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AT THE

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

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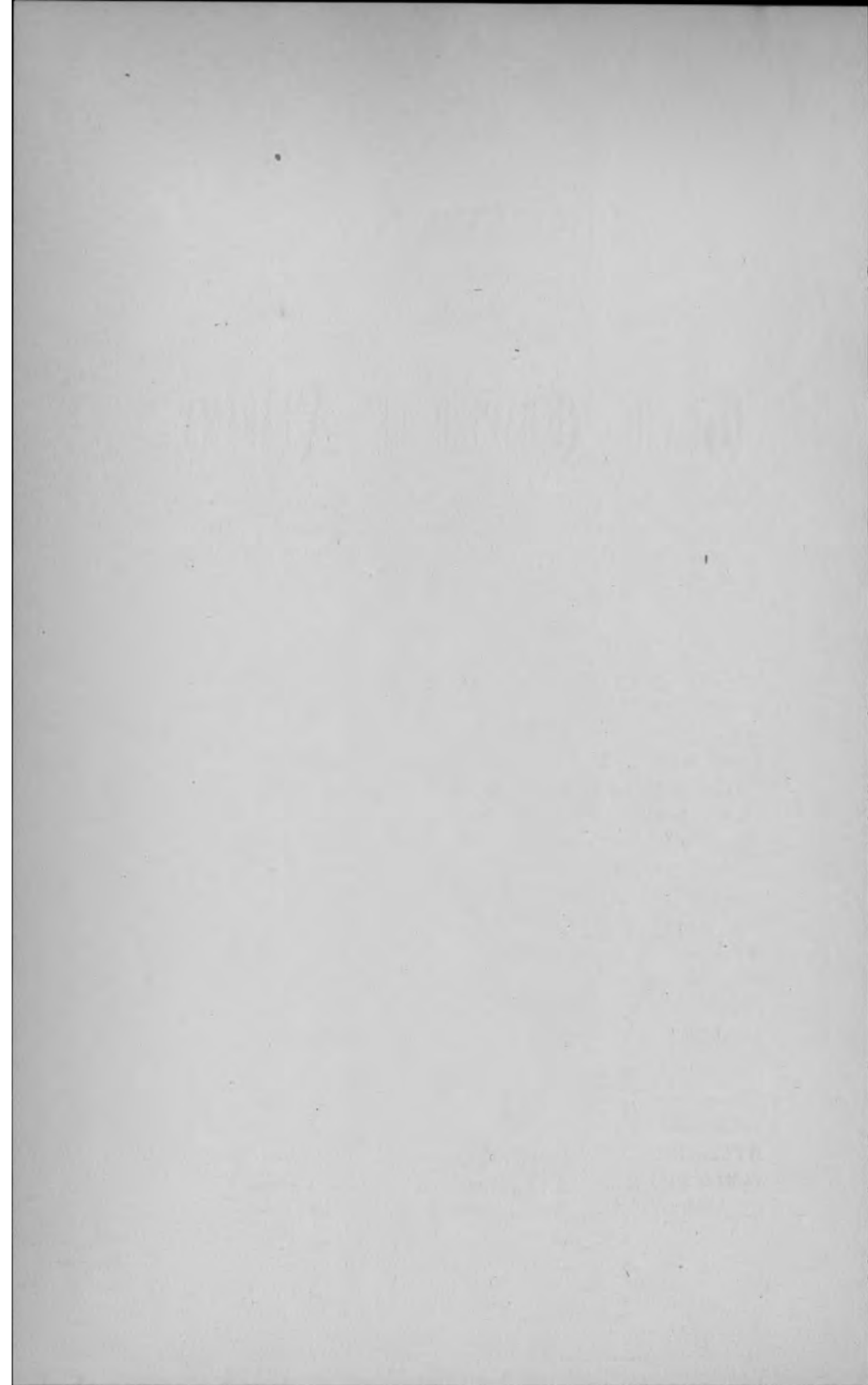
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The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama held its Fifty-ninth Annual Grand Convocation at the New Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the Eighth day of December, A. D. 1885, A. L. 5885, Anno. Inv. 2415.

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.
REV. WILLIAM CAREY BLED SOE.....Grand Chaplain.
JAMES TAIT BECK.....Grand C. of H.
GEORGE LYTTLEFIELD SMITH.....Grand P. Sojourner.
ARCHIBALD L. R. THOMPSON, *as*.....Grand R. A. Captain.
WILLIAM GILBERT COCHRANE.....Grand M. 3 Veil.
EDMUND READ HASTINGS.....Grand M. 2 Veil.
JAMES MONROE DEDMAN, *as*.....Grand M. 1 Veil.
ADAM REIGART BAKER.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

PELEG BROWN.....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.

WILLIAM DWIGHT WADSWORTH.....	Arkansas.
JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, M. D.....	Canada.
DEWITT CLINTON WHITE.....	District of Columbia.
LUCKY WALKER JENKINS, M. D.....	Illinois.
MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE, M. D.....	Iowa.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.....	Kansas.
PALMER JOB PILLANS.....	Louisiana.
WILLIAM STORY FOSTER.....	Maryland.
LUCKY WALKER JENKINS, M. D.....	Massachusetts.
GEORGE LYTTLEFIELD SMITH.....	Ohio.
DANIEL SAYRE	Oregon.
JAMES TAIT BECK.....	Rhode Island.
JOHN RANDALL GOLDTHWAITE.....	Vermont.
NOAH ALFRED AGEE.....	Washington Ter.

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

No.	1.	Tuskaloosa.....	{ William G. Cochrane*.....	K.
"	4.	Monroe.....	{ Albert P. Gilmore*.....	S.
"	5.	Eunomia.....	{ Noah A. Agee	H. P.
"	20.	Livingston.....	{ Oscar R. Hundley*.....	"
"	21.	Mobile.....	{ John Gideon Harris*.....	"
"	22.	Montgomery	{ William Story Foster*.....	"
"	23.	Talladega.....	{ Archibald L. R. Thompson	"
"	26.	Union.....	{ Henry C. Davidson.....	K.
"	28.	Saint Johns.....	{ Henry M. Bush.....	S.
"	40.	Camden.....	{ Joseph H. Johnson.....	H. P.
"	54.	Tyrian.....	{ Myles J. Greene*.....	K.
"	66.	Alabama.....	{ James J. Brown*.....	H. P.
"	73.	Gordon.....	{ Jacob B. Roth*.....	"
			{ John A. McKinnon.....	K.
			{ James M. Dedman*.....	S.
			{ James T. Beck.....	H. P.
			{ Solomon D. Bloch*.....	K.
			{ Lucky W. Jenkins*.....	S.
			{ John R. Goldthwaite*.....	H. P.
			{ Daniel Smith.....	S.
			{ John W. Foster*.....	H. P.

*Proxies.

No. 76.	Elyton	Samuel Thompson.....	H. P.
“ 79.	Hillabee	{ George W. Porter.....	“
“ 87.	Moulton.....	{ Steven M. Pearson	K.
“ 96.	Daniel Pratt... ..	DeWitt Clinton White.....	H. P.
“ 101.	Mineral City	George Lyttlefield Smith.....	“
		John A. Milner*.....	“

*Proxies.

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.

LUCKY W. JENKINS,

PALMER J. PILLANS,

JOHN R. GOLDTHWAITE.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

It is with a heart filled with the most pleasant and grateful emotions, that I thank God for the privilege of meeting you here to-day, in the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

At our last Annual Convocation I had the honor of being a second time elected to the highest office in your gift, and now as my term of official trust draws to a close, one of the few duties I have yet to perform is to render an account of my stewardship for the past year.

My official labors have been light and easily performed.

On the 24th day of June I made an official visit to Mobile Chapter No. 21 and Alabama No. 66, and installed their officers elect for the present year.

On the 22d of July I granted a Dispensation to Monroe Chapter No. 4 to ballot upon four petitions at a special convocation.

As a rule I am strongly opposed to the granting of such dispensations ; but felt that I would, in this instance, be justified in breaking the rule.

Monroe Chapter having for some years failed to pay dues and be represented in the Grand Chapter had become dormant ; but under authority of this Grand Chapter given in 1883 it had been revived and reinstated. The petitions were received by the Chapter at a regular meeting, and had been in its possession for more than one month ; but the By-Laws of said Chapter provide for only four regular meetings in a year ; and at the time it was desired to ballot upon these petitions, there were present to assist in conferring the degrees and instructing the officers of Monroe Chapter in the work, Companions Lucky W. Jenkins, P. G. H. P., James T. Beck, G. C. H., and Neill McArthur, H. P., of Camden Chapter. Under these circumstances I felt that the best interests of the Fraternity would be subserved by granting the Dispensation.

Mineral City Chapter No. 101 having shown good reasons for the failure to elect officers at the time fixed by law, a Dispensation was granted said Chapter to hold an election at a later date.

On the 16th of August I received a communication from Camden Chapter No. 40 asking for a Dispensation to ballot upon three petitions before the expiration of the time fixed in their By-Laws, the following reasons being given for making the request :

1st. The By-Laws of the Chapter require all petitions to lie over one month.

2d. It was expected that two or three of the principal officers would be absent from the September meeting.

3d. One of the petitioners would be absent most of the Fall.

As Camden Chapter had been in continuous existence for many years, and I knew of no reason why these brethren could not have applied to it at an earlier date, there seemed to me no sufficient reason for granting the request, and I refused the Dispensation asked for, regretting at the same time that a sense of duty would not allow me to oblige my Companions of Camden Chapter.

On the 24th of September I received a communication from Hilla-

bec Chapter No 79 asking for a Dispensation allowing said Chapter to hold its meetings alternately at Goodwater, in Coosa county, where it is located, and Alexander City in Tallapoosa county, or if I could not do this to allow the removal of said Chapter to Alexander City for the space of six months. As the Dispensation if granted would have expired with this meeting of the Grand Chapter, the time for which was drawing near, and being doubtful of the propriety of the move as well as of my authority in the premises, I refused the Dispensation, and suggested to the Companions of Hillabee Chapter that they bring the matter before the Grand Chapter at this Convocation. Several matters have been submitted for decision, none of them, however, of sufficient importance to warrant their publication.

I regret to inform you of the absence from our jurisdiction of the Chairman of the Committee on Work, our M. Ex. Companion H. Clay Armstrong, who has been appointed U. S. Consul at Rio Janeiro in Brazil. For many years past Companion Armstrong has so thoroughly identified himself with everything pertaining to the interests and welfare of this Grand Chapter, that his absence from us to-day will be sorely felt by all. But none will miss him more than myself. In him I have long had a warm personal friend and wise counselor. Let us hope that a kind Providence will watch over and keep him in safety while in that far away land, and that he may soon return to cheer us again with his genial presence and assist us with his wise and prudent counsels.

And now, in closing, permit me to congratulate you upon the spirit of peace and harmony prevailing throughout our jurisdiction, and the pleasant and fraternal relations existing between this and sister Grand Chapters throughout the world, among all of which there seems at present but one subject of discord; the vexatious and still unsettled difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Masters Lodge of England, which it is to be hoped will soon be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

You will perhaps remember that in my address to you, at our last annual convocation, I said if we were but true to ourselves, and

acted well our part, we need have no fears for the future of our beloved fraternity.

And although our Royal Craft has not progressed as well as we could have wished, still we have many reasons for being encouraged. The vast material resources of our State are daily becoming better known to the world, and are being developed to an extent that promises soon to make Alabama one of the wealthiest mining districts in our country. Our population is steadily increasing. Many active and energetic business men are being drawn hither by the attractions and advantages which our grand old State has to offer them. Our people are more hopeful of the future, and an era of prosperity brighter than they have known for many years, seems opening up before them. And surely, Companions, as we note these many gratifying evidences of improvement in our surroundings, we may be pardoned if we indulge in the hope of a brighter future for our beloved Fraternity.

Then, again, I say, let us with renewed courage push manfully on in the noble and glorious work of building our mystic temple, each one striving to so perfect his work that it will stand the test of the great overseer's square. Then we may safely leave the final results to the great I Am, trusting in the promise that "in due time we shall reap if we faint not."

WILLIAM S. FOSTER,

Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest announced the following—

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 1.—George W. Porter, James T. Beck, Stephen M. Pearson.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 2.—John R. Goldthwaite, James J. Brown, Oscar R. Hundley.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 3.—William G. Cochran, John A. McKinnon, Albert P. Gilmore.

ON DISPENSATIONS.—George L. Smith, John A. Milner, John W. Foster.

ON FINANCE.—Daniel Smith, Samuel Thompson, DeWitt C. White.

ON BY-LAWS.—James M. Dedman, Jacob B. Roth, Henry M. Bush.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.—Myles J. Greene, James T. Beck, Noah A. Agee.

REPORTS MADE.

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

HILLABEE CHAPTER NO. 79.

A petition was presented to remove Hillabee Chapter No. 79 from its present location to Alexander City, and the petition was referred to the incoming High Priest.

REPORT ON WORK.

Companion Myles J. Greene, of the Committee on Work, made report, and the report was received and concurred in.

Companion Palmer J. Pillans submitted the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON QUEBEC.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Your Committee on Correspondence to whom has been referred all the correspondence between the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales having considered the same do now report—

That it is with deep regret and much concern that the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama contemplates this inharmonious condition in the great masonic family, and that it deplores its continuance as likely to produce dissention and rancor where only harmony and brotherly love should prevail. This Grand Chapter the more deeply deplores this contention, as both of the parties to it are in friendly correspondence with this Grand Chapter.

In view of the fact, however, that this Grand Chapter is but a portion of the G. G. Chapter of the United States, under whose advice she is expected to act, it behooves it to take no steps until the opinion of the G. G. Chapter shall have been announced. The G. G. Chapter will soon hold its triennial convocation, and its opinion will be known before the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

P. J. PILLANS,
Chairman.

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 9, 1885.

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.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The amendment to the Constitution, as proposed at the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, being called up for action thereon, it was concurred in and adopted according to Section 1, Article V of the Constitution, and Section 2 of Article II now concludes as follows:

“And no Companion shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest for more than two years successively.”

Companion William W. McCollum offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

TO REINSTATE SHELBY CHAPTER NO. 97.

Resolved, That Shelby Chapter No. 97 be reinstated, provided said Chapter elects officers and pays two years back dues to the Grand Secretary within sixty days from the close of this Grand Annual Convocation.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year, Companions Edmund R. Hastings, DeWitt C. White, and Palmer J. Pillans, acting as Tellers, and the election resulted as follows:

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS....	Montgomery...	Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM WALLACE MCCOLLUM..	Briarfield.....	Deputy G. H. Priest.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.....	Montgomery...	Grand King.
JAMES TAIT BECK....	Camden.....	Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY	Montgomery ..	Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	Montgomery ..	Grand Secretary.
GEORGE LITTLEFIELD SMITH....	Prattville	Grand C. of H.

And the Grand High Priest subsequently announced the following—

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM GILBERT COCHRANE....	Tuscaloosa....	Grand P. Sojourner.
EDMUND READ HASTINGS..	Montgomery	Grand R. A. Captain.
STEPHEN MATTHEW PEARSON...	Good Water...	Grand M. 3 Veil.
JOHN ALEXANDER MCKINNON...	Selma.....	Grand M. 2 Veil.
OSCAR RICHARD HUNDLEY.....	Huntsville.....	Grand M. 1 Veil.
ADAM REIGAERT BAKER.....	Montgomery...	Grand Sentinel

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Companion Daniel Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made report, and the report was received and concurred in.

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

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

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

CORRECT :

Monroe.....	No. 4	Gainesville.....	No. 13
Ennomia	" 5	Livingston.....	" 20
Tuscumbia	" 10	Mobile.....	" 21

INCORRECT :

TUSKALOOSA No. 1.—No seal.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEORGE W. PORTER,
STEPHEN M. PEARSON,
Committee.

Companion Lucky W. Jenkins, Chairman of 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 :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, beg leave to report, that they have read and examined the same with great pleasure, and recommend it to the careful consideration of the fraternity throughout the jurisdiction.

Your Committee approve the official acts and decisions of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and they heartily concur in that portion of the address in which reference is made to our absent Companion, Henry Clay Armstrong, P. G. H. P.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

L. W. JENKINS,
Chair. of Committee.

Companion John R. Goldthwaite, Chairman of Committee No. 2 on Chartered Chapters, 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 examined the Returns submitted to them, they find the following—

CORRECT :

Montgomery	No. 22	Camden	No. 40
Talladega	" 23	Tyrian	" 54
Union	" 26	Alabama	" 66
Saint Johns	" 28		

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN R. GOLDTHWAITE,
JAMES J. BROWN,
OSCAR R. HUNDLEY,
Committee.

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

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 3.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

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

CORRECT :

Gaston No. 85 |

INCORRECT :

GORDON No. 73. — Recapitulation not filled out, amount of dues incorrectly estimated — short 50 cents, dates at the bottom not filled out, several names abbreviated.

ELYTON No. 76. — Name not indorsed upon the back.

HILLABEE No. 79. — Recapitulation not filled out with figures according to directions, heading of the return not filled out, date A. Inv. not filled out, seal not plumb, initials used.

MOULTON No. 87. — Recapitulation not filled out according to directions, seal not plumb.

NOTASULGA No. 92. — Recapitulation not filled out according to directions.

DANIEL PRATT No. 96. — Name of one candidate inserted under all the *heads*, instead of being under one head as in the directions, and dates extended, P. O. for the Chapter not set down.

MINERAL CITY No. 101. — Initials and abbreviations used, table of Dues not filled out, blanks at the bottom not filled out, no dates to two deaths, dues short 50 cents.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM G. COCHRANE,

JOHN A. MCKINNON,

ALBERT P. GILMORE,

Committee.

Companion John Gideon Harris, Grand King, offered the following, and it was unanimously adopted :

HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG.

Whereas, The President of the United States of America has conferred upon Companion Henry Clay Armstrong, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, the office of Consul General at Rio de Janeiro of the Empire of Brazil, in South America, we the Grand Chapter now in grand convocation, do most heartily commend our worthy Companion, Henry Clay Armstrong, to the kind offices of our companions in Brazil. Companion Armstrong, from his noble manhood, zealous devotion to our Fraternity, and a high sense of moral rectitude, is worthy the confidence and esteem

of all companions in the world. No stain has ever rested on his character, and this Grand Chapter, fully and unqualifiedly indorses him to the brotherhood wherever found.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent, under the seal of this Grand Chapter, to our esteemed companion.

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

ON WORK.

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

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK.

William Wallace Screws, Grand High Priest, *virtute officii*.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

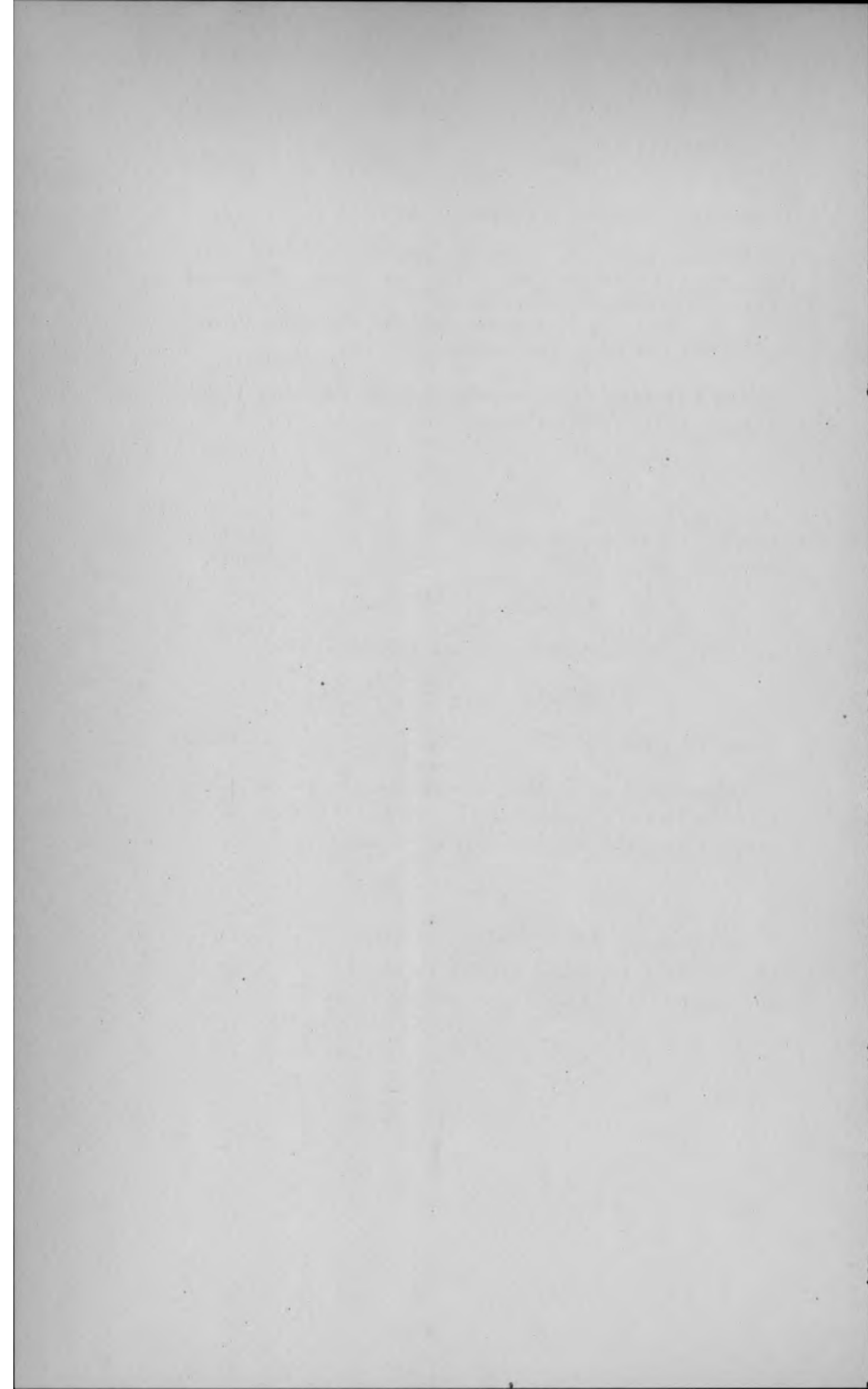
Palmer Job Pillans	Mobile.
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There being no further business to be brought before the Grand Chapter at this Grand Annual Convocation, the minutes were read and approved.

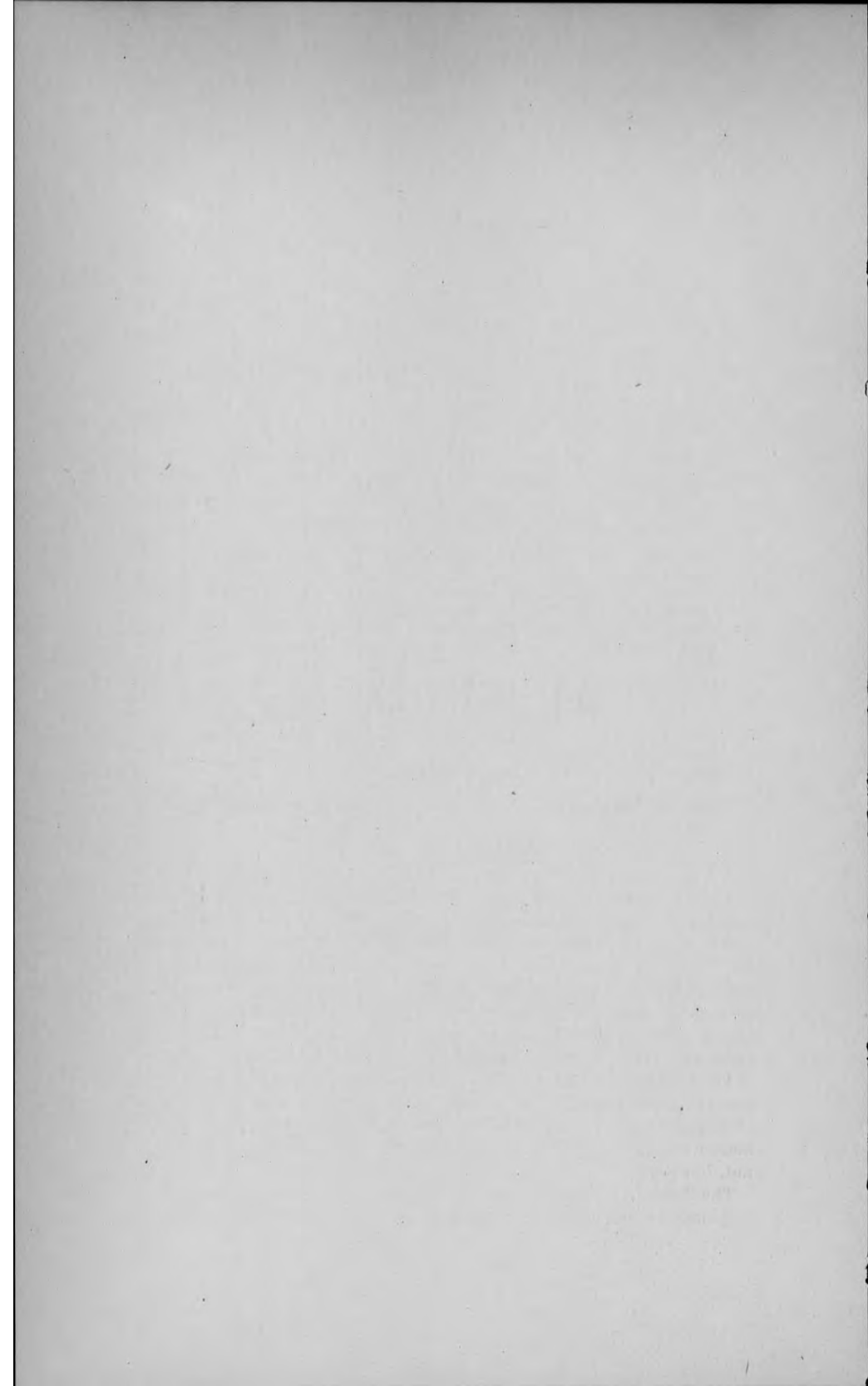
CLOSED.

And then the Fifty-ninth 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.

The Committee on Correspondence in the following pages have attempted to give to you companions in a very concise and condensed manner a review of what they have thought would prove interesting or instructive from the following jurisdictions :

Arkansas,	Louisiana,	Nova Scotia,
California,	Maine,	Ohio,
Canada,	Maryland,	Pennsylvania.
Colorado,	Massachusetts,	Quebec,
Connecticut,	Michigan,	Rhode Island,
Dist. of Columbia,	Minnesota,	Tennessee,
Florida,	Missouri,	Texas,
Georgia,	Nebraska,	Vermont,
Illinois,	Nevada,	Virginia,
Indiana,	New Hampshire,	Washington,
Iowa,	New Jersey,	West Virginia,
Kansas,	New York,	Wisconsin.
Kentucky,	North Carolina,	

These we have taken, as usual, in alphabetical order and begin with—

ARKANSAS.

The Thirty-fifth Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held under the direction of M. E. Grand High Priest, George L. Kimball, on the 27th day of November, 1884. Of the condition of the Craft the Grand High Priest says that he feels "warranted in saying that the fraternity has made as good progress as we could reasonably hope for under the circumstances," agriculture, commerce, and manufactures having been so paralyzed of late. The returns also sustain the position the increase having been though slight.

The Grand High Priest laid before the Grand Chapter additional papers in relation to the difficulty between Quebec and G. M. Lodge of England, and expressed the hope that the committee to which this matter had been referred would report at this convocation. It did not, however.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended postponement of the consideration of the application of the Grand Chapter of Portugal

from one of the decisions of the Grand High Priest and the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. We find that suspension for non-payment of dues in the Lodge does not affect the standing of the member in his Chapter.

Companion Logan H. Roots was made Grand High Priest, and Companion James A. Henry, Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence by Companion R. E. Salle, though presented to the Grand Chapter and which extorted from it a resolution of thanks to the writer, was not presented.

CALIFORNIA.

We have before us the proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, held on 28th day of April, 1885, M. E. Jonathan Doan Hines, Grand High Priest, presiding. The returns exhibit a reasonable increase in numbers during the year.

The Grand High Priest firmly announces his opposition to the course of the G. M. M. Lodge of England in its manner to Grand Chapter of Quebec, but thinks it unwise at present to suspend intercourse, believing that a full and fraternal though firm enunciation of our purpose to adhere to what is styled the American doctrine, will probably produce better results.

He recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Dakota, as its formation "appears to be in all respects regular," and she with that of Washington were hailed as co-laborers in the good work.

The business of the Grand Chapter in other respects was purely local. It, however, contained some admirable reports, but in matters pertaining to the construction and application of their own local laws and regulations.

Companion Edward Coleman was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Grand Secretary.

The latter presented the report on Correspondence, containing a fraternal review of Alabama for 1883, and quoting liberally from Grand High Priest Jenkins' address. We find scattered throughout the report his aversion to the idea that Grand High Priests and even Grand Masters have any inherent rights or prerogatives, or any powers not bestowed by the constitution of these Grand Bodies. We, however, refer him to what we suppose will be the report of our Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Alabama on this subject, and of which we are able to say "*magna pars fui*." Yet, notwithstanding his views on this subject, we find him thus de-

fending the action of the Grand High Priest of California, who, under peculiar circumstances, found it necessary to travel outside of the enumerated powers :

Not at all Companion Gurney ; the Grand High Priest was not exercising any boasted hereditary right or prerogative by his action, but only following the plain dictates of common sense in an emergency. It is not of such powers, which must at times be at the discretion of the head of any deliberative body, be it Masonic or otherwise, that we object ; it is to the claim set up by some writers that, Grand Masters and Grand High Priests are above and beyond the law and independent of its provisions. That they can "make Masons at sight," suspend any Mason *volens volens* without benefit of clergy, or grant dispensations to violate the plain provisions of the law. It is to such tomfooleries that we object and not to the exercise of a sound discretion for the good of the Craft. In discussing the views of Companion English, he makes use of language which excited the ire of some of the members of his Grand Chapter, who moved to have all that portion of his report stricken out. The matter was finally referred to a committee, to report at the next Annual Convocation.

We give one more extract, his opinion (in which we fully concur,) of the folly of having Masonic parades on all occasions whenever opportunity may offer :

Masonry in these latter days seems to be getting more and more a matter of parade and show, and when those who hold the reins learn to know that strictly Masonic occasions are the only ones on which Masons may properly parade, the better it will be for the Craft.

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Canada assembled in its Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation on the 10th of July, 1885, M. E. Companion Henry Macpherson, G. Z., on the throne. The increase in membership was small during the year.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts contain such expressions as "I regret my inability to express satisfaction at the condition of the Royal Craft." "I regret to state that very little if any advance has been made in the Royal Craft." "I can assure the Grand Chapter that the utmost harmony prevails, although the growth of membership has not been large." "I have nothing encouraging to report" "I am pleased to report that Royal Arch Masonry has held its own in this District," &c. These are each taken from a different report. There are eight districts, and the committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry use this language : "The reports this year do not indicate that the interest is as great as it

should be in Capitular Masonry." All of which is a source of supreme distress to us, for from a similarity of conditions we know how to sympathize with those in authority in this our sister jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter of Dakota was recognized.

The Grand Chapter recommended an edict of non-intercourse to be issued in relation to the G. M. M. Lodge of England.

M. E. Companion Thomas Sargent, G. Z., and R. E. Companion David McLellan, G. S. E.

Companion Henry Robertson again made the report on Correspondence, giving a most excellent synopsis of the opinions prevailing in other jurisdictions with but few comments of his own. This we take to be really the intent of this committee. He quotes with apparent acquiescence all that is said about the constitutional inhibitions surrounding a Grand High Priest and a Grand Master. Our Grand Lodge has this question under consideration, and from the standing of the committee to whom it was referred we expect a full and complete report. If made we refer our companion to it. Alabama is kindly noticed.

COLORADO.

Of the Grand Chapter of this State we have the proceedings of the Tenth Annual Convocation, held on 18th September, 1884, Companion Edward B. Newman being the M. E. Grand High Priest in the East. The growth of this Grand Chapter in numbers of subordinate members is encouraging.

The Grand High Priest impressed upon the Convocation the necessity of compelling those introduced into the Chapter to perfect themselves in the Ritual of each degree before being allowed to advance to the next. He is averse to the too frequent changing and alteration of the laws of a jurisdiction, but would have companions familiarize themselves with those in existence, from a lack of which, such frequent changes are introduced.

The Grand Chapter fully indorsed the action of the Grand Chapter of Quebec in cutting off masonic communication with all M. M. Masons of obedience to the Grand Lodge or M. M. M. of England. This Grand Chapter only requires one who petitions for the degrees to be a Master Mason in good standing. It does not require that he shall be affiliated.

Companion Horace N. Banks was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary.

Companion R. W. Woodbury presented the report on Correspond-

ence which, however, is entitled, "Extracts from the Proceedings of Grand Chapters in correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Colorado." His introduction we give entire. It displays the spirit prompting it. As there was no representative from Alabama at that G. G. Convocation, of course we are left out in the cold :

A few days since the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee presented me with the proceedings of Grand Chapters with which we are in correspondence, and requested me to write a report. Ten days is insufficient to read the proceedings, much less prepare a report; but I find these proceedings have nearly all something to say of this Grand Chapter and its courtesies to the companions of the United States at the Triennial Convocation last year. I conceive as the General Grand Chapter will probably never again be the guest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado during the lives of the companions now composing it, this Grand Chapter should reproduce the comments and put them in shape for preservation among its records. I therefore have made the extracts pertaining to Colorado, and recommend their publication in lieu of a regular report on correspondence.

CONNECTICUT.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held May 12th, 1885, M. E. Grand High Priest, Chester Tilden, presided. Within the jurisdiction are thirty-seven chartered Chapters, and all were represented at this Convocation. Their membership consists of 4,244, the increase being 103.

The Grand High Priest says "harmony, zeal and fidelity prevail among our Chapters. No discord has arisen to mar the peace or disturb the fraternal feelings of the brotherhood."

The Grand Chapter recognized the newly formed Grand Chapters of Washington Territory and Dakota, and extended to them a cordial greeting.

Companion James McCormick was made Grand High Priest, and Companion Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

Companion John H. Barlow again made the Correspondence report. Alabama is among those reviewed. He seems to differ with us as to the powers of a Grand High Priest. While presiding over a Grand Chapter he is presiding over a representative body having to be sure judicial as well as legislative powers. We have never for a moment hesitated in our view of the inherent rights of a Grand Master. Yet, we believe that he is as much bound by the constitution so far as his own powers are prescribed by that instrument as others; but we claim that when that instrument forbids subordinate lodges to do any act or commands them to do one, these may be set aside by

the Grand Master, and this is his inherent dispensing power. But whether a Grand High Priest possesses the powers rightfully belonging to a Grand Master is a question the affirmative of which we are not prepared to accept.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The pamphlet before us of this Grand Chapter contains the proceedings of the Semi-annual and also of the Eighteenth Annual Convocation, held on 10th of December, 1884, Companion Burton R. Ross being the M. E. Grand High Priest. There is a reasonable increase in membership shown by the returns.

The Grand High Priest having visited the several Chapters within the jurisdiction, congratulates the companions that "the reports have shown a gratifying advancement," and his being a witness to the "renewed assurances of commendable zeal for the good of the order."

The recognition of the Grand Chapter of Portugal was deferred, because of the "insufficient evidence furnished, the committee was not satisfied that it was a legally formed body."

The Grand Chapter forbade and enjoined "its subordinates" from holding Masonic intercourse with Mark Master Masons claiming allegiance to the Grand Lodge of M. M. Masons of England.

Companion Jose M. Yznaga was made M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companion Lewis G. Stephens, Grand Secretary.

P. G. High Priest, Companion Noble D. Larner, gave us the report on Correspondence, which must need be excellent. Alabama receives friendly and courteous notice.

We find him exercised about the powers and prerogatives of a M. E. Grand High Priest and always combating the views of those who circumscribe and compress him within the narrow compass of the imperfect written constitutions. Imperfect because those who made them little dreamed of the existence of those who would masonically question his powers. Not a single constitution that we have seen pretends to do more than to limit his powers. He thinks if he is to be so limited "a strange mixture" we would have.

"How would you go about giving the degrees to one who had lost an arm, a hand, or a leg? is a question asked by him very pertinently, and he thinks that no one "should be advanced to the degrees of the Chapter who could not conform to the forms and ceremonies necessary to conferring the degrees."

In this District the effect of suspension by the lodge operates as suspension from the Chapter as in Alabama.

In regard to the mere "dropping from the roll" for non-payment of dues, we find him saying :

Under the legal aspect of the question in Massachusetts, a brother suspended from his membership rights is not in such standing as to permit his own Lodge to contribute to his relief, but is a good enough Mason for others to contribute to. Is this right? Is it just? Is it not saying, in effect, that we throw you off from your own Lodge, where you should have the right if anywhere, to apply for relief, and make you a Masonic pauper. "Oh! consistency, thou art a jewel."

FLORIDA.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on 19th January, 1885, M. E. Companion William E. Anderson, Grand High Priest. There are indications of a revival of interest in our companions of Florida, although for the past two years there has been an annual decrease in members, each year showing less than the year preceding. But the Grand High Priest speaks hopefully, and with the constant increase of population and wealth we may reasonably expect that the Craft will now grow in strength. We are much pleased with this gem from the address : "The greatest reward, and the only one which satisfies, is the consciousness of duty faithfully discharged. That reward, when fairly earned, will remain with us forever."

The Grand High Priest referred the question between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the G. M. M. Lodge of England to the Grand Chapter. This was referred to the committee on Correspondence, who reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the recognition heretofore accorded to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, etc., be revoked, and all Masons of our obedience are hereby forbidden to visit them or any of their subordinate lodges, or hold Masonic intercourse with any of their officers or members.

Companion W. E. Anderson was re-elected Grand High Priest, and so also was Companion DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on 29th of April, 1885, with M. E. Companion W. A. Graham, presiding.

We find no statement tabulated which will enable us to determine whether the Craft is languishing, declining, or increasing, but the Grand High Priest says: "It affords me pleasure to say that I regard the outlook of Capitular Masonry in Georgia hopeful and encouraging."

In reference to the Bull of Pope Leo XIII, he says:

The Bull of Pope Leo XIII., against Masonry, has been passed in silence by most of the Grand Chapters.

In the present progress of science and art and the general advance and diffusion of intelligence the world over, the Bull of the Vatican has been stripped of his horns and his bellowing frightens no one outside of the pale, and not *all* within.

The address is an exceedingly interesting one.

The Grand Chapter of Dakota was recognized. Action in relation to the difficulty between Quebec and the G. M. Lodge of England was deferred for action by the G. G. Chapter.

Companion A. M. Wolihin was made Grand High Priest.

Companion J. E. Blackshear, Grand Secretary.

No report on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS.

We have the proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, held on the 30th October, 1884, M. E. Grand High Priest William L. Orr, presiding. We notice a marked decrease in the membership of this large jurisdiction during the year. Notwithstanding this fact exhibited by the tabular statement, the Grand High Priest in his address says: "It affords me great pleasure to report that Royal Arch Masonry, throughout this jurisdiction, is in a prosperous and healthy condition." This in the face of a decrease of more than three hundred during the year. And one of the District officers says: "A gratifying indication of the general good state of the order is that no demand has been made for my services by any Chapter," &c. "He is not dead but sleepeth," we hope.

We congratulate the Grand High Priest upon his refusal to grant a dispensation to confer the degrees out of time.

He recommended immediate and decisive action in relation to the invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec sustaining that Grand Chapter. And the Grand Chapter adopted a resolution cutting off communication with those of obedience to the G. M. M. Lodge of England.

He also recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter at

Lisbon, Portugal, but we do not find that any action was had thereon.

The Grand Chapter has a delicate and important question before it in relation to the esoteric work which we hope to see definitely settled at the next Convocation. Perhaps the very life of Capitular Masonry there may depend upon it.

Companion John A. Ladd was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Gil W. Barnard, continued Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of the gifted Companion Gurney, so it goes without question, as a good one. Alabama comes in for her share of his attention.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana met in its Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation on 22d of October, 1884, under the direction of Companion Robert Van Valzah, M. E. Grand High Priest.

A reasonable increase in membership appears from the returns.

Much of the address of the Grand High Priest is devoted to a resume of the history of the Grand Chapter from its inception—of interest to our Indiana companions doubtless, but of little moment to us.

He reports his opinion upon a statement by the Grand High Priest of Illinois of invasion of jurisdiction by a Chapter of Indiana that there had been none, yet the committee on jurisprudence differ with him, and the Chapter was ordered to make any reasonable restitution that might be demanded.

A large part of the address is devoted to the question of invasion of the sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by the G. M. Lodge of England, which is concluded with the following :

It will scarcely be necessary for me to call the attention of the Grand Chapter of Indiana to the enormity of this invasion of the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Chapter on this continent, nor to the inimical posture of the Grand Mark Lodge of England towards the American system of Capitular Masonry. It not only most seriously threatens us, but it is the entering wedge towards the disruption of the entire principle of independent Masonic jurisdiction. If such things can be permitted now without prompt and speedy rebuke, untold dangers are before us in the future. I herewith transmit all papers that have come to my possession relating to this affair, and recommend such action as the emergency so palpably demands.

And the Committee on Jurisprudence say it "is an unwarrantable invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

The recognition of the Grand Chapter of Portugal is deferred until "more satisfactory evidence shall be produced."

Companion Benjamin F. Dawson was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.

Companion Thomas B. Long, "an old stager" who had taken a rest comes forward with a review of the various Grand Chapters, ours being the first held up to view.

He seems to think us derelict in not jumping up, cracking our heels and vowing vengeance against the G. M. M. Lodge of England as soon as we heard of her unwarrantable invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. But though we expressed our opinion in no mistakable terms, yet as we are a component part of the G. G. Chapter and owing allegiance to it as the great head of Capitular Masonry here, we thought it only respectful to await the action of that Grand Body.

IOWA.

The Thirty-first Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 7th of October, 1884, Companion Clark Varnum, Grand High Priest. The increase in membership during the year was very great.

The Grand High Priest thinks that doubtless the consolidation of the Cryptic degrees with the Chapter has preserved them and their symbolism in that State, else of them it might by this time have been written as once of Carthage—"Carthago fuil."

The Grand High Priest decided that "a Master Mason having but one leg is ineligible to receive the Chapter degrees." To which the committee on the Grand High Priest's address, Companion T. S. Brown being the chairman, say :

7th. *Decisions.*—While we have generally referred the decisions to the Law Committee, we nevertheless propose, ourselves, to discuss briefly some general matters touching the—

"*Third Decision:* A Master Mason having but one leg is ineligible to receive the *Chapter* degrees."

To this we do *not* assent, and so give our reasons for "the faith that is in us." If not eligible, why not? Is it because of any law of this Grand Chapter? (and we hold it to be supreme, and "a law unto itself" in this jurisdiction). Certainly not; for the Grand Chapter has never enacted any such law, nor prescribed any qualifications other than that the candidate "shall have regularly received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, and without a petition and unanimous vote." This is the *only* requirement made by *our* constitution to constitute one "eligible to receive the Chapter degrees."⁽¹⁾ If, then, there is no law of Iowa forbidding it, is there any ancient "landmark," "usage," or "custom" in Royal Arch Masonry forbidding it? We answer no! for the simple

(1) Another law was resurrected, and the committee non-suited. —PARVIN.

reason that there are no "*ancient landmarks*" in Royal Arch Masonry; and there can be none, for Royal Arch Masonry is itself wholly a modern institution, and no part of "*Ancient Craft Masonry*," which consists only and wholly of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry. So, too, all its usages and customs are modern, and none of them came down to us "from a period when the memory of Masons runneth not to the contrary." The first Chapter and the first Grand Chapter in the world were organized in America, and there are Masons now living who knew well those who founded them both.

The earliest reference to "Royal Arch Masonry" is no further back in the annals of time than 1744 (see Grand Lodge of Iowa, 1884, page 296). It has been proved conclusively, by Past Grand Master Dr. Robbins, of Illinois, one of the most learned and able masonic writers of the day, that the Royal Arch degree has *not* been "eliminated," as generally supposed. "from the Master's degree," because it was never a part of that degree. Brother William J. Hughan, the most learned Mason of England, or the world, of this or any other age, has shown that, upon the revival of Masonry, in 1717, in England, there was but one degree, called that of "Entered Apprentice."

The Royal Arch was first, and for many years, conferred in Lodges, (as was also the Order of the Temple), and then transferred to Chapters. As early as 1762, St. Andrew's Lodge, of Boston, and Royal Arch Lodge. No. 3, of Philadelphia, in 1767 (and no doubt much earlier, but the records prior to that year were burned), conferred the Royal Arch degree. In 1769, the members of this degree withdrew from the Lodge and organized, so far as history informs us, the first independent Chapter (St. Andrew's Chapter, of Boston) of Royal Arch Masons then confined to that degree. In 1793, the Mark Master's degree was first known, introduced, and made one of the Chapter degrees. Grand Chapters were organized in Pennsylvania in 1795, in Rhode Island in 1796, in Connecticut in 1797, in Massachusetts in 1798, and the same year the "General Grand Chapter" was organized—not by the Grand Chapters, but by a few of the subordinate Chapters of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. How is this for "law and order," and regularity; of unanimity, or even majority and legitimate government?

Though D. Murray Lyon, in his history of Freemasonry in Scotland, informs us that "a Chapter was organized in 1752, in Virginia, North America," only ten, or, at most, twelve, years after "its fabrication on the continent," which seems to disprove the former statement. (1)

These pregnant facts in the history of Royal Arch Masonry; of Chapters—subordinate and Grand—seemed necessary to show that ours is a very modern and recent affair, or institution, and that it is of too recent a date to impose any "hoary-headedness" of age upon us under the all-prevailing name of "*ancient usage*" and "*immemorial custom*." No, none of these prescribe any qualifications for the degrees of the Chapter, beyond the prescription of the constitution itself.

We know full well that Grand High Priests and others in this and

(1) NOTE.—These statements were written from memory. Since writing, we have received 'Hughan's Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry,' and possibly some of the statements may need correction.—PARVIN.

in other jurisdictions, are wont to plead the "Ancient Constitutions" of "Ancient Craft Masonry," as promulgated by the Grand Lodge of England in 1722. But they are not now, and never have been, obligatory upon Chapters since 1769, when Chapters of Royal Arch Masons were organized independently of the Lodges, in which, prior to that date, the Royal Arch degree had alone been conferred.

And the Committee on Jurisprudence, say :

The undersigned dissents from the Committee on Jurisprudence on the third ruling of the M. E. Grand High Priest. The third answer I believe to be not in conformity with the teachings or spirit of Masonry. It is the "internal, and not the external, qualifications of a man that should render him worthy to be made a Mason." When Masonry was operative, his physical qualifications were required to be such that he could "cut, carve, mark, and indent" the stones placed in his hands to be prepared for the building; but when the order became entirely speculative, the members were required to do such work as would prepare the material for a spiritual building.

The ancient charges are : "No master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his master's Lord, and of being made a brother." And further, "The persons admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free-born, and of mature age and discreet age; no bondmen, no woman, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report." And even if this law was ever in force, it only applied to entered apprentices, and never applied to the Chapters.

Nevertheless, the Grand High Priest was sustained by the Grand Chapter. Else, as it has been said by one of the Grand Lodge correspondents on a ruling of the Grand Master of Alabama, "soon a man without a head may be made a Mason," so we might conclude that no head or legs were necessary.

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

Companion H. S. Winston again made the report on Correspondence, giving Alabama sufficient space and much courtesy. We regret sincerely to find that this pleasant writer will no more appear in this way among us. But he says the demands of business preclude his undertaking the task, and we find that the Grand Secretary is put at the head of this committee.

KANSAS.

The Twentieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 17th of February, 1885, under the direction of Companion George S. Green, Grand High Priest.

The growth of the Craft there has been exceedingly gratifying: though, indeed, this seems to be the case in all the newer and younger jurisdictions, where life is active and changes in material condition are rapidly taking place. We are gratified to learn, also, that—

The benign influences and teachings of the Order have permeated our growing organization until its history has become a part of the warp and woof of the history of the good deeds and works of the State.

If our companions in every jurisdiction would heed the advice of the Grand High Priest of Kansas we would find more real prosperity everywhere, for one strong Chapter is capable of doing much good, while many weak ones possess no influence. Says Companion Green:

Companions are frequently over zealous to establish new Chapters and we cannot be too guarded in giving authority for such a purpose. While it is desirable to have good healthy Chapters organized in every Grand Jurisdiction, the epitaph, "Charter Surrendered," recorded in our proceedings is a greater injury to the Order than ten refusals of the Grand High Priest to grant dispensations to form new Chapters.

It has been found necessary in this jurisdiction to promulgate an edict forbidding Chapters from conferring the degree of P. M. on Masters of Lodges elect. We cannot conceive how they came to do this at first.

The Grand Chapter of Washington was formally recognized.

On the Quebec imbroglio this Grand Chapter deferred action, referring the whole matter to the consideration of the G. G. Chapter, but instructing its representatives "to urge and vote for the revocation of the edict of recognition extended to the Grand Lodge of M. M. of England and Wales," and "the interdiction of all fraternal intercourse," &c.

Companion Jacob DeWitt was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John H. Brown, Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence is made by the latter. In it we find fraternally noticed Alabama for 1883.

KENTUCKY.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 21st of October, 1884, with R. M. Farleigh, Grand High Priest. During the year there was a loss in membership even in this jurisdiction where every effort is made to provide in a suitable

manner for the present and future welfare of the widows and orphans of companions.

The Grand High Priest noticed in a very admirable manner the Pope's encyclical letter, and after quoting some parts exposed their falsity. He bemoaned the decadence of the Chapters and attributed this fact largely to the fact that the Chapter is now being used largely as a stepping stone to what are called the higher degrees of Knight Templarism, the junior members being more captivated by the tinsel feathers and parade of the latter than with the striking truths taught in the symbolism of the former. He concisely stated the difficulty between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the G. M. M. Lodge of England, and the Grand Chapter adopted the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter reaffirm the principle of local sovereignty upon which every respectable masonic organization upon this continent is now planted, and that we will sustain the Grand Chapter of Quebec in its claims against invasion from whatever source.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter earnestly and respectfully requests the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, etc., to withdraw its subordinates from the territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and to abandon its claims to establish Lodges in that jurisdiction.

Companion Charles E. Dunn was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Joseph H. Brauham, Grand Secretary.

Companion Hiram Bassett again made the review of proceedings, including those of Alabama for 1883. He quotes our remarks about the doubtful language used by a committee in Arkansas, which yet recommended a charter, and says :

Exactly. It is like too many reports your reviewer has heard from committees of investigation, "we find nothing *against* the petitioner," and so on. "What do you find *for* him?" is the question. Such reports having been accepted as satisfactory, accounts for the presence of so large a percentage of *negative* characters in our Masonic bodies. Unless an applicant have some *positive* traits, fitting him to appreciate and discharge the duties imposed by Masonry, he, and his money, had better remain outside her portals.

LOUISIANA.

M. E. Companion Alfred Shaw, Grand High Priest, opened in Ample Form the Thirty-eighth Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

We regret to note a marked decrease in the number of membership during the past year, although the M. E. Grand High Priest says "there has been nothing like stagnation."

The session was harmonious and short, all the business before the Grand Chapter being purely of local interest.

Companion Shaw was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Companion James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

There was no report on Correspondence.

MAINE.

We have before us the proceedings of the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, at which were present representatives from 39 of the 44 chartered Chapters, presided over by the M. E. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand High Priest. There had been a small gain during the year in membership, numbering at present in all 4,301.

Two Chapters were chartered during the Convocation.

The Grand Chapter allows any officer below Scribe to resign his position.

In reference to the disagreement between the G. M. M. Lodge of England and Wales and the Grand Chapter of Quebec, the committee to whom the matter was referred asked further time in which to report, but recommended that "all masonic intercourse be forbidden with any body of masons in the Province of Quebec conferring any of the Capitular degrees with which the Grand Chapter of that Province has forbidden, or may forbid, the members of its obedience holding masonic intercourse.

Companion Manly G. Trask was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

Companion Drummond, as usual, presented the able report on Correspondence, and we rejoice to find that his views of the causes which have led to the diminution of membership in the Chapters in Alabama concur with ours heretofore often expressed. They are as follows :

We confess that we do not share the confidence of the Grand High Priest, nor agree with him that the depression in business is the cause of the unsatisfactory condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Alabama and several of the neighboring States. Within ten years the membership in Alabama has fallen off over *sixty-five* per cent., according to the returns ; and the falling off process has been continuous for nearly the whole time. We have observed the condition and thought much of the cause, and are inclined to think that the rage for societies having a *quasi* insurance feature carries men into those societies and keeps them out of Masonry ; if so, it is only a question of time ; those societies will largely go out of existence at a comparatively early day.

Just so ! And when he makes his next table he will find that the shrinkage still continues, though the per centum is greatly lessened.

MARYLAND.

On the 11th of November, 1884, the Grand Chapter of this State was opened in Ample Form for her Annual Convocation by M. E. Grand High Priest George W. Sheive. The increase in membership was small, yet there was an increase which is gratifying. The Grand High Priest recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Washington, which was done. He also attended to the unfortunate dispute between Quebec and England, expecting a report from the special committee to whom this matter had been entrusted, who made a full report with the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, since its organization, has been and now is the only power or authority from which Charters or Warrants for working the Degree of Mark Master Mason within that province may lawfully issue.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, be, and it is hereby, fraternally requested and advised to withdraw all warrants issued by it for or to Lodges in the Province of Quebec.

Companion John M. Carter was made Grand High Priest, and Companion George L. McCahan, Grand Secretary.

Companion Schultz made the report on Correspondence, than whom none is better fitted.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Quarterly Convocations of this Grand Chapter were held at the customary periods, and there were also two special convocations for constituting two new Chapters and installing their officers. At each of these the M. E. Grand High Priest, Alfred F. Chapman, delivered an address. At the first on the subject of Masonry, Masons, their constitutions, peculiarities, and their duties. At the other Royal Arch Masonry was the theme.

The Annual Convocation, being the Eighty-fourth, was held on December 9th, 1884, with Companion Albert C. Smith, presiding.

We find a reasonable growth within this grand old Masonic jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest devoted considerable space to detailing as curtly as possible the circumstances of the disagreement between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the G. M. Lodge of England, for, as

he says, "the general interest at issue is my excuse for having detained you so long with its consideration."

We hope to be pardoned for making an extract from this address. We do it because it emphasises an opinion of our own, under the impulse of which we induced the lodge to which we belong to establish an annual banquet, and from which we have seen good resulting :

I have been deeply impressed during my occupation of this high office by the various means adopted for developing the social element in our Chapters. As in our homes no money can better be expended than in making home pleasant and attractive, so with regard to our Chapters, we can expend our surplus funds, or occasionally a draft upon our own purses, in no manner that will more directly and emphatically conduce to our good and our happiness than will these expenditures which are calculated to promote social intimacy and enjoyment. I believe in Masonic banquets and in the "flow of soul" that usually accompanies them. The only warning we need to keep in mind is that while true wit and humor are always enjoyable, and that the well-turned jest and play upon words are entertaining, yet that we should never suffer the humorous to merge into thoughtlessness, but observe sufficient seriousness to make our merriment edifying no less than enjoyable.

Companion Frederick T. Comer was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Zeph H. Thomas, Grand Secretary.

That able and interesting reviewer, Companion John W. Dadman, again made the report on Correspondence. We thank him for his words of encouragement and sympathy.

MICHIGAN.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Theron F. Giddings, opened in Ample Form the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which embraces 108 Chapters with a membership of 8,414, being an increase of 370 during the year.

The Grand High Priest, among other decisions, declared that "it is immaterial where the charter hangs, or even if it is hung up at all, so long as it is in possession of the Chapter and open for inspection." But the Committee on Jurisprudence not being satisfied with the vagueness of the opinion expressed when canvassing his decisions, declare :

Decision No. 4 is in the main correct, and we generally agree with the same, still we desire to add that the *proper place* for the charter of a Chapter is in Chapter room proper, under the immediate charge of the High Priest when the Chapter is at work. It makes no difference where or how he keeps it, so long as he has it present in the Chapter while at work ; whether it hangs on the wall of the room or is in a

case. So long as the High Priest has it present when at work is all that is required of him.

This we think the proper place for it.

The clearest and most concise and comprehensive report that we have seen upon the difficulty existing between the Grand Mark Lodge of England and the Grand Chapter of Quebec, showing most conclusively the impropriety and unreasonableness of the ground maintained by the Mark Lodge is from the pen of P. G. High Priest Hugh McCurdy. For its clearness and ability the Grand Chapter passed a resolution of thanks to him, thus evincing their full appreciation of it. The committee recommended, and the Grand Chapter adopted, the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Body considers the issuing of warrants by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England to brothers residing in the Province of Quebec as an infringement of the jurisdiction and prerogatives of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, and hereby fraternally request, in the name of the Royal Craft whose peace and harmony has been disturbed, and its labors interrupted by such acts, to revoke said warrants, that the Craft may be no longer hindered or impeded in their labor.

The business of the Grand Chapter was peculiarly local in its character, except as to this report.

Companion W. Irving Latimer was elected Grand High Priest, and our esteemed Companion William P. Innes, Grand Secretary.

The latter presented, as usual, the report on Correspondence, and of general interest. Alabama receives her full share of his attention. Our limited time and the finances of our Grand Chapter forbid that we shall dwell, however, among its beauties.

MINNESOTA.

In the proceedings before us of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, held on the 14th of October, 1884, under the control of M. E. Companion Edward E. McDermott, Grand High Priest, we find a singular announcement in one place that it is the twenty-third Convocation, and on the fly-leaf that it was the twenty-second. We find it, however, to have been the twenty-third. How is this, Companion Pierson?

The Craft we find to be in excellent plight and growing, as is the case in all the younger jurisdictions.

The business of this session we find to be purely local. The Grand High Priest expressed the desire to have the photograph of their ex-

cellent Grand Secretary adorning one of the pages of their proceedings, he having been the first Grand High Priest at the inauguration of the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Chapter coinciding with him so ordered as "a deserved tribute to the father of Masonry in this State." And we think he deserves it as much for his able reports on Correspondence as for having been first Grand High Priest.

Companion Blinn Converse was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Pierson, Grand Secretary.

Companion Pierson again presented one of his most excellent reports on Correspondence. We regret that he had to make the following appeal to our Grand Secretary because of the negligence of the binders. We insert it for Companion Sayre's benefit, for as he has to read proof he must see it :

Companion Sayre, please send us another copy of the proceedings of 1883. We find that pages thirty-three to forty-eight are duplicated, and from sixty-five to eighty, inclusive, omitted. We value the reports of Companion Pillans too highly to lose any part of them.

Of the lack of the social element in the present body of Masons, this old and venerable companion says :

The old Masons recognize with regret the lack of fraternal feeling that characterized the olden time. The principles, the teachings, the obligations are in the main the same, but the grasp of the hand is not as warm, the greetings even in the lodge room are not as indicative of brotherly interest as of yore, yet there is more outside show. Why is it?

In reference to the assumption of Grand Masonic Bodies to dictate to its members what organizations or societies or orders they may or may not join, he says :

We claim that a Royal Arch Mason has the individual right to join any association that does not interfere with the degrees conferred under the authority of the Grand Chapter or conflict with the prerogatives of Grand Chapters.

MISSOURI.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held on the 7th of May, 1885, with M. E. Companion C. C. Woods, Grand High Priest, presiding. We note an agreeable increase in strength of membership during the year.

We have rarely met with a more original and better prepared address than that of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and our Grand Sec-

retary will pardon the extracts following and let them pass. They will suit many of us, though not all :

We have met again, but not as we were in the years ago. The glow of health that tinged the cheek and laughed in the eye has given place to the sallow tint of disease and the languor of debility ; the bounding step of young manhood has shaded into the tottering paces of old age, and upon our heads the "almond tree is flourishing." We meet again, but not as of yore ; for some of us are growing old now, and some will soon pass through the white veil of death and enter upon the wondrous mysteries which flesh and blood can never know.

May we, my companions, so toil in the quarries where our tasks are assigned us that our work may stand the test. May we uncover and bring to light among the ruins of cherished fancies and ardent desire, of fondest hopes and pure ambitions—may we out of the losses, and sorrows, and pains of life gather those sublime treasures of wisdom by which our spirits, freed from defilement and sin, may joyfully anticipate and proudly receive the everlasting inheritance of the pure in heart.

We find that men, like women, do not like to confess to age.

After giving an account of several *moribund* Chapters whose charters had been called for, he thus discourses :

The other delinquent Chapters have either been visited or written to, and some of them have responded in promising and hopeful terms, but in some quarters an ominous silence prevails indicating the fact that several funerals ought to be held in the near future, the corpses being already in readiness and in some cases beginning to give out an odor more pronounced than pleasant.

Is not this a fact plainly expressed which exists in more jurisdictions than Missouri?

In reference to the Quebec difficulty, he entertains our view as to subordination to the action of the G. G. Chapter so long as we are or claim to be of obedience to it, or if this does not suit them, an integral part of it.

Companion Lee A. Hall was made Grand High Priest, and Companion William H. Mayo, Grand Secretary.

The latter made the report on Correspondence, Alabama not having been received. Why?

NEBRASKA.

Before us lies the pamphlet containing the proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, which was held on the 10th of December, 1884, with M. E. Compan-

ion James A. Tulleys, Grand High Priest, in the East. There was a very laudable increase in membership during the year.

Three additional Chapters were chartered during this Convocation.

In relation to the differences between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the G. M. M. Lodge of England, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales in granting warrants to four 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, when the Grand Lodge of England and Wales had fraternally and unconditionally recognized the Grand Chapter of Quebec, is justly *chargeable with a breach of Masonic amity* 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.

The business in other respects was of a local character.

Companion Henry E. Palmer was made Grand High Priest, and Companion William R. Bowen, continued Grand Secretary.

No Correspondence report.

NEVADA—1884-85.

The Eleventh Annual Convocation was held on the 9th of June, 1884, with M. E. Grand High Priest Chauncey N. Noteware in the East, and representatives from eight Chapters. The Twelfth on the 8th of June, 1885, M. E. Grand High Priest Adolph L. Fitzgerald, presiding, and representatives from seven Chapters. The business of the Grand Chapter was entirely local, save when the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That no Mark Master Mason from the Province of Quebec, Canada, claiming to hold membership there, shall be entitled to the Masonic right of visitation in this Grand Jurisdiction, unless he hails from a Mark Lodge holding obedience to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

And when they recognized the legitimate formation of the Grand Chapters of Dakota and Washington and hailed them as sisters.

Companion Thomas A. Menary was made Grand High Priest, and Companion John D. Hammond, Grand Secretary.

The latter presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the

proceedings of the several Grand Chapters for two years. His words of Alabama for 1883-84 are very kind, and his sympathy with the writer hereof sweet to the troubled spirit.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

This Grand Chapter met in its Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation on the 19th of May, 1885, M. E. Grand High Priest Alpheus W. Baker, presiding. The Craft is increasing in numbers and entire harmony prevails.

The Grand High Priest recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapters of Dakota and Washington, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, whose favorable report was adopted.

He recommended the semi-annual exemplification of the work, and provision to that effect for that year was made.

Companion Baker was again elected Grand High Priest, and G. P. Cleaves, Grand Secretary.

Companion A. S. Wait made for the committee the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of Alabama for 1884.

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation on the 10th of September, 1884, M. E. Companion Archibald J. Ward, Grand High Priest, presiding. "It appears from the address of the Grand High Priest and the reports of the other Grand Officers, that the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction is generally in a prosperous state."

The Grand High Priest drew the attention of the Grand Chapter to the difficulty between Quebec and the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England, and the whole matter was referred to a committee of three, but we fail to find any report from them.

He also urged upon the Grand Chapter the necessity of compelling the selection and recording of a Mark by each M. M.

Companion Henry S. Haines was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion George B. Edwards, Grand Secretary.

We are grieved to learn of the loss of health of their most excellent Grand Secretary from whose pen the report on Correspondence proceeds. Yet in that which he made this year we find the proceedings of Alabama for 1883.

Under Colorado we find him thus writing in relation to "forbidding the Chapter degrees being conferred upon an unaffiliated Mason:"

There appears to be a growing tendency in this direction which, although it may be deemed politic as a means to prevent increase in the ranks of the non-contributors, is not founded in the cause of justice, nor is it in accord with the right of dimission, for which this reviewer has already contended as one of the inherent prerogatives of Craft Masonry.

The report was necessarily short because of the writer's ill-health.

NEW JERSEY

Held the Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of her Grand Chapter on the 9th of September, 1885, which was opened in Ample Form by M. E. Grand High Priest Henry S. Haines, representatives from 29 Chapters being present of the 37 within the jurisdiction. We find that here, as well as in Alabama, a shrinkage in the number of members is taking place. For this there must be some cause, and though we have been very much inclined to attribute it largely to the introduction among us of those ephemeral organizations with an insurance attachment all shrouded in mystery, yet we fear that other reasons even more potent are exerting their influence to our detriment. If to be attributed solely to the first mentioned, the time is not distant when a revival may be expected or witnessed.

The Grand High Priest thinks that much good to the Craft results from Grand Visitations, and recommends an increase of the number of visiting officers.

He urges very strenuously the selection and recording of Marks.

The special committee to whom was referred the papers in relation to the matter of the Quebec and G. M. Lodge of England and Wales, made a lengthy report with the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That the difficulty now existing between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales be and hereby is referred to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, for its action.

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter sustain the principle of exclusive jurisdiction, and, if necessary, favor the withdrawal of the recognition heretofore extended by the General Grand Chapter, of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, in case said Grand Lodge continues to invade the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Companion Benjamin T. Bright was made Grand High Priest, and Companion George B. Edwards, Grand Secretary.

Companion Henry Vehslage made the report on Correspondence,

in lieu of Companion Edwards, who had been very sick, but who had now happily partially recovered.

Alabama receives kind mention.

NEW YORK.

This venerable Grand Chapter held its Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation on the 3d of February, 1885, M. E. Companion James E. Morrison, Grand High Priest, presiding. There was a slight increase in numbers reported, and there were represented at this Convocation 183 of the 191 Chapters.

The Grand High Priest, after reviewing the growth of the Grand Chapter from its inception, and contrasting the condition of the country at that time almost a wilderness throughout its entire extent and its present populous and wealthy condition, makes these remarks :

And yet the humanity of that day long ago is the humanity of to-day ; that which made a man a *man* has not changed or improved one whit. Brotherly love, relief, and truth were the tenets of the Craft then as now. Fortitude in adversity, prudence in affairs, temperance in all things, and justice to all men, were the illustrative virtues of men's entrance to the Fraternity as well then as now. The promptings of a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish of being serviceable to fellow men, led men to seek initiation in the days when this Grand Chapter had its beginning, as they do to-day. The same respect for the good and true, that came down from age to age, was as distinctive a characteristic of the Craft in 1798 as it is in 1885. Faith in God, hope of immortality, charity for all mankind—these steps in the mystic ladder—the earnest Mason mounts to-day as did the Mason of that time. The winding stairway, with its steps, three, five and seven, taught craftsmen when this Chapter was formed the lesson of human progress, which Masonry of to-day, through all its grades, endeavors to impress upon all those who enter its portals. They learned, as the Mason of this generation learns, that at the start of a life-work, just after passing the porch which separates irresponsible childhood from active, thinking manhood, the young man finds at the first advance that his pathway is to be one of difficulty and danger, and that if he would accomplish anything he must, at the very outset, be obedient to law, respect order, and is bound to uphold and sustain government. Then, having learned "to subdue himself," he is prepared for the weightier concerns of life. From early manhood to the full maturity of his powers, he engages himself in the stern struggle to build the edifice of his fortunes. And if, at the outset, he has learned well the lesson of the three steps, amid all discouragements, with senses keen, he will hear the word of encouragement from those who have climbed higher ; he will see the sign of progress assured ; he will feel the grasp of brotherly hands even in the darkest moments of gloom ; and the accomplished work will show something of the wisdom of the Doric, the strength of the

Ionic, and the beautiful proportions of the Corinthian column. And so, on and on, in that day long ago, our brothers ascended the symbolic steps, finding at each succeeding step new light upon the progressive way. Art and science, by their simple emblems, were presented to them, and with them the lesson that they, too, with the experiences of life in full measure obtained, should in their turn become educators of their fellow men. In the craft life they had insight, too, into the story of still further progression which the Master's degree unfolds to the "sons of light." In the legend of the master-builder, and in the circumstances of his untimely taking-off, the dependence of the best human energy upon a power beyond itself was manifested to them. Manliness, fortitude, faithfulness even unto death in a righteous cause, were exemplified before them; and the end of all—the sublimity of man's progression was accepted, by "hearts prepared" and by minds imbued with noble thoughts, even man's resurrection from death, and the human soul destined to go from strength to strength, through stages of progression, "world without end."

He reviewed the arguments of the G. M. M. of the G. M. Lodge of England in respect to Quebec with great ability and conciseness. This whole matter was referred to a special committee, of which the distinguished companion and able Masonic writer, Companion Darius Ogden was chairman, who made a full and well digested report upon the subject, in the course of which we find our views expressed in a former report, reiterated here :

If we consent to waive or yield the question, who can say how long it will be before our territorial rights and jurisdictional limits may be invaded by a foreign body, or how soon we may hear the claim that English made Masons, living in our midst, are subject to the control and entitled to remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Mother Lodges and Chapters across the water?

They, however, refrain from acting at this time, but refer the whole matter to the G. G. Chapter, instructing, however, their representatives fully in relation thereto.

Companion Morrison was again made Grand High Priest, and Companion Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence is again made by Companion Ogden. From his introduction we clip of the mission of Masonry in times of trouble and great excitement :

Of course, in such a land and among such a people Free and Accepted Masonry has a fixed and settled home, and is deeply rooted, alive, and flourishing. It is one of the recognized voluntary social and benevolent organizations for the good of the people, one of the elements of power which holds together the social fabric, and dispenses blessings, joy, and sunshine to many all over the land ; and

it is proper, because it is truthful, to say that Masonry is a conservative element, and in all social troubles or political commotions cannot fail to exercise a good, healthful and tranquilizing power. While it takes no part in party strife, or in contested and exciting elections, national or otherwise, and while it leaves its votaries free to choose and act and vote, it does pour the oil of Love and Brotherhood upon the troubled waters, and says to each and all, "You be brethren," whatever your differences, "and don't forget it."

Alabama is found among the proceedings reviewed in her usual place, and we thank our good companion for his words of sympathy and consolation, and assure him that the spirit invoked by him is needed by one who is even now travelling adown the slope that leads to the great unknown.

NORTH CAROLINA.

M. E. Companion G. W. Blount, Grand High Priest, opened the Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter in Ample Form on May 19th, 1885. Capitular Masonry continues to decline in this jurisdiction, and we have thus far hoped for better results from the untiring efforts and zeal of our companions of the old North State. The Grand High Priest evinces his fears in the following sentences: And this, the Thirty-seventh Annual Grand Convocation, finds us still harrassed by fears, impeded by difficulties, and beset by cares," &c. "The year just past has been one showing but little fruit; there has been much depression of spirit pervading the hearts of some of our best workers, and most ardent supporters." We pray our companions "to continue in well-doing," and they shall reap their reward. He continues thus: "I now hope that we are tiding over the gulf of decline, which my sanguine spirit has always led me to believe was only transient, caused in a large measure by the rapid growth of many secret organizations, *which offer rewards of various kinds to its members, a practice which is alike abhorrent to the genius of Masonry, and true Masonic charity.*" The italics are ours to emphasize an opinion so closely our own.

Nothing of moment to other jurisdictions appears in the proceedings.

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

Companion James Southgate again comes to the front with the report on Correspondence, which is necessarily short, both because of "time and low state of our treasury," and because the Grand Secretary had restricted him "to 20 pages." Alabama, however, appears,

and he must have seen then why we shall be so curt this year. But we join him in the prayer with which he closes his report :

God grant the day dawn is near at hand, and may we, as a Grand Body, soon emerge into the light of a new and better life, and may we be led in ways we have not known. May darkness be made light and crooked things straight.

NOVA SCOTIA.

On the 31 day of June, 1884, this Grand Chapter met in its Fifteenth Annual Convocation, with M. E. Grand High Priest, Rev. Henry Despard DeBlois, in the East. The Craft are increasing in numbers and influence, though not to a very great extent. The Grand Secretary reported a "marked improvement in the Royal Craft during the past year."

The Grand High Priest positively forbid conferring the Royal Arch Degree upon any one who had not previously registered his mark. This is a heavy blow at the evil mentioned, and will doubtless lead to the prompt selection and record of a Mark.

He thought fuller information necessary before acting on the application of the newly formed Grand Chapter of Portugal for recognition, and the Grand Chapter accepted this view and so resolved.

In reference to the difficulty between the M. E. Grand Chapter of Quebec and the G. M. M. Lodge of England, the Grand Chapter adopted the following resolution :

"Resolved, That on consideration of the difficulty that has unfortunately arisen between the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec and the Grand Mark Master Lodge of England, by the establishment of the latter of Mark Lodges within the Province of Quebec, and thereby infringing that Grand Chapter's jurisdiction. That this Grand Chapter express a decided opinion that the action of the said Grand Mark Lodge is totally unjustifiable and unwarranted, and opposed to the principles of government over the Mark Degree obtaining in America, and hereby extend their sympathy and support to the Grand Chapter of Quebec in the maintenance of their supremacy over that degree in their jurisdiction, and in so doing desire to express a hope that before another year good counsels and the influence of the moral support of the Craft in favor of 'Quebec' will prevail, and harmony be restored by the withdrawal of the cause of offense."

M. E. Companion H. D. DeBlois was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Companion George T. Smithers, Grand Secretary.

The scarcity of funds prevented a review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters.

OHIO.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held on the 16th of September, 1884, under the control of Companion John W. Chamberlain, M. E. Grand High Priest. The Craft have added largely to their numbers during the year, and seem to be both harmonious and prosperous. We congratulate the M. E. Grand High Priest upon his firmness in refusing his dispensation for irregular balloting upon petitions and conferring degrees out of time. Ordinarily a little investigation will show that these dispensations are usually asked because the applicant "desires to leave in a few days" to be absent for some time, and hopes to be benefitted personally in his travels by the degrees.

The Grand High Priest referred to papers sent to him in relation to the Quebec difficulty, which he presented to the Grand Chapter for their consideration.

And in this connection it is well to state that a most excellent and well prepared paper on this subject was read to the Grand Chapter by Companion R. C. Lemmon, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec near the Grand Chapter of Ohio. The committee having this matter under consideration reported most fraternally, making an earnest appeal to the G. M. Lodge to withdraw its claim, and recommending postponement of further consideration, though announcing their adherence to the American doctrine.

Companion Chamberlain was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Companion James Nesbitt, Grand Secretary.

Companion J. Kelly O'Neal made the report on Correspondence "strictly on the abstract plan," but we do not find Alabama among those reviewed. But few proceedings are reviewed, because "private interests imperatively demanded that our (his) time and attention should be devoted to other matters." He acknowledges, however, the receipt but too late for the printer of this report and promises to notice them next time, "a little out of time it is true, but this as Masonry is for all time, should be of comparatively small importance."

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 27th of December, 1884, M. E. Grand High Priest Augustus R. Hall, in the East. There is no hint anywhere to be found as to the condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction, save the Grand High Priest says "it is gratifying to note the growing interest and increased attendance at the meetings of our Grand Chapter."

The Grand High Priest announced the "Masonic Home" as an established fact. We hope that there will be no failure of this great charity, and we believe that the well known zeal and persistency of our Pennsylvania companions will carry it through successfully.

The Grand High Priest recommended the Grand Chapter to define the amount to be paid for life membership in a Chapter, and also the annual dues to be paid by each member that there may be uniformity.

From one of the decisions we learn that the degree of Royal Arch "cannot be conferred unless six Royal Arch Masons are present."

Companion George W. Kendrick Jr., who had been elected at the Quarterly Convocation preceding was installed M. E. Grand High Priest, and Companion Charles E. Meyer, Grand Secretary.

Companion Andrew Zane Jr., made the report on Correspondence, but in it we fail to find Alabama. To this committee was referred all papers in reference to the differences between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and G. M. M. Lodge of England, but we find no report.

QUEBEC.

The Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held on the 27th of January, 1885, M. E. G. Z. H. Luke Robinson, on the Throne. Under the adverse circumstances surrounding this, our well beloved sister, we are truly gratified at the masonic spirit displayed and at the calmness of her view of her surroundings. The G. Z. informs us :

The increase in membership has been sufficiently gratifying. No large additions can, from the nature of our position in this Province be expected, but the annual increase displays a steady growth that warrants the belief that Royal Arch Masonry is generally appreciated by the Craft, and that its future is unclouded by doubt of the fulfillment of its mission.

Go on as you have begun and remember "that he that persevereth to the end the same shall be saved." "*Magna est veritas et prevalebit.*" The right shall prevail.

As an instance of the kindly feeling displayed by this Grand Chapter towards the G. M. Lodge which has wronged her, we quote from the address :

However, as an assurance to our English Companions that we are actuated solely by a desire for the best interests of the Craft in this Province, and the peace, harmony and security of the Order at home and abroad, I recommend that this Grand Chapter give a pledge to

the following effect. That providing our English Brethren and Companions surrender their warrants of every order, and affiliate with this Grand Chapter on or before the first day of May next, then this Grand Chapter will at its next Annual Convocation, confer the title of Past Grand Z. upon their chief officer here, and will elect one of their number as Principal of this Grand Chapter, and bury in oblivion all past differences.

Companion John P. Noyes was elected G. Z., and Companion David Seath, Grand Scribe Ezra.

The pamphlet contains a full statement of the difficulty alluded to.

The report on Correspondence is from the pens of the several members of the committee; Alabama for 1884 being reviewed by Companion W. H. Whyte courteously.

The opinions of neighboring jurisdictions make up a large part of the review, as was very natural. But one sentiment pervade them, a keen sense of the impropriety and untenable character of the interference of the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England.

RHODE ISLAND.

M. E. Companion Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand High Priest, opened in Ample Form the Eighty-seventh Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. The Craft here seem to be enjoying a reasonable amount of prosperity.

The Grand High Priest delivered "a brief extempore address, stating that as no question of importance had come before him it did not seem at all necessary to take up the time of the Grand Chapter with a long written address."

The Grand Chapter adopted the following :

Resolved, That any Chapter in this jurisdiction may drop from the roll of its members any companion who shall remain an unaffiliated Master Mason for more than one year without making an application to a Lodge for membership, first giving him thirty days' written personal notice of such intended action.

Companion Edward L. Freeman was made Grand High Priest, and Companion William R. Greene, Grand Secretary.

There is no report on Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held on the 26th of January, 1885, Companion D. J. Pierce, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding. There has been some little increase in the Craft during the year, and some revival among dormant Chapters.

The Grand High Priest seems to have displayed a commendable zeal in stimulating the indolent, and there is much hope aroused for the future.

Companion W. S. Matthews was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

There is no report on Correspondence.

TEXAS.

We hail the advent of the proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the independent Grand Chapter of this State with pleasure. It was held on the 9th of December, 1884, with Companion G. W. Foster, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding. We find no statistical table, but we do find in the address of the Grand High Priest that he issued dispensations for the formation of five new Chapters, while but two perfected their charters.

The reports of the Grand Visitors show commendable zeal in a number of the Chapters, and indicate that Capitular Masonry is making real progress in that State. But think of a Chapter having no neighboring Chapter in that jurisdiction nearer than over 600 miles! What a territory yet to be filled, and ere very long over this vast expense we may hear the exclamation, Holiness to the Lord, arising from hundreds of Chapters.

The Grand Chapter declined to recognize delegates from Chapters newly chartered as representatives because the Chapter not yet being constituted was only in an inchoate state, and indeed not a Chapter.

Companion Haston Twomey was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion R. Brewster, Grand Secretary.

We miss the report on Correspondence, which was always so good. Why we have none is not stated, but we see that Companion Elgin's name heads the committee for the next year, and we may reasonably expect our hopes to be fulfilled then.

We had overlooked the statistical table when we penned the earlier part of this paper, but we find that our deductions from the address and reports to be correct.

VERMONT

Held the Sixty-eighth Annual Grand Convocation of her Grand Chapter on the 12th of June, 1885, Companion Kittredge Haskins, M. E. Grand High Priest.

There was a reasonable increase in membership during the year, and the committee on the Grand High Priest's address "congratulate the companions upon the flourishing condition of this jurisdiction."

The Grand High Priest reported the letter of his edict inhibiting "all fraternal intercourse on the part of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont and its subordinate Chapters and members with the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England and Wales and its subordinate lodges and members," and the Grand Chapter approved "the vigorous language of the Grand High Priest."

Companion Haskins was again made Grand High Priest, and Companion William H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Secretary.

Companion Frederick S. Fisher (thanks to our last year's report for the name) again came forward with a very creditable report on Correspondence. Alabama for 1883 is there found.

He does not like the reference of the Quebec troubles to a committee, but thinks the Grand Chapter ought to have acted at once. He forgets that at this distance from the scene of disturbance individual companions are not familiar with all the facts. Hence the value of the adage, *festina lente*, or you might be too previous, to use the language of the day.

We see that Companion Dana has been requested to resume his old position as Grand Correspondent.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Chapter held its Seventy-seventh Grand Annual Convocation on the 24th day of September, 1884, with Companion William H. H. Lynn, Grand High Priest, in the East. The Craft are shrinking within this jurisdiction, the number of its members being less than at last report, and the work done is only about two-thirds of that for the year before.

The committee on the Grand High Priest's address in relation to the Quebec affair, say :

In the case of the complaint of the Grand Chapter of Quebec against the Mark Masters Lodge of England, we have nothing to say, as we do not recognize any such Lodge as having anything to do with our Chapter. We should unhesitatingly indorse the action of the Grand Chapter of Quebec but for the Grand High Priest's desire for a committee to examine the case more fully. We, therefore, recommend the appointment of the committee to act during recess and report to the next Grand Annual Convocation.

The business was altogether local.

Companion Francis Henry Hill was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion William B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary.

We have no review of sister jurisdictions.

WASHINGTON.

For the first time have we directly learned of the formation and existence of a Grand Chapter in this Territory by the reception of the proceedings of its First Annual Convocation, and it is proper that we now for our Grand Chapter urge as a reason for seeming neglect or recognition formerly to state that amid the press of business this report was not completed for the Convocation of our Grand Chapter of 1885, but the writer was allowed to finish it after the closing of the same. This pamphlet was not observed until our return home. But we, nevertheless, being of obedience to the G. G. Chapter which superintended the birth of this our sister, love her with a sister's love and hope much from her in that vast and increasing field of usefulness.

Three Chapters organized the Grand Chapter with the hearty consent of the G. G. Chapter from which they had obtained their charters, and a special deputy of the G. G. H. Priest constituted the Grand Chapter and installed its officers. We are hardly inclined to think a formal recognition under the circumstances necessary, but we regret that we ourself should have been so discourteous to this M. E. Grand Chapter, and by our seeming negligence have brought opprobrium upon the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama. Three Chapters were represented at this Convocation, held on the 2d of June, 1885. M. E. Companion Louis Ziegler, Grand High Priest, presided over its deliberations, and his address gives token that this Grand Chapter will suffer no noxious weeds to choke her growth. God speed her.

We find her recognizing the newly formed Grand Chapter of Dakota.

There are four Chapters in the jurisdictions with a membership of 150, and during the past year there were twelve exaltations.

Companion Andrew McCalley was made Grand High Priest, and Companion Thomas Melburne Reed, Grand Secretary.

There is a report on Correspondence by Companion Reed, in which we find Alabama courteously noticed. Our apology for our Grand Chapter's seeming neglect in not hailing our young sister is already made.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The proceedings for the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter come to us in one pamphlet. They show that Capitular Masonry is making some progress though small, and although the number of Chapters has diminished, the number of exalted has increased.

The matters brought before those Convocations pertained only to that jurisdiction, but we find that this Grand Chapter will not tolerate the taking of the so-called lower degrees only as a means of reaching the higher. Hence, the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That section 13 of Article 9 of the Constitution be altered and amended so as to read as follows :

No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the several degrees of Royal Arch Masonry on any one for a less sum than twenty dollars, nor on any one who, at the time, is not a Master Mason in good and regular standing and a member of some just and legally constituted Lodge of Master Masons ; and any member of a Chapter who shall hereafter voluntarily become an unaffiliated Master Mason and shall so remain for the space of one year, or who having heretofore become an unaffiliated Master Mason, shall voluntarily so remain for the space of one year after the passage hereof, shall thereby forfeit his membership in his Chapter and shall be stricken from its rolls. But when such non-affiliation shall be or become involuntary, or when such Master Mason shall again become affiliated, he shall thereby be restored to membership in his Chapter, and no vote of his Chapter shall be necessary for that purpose.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Companion Andrew J. Stow was made Grand High Priest, and Companion Odel S. Long, Grand Secretary.

No report on Correspondence.

WISCONSIN.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held on the 17th of February, 1885, with Companion Edwin J. Farr, Grand High Priest, in the Grand East.

Here we find the Craft in a very prosperous condition and growing rapidly.

The Grand High Priest had no decisions to report. This speaks well for the intelligence and truly Masonic spirit of the Craft generally.

Their finances are by no means in a very admirable condition, strained circumstances compelling the postponement of the publication of amendments to the Constitution in a compact form.

Companion Farr was again made Grand High Priest, and Companion John W. Ladin, Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence is made by Companion William C. Swain, Alabama for 1883 being found among those reviewed. We would relieve our companion of the dilemma in which the clumsy use of our language has placed him, and state that we referred to his powers while presiding over the Convocations of the Grand Chapter. Of his prerogatives, or rather of those of a Grand Master, which is his prototype, we entertain the broadest and most exalted views, for he represents the sovereignty of the assembly of Masons, and existed before Grand Lodges.

We can't go further, our limit is perhaps already passed, so good-bye my good Companion Swain.

CONCLUSION.

Thus have we completed our task. During our sojourn among the different members of the family we have seen much to gladden the heart of the true Craftsman and something to produce sadness. Everywhere we have found the Great Destroyer at work, and he has levelled his shafts in many instances against the loftiest and worthiest. But as we all know that it is the fiat of the Great I Am that whatever has life must die, we are only reminded that we too ere long must go "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Then let us each so live that when we shall be tried by the Grand Overseer's square our work shall be pronounced "good, true and square," that we may merit the welcome of "enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

But one disturbing element is found, that of the assumption by the G. M. M. Lodge of England in this degree over those within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. We entertain no doubt that the position unanimously taken by the Grand Chapters reviewed that they will tolerate no division of Masonic sovereignty on this continent will at last induce the G. M. M. Lodge to abandon its assumption as untenable. We of this Committee have heretofore expressed our opinion, but let this be as supreme as you may we believe that courtesy to the G. G. Chapter demands that we should await its action, for we are now bound to its decrees and are no longer free and independent.

We have attempted to so limit our review to meet the necessities of the Grand Chapter, and merit the favorable consideration of our R. E. Grand Secretary.

P. J. PILLANS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,

In account with DANIEL SAYRE,

GRAND SECRETARY.

1884	DR.	
Dec. 11.	To amount paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$454 50
1885		
May 1.	To paid Brown & Co., printing Proceed- ings	106 40
July 7.	To paid dues to General Grand Chapter.	6 09
Dec. 1.	To paid Grand Treasurer.....	96 51
		\$663 50
1884	CR.	
Dec. 2.	By Dues at Grand Convocation.....	\$454 50
11.	By amount of Contingent Fund.....	150 00
1885		
Feb. 11.	By Dues from Zerubbabel No. 56.....	14 25
June 16.	By Dues from Livingston No. 20.....	9 00
	By amount received for Certificates.....	35 75—\$663 50

MONTGOMERY, December 7, 1885.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

1884	DR.	
Dec. 2.	To balance.....	\$ 91 56
11.	To received from Grand Secretary.....	454 50
1885		
Dec. 1.	To received from Grand Secretary.....	96 51—\$642 57
1884	CR.	
Dec. 3.	By Com. on Work, J. H. Johnson....	25.. 32 00
	By Com. on Work, M. J. Green.	26.. 13 00
	By Grand Sentinel.....	27.. 10 00
	By Com. on Corresp., P. J. Pillans....	28.. 75 00
	By Grand Secretary.....	29.. 200 00
	By Contingent Fund.....	30.. 150 00
1885		
Dec. 7.	By balance.....	162 57—\$642 57

MONTGOMERY, December 7th, 1885.

WM. H. DINGLEY,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand 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 Secretary and R. Ex. Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

The R. Ex. Grand Secretary received during the year the following amounts:

For dues at last Annual Convocation.....	\$ 454 50
For amount Contingent Fund	150 00
For dues since last Convocation	23 25
For amount received for Certificates.....	35 75

Making.....\$ 663 50

All of which he has paid out on proper vouchers submitted to us.

At your last Annual Convocation the R. Ex. Grand Treasurer

had on hand.....\$ 91 56

He has since received from the Grand Secretary..... 551 01

Making a total of.....\$ 642 57

Of this amount he has paid out on proper vouchers..... 480 00

Leaving a balance of.....\$ 162 57

Add to this the amount received for dues at this Convocation. 312 50

Making.....\$ 475 07

Of this amount we beg to make the following appropriations:

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

For Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.... 75 00

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

Contingent Fund for Grand Secretary 150 00—\$435 00

Leaving a balance of.....\$ 40 07

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	22	\$16 50	1	1	1	3	..	..	..
4	Monroe	29	21 75	6	6	6	7	..	..	1
5	Eunomia	23	34 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10	Tuscumbia	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13	Gainesville	18	13 50	3	3	3	3	1	..	1
20	Livingston	17	12 75	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
21	Mobile	35	26 25	3	3	3	3	1	..	..
22	Montgomery	52	39 00	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
23	Talladega	21	15 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
26	Union	21	15 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
28	Saint Johns	39	29 25	3	..	..	..	..	2	3
40	Camden	21	15 75	4	4	4	4	..	..	..
54	Tyrian	36	27 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
66	Alabama	18	13 50	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
73	Gordon	18	13 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
76	Elyton	19	14 25	5	5	5	5	2	..	..
79	Hillabee	18	13 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
85	Gaston	23	17 25	3	3	3	3	1	..	1
87	Moulton	16	12 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
92	Notasulga	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
96	Daniel Pratt	11	8 25	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
101	Mineral City	10	13 00	..	..	3	1	..	..	..

AT REST.

After Life's fitful fever, they sleep well.

Felix G. Norman, 78 years.....	Tuscumbia	No. 19
William Ivey, July 27.	} Talladega.....	" 23
George S. Walden, Jan. 28		
James Shearer, Oct. 17—68½ years...	Union	" 26
John M. Strong, Aug. 19.....	Saint Johns.....	" 28
Daniel W. Bloch, May 2—62 years ..	Camden.....	" 40
William Dann.....	} Mineral City.....	" 101
James F. Smith.		

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

MOBILE No. 21.—Thomas N. Fowler—1.

MONTGOMERY No. 22.—Matthias C. Osborn, John Gindrat Winter—2.

TYRIAN No. 54.—Henry D. Green, Fox Henderson, William D. Gilmore, Thomas H. Stout, Emmett W. Solomon—5.

ALABAMA No. 66.—William S. Cortright, Frederick A. Stoutz—2.

GORDON No. 73.—Wesley F. Walford—1.

REINSTATED.

GAINESVILLE No. 13.—William J. Whitsitt—1.

LIVINGSTON No. 20.—Perryman Hawkins—1.

MONTGOMERY No. 22.—Henry H. Matthews—1.

RECAPITULATION.

Chapters that made Returns.....	22
Chapters that paid Dues.....	21
Chapters that were represented	18
Number of Representatives present.....	27
Members reported at this Convocation	504
Dues received at this Convocation.....	\$372 50

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Advanced since last Grand Convocation.....	32
Presided since last Grand Convocation.....	26
Received and Acknowledged.	26
Exalted since last Grand Convocation.....	32
Affiliated " " " "	7
Rejected " " " "	2
Dimitted " " " "	10
Suspended U. M. C.....	0
Suspended N. P. D.....	11
Reinstated.. ..	3
Chapters square upon the Books.....	20

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. JOHNSTON, M. D.	Talladega	Canada.
DEWITT CLINTON WHITE	Moulton	District of Columbia.
BENIAMIN F. POPE	Gadsden	Florida.
LUCKY W. JENKINS, M. D.	Camden	Illinois.
JOHN A. MCKINNON	Selma	Indiana.
MYLES J. GREENE, M. D.	Opelika	Iowa.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS	Montgomery	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.
-----	-----	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.
PHILIP C. CANDIDUS	Mobile	Virginia.
NOAH A. AGEE	Perdue Hill	Washington Territory.
-----	-----	Wisconsin.

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

W. W. GARLAND.....	<i>Morrilton.</i>	Arkansas.
ISAAC F. TOMS	<i>Godrich, Ont.</i>	Canada.
CHARLES W. HANCOCK.....	<i>Washington.</i>	District of Columbia.
GEORGE H. HALLMARK.....	<i>Warrington.</i>	Florida.
SILAS O. VAUGHAN.....	<i>De Kalb.</i>	Illinois.
NICHOLAS R. RUCKLE.....	<i>Indianapolis.</i>	Indiana.
DOWNING BAUGH	<i>McGregor.</i>	Iowa.
ALBERT D. MCCONAUGHEY.....	<i>Atchison.</i>	Kansas.
WILLIAM RYAN.....	<i>Louisville.</i>	Kentucky.
JOSEPH E. TYLER	<i>Baltimore.</i>	Maryland.
FREDERICK G. WALBRIDGE.....	<i>Boston.</i>	Massachusetts.
MOSES W. GETCHELL	<i>Minneapolis.</i>	Minnesota.
ROBERT L. SAUNDERS.....	<i>Jackson.</i>	Mississippi.
THOMAS E. GARRETT.....	<i>Saint Louis.</i>	Missouri.
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	<i>Nebraska City.</i>	Nebraska.
FREDERICK G. WEISE.....	<i>Bordentown.</i>	New Jersey.
THOMAS S. KENAN.....	<i>Raleigh.</i>	North Carolina.
SAMUEL PORTER.....	<i>Halifax.</i>	Nova Scotia.
WILLIAM SHERER	<i>Brooklyn.</i>	P. O. Box 2065 N. Y.
CHARLES S. OSTRANGER.....	<i>Columbus.</i>	Ohio.
ROCKY P. EARHART.....	<i>Salem.</i>	Oregon.
ANGUS GRANT.....	<i>Montreal.</i>	Quebec.
JOHN P. SANBORN.....	<i>Newport.</i>	Rhode Island.
AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE.....	<i>Charleston.</i>	South Carolina.
WILLIAM S. MATTHEWS.....	<i>Memphis.</i>	Tennessee.
JUSTIN W. F. WASHBURN.....	<i>Montpelier.</i>	Vermont.
ALFRED S. LEE	<i>Richmond.</i>	Virginia.
EDWARD S. INGRAHAM.....	<i>Seattle.</i>	Washington.
ALEXANDER M. EVANS.....	<i>Middleway.</i>	West Virginia.
WILLIAM G. SWAIN.....	<i>Milwaukee.</i>	Wisconsin.

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

No	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	CONVOCACTION.
1	Tuskaloosa	Tuskaloosa ..	Tuskaloosa ..	Tuskaloosa ..	John M. Martin	William A. Cochran	3 Wednesday
4	Monroe	Perdue Hill ..	Monroe	Chalborne	Noah A. Agee	William R. Agee	1 Thursday
5	Eunomia	Huntsville ..	Madison	Huntsville ..	Bernard F. Ludwig	Isaac H. Wise	1 Tuesday
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia ..	Colbert	Tuscumbia ..	Thomas T. Rowland	John N. Greene	Mon af 2 Sat
13	Gainesville	Gainesville ..	Sumter	Gainesville ..	Edward N. Kring	Charles W. McMahon	Tuesday afm
20	Livingston	Livingston ..	Sumter	Livingston ..	George C. Gowdey	Isaiah C. Brown	3 Friday
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	William A. Alexander	Henry T. Goodloe	1 and 3 Thurs
22	Montgomery	Montgomery ..	Montgomery ..	Montgomery ..	Archib'd L. R. Thompson	Edmund R. Hastings	2 Tuesday
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega ..	Talladega ..	Joseph Henry Johnson	Myles J. Greene	3 Friday
26	Union	Uniontown ..	Perry	Uniontown ..	Moritz L. Ernest	Junie Harwood	1 Thursday
28	Saint John's	Selma	Dallas	Selma	John Douglas Wilkins	Adolph Jacobson	4 Monday
34	Camden	Camden	Wilcox	Camden	James Tait Beck	John Tyler Cook	Friday bf 3 Sab
54	Tyrian	Troy	Pike	Troy	Plancher J. Cowart	John R. Goldthwaite	Friday bf 1 Sat
66	Alabama	Abbeville ..	Mobile	Abbeville ..	Philip C. Candidus	James W. Stokes	2 and 4 Friday
73	Gordon	Elyton	Henry	Birmingham ..	Newell M. Thompson	Samuel J. Kahu	2 Monday
76	Elyton	Elyton	Jefferson ..	Birmingham ..	Samuel Thompson	Robert A. Terrell	2 Monday
79	Hillabee	Goodwater ..	Coosa	Goodwater ..	George W. Porter	Zadok B. Gamble	Sat bf 2 Sab
85	Gaston	Desotoville ..	Choctaw	Bell's Store	William Beecher Gere	William Robert Horn	2 Thursday
87	Monkton	Monkton	Lawrence ..	Monkton	DeWitt Clinton White	William P. Chitwood	4 Saturday
92	Notasulga	Notasulga ..	Macon	Notasulga ..	Henry Clay Armstrong	William S. Ford	2 and 4 Sat
96	Daniel Pratt	Prattville ..	Autauga	Prattville ..	George Lyttlefield Smith	George Cook Spigener	Monday afm
101	Mineral City	Birmingham ..	Jefferson ..	Birmingham ..	John G. Smith	Silas Hines	

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESS.

0. Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
1. Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
2. California	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
3. Canada	David McLellan	Hamilton, Ont.
4. Colorado	Edward Carroll Parmelee	Georgetown.
5. Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
6. Dakota	Thomas J. Wilder	Casselton.
7. District of Columbia	Lewis Guillian Stephens	Washington.
8. Delaware	Henry B. McIntire	Wilmington.
9. Florida	DeWitt Clinton Dawkins	Jacksonville.
10. Georgia	James Emmett Blackshear	Macon.
11. Illinois	Gilbert Wordsworth Barnard	Chicago.
12. Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
13. Iowa	John C. Parish	Des Moines.
14. Kansas	John M. Price	Atchison.
15. Kentucky	Joseph H. Branham	Louisville.
16. Louisiana	Jas. Cunningham Batchelor	New Orleans.
17. Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
18. Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
19. Massachusetts	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
20. Michigan	William Power Innes	Grand Rapids.
21. Minnesota	Azariah T. C. Pierson	Saint Paul.
22. Mississippi	John Logan Power	Jackson.
23. Missouri	William H. Mayo	Saint Louis.
24. Nebraska	William Robert Bowen	Omaha.
25. Nevada	John Dempster Hammond	Carson.
26. New Hampshire	George Perley Cleaves	Concord.
27. New Jersey	George B. Edwards	Jersey City.
28. New York	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo.
29. North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
30. Nova Scotia	George T. Smithers	Halifax.
31. Ohio	James Nesbitt	Troy.
32. Oregon	Rocky Preston Earhart	Salem.
33. Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Philadelphia.
34. Quebec	David Seath	Montreal, B 744
35. Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence.
36. South Carolina	James E. Burke	Charleston.
37. Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
38. Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston.
39. Vermont	William H. S. Whitcomb	Burlington.
40. Virginia	William Bryan Isaacs	Richmond.
41. Washington	Thomas Milburne Reed	Olympia.
42. West Virginia	William H. Riggs	Martinsburg.
43. Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
44. United States	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo, N. Y.
45. England and Wales	Frederick Binckes	London, W. C.
46. Ireland	Samuel B. Oldham	Dublin.
47. England and Wales	Albert G. Goodall	N. Y., 142 B'y.
48. Scotland	William Edwards	Edinburgh.*

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