIAM CAREY BLEDSOE.....La Fayette.....Grand Chaplain.
 JAMES TAIT BECK.....Camden.....Grand C. of H.

And the Grand High Priest subsequently announced the following—

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS:

GEORGE LITTLEFIELD SMITH...Prattville.....Grand P. Sojourner
 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN POPE....Gadsden.....Grand R. A. Captain
 WILLIAM GILBERT COCHEANE...TuscaloosaGrand M. 3 Veil.
 EDMUND READ HASTINGS.....Montgomery....Grand M. 2 Veil.
 OLIVER P. LOONEY.....Weogufka.....Grand M. 1 Veil.
 ADAM REIGART BAKER.....Montgomery....Grand Sentinel.

Companion Henry Clay Armstrong offered the following resolutions, and they were adopted:

REINSTATING SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Resolved, That Concord Chapter No. 37, and Hermon Chapter No. 34, be, and the same are hereby, authorized to re-organize and elect officers as soon as possible, reporting the result of said election to the Grand Secretary; *Provided*, The said Chapters shall make Returns and pay Dues to this Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation.

Resolved, That Zerubbabel Chapter No. 56, and Myles J. Gree Chapter No. 80, be, and they are hereby, allowed 60 days in which to make Returns and pay Dues to this Grand Chapter for the past year.

Resolved, That Cyrus Chapter No. 6, having paid Dues to the present convocation of the Grand Chapter, but has failed to make Returns, the said Chapter is hereby allowed 60 days in which to send in Returns.

Companion William G. Cochrane, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

The M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Our Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, beg leave to report they have carefully examined the Returns submitted to them, and find the following—

CORRECT:

Mobile.....	No. 13	Montgomery.....	No. 22
Do.....	" 21		

INCORRECT:

SCALOOSA No. 1.—Dates at the bottom not filled out.

ONROE No. 4.—This Chapter has just been re-organized after being out for many years, and the secretary had no blank.

RUS No. 6.—Report does not pretend to be a regular Return, but only gives the name of the membership since being re-organized.

SCUMBIA No. 10.—Correct, except that the amount of Dues from each member is put opposite each name, which is not required, and in which no provision is made.

WINGSTON No. 20.—Returns not signed by the H. P.

WILADEGA No. 23.—Neither name nor amount of Dues indorsed on back.

Two of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM G. COCHRANE,

Chairman.

Companion George W. Porter, 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.

The M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Our Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 3 beg leave to report having carefully examined the Returns submitted to them, they find the following—

CORRECT :

Bell.....	No. 83	Notasulga.....	No. 92
Gaston for 1884.....	" 85	Daniel Pratt.....	" 96
Coosa	" 86		

INCORRECT :

HILLABEE No. 79.—Dates in the heading and at the bottom not filled out; table of Dues not properly filled out; initials used.

GASTON No. 85, for 1883.—Initials used.

MOULTON No. 87.—Post office and county not filled out at the bottom.

MINERAL CITY No. 101.—Name not indorsed on the back, initials used; dates in the heading and at the bottom not filled out; not signed by the secretary; no seal.

WEOGUFFKA No. 104.—Recapitulation not filled out; An. Inv. not filled out.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEORGE W. PORTER,

Chairman.

Companion Myles J. Greené, from the Committee on the Grand High Priest's address, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

The Committee to whom was submitted the M. Ex. Grand High Priest's address, beg leave to report—

That they have read with pleasure and profit this interesting paper, and would commend to the companions of this jurisdiction a faithful practice of the excellent precepts which it enjoins.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1st. That this Grand Chapter approves the official acts and decisions reported by the Grand High Priest.

2d. That so much of the address as relates to the death of M. Ex. Companion Elbert Hartwell English, of Arkansas, be referred to a special committee of three companions.

3d. That companions who have been accredited as representatives of other Grand Chapters near this be duly received and acknowledged.

4th. That so much as relates to the question of jurisdiction still unfortunately at issue between the Grand Mark Masons of England, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, together with the documents submitted by both parties, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

5th. That so much as relates to the death of Companion James Davidson, be referred to a committee of three companions.

6th. That so much as relates to the proposition to amend the Constitution, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

MYLES J. GREENE,

Chairman.

Companion Henry Clay Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the Past Master's Degree, and made progress on the Royal Arch Degree.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Companion Daniel Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made report, and the report was received and concurred in. (*See Appendix.*)

Companion Myles J. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest's address which recommends certain amendments to the Constitution, have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report that they find themselves unable to concur in the Grand High Priest's recommendation, as to the necessity of amending Sec. 6, Art. IV, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, believing that nothing would be gained by such action. Your committee, however, heartily concur with the M. Ex. Grand High Priest in his second recommendation, which relates to the eligibility of companions to the office of Grand High

Priest, and submit the following resolution, viz : That Sec. 2, Art. II, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, be so amended as to read as follows, viz :

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

Fraternally submitted.

MYLES J. GREENE,
JOHN R. GOLDTHWAITE,
HENRY C. ARMSTRONG,
Committee.

Companion Newell M. Thornton, 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 having carefully examined the Returns submitted to them, they find the following—

CORRECT :

Union.....	No. 26	Central.....	No. 64
Saint Johns.....	" 28	Alabama.....	" 66
Camden.....	" 40		

INCORRECT :

DECATUR No. 38.—Repeats the names under all the heads of Mark Masters, Past Masters, M. Ex. Masters, and Royal Arch ; instead of putting them under the latter head, and adding the dates of receiving the former degrees, as expressly directed in the blank.

TYRIAN No. 54.—Table of Recapitulation lettered out instead of being in figures according to directions.

ZERUBBABEL No. 56.—Returns brought up to the 30th of January, 1885, contrary to instructions on the blank.

GORDON No. 73.—Recapitulation not filled out, initials used, seal illegible.

ELYTON No. 76.—Date A. Inv. not filled out.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

NEWELL M. THORNTON,
Chairman.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers, elect and appointed, were installed by P. G. High Priest, Henry Clay Armstrong, being presented by Companion Joseph Henry Johnson, acting as Grand Marshall.

On motion of Companion Henry Clay Armstrong, that committees be appointed to report resolutions on the death of Companion Elbert H. English, late the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; and also a committee on the death of Companion James Davidson, late Grand Sentinel of this Grand Chapter; and the Grand High Priest appointed the following—

ON THE DEATH OF COMPANION ENGLISH :

Henry Clay Armstrong,

James McGinnis Brundidge.

Joseph Henry Johnson.

ON THE DEATH OF COMPANION DAVIDSON.

Daniel Smith,

Archibald L. R. Thompson,

George Littlefield Smith.

And the Committees subsequently submitted the following—

ELBERT HARTWELL ENGLISH.

To the M. Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee to which was intrusted the duty of submitting a notice of the death of Companion Elbert Hartwell English, for a number of years the representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, beg leave to report that their knowledge of the history of the distinguished companion is rather limited, and especially considering the large space in the public eye which he has filled for so many years.

Companion English was born in Alabam, in Madison County, on the 6th of March 1816, and died at Ashville, in North Carolina, on the 1st of September last, being at that time in the 69th year of his age. Of his early history your committee know but little, but in 1844 he settled in Little Rock in the State of Arkansas ; where he ever afterwards resided until his death. He distinguished himself in his profession—the law—and was for many years the Chief Justice of the State, being elected thereto the last time without opposition.

As a mason Companion English was without fear, and without reproach. He had taken all the degrees from the first up to and including the thirty-third of the Scottish Rite. He had been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery ; and also General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States ; in all of which positions he had proved himself to be a true man and a true mason.

But, distinguished as he was in the various walks of life, death at last claimed him as his own, and we shall behold him no more forever. He has left behind him, however, what few men do, an example which we shall all be safe in following.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG,

JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE.

JOSEPH H. JOHNSON,

Committee.

IN MEMORIUM.

Pleasures and sorrows, happy anticipations and disappointments, seem to be the common heritage of man, and we as Masons, form no exception to this inexorable law of our being. In our pleasant anticipations of happy re-union and friendly greetings at our present annual communication, we have realized but too keenly that, our deliberations are to those of sorrow and sadness.

How many of us have, on approaching the "Sentinels place" asked of the stranger there, "where is our old and faithful Tiler, Companion James Davidson?" and was answered with trembling voice and tearful eye, "he has gone home." In this our time of sorrow it is mete and proper that we should put on our records as they are embalmed in our hearts, some of the virtues of our deceased Companion.

Companion James Davidson was born in Melrose, Scotland, March 25th, 1812 ; came to this country while young ; was made a mason in 1844, and lived a consistent Masonic life until January 6th, 1884, when he was called from this to the Grand Chapter above, in the seventy-second year of his life.

For many years Companion Davidson had been Grand Sentinel of this Grand Chapter, and in civil life had filled many places of trust and honor, and in all the walks of life so demeaned himself as to command the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:
Resolved, That by the death of Companion James Davidson, this Grand Chapter and the Masonic fraternity of Alabama, has lost a true

and faithful friend and brother ; his family a kind and affectionate husband and father ; and the community a useful citizen.

Resolved further, That a page in our proceedings be set apart to the memory of our deceased companion, and a copy of this report be furnished the family of the deceased under the seal of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted:

DANIEL SMITH,
A. L. R. THOMPSON,
GEORGE L. SMITH,

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 2d, 1884.

Committee.

The following were announced as the Standing Committee of the Grand Chapter :

ON WORK.

Henry Clay Armstrong.....	Auburn.
Joseph Henry Johnson, M. D.....	Talladega.
Myles Jefferson Greene, M. D.....	Talladega.

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK.

William Story Foster, Grand High Priest, *virtute officii*.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Palmer Job Pillans.....	Mobile
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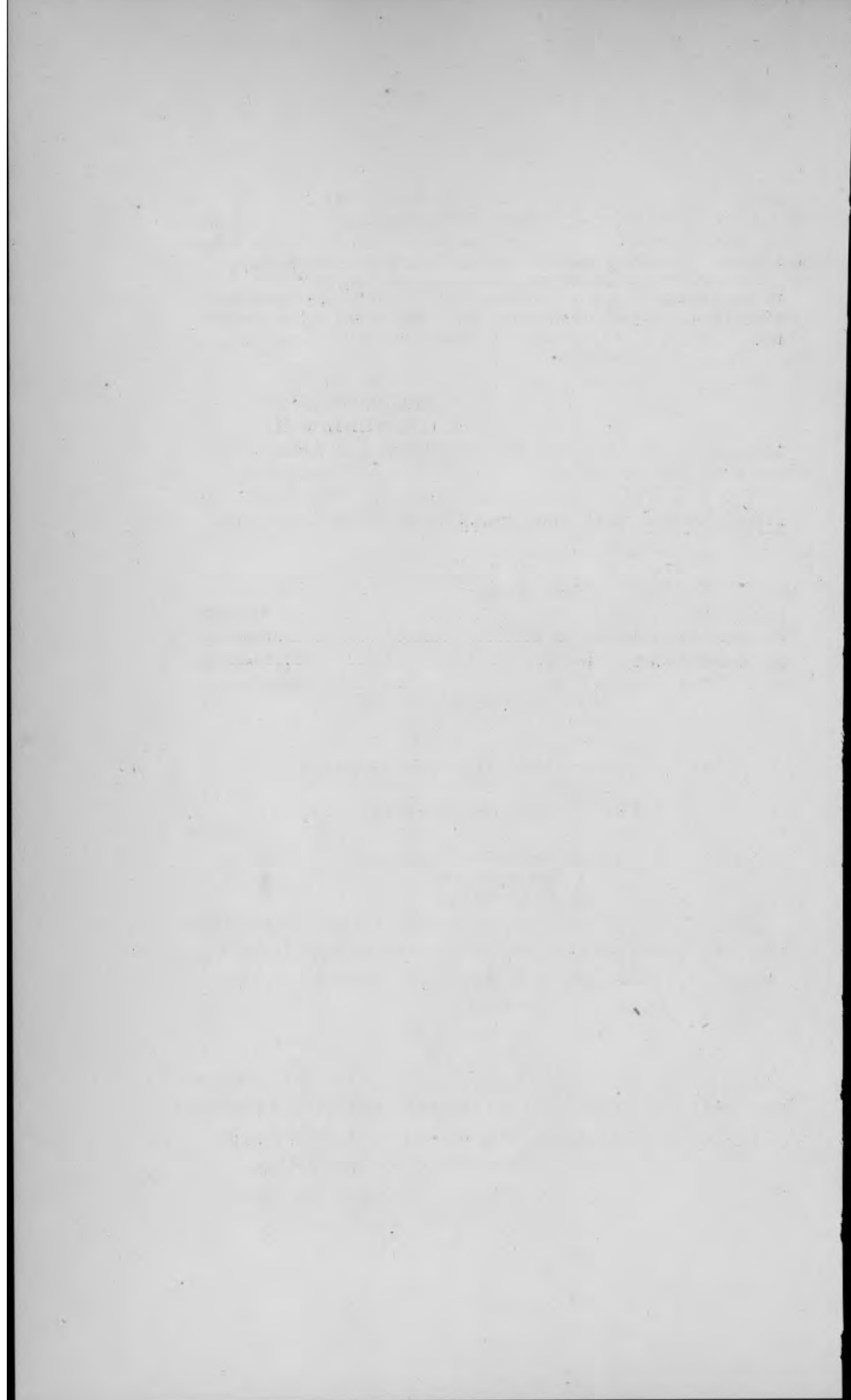
MINUTES READ.

There being no further business to be brought before the Grand Chapter at this Annual Convocation, the minutes were read and approved.

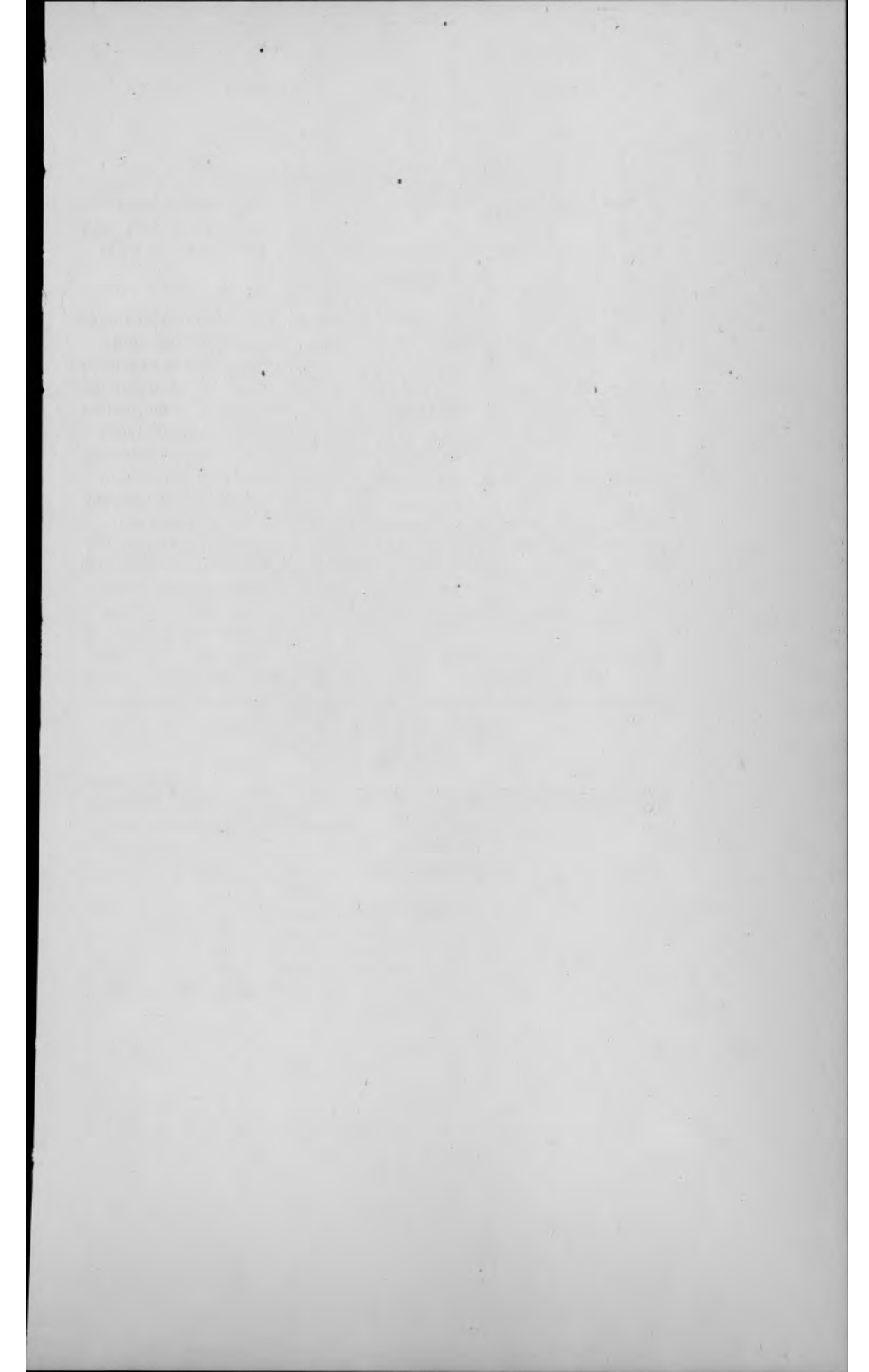
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And then, the Fifty-Eighth Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.



APPENDIX.



REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

INTRODUCTION.

To the M. E. G. High Priest and Companions of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your committee on correspondence beg leave to lay before you the following review of the proceedings of such Grand Chapters as have come to hand—

ARKANSAS.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on 29th November, 1883, with M. E. G. H. Priest, John J. Sumpter, presiding, and representatives from 37 chapters present. The jurisdiction embraces 54 chapters with a membership of 1412; the gain during the year having been 77.

There was nothing of general interest in the proceedings. We find nothing that will give us an idea of the progress being made in capitular masonry in Arkansas; we see no newly chartered chapters, no dispensations for the organization of such, yet we find an occasional charter forfeited, an altar fire extinguished; yet, there was a numerical gain in capitular force.

Companion George L. Kimball, was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion James A. Henry, Grand Secretary.

Companion Robert E. Salle, Grand Scribe, made the report on correspondence. We do not find the proceedings of Alabama however, among those received. The report is unique in its character and form and is withal very good.

There are many things in it which we would like to incorporate into our own report; but we must forbear.

CALIFORNIA

Held its Thirtieth Annual Convocation on the eighth of April, 1884, with Leonidas E. Pratt, G. H. Priest, and representatives from 53 chartered chapters, and one U. D. There are within this jurisdic-

tion 58 chapters, with a membership of 3827, and a gain during the year of 272.

We cannot give a better conception of the harmony prevailing among our companions of the sunset State than by quoting from the G. H. Priest's address—

But while I essay to preach and moralize, you are impatient to learn what your servant has done since your last Annual Convocation. The truth is, my good companions, that I have done nothing; and I flatter myself that I have done it remarkably well. Indeed, I had forgotten that I was Grand High Priest until Friday last, when the Grand Secretary reminded me of the fact, and admonished me that I would be expected here this morning to give an account of my labors. Labors indeed! The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse. But there is this comfort: If one has nothing to do, it is ordinarily very difficult for him to make a mistake in doing it. But this being Grand High Priest is too much like being a knob on a log. You are not even required to *look* wise. There is no luxury in governing when you have no opportunity to exercise your authority. I *don't* like it. When I was Grand master I could manage to get a charter or two every year, suspend a few Masters, and order some reprobates on trial; and I *did* like that. It was a great pleasure to take some wanton brother by the throat and shake him over the bottomless depths of Masonic infamy. But you Royal Arch Masons are altogether too well behaved to be interesting. You are too good, entirely too good for this earthly tabernacle. You ought to be in heaven—all of you. You have not treated your Grand High Priest with proper consideration and respect. You should have done some wickedness, in order that he might have the pleasure of chastising you. Your conduct has been ridiculously proper, and I am nauseated of it. Not a single muss in the whole jurisdiction in twelve months, and I Grand High Priest am aching for it! It is absurd! I want no more of it.

Of Masonic other than lodge displays, the G. H. Priest says some very severe things, yet withal perhaps are too true. We would extract liberally if we could, because to shorten may be to spoil:

On the twenty-fourth day of August last, contrary to my own taste and judgment, but yielding to the advice and solicitation of those who had preceded me in this chair, and to whose wisdom and opinions I felt bound to defer, I convened the Grand Chapter for the purpose of acting in conjunction with the Grand Commandery as an escort to the Grand Lodge at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the GARFIELD Monument in Golden Gate Park in this city. Having said that this special convocation was adverse to my own thought, I ought perhaps to assign some reason why it was so. They are few, simple, and will be readily comprehended by all of you, although they may not be shared or concurred in by any of you. First, we are coming rapidly to make too much display and parade of our Masonic standing and handsome apparel. We are gradually drifting away from that simplicity and those practical features of Freemasonry which in our

early experience so charmed and delighted us. We compromise our faith and our teachings and we belittle our profession by too much Masonic display and too little Masonic labor. Not but that it was a very proper piece of Masonic work for the Grand Lodge to lay the corner-stone of that monument; but I am weary of seeing that body, which is our supreme head and front, and to which we all owe our loyalty and allegiance, dwarfed and overshadowed on such occasions by the ostentation, gilt, and tinsel of what *profanes*, because they know no better, are pleased to call the *higher* degrees. Our sovereign—the Grand Lodge—is sunk and lost sight of. The impression left upon the mind of the thoughtful and considerate profane, the very class to whom we should commend ourselves, is anything but favorable. They come to look upon us as more given to fuss and feathers, to vanity, ostentation and display, than to the practical work which we profess. Moreover, on such occasions, in theory at least, we are there to do the practical work of operative Masons. We are there ostensibly to handle bricks and stones and mortar, and to wield the implements of the craft in the actual work of building.

The following resolution was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, and by them reported upon favorably, and adopted by the Grand Chapter:

This Grand Chapter acknowledges no degree of Masonry or order of Knighthood to be legitimate or genuine except those conferred by or under the authority of the following regularly constituted Masonic bodies of the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to-wit: The Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the several States and Territories; the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the States and Territories; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the States and Territories; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, and the Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories; the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the southern jurisdiction of the United States, of which ALBERT PIKE is Grand Commander; and Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the southern jurisdiction of the United States, of which HENRY L. PALMER is Grand Commander.

We confess that we are at a loss to discover the necessity for such action, nor do we see the wisdom of it. It is barely possible, however, that it may hereafter penetrate our cranium, and we become as howling an anti-Cereauite as those of the so called legitimates of the 33°. But knowing no degrees but those recognized by all as masonic degrees, we cannot exactly see why our Grand Lodges, or Grand Chapter, should prohibit our joining the Knights of Pythias, or becoming a Knight of Honor, as well as a Knight of the Red Cross, or a Knight

Templar, of which neither the one nor the other can know anything. Grand Bodies however begin to think they have the right and the power to control the minds and actions of those whom they fancy they ought to control—fatal error—*nous verrons*.

Jonathan Doan Hines was made Grand High Priest, and Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Grand Secretary.

This latter as usual made the report on correspondence, and from his review of our proceedings we extract the following:

In connection with the last question he says: "I fear that the repeal of the edict that required candidates to undergo an examination will prove injurious to our Order." The tendency of the time is to rush candidates through in the shortest possible time, in many instances using the Chapter only as a stepping-stone to the Commandery, that some one may appear before the gaze of admiring friends clad in all the "pomp and circumstance" of feathers and tinsel at some Triennial or other parade. Such Royal Arch Masons are small benefit to the Chapter, and in most cases are never seen there after their exaltation.

CANADA.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada was held on 11th July, 1884, Companion Macpherson, G. Z., presiding, and representatives from 54 Chapters present. The whole number of Chapters on the roll is 80, membership, 3,734; the increase during the year being 124.

The G. Z. divided the period of existence of the Grand Chapter into three divisions of nine years each, and showed a commendable increase in numbers of Chapters, members, and finances. On this latter subject he made the following suggestion, which, though reported upon favorably, was not otherwise acted on. We also extract what he said about the difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the G. M. M. Lodge of England:

The statements and accounts of the G. S. E. and G. Treasurer will be laid before you by those officers and I have no doubt they will be found satisfactory. I would recommend to the Finance Committee the careful consideration of the question, would it not be advisable to encourage the commutation of dues of Chapters and for that purpose to enable companions to commute their Grand Chapter dues for a fixed sum. I am satisfied that the number of unaffiliated companions is as much due to the neglect of Chapters, to regularly enforce the payment of dues, as it is to the neglect of the companions. Dues are allowed to accumulate until they amount to a sum which the companions feel unwilling and perhaps at the time unable to pay, whereas if by payment of a fixed sum at an earlier period, they might be in the future exempt from these calls, many would avail them-

selves of the privilege and would be preserved as valuable members of the Chapters.

Better make them pay the dues as they become due, or suspend them.

In relation to another matter we will give our views elsewhere. But they will be in consonance with what we expressed last year. The Grand Chapter of Canada, however, adopted the following in relation thereto :

With regard to the difficulty which has arisen in our sister province of Quebec by the establishment of Mark Lodges there by the Grand Mark Lodge of England, your committee are of opinion that this act constitutes an invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which does not seem to be warranted by the excuses offered in justification of their action. Your Committee thoroughly agree with the remarks of the Grand Z. upon this subject.

They recommend that such representations be made to the Grand Mark Lodge of England as will induce that Grand body to reconsider their position and withdraw the warrants issued to Mark Master Masons within the territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Your Committee would further recommend that in the event of these representations failing to accomplish the desired object the Grand Z. be empowered to prohibit intercourse with all Mark Master Masons made in Quebec under any authority save that of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Companion Parvin, P. G. H. Priest of Iowa, visited this Grand Chapter, and was warmly received and greeted.

A fine gold watch was presented to P. G. Z. Companion Ross.

Companion Macpherson was elected G. Z., and Companion David McLellan, G. S. E.

Companion Henry Robertson again made the correspondence report, quoting liberally from the address of P. G. H. Priest Jenkins, as well as from our report. The report is in the usual easy style and good taste of Companion Robertson.

COLORADO.

The Ninth Annual Convocation was held on 20th September, 1883, with Companion Roger W. Woodbury, M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and representatives from 10 Chapters ; 16 Chapters constitute the jurisdiction, with a membership of 903, the gain during the year having been 159.

The Grand High Priest says that the Craft is in a flourishing condition. Dispensations were granted for the formation of four new Chapters ; to these charters were granted at this convocation.

Business interesting only to those of the jurisdiction.

Companion Edward B. Newnan was elected Grand High Priest, and Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary.

Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster made the report on correspondence, in lieu of the Chairman of the Committee, Companion Wm. A. Hardenbrook, who died but a short time before the meeting of the Grand Chapter. The report reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, and some for two years. The notice of each is quite sufficient, though we know very well what it is to have such a report to prepare on very short notice.

CONNECTICUT.

We have the proceedings of the Eighty-Sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter before us, Companion John S. Castle, M. Ex. Grand High Priest, presided, with representatives from 35 subordinates. Total number of Chapters on roll, 37; membership, 4,174; gain, 147.

The Grand High Priest congratulated the Craft on the harmony prevailing.

The Grand Chapter adopted the following resolution expressing its view in no mistakable terms of the course being pursued by the Grand M. M. Lodge of England :

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter recognizes the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, as the only lawful and legitimate authority or power, from which charters or warrants for Chapters to confer the degree of Mark Master Mason may be issued, and in our judgment, Mark Master Masons advanced in such lodges, should alone be recognized, as having received said degree in a regular Lodge, lawfully constituted.

The Chapters were taxed twenty cents *per capita* for the support of the Grand Chapter. Companion Chester Tilden was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Jos. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

Companion John H. Barlow again comes to the front with the report on correspondence in his usual free, independent, and instructive style. About the decisions of P. G. High Priest Jenkins he says :

We indorse his decisions, but do not share in his belief, that the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree is in violation of constitutional rules and ancient usage; their use many times becomes almost a necessity, and we think is allowed in nearly all the older jurisdictions. As for decision No. 5, it does not seem to us that repealing the edict requiring proficiency before advancement should be construed as a license to confer all the degrees in the shortest possible time.

From his conclusion we copy the following remarks, exhibiting his catholic masonic charity and goodness :

We are pleased to report capitular masonry in the United States more prosperous than at any time within the past twelve or fifteen years, except it be in a few of the southern jurisdictions. By a reference to our statistical table, we find, that in thirty-three jurisdictions, there is a gain of members the past year of 5,339 ; only nine jurisdictions report a loss, amounting in the aggregate to 90—making a net gain of 5,249, as compared with 3,060, for 1883 ; the returns of 1883, show 3,148 suspended or stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, while in the present year there are only 2,280.

DELAWARE

Held the Fifteenth Annual Convocation on the 16th day of January, 1884, Thomas Davidson, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding; representatives from four Chapters being present. This jurisdiction embraces 6 Chapters, with a membership of 342—loss during the year being 1.

Of the state of the Order, the Grand High Priest says:

The past year has been a quiet and uneventful one in this jurisdiction. Three Royal Arch Masons have passed to their rest—Companions Washington J. Schwenk and Enos E. Wood, of Wash. and Lafayette Chapter, and Companion Nathaniel Melchoir, of St. John's Chapter. While in this State Royal Arch Masonry is practically dead outside of this city, I am pleased to report, however, that all the Chapters meeting in Wilmington are unusually active, with the best of feeling prevailing among the Companions.

Companion John Otto Jr. was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Henry B. McIntyre Grand Secretary.

There is a concise and hastily prepared report on correspondence from the pen of the Grand Secretary, in which we find Alabama courteously noticed.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of this District was assembled in the Seventeenth Annual Convocation on December 12th, 1883; Companion Jeremiah C. Allen, Grand High Priest, presiding, and with representatives from the entire eight Chapters composing the jurisdiction. The total membership is 1,166, there having been an increase of 44 during the year.

The Grand High Priest shows the Craft to be in a healthfully prosperous condition. The Chapters were often visited by him but once during the year; this visit is made by him, accompanied by the other

Grand Officers. Otherwise, the Grand Chapter, as such, makes an official visit to each Chapter. At this visit, the records are carefully examined, and strict inquiry made into the financial condition of each Chapter, which is afterwards fully reported to the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation. The good resulting from this system can hardly be estimated.

The difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England and Wales, was brought to the attention of the Grand Chapter by the Grand High Priest, and this matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report to the Semi-annual Convocation, "and to recommend to this Grand Chapter such action as the nature of the case may require."

We clip from the proceedings the following, to show how an objection, after one or more degrees have been conferred, is looked upon by some Companions learned in the jurisprudence of the Craft:

Companion N. D. Larner moved to amend the Constitution by striking out section 15, article 5, and insert the following:

"When a Brother has been elected to receive the degrees, and an objection is entered against him, said objection shall be held to have the same effect as if a black ball had been cast against him, unless said objection shall be withdrawn; and if, after one or more of the degrees shall have been conferred upon him, and an objection shall be entered against his further advancement, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of such report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degrees in the same manner as if no objection had been made."

Companion Burton R. Ross was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Lewis G. Stephens Grand Secretary.

Companion Noble D. Larner again presented the report on correspondence of 87 pages, reviewing the proceedings of 37 Grand Chapters, and of the G. M. Lodge of England and Wales. We find Alabama in the list. Here also we find a tribute to our old Companion, Past Grand High Priest, George D. Norris, in the following words:

Among the list of Grand Representatives, we miss the name of our old and much respected Companion, George D. Norris, M. D., who has been our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama for many years. The Chapter to which our Companion belonged forfeited its charter, and Companion Norris being too far advanced in

life to connect himself with another (the nearest one to his residence being forty miles distant), he became unaffiliated, and in consequence thereof resigned the Commission we had the honor of conferring upon him when Grand High Priest. We regret very much that circumstances have forced this resignation from our venerable Companion, and we part with him hoping that the blessings of Heaven may be showered upon him in his old age.

FLORIDA.

Companion William A. McLean, Grand High Priest, presided over the Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, which was held on January 15th, 1883, with representatives present from six Chapters. There are but 7, with a membership of 214, being 1 less than last year.

This Grand Chapter was called to mourn the loss of its Grand Treasurer, who was also High Priest of a Chapter; and we find that the Grand High Priest issued his Dispensation to this Chapter to fill the position by the election of a High Priest. Now, this strikes us as anomalous. If we mistake not, it is the duty (frequently proclaimed) of the King to assist the High Priest in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence (whether voluntary or involuntary, by death or otherwise) to preside.

Sincerely do we regret the tone of despondence of the concluding paragraphs of the High Priest's address, which is as follows:

Whenever we make the discovery that a sad decline is impressed upon everything connected with Masonic work and progress, it is a labor—not of love, but of mistaken zeal—to endeavor by any process of reformation, or upon any principle of improvement, to correct existing evils by theory and precept, in the absence of correct practice and holy example. Nor need we go outside the circle of our own companionship in search of causes, hoping thereby to be able to solve the problem as to why and wherefore the former times were better and more fruitful of results than these latter days, for in so doing it will appear that we fail to inquire wisely concerning the matter; it must be apparent to even the casual observer, that our Masonic Zion is wearing the habiliments of mourning; not alone because so few come to our annual feasts, but for the reason that so very few are holding fast the professions they once made, and utterly fail to perform their vows so solemnly assumed when invested with the treasures and inducted into the mysteries of the Royal Art.

Companion George S. Hallmark was made Grand High Priest, and Companion DeWitt C. Dawkins Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Chapter of Georgia was assembled in Annual Convocation on the 30th day of April, 1884, with Grand High Priest Charles E. Lambdin in the East, and probably representatives from twenty-four subordinates. The Grand Secretary has failed to give us any footings, and we are at this moment too indolent to make them up ourself; so we cannot give a statement of the condition of the Order save as the High Priest states. A few Chapters heretofore dormant have been quickened into life, and there is a prospect that others will be. This is refreshing. We extract from the address the following, without further comment than that the thought is identical with that expressed by us on this subject in our last report:

I beg to call your attention to the action of the Grand Lodge of M. M. M., of England and Wales, in establishing Lodges of M. M. M. within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, with which we are in friendly relations, and which is represented near this Grand Chapter by Companion Blackshear. I submit for your inspection and consideration the many letters and protests of Most Excellent John H. Graham, P. G. Z., and Grand Representative of Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England and Wales, near the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and also the letters and proclamations of Most Excellent H. L. Robinson, G. Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, together with the replies to same.

In my opinion, the action of the Grand Lodge of M. M. M., of England and Wales, has been so uncharitable and unmasonic as to authorize and demand that every Grand Chapter shall at once declare non-fellowship and non-intercourse with her and her members; for the same plea that she makes for establishing Lodges of M. M. M., in Quebec, would authorize her to establish them in Savannah, whenever a number of English M. M. Masons might apply for a charter. I, therefore, earnestly insist that we shall preserve our dignity by uniting with our aggrieved sister, the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and declare non-intercourse with said Grand Lodge of M. M. M., and all lodges established by her, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, to be illegal, and their members irregular and clandestine.

To which the Committee on Jurisprudence say:

We have also had referred to us that part of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address and his recommendation in regard to the Grand Lodge of M. M. M., of England and Wales, in establishing Lodges in Quebec. This question requires more time for investigation than we can now devote to it, and not having before us all the facts and circumstances to be considered in deciding a question of so grave importance, we recommend that this Grand Chapter express no opinion at this time in regard to the action of this Grand Body, and that the whole subject be referred to the incoming Grand Officers, and that they report at next Annual Grand Convocation.

M. Ex. W. A. Graham, Grand High Priest, and R. Ex. James Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Thirty-Fourth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter for this State was held on the 25th day of October, 1883, Companion Samuel Shannon being Grand High Priest, with representatives from 157 Chapters; active Chapters, 189; membership, 11,743; the increase during the year being 483.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of two new Chapters.

The committee on doings of Grand Officers state that, "as a rule, Chapters exhibit increased activity, with a measure of harmony highly gratifying."

Wm. L. Orr Grand High Priest.

Gilbert W. Barnard, Grand Secretary.

Companion Theodore T. Gurney, as usual, made the report on correspondence, and Alabama meets with due attention, and is courteously handled. In his notice of it, however, we find the following:

Companion Jenkins falls into the common error of speaking of the Chapter as an "Order." Orders, relating to organizations, refer to knighthood and ecclesiastics. The term is also used to denote a division of natural objects, and in the description of architecture; but Masonry is a *fraternity*, pure and simple, not an Order. Will some of our coteremporaries express themselves upon the question?

We have frequently seen similar sentiments set forth, yet we have been at a loss to imagine why well informed masons, as these writers usually are, should have concluded that this was not an "Order," or that this term was at all of recent application. We refer the Companion to the charge of the very first degree, and then we find that while the Initiate is still upon the ground, or checkered floor, he is congratulated upon "being accepted into this ancient and honorable "Order." He is also solemnly charged to "keep sacred and inviolable the mysteries of the Order." This address is claimed to have no recent origin but to have been used away back in the dim ages of the past. We therefore beg Companion Gurney to moderate his objections to the use of the term.

INDIANA.

The proceedings of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held on the 17th day of October, 1883, are before us. M. Ex. Companion Albert P. Charles, Grand High Priest, presided,

there being present representatives from 70 Chapters. The total number of Chapters is 82, with a membership of 4,611; being an increase of 285 over the year 1882. The statistical table is so made up as to give a comparative view of the numbers affiliated, dimitted, died, &c., &c., and we are delighted to find that there was a very large decrease of those *suspended for non-payment of dues*. We hope that in this particular the bottom has been reached by all Grand Chapters.

The address of the Grand High Priest is of business only, and that with great conciseness. He, however, says of the convocation, of the General Grand Chapter, at Denver, this same year, that: "The occasion was one of much pleasure, if not of very material profit." This is giving pleasure to the few at the expense of the many.

The Grand Chapter adopted the following :

One ballot shall elect to all the degrees conferred in a Chapter, which must be unanimous, and every member present must vote. Should one negative vote appear the High Priest shall cause another ballot to be immediately had, when, should one or more negative votes appear, he shall declare the applicant rejected.

The inference then, is that before this, a ballott was taken for advancement in each degree. The recent rule is as is ours in Alabama.

Companion Robert Van Valzah was elected M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and Companion John M. Bramwell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest, Companion Albert P. Charles, submitted what he was pleased to term a "Capitular Review" of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters. Alluding to P. G. High Priest Jenkins' opposition to the use of substitutes he holds as follows:

We do not agree with our Most Excellent Companion on the use of substitutes. We have found their use advantageous, and, in some cases, almost a necessity. We have never found the ancient landmarks shaken to their foundation—no ancient usages harmed thereby. We believe in the substitute.

IOWA

Held the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convocation of her Grand Chapter on 16th October, 1883, Companion Augustus C. Sherwood, Grand High Priest, presiding, and with representatives from 83 Chapters. Chapters reporting, 103; membership, 5,944; increase, 528.

A fine engraving of the Grand High Priest embellishes the pamphlet, as also one of their lamented Grand Secretary, William B. Langridge, who died during the Summer.

Of special dispensations the Grand High Priest well remarks :

It seems to have been the custom from time immemorial to ask for special dispensations, and the past year has been no exception. Numerous applications have been made, many of them upon a frivolous pretext, often to gratify the desire of a candidate who may be anxious to hurry through and receive the degrees out of regular time prescribed by the rules and regulations of the Order. And I regret to say that oftentimes the members themselves are willing that this irregular course and uncalled for method should be permitted. This is all wrong. Let him who applies for initiation into the mysteries of our Order, understand that it becomes him "to await the will and pleasure" of those who bestow the honor upon him, and, if this is not satisfactory, then he is not needed. I have, in a few instances, granted dispensations, the emergency warranting such action, most of them being for elections of officers, the stated time having passed, the Chapter, through some unforeseen circumstances, being unable to comply with the law at the proper time. Ninety-five per cent. of those cases arise from pure carelessness on the part of the officers, which I hope will not occur in future.

The representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec presented the circular letter of the G. Z. of that Grand Chapter in regard to the intermeddling of the G. M. Lodge of England and Wales with the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, which made thereon the following report which, with the resolution, were concurred in and adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter recognizes the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec as the only lawful and legitimate authority or power from which charters or warrants for such Lodges may be granted or issued, and we declare that in our judgment Mark Master Masons advanced in such Lodges so warranted or chartered should alone be recognized as having received the degree in a regular Lodge duly and lawfully assembled.

Companion Clark Varnum was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John C. Parish, Grand Secretary.

Companion Horace S. Winslow made the report on correspondence, Alabama receiving kind and courteous words from the writer. The review is an excellent one, but we cannot indulge our desire to extract all we admire or may think instructive, yet from his conclusion we quote :

Just before the closing of these pages, the sudden and unexpected death of Grand Recorder Langridge is announced. We shall attempt no eulogy—none is needed. A void is created not easily filled. His work was not finished, in the ordinary sense of the term, but it was in order, and this work has erected to him a monument more enduring than that of brass or stone. He has left behind an example and

an influence which shall not rest alone in the present, but reaching forward, extending and enlarging as the years go by, shall continue until the shores of time shall fade away into the great ocean of eternity. The masonic fraternity of Iowa, in an especial degree, and of the world generally, have in his death sustained an irreparable loss, and his brethren mourn."

KANSAS.

We now take up the pamphlet containing the proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, held on 19th February, 1884, under the supervision of Companion Henry M. Waters, Grand High Priest, with representatives from 35 Chapters; chartered Chapters 54, with a membership of 2,447; the increase during the year have been 251.

"The reports from our Chapters show that Capitular Masonry is in a fairly prosperous condition throughout the jurisdiction," so spake the Grand High Priest.

Dispensations for three new Chapters had been granted, and these upon approval of their work presented were chartered at this convocation.

The Grand High Priest recommended that commissions to representatives of the Grand Chapter should be made to expire upon the triennial convocation of the G. G. Chapter, which we understand to have been approved by the Grand Chapter.

Companion George S. Green was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John H. Brown, Grand Secretary.

Companion Brown presented for the committee the report on correspondence. In his introduction, we find this of the Quebec difficulty:

The measure of our happiness would be greatly advanced, could we say as much for our companions in the Province of Quebec, who are now disturbed by the attitude assumed by the Grand Mark Lodge of England. We trust that these differences of opinion will soon be adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, and that harmony and good fellowship will prevail among our companions in Quebec.

We are pleased to find him in sympathy with our views as quoted by him in the following extracts:

From his (Companion Pillans') introduction we copy the following paragraph:

When we commenced writing these reports, many questions, some quite vexed, agitated our companions in the several Jurisdictions, and much asperity of feeling, growing out of the political condition of the country, was evinced. Of the former, the most have disap-

peared, and the latter has entirely subsided. We claim that much of this happy result is the natural consequence of the broad and catholic, and truly masonic spirit displayed by the various brethren who composed the corps of the reporters on Correspondence. On most questions wherein great difference existed in the various Jurisdictions we find uniformity, and were satisfied that on all, ere long, there will be no diversity.

Noticing the aversion of the committee of the Grand Chapter of California to favor any change in the *work* to make it agree with that of the General Grand Chapter, he sums up the whole matter in these few lines :

"This idea of producing absolute uniformity in work has been one of the *ignis fatuus* in masonry, that has been continually luring us to destruction. The impossible can never be accomplished, and it is the part of wisdom quietly to submit to the inevitable."

KENTUCKY.

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on 16th October, 1883, Companion Howard R. French, Grand High Priest, and representatives from 66 Chapters being present; 81 Chapters made returns, with 2,615 members. The increase during the year having been 94.

Of the condition of the craft we copy from the High Priest's address. The extract furnishes much food for reflection, not only to the Kentucky Masons, but to us in Alabama :

From the report of the official acts of your Grand High Priest it might be concluded in terms with which you are so often flattered that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction." So I may truthfully say they do. But, may I not ask is it the concord born of the dominance of brotherly love over the action of men in the midst of life and activity, of zeal and labor? Or rather is it not the "peace" of the grave-yard? There is very little to wake the solemn echoes of those silent cities. The sharp attrition of conflicting opinions as to the best means to accomplish the desired end, cause no appeals or memorials to be heard in the higher tribunals. Days of election come and go and they do not meet in their silent halls to choose their presiding officers. The kindly moss covers their gray walls, on which is inscribed "In Memoriam." And should not our dark and silent halls over the land bear a like inscription? In memory of—wiser and better men who have preceded us, men full of zeal and noble purpose, men whose delight it was to meet and cultivate the social virtues, to take sweet counsel together as to how they could best promote the welfare of their fellows and strengthen the ties of a common brotherhood.

It would be useless for me, as it would be disingenuous, to attempt to disguise the fact that capitular Masonry is not in a flourishing condition in Kentucky. Much of this state of things may be traced to the fact that the tendency of the present day is towards the Orders of Knights Templar. The subordinate degrees are merely used as

stepping stones to attain that height, which once scaled, the ladder is thrust aside as if it had accomplished its full purpose.

The Grand High Priest ruled that the High Priest of a Chapter could call a special convocation of his Chapter, and act upon a petition which had been in the hands of a committee a month, and the committee on jurisprudence on this report as follows :

We are also of opinion that it is competent for the High Priest of a Chapter to call a special meeting of his Chapter for the purpose of balloting for a candidate, and if the petition has been presented properly and been in the hands of a committee for one lunar month no dispensation is necessary for balloting for the candidate at such meeting, and he can be legally elected to receive the degrees or membership in the Chapter.

Companion R. M. Farleigh was made Grand High Priest; Companion Joseph H. Branham, Grand Secretary.

Companion Hiram Bassett made the report on correspondence ; this being his fourth. From his introduction we copy his views about the suspension for N. P. D. Referring to the views of Drummond and Dadman, he says :

We cannot see that *tainted* goods when *imported*, are of any greater value than the *domestic* article that is damaged to the same extent only. In other words, we fail to discern that Masons who have been "dropped from the roll," "stricken from the roll," "discharged from membership," "suspended from membership," or whose membership is in "abeyance," for non-payment of dues by Lodges with which they had broken faith, are entitled to regard as "non-affiliates in good standing," when they enter jurisdictions where such delinquents among their own members are "suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry."

Alabama receives abundant notice.

LOUISIANA.

We have the proceedings of the Thirty-Seventh Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana before us. It was held on 14th February, 1884, with M. Ex. James L. Lobdell, Grand High Priest, in the chair, and representatives from 13 chartered Chapters. Total of Chapters, including one U. D., 24, membership, 695—loss during the year, one.

We find but two matters of general interest in the proceedings ; one that, as the Grand High Priest expresses it : "For the first time in many years the finances of our Grand Chapter are in a sound and healthy condition," the balance being over \$600, on the right side of

the ledger ; and the other that Companion Jos. Horner has been appointed Chairman on Correspondence. We hope to hear once more from him, and to read again one of his ringing reports.

Companion Alfred Shaw was made Grand High Priest.

Companion Jas. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

MAINE

Sends us a good sized and neatly prepared pamphlet of near 200 pages, containing the proceedings of the Fifty-Ninth Annual Convocation of its Grand Chapter, held on 6th May, 1884, with the Grand High Priest, Frank E. Sleeper presiding. There were 37 chapters represented, 44 being the whole number. Total membership, 4254 ; and during the year there were added 140.

On the subject of the imbrolio of the G. M. M. Lodge of England and Wales the Grand High Priest reported what follows, which was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, and with the quotation from the address, we give the report of the committee :

"I have received communications from the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec in relation to the trouble between that Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, and also a proclamation from the Grand Z., dated October 13, 1883, suspending all masonic intercourse between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England,

I submit the papers for your consideration, with the recommendation that such action be taken as may be necessary to assist our sister Grand Chapter to preserve inviolate her sovereignty within her own jurisdiction.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was submitted so much of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest as relates to the alleged invasion of the territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge of England, &c., have examined the matter and ask leave to report :

That from the statement of the matter in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence it is a very serious one, involving questions of the deepest interest and highest importance to the American Grand Chapters.

The doctrine of *exclusive* territorial jurisdiction is one in which all American Masonic Bodies agree, and one to which Masonic Bodies the world over are rapidly coming.

If the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge insists upon violating this doctrine, she cannot remain on terms of amity with American Grand Chapters.

The committee also reported, most wisely as we think, that—

Royal Arch Chapters can appear in public in their distinctive character, only in connection with the Grand Chapter, or on occasions of

the installations of officers, or the constituting of a Chapter, or in connection with a Lodge of Master Masons appearing in public in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge.

No Royal Arch clothing or insignia can be worn on public occasions, except aprons and jewels.

There appears to be a growing disposition on the part of some masons for public display, to captivate the eyes of the multitude.

We give below the entire report of the Committee on Jurisprudence on a subject which sometimes vexes the souls of our High Priests, or presiding officers of Masonic Bodies. It is on the decision of the Grand High Priest, that a High Priest of a Chapter has no casting vote in case of a tie.

- The Constitution requires that the election of officers shall be by ballot. It is the right and duty of every member to vote. When the ballot has been taken, or when, in the usual phrase, "the poll has been closed," no member has the *right* to vote, and can do so only by permission of the Chapter.

When the result of the ballot is reported, no further proceedings can be had, than to declare its result, and if there is no choice proceed to another ballot. Least of all, can the presiding officer, by a *viva voce* vote, make or defeat an election under any circumstances.

Companion Frank E. Sleeper was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond made the report on correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1883, most fraternally.

MARYLAND.

M. E. Companion Charles V. S. Levy, Grand High Priest, opened in ample form the 86th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, on the 13th November. 1883, with representatives present from 9 chapters. There are 12 Chapters, with a membership of 1122 ; being 10 less than last year.

The Grand High Priest's address draws the attention of Grand Chapters to the difficulty between Quebec and the G. M. Lodge of England, and on this subject the committee on Grand Officers made this report :

The M. E. Grand High Priest also calls attention to a matter of jurisdictional invasion and the attention of the Grand Chapter is further challenged to this subject by the G. Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Quebec near this Grand Chapter. Your Committee do not feel free at this time to recommend that you should take any special action on this subject as one side only has been brought to their attention.

The matter of invasion of Masonic Jurisdiction or trespass of one Masonic Body upon the prerogatives of another in its own limits is a subject of the gravest importance to the preservation of Masonic peace and fraternal relations and as such is always one which should be dealt with in an impartial and delicate manner. Your Committee are decided in their opinions on this subject but do not deem it consistent with Masonic Justice to pronounce a judgment on a case as yet partially heard. Your Committee fear the Grand Z. of Quebec has manifested in this case more of the *fortiter in re* than of the *suaviter in modo* and they believe and hope that he could have accomplished his object more satisfactorily to himself and better for the interest of his jurisdiction had he shown more patience.

Companion Geo. W. Sheive was made Grand High Priest, and Companion Geo. L. McCahan, Grand Secretary.

Companion E. T. Schultz again made the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of Alabama for 1882 among others.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Eighty-Third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 11th day of December, 1883; Companion Albert C. Smith, Grand High Priest, presiding; and a constitutional number of representatives of subordinate chapters. Within this jurisdiction are 69 chapters, with a membership of 9,387; the increase during the year having been 162.

The Grand High Priest gave the following statement of the condition of capitular masonry in Massachusetts:

COMPANIONS:—

Again, and so soon, we find ourselves together at the return of our Annual Convocation. How swiftly the years go by! How soon for us as individuals they will all have gone! Each one comes and passes more quickly than any of its predecessors; and will continue to do so as long as we live, the last one appearing the most rapid and brief of the whole list. This increasing swiftness of time would serve to teach us that there should be in us a corresponding increase of zeal to fulfill our duty and finish our work.

We fear however, that there is not any too much of the boasted *fervency* and *zeal* among our companions there, and that something like lethargy is about to take its place in Massachusetts, as in Alabama, and elsewhere.

The communication of the M. E. G. Z. of Quebec wherein he cuts off masonic intercourse with Mark Master Masons made under the jurisdiction of the G. M. Lodge of England was referred to a committee which made a report, which was adopted, and also the following resolution unanimously:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., in granting warrants to form Lodges of Mark Master Masons at Montreal, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which has already resulted in the formation of two Lodges and a Provincial Grand Lodge within the territory of said Grand Chapter, and that, too, after the Grand Lodge of England and Wales had unconditionally and fraternally recognized the Grand Chapter of Quebec, is justly chargeable with a breach of Masonic comity, and with violating the well established law and usage of American Freemasonry relating to jurisdictional rights. We therefore earnestly and fraternally entreat our brothers of England and Wales to take immediate measures to remove existing causes for complaint and discord, and thus promote harmony among the members of our beloved fraternity in Canada.

At the head of this Committee we find our able and esteemed friend and companion J. W. Dadmun.

The Grand Chapter was visited by the M. E. G. H. Priest, Alfred F. Chapman, and by the Grand Z. of Quebec, M. E. Companion H. L. Robinson.

Companion Albert C. Smith was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Zeph H. Thomas, Grand Secretary.

Companion J. W. Dadmun made again the report on correspondence. He introduces his review with a disquisition on suspension for non-payment of dues, "its effect," "the legal aspect of the question," "the light of masonic usage," and "the charitable aspect of the subject;" all of which we wish we could reproduce, but our limits forbid.

Our friend and companion is doubtless familiar with the adage that *tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis*. This is true as to masonry as well as to all other things. Its principles and landmarks, which are synonymous, never change, but all things else do. Ourselves and all things around us are in a constant changing condition, how else then can it be with us and with man's works.

When a chapter forfeits its charter, its members in good standing become unaffiliated masons, and no unaffiliated companion while so remaining can hold any office in Grand Chapter.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Chapter of this State was convened in its Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation on the 15th January, 1884, Companion George Hill, Grand High Priest, presiding, with representatives from 102 Chapters present. There are 107 Chapters in all, with a membership of 8,076; gain during the year, 231.

Dispensations for three new Chapters were granted, apparently

with the exercise of great caution on the part of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest declares that the past year had been a prosperous one for R. A. Masonry. He laid before the Grand Chapter the protest of Quebec against the Grand M. Lodge of England, which was referred to a special committee to report at next Annual Convocation.

The business of the Grand Chapter was local in its interest.

Companion Theron F. Giddings was made Grand High Priest, and Companion Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary.

Companion Innes again made the correspondence report, in which we find Alabama for 1882. This he reviews courteously and fraternally, and indeed, otherwise he could not, for with all his bluster Companion Innes has the heart of a woman, and suffers if he thinks he has hurt any one. We would like to dwell a little with him, but Michigan was taken up just as we had a call for copy—so must cut short.

MINNESOTA.

The pamphlet containing the proceedings of the Twenty-Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota comes to us embellished with a frontispiece—a likeness of our venerable and esteemed friend, Companion A. T. C. Pierson, the first Grand High Priest of that Grand Chapter. What pleasure this gives to us he may never know, but we can never forget the warmth of his greeting at Detroit when we who knew no one there were soon with friends around—thanks to our good friend.

This Convocation was held on October 9th, 1883, W. J. Hahn, Grand High Priest, and representatives from twenty-eight Chapters being present.

There are 40 Chapters; membership 2,501; gain 153.

The Grand High Priest says of the General Grand Chapter: "Notwithstanding the fact that no important action was taken by that Grand Body on any subject, the meeting was an exceedingly pleasant one." Another testimonial, one "damning with faint praise," "*Mons parturicus cucurrit ridiculus mus.*"

Charters were granted to three new Chapters. Companion Ed. E. McDermott was elected Grand High Priest, and our friend, Companion, A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Secretary.

Companion Pierson, the Grand Secretary, made the report on correspondence. (By the way, Companion P., can't you take in Mobile

en route to the great Exposition, and let the writer hereof have one more grip of those truly friendly and brotherly hands?)

Alabama receives full notice. He quotes what we said about "unformity in work being one of the *ignes fatui* in Masonry" (the printer or his friend, the devil, continually made us say *ignis fatuus*, to our great disgruntlement), and himself adds: "An experience of forty years has but confirmed the same opinion with us expressed some years since." Thanks for the indorsement. Companion P. has discovered our diffidence, and an occasional pass like this, he thinks may make a man of us by the time we reach his years. So it may.

In reference to a remark of Companion Dadmun to ourselves, and somewhat to strengthen our position there taken, we quote from Companion Pierson:

We hold that "masonic law" is deducible from the "Ancient Charges," and that any usage differing therefrom, no matter by whom practiced or how long in use, is not masonic law. Organization at this period differs somewhat from that at the time when the Ancient Charges were printed, but the laws therein contained remain the foundation stones.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State was held on 11th February, 1884, with Companion B. T. Kirby, Grand High Priest, and representatives from 39 Chapters. 44 made returns. Total of Chapters, 54; membership, 1416; gain,

We are pleased to find the Grand High Priest firm in his refusal to grant a dispensation to confer the degrees without awaiting the usual time.

The Grand High Priest dealt at some length with the "Merger" question, suggesting the revival of the Grand Council, and the return of the degrees to their keeping. This was referred to a committee, which reported in favor of this course, but the following instead was adopted:

To the Grand Chapter:

The undersigned, of Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of sundry Companions in relation to the merger of Capital and Cryptic degrees, would respectfully report that, in their judgment, no good reason exists for disturbing the action heretofore taken by this Grand Body.

Companion William French was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion J. L. Power continued Grand Secretary.

We find nowhere any notice of the death of the Grand High Priest

in the list of officers, on the cover, we find in place of the Grand High Priest, Companion —————.

Companion P. M. Savery again made a short report on correspondence. In it is Alabama for 1882; and the writer of this, ourself, gives the name of P. J. *Williams*. Well, we hardly know if we are ourself, or some other fellow.

MISSOURI.

Before us lies the pamphlet containing the proceedings of the thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, held on 8th May, 1884, Companion A. M. Dockery being the Grand High Priest, and there being representatives from 75 Chartered Chapters, and 4 U. D. There are 97 Chartered Chapters, with membership of 4791; increase, 165.

Of Masonry in Missouri, the Grand High Priest thus speaks:

Masonry, in this "Magnificent Empire of Missouri," occupies a commanding position, with a constantly increasing power and influence. Thirty-eight years ago this Grand Body was organized with four Chapters, a membership of less than one hundred; to-day ninety-seven Chapters gem the galaxy of our Grand Jurisdiction, and more than five thousand Royal Arch Masons bow around our altars. What wondrous changes have been wrought in these thirty-eight eventful years! The dim pathway of the pioneer has broadened into the highway of Empire, and Missouri is no longer an out-post of western civilization, but to-day is the very center of political and commercial Empire. Then we were the "west"—now Missouri stands at the gateway of the vast, growing, vigorous, almost illimitable west, that stretches away from our western border to the land of orange groves and gold beyond the rocky range. Our own peerless State, now the fifth in population and eighth in area among the sisterhood of States, is making rapid strides in the race for commercial supremacy; the rich mineral treasures that lie underneath our soil are being brought forth by the labor and ingenuity of man, and adding annually large sums to the aggregate of our wealth. Our fertile soil is everywhere being brought to its highest productive capacity; thousands of beautiful farms are spreading out before us; hundreds of thriving towns and cities are dotting our State like the stars that stud the "universal dome; lines of railway are stretching here, there and everywhere, bringing to this and other great cities the rich products of our soil. All about and around us we see the highest evidence of almost unparalleled activity in the material world.

The Grand Chapter passed a resolution prohibiting the collection of a fee for affiliation to any one who had "paid dues within twelve months." This we think quite correct and proper.

The four Chapters U. D. were chartered at this Convocation.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had made no decisions re-

quiring notice, and the Committee on Jurisprudence "beg leave to report that they find nothing claiming their consideration." Certainly a most happy condition.

The Masonic Home still hangs fire, the committee having the same in charge having asked until the next Annual Convocation.

Companion C. C. Woods was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion William H. Mayo Grand Secretary.

The latter made the report on correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1883.

NEBRASKA.

Companion William H. Munger, Grand High Priest, opened in ample form this Grand Chapter on the 4th day of December, 1883, there being present representatives from 16 of its 22 Chapters. It was the Seventeenth Annual Convocation. Total membership, 1,180; increase 133.

The Grand Secretary, Wm. R. Bowen, quoted a resolution now pending in the G. G. Chapter, "*That membership in a Chapter should be dependent upon, and co-existent with, membership in a Lodge of Freemasons,*" and made it the basis of an urgent appeal to Grand Chapter to pass such a resolution, and introduced an amendment to the constitution to that effect.

The following resolution was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, who reported as copied :

A Royal Arch Mason, member of a foreign jurisdiction, now a resident of this jurisdiction, is engaged as a bar-tender in a saloon, dealing out liquors alike to masons and cowans, thereby bringing discredit and disgrace upon the Fraternity. What is the duty of the High Priest of the Chapter within whose jurisdiction the companion now resides, as to bringing the companion to trial or discipline ?

To which the committee say :

We find nothing in the constitution, by-laws, or standing resolutions of this Grand Chapter relating thereto, but we are unanimously of the opinion that when the good of Royal Arch Masonry requires, it would be the duty of the High Priest within whose jurisdiction the offender resides, to notify him to appear before the Chapter, and there admonish him to cease such occupation, and if he persists in following the downward course, it would then be the duty of the Chapter to prefer charges against him in the Chapter where he holds his membership.

Companion James A. Tulleys was made Grand High Priest, and Companion Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary.

Companion Edwin F. Warren, chairman of committee on correspondence, promised to have the same completed for the printer, but failed. So we have none.

NEVADA.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 12th day of June, 1882, Companion Frank Bell, Grand High Priest, presiding. There were present representatives from eight Chapters, all, we believe, that appear on the roll. We find no table showing the strength of the Chapters. But we find that on account of the low state of the finances it was ordered that no report on correspondence be printed until further ordered, nor do we find in the proceedings that any was prepared.

Companion William Timson was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John D. Hammond, Grand Secretary.

In the same pamphlet are the proceedings of the Tenth Annual Convocation held on the 11th day of June, 1883, Companion Adolphus L. Fitzgerald, Grand King, presided. The Grand High Priest was prevented from attending, being at the time very low with paralysis. But five Chapters were represented, nine appear upon the roll this year, with a membership of 390. During the year there were lost to the membership six.

A letter was read from the D. G. H. P. announcing his inability to be present.

A Chapter was chartered at this Convocation which made the nine.

Companion Chauncey N. Noteware, Grand High Priest.

Companion John D. Hammond, Grand Secretary.

Companion Hammond made a report on correspondence reviewing the several proceedings for two years.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The proceedings of the Sixty-Sixth Annual Convocation, held on 20th May, 1884, are before us. Companion Charles N. Towle, Grand High Priest, presided. Sixteen Chapters were represented. There are in all 21 Chapters, with a membership of 2,348, there having been an increase of 47.

Announcing the reception of the circular letter of the G. Z. of Quebec the Grand High Priest goes on to say :

It is to be regretted that any grand masonic body should take such action as to violate the recognized right of each grand body to exclusive jurisdiction within its own territory. No specious course of

reasoning can excuse such an invasion, subversive as it is of all the friendly relations which should exist between members of the same Fraternity, and the masonic body which can deliberately introduce such an element of discord among the Fraternity is deserving of the severest censure. The complaint of the Grand Chapter of Quebec seems to be well founded, and if so, it is entitled to our sympathy and support.

And the committee to whom the papers and this portion of the address were referred, made the following report, which was adopted ;

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having considered that part of the address of the Grand High Priest referred to them, relating to the invasion of the jurisdiction of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., the same have been referred to said committee together with the remarks upon the same subject by the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec near this Grand Chapter, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter learns with grief and surprise of the invasion of the sovereign rights of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, by the establishment by the latter of Lodges of Mark Master Masons and a Provincial Grand Lodge, within the territorial jurisdiction of that Grand Chapter; that it is the duty of all Grand Chapters vigorously to protest against and resist these acts of invasion, and to make common cause in the fraternal endeavor to induce that Grand Lodge, by the withdrawal of the charters by which those Lodges exist, to correct the error into which it has fallen; and that it is the judgment of this Grand Chapter that, unless such withdrawal shall take place, the General Grand Chapter of the United States ought at its next triennial convocation, by a solemn act therefor, to withdraw the recognition heretofore extended by it to that Grand Lodge.

Business local in character.

Companion Alpheus W. Baker was made Grand High Priest, and Companion George P. Cleaves, Grand Secretary.

Companion A. S. Wait made the report on correspondence, reviewing among others the proceedings of Alabama for 1883.

NEW YORK

Held the Eighty-Seventh Annual Convocation of its Grand Chapter on the 5th February, 1884, the presiding Grand High Priest being Companion James D. Pollard. There were present representatives from 183 subordinates, the total number being 188, with a membership of 15,329, there having been an increase of 233.

The Grand High Priest laid before the Grand Chapter the papers in relation to Quebec, and in doing so used this language :

The voice of the Grand Masonic Bodies of New York has never borne any uncertain sound on the question of exclusive jurisdiction within territorial limits; and I confidently trust that you will at this time extend your sympathy and support to the Grand Chapter of Quebec. And to that end I earnestly recommend that all Masonic intercourse between this Grand Chapter and its Subordinates and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales, &c., &c., and its Subordinates, be declared suspended during such time as it continues its unjustifiable invasion of the rights and territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

And the committee to whom the matter was referred, of which Companion Simons was chairman, voiced the feelings of the craft in New York at this apparently deliberate invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, recognizes and sustains the authority of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec throughout the bounds of that Province in all matters relating to Royal Arch Masonry, and deprecates the exercise of any other authority whatever, so far as the rights of that Grand Chapter are concerned.

Resolved, That we fraternally request that the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c., withdraw its warrants, and leave the Grand Chapter of Quebec in the undisturbed exercise of its legitimate authority.

The Grand High Priest recommended limiting the commissions of representatives.

Companion James E. Morrison was elected Grand High Priest.

Companion Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

The report of the committee on correspondence purports to be the work of the committee of three, but we find Companion Darius A. Ogden is chairman, and we presume it is like those preceeding for some years from his pen. In the introduction he says:

The year had been one of quiet and prosperity, and at the close the intelligence came, through the Grand Secretary, that for the first time in some years there was a net increase in the membership. True, the number was small, nevertheless it was an increase, and the Royal Craft was one hundred stronger; the tide has turned, and may we not hope and expect that it will increase and grow stronger as time flows on?

When we used the language quoted by him in reference to the idea of absolute uniformity in work, we did so with a full knowledge of its import, and because we had seen and felt the evils resulting from changes in work.

NORTH CAROLINA.

At the constitutional period representatives from a sufficient number of Chapters to constitute a quorum not being present, the Grand High Priest, Eugene Grisson, issued his edict for a Convocation to be held on 28th day of May, 1884, when the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, there being nine Chapters represented. Eighteen Chapters constitute the jurisdiction; membership, 593; showing a gain of twelve.

The Grand High Priest says: I would that I could congratulate you on the advancement of this branch of the Order throughout the jurisdiction;" and alluding to a circular letter addressed to the various High Priests:

Responses were received from most of the High Priests whose Chapters are regularly at work, but the silence of others I regard as an indication of dormancy or inertness. There is increased zeal in some of the Chapters, the result in almost every instance, of the acquisition of knowledge of the work through the agency of a Grand Lecturer. My observation is, that where a Chapter has a good working force of proficient members, it is progressive. It is of the utmost importance to the Chapters to procure the services of a Grand Lecturer as the only means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the work which is essential to an intelligent and satisfactory conferring of the degrees, and especially the beautiful modifications of the ritualistic work made by the authority of the General Grand Chapter. I enforce these suggestions upon such Chapters as are deficient in the work, and commend them to their earnest consideration, relating as they do, to interests which involve the very existence of some Chapters.

Companion George W. Blount was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

There was no report on correspondence.

OHIO.

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Convocation was held on 10th October, 1883, with Companion Daniel A. Scott, Grand High Priest, and representatives from 120 subordinates. Total Chapters, 144; membership, 10,085; gain, 578.

The address of the Grand High Priest, while congratulating the Grand Chapter on the prosperity and harmony of the Craft, deals only with matters of local interest.

Companion John W. Chamberlain was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion James Nesbitt, Grand Secretary.

Companion J. Kelley O'Neill made the correspondence report. We find him thus expressing himself as to uniformity in work :

And who that really appreciates and values the institution of masonry would wish to see it reduced to a mere set form of words? To talk of uniformity has long been fashionable. If by it is meant uniformity of thought, feeling, and principle, we favor it, but if it means a mere verbal uniformity, we say away with it.

OREGON.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on 6th June, 1884, with Companion James F. Robinson, Grand High Priest, and representatives from 18 Chapters. There are but 19 Chapters in the jurisdiction, whose membership is 771; the increase being 59.

The Grand High Priest laid before the Grand Chapter the papers in relation to the invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the committee to whom they were referred presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter regards the action of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales as gross violations of the well established law of American Masonry—exclusive jurisdiction. That the courtesies and recognition extended by our General Grand Chapter have been abused, and that our sympathies are hereby extended to the Grand Chapter of Quebec—holding that they have right and justice on their side.

A P. G. H. Priest's jewel was ordered to be presented to Companion Thos. McF. Patton, who was about to go officially to Japan.

Ferdinand N. Shurtleff, Grand High Priest, and R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

Companion Patton made his last report on Correspondence, of course in a manner that few can equal. We would copy his farewell, but it is rather long for the condition of our finances, so we must here bid him good-bye.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, held on 27th December, 1883, M. E. Companion Augustus R. Hare, Grand High Priest, presided, with representatives from seventeen Chapters.

We find no table of statistics, and therefore cannot give the strength or growth of Capitular Masonry there. The Grand Secre-

tary reported a correspondence held by him with Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme G. R. Arch Chapter of Scotland in consequence of their having conferred the degrees upon one Dr. Williams, a resident of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania without permission, whereupon on motion it was "resolved that Dr. Williams be not recognized as a Royal Arch Mason, and that the Grand Secretary so notify the several Chapters," &c.

The address of the Grand High Priest informs us that there are 107 Chapters in the jurisdiction with 10,419 members, "a very gratifying condition of the numerical strength of the Craft." An effort is being made to establish a Masonic Home, as we see from the address with strong probability of success. So mote it be :

June 7th, 1883, I appointed a committee of fifteen to co-operate with committees from other Masonic bodies to inquire into the expediency and advisability of establishing a Masonic Home. This measure has now assumed such definite shape that whilst much remains to be done it is hoped that its success is fully assured. Indeed, a question of such vital importance to the Craft, and one that will produce so much good, should receive our cordial and hearty endorsement.

Companion Andrew Lane made the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of Alabama for 1882. It is what we think a report should be, giving the views of the several Grand Chapters on various subjects, but refraining from an attempt to enforce his own on others. We have been guided by the sentiments uttered by him in his conclusion in the preparation of our reports.

QUEBEC.

The Tenth Annual Convocation was held on 29 January, 1884, Companion H. Luke Robinson, Grand High Priest, and with representatives from 9 chapters and one U. D. There are 11 chapters with a membership of 449 ; gain of 6.

The Grand High Priest, says :

The increase in membership has not been large, but from such information as I have received, as well as from personal observation, I am justified in stating that the increase has been healthy, and that the subordinate Chapters are working efficiently. These are troublesome times for the Craft in this Province, and it is not to be wondered at that the "profane" display no great anxiety to become members of a fraternity excommunicated by the head of a powerful church on the one hand and assailed by professed friends, votaries of the craft, on the other.

The cause of the difficulty existing between this Grand Chapter and

the G. M. Lodge of England is stated by the Grand High Priest, and for your information we would like to copy it, but it is rather too long for our finances.

The Grand Chapter adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, The Grand Chapter fully indorses the action of the Grand Z. and the officers of Grand Chapter in reference to the difficulty with the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, sustains the edict of non-intercourse issued by the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E., and approves of the proceedings and correspondence had by them in the premises, for and on behalf of this Grand Chapter, and furthermore this Grand Chapter pledges itself to support the officers of this Grand Chapter, as well for the past year as for the year to come, in their efforts to maintain the position already taken, and to defend them against all legal proceedings threatened by our English brethren, for which purpose the proper officers are authorized to employ such counsel as they may deem advisable, and make such use of the funds of the Grand Chapter as may be necessary for the foregoing purpose.

Companion H. L. Robinson was continued Grand High Priest, and Companion David Seath, Grand Scribe E.

Companion W. H. Whyte made the report on correspondence, Alabama for 1882 being among the proceedings received, we have however, given so much space already to this Grand Chapter, that we are constrained to forego the pleasure to be given by free extracts, from this valuable report.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Eighty-Sixth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, was held on 11 March, 1884, with the M. E. G. High Priest Samuel G. Stiness, presiding. There were representatives from 10 chapters present or all the chapters. The membership is 1,673, being 36 more than last year.

The Grand High Priest dealt at some length with the question now agitating our R. I. Companions, viz., what is or ought to be the status in the chapter of one suspended by his lodge for non-payment of dues. The Grand Lodge not having defined his position, except as an unaffiliated mason, the chapters are at a loss for his position. The question arose in consequence of a member of a chapter having protested against tolerating in his chapter one with whom he could not sit in his lodge. The committee to whom this was referred recommended an amendment to the constitution as follows, which lies over until the next Annual Convocation.

“No Royal Arch Mason who shall remain an unaffiliated Master Mason for the space of one year without making any application for

membership or restoration, shall retain his membership in any Subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction."

The finances are in good condition.

Companion Nicholas Van Slyck was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Wm. R. Greene, Grand Secretary.

There is no report on correspondence, so that we are not allowed to feast upon those good things, but not so with our Rhode Island companions for :

The Grand Stewards announce that in accordance with their instructions they have provided dinner for the members of the Grand Chapter and that the same is in readiness, and the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment.

TENNESSEE.

The Fifty-Fifth Annual Convocation of this M. E. Grand Chapter was held on 28 January, 1884, Companion James D. Richardson Grand High Priest, there being 36 chapters represented. There are 70 chapters in this jurisdiction with a membership of 2,236, the same as last year.

Of the condition of the craft the Grand High Priest says :

Upon a review of the whole field, I am of opinion the Order is in better condition than one year ago. I think this is to be attributed more to the efforts of the Grand Lecturer than to any other one source. It is true, however, that other causes have been at work in our favor. We have had no epidemic, no devastation of flood or fire. The condition of the country is steadily improving financially, and there seems to be ahead of us an era of unparalleled prosperity. We have but to do our duty, study to know the right, then do it with unflinching fidelity, and all will be well with us. For the high honor you bestowed upon me in promoting me to the position I am now about to surrender, I again return to you my sincere thanks. May heaven's choicest blessings rest upon you all.

Companion David J. Pierce was elected Grand High Priest, and our old friend, Companion John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

No correspondence report.

TEXAS.

We find that notwithstanding the shadow attempted to be cast on this Grand Chapter by the G. G. Chapter, it held its Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation on 11 December, 1883, Companion S. M. Williams being Grand High Priest, and with an attendance of representatives from 60 chapters. There are 87 chapters on the roll, with a membership of 3,340 ; gain during the year 92.

We like the sentiment below expressed by the Grand High Priest, and the caution is applicable to more jurisdictions than Texas.

I would suggest, that in future when entertaining applications for restoration of Charters, that we bear in mind, that a small roll of live chapters is more desirable than a larger one numbered with drones; hence we should be more careful, lest the seeming revival of interest is only imaginary as in many cases.

Of the Quebec difficulty the Grand High Priest thus spoke :

I am in receipt of a communication from H. L. ROBINSON, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of Quebec, under date of October 13, 1883, wherein he issues a Proclamation, suspending Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., for a violation of well-established principles of Masonic jurisdiction, in granting Warrants to form two Lodges of Mark Master Masons, at Montreal, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, they having ignored the protests and demands for a withdrawal of said Warrants.

Prompt action is expected at your hands. Our record in the past is untarnished, and until due reparation is made, we should suspend Masonic intercourse with jurisdictions which openly violate well-defined landmarks, vital to the good of Masonry.

And to this the Grand Chapter reply as below :

Resolved, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas hereby suspends all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales until said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons shall rescind its action by revoking the Charters granted for Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec.

G. W. Foster, Grand High Priest, R. Brewster, Grand Secretary.
No correspondence report.

VERMONT.

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was held on 13th day of June, 1884, Companion Kittredge Haskins, Grand High Priest, presiding. Its twenty-five Chapters were all represented. The membership is 2,025, being fifteen over the preceding report.

The Grand High Priest made a lengthy report of the cause of grievance on the part of Quebec in consequence of the unwarrantable invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by the G. M. Lodge of England, and the Grand Chapter promptly adopted the following :

Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Vermont, That all fraternal intercourse between this Grand Chapter, its subordinates and members, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., and its subordinates and members, be, and the same hereby is, suspended, until such time as the said Grand Lodge shall withdraw its warrants issued to and creating lodges of Mark Master Masons in the Province of Quebec, and cease to exercise any authority within said Province; and the Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., and the representatives of said Grand Lodge near this Grand Body, are hereby ordered to return their respective commissions to the Grand Body from which they were received.

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest, as soon as may be, issue an edict of non-intercourse, embodying these resolutions, and promulgate the same.

Companion Haskins, Grand High Priest, and Companion W. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Secretary.

We are indebted to the cover of the pamphlet for the name of the writer of the report on Correspondence; that at the end of the report being a *fac simile* and utterly undecypherable by us. However, Companion Frederick S. Fisher made the report, Companion Dana, the genial, the gifted, having retired because of long work. We do not find Alabama among the proceedings reviewed, because—

Our plan has been to review those whose Grand Convocations were held in the same year as the meeting of our Grand Chapter, which was the year 1883, A. I. 2413.

Now, we think Alabama held a Convocation in that year; we are certain that we were in Montgomery for the purpose of attending it, and, indeed, did most certainly attend it.

VIRGINIA.

We now take up the proceedings of the Seventy-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, held on 31st July, 1883, and under the supervision of M. E. Wm. Harrison Lynn, as Grand High Priest. Twenty Chapters were represented. The whole number is 33, the increase during the year being 93.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest, Henry W. Murray, was prevented from attending the Convocation, and his address was read by the Grand Secretary, W. B. Isaacs. Of the condition of the Craft, he says:

Peace and harmony prevail among the Chapters and Companions throughout our borders. No note of discord have I heard, and while Capitular Masonry is not in as flourishing a condition as it ought to be—while some of the Chapters are doing nothing, or next to nothing—

ing, for the good and for the advancement of the institution, yet I think I can safely say, it is evidently improving. Many of the Chapters are doing well, and others of them are doing better now than they have heretofore; and I trust that the results of the measures which you may adopt at this Convocation will be to give an impetus to our time-honored institution for great good.

The committee on the Grand High Priest's address differ from him in one of his rulings, and the Grand Chapter agreed with the committee. The matter is as follows :

"Any Companion has the right to object to the advancement of a candidate at any time, and the degrees cannot be conferred so long as the objection stands." Methodical Digest, page 35, paragraph 4. This, of course, repeals by implication, the law of 1873.

But your committee deem it their duty to report that the law of 1873 is the wiser and more just. A brother who does not take the trouble to attend a meeting at which a candidate is to be balloted for, should not be allowed subsequently to prevent the candidate's advancement, without assigning the ground of his objection, or some reason therefor. Your committee believe that the Council are always qualified to judge wisely and well upon such a question. We agree with all the rulings of the Grand High Priest, and especially with his views upon the question of money paid by a candidate whose advancement is denied under the above rule. While this body has no desire to interfere with the question of Chapter funds, yet it should declare in the most emphatic terms that in its judgment money paid in by the candidate under the above circumstances should be refunded him.

Officers as mentioned above.

No report on Correspondence.

WISCONSIN.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on 19th February, 1884, with M. Ex. Grand High Priest, Homer S. Goss, in the East, and with representatives from 53 Chapters and 2 U. D. There are 56 chartered Chapters, whose membership amounts to 3,852; gain during the year having been 188.

Of the state of the Craft, the Grand High Priest says :

Universal peace and harmony seem to have prevailed throughout this Grand jurisdiction during the past year. All seem to have been filled with that spirit which the teachings of our sublime principles inculcate, and although in a few of our Chapters a feeling of apathy exists, yet this is more than counterbalanced by the spirit of activity and zeal which has prevailed throughout the larger portion of the State. More than an average amount of work has been done, and I am assured that the material selected is such as will stand the test of the overseers' square. I think we may say that Capitular Masonry in Wisconsin is in a fairly healthy condition.

The Committee on Finance estimated that the expenses would exceed the income some \$741.

Companion Edwin J. Farr was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John W. Laffin, Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence is from Companion Wm. C. Swain, who has succeeded that Prince of reporters, Companion Cottrill. From his notice of Alabama we take the following, because we have no doubt that whoever shall read this report, if any such there be, will as fully understand the answer to our question as we do. We are only afraid for the representative of Æsop :

Companion Pillans gives Wisconsin short but kindly mention. He asks Companion Cottrill for enlightenment in regard to our Committee on Distribution of Keys. As Cottrill is no longer "to the fore," we will endeavor to give a farthing-candle ray of light. He will remember the story of Rabelais, who, in a council of the wise physicians of his day, over an unfortunate victim, listened silently for some time to their learned disquisitions upon aperients, and finally withdrew in disgust to the back yard, where he built a fire, hung over it a kettle of water, and placed therein a huge key, which he proceeded to stir around. His fellow Esculapians desired enlightenment, and he gravely informed them that a key was the best aperient he knew of. And, Companion Pillans, we consider a key the best aperient for the mysteries of the Chapter.

He is of the opinion that the attitude of the General Grand Council, and of those jurisdictions which do not acquiesce in the formation of that body, threaten trouble. We do not agree with him. We are of the opinion that, like the cats in the fable, when the monkey was dividing the cheese for them, there will soon not be cheese enough left to quarrel about. We have, for some time, in regard to the Council, been asking the question, "Can these dry bones live?" and the answer appears to be a negative one. We, with others, labored faithfully in this jurisdiction to build up the Cryptic Rite, and have to acknowledge failure. And the reason is not far to seek. The logic of events proved too strong for us. In the "struggle for existence," and the "survival of the fittest," the Council goes to the wall. While admitting the beauty of the degrees, and their instructiveness, we must also admit, that in the multiplicity of rites, there is not sufficient room for them. In most localities, those who are active and competent workers in our Order, find an ample field for their usefulness in their Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and have absolutely no time left to be devoted to the Council. We venture to say that Companion Drummond does not show his face in a subordinate Council three times a year, and that in Companion Osgoodby's own jurisdiction, the majority of Councils are as dead as Julius Cæsar.

CONCLUSION.

From the foregoing review, the eighteenth of this writer, the Craft appears in general, and indeed with few exceptions, to be not only harmonious, but growing in strength and usefulness.

But one disturbing case is found, and we regret that we are again compelled to put the seal of our condemnation upon the arrogance of the M. W. G. M. Lodge of England and Wales, in its continued interference with the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and the reasons assigned therefor. Save in this instance, harmony prevails.

The question of the effect of suspension for non-payment of dues in Lodge upon Chapter membership still, to some extent, agitates the Craft; but even this is being slowly simmered down to probable uniformity.

The past year has been one of deep mourning for the lofty ones of the Craft, and we assure our Companions where the losses are immediately felt, that we of this jurisdiction have learned to mourn with them; for have we not also been placed in the same position!

Respectfully and paternally submitted,

P. J. PILLANS.

NOTE.

It is to be regretted that the exigencies of an empty Exchequer has somewhat marred the beauty of Companion Pillans' report. With his permission I have, therefore, left out some pages of selected matter, but have retained all that was original. It is to be regretted, but—these printers! They seem to have an aversion to working for nothing.

GRAND SECRETARY.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,

IN ACCOUNT WITH DANIEL SAYRE,

GRAND SECRETARY.

1883.	CR.	
Dec. 4.	By Dues at this Grand Convocation.....	\$434 25
5.	By amount Contingent Fund.....	150 00
1884.		
Jan. 1.	By Cash of Zerubbabel No. 56.....	\$13 50
29.	“ “ Mineral City.....	15 00
Aug. 28.	“ “ Decatur No 38	20 25
	“ “ received for Certificates.....	27 25— 76 00
		\$660 25
1883.	DR.	
Dec. 10.	To amount paid Grand Treasurer.....	434 25
1884.		
April 21.	To amount paid W. D. Brown & Co.....	131 60
Nov. 26.	To amount paid Grand Treasurer.....	94 40—\$660 25

MONTGOMERY, ALA., December 2, 1884.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

WM. H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

1883.	DR.	
Dec. 3.	To balance.....	\$54 41
10.	“ received from Grand Secretary.....	\$434 25
1884.		
Nov. 26.	“ “ “ “ “	94 40—528 65
		\$583 06
1883.	CR.	
Dec. 5.	By Com. on Work, J. H. Johnson.....	19.. 34 00
6.	By Com. on Correspondence.....	20.. 75 00
7.	By Grand Sentinel.....	21.. 10 00
10.	By Com. on Work, H. C. Armstrong.....	22.. 22 50
14.	By Grand Secretary.....	23.. 200 00
	By Contingent Fund.....	24.. 150 00
1884.		
Dec. 1.	Balance.....	91 56—\$583 06

MONTGOMERY, ALA., December 2, 1884.

WM. H. DINGLEY,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama :

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

The R. Ex. Grand Secretary received from all sources during the year.....\$660 25

All of which has been properly disposed of as per proper vouchers submitted to us.

The R. Ex. Grand Treasurer at last report had a balance of..\$ 54 41

Received from Grand Secretary during the year..... 528 65

Making a total of.....\$583 06

Of this amount he has paid out on proper vouchers..... 491 50

Leaving a balance in his hands of.....\$ 91 56

To this add receipts at the present Convocation..... 448 50

Making a total of..... 540 06

Of this amount your Committee respectfully recommend the following appropriations :

For Grand Secretary for last year.....\$200 00

For Committee on Correspondence..... 75 00

For Grand Sentinel at this Convocation..... 10 00

For Grand Secretary as Contingent Fund..... 150 00

Making total appropriations..... 435 00

Leaving balance of..... \$105 06

It is with pleasure your Committee note the *increase* of balance as compared with a few preceding years,—an evidence of increased interest in Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted.

DANIEL SMITH, Chairman.

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS,

With the number of Members, amount of Dues paid to the Grand Chapter, and the number of those Advanced, Presided, Received and Acknowledged, Exalted, Affiliated, Rejected, and Dimitted, since last Return.

Chapter Number.	NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	No. of Members.	Amount of Dues.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd and Ack'd.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Rejected.	Dimitted.
1	Tuskaloosa.....	20	\$15 00	2	2	2	1	1		
4	Monroe.....	13	9 75							
6	Cyrus.....	16	11 25							
10	Tuscumbia.....	26	19 50				1			
13	Gainesville.....	17	12 75							1
20	Livingston.....	12								2
21	Mobile.....	32	24 00	4	4	4	4			4
22	Montgomery.....	53	39 75	3	3	3	6	1		1
23	Talladega.....	23	18 00	1	1	1	1			
26	Union.....	22	16 50							
28	Saint Johns.....	43	32 25	3	4	4	4	5	3	2
38	Decatur.....	30	22 50	3	3	3	3			
40	Camden.....	17	12 75							1
54	Tyrian.....	40	30 00							
56	Zerubbabel.....	19								
64	Central.....	13	19 50							
66	Alabama.....	26	19 50	1	1	1				2
73	Gordon.....	18	13 50							
76	Elyton.....	17	12 75	6	6	6	6	1		4
79	Hillabee.....	20	15 00	5	5	5	5			1
83	Bell.....	15	11 25							
85	Gaston.....	18	24 75		3	3	3			4
86	Coosa.....	20	15 00							
87	Moulton.....	17	12 75							
92	Notasulga.....	17	12 75							
96	Daniel Pratt.....	11	8 25							
101	Mineral City.....	14	10 50	5	5	5	2		1	
104	Weogufka.....	20	15 00							

AT REST.

After Life's fitful fever, they sleep well.

William H. Hays, Dec. 5, 1883, 62 years	} Tuscaloosa.....No. 1
William Finley, July 5—52 years....	
William A. Lindsay, Feb. 24, 60 years	} Tuscumbia.....“ 2
Benjamin Pybas, June 26, 1883.....	
Benjamin W. Hudson, Jan. 2, 1882..	} Mobile.....“ 21
Sigmond Vogel, Dec. 2, 1883.....	
Joseph C. Bancroft, Dec. 24, 1883...	} Montgomery.....“ 22
James Davidson, Jan. 6, 73 years....	
Charles P. May, August 29.....	} Talladega.....“ 23
Malichi G. Rhodes.....	
Gabriel Stern, May 2.....	} Saint Johns.....“ 28
Joseph H. Bourner, June 17.....	
William McConaughy, Apr. 2, '83, 76 y's	} Camden.....“ 40
Samuel B. Roper, May 23—50 years..	
Jesse W. Mahan, April 6—68 years..	} Central....“ 64
John Willis Taylor, Oct. 22, '83, 43 y's	
Charles Stewart Ward, Apr. 11—59 y's	} Gaston.....“ 85
James H. McDonald, April 17.....	
William J. Thompson, Nov. 16.....	} Moulton.....“ 87
John A. Sears, Jan. 13—72 years....	
Thomas S. McDonald, Feb. 3—47 y'rs	} Mineral City.....“ 101
	} Weogufka.....“ 104

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

GAINESVILLE No. 13.—Joseph W. Dunning, Lewis M. Stone, Leopold Matzner, Hannibal H. McNeill—4.

LIVINGSTON No. 20.—Lewis Parrent, Robert S. Mason—2.

MOBILE No. 21.—Daniel McGill—1.

MONTGOMERY No. 22.—Joseph N. Barker, William Frazer—2.

TALLADEGA No. 23.—William Taylor, George W. Booth, James Barker—3.

CAMDEN No. 40.—Edmond Gaillard—1.

TYRIAN No. 54.—Joseph C. Avent, David C. Collins, John Freeman, Alexander Faulk, John E. Graves, Robert J. Higgins—6.

CENTRAL No. 64.—Amos M. Elliott, Pleasant M. Fancher—2.

ALABAMA No. 66.—George W. Smith, Belton O. James—2.

GORDON No. 73.—Wesley F. Watford—1.

BELL No. 83.—Christopher O. Guston—1.

WEOGUFKA No. 104.—Thomas J. McCain, Thomas Smith, T. H. Hastey M. G.—3.

REINSTATED.

William J. Whitsitt.....	Gainesville.....	No. 13
Charles P. May.....	Montgomery.....	" 22
Michael J. Niel.....	Saint Johns.....	" 28
Edwin H. Nash.....		
William G. Fail.....	Camden.....	" 40
Allen D. Sturdivant.....	Zerubbabel.....	" 56
John F. Sheppard.....		
Timothy J. Jewett.....	Alabama.....	" 66
David Montgomery.....	Elyton.....	" 76
James D. Baker.....	Hillabee.....	" 79
James Phillips.....		
John Wesley Johnston.....	Gaston.....	" 85
Robert A. Timmons.....	Coosa.....	" 86
Charles A. Edwards.....	Daniel Pratt.....	" 96

EXPELLED.

Thomas McKnight Jr.	Alabama.....	No. 66
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RECAPITULATION.

Chapters that made Returns.....	27
Chapters that paid Dues.....	27
Chapters that were represented.....	26
Number of Representatives present.....	33
Members reported at this Convocation.....	609
Dues received at this Convocation.....	\$454 50

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Advanced since last Grand Convocation.....	33
Presided since last Grand Convocation.....	36
Received and acknowledged.....	37
Exalted since last Grand Convocation.....	34
Affiliated " " ".....	9
Rejected " " ".....	4
Dimitted " " ".....	23
Expelled " " ".....	1
Suspended U. M. C.....	0
Suspended N. P. D.....	28
Reinstated.....	14
Chapters square upon the Books.....	28



SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF

ELBERT HARTWELL ENGLISH,

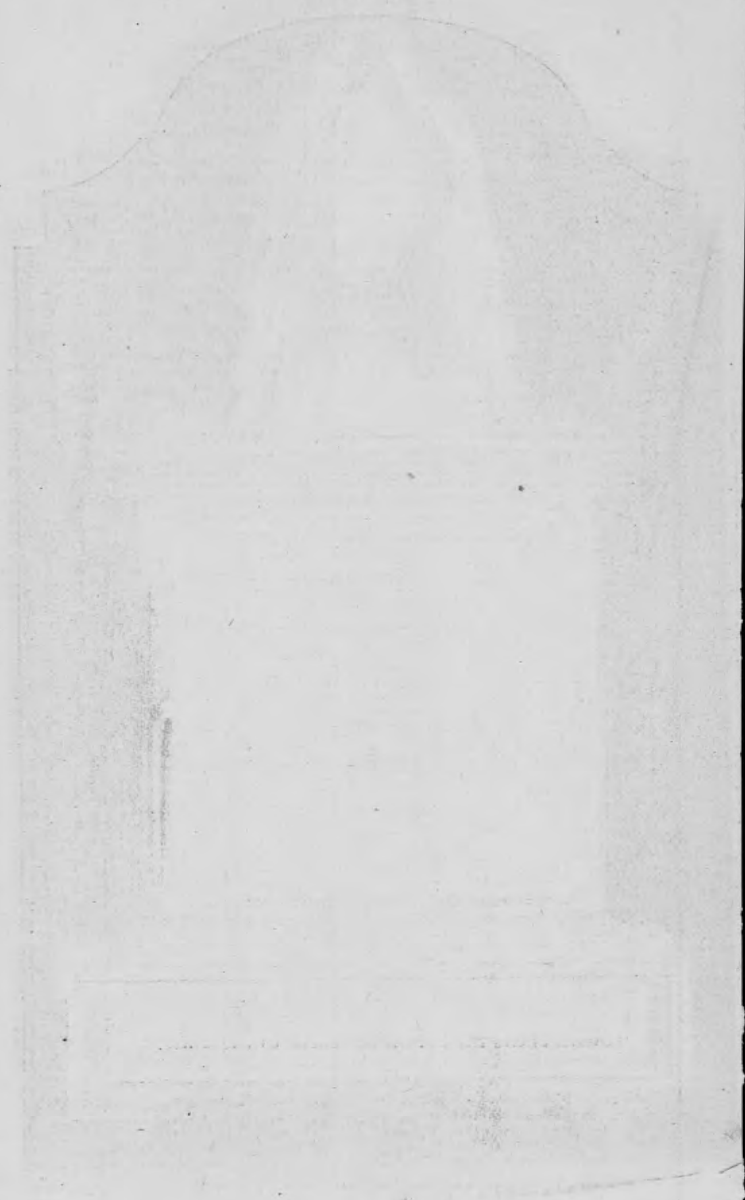
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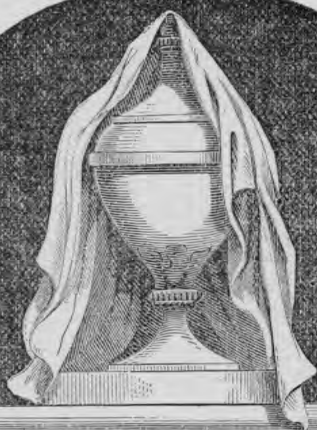
Of the Grand Chapter of Alabama

NEAR THE

Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

"Death is the road from the earth to the stars."





SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF

JAMES DAVIDSON,

LATE

GRAND SENTINEL

Of this Grand Chapter.

Died January 6, 1884.

"The memory of the good man is blessed."



MEMORANDA.

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

NEWELL M. THORNTON, M. D.	Abbeville.	Arkansas.
WILLIAM D. WADSWORTH.	Montgomery.	California.
JOSEPH H. JOHNSON, M. D.	Talladega.	Canada.
DEWITT CLINTON WHITE.	Moulton.	District of Columbia.
BENJAMIN F. POPE.	Gadsden.	Florida.
LUCKY W. JENKINS, M. D.	Camden.	Illinois.
_____	_____	Indiana.
MYLES J. GREENE, M. D.	Talladega.	Iowa.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.	Livingston.	Kansas.
HENRY F. MULLEN.	Selma.	Kentucky.
PALMER J. PILLANS.	Mobile.	Louisiana.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.	Mobile.	Maryland.
LUCKY W. JENKINS, M. D.	Camden.	Massachusetts.
_____	_____	Minnesota.
DAVID CLOPTON.	Montgomery.	Mississippi.
_____	_____	Missouri.
_____	_____	Nebraska.
_____	_____	New Jersey.
JOHN W. BUSH.	Uniontown.	New York.
WILLIAM COCHRANE.	Tuscaloosa.	North Carolina.
HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG.	Notasulga.	Nova Scotia.
GEORGE LITTLEFIELD SMITH.	Prattville.	Ohio.
DANIEL SAYRE.	Montgomery.	Oregon.
WILLIAM HENRY TANCRE.	Huntsville.	Quebec.
JAMES T. BECK.	Camden.	Rhode Island.
_____	_____	South Carolina.
_____	_____	Tennessee.
JOHN R. GOLDTHWAITE.	Troy.	Vermont.
_____	_____	Wisconsin.

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

W. W. GARLAND.....	<i>Morrilton</i>	Arkansas.
ISAAC F. TOMS.....	<i>Goderich, Ont.</i>	Canada.
CHARLES W. HANCOCK.....	<i>Washington</i>	District of Columbia.
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No	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	CONVOCAATION.
1	Tuscaloosa.	Tuscaloosa.	Tuscaloosa.	Tuscaloosa.	John M. Martin.	William A. Cochran.	3 Wednesday
4	Monroe.	Perdue Hill.	Monroe.	Perdue Hill.	Noah A. Agee.	William R. Agee.	1 Saturday
6	Cyrus.	Florence.	Lauderdale.	Florence.	Henry W. Sample.	James K. Price.	Mon after 2 Sat
10	Tusculumbia.	Tusculumbia.	Colbert.	Tusculumbia.	Thomas T. Rowland.	John N. Green.	Thursday afm
13	Gainesville.	Gainesville.	Sumter.	Gainesville.	Edward N. Kring.	Charles W. McMahon.	3 Friday
20	Livingston.	Livingston.	Sumter.	Livingston.	John Gideon Harris.	Isaiah C. Brown.	1 and 3 Thurs
21	Mobile.	Mobile.	Mobile.	Mobile.	William A. Alexander.	Henry T. Goodloe.	1 and 3 Thurs
22	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Archibald L. R. Thompson.	Edmund Read Hastings.	2 Tuesday
23	Talladega.	Talladega.	Talladega.	Talladega.	Joseph Henry Johnson.	Myles Jefferson Greene.	3 Friday
26	Union.	Uniontown.	Perry.	Uniontown.	Mortiz L. Ernst.	Julie Harwood.	1 Thursday
38	Decatur.	Decatur.	Dallas.	Decatur.	James M. Brundidge.	Adolph Jacobson.	4 Monday
40	Camden.	Camden.	Morgan.	Camden.	Neil McArthur.	Edward W. Callier.	3 Tuesday
54	Tyrian.	Troy.	Wilcox.	Troy.	Samuel R. Cotton.	John T. Cook.	Friday bfm
56	Zernobabel.	Camp Hill.	Pike.	Camp Hill.	Marcellus A. Twible.	John R. Goldthwaite.	Friday bf 2 Sat
64	Central.	Montevallo.	Tallapoosa.	Montevallo.	William F. Aldrich.	Rolly R. Spinks.	Sat bf 2 Sab
66	Alabama.	Shelby.	Shelby.	Montevallo.	Philip C. Candidas.	Samuel S. Holbrook.	Monday bfm
73	Gordon.	Mobile.	Mobile.	Mobile.	Sewell M. Thornton.	Charles A. Mohr.	2 and 4 Friday
76	Elyton.	Abbeville.	Henry.	Abbeville.	Sun Thompson.	James W. Stokes.	1 Saturday
79	Hillabee.	Good Water.	Jefferson.	Birmingham.	George W. Porter.	William B. Cline.	2 Monday
83	Bell.	Lineville.	Coosa.	Good Water.	Robert D. Evans.	Daniel B. Brown.	Sat bf 2 Sab
85	Gaston.	Decaturville.	Clay.	Lineville.	John N. Gilmore.	George W. Bartlett.	3 Saturday
87	Monkton.	Gadsden.	Choctaw.	Bavill's Store.	Benjamin Franklin Pope.	William R. Hern.	2 Thursday
92	Nottulunga.	Monkton.	Etowah.	Gadsden.	DeWitt Clinton White.	Samuel Orr.	1 Monday
96	Daniel Pratt.	Nottulunga.	Lawrence.	Monkton.	Henry Clay Armstrong.	William P. Chitwood.	Friday bf 3 Sab
101	General City.	Prattville.	Macon.	Nottulunga.	George Littlefield Smith.	William S. Ford.	2 and 4 Sat
		Birmingham.	Autauga.	Prattville.	John Gilbert Smith.	George Cook Spigener.	2 Monday afm
		Birmingham.	Jefferson.	Birmingham.	William Dunn.	William Dunn.	2 and 4 Thurs

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40. Virginia.....	William Bryan Isaacs.....	Richmond.
41. Washington.....	Thomas Milburne Reed.....	Olympia.
42. West Virginia.....	Odell Squier Long.....	Wheeling.
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