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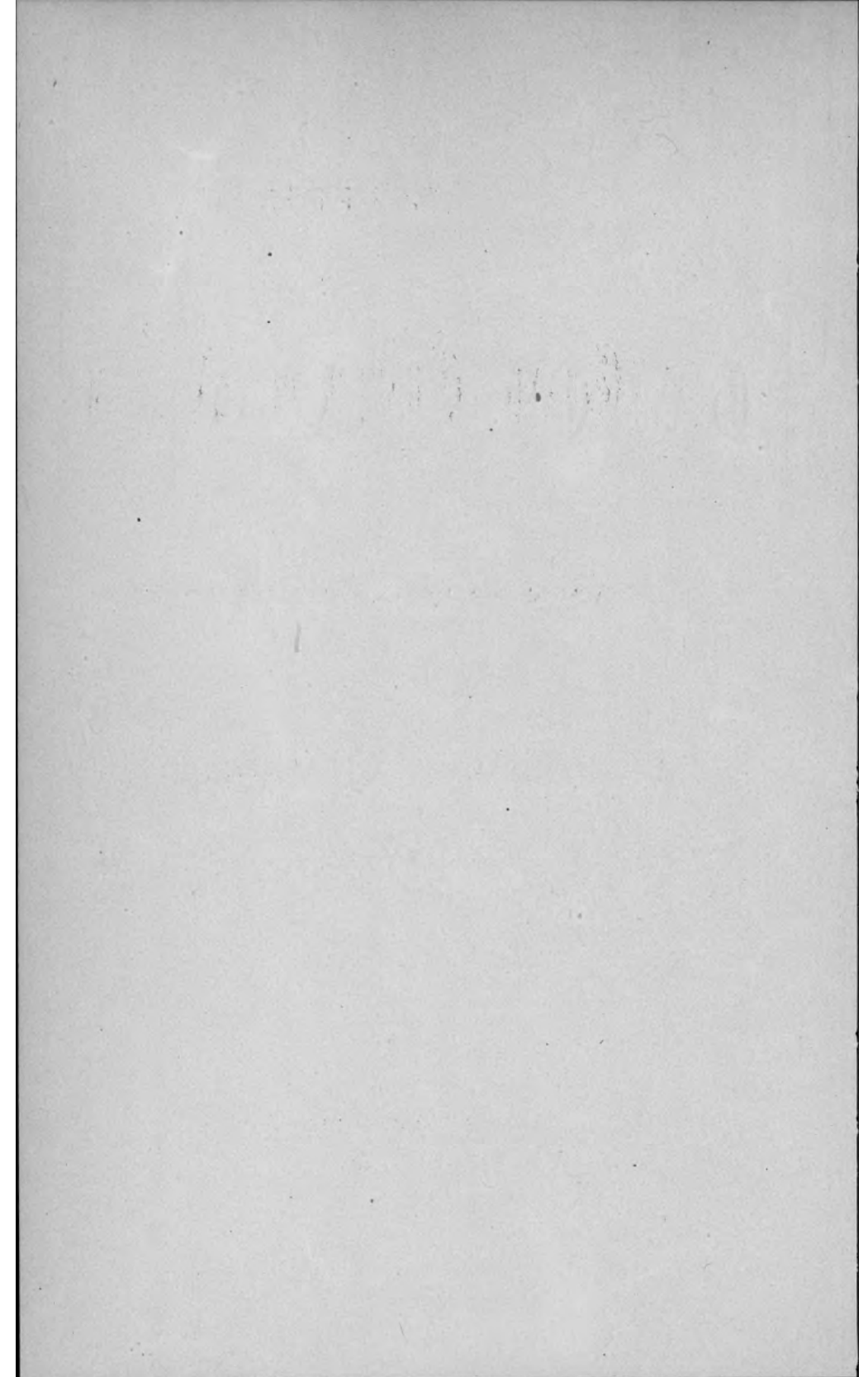
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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama held its Sixtieth Annual Grand Convocation at the New Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the Seventh day of December, A. D. 1886, A. L. 5886, Anno Inv. 2416

PRESENT :

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS	Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM WALLACE McCOLLOM	Deputy G. H. Priest.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS	Grand King.
JAMES TAIT BECK	Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM HENRY PINGLEY	Grand Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE	Grand Secretary.
GEORGE LITTLEFIELD SMITH	Grand C. of H.
JACOB BROWN ROTH	Grand P. Sojourner.
EDMUND READ HASTINGS	Grand R. A. Captain.
WILLIAM ANTHONY ALEXANDER	Grand M. 3. Veil.
JOHN ALEXANDER McKINNON	Grand M. 2 Veil.
OSCAR RICHARD HUNDLEY	Grand M. 1 Veil.
ADAM REIGART BAKER	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

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.....	California.
JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON, M. D.	Canada.
JOHN A. MCKINNON, M. D.	Indiana.
MYLES J. GREENE, M. D.	Iowa.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS	Kansas.
PALMER J. PILLANS.....	Louisiana.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER	Maryland.
GEORGE L. SMITH.....	Ohio.
DANIEL SAYRE	Oregon.
JAMES T. BECK.....	Rhode Island.
SAM THOMPSON.....	Tennessee.
PHILIP C. CANDIDUS.....	Virginia.
NOAH A. AGEE	Washington.

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

No. 4. Monroe.....	{ Noah A. Agee	H. P.
	{ Samuel H. Daley*	K.
" 13. Gainesville.	{ Edward N. Kring	H. P.
" 20. Livingston.....	{ George Wilson*	"
" 21. Mobile.....	{ Philip C. Candidus	"
	{ William A. Alexander*	K.
" 22. Montgomery	{ Henry C. Davidson	H. P.
	{ Henry M. Bush	K.
	{ Henry H. Matthews	S.
" 23. Talladega.....	{ Joseph H. Johnson	H. P.
" 26. Union.....	{ Beverly F. Harwood	K.
	{ Jacob B. Roth*	H. P.
" 28. Saint Johns.....	{ John A. McKinnon	K.
	{ Francis L. Pettus	S.
" 38. Decatur.....	{ James M. Brundidge*	H. P.
	{ Lucky W. Jenkins	"
" 40. Camden.....	{ John S. Hunter	K.
	{ James T. Beck.....	S.
	{ George W. Porter.....	H. P.
" 79. Hillsboro.....	{ Stephen M. Pearson.....	K.
	{ James M. Amason.....	S.
" 83. Bell.....	{ Robert D. Evans.....	H. P.
" 85. Gaston.....	{ William B. Gere	"
	{ William H. Evington.....	S.
" 92. Notasulga.....	{ George W. Hardy*	H. P.
	{ William S. Ford*	K.
" 96. Daniel Pratt.....	{ George L. Smith.....	H. P.

*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.

James E. Cobb,

William S. Foster,

George Wilson.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter :

Again by the blessing of God do we meet together, and on this, the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, assemble around the Altar and raise our Royal Arch. It is a cause for devout thankfulness that our chain is unbroken, for as far as information has reached me, death has not invaded our circle since we last met. It is a great satisfaction to greet each other under such happy auspices.

A YEAR OF HARMONY.

The labors of the year have not been arduous or difficult. For this the subordinate Chapters are entitled to the credit. The utmost harmony has prevailed, and not a single disputed point has been brought out or official ruling asked for. The Companions have dwelt in peace, love, and unity.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AND OFFICIAL VISITS.

It is useless, however, to deny that the fervency and zeal which should actuate Royal Arch Masons have in a measure abated in our Jurisdiction. The same complaint is made in other States, and the aggregate number of Chapters grows less each year. There may have

been many causes for this in the past, but we should bend our energies to prevent it in the future. In our own State a series of disasters have cramped the resources and somewhat lessened the hopes of the people, but let us earnestly trust that the darkest days are over, and that the sun of prosperity will hereafter illumine our pathway. Perhaps the fault lies at the fountain head, and is traceable to the failure to visit subordinate Chapters and encourage the Companions to renewed activity and interest. It was my intention to have visited the Chapters during the year just closed, but duties of overshadowing character prevented. Nothing can do more good or inspire greater interest than official visits by the grand officers, and if it can possibly be done, every Chapter should be visited by one of them before our next convocation. They should, however, be themselves thoroughly prepared in every particular to give instruction and impart such information as may be desired.

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

It was a source of great disappointment to me that a combination of circumstances prevented my attending the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter which met in Washington City the last of September. I felt that it was my duty to go, and any ordinary sacrifice would have been cheerfully submitted to, but when the time came, it was simply a matter of impossibility for me to leave home. As yet no official information of its transactions has been received, and I am unable to state anything that was done.

HILLABEE CHAPTER.

At the last Grand Convocation the application of Hillabee Chapter No. 79, to remove its place of meeting from Goodwater to Alexander City, was referred to the Grand High Priest for such action as he might deem proper to take. After thorough investigation and interviews with companions living in each place, and finding the sentiment to be all in favor of the change, the application was granted and the removal made.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

Dispensations were granted to Union Chapter No. 26, Uniontown, June 14th, 1886 ; Eunomia Chapter No. 5, Huntsville, June 19th, 1886 ; Notasulga Chapter No. 92, July 28th, 1886, to elect officers, they having failed to do so at the proper time.

Application was made September 29th, by Mineral City Chapter No. 101, of Birmingham, for Dispensation to ballot at a special convocation, in a case of emergency, upon an application for the Chapter degrees by a candidate who had to leave the State and desired to take degrees before leaving. This was granted September 29th.

Mobile Chapter, No. 21, and Alabama Chapter No. 66, made application for permission to consolidate into one. Feeling the force of the reasons presented, and believing that it would advance the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in Mobile, I granted the Dispensation and the combined Chapter now stands in the name of Mobile Chapter No. 21.

November 16th, Dispensation was granted St. John's Chapter No. 28, Selma, to take a second ballot on the application of a candidate for the degrees in less than the requisite time. The High Priest of the Chapter pressed the request upon statement of the person who had cast the rejecting ballot, that it was done under a misapprehension, and was clearly a case of mistake—voting against one person whom he supposed was another.

This completes the record of my official dealings with the subordinate Chapters of the State.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I appointed and commissioned as our Grand Representatives, the following: Companion Alfred S. Lee, near the Grand Chapter of Virginia; Companion Edward S. Ingraham, near the Grand Chapter of Washington Territory; Companion Wm. S. Mathews, near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

DEATHS OF GRAND OFFICERS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

While our own ranks have not been invaded by the dread messen-

ger of death, some of our sister jurisdictions have been sorely stricken. Most E. P. G. H. P. Thomas B. Tyler, died at his home in Sparta, Wisconsin, July 18, 1886; Most Ex. P. G. K. William T. Woodruff, died in New York City, March 4th, 1886; Most E. P. G. H. P. Luke W. Barber, died in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 13th, 1886; Ex. P. G. K. Thomas Jefferson Wade, died at Ottawa, Illinois, September 7th, 1886.

The communications announcing the deaths of these Companions, bore testimony to their exalted worth as citizens, and their devotion to the sublime principles of Masonry.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Our relations with sister jurisdictions, as far as information has reached me, have been of most pleasant character, but our Committee on Correspondence in their report will give you full information on this subject.

In conclusion, Companions, let us resolve to enter the new year with fixed determination to aid in restoring to active life some of the Chapters of the State which have surrendered their charters, to give more attention to upbuilding our mystic temple, and manifest on every possible occasion that fervency and zeal which is the great characteristic of our Order.

The Grand High Priest announced the following—

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 1.—George W. Hardy, James T. Beck, George W. Porter.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 2.—Robert D. Evans, Philip C. Candidus, William S. Ford.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 3.—Samuel H. Daley, William B. Gere, Jacob B. Roth.

ON DISPENSATIONS.—William H. Evington, John A. McKinnon, Stephen M. Pearson.

ON FINANCE.—Daniel Smith, Francis L. Pettus, Edward N. Kring.

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

Companion Noah A. Agee offered the following resolution, and it was received and concurred in :

CLAYTON CHAPTER NO. 63.

Resolved, That Clayton Chapter No. 63 be allowed to re-organize upon the payment of one year's dues, and that said Chapter be authorized to go to work on payment of the same.

Companion James M. Brundidge offered the following resolution, and it was received and adopted :

ELYTON CHAPTER NO. 76.

Resolved, That Elyton Chapter No. 76 have sixty days in which to pay its dues, and that the High Priest be allowed to represent said Chapter in this Grand Convocation.

Companion William W. McCollum offered the following resolution, and it was received and concurred in :

COOSA CHAPTER NO. 86.

Resolved, That Coosa Chapter No. 86 be allowed sixty days in which to make Returns and pay dues to this Grand Chapter, and that thereupon it be reinstated.

REPORTS MADE.

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

Companion Philip C. Candidus desired to report himself as being present as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

REPORT ON WORK.

The Committee on Work, through its Chairman, reported the opening ceremonies of the Royal Arch Degree, and the report was received and concurred in.

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 8, 1886.

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

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Work, through its Chairman, Companion Myles J. Greene, proceeded to make report on the Royal Arch Degree, and the report was received and concurred in.

Companion Philip C. Candidus, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2 beg leave to report, that having carefully examined the Returns submitted to them, they find the following—

CORRECT:

Union.....	No. 26	Elyton.....	No. 76
Decatur—2 years.....	“ 38		

INCORRECT:

TALLADEGA No. 23.—Initials used, one who died is reported among the members, H. P. signs his name in the wrong place and where the name of the Chapter ought to be.

SAINT JOHNS No. 28.—Not signed by the H. P.

CAMDEN No. 40.—Initials and abbreviations used, A. Inv. not filled out.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PHILIP C. CANDIDUS,
ROBERT D. EVANS,
WILLIAM S. FORD,
Committee.

Companion George W. Hardy, 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 examined the returns submitted to them, and find the following—

CORRECT:

Tuscaloosa.....	No. 1	Livingston.....	No. 20
Monroe.....	“ 4	Montgomery.....	“ 22
Gainesville.....	“ 13		

INCORRECT:

MOBILE No. 21.—Not signed by the H. P.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEORGE W. HARDY,
JAMES T. BECK,
GEORGE W. PORTER,
Committee.

Companion Samuel H. Daley, 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 examined the Returns submitted to them, and find the following—

CORRECT:

Hillabee.....	No. 79	Notasulga.....	No. 92
Bell.....	" 83	Daniel Pratt.....	" 96

GASTON No. 85.—No Seal.

MOULTON No. 87.—Heading erroneous—commencing in November, 1886, and ending in November, 1887.

MINERAL CITY No. 101.—Date at the bottom not filled out, no seal.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

SAMUEL H. DALEY,
WILLIAM B. GERE,
JACOB B. ROTH,
Committee.

REPORT ON WORK.

The Committee on Work, through Companion Myles J. Greene, proceeded to make report on the Royal Arch Degree, and the report was received and concurred in.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

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

Companion James E. Cobb, from the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest beg leave to report—

Not doubting the prudence of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, we have no criticism to make of any of his official acts.

We unite with him in deprecating the fact that the Companions of this jurisdiction have not exhibited the fervency and zeal that should ever characterize Royal Arch Masons; and in expressing the hope that a brighter and more prosperous day will soon dawn on us.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES E. COBB,
WM. S. FOSTER,
GEORGE WILSON,
Committee.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, Companions Henry H. Matthews and Edmund R. Hastings acting as Tellers, and the election resulted as follows :

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWSMontgomery . . .Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM WALLACE MCCOLLUM..BriarfieldDeputy G. H. Priest.
JOHN GIDEON HARRISMontgomery . . .Grand King
JAMES TAIT BECKCamden.Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEYMontgomery . . .Grand Treasurer.

GRAND OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

DANIEL SAYRE.....Montgomery....Grand Secretary.
 ROBERT D. EVANS.....Lineville.....Grand Chaplain.
 EDMUND READ HASTINGS.....Montgomery ...Grand C. of H.

And the Grand High Priest subsequently announced the following—

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

GEORGE LITTLEFIELD SMITH....PrattvilleGrand P. Sojourner.
 JOHN ALEXANDER MCKINNON....Selma.....Grand R. A. Captain.
 STEPHEN MATTHEW PEARSON...Alexander City. Grand M. 3 Veil.
 WILLIAM ANTHONY ALEXANDER. Mobile.....Grand M. 2 Veil.
 OSCAR RICHARD HUNDLEYHuntsville.....Grand M. 1 Veil.
 ADAM REIGART BAKER.....Montgomery....Grand Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Companion Myles J. Greene, P. G. H. P., then proceeded to install the Grand Officers.

Companion Myles J. Greene offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

REINSTATEMENT OF CHAPTERS.

Resolved, That any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand R. A. Chapter, which has been heretofore delinquent, may be reinstated upon the payment of one year's dues.

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

ON WORK.

Henry Clay Armstrong.....Rio Janeiro.
 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.

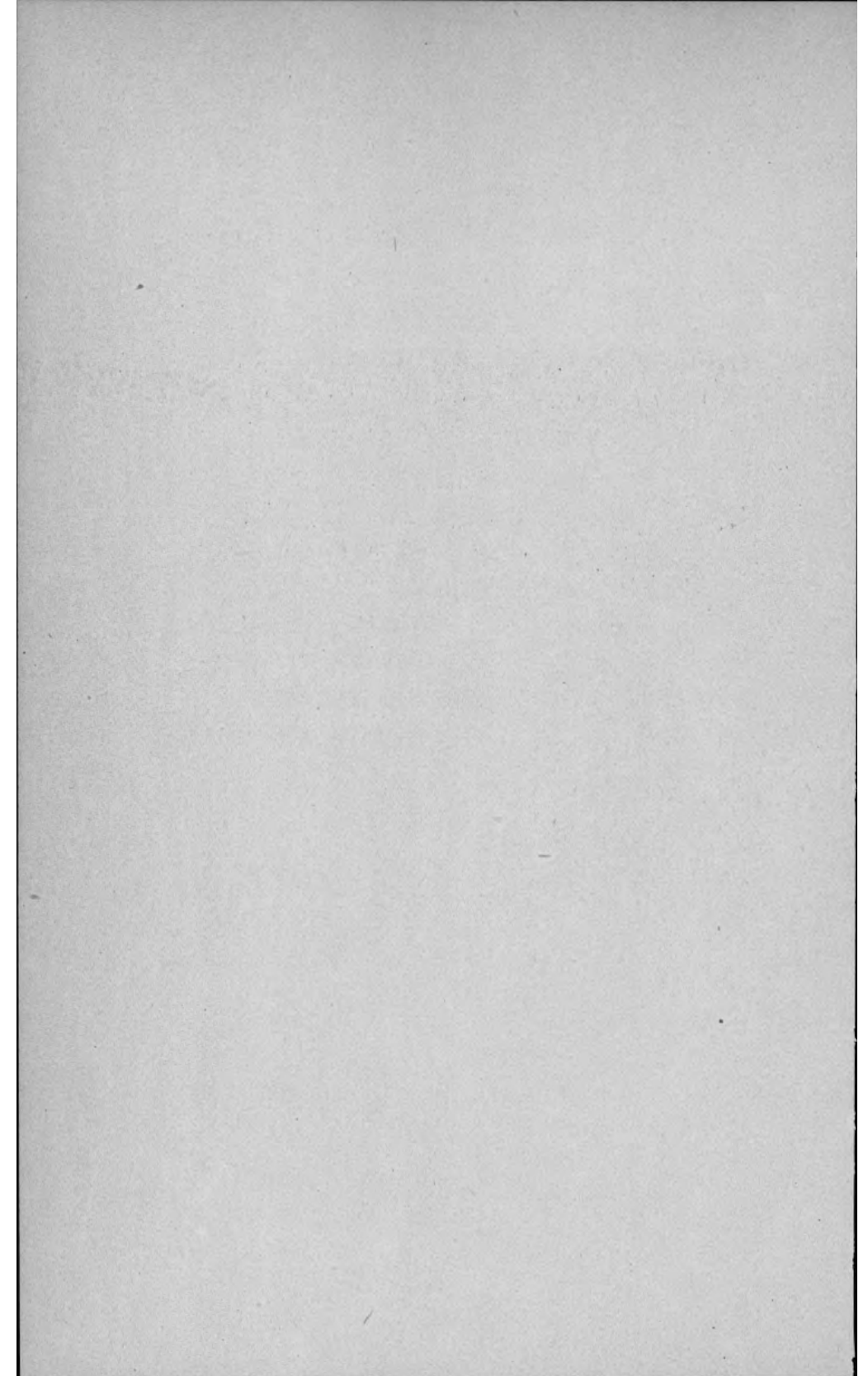
Palmer Job Pillans..... Mobile.

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

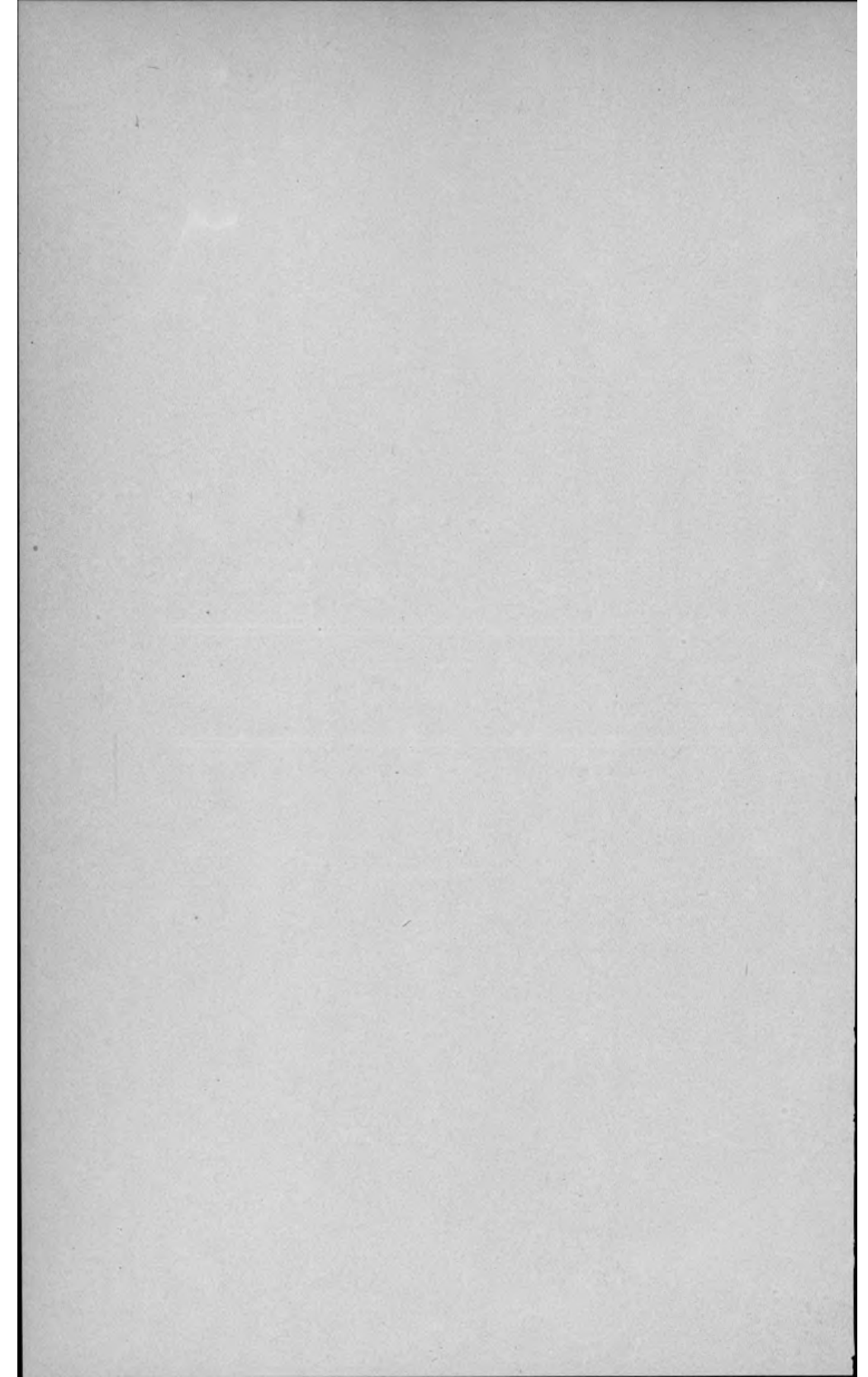
CLOSED.

And then the Sixtieth Annual Grand Convocation of the M. Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.



APPENDIX.



REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alabama :

We have thought that a few words touching the condition of Capitular Masonry within our own jurisdiction might not be altogether out of place as an introduction of what will follow, and that if read and heeded by you some good might result. A fair review of our own condition may lead to a careful examination into the causes of our somewhat peculiar condition, and perhaps stimulate us to greater exertion in well doing. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that this branch of Masonry has greatly declined within the past few years. Let us compare the returns of 1880 and 1885. From the former we find thirty-four Chapters in existence, with a membership of 800 ; from the latter twenty-two Chapters, and 514 members. During the former year sixty-four were exalted; during the latter but thirty-two. Then there was a loss of near 65 per cent. in the number of Chapters—a little more than 64 per cent. in membership, and in exaltations over 53 per cent. Should this state of things continue how long will we continue to be? is a serious question, and of grave moment. Then the question arises why this indifference? Why this loss? We will not attempt a solution but leave this to the solemn and conscientious consideration of you Companions, severally. But we show you that a loss of 2 2-10 Chapters annually and of 57 1-5 members has been taking place during the last five years and may continue unless some method be adopted to remove the cause, and build up an almost broken constitution.

When we turn to the pages of the proceedings of the last triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter we find that although this decadence is going on with regular tread in our jurisdiction, yet there are other sections in which great strides are being taken and the membership greatly enlarged. During the three years, 1883, 1884, and 1885, Capitular Masonry increased by 5,567. Why should there be more prosperity elsewhere? Are our Companions of other jurisdictions more fully imbued with the principles of the Order, illustra-

ting in their lives better the teachings inculcated in the several degrees, or inspired with greater zeal in the good cause than ourselves? There must be a fundamental reason for this indifference, this listlessness, and it behoves you to discover it and root it out.

The twenty-sixth triennial convocation of the G. Grand Chapter of the United States, held at Washington D. C., on the 28th September, 1886, with M. E. Alfred F. Chapman, G. G. H. P., was by far the most interesting and instructive that has recently been held by that G. G. Body. During the preceding three years no less than fourteen new Chapters were organized in Dakota, Washington Territory, New Mexico, Indian Territory and Montana. Those in Dakota and Washington Territory have grown into Grand Chapters and been recognized as such, and doubtless the others are marching to the same end.

There was much talk about the ritual and the best method of distributing it among the Craft, but at last it was left as it was placed in 1880.

It was decreed that "substitutes can be used to complete a class of three."

Application was made to the G. G. H. Priest for the establishment of a Chapter in Australia, but his sound judgment deferred the whole matter to the G. G. Chapter, who wisely thought it best that the "G. G. Chapter place itself on the broad fundamental doctrine enunciated by the forefathers of our country, of non-intervention in foreign States, or institutions therein established."

You doubtless recollect that the writer hereof, though firmly expressing his individual opinions as to the inexcusable course of the G. M. M. Lodge of England and Wales, &c., towards the G. Chapter of Quebec, yet advised our Grand Chapter to commit itself to no course until the views of the G. G. Chapter should have been declared, and now we find that the latter has withdrawn her recognition of the G. M. M. Lodge—that we are forbidden to recognize any Mark Mason made under its authority until the G. M. M. Lodge, &c., shall have conceded to the G. Chapter of Quebec exclusive jurisdiction over this degree within her territory.

Companion Noble D. Larnier, was made G. G. High Priest, with Companion Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1885.

Held its Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation on 26th November, 1885. M. E. G. H. Priest Logan H. Roots says the Craft is harmonious and

prosperous. Certainly it has not diminished in numbers, for we find that the returns show that there were 14 more members reported this year than last.

The business of the Grand Chapter was of local significance and promptly dispatched.

The Grand High Priest wants no sickly Chapters, but thinks these "sickly plants should be eliminated from our numbers."

The finances appear to be in good condition and growing, but we can't see how the committee on finance discovers that the balance last year being \$599.19, and this \$934.24, the increase over last year is \$619.50.

Companion James H. Van Hoose, is Grand H. Priest.

Companion James A. Henry, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

M. E. Companion Thomas Sargent, G. Z., opened in ample form the Twenty-Ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and his address gives a gloomy picture of the condition of the Craft generally within the jurisdiction. A review of the reports of the several District Grand Superintendents fully sustains this view. Capitular Masonry has declined during the year in this once flourishing and zealous jurisdiction. The committee on "The Condition of Capitular Masonry," also, in their report, but strengthen this view. Consolidation of weak neighboring Chapters, and the withdrawal of charters from sickly ones is recommended. The reports of the G. Superintendents are characterized as not "of a satisfactory character." The committee assert a truism in the following: "Some of our fathers in Masonry have said that we have too many members and not enough Masons."

The report further well says: "On general principles all Chapters which do not hold their meetings with regularity should be cited, and those that are dormant struck off the rolls of Grand Chapter. Keeping a number on the rolls that are either sickly, dying or dead, has a despondent effect, and fetters our thoughts when we are trying to improve our minds, and go higher up in our aim to do good." They recommend that in future the District reports should contain:

1st. The number of Chapters in the district, and the visits paid to each and the dates.

2nd. The average attendance compared with the actual membership

- 3rd. The number of meetings held by each Chapter during the year.
- 4th. The state of the work, whether uniformity and correctness are preserved, or the reverse.
- 5th. The number of times the Chapter degrees are worked and the character of the work.
- 6th. Whether the work is done by P. Z., P. H., P. J., or by the E., Z., H. and J.
- 7th. The state of the books, including an idea of the gross amount owing in dues, the amounts accruing over one year, two years, three years, etc.
- 8th. The applications for Chapter degrees, and the number of those brethren who do not come up.
- 9th. The monetary resources of each Chapter, and the amount of its invested funds.
- 10th. Whether the Chapters meet in a Hall owned by the Craft, or rented.
- 11th. The number of Chapters of Instruction, when and where held, with officers who exemplified the work.

This will doubtless stimulate a commendable emulation among the Chapters and keep well alive the fires upon their altars.

The finances are in excellent condition.

Companion Sargent, of Toronto, was again made G. Z., and Companion David McLellan Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

Companion Henry Robertson again presented the review of the several Grand Chapters, Alabama for 1885, receiving full and fraternal notice.

CALIFORNIA, 1886.

The Thirty-Second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 27th day of April, 1886, with Comp. Edward Coleman, Grand High Priest.

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

Its course has been onward and upward, increasing in power and influence as the years go by. Thirty-two years have not yet passed since a few zealous and faithful Craftsmen, representing three Chapters and comprising less than eighty members, met and organized this Grand Body. From this small beginning it has continued to grow and expand, until to-day sixty-six Chapters bow to its authority and four thousand and sixty-two Royal Arch Masons kneel around our altars, united and working for the general good of our institution.

The Grand High Priest visited many of the Chapters, some to revive drooping spirits, others to quiet dissatisfaction and bring about

harmony, and others solely to give countenance to their work and examine their records. This he did because in his opinion "Nothing promotes the fraternal zeal and emulation of the Companions, or keeps the fires burning so brightly upon our altars as the frequent visits of Grand Officers." Of this latter we entertain no doubt.

The business of the Grand Chapter was of local significance only.

Companion Benjamin Tuttle, of Petaluma was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Thomas H. Caswell of San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary, as usual, presented the report on correspondence, giving Alabama for 1884 abundant notice. Though we may, to some extent, have modified our views on the anti-Cernean movement, yet by no means are we prepared to "howl" with their enemies. We may have more bone than brains in our cranium—ergo.

COLORADO, 1885.

The Eleventh Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 17th day of September, 1885, with M. E. Companion Horatio N. Banks Grand High Priest, in the east. The growth of the craft in this jurisdiction is in keeping with the increase of population in this new and thriving State. Entire harmony prevails. One new Chapter was chartered.

The finances are in a healthy condition.

An effort was made to require an examination on each degree before the candidate should be allowed to advance. Also to reduce the fees for the several degrees from fifty to thirty dollars, but both proved futile.

Companion L. N. Greenleaf of Denver elected Grand High Priest.

Companion Ed. C. Parmelee of Georgetown Grand Secretary.

Companion George Wyman made a concise report on correspondence reviewing Alabama for 1884.

CONNECTICUT, 1886.

Held the Eighty-Eighth Annual Convocation of her Grand Chapter on May the 11th, 1886, M. E. Companion James McCormick, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Craft is alive and vigorous in this jurisdiction and though not increasing in numbers yet it is not retrograding.

Official visitations are numerous and may perhaps fully account for the above condition.

We find the old system of fining for the non-performance of a duty prevailing here.

There was but little business and that entirely of a local character.

Companion James McCormick, Hartford, Grand High Priest.

Companion Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Companion John H. Barlow again presented the review of the proceedings of Grand Chapters, among which we find Alabama for 1884.

DAKOTA, 1886.

The Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this Territory was held on June 7th, 1886, with M. E. Companion William Blatt, Grand High Priest.

The growth of the craft is very rapid in this jurisdiction, but perhaps not inconsistent with the growth of the population of the territory.

The Grand High Priest granted six dispensations for new Chapters during the year, five of which presented work for inspection which warranted the issuance of charters to them. One was continued under dispensation.

The third decision of the Grand High Priest requiring the team to all be *actual candidates* strike us with some surprise, when so many years have passed since the G. G. Chapter authorized the use of substitutes, which they again reiterated at the last triennial convocation.

We wish the Grand Secretary would give the footings to his "Synopsis of Returns, &c.," it would prove so much more satisfactory.

Companion Peter Pickton, Fargo, Grand High Priest.

Companion Thomas J. Wilder, Casselton, Grand Secretary.

Companion Wilder made the report on Correspondence. Alabama for 1885 is found among those reviewed.

We had not the proceeding of the formation of this Grand Chapter nor her proceedings, else be sure she would have received proper attention.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1885.

The Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this District was held under the supervision of M. E. Companion Jose M. Yznaga, Grand High Priest, on December 9th, 1885.

There has been a slight diminution of numbers of the Craft during the past year.

This jurisdiction covers a very small territory, which enables the Grand High Priest to make his official visitations with great ease, and the practice prevails of inviting some distinguished Companion to accompany him and deliver an address on the occasion. This, doubtless, adds much to the interest.

Companion George E. Corson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion Lewis G. Stephens, Grand Secretary.

There is a condensed report on correspondence from our very distinguished Companion Noble D. Lerner, now G. G. H. Priest of the G. G. C. of the United States.

DELAWARE, 1886.

This the smallest though by no means the youngest of our sisters, held her Eighteenth Convocation on the 20th of January, 1886. Companion John Otto jr., being Grand High Priest, presiding. There are now but three Chapters within the jurisdiction, but the returns show vitality and activity in these. From the work done during the year we hope for a revival of some of the moribund Chapters. There appears to be no lack of funds, and the business, though local, was expeditiously handled.

Companion W. C. Baggerley, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

Companion William Marshall, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

A report on correspondence by Companion J. F. Mynick, was made but it was not published.

FLORIDA, 1886.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 18th of January, 1886, with the M. E. Grand High Priest, William E. Anderson, in the chair.

The Grand High Priest says "within our own jurisdiction I can report a renewal of interest which promises good results," and the Grand Secretary that "the tidal wave of improvement appears to be in sight, which we may hopefully look upon as permanent." This is exceedingly gratifying to us and we sincerely hope that these anticipations may be realized, and that those who have so manfully attended the waning fires may meet with their well merited reward. There has been no serious loss, though there may not have been any increase in numbers during the past year.

The Grand High Priest thinks that a few healthy Chapters are better than many sickly ones.

Affiliation with a lodge is a requisite in this jurisdiction for good standing in the Chapter.

We sympathize with our Companions in the loss which they sustained of almost all their Grand Chapter property and records by fire.

Companion Angus Patterson, Madison, Grand High Priest.

Companion DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1886.

There was held on the 28th day of April, 1886, the Sixty-Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, with M. E. Companion Wolihin, Grand High Priest, on the throne.

Of the Craft the Grand High Priest says :

"It affords me pleasure to announce to you that peace and harmony prevail among our Subordinate Chapters, as far as I have been able to ascertain, and that the Order is in a prosperous and flourishing condition, though our members may not have materially increased ; for, as more than one of my illustrious predecessors have said, "It is not in numbers that our strength lies." No, my Companions, it is in the *good moral* qualities of those who apply and are admitted "

Also that "if prudence directs" the applicant for the degrees, "temperance chastens him, and justice be the guide of all his actions," our Royal Craft "will be restored to its former greatness."

With a treasury which from its scantiness forbids the luxury of a report on Correspondence many jewels are voted for Past Grand High Priests.

The numbers are slowly increasing.

Companion James W. Taylor, Luthersville, Grand High Priest.

Companion J. Emmett Blackshear, Macon, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1885.

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held on 29th October, 1885, with Companion John A. Ladd, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Craft within this jurisdiction seem to be neither progressing nor retrograding, the increase of membership having been but five during the year, while the total numbers 11,816.

Among the rulings of the Grand High Priest is one that "The High Priest of a Chapter has the right to demand the practice of the

esoteric rights of the Lodge by every Companion present, at the opening or closing of the Chapter." This we do not clearly understand, but we have quoted it as introductory to the following report of a special committee which, given entire, fully explains itself:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS REFERRED.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, officers and members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your committee to whom was referred, at our last Annual Convention, the following resolution, offered by E. Comp. W. E. Ginther,

"*Resolved*, That all that part of the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, expressing the opinion that our Masonry is not legitimate, and that the Chapter is not regular and duly constituted, be and is hereby emphatically rejected."

Together with the subject-matter of the "Report on Correspondence" and the following preambles and Resolutions offered by Comp. D. C. Cregier :

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter is the only source of authority and exercises exclusive jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to Capitular Masonry in the State of Illinois, and

WHEREAS, This declaration includes the possession of, exclusive authority over, and control and custody of, all and every esoteric and exoteric ceremonies and Rituals pertaining to the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch; and,

WHEREAS, These claims are essential to, and consistent with, the sovereign powers and dignity of this Grand Chapter, as well as to other Bodies of Masons; therefore,

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois hereby interdicts the use or practice of any of the esoteric ceremonies or Rituals, pertaining to any of the degrees over which it has jurisdiction, by any Companion of its obedience, in any Masonic Body or organization of Masons, other than this Grand Chapter or the constituent Chapters under its jurisdiction; and be it further

Resolved, That the use or practice of any esoteric ceremony or Ritual pertaining to any Masonic Body or organization of Masons, or of any degree, or degrees of Masonry, other than that of M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A. are hereby interdicted in this Grand Chapter and in every constituent Chapter under its jurisdiction; and be it further

Resolved, That any Companion violating any of the mandates herein specified shall be subject to discipline therefor.

Respectfully reports, that at its meeting held on the twenty-fourth day of February, in the city of Chicago, there were present all the Committee except M. E. Comp. J. A. Hawley.

Comp. T. T. Gurney, D. C. Cregier and W. E. Ginther, having been duly notified, were present. In response to an invitation M. E. Jno. A. Ladd, G. H. P., was also present and aided the Committee with his counsel.

Before examination and discussion, Comp. Gurney submitted the following statement, to-wit:

"I deny that the above resolution of Comp. Ginther, is a correct statement of my views respecting the Masonic character of the Chapter. I have never said that the Chapter was illegitimate, but I have said that there is no Masonry *per se* outside of the symbolic lodge, — furthermore I have never said that the Chapter is not 'regularly, and duly constituted.'"

After this statement, which was valuable, in that it cleared the way for the discussion of the main question, Comp. Ginther proceeded to lay before the Committee the reasons why he offered the resolution, and why he thought it should pass, — he pointed out many passages in the report of the Committee on Correspondence, which, both by implication and in terms, seem to deny that there is any Freemasonry in the Chapter.

This opened up the whole question and subsequent discussion included both resolutions.

After careful consideration and comparing of authorities the Committee submits the following as its conclusion in the premises.

The degree of R. A. M. has no existence in Masonic history prior to the "revival" of A. D. 1717. If conferred at all prior to this, it probably was received as the conclusion of the Master's degree. Shortly after this date, however, we find historic mention of it — about the middle of the last century it appears to have been authorized by the Grand Lodge of England and in 1813 duly recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England.

Since this last date all Grand Lodges have acquiesced in the relationship and some have specifically endorsed it in terms. On the other hand, no Grand Lodge has ever taken offense at, or endeavored to cut off the relationship, or imposed any restrictions relative thereto.

Surely the weight of all the history we have, is almost entirely in favor of maintaining the present friendly connection.

The committee wishes to add a few words relative to the propriety of the present position occupied by this Grand Chapter.

Freemasonry is defined by some of our best scholars as "a progressive moral science," illustrating moral truths by familiar symbols. Your committee believes that to this "progressive" idea we owe much of our success, and power.

The foundation of all lies in the first three degrees; just as the foundation of mathematics lies in its definitions and the four fundamental rules; yet no one will claim that the science of mathematics is concluded by these first rules, while all allow that no operation can be performed without their use. So with the Chapter and symbolic lodge. In all the years no occasion of offence has arisen. The lodge has not felt that it was wronged and the Chapter has not abused its privileges. Your committee believes that both have benefited thereby.

The general "consensus" of the Craft agrees with this. It would be difficult to find a R. A. M. upon whom the Chapter degrees were duly conferred, who does not at once confess and believe that there is an "intimate connection" between Ancient Craft Masonry and

the H. R. A. and the Master Masons of the whole country universally believe this. If there be an exception it is not among our younger men—who appear generally to be contented—but only among those, fond of technicalities and speculations, which, in the opinion of your committee would result in damage to our whole Masonic fabric.

This leads to the consideration of what evils would naturally follow if the resolutions presented by Comp. Cregier should be adopted and enforced. All branches of the order would lose the benefit of the idea of “progression” mentioned before.

There would be no further search for more light, none could be given. The tale would be told, at the start. Each branch of our order must stand alone and so further lose the force of association that to most of us is very dear.

Time, in all probability, would lessen and finally dissolve even the semblance of connection.

Our system of work must be re-organized—all traces of kindly reference to Ancient Craft Masonry must be effaced. This, to be sure, would not impair the work of the symbolic lodge, but it would sorely lessen the force and beauty of our beautiful Ritual.

Furthermore,—this matter of “work,” and “uniformity of work,” is conceded (very generally) to be under the control of the Gen. Gr. Chapter U. S. A. and to their outline of plan, our very complete Ritual now conforms,—any radical change would conflict with this almost universal custom and put all R. A. Masons in our State “without the pale,” as regards other Gr. Chapters.

In short, the committee sees no good reason why the above resolutions, as offered by Comp. D. C. Cregier, should be adopted, and therefore respectfully reports back the same, with the recommendation “that they *do not pass*.”

We respectfully report back the resolution offered by E. Comp. Ginther, with a substitute therefor, and recommend that the substitute *do pass*,—to-wit:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, there exists an intimate connection between Ancient Craft Masonry and the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch; that we do not endorse any expression, or implication, or influence, by any member, or officer, of this Grand body, that seems to deny the Masonic character of our order; that we will by all honorable means, strive to maintain and perpetuate, the present intimate, friendly and mutually profitable relations that have always existed and now exist between the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of the State of Illinois and this Grand R. A. Chapter.

The report was received, adopted, and the recommendations concurred in.

We have given the report in full, because we have no doubt it will prove both interesting and instructive.

Comp. John O'Neil, Chicago, Grand High Priest.

Comp. Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Comp. Theodore T. Gurney presented this his last report on Cor-

respondence—last because of *physical imbecility*. The sympathies of the entire Companionship of this our jurisdiction go out in warmth to this brilliant Companion who has been stricken with paralysis, the most terrible perhaps of all infirmities to which flesh is heir.

Alabama receives full notice.

INDIANA, 1885.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on October 21st, 1885, with Grand High Priest Benjamin F. Dawson, presiding.

All that can be said of the growth of the Craft here is, that it has not lost ground. Yet, if not increasing as population and intelligence increases, is it not slowly yet surely retrograding! There was, however, no loss in numbers though no increase. Number of R. A. Masons, 4,782.

In his address the G. H. Priest says that he is informed by Grand Secretary, "that there will not be sufficient funds to meet the expenses of this Convocation." Bad, indeed.

The Grand Chapters of Washington Territory and Dakota were extended fraternal recognition.

Companion Mortimer Nye, LaPorte, Grand High Priest.

Companion John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Companion Thomas B. Long once more was the Correspondent—a writer of fairness and equity, whose logs will be felt by the reportorial corps.

His review of Alabama for 1884 is full. He does not like the conservative course of our Grand Chapter in relation to Quebec, and the Grand M. Lodge, &c., and is impatient at the expressed hope of M. E. G. H. P. Foster that wise counsels might prevail, etc., and puts us forward as an exemplar of the belligerents composing our Grand Chapter. The writer hereof expresses only his own views; these are neither indorsed nor denied by his Grand Chapter, but his report is published. The Grand Chapter, however, at the instance of this belligerent, postponed action until her immediate superior had been heard from, which, we think, was a display of wisdom which would have benefitted some other Grand Chapters.

IOWA, 1885.

A Convocation, the Thirty-Second of this Grand Chapter, was held on the 20th October, 1885, with G. High Priest Clark Varnum, presiding.

The growth in numbers of the Craft has been very considerable. It now reaches in this jurisdiction 6,226.

Under special Dispensations the Grand High Priest classified them and granted them for the election and installation of officers, when the Chapter had neglected to attend to these duties at the prescribed time. Also in some cases allowing the "conferring the degrees without allowing the petition of the candidate to lie over until the next stated monthly meeting after its reception."

He, however, refused most properly to grant any for the performance of any act specially forbidden by the constitution of Grand Chapter.

He delivers himself of a dissertation on the impropriety of granting Dispensations generally. We have no copy of the constitution of this Grand Chapter, and consequently cannot say whether provision is therein made for all contingencies, but we apprehend that some of the dispensations granted cover authority "to do a thing which the constitution and laws of this Grand Chapter say shall not be done," or have "provided shall be performed in another and different way." The quotations are his reasons for refusal of some applications.

He truly says "much of the apathy among Masons arises from poor work done by careless or unqualified officers;" and in this connection we find the Grand Lecturer says, that "when Chapters have done no work for some time, that the officers were not well posted in the ritual."

Companion Sylvester S. Bean, Creston, Grand High Priest.

Companion John C. Parish, DesMoines, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1885.

Companion Jacob DeWitt, M. E. G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, opened in ample form the Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

It is rapidly enlarging its sphere of usefulness, and increasing in numbers, and in this connection the G. H. P. says "Kansas has always been a marvel to the other members of our great republic in all her walks and ways."

Dispensations for the formation of four new Chapters were granted and they were all chartered at this Convocation. Before granting the dispensation the G. H. P. required the certificate of the Grand Lecturer as to the proficiency of the officers. This we esteem a most admirable precaution.

It was ruled by the G. High Priest, and approved by Grand Chapter that—

5. A petitioner for a new chapter need not of necessity be affiliated with a lodge. In this connection I desire to express my disapproval of the custom which seems to be growing, of printing masonic emblems on business cards, or cards of business canvassers. It has, in my opinion, a tendency to make merchandise of the Craft.

Business purely local, and there was but little before the Grand Body.

Companion Andrew M. Callahan, Topeka, G. High Priest.

Companion John H. Brown, Wyandotte, Grand Secretary.

The latter made the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 46 Grand Chapters, Alabama for 1884, being among them, which received full and fraternal notice.

KENTUCKY, 1885.

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 20th day of October, 1885, Companion Charles E. Dunn, being M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest gives but a gloomy picture of the condition of the Craft. He thinks this is the result, not so much of the effect of other organizations, as in the lack of proper qualification of the officers, and the negligence and indifference of the Chapters to the sick and destitute and dead. He asks, "When you think of it, what do the Chapters do? Hardly any thing but confer the degrees."

An earnest appeal is made to the members to aid the "Masonic Home."

The statistics show an actual decrease in membership.

Companion Bernard G. Witt, Henderson, G. High Priest.

Companion Joseph H. Branham, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Companion Hiram Bassett again made the report on correspondence, Alabama for 1884, receiving kind notice.

LOUISIANA, 1886.

At the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held on February 9th, 1886, M. E. Grand High Priest, Andrew Shaw, presided.

There are 23 Chapters on the roll, of which eight were represented in Grand Chapter, and there was an evident diminution in membership.

The Grand High Priest's address is confined strictly to local business.

The finances are in sufficiently good condition to warrant the permanent investment of \$500.

Companion Joseph P. Horner made the report from the Correspondence Committee, recommending the recognition and fraternal greeting of the Grand Chapters of Dakota and Washington Territory, which was done.

He confines his report to a few subjects only, that either have arisen or been acted upon in a few jurisdictions which, in his opinion, are of interest to the whole body of the Craft, for the following reasons :

No one can look upon the present ramifications of our organizations and governments and behold how beautifully and harmoniously they work into and with each other; no one can seriously contemplate the uniformity which exists in the rules and laws of Masonry and their application and administration; and study the history of the Order to find how this state of affairs has been consummated, without giving to the gentle knights of the pen all the credit that they most richly deserve for bringing about this state of affairs. Time was when our Grand Bodies listened attentively to the reading of the reports of their committees on correspondence in regular session, and received and acted upon them knowingly and understandingly after they were fully acquainted with their contents. The information they contained was thus communicated to all and bore its good fruits ; now they are merely received and ordered to be printed, and in most cases relegated to the place of an appendix, and, as usual, as it is everybody's business to read them, they are read by nobody in the jurisdictions for the members of which they were prepared.

Hence, his "return to first principles," that the report being short may be read in Grand Chapter. Much of it is devoted to the difficulty of between Quebec and G. M. M. Lodge of England, &c.

Companion Denison Stocking, Bayou Sara, Grand High Priest.

Companion James C. Batchelor, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1886.

The Sixty-First Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on May 4th, 1886, with Companion Manly G. Trask, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Craft appears neither to have increased or diminished in numbers though the returns give the appearance of diminution. But the Grand Secretary says that the returns from Chapters have not all

been received, but that his impression is that the grand total will not differ materially from last year.

We give you entire one paragraph from the report of the Grand Scribe, one of the Grand Visitors, the result of his observations. We have no doubt of his correctness :

It cannot be too earnestly enforced upon the attention of chapters in this State, that much of the apathy and want of zeal evinced by companions, is due to the fact that those who are *deficient* in interest are usually not *proficient* in a knowledge of the ritual. If the officers in some of our sluggish chapters would exert their influence to secure the attendance of members at stated and special meetings, and then, instead of merely transacting routine business, proceed to instruct them in the essential parts of the ritual and the various details of the work, such a course could not fail to excite an interest and produce good results. Many companions designedly remain away from the chapter for fear of being called upon to perform some part of the work which they feel themselves incompetent to do.

The Grand Chapter amended their constitution so as to allow any officer of a chapter to resign save the High Priest ; K. ; or Scribe, and authorizing the Chapter to fill the vacancy.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond, made as usual, his usual most excellent report on Correspondence, noticing Alabama for 1885. We find he and ourself agree in the opinion that the numerous endowment societies around which the mystery of secrecy is thrown, have produced and are exercising a serious injury to Masonry. These will, ere long, have passed away.

From his table of statistics of the American Grand Chapters we find an increase beyond last year of only 1794, or 12-1000 per cent.

An empty exchequer admonishes us to drop this interesting pamphlet.

MARYLAND, 1885,

Held the Eighty-Eighth Annual Convocation of her Grand Chapter on November 10th, 1885, with M. E. Grand High Priest John M. Carter presiding.

The Grand High Priest cited a couple of instances of increase in work and consequent membership in Chapters remote from the denser populated portion of the State to illustrate the increased interest being taken. The returns show that the Craft during the year had become numerically stronger; yet there were fears of great stringency in the finances.

Business purely local.

Comp. John M. Carter, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

Comp. George L. McCahan, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Comp. E. T. Schultz made his tenth report on Correspondence, Alabama for 1884 being as usual at the head of the list.

Under Canada we find him speaking well of the ancient charges, regulations and usages of Masonry, and we give them because they sustain our view as given in report of our Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee on the Powers of Grand Master:

Suppose that *all* the powers and prerogatives of Grand Masters and presiding Officers of Masonic bodies were "specifically mentioned and detailed in the Constitution." How long would they be suffered to remain "specifically" defined before the Constitutional "Tinkers" would *try* to enlarge, abridge or *improve* them generally?

We have more than once expressed the sentiment: that if we had the power we would give all our modern Constitutions to the flames and have our institution governed wholly by the ancient charges and regulations.

These with a few local regulations are all the law necessary for the government of any body claiming to be Masonic. If this course could be adopted, we would not hear the new fangled doctrines announced, or see regulations adopted, which are so rapidly modernizing our time-honored fraternity to the level of the associations of the day. Then, the ancient charges and regulations would be studied by Masters and those called upon to preside over our Masonic bodies, and decisions would be rendered in accordance therewith. Should a case be presented not specifically provided for by the ancient regulations, a decision would be rendered by analogy drawn therefrom.

MARYLAND, 1886.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Baltimore, commencing on the 9th of November. The Grand High Priest, Companion John M. Carter, was present and presided. A constitutional number of subordinate Chapters was represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows the general monetary situation of the Grand Chapter. It was not so favorable as it might be, but they seem to get along.

A number of Dispensations was granted for various purposes, but none for new Chapters.

The Grand High Priest advises that the Grand Chapter await further development before taking any action in the matter between Quebec and the Grand Chapter of England.

He also gives a friendly and brotherly notice of several who had departed for the unknown world, and among them we may mention

Companion William Tell Adreon, who was known so well among Masons all over the country.

On the second day the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, and Companion Henry C. Larrabee was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion George S. McCahan was continued Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence is by Companion Edward T. Schultz, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, and among them those of Alabama for 1885, and also of the General Grand Chapter of the United States for 1886.

The Companion speaks pleasantly of our last report, and takes occasion to mention his approval of our Grand Lodge doctrine on the inherent powers of the Grand Master.

We should like to make some extracts from this excellent paper, but the condition of our exchequer forbids.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1886.

The various quarterly Convocations of this Grand Chapter were held at the proper times, at one of which resolutions forbidding Masonic intercourse with Mark M. Masons owing allegiance to or being of obedience to the G. M. M. Lodge of England and Wales, &c., and approving the course pursued by Illinois. The report of the Committee on the Quebec difficulty was an excellent one.

The Eighty-Fifth Annual Convocation was held on December 8th, 1885, Companion Frederick T. Comee, Grand High Priest, being in the chair. The Grand High Priest says that the year had been one of perfect harmony throughout the jurisdiction, but that "the general depression of business interests has somewhat affected the work of our Chapters," and we find that the membership has decreased. The statistical table gives no loss from deaths. Why?

"No Chapter in this jurisdiction shall exalt a candidate to the sublime degree of R. A. Mason until he shall have selected and recorded his mark," is the decree of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. F. T. Comee, Boston, Grand High Priest.

Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Comp. John W. Dadmun once more presented one of his excellent reports on Correspondence. Alabama receives due notice, so also does your correspondent. We would say to Comp. D. that further reflection induced us to modify our views as to the right of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, but not much as to the propriety or advisability of her action.

MICHIGAN, 1886.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its Thirty-Seventh Annual Convocation on the 19th day of January, 1886, Companion W. Irving Latimer being Grand High Priest. This is a large jurisdiction with 8,433 members and it is still enlarging.

Two Dispensations for new Chapters were granted during the year, one of which was chartered at this Convocation and the other continued.

Business local in interest only.

Comp. Daniel Striker, Hastings, Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. P. Innis, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary.

The latter presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1884. He thinks Michigan deserves more space in our report than we gave it, but the Companion did not notice the necessity for brevity as given by our Worthy Secretary, that printers have an aversion to working for nothing.

MINNESOTA, 1885,

Held the Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation of its Grand Chapter on the 13th October, 1885, Companion Blinn Converse being the Grand High Priest.

The Craft is increasing in numbers throughout the jurisdiction; yet there were no Dispensations for new Chapters. This is a good sign and warrants the belief that harmony and good feeling are to be found among the members of the several Chapters. At the previous Convocation Charters were granted for two new Chapters which are stated to be doing well.

Comp. Nathan Kingsley, Chatfield, Grand High Priest.

Comp. A. T. C. Pierson made the Correspondence report. Alabama for 1884 is there found. Our friend, Companion P., has not forgotten how to use blarney and thus put his friends in good humor with themselves and with him. We shall never forget his cordial manner and courtesies to ourself at Detroit, where we found no one whom we had ever seen or known. Long may he live.

MISSISSIPPI, 1886.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held February 8th, 1886, Companion S. C. Conley M. E. Grand High Priest.

Of the Craft the Grand High Priest says :

In our Grand Jurisdiction harmony prevails. In some cases we fear that it is the peace that comes from carelessness and indifference; at other places it is the harmony that grows out of that "noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

There being no tabular statement published we have no means of determining other than the above the probable condition of the several Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter. We however find the balance in treasury "growing smaller by degrees" and from this argue less hopefully.

The business of the Grand Chapter, save in one instance, was of local interest only, but the invasion of the territory of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by the R. A Chapter of England brought forth the expression of approval of non-intercourse proclamation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and of "heartly good wishes for the success of our Companions of Quebec in the maintenance of exclusive jurisdiction over Royal Arch Masonry in that Province."

Comp. Richard P. Bowen, Chulahoma, Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Comp. P. M. Savory made the report on Correspondence. He persists in making us some other man; in 1884 we were made by him Williams, and in 1886 Pillars. So we hope that he will so go for the printer as to make our name at least *savory* to ourself.

NEBRASKA, 1885.

This Grand Chapter held its Nineteenth Annual Convocation on December 16th, 1885, under the guidance of Companion Henry E. Palmer, Grand High Priest.

Five dispensations for new Chapters were granted during the recess.

The Grand High Priest whose words we give entire, presents to us most singular, and we are constrained to say, most inconsistent views of the condition of the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction imaginable. The growth in membership has been very large, as the returns indicate, but we are at a loss, taking the Grand High Priest's statements and the reasonable deductions therefrom into consideration, to say whether the members have been properly and intelligently exalted or not.

Here is what he says :

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

I note, from a perusal of our proceedings, that for the past eighteen years the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction have been doing just splendidly—good work, square work, true work; in fact, no crack or settling in the walls of the temple, no serious complaint; of course, everything must be running smoothly. Undoubtedly, when only a half a dozen to a dozen neighborly chapters were at work on the foundation walls of our Nebraska temple, good work was being done, and my predecessors very properly reported “that the general tranquillity of the Craft is rather the peace and quietude of prosperity than the stillness of apathy and stagnation.” Companions, it would be much easier for me to follow in the same well beaten path than to try to lead the blind by a way they know not, in paths not as familiar to myself as they should be to a guide, or with my untrained and poorly guided pen try to make crooked things straight. Times have changed. From three subordinate chapters June 17, 1867, with a total membership of less than 100, we have grown to twenty-nine regular constituted chapters and six under dispensation, with a total membership of 1,441, in good standing; and yet we have not kept even proportionate pace with Blue Lodge Masonry in this State. This growth is not the natural increase of the first plant. It is from the wonderful emigration to the State from all parts of the world. I venture the assertion that we have more members of different Grand Jurisdictions and different Chapters than can be found in any State in the Union, unless it be our sister State, Kansas. We have Chapter Masons of every school, from so many tongues, through so many minds, it is indeed wonderful that we are able to maintain a semblance to the true ritualistic work. Then, too, within the past three years the General Grand Chapter has promulgated many important changes entirely at variance to the ritual of fully three-fourths of our members. During the nineteen years that have elapsed since the formation of this Grand Chapter there has never been any board of custodians or instructors to disseminate the work or produce uniformity of work—no system of inspection of the records kept or work done. True, we have always had Grand Lecturers, who have held the office for the honor conferred. We have committed the work to the care of these lecturers, and not one of them is to-day half as well posted as he ought to be. Not one of them will pretend that he has done his duty. It is a shame that the office of Grand Lecturer will be accepted by any companion who cannot, even on special request of the Grand High Priest, devote one day of the three hundred and sixty-five to the work for the good of the Craft.

An appropriation of \$650.00 was made to pay expenses of Grand Lecturer, to dispel the masonic darkness so graphically described, and furnish more masonic light to the Companions.

Companion John D. Moore, Grand Island, Grand High Priest.

Companion Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1886.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held May the 12th, 1886, Companion Benjamin T. Bright, being Grand High Priest.

Of the Craft the Grand High Priest says : "That the Chapters are in a prosperous condition, with but one or two exceptions," yet, we find, that the balance in treasury is gradually and steadily diminishing and the returns show a diminution in membership.

Among the dispensations issued by the Grand High Priest was one for a King of a Chapter to fill a vacancy occasioned by death of the incumbent. Why so? Should not the scribe have of right filled the position? Is not this similar to the case of the death of a S. W. of a Lodge?

Special Compliment is paid to a High Priest who is over 70 years, but who confers the degrees with more vigor, accuracy and elegance than many a younger High Priest. 70! What is it? Age is to be estimated—not by years but by the activity or rather decline in mental and physical forces—only.

Companion Charles Belcher jr, Newark, Grand High Priest.

Companion George B. Edwards, Jersey City, Grand Secretary.

Companion Henry Vehslage again brought forward the report on Correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1885.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1886.

There was a special Convocation of this Grand Chapter held at Manchester for the exemplifying the several capitular degrees. This is in accordance with a requirement of the Grand Chapter, and the Sixty-Eighth Annual Convocation was subsequently held on the 18th of May, 1886, over which Grand High Priest, Alpheus W. Baker, presided.

There is shown by the returns, a gratifying increase in membership.

There was nothing in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of general importance.

Companion John Francis Webster, Concord, Grand High Priest.

Companion George P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Secretary.

Companion Albert S. Wait, once more presented the report on Correspondence—Alabama receiving friendly notice.

In reply to the denial of Companion Caswell of California to Grand High Priests of any powers not specially enumerated and conferred by the Grand Chapter Constitution, we find him saying :

“Our comments to which the above is a reply were intended to apply exclusively to the Grand Master, and this for the reason that it seems to be held, to some extent at least, that the Grand High Priest is not invested with the same prerogatives as it is admitted pertain to the Grand Master, though for ourselves we do not readily see wherein the relations of the Grand High Priest to the capitular craft are or ought to be different from those of the Grand Master to the symbolic rite. We have heretofore admitted that it may be within the power of the fraternity, except against the landmarks, by express enactments to limit the power of the Grand Master. But we have insisted that this could only be done by express and positive law, and that where the law of any jurisdiction is silent upon the subject the Grand Master's prerogative, according to the ancient usage, remains.

We hardly ever review a pamphlet of proceedings in which we do not find that dispensations have been granted for some things essentially necessary for the well-being of the Craft. Most of which we doubt not are not provided for by the Constitution. As the Chapter, or a great part of it, is an elimination of the blue lodge degrees—the powers of a Grand Master in the absence of special regulations must be invoked for the good of the Craft.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1886.

Open before us lies the pamphlet containing the proceedings of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, held on the 25th of May, 1886, Companion George W. Blount, being the Grand High Priest.

One new Chapter was by him authorized by dispensation, and after announcing that fact he thus rejoices :

“Tis said the angels in Heaven rejoice over one sinner that repenteth. We have cause for rejoicing at the reception of one more Chapter to our little band, and I hope that it may be that our rejoicing may not be confined to this one, but that it may extend to many in revived interest in existing and working Chapters.

And we rejoice with him too. We have long looked for this period when the spirits of the faithful few would be rewarded for their persistency, and when the altar fires would be supplied with new fuel and burn more and more brightly. The returns show an increasing interest being felt in the capitular degrees. Our N. C. Companions have indeed been fully tested, but now having sloughed off the drones, and the unworthy, may their career be bright in the future. In this, our jurisdiction, we are going through the same ordeal, and hence know how to feel for others.

He also says :

"I may be pardoned for expressing the belief that no merely human institution presents to its votaries anything loftier in sentiment, purer in morals, more elevating in principle or exalting and soul inspiring than the language, subject matter and intent of the ritual of the Royal Arch Degrees. No one can witness the conferring of them without feeling a warmer attachment to virtuous men, and a purer love and more exalted reverence for the sacred name and attributes of Deity."

Companion Charles R. Jones, Charlotte, Grand High Priest.

Companion Donald W. Bain, Charlotte, Grand Secretary.

Companion James Southgate made the Correspondence report, reviewing Alabama for 1885. As he says he has "travelled the road" on which we now are, he will, we know, pardon further notice.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1885.

Held the Sixteenth Annual Convocation of her Grand Chapter on June 2d, 1885, the Rev. Henry D. DeBlois, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Of the Craft the Grand High Priest gives this cheering news.

With regard to the state of "Capitular Masonry" in this jurisdiction, I have to report every thing in good working order. An addition has been made to the number of our Chapters, my dispensation having been granted to open a new one at Summerside, P. E. I., and I need only mention that well known and energetic mason, Comp. Rev'd. Thomas Reagh as its M. E. High Priest, to assure you of its present bright prospects and future success.

The returns also show a reasonable increase in numbers.

To the Grand Supt. R. A. M. in Newfoundland was voted the rank of P. G. Scribe.

Other business only of local interest.

Companion H. D. DeBlois, Annapolis, G. High Priest.

Companion G. F. Smithers, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1885.

There was held on October 6th, 1885, the Sixty-Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State with Companion John W. Chamberlin, Grand High Priest.

There appears to be vigor in the Chapters here, for the summary from returns shows a satisfactory growth of the membership. The

experience and observation of the Grand High Priest, however, lead to the following conclusion :

I am satisfied that charters for new Chapters are too readily granted; that the present requirements of the Grand Chapter are too easily complied with, and more obstructions should be placed in the way of obtaining them, as I have recommended elsewhere in this report. The reputation of the fraternity is not dependent so much on the *quantity* as the *quality* of its members.

The business of the Grand Chapter pertained to matters strictly local.

Companion Jacob L. H. Long, Ottawa, Grand High Priest.

Companion James Nesbitt, Troy, Grand Secretary.

Companion J. Kelly O'Neal presented the report on Correspondence, giving Alabama suitable notice. Alluding to the granting of additional time to several Chapters in which to make returns or pay dues he however, says :

We can not approve of this mode of governing subordinates, charitable though it be. It seems to be teaching them that they may obey or disregard the law as best accords with their convenience or pleasure, and this without endangering their own existence or safety.

But he knew not the unfortunate condition of some of our Chapters.

The Grand High Priest of Arkansas having ruled, that "a Mason suspended in Lodge for N. P. D. has a right to sit in a Chapter, provided he is a R. A. M., in good standing," he thus comments :

Not so in Ohio ! How can a Companion under suspension in Lodge or Chapter for any reason be "in good standing ?" The report of the committee does not change the state of the question.

This has been exactly our view frequently expressed.

It is our ardent wish that his hopes as expressed in the following may be realized :

We are gratified to note that the Masonic pulse indicates, as we think, that the "fever" for new departures is subsiding and that there is reason to hope that with good nursing and careful treatment the afflicted Companions and Grand Chapters may be restored to health; and caputular Masonry under its long tried, just and equitable rules continue to impart its sublime lessons, and be in the future as it has been in the past, a blessing to mankind.

OREGON, 1886.

We have not received the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for two years; why, we know not, for before us lies the report on correspondence for the Convocation of 1886, by Companion Robert W. Hill. At one time we looked with great interest for the report of Companion Patton of this Grand Chapter, and we are pleased to find that his mantle has fallen upon such able shoulders, and we rejoice in the information obtained from this report that Companion P. is once again among his Brethren. Oh! how much it would delight us to have a few hours converse with him; for we know that with such a mind, like the bee, he has sipped the sweets met in other countries, and returns laden to his own.

The report does full justice to Alabama for 1884, and in reference to our views of the action of some Grand bodies in relation to the Higher Degrees, the writer says:

It is indeed strange that some of our Grand Chapters are carried away from safe moorings upon this matter. It would appear as if the question was so plain that none could err. There seems to be a strange infatuation on this matter, which has taken hold of those who are usually considered the pillars of conservatism.

On the effect of suspensions for non-payment of dues in the Lodge upon membership in the Chapter, he ingeniously argues—but we hold that if the Grand Lodge declares that such suspension deprives of all Masonic benefits, then, it is in effect the same as if a punishment for any other masonic offense, and that no masonic intercourse can be held with such either by Lodge or Chapter. We give his views, however:

Under the head of Arkansas, he quotes a decision that “a Mason suspended by his lodge for non-payment of dues can sit in the Chapter” disapprovingly, and asks the M. E. Companion who makes the decision “how he can, in view of his Masonic covenant, sit in a Masonic body or hold Masonic intercourse with a suspended Mason?” Perhaps the answer may say that there is no violation of the Masonic covenant in the case. An offense against the by-laws of a particular lodge is not, *per se*, an offense against the regulations of the Chapter. Suspension from the privileges connected with a particular lodge does not necessarily imply suspension from all the privileges of Masonry, within the meaning of the O. B. There are general privileges and special ones as well. The former depend upon a Mason’s relation to the Craft as a whole, while the latter depend upon his relations to a special lodge or Chapter. It is possible to retain the first, while losing the second. Suspension from lodge privileges for non-payment of dues does not always carry with it suspension from all

other rights, and for this reason a suspended Mason should not be cut off from his Chapter without due process and investigation.

On the subject of maimed applicants, he says :

Wooden heads are of less value than wooden legs, and the hand which is never stretched out to the relief of a friend is not to be compared to the maimed arm which responds to the appeal of suffering humanity even though compelled to use a substitute for lost portions. One jurisdiction rejects a Master Mason because he is blind of an eye, and another because he has lost, perhaps in defense of his country, or in behalf of wronged innocence, a single joint of one finger, yet the eye remaining is enough to enable its possessor to perceive the distress of a Brother, and the hand is strong enough to give the hearty grasp of love. A man with two eyes may be dead to every impulse of charity, or so engrossed in self as to know naught of the joys of fraternal assistance.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1885.

After the usual quarterly Communications at which the usual business was transacted, the Annual Communication was held on Dec. 27, 1885, with M. E. Grand High Priest Geo. W. Kendrick presiding.

Of the Craft the Grand High Priest says:

Through the earnest endeavors of my predecessors, Capitular Masonry has grown and increased in usefulness, and I have no doubt will continue to do so. I have visited, exemplified, instructed, criticised, and endeavored to impart such information as I hoped might be for the best interests of the Craft. It has been a proud satisfaction to realize the cordial greeting, the warm firm giving and taking of the hand, indicating the true spirit of loyalty to the parent body.

He enlarges upon the usefulness of these Grand Visitations to the great body of the Companions. He also says:

The condition and standing of our jurisdiction, both as to numbers and finances, is to be commended and worthy of our warmest congratulations. Our reports show most encouraging increased membership.

Comp. Geo. W. Kendrick Jr., Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

Comp. Chas. E. Meyer, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Comp. Samuel Harper prepared and presented the report on Correspondence, which in this jurisdiction is referred to a committee of supervision, and, if approved by them, then published.

We regret not to find Alabama among those received. We must

forego any critique of any portion of it, but are forced to the quotation of the following well digested views from his conclusion:

The writing of this report has given us the first opportunity to read the doings in the realm of Capitular Masonry, and by anxious study and investigation to comprehend the tendency of the times. The almost uninterrupted peace and harmony which prevails everywhere, and the earnest and loving concern for the welfare of Freemasonry which we observe in all directions call forth our thanks to the Giver of Every Good. There are signs in the heavens, however, which raise in our heart anxious doubts for the future. The activity of human thought in the domain of Masonic literature is not always kept under proper control. The desire to be known as the projector of a new idea is ever attended by the danger of being drawn from the old and tried ways, and of building up a system composed of modern ideas and modern materials.

In some jurisdictions we find earnest and influential men engaged in tearing down the landmark in regard to physical perfection. We are told that it is "heart and intellect," not legs and arms that constitute the man, that there are crippled and dismembered men who are capable of as good Masonic work as the most physically perfect man in the Fraternity. Without stopping to admit or dispute this proposition we observe that as the rule as to the physical condition of an applicant was accepted when our speculative system was formulated we have no right now to alter it. Freemasonry is a symbolical system, and if we destroy the symbols we will deprive ourselves of the Masonic language in which to instruct the craftsmen. Perfection of human character, perfection in personal life, perfection in knowledge of our duty to God and man, are the principal objects of our Fraternity and of these we have always believed that physical perfection is the unquestionable Masonic symbol. Destroy the symbol and we reduce Freemasonry to a level with the myriad of secret societies which the prolific brain of man has originated within the last fifty years.

Another sign of the times which we deplore is the opening up of some of our most solemn ceremonies to the gaze of the profane world. Under Massachusetts we have related how the General Grand High Priest of the United States not only constituted and consecrated a Chapter, but also installed its officers before a mixed assembly of Masons and profanes. That was not a solitary example, for we have encountered in other places the public installation of officers. Not only in the Chapter but even in the Lodge this unfortunate innovation is being practiced, and an Institution whose genius it is to celebrate its ceremonies and mysteries within tyled doors is made to contribute to the entertainment of a curious public. The natural result of this is to loosen the bond of secrecy which has done so much to hold the Fraternity together as a unit. It begets freedom of expression, not only in speech but in writing. It is by no means rare to find in reports and addresses, words and phrases printed in bold character that should be used only with the greatest caution.

QUEBEC, 1886.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on January 26th, 1886, Companion John P. Noyes G. Z. Of the Craft the Grand Z. says:

The increase in membership is sufficiently reassuring; while not large, it is in proportion to the increase in the Craft Lodges in the jurisdiction, and the quality of the material received indicates the esteem in which the capitular degrees are held by the Craft. We are young in years as a Grand Chapter, situated in a territory where many external restrictions operate against us, with a divided allegiance that deters many, no doubt, from allying themselves with us, and yet year by year there is a steady advancement, significant of what the future has in store for us, when the Masons of Quebec are ranged under one banner and acknowledge one allegiance.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania having offered to mediate between the several Masonic grand bodies of Quebec and England claiming jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec, the same was accepted by this Grand Chapter, upon, however, "the clear and distinct basis of the recognition of our sole, sovereign jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec."

A Proclamation of non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter of England and with those of obedience to it was published.

An application for a warrant for the organization of a Chapter in Victoria was refused by the G. Z. and his action approved by the Grand Chapter.

Comp. John P. Noyes, Waterloo, G. Z.

Comp. David Seath, Montreal, G. S. E.

Comp. Will H. Whyte presented the report on Correspondence. Of our delay in giving expression to our sympathies with our Companions in Quebec and of our conservatism, he says: "We may yet have time before the present century expires, to settle this difficulty before our Alabama Companions' valued assistance reaches us." We regret this display of an irritable disposition, for in all matters of so grave moment as the one in question, sober thought, and not our feelings should govern. Alabama is a component part of the G. G. Chapter, and as such, would, while remaining such, do nothing that would be inconsistent with this allegiance. A few years since she was an independent sovereignty, now only a very small part of such. Our Companions of Quebec have had our best wishes, and we are ready to go as far as any in the interest of exclusive jurisdiction.

RHODE ISLAND, 1886.

M. E. Companion Edward L. Freeman, Grand High Priest, opened in Ample Form this Grand Chapter on 9th March, 1886, with all but one Chapter represented.

The Grand High Priest reports renewed interest in the work of the Chapter and large accessions to the membership.

He informs the Companions that he had granted Dispensations for balloting upon candidates at other than the regular times.

Washington and Dakota Grand Chapters were recognized.

Finances in good condition.

Comp. Rev. Henry W. Rugg, Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. R. Greene, Grand Secretary.

No further business appearing the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, "after which the members of the Grand Chapter dined together as usual."

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1886.

On February 9th, 1886, was held the Seventy-Fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, Companion G. D. Bryan, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

The pamphlet throughout presents a gloomy picture of R. A. Masonry there. The finances in almost hopeless state of collapse, pay roll amounting to \$179.99, while the total receipts are only \$403.00, and the report of committee on finance shows that the liabilities exceed the assets \$256.53; yet we find something to give hope of renewed health and vigor. The membership has increased during the year by eight, and six more were exalted the past year than there was the year before.

Comp. J. E. Breazeale, Anderson, Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. E. Burke, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1886.

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation was held on 25th January, 1886, with Comp. Wm. S. Matthews, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest congratulated the Grand Chapter upon the "peace, quietness and prosperity prevailing throughout our land, and the bright indications of renewed activity existing among our Chapters."

The returns show a decrease of five in membership.

He recommended that no candidate be advanced, except by Dispensation, unless he shall have learned the grips, signs, words and obligation of the degree and been examined in open Lodge as to his proficiency. This we believe to be the best move to make good, bright, attentive members of a Chapter.

The office of Grand Lecturer was abolished, and in lieu the Grand High Priest was empowered to appoint as many Grand Visitors as he may deem necessary.

The Charters of three Chapters were forfeited.

Grand Chapters of Washington and Dakota recognized.

Comp. Bradford Nichol, Nashville, Grand High Priest.

Comp. John Frizzell, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1885.

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held on the 8th of December, 1885, M. E. Companion Haston Twomey, Grand High Priest.

There appears to be some life in the craft there, there having been a reasonable accession to the numbers during the year.

Five dispensations for new chapters were chartered and the dispensation of one continued.

The Grand High Priest assisted in "conferring about three hundred degrees during the year," as he informs us.

The reports of the Grand Visitors show a fair degree of activity among the Chapters.

Finances in good plight.

Companion B. F. Frymier, Crockett, Grand High Priest.

Companion Robert Brewster, Houston, Grand Secretary.

No report on correspondence.

VERMONT, 1886.

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, was held on the 11th of June, 1886, Companion Kittredge Haskins, being Grand High Priest.

The craft increased in numbers during the year.

The Grand High Priest dwelt at some length upon the difficulty between the Grand Chapter of England and that of Quebec, and the Grand Chapter adopted a resolution approving of this course of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. This doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction

is maintained and will be enforced by all the American Grand Chapters.

Companion Haskins, Brattleboro, Grand High Priest.

Companion William H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Companion Edward S. Dana, the genial correspondent of former times, essayed again, though in very bad health, to make the report on Correspondence, but the end had come, and ere he had finished it he was called hence to have his earthly works tried by the square of the unerring Overseer, and we hope and believe that it was approved and that he is now enjoying the wages of a true workman.

We in common with our Companions of Vermont, deplore his loss, and deeply sympathize with them. The unfinished work was completed by Companion Frederick S. Fisher and presented to the Grand Chapter. Alabama is kindly noticed.

Criticising the action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois touching the claim of Companion Gurney, that all masonry was to be found in the first three degrees, we find :

"We believe that all ancient Craft Masonry does exist alone in the Lodge degrees, and moreover in one alone of them, the entered apprentice. For notwithstanding the oft quoted Jew, the third degree must have been made by Christians, for its lesson is either the Resurrection or simply noise. Yet at the same time with the development of the Lodge degrees we dislike the often repeated statement that Lodge Masonry knows no other degrees, for while with Companion Gurney we would not use in other bodies their peculiar rites, as not our own, save for the purpose of signs to enter and not as tiresome gymnastics, at the same time the present day does demand of the Lodge expressed, as well as implied recognition of other Brothers of Masonry. But this recognition had better come from Royal Arch Masons as Master Masons in a Grand Lodge than in a Grand Chapter."

VIRGINIA, 1885.

The Seventy-Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held on the 7th of October, 1885, Companion Francis H. Hill, Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest says that "it is a consolation to know that our strength does not lie in our numbers, but rather in the practice of the noble tenets and cardinal virtues of our profession. In that respect we are strong." The returns show a very small increase. He attributes the lack of increase partially to Knight Templarism, and says that some eminent masonic workers have designated the Blue Lodge as the useful, and the Commandery as the ornamental part of Masonry, and also to the "failure of candidates

to learn each degree before being advanced," and recommends the adoption of a rule requiring examination touching proficiency before advancement. The Grand Chapter thought this inexpedient however.

Many Chapters are forfeiting their charters.

Companion Robert T. Craighill, Lynchburg, Grand High Priest.

Companion William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1886.

The Grand Chapter of this Territory was held on May 31st, 1886, it being the Second Annual Convocation, with Companion Andrew M. McCalley, Grand High Priest. After the opening of the Chapter and before the address of the Grand High Priest, there was a facetious presentation of a cane to E. Companion Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary, as a token of appreciation of Grand Chapter for his valuable services as Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest congratulated the Craft, that in the violent course of the citizens of that Territory towards the simple Chinese, of which we have all read so much, no member of the Craft was to be found among them.

Three dispensations for new chapters were granted, and the same were chartered.

The Grand High Priest drew attention of the Grand Chapter to the action of one of its subordinates in having given a verdict of not guilty when a party was charged with gambling in violation of one of the edicts of the Grand Chapter. And the committee to whom this was referred recommended that the case be remanded back to the Chapter for a trial *de novo*, and the assessment of proper punishment.

There was a large accession to the membership.

Companion Andrew McCalley, Walla Walla, Grand High Priest.

Companion Thomas M. Reed, Seattle, Grand Secretary.

The latter presented an excellent report on Correspondence, including among those reviewed, Alabama for 1885. We thank him for his kind words. From the conclusion we extract—

"Whatever of progressive efforts may have been made in the realm of Masonic thought and investigation, we observe the evolution of nothing particularly new, strange or startling, during the year; and we are more than gratified to be able to make this concluding statement, that, with the one exception, which was noted last year, and which may be gathered from the foregoing pages, uninterrupted harmony prevails throughout the broad domain of the Royal Craft."

WISCONSIN, 1886.

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin was held on the 16th of February, 1886, Companion Edwin J. Farr, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest says of the Craft that harmony has prevailed and that there has been a moderate but healthy degree of prosperity. This is illustrated by the returns.

This Grand Chapter is wrestling over the best method of enforcing active membership in the Lodge. A proposition to suspend from the Chapter, if the member remains one year unaffiliated with a Lodge, was introduced, but consideration indefinitely postponed.

Companion S. H. Alban, Wausau, Grand High Priest.

Companion John W. Lallin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Companion William C. Swain, made the report on Correspondence, reviewing among others, Alabama for 1884—in a friendly spirit. We give what he says of the Higher Degree legislature.

“As we made no comment on the “high degree” legislation of California, he takes it for granted that we agree with them in their views on the subject. Well, we do, and we don't. That is, we agree with them in condemning in the strongest terms, the imposition and humbuggery of which they are the victims, and which appear to be spreading pretty widely; but we don't agree with them that the Chapter has anything to do with the matter; and secondly, if it had, we think the quack bodies would die sooner if let alone. Don't dignify them into any position approaching martyrdom, if you wish to squelch them. Silent contempt will have a more potent effect.”

We have thus completed our labors, amid trials and mortifications, for be it known, that it is very difficult to determine what to exclude when there is so much we wish to include. But we have been constrained not to be unmindful of the state of our treasury. We have, therefore endeavored to convey to your minds, Companions, the state of the Craft generally, with a very few of the thoughts of others, and none of our own.

P. J. PILLANS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA,

In account with DANIEL SAYRE,

GRAND SECRETARY.

1885.	CR.	
Dec. 9.	By Dues at Grand Convocation.....	\$ 372 50
" 9.	By amount of Contingent Fund.....	150 00
1886.		
July 20.	By Dues from Notasulga No. 92.....	12 75
	By amount received from Certificates.....	13 00
		\$ 548 25

1885.	DR.	
Dec. 29.	To amount paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$372 50
1886.		
April 16.	" " " W. D. Brown & Co.....	92 40
" 19.	" " " Postage Stamps	6 00
	" " " General Gr. Chapter ...	10 83
	" " " Grand Treasurer.....	66 52—\$548 25

MONTGOMERY, December 7, 1886.

DANIEL SAYRE,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with GRAND CHAPTER R. A. MASONS.

1885.	DR.	
Dec. 7.	To balance.....	\$ 162 57
29.	To received from Grand Secretary.....	372 50
1886.		
Dec. 3.	To received from Grand Secretary.....	66 52—\$601 59
	CR.	
Dec. 9.	By Com. on Work, M. J. Greene..31 ..	\$ 38 10
	By Com. on Work, J. H. Johnson..31½ ..	21 10
	By Com. on Corresp., P. J. Pillans.32 ..	75 00
12.	By Grand Sentinel.....33 ..	10 00
	By Contingent Fund.....34 ..	150 00
29.	By Grand Secretary.....35 ..	200 00
1886.		
Dec. 8.	By balance.....	107 39—\$601 59

MONTGOMERY, ALA., December 8th, 1886.

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, to-wit :

For dues at last Annual Convocation.....	\$385 25
For Contingent Fund.....	150 00
For Certificates.....	13 00

Total receipts..... \$ 548 25

All of which he has paid out on proper vouchers
submitted to us, as follows :

To Grand Treasurer.....	\$439 02	
For contingent expenses.....	109 23—	548 25

At your last Annual Convocation the R. Ex. Grand

Treasurer had on hand.....	\$162 57
And has received from Grand Secretary.....	439 02

Total receipts.....	\$ 601 59
Of this amount he has paid Committee on Work..	\$ 59 20
Committee on Correspondence.....	75 00
Grand Sentinel.....	10 00
Contingent Fund.....	150 00
Grand Secretary.....	200 00— 494 20

Leaving a balance of.....	\$ 107 39
Add to this, the amount dues at this Convocation.....	351 50

Total receipts.....	\$ 458 89
We recommend the following appropriations :	
To Grand Secretary, for services last year.....	\$150 00
Chairman Committee on Correspondence.....	50 00
Grand Sentinel.....	10 00
Contingent Fund to Grand Secretary.....	150 00

Total appropriations.....	\$ 360 00
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Leaving a balance of..... \$98 89

We regret that the annual decrease in receipts of your Grand Chapter renders necessary a corresponding scaling of expenses, but we indulge the hope that an early revival in Capitular Masonry, in this State, may enable this Grand Chapter to properly remunerate her Grand Officers for the faithful services which they so cheerfully render from year to year.

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	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	Monroe	32	24 00	3	3	3	3	..	..	..
13	Gainesville	18	13 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	Livingston	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
21	Mobile	52	39 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
22	Montgomery	51	38 25	..	3	3	3	..	..	1
23	Talladega	20	15 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
26	Union	21	15 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
28	Saint Johns	39	29 25	3	5	5	5	..	1	3
38	Decatur	27	40 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
40	Camden	21	16 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
76	Elyton	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
79	Hillabee	17	12 75	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
83	Bell	13	18 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
85	Gaston	23	17 25	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
87	Moulton	19	14 25	2	2	2	2	..	..	..
92	Notasulga	19	14 25	4	4	4	4	1	..	..
96	Daniel Pratt	11	8 25	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
101	Mineral City	23	17 25	5	5	5	5	2	..	..

AT REST.

After Life's fitful fever, they sleep well.

Albert P. Gilmour, June 7, 1886.....	Tuskaloosa.....	No. 1
John Cortright, Mar. 3—78 years....	Mobile.....	" 21
Alonzo G. Story, Sept. 11.....	Talladega.....	" 23
John W. Jones, May 10, '85—55 y'rs..	Decatur.....	" 38
Alexander C. Matheson, April	Camden	" 40
Henry F. Fancher, November 7	Elyton	" 76

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

LIVINGSTON No. 20.—Robert S. Mason—1.

MONTGOMERY No. 22.—Charles J. Campbell, Calvin W. Sayre,
George F. Taylor—3.

SAINT JOHN'S No. 24.—William T. Atkins, Henry F. Mullen, Mi-
chael J. Neil—3.

DECATUR No. 38.—Andrew J. Mitchell 1.

BELL No. 83.—John W. Knowls, John Rieves, Henry A. Manning,
Franklin M. Dingler—4.

NOTASULGA No. 92.—John J. Dickson—1.

MINERAL CITY No. 101.—Edley J. Oden, Morton H. Jordan—2.

REINSTATED.

LIVINGSTON No. 20.—Reuben H. Arrington—1.

BELL No. 83.—William O. Jenkins—1.

MOULTON No. 87.—Thomas M. Peters—1.

RECAPITULATION.

Chapters that made returns.....	19
Chapters that paid Dues.....	18
Chapters that were represented.....	16
Number of Representatives present.....	28
Members reported at this Convocation.....	464
Dues received at this Convocation.....	\$351 25

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Advanced since last Grand Convocation.....	17
Presided since last Grand Convocation.....	22
Received and Acknowledged.....	22
Exalted since last Grand Convocation.....	23
Affiliated " " " ".....	5
Rejected " " " ".....	1
Dimitted " " " ".....	9
Suspended U. M. C.....	0
Suspended N. P. D.....	15
Reinstated.....	3
Chapters square upon the Books.....	18
Number of members that died.....	6

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.
BENJAMIN F. POPE.	Gadsden	Florida.
LUCKY W. JENKINS, M. D.	Camden	Illinois.
JOHN A. MCKINNON, M. D.	Selma	Indiana.
MYLES J. GREENE, M. D.	Opeitka	Iowa.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.	Montgomery.	Kansas.
_____	_____	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.	Tuskaloosa	North Carolina.
_____	_____	Nova Scotia.
_____	_____	Ohio.
DANIEL SAYRE.	Montgomery.	Oregon.
WILLIAM HENRY TANCRE.	Huntsville.	Quebec.
JAMES T. BECK	Camden	Rhode Island.
_____	_____	South Carolina.
SAMUEL THOMPSON.	Birmingham.	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>DeKalb</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.
JVSTIN W. F. WASHBURN.....	<i>Montpelier</i>	Vermont.
ALFRED S. LEE	<i>Richmond</i>	Virginia.
EDWARD L. 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.	CONVOCATION.
1	Tuscaloosa.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Tuscaloosa.....	Tuscaloosa.....	John M. Martin.....	William A. Cochrane.....	3 Wednesday
4	Monroe.....	Perdue Hill.....	Monroe.....	Perdue Hill.....	Noah Alfred Agee.....	Isaac David Roberts.....	Friday bfm
13	Gainesville.....	Gainesville.....	Monroe.....	Gainesville.....	Edward N. Kring.....	Charles W. McMahon.....	Thursday afm
20	Livingston.....	Livingston.....	Sumter.....	Livingston.....	George C. Gowdey.....	Isaiah C. Brown.....	3 Friday
21	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	Philip C. Candidus.....	Henry T. Goodloe.....	1 and 3 Thurs
22	Montgomery.....	Montgomery.....	Montgomery.....	Montgomery.....	Henry C. Davidson.....	Edmund R. Hastings.....	2 Tuesday
23	Talladega.....	Talladega.....	Talladega.....	Talladega.....	Joseph Henry Johnson.....	John Robert Barrett.....	3 Friday
26	Union.....	Uniontown.....	Perry.....	Uniontown.....	Moritz L. Ernst.....	Junie Harwood.....	1 Thursday
28	Saint John's.....	Selma.....	Dallas.....	Selma.....	John D. Wilkins.....	Adolph Jacobson.....	4 Monday
38	Decatur.....	Decatur.....	Morgan.....	Decatur.....	Edward J. Oden.....	John T. Banks.....	3 Tuesday
40	Camden.....	Camden.....	Wilcox.....	Camden.....	Lucky W. Jenkins.....	John T. Cook.....	Friday bfm
76	Elyton.....	Elyton.....	Jefferson.....	Birmingham.....	Samuel Thompson.....	Robert A. Terrell.....	2 Monday
79	Hillabee.....	Alexander City.....	Tallapoosa.....	Alexander City.....	George W. Porter.....	Robert M. Templeton.....	3 Saturday
83	Bell.....	Lineville.....	Clay.....	Lineville.....	Robert D. Evans.....	George W. Bartlett.....	3 Saturday
85	Gaston.....	DeSotoville.....	Choctaw.....	DeSotoville.....	William Beecher Gere.....	William Robert Horn.....	2 Thursday
87	Moulton.....	Moulton.....	Lawrence.....	Moulton.....	DeWitt Clinton White.....	William P. Chittwood.....	Friday bf 3 Sab
92	Notasulga.....	Notasulga.....	Macon.....	Notasulga.....	Henry Clay Armstrong.....	George W. Hardy.....	4 Saturday
96	Daniel Pratt.....	Prattville.....	Autauga.....	Prattville.....	George Lyttlefield Smith.....	George Cooke Spigner.....	Monday afm
101	Mineral City.....	Birmingham.....	Jefferson.....	Birmingham.....	John Gilbert Smith.....	Silas A. Hine.....	2 and 4 Thurs

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 E. Wheeler	Hartford.
6. Dakota	Thomas J. Wilder	Casselman.
7. District of Columbia	Lewis Guillian Stephens	Washington.
8. Delaware	James H. Price	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.*

* 1. South Hanover.