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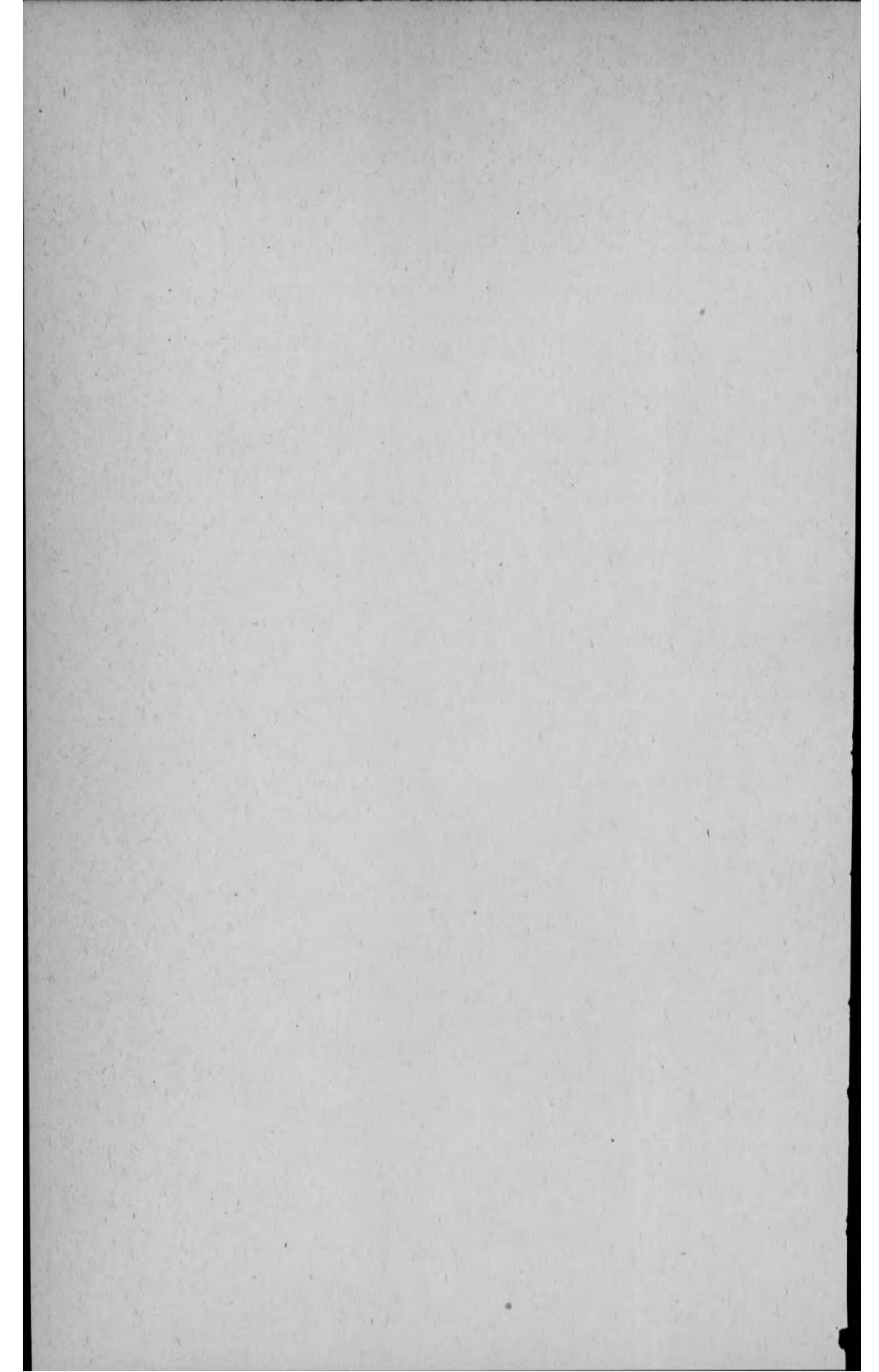
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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama held its Sixty-Second Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, beginning on Tuesday, the 4th day of December, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888, Anno. Inv. 2418.

PRESENT :

JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON.Grand High Priest.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.Deputy G. H. Priest.
JAMES TAIT BECKGrand King.
JOHN ALEXANDER McKINNON..... Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY.....Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE ALBURTUS JOINER, *as*Grand Secretary.
B. M. STEVENSGrand Chaplain.
HENRY C. WILEYGrand C. of H.
ANDREW JACKSON NUNNALLY, *as*.....Grand P. Sojourner.
JOSIAH JERNIGAN, *as*.....Grand R. A. Captain.
WILLIAM H. LONG.....Grand M. of 3 Veil.
RUSSELL M. CUNNINGHAM.....Grand M. of 2 Veil.
WILLIAM B. ARBERRY.....Grand M. 1 Veil.
CHARLES ALEXANDER ALLEN.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE.....Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS.....Grand High Priest.
JAMES McGINNIS BRUNDIDGE.....Grand King.
PALMER JOB PILLANS.....Grand Scribe.

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

JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON.....	Canada.
JOHN ALEXANDER MCKINNON. . .	Indiana.
MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE.....	Iowa.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.....	Kansas.
PALMER JOB PILLANS.....	Louisiana.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....	Maryland.
JAMES TAIT BECK.....	Rhode Island.
PHILLIP C. CANDIDUS.....	Virginia.
NOAH A. AGEE.....	Washington.
BENJAMIN F. POPE.....	Florida.
EDWARD F. King.....	Georgia.
WILLIAM COCHRANE.....	North Carolina

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

No.	1.	Tuscaloosa.....	William G. Cochrane*.....	H. P.
"	4.	Monroe.....	Noah A. Agee.....	H. P.
"	10.	Tuscumbia.....	T. T. Rowland.....	H. P.
"	13.	Gainesville.....	E. M. Kring*.....	H. P.
"	20.	Livingston.....	J. L. Scruggs.....	"
"	21.	Mobile.....	{ William H. Long.....	"
			{ William S. Foster*.....	K.
"	22.	Montgomery.....	{ Henry H. Matthews.....	H. P.
			{ Edmund R. Hastings*.....	K.
			{ John M. DeCotts.....	S.
"	23.	Talladega.....	{ Andrew J. Nunnally.....	H. P.
			{ William W. Harralson*.....	K.
			{ William N. Boynton*.....	S.
"	26.	Union.....	J. C. Welch.....	H. P.
"	28.	St. Johns.....	John A. McKinnon.....	K.
"	38.	Decatur.....	{ Joseph L. Sugars.....	H. P.
			{ James M. Brundidge.....	K.
			{ William G. Gill.....	S.
"	40.	Camden.....	William A. George.....	H. P.
"	54.	Tyrian.....	{ Josiah Jernigan.....	"
			{ Henry C. Wiley*.....	K.
"	79.	Hillabee.....	George W. Porter.....	H. P.
"	86.	Coosa.....	{ Benjamin F. Pope.....	"
			{ Thomas H. Amberson*.....	K.
			{ Myron E. Lane*.....	S.

* Proxies.

No. 92.	Notasulga	{ George W. Arberry.....H. P.
		{ William B. Arberry..... K.
		{ George W. Hardy..... S.
" 96.	Daniel Pratt....	{ George L. Smith.....H. P.
		{ Merrill E. Pratt..... K.
		{ Jacob Faber..... S.
" 100.	Rock Mills.....	{ Richard J. Breed.....H. P.
		{ Cephas B. Taylor*..... K.
		{ Charles W. Echelberger*..... S.
" 101.	Mineral City....	{ John A. Milner*.....H. P.
" 104.	Weogufka.....	{ Lewis H. Crumpler.....H. P.
		{ Green W. Sorrell*..... K.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

Comps. WILLIAM W. SCREWS,

MYLES J. GREENE,

HENRY C. WILEY.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

Duty and custom require that at this time I should give an account of my stewardship. At the last Grand Convocation you did me the great honor to place me at the head of the Grand Chapter. I trust that I duly and fully appreciate this distinction. *Office*, in our time honored Institution, is rarely if ever sought, and could scarcely be declined. I felt at the time of my elevation to this distinguished position that if I *could* do so, I ought to decline it. I feel sure now that I should have done so. I am satisfied that a golden opportunity was lost by not placing some one at the head of the Grand Chapter who could devote time to its service, and work for its advancement.

Capitular Masonry has not shared, as it should have done, in the prosperity which has attended many, in fact, most of our Lodges. It is my opinion, as it is also the opinion of the wisest and best informed Companions and Past Grand Officers, that the chief and almost the only cause of the apparent apathy in our Subordinate Chapters is an alarming, and much to be regretted, ignorance of the work of the Chapter.

Many of the Companions filling the offices in our Chapters do not know and cannot teach the lectures or perform the ritual and ceremonies of the several degrees. Young brothers, full of zeal and anxious to advance in Masonry, can not, because the Chapters in their neighborhood are either dormant or meet so seldom that opportunity is not afforded them to do so.

The number of Chapters on the Register under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Alabama is (23) twenty-three. Many of these have not met regularly. The Grand H. Priest has been called upon to issue dispensations to a number of Chapters to elect officers, they having failed to do so at the proper time. Is there a remedy for this state of things? We think there is.

The Grand Chapter Committee on Work, has "the Work of the Chapter," and when time is afforded them they give it to the Representatives of the Subordinate Chapters, present at our Annual Conventions. Experience has shown that the Work cannot be properly disseminated in this way. We must put a well equipped Companion in the field, whose duty it shall be, and who will visit the Chapters and teach the Work, infuse new life into them, revive dormant chapters and assist in opening new ones in Masonic communities where they are needed. This can be done; a competent Companion can be found, who will enter heartily into the work. The parties interested and the Chapters to be thus benefitted will gladly pay that which, in the aggregate, will be satisfactory compensation for such services. The Grand Chapter itself might, and doubtless would, if it was in a more flourishing condition, contribute towards the salary of such an instructor.

I recommend that the Grand Chapter take the necessary steps to

inaugurate this, or some other plan to instruct the Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest has had little opportunity to visit Chapters during the year. He visited, by request, Weogufka Chapter No. 104, in the thriving town of Syllacauga, and with the assistance of Chairman Greene of the Committee on Work, conferred the Chapter degrees. We found the Companions zealous, and with two or more classes knocking at their doors, but utterly unable to do the work themselves, and anxious for instruction.

Talladega Chapter No. 23, was in a languishing condition, having done no work in several years, rarely meeting for want of the indispensable number. Under the stimulus afforded by the zeal of P. G. H. P. Greene, this Chapter has thrown off its apathy, a class was formed, and placing themselves under the instruction of Companion Greene, they learned the work and lectures of the several degrees. Five classes have been exalted. The Chapter has moved into new quarters, in an admirably constructed and elegantly fitted up Lodge room. The Convocations are largely attended, and the Chapter is perhaps the most flourishing in the State.

It has been a source of pride and great gratification to me to see what has been accomplished by this Chapter; only an effort is necessary when like results will follow in other Chapters. Of this we feel sure.

Since last we met in Grand Convocation death has invaded our sacred sanctuary, and three of our most illustrious companions are no more. Companion James M. Dedman, Past Grand King, died February 4th, 1888; Companion Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, died on the 7th of April, 1888, and Companion Luckie W. Jenkins, Past Grand High Priest, died on the 27th of June, 1888. Loaded with the highest honors within our gift, they have gone from amongst men to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns." We all knew them—sweet is the memory of them.

I most respectfully recommend that in addition to the memorial tablets which will be inscribed to their memories and bound in the proceedings of this session of the Grand Chapter, that a committee

be appointed to prepare suitable memorials commemorating the lives and deaths of these, our companions.

To fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre, I appointed Companion Adam Reigart Baker, of Montgomery. He was commissioned and entered upon the duties of the office on April the 15th last.

Companion W. H. Dingley, Grand Treasurer, and Companion A. R. Baker, Grand Secretary, examined the books and accounts of Grand Secretary Sayre, and furnished me with a statement of the condition of the finances of the office, which is herewith submitted.

It is with deep regret that I have to announce to the Grand Chapter, the serious and we fear fatal illness of our Companion, Grand Secretary Baker. He has been unable for some time to attend to the duties of the office. His place has been supplied by Companion Geo. A. Joiner of Talladega Chapter, who has been discharging, also, most efficiently, the duties of the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

The vacancy in the office of Grand Tiler, occasioned by the promotion of Companion Baker, has been filled by the appointment of Companion Charles A. Allen, who now guards securely the outer courts of the Tabernacle.

The following list of official acts are all that I deem necessary to report to the Grand Chapter :

1. I decided that a Royal Arch Mason may affiliate with another Chapter or join in the formation of a new Chapter, being at the same time unaffiliated with a Blue Lodge.
2. That it is not required that a Companion shall have served as King or Scribe before he is eligible to the office of High Priest.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

Have granted authority to a large number of Chapters to elect officers, they having failed to do so at the time required by law.

Granted Dispensation to Mineral City Chapter to ballot on the petition of an applicant for the Degrees before the expiration of the time required by the Constitution.

Granted Dispensation to Rock Mills Chapter No. 100 to resume labor until the meeting of the Grand Chapter. They were burned out in 1881, and had been dormant since that time.

Granted Dispensation to the Chapter at Athens to resume work until the meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Granted Dispensation to elect a High Priest of Camden Chapter No. 40, to fill vacancy occasioned by death of Companion Jenkins.

Granted authority to Tuskaloosa Chapter to receive and ballot upon several petitions at the same Convocation, and to confer the several Degrees upon the applicants at the same time.

Commissioned Companion Fleischman as the representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Dakota.

Granted Dispensation to form a new Chapter at the city of Anniston.

On the 20th day of April, 1888, I received a communication from Companion Jno. G. Smith, High Priest of Mineral City No. 101, asking that I should take official notice of certain alleged grossly unmasonic conduct on the part of Companion Samuel Thompson, a resident citizen of the city of Birmingham and a member of Elyton Chapter No. 76. Owing to the fact that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama had notified me of his intention to order an investigation of the facts and circumstances of the alleged unmasonic conduct on the part of the said Companion Thompson, I determined to await the result of the Grand Master's action in the premises. The matter has not yet eventuated.

In conclusion, Companions, I wish to express to you again my sincere thanks for the high honor conferred upon me in having selected me as your presiding officer, and to most respectfully decline re-election, for the reasons set forth in the opening of this address.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

J. H. JOHNSON,

Grand High Priest.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Palmer Job Pillans, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his annual report, and the same was received and ordered to be printed. (*See Appendix.*)

Companion B. F. Pope introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, Companion A. R. Baker was engaged by our late Companion Sayre to attend to the duties of Grand Secretary's office, and attended to the same until Companion Sayre's death ;

Therefore be it resolved by this Grand Chapter, That the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay Companion Baker for such services rendered previous to his appointment as Grand Secretary.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

Companion William S. Foster, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following resolutions and recommended their adoption :

Resolved, That Section 4, Article I of the Constitution be amended, as proposed at the last Annual Convocation, by striking out the words "on the first Tuesday after," making it to read "on the first Monday," &c.

Resolved, That Rule 1 of the Rules of Order be amended by striking out 3 o'clock, p. m., and inserting in lieu thereof, 10 o'clock, a. m.

The resolutions were received and ordered to be submitted to the subordinate Chapters for their action.

Companion L. H. Crumpler offered a resolution to change the name of Weogufka Chapter No. 104, to Syllauga Chapter No. 104, which was adopted.

Companion R. D. Evans offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Bell Chapter No. 83 have three months wherein to make returns and pay up dues.

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Companion Myles J. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Work, reported the work in the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Degrees, and the report was received and concurred in.

On motion, the further report of the Committee on Work was made the special order for 9 a. m. to-morrow.

REPORTS MADE.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary made their annual reports, and the same were referred to the Committee on Finance. (*See Appendix.*)

The Grand High Priest announced the following—

STANDING COMMITTEES :

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 1.—John A. Milner, E. M. Kring, and J. L. Scruggs.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 2.—T. T. Rowland, J. C. Welch, and C. B. Taylor.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 3.—W. H. Long, Josiah Jernigan, and G. H. Porter.

ON DISPENSATIONS.—Henry C. Wiley, C. W. Eichelberger, and L. H. Crumpler.

ON FINANCE.—William N. Boynton, E. R. Hastings, and G. C. Spigener.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.—William S. Foster, N. A. Agee, and B. F. Pope.

Companion W. W. McCollum offered a resolution providing for the appointment of one or more Grand Lecturers for this Grand Jurisdiction. Upon motion of

Companion John G. Harris this resolution was laid on the table until Wednesday a. m., Dec. 5, 1888.

Companion John A. McKinnon offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Clinton Chapter No. 9, located at Athens, be allowed to resume work on the payment of its dues, and making returns ; and that said Chapter have thirty days in which to make said return and pay dues.

Companion W. W. Screws offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Decatur Chapter No. 38 be relieved of the payment of all dues up to date, and that they be allowed thirty days in which to make their returns.

Companion R. M. Cunningham offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Courtland Chapter No. 25 be allowed thirty days to make returns, and upon the payment of dues said Chapter be reinstated.

Companion W. W. McCollum offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the dues of Central Chapter No. 64, located at Montevallo, be remitted in full ; and said Chapter be authorized to re-organize and resume work, and report to this Grand Chapter at its next annual Convocation.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

Companions W. W. Screws, John A. McKinnon and James T. Beck, were appointed a Committee on Memorials.

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 5, 1888.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 8:30; the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, Joseph Henry Johnson, presiding; the other grand officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Myles J. Greene moved to take from the table the resolution introduced by Companion W. W. McCollum. Motion adopted; whereupon the resolution, by leave, was withdrawn.

Companion Greene then introduced the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That there shall be appointed by the G. H. P. two lecturers, or instructors, whose duty it shall be when called upon, to visit Subordinate Chapters or other Masonic communities and give instruction to R. A. Masons.

2d. That as a condition precedent to such appointment, the Companion applying for the same, must have a certificate from the Committee on Work, showing that he is competent to teach the ritual of Capitular Masonry.

3d. As compensation for his services, the lecturer or instructor shall receive such sum as may be agreed upon between such Chapter or Masons, and himself.

4th. That the term of service of the lecturer provided for in these resolutions, shall continue from the time of his appointment until the next convocation of the Grand Chapter and no longer.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

Companion E. M. Kring, from the Committee of Chartered Chapters, No. 1, made the following report, which was received and concurred in :

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

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

CORRECT :

Gainesville	No. 13	Montgomery.....	No. 22
Livingston.....	" 20	Talladega	" 23
Camden.....	" 40		

INCORRECT :

TUSCALOOSA No. 1.—No seal, and not signed by the secretary.

MONROE No. 4.—Blanks in body of Returns not filled.

TUSCUMBIA No. 10.—One member reported twice. Once as Treasurer and once as M. 1st V.

MOBILE No. 21.—Reports three members as R. and A., November 9th, 1888, and Ex. November 13th, 1888, both being after the close of the masonic year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. N. KRING,
J. L. SCRUGGS,
Committee.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 3.

Companion W. H. Long, chairman of Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 3, made the following report, which was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 3.

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

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 3, beg leave to report—

INCORRECT :

DANIEL PRATT No. 96.—Number of members in good standing not given. In column of Dues, amount of annual dues given as \$2.00, while in certificate of same it is stated to be 75c.

MINERAL CITY No. 101.—Blanks not filled and no dates given of Deaths, Expulsions and Suspensions.

MOULTON No. 87.—Recapitulation of members in good standing put down at 26, while Returns show 27.

CORRECT :

Rock Mills No. 100 | Weogufka. No. 104
All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. LONG,

Chairman Committee.

REPORT ON THE DEATH OF P. G. K., JAMES M. DEDMAN.

Companion John A. McKinnon, presented a memorial on the Death of Companion J. M. Dedman, Past Grand King, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings:

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

Your Committee on the death of Past Grand King, James M. Dedman, beg leave to submit the following report :

"*Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re,*" tersely expresses the character of our late Companion, Past Grand King, James M. Dedman, who died February 6th, 1888, at his home at Shelby Springs in this State. Only a few months prior to his death did he remove from Selma to the Springs for the purpose of recuperating his failing health. Companion Dedman was born in Mecklenburg county, Virginia, but passed his youth in Williamsburg, Murray county, Tennessee. Coming to Selma when a young man and when the city was only a village, he at once enlisted the friendship and esteem of the citizens, which he held until the day of his death. His judgment was often in demand, his association courted and his influence sought from the time of his identification as a citizen, until his death.

His civil life was marked by honors, masonic and civil, enjoyed by few.

In civil life, he was at different times chosen chief of the fire de-

partment, marshal and mayor of Selma. He was elected sheriff of Dallas county. He entered the army as Captain of Co. B, 20th Alabama Regiment, and was promoted from time to time Major, Lieutenant Colonel, and Colonel of his regiment.

He filled the highest office in his Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. While he was not a student in the common sense of the word, yet he was a man who absorbed by association so much that he was well posted on almost every subject. He was genial in society but unrelenting on questions he conceived to be right. During his military career he was always to the fore, never evading duty, but faithful in obeying the commands of his superiors. He was seriously wounded at the siege of Vicksburg, by a fragment of a shell; although it was removed months afterwards, yet the wound was a torture to him during his remaining days.

In private life he was a model husband and father, his heart was ever open and responsive to calls of charity. His comrades in arms were dearer to him than life. The servants of his household commanded his sympathy and protection and his never ceasing devotion to the interest of his community, as he conceived them to be right, characterized a decision of will and sterling integrity evinced by few.

When his remains were brought to the city of his adoption for interment, the tears of hundreds spoke in silence of the esteem and love for him, while living. The long cortege that followed him to the final resting place, included the rich and influential, the poor and the outcast. All business was suspended that every one might engage in the sad requiem of our departed friend and brother, and pay a last sad tribute of respect and love to his memory.

The writer was told that prior to his dissolution, a change of heart caused sweet visions of the verdant fields beyond the swelling flood, and that God had taken possession of his spirit, and that through the lion of the tribe of Judah, he was able to bid this world a last and long farewell in peace.

JOHN H. McKINNON,
Chairman.

Companion W. W. Screws, asked for further time in which to prepare a memorial on the death of Companion Daniel Sayre, late Grand Secretary; and also for the privilege of having same printed in the proceedings. The request was granted.

REPORT ON THE DEATH OF DANIEL SAYRE.

Companion W. W. Screws, from the Committee on Memorials, submitted the following report, and it was concurred in :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Your Committee on Memorials instruct me to submit the following report :

For over thirty years our late Grand Secretary, Companion Daniel Sayre, had been constant in attendance on our Annual Grand Convocations. His form and voice were familiar to nearly every Royal Arch Mason in the State, and the death of no one, not connected by family ties, would come nearer being considered by them in the nature of personal bereavement. His service for nearly a third of a century brought him into active contact with the masonic fraternity, and in all his dealings there is not one who ever called in question his purity of conduct and motive, or doubted that he was actuated by the highest principles of justice. Having known him so long, and been indebted so greatly to him in the discharge of the business matters of the Grand Chapter, for advice and suggestion of the most valuable character, it was difficult on assembling to realize that he was no more, and that for the last time he had occupied the Secretary's chair. He had become so completely part and parcel of the Grand Chapter, and so thoroughly had mastered every detail connected with the Grand Convocations that those who survive him feel deeply the loss sustained by his death.

He was thoroughly devoted to the principles of masonry, and not one of its great tenets did he ever wilfully violate. He was actuated by fervency and zeal, and was ever ready to do his full share in meeting every obligation that rested upon him.

Companion Sayre was born at Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, on the 12th day of January, 1808, his parents having moved to that place from New Jersey. He died in the city of Montgomery on the 7th day of April, 1888. He was active in the discharge of his duties until a few months before his death, and had been during his long life singularly free from sickness. This was due to his habits of life, his coming and going being as regular as clock work. When the hour came for his office to be opened, those wanting to see him were sure to find him in his place, ever ready, with courtesy and promptness to give such information as was desired, or to transact

any business that came up. Companion Sayre came to Montgomery in 1820, when he was but eight years of age and this was but a mere village. He afterwards moved to Talladega county and on November 25th, 1835, he was married in Calhoun county to Miss Musidora Morgan. They celebrated their golden wedding, and she still lives a treasure to her family and friends, peacefully awaiting the summons to join him in the better land.

Companion Sayre was studious in his habits, and for many years of his life was connected with the Press of Alabama. In 1844 we find him the active and aggressive editor of the Talladega Watch-tower, a paper devoted to the principles of the old Whig party. In 1850 he moved to Tuskegee in Macon county, where he conducted a lively and vigorous Whig paper, the Republican, and with which he continued until he became Grand Secretary in 1857, and from that time until his death the office had no other incumbent. As long as his life lasted his Companions continued to testify the esteem in which he was held, and to show that he possessed to the fullest extent their affections, confidence and profound respect. What greater tribute could they pay him?

Companion Sayre's whole time was devoted to his duties as Secretary of the Masonic Grand bodies, and he engaged in no other business, but in 1860 his whig principles still surviving every defeat and disaster, he conducted a campaign paper in the interest of Bell and Everett, and he made it a power in their behalf.

As he was to the Companions of the Grand Chapter, so he was to the outer world,—charitable, courageous, honest, truthful. He never hesitated to express his convictions, and was always able to give good reasons for the faith that was in him. As a citizen he met every requirement, and no man took a deeper interest in everything calculated to advance the prosperity of his community and State. In the home circle he was the model husband and father, and while we all feel the loss occasioned by his death, the blow came with still greater severity to those who occupy the tenderer relation of wife and children.

Those of us who survive him can best show our appreciation of his many virtues by emulating his example and striving, like him, to be pre-eminently worthy of the respect and good will of mankind.

Companion James T. Beck, made same request in reference to memorial of Companion Lucky W. Jenkins, Past Grand High Priest, which was granted; but up to

the time of going to press, nothing had been received from Companion Beck.

Companion M. J. Greene offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, Anniston Chapter No. 105, has just been established, and has no records or by-laws ; and whereas, said Anniston Chapter asks for a continuance of their Dispensation ; therefore

Resolved, That the said Dispensation be and the same is hereby continued, notwithstanding the fact that they have not sent to this Grand Chapter their records, &c.

Companion W. W. McCollum offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter grant a certificate of membership to Companion Richard N. Hawkins, who was formerly a member of Central Chapter No. 64.

Companion M. J. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Work, reported the work in the Royal Arch Degree, which was concurred in.

Companion W. W. Screws, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter :

Your Committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, beg leave to report :

That they have read it with great interest, and would especially call the attention of the Grand Chapter to the many words of warning and wisdom. The true cause of the apparent stagnation in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction is clearly set forth in the address, viz : "An alarming and much to be regretted ignorance of the work of the Grand Chapter." It needs no argument to convince this

Grand Chapter of this fact, and we therefore recommend adoption of the suggestions of the Grand High Priest in reference to appointing a well equipped Companion to visit the different Chapters, instruct the Companions and generally to aid in restoring that interest without which the organization will continue to languish or stand still. As the financial condition of the Grand Chapter will not allow of an appropriation for the purpose, we would further recommend that as soon as practicable after the appointment of such a visiting Companion by the Grand High Priest, that the Grand Secretary give notice thereof to each Subordinate Chapter, with the information that he can visit them at such times, and upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon. It is too much to expect that a Companion will give his time and meet his own expenses in doing the work, while there is not a Subordinate Chapter that would not be benefitted a hundred fold by the instruction they would receive.

We further recommend that the decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be confirmed by the Grand Chapter.

We further recommend adoption of the Grand High Priest's suggestion that a committee be appointed to prepare suitable memorials of our late Companions, James M. Dedman, Past Grand King, Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, and Lucky W. Jenkins, Past Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. SCREWS,

M. J. GREENE,

H. C. WILEY,

Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Companion William N. Boynton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made report, and the report was received and concurred in. (*See Appendix.*)

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing Masonic year, Companions Wm. N. Boynton, and W. H. Long, acting as tellers, and the election resulted as follows:

ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS:

JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.....Montgomery....Grand High Priest.
 JAMES TAIT BECKCamden.....Deputy Grand H. P.
 JOHN ALEXANDER MCKINNON..SelmaGrand King.
 HENRY C. WILEY.....Troy.....Grand Scribe.
 WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY....Montgomery....Grand Treasurer.
 MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE .Montgomery....Grand Secretary.
 ANDREW JACKSON NUNNELLY..TalladegaGrand C. of H.
 JOSIAH JERNIGAN.....Troy.....Grand P. Sojourner.
 WILLIAM H. LONGMobile.....Grand R. A. Captain.
 WILLIAM B. ARBERRYNotasulgaGrand M. of 3 Veil.
 THOMAS H. AMBERSON.....GadsdenGrand M. of 2 Veil.
 THOMAS T. ROWLAND.....TuscumbiaGrand M. of 1 Veil.
 B. M. STEPHENS.....Elba.....Grand Chaplain.
 CHARLES ALEXANDER ALLEN..Montgomery....Grand Sentinel.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Companion T. T. Rowland, Chairman of Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee, No. 2, on Chartered Chapters, beg leave to report that they find the following returns

CORRECT:

Union.....	No. 26	Elyton.....	No. 76
Syrian	" 54	Hillabee.....	" 79
Coosa.....	" 86	St. Johns.....	" 28

INCORRECT:

NOTASULGA No. 92.—Not signed by the High Priest; time of meeting not shown.

Fraternally submitted.

T. T. ROWLAND,

Chairman Committee.

Companion Joseph Henry Johnson, retiring M. E. Grand High Priest, assisted by Companion Ben. F. Pope,

as marshal, then proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect and appointed, which was done in ample form.

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

ON WORK.

Myles J. Greene	Montgomery.
William S. Foster	Mobile.
Edmund R. Hastings	Montgomery.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Palmer J. Pillans	Belknap.
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CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK.

John Gideon Harris ..	<i>Virtute Officii.</i>
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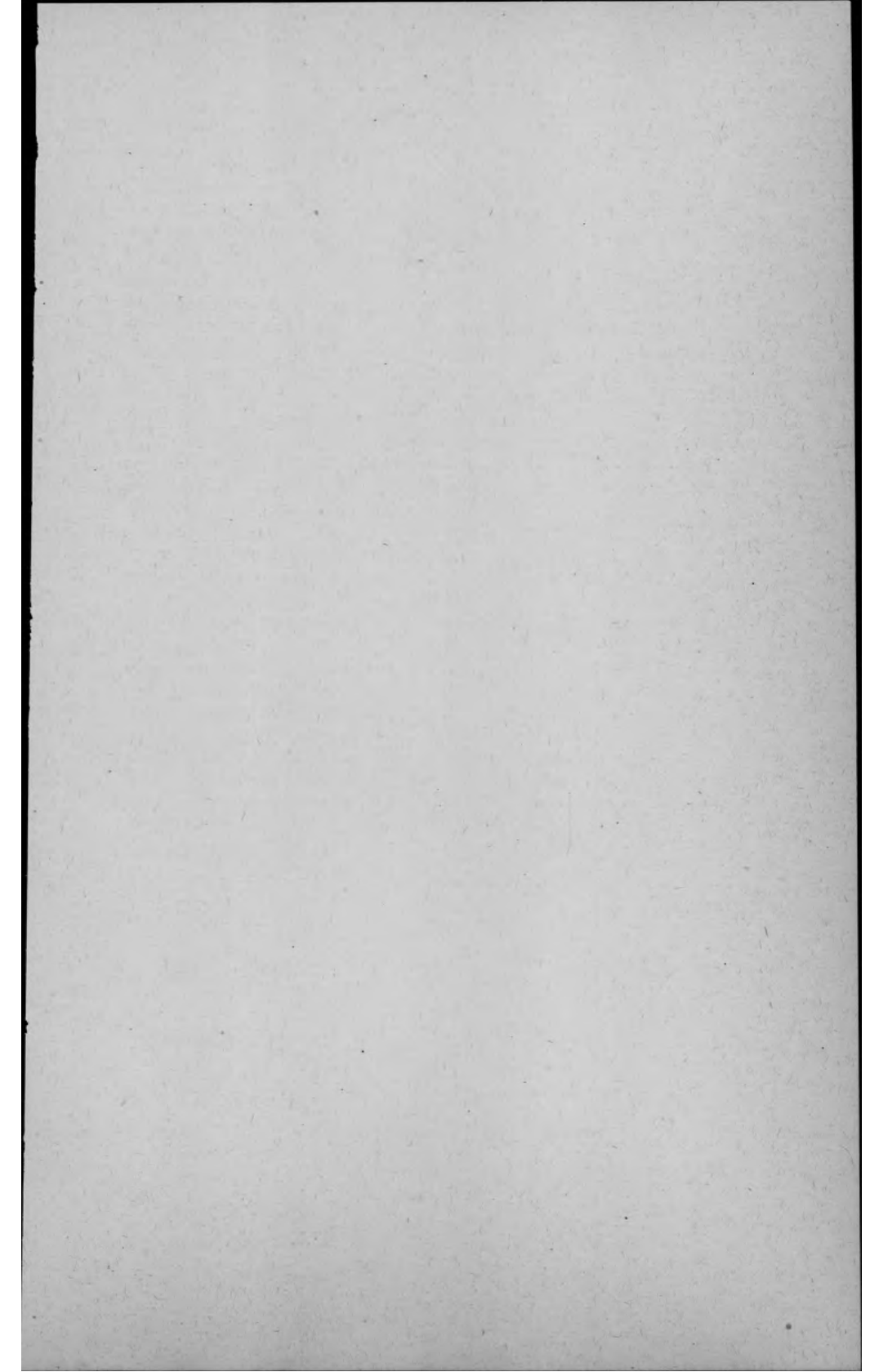
There being no further business to be brought before the Grand Chapter at this Annual Convocation, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

And then, at 12 M., the Sixty-Second Annual Grand Convocation of the M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

GEORGE A. JOINER,
Assistant Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.



REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

By Palmer J. Pillans, Chairman.

To the M. E. G. H. Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

When writing the following report we have continuedly had in mind the depressed condition of our grand treasury, and have attempted to convey to your minds, in the most concise manner, what is the condition of the Craft outside of our own borders. In the examination of the various proceedings, we have found much to admire, and much that we would have liked to lay before you, but we have been continually reminded that if such taste were displayed you would most probably be deprived of the whole by reason of the want of means to print so long a report.

Twenty-one years ago, when we commenced writing these reports, we had 71 active Chapters, 3,000 members, and receipts amounting to near \$1,300. Last year's report show Chapters 23, membership 572, and receipts but little more than \$400.

In our report for 1886 we drew your attention to this constant skinking, and prayed you severally to solve this question. Why is this? Have you done so? Is it that the love of the members for the teachings of our beautiful institution is dying out, and that these are no longer exemplified in their lives? Is it that the numerous societies, with an endowment provision, attracts, rather than our undemonstrative one? Or is it to be attributed to the poverty of our people? We know that they are so, but it is in poverty and distress that the great virtues and beauties of Masonry should be brought most prominently forward. The poorer we are, the more distressed we are, the more closely should we be knit together to encourage and sustain each other. But under these circumstances do we so act towards each other? Companions, we write thus warmly because we have for a long time loved the Craft and would not that it should droop and its influence for so great good be lost to our people.

As concisely as we could we have reviewed the proceedings from the following Grand Chapters:

Arkansas	1887	Mississippi	1888
California	1888	Nebraska	1887
Canada	1888	Nevada	1886
Colorado	1887	New York	1888
Connecticut	1888	North Carolina	1888
Dakota	1888	Nova Scotia	1887
Delaware	1888	Ohio	1887
District of Columbia	1887	Oregon	1888
Georgia	1888	Pennsylvania	1887
Illinois	1887	Quebec	1888
Indiana	1887	Rhode Island	1888
Iowa	1887	South Carolina	1888
Kansas	1888	Tennessee	1888
Kentucky	1887	Texas	1887
Louisiana	1888	Vermont	1888
Massachusetts	1887	Virginia	1887
Michigan	1888	Wisconsin	1888
Minnesota	1887		

ARKANSAS, NOVEMBER, 1887—38TH ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, W. W. Garland, announced that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and that the order is in a prosperous condition. This is also evinced by the tabulated returns.

Dispensation for one new Chapter was granted. Two were chartered at this Convocation.

There was very little business before the Grand Chapter, and that met with prompt dispatch. It was entirely local in character.

W. K. Ramsey, Camden, G. H. P.

James A. Henry, Little Rock, Grand Secretary.

No report on correspondence—a committee was, however, appointed, and, as the finances warrant it, there will doubtless be one next year.

CALIFORNIA, APRIL, 1888—34TH ANNUAL.

The G. H. P., Michael James Keating, speaks of the Craft as prosperous, and this is deducible from the returns.

Because of the diversity in the work of Chapters visited by him, he recommends the division of the State into districts, to be under the supervision each of an Inspector, &c.

Notwithstanding the opposition of many in California to "inherent rights" in Grand Masters, the G. H. P. is found issuing dispensations for the performance of things at other times or in other manner than that prescribed in the Constitution.

This Grand Chapter's financial condition is good.

William Thompson Luther, Downieville, G. H. P.

Thomas Hubbard Caswell, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

This latter presented the report on correspondence, which, like his others, only adds to his fame as a Masonic writer. Alabama is not therein.

CANADA, JULY, 1888—31ST ANNUAL.

Companion Thomas Sargeant, as G. Z., M. E. Comp. R. Hendry, Jr., the G. Z., having removed from the Jurisdiction, made the address. The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the several districts, he says, show nothing very flattering to the Order. This, he thinks, "is from the fact that the energies of many have drifted into other channels, which offer certain beneficiary rewards, and in consequence the Royal Craft has and will suffer on that account."

The finances are yet in healthy condition.

Dispensations were granted for three new Chapters, and warrants to three at this Convocation were issued.

R. B. Hungerford, London, G. Z.

David McLellan, Hamilton, G. S. E.

Companion Henry Robertson again made the report on correspondence. From his introduction the following is copied, because it fully expresses our views, who, like Companion Robertson, has been 21 years in harness :

We write mainly for the information of the Companions in our own jurisdiction, and we believe it is not the province of this committee to indulge in long dissertations or to repeat what has been said before, but rather to summarize, to give the latest news from other jurisdictions and to enable our readers to enjoy some of the good things from other quarters which they can not otherwise obtain.

COLORADO, SEPTEMBER, 1887—13TH ANNUAL.

The G. H. P., Christopher C. Gird, reports the past year as one of peace and prosperity to the Order, and that it is "in a healthy condition," yet he says "it can not be denied that a considerable apathy exists."

He recommends the division of the State into suitable districts, and the appointment of a D. D. G. H. P. for each. Grand Chapter, however, did not agree with him.

There were no dispensations for the organizing new Chapters.

The finances appear to be in good condition.

L. N. Foster, Georgetown, G. H. P.

Ed. C. Parmelee, Pueblo, Grand Secretary.

Companion L. N. Greenleaf presented the report on correspondence, in which Alabama for 1886 is fraternally reviewed. Of the value of these reports he says :

We do not believe the vein is worked out ; on the contrary, with new and increased development "there's millions in it." It is the greatest exoteric factor in the enlightenment of our members.

Instead of restrictive measures, we favor the widest distribution among the Craft. A slight increase of the *per capita* tax would place a copy in the hands of every member of a jurisdiction instead of those of a few officers, as at present. Can there be any doubt as to the great benefit that would result, in the increased intelligence of the members, and the fresh interest that would be awakened? We think not.

CONNECTICUT, MAY, 1888—90TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Reuben H. Tucker, says, "The year just closing has been a very quiet one for our jurisdiction, harmony and good will having reigned supreme."

There seems to have been no grievances to adjust, no rulings to be made.

At this convocation a charter was granted for the formation of a new chapter.

The balance in the hands of the treasurer seems to be annually growing somewhat larger, indicating a healthy condition.

A proposition was made to relieve all Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction, of the age of sixty-five years or of twenty-one years, of good and regular standing, from discipline for non-payment of dues. But the Grand Chapter did not agree to the age limit, though it adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That no Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction, of twenty-one years' good and regular standing, shall be subject to discipline for non-payment of dues.

Augustus E. Blakeslee, Thomaston, Grand High Priest.

Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Companion J. H. Barlow presented the report on correspondence. Alabama was, however, no where to be found. From his conclusion we copy:

We have once more completed our annual round, and present the result of our labors. We are pleased to find Capitular Masonry in a satisfactory condition, and in all, save a few jurisdictions, there has been a healthy, though not rapid growth. From our statistical table we find that 35 jurisdictions have gained in membership, aggregating 2,960, while in nine there is a small loss, amounting to 217, making a net gain in membership of 2,743; also a gain of 13 chapters. The jurisdictions making the greatest gain are Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Michigan, while the largest falling off is in Tennessee, Mississippi, New Jersey and South Carolina. The jurisdictions whose chapters have the largest average membership are Rhode Island, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

DAKOTA, JUNE, 1888—4TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Collins D. Pratt, says that, "By personal observation, and information derived from various sources, I find that Capitular Masonry in Dakota is in a prosperous condition." The returns confirm this statement.

Dispensations for the formation of two new chapters were issued, to each of which were charters granted at this convocation.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was duly recognized, and in the most fraternal manner the right hand of fellowship extended.

John F. Schrader, Rapid City, Grand High Priest.

Thomas J. Wilder, Casselton, Grand Secretary.

Companion Wilder made the correspondence report. Alabama's proceedings do not appear therein.

DELAWARE, JANUARY, 1888—20TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Wm. C. Baggerly, presided, and the inference from his address, it may be inferred that the Craft are in a fairly healthy condition in the jurisdiction, and the returns show some increase in membership.

The Grand High Priest drew the attention of the Grand Chapter to the standing rule of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, yielding to neighboring jurisdictions which have a similar rule, to exalt such Master Masons as live nearer chapters within their jurisdiction, though they be citizens of Maryland, and this Grand Chapter adopted a similar rule.

He also drew attention to the application of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick for recognition, and the committee on the High Priest's address reported a recommendation to refer this to a special committee of three to report at next annual convocation.

Finances show a small growth in balance.

Joseph A. Bond, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

James H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

The report of the committee on correspondence is given below entire. The recommendation to abolish this committee was not approved, but that limiting the term of G. Representatives was.

To the M. E. G. H. P. and Companions :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence do most respectfully report, that in consideration of this Grand Chapter consisting of just the required number to constitute a Grand Body, and there being no probability of an increase, and our funds being in such a condition that we cannot possibly afford to publish the Foreign Correspondence as it should be in accordance with other and much larger jurisdictions, we do most respectfully recommend an abolition of such a Committee. We further do recommend in relation to the recommendation of the M. E. G. H. P. at our last Annual Convocation, in relation to Grand Representatives' term of office which was referred to this Committee, that we make the term three (3) years, which has been adopted by about one-half of the Grand Chapters, and appears to be the general idea of Grand Bodies throughout our country.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DECEMBER, 1887—21ST ANNUAL.

At the Semi-annual Convocation held in June, 1888, the committee on jurisprudence, to whom the matter had been referred, made the following report on the subject of the England and Quebec difficulty:

The doctrine of Masonic jurisdiction, as established on this Continent both by law and precedent, is, that when a grand body, such as a Grand Chapter, for example, has been duly and legally organized and established within a territory having definite political boundaries, every Chapter within the limits of said territory must render its obedience to the established Grand Chapter, and this act of obedience is absolutely necessary to give character of regularity to the Chapter. Under the operation of this well-recognized principle of Masonic law, it becomes immaterial whether Victoria Chapter surrendered its charter or not. The fact that the newly-established Grand Chapter has been recognized as a regular and legally constituted body, its supreme jurisdiction over the Chapters within the territory of the Province of Quebec cannot be questioned, and any exercise of authority on the part of the Grand Chapter of England over a Chapter which had been in existence before the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, even though it refused to surrender its former charter and take out one from that Grand Chapter is an invasion of jurisdiction, and in violation of recognized Masonic law and comity. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify all the Chapters of this jurisdiction that this Grand Chapter forbids the admission of any visitor from the Province of Quebec into any Chapter in the District of Columbia, unless he, previous to his examination or avouchment, presents a certificate of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Quebec that the Chapter from which the proposed visitor hails is a legally constituted Chapter, holding its warrant from said Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit, without delay, to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, a copy of the above resolution.

Grand High Priest, Wm. G. Powers, in his address at the Annual Convocation, states that an unusual amount of work had been performed, and on excellent material.

He suggested reference of application of New Brunswick to Committee on Jurisprudence, and a report favoring her recognition, which was adopted.

Will A. Short, Grand High Priest.

L. G. Stevens, Grand Secretary.

Companion Wm. R. Singleton presented the report on correspondence, reviewing among the proceedings those of Alabama for 1886.

GEORGIA, APRIL, 1888—66TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest James W. Taylor says "the outlook for Capital Masonry is hopeful," and "confidently expects, in the near future, to see many old charters revived and new Chapters organized." Georgia has passed through her period of great lethargy and is reviving; may not the hope be entertained that Alabama will soon awake from her sleep and put forth her energies again.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was recognized and fraternally greeted.

Preparations are being made for the entertainment of the G. G. Chapter, which meets in Atlanta in October, 1889.

James W. Taylor, Luthersville, Grand High Priest.

A. M. Wolibin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Companion William Abram Love, M. D., made the report on Correspondence *currente calamo*. Alabama for 1886 receives due attention.

Struck with the force of the following extract, our limits must be violated to give it to you my companions. There is in it a suggestion worthy of being well considered. It is under Arkansas. The Grand Chapter of Michigan also has a somewhat similar provision :

In the proceedings for 1886 we find a resolution making it a *standing regulation*, that where a subordinate Chapter permanently excuses a companion "from payment of dues, or attendance, on account of disability or indigence, said Chapter shall be exempted from payment of dues for same to the Grand Chapter."

We must stop here to say that in our opinion this action strikes a chord resonant that reverberates throughout the entire system of organized Masonry.

The question of "*dimit*s" and "*non-affiliation*" are of no little moment throughout the domain of Masonry existing under the system of Lodge organizations.

The long lists of the *un-affiliated* are annually lengthening. The rank and file of the drones and the dimitted are assuming huge proportions, and *the fault is not always* at the door of the *dimitted*; not always the result of *bad work* on *good material*, nor of *good work* on *bad material*.

Aside from all this and these, there seems to be some radical defect, in the fact that the Fraternity provides no *general regulation*, or well-regulated system, for retiring honorably its disabled and its superannuated—those who are no longer fitted for the faithful discharge of active duties. Brethren who have borne the heat and burden of the day, discharging manfully their several duties until the evening shades gather around them, "when the clouds return after the rain" and "the keepers of the house shall tremble," have cultivated a just pride that places them above a desire for special pleadings in their individual behalf for position on the charity list, however light their purse or scant their scrip.

The *Soldier*, of whatever rank or country, who has "supported and defended" the colors of that country in the years of his manhood, looks forward with hope and pride, to a "red letter day," when he will be honorably "retired," bearing his "blushing honors full upon him" to cheer him through the evening shades.

The *Mason* can look forward with no such hope nor pride; there is for him no such "red letter day" with honorable retirement on the roll *emeritus*. For him in the future he can see no "private box" set apart, no "reserved seat" in the social circle, no place in "the gallery," not even standing room in "the pit." His alternative, is the *taboo* of a *dimit*, or the discipline of the Lodge; deprived of its privileges and bereft of the right of even Masonic burial when dead.

The Fee Jee Islanders have a way of fixing such cases, but they do not drive them to the *demerit* of a *dimit*, nor the *stigma* of a *suspension*, they fix them up *nicely*! a boomerang for defence, and a bamboo head rest; a tidy pot of provisions and a little jar of fresh water, a few keepsakes to take along "*Lang Syne*," they give a little feast—have a little dance, and *just bury them alive*! That is their style. Nothing like style and a healthful condition of the body politic! But, seriously, in our organic laws, otherwise so perfect, there is a hiatus just here.

The following may possibly properly account for the shrinkage of our Southern Chapters. Under Illinois he quotes from Companion Pearson's review, and comments as follows;

"It surprises us of the West, to find these Grand Chapters so old and so small. Here, in a grand, old, and rich State, we have only twenty-nine Chapters, with small memberships, while in several of our young Western States our growth really alarms us, for fear these zealous companions have opened recruiting offices.

"The older members still continue faithful and really manage matters, and we do not find new names in the active proceedings. Let the new members do the work. They will never learn in any other way."

Our worthy Companion of the West does not seem to remember that, once upon a time, "our adversaries on the other side of the River (political) caused this great work to cease by force and power." "The older members," returning to rebuild, found the material, as well as the material aid, wanting. Our best material was deposited along the lines of our defence, where

"Glory guards with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead."

The material aid, so essential to the success of any and every enterprise was, for a time, garnered and guarded "on the other side" of these lines. But,

"There is life in the old land yet,"

and "the older members still continue faithful," and will until we have recuperated—repaired our broken fortunes, and raised another generation from which to gather suitable material, and worthy and well skilled craftsmen, to whom to assign the work.

ILLINOIS, OCTOBER, 1887—38TH ANNUAL.

Capitular Masonry still grows within this jurisdiction.

Grand High Priest, George W. Curtiss, granted a dispensation for one new Chapter and this was chartered at this convocation.

He laid before the Grand Chapter the memorial of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick asking recognition, and the committee to which it was referred reported a resolution to that purpose, which was adopted.

A resolution was introduced prohibiting the conferring the R. A. degree on any one who has not selected and recorded his mark in the book of marks, but in lieu a substitute was adopted requiring the presiding officer to request the selection, etc., before proceeding to confer the R. A.

Philander W. Barclay, Cairo, Grand High Priest.

Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Companion John M. Pearson presented the report on correspond-

ence. Alabama, for 1886, receives fraternal notice. Of the report on correspondence he says:

As in last year's report, the condensing process is carried, in this, almost to the point of explosion. We wish our Companion could secure more than than thirty pages, because he could well fill it.

A comparison of strength and revenues with the year following, will show our Companion Pearson that a shrinkage is going on in both that compels this course, and if it continues, ere long this Grand Chapter must omit this report from its published proceedings.

INDIANA, OCTOBER, 1887—42D ANNUAL.

The condition of the craft within this jurisdiction seems to be sufficiently sound and good. No complaints are filed, no discordant notes heard, hut harmony reigns.

A dispensation for the formation of one new Chapter was granted by Grand High Priest, Christian Fetta, and its work, as presented for inspection, warranted a charter at this Convocation.

The memorial of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, was by the Grand High Priest laid before the Grand Chapter, and the committee having reported favorably, it was duly recognized and granted.

The Grand High Priest presented a lengthy argument on the question—

Has a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons original jurisdiction over all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry and control of membership in a subordinate chapter?

to show that under the Constitution of Indiana it has not, and this view was sustained by the Grand Chapter.

The business of the Grand Chapter was not of general interest, being local in character.

Calvin W. Prather, Jeffersonville, Grand High Priest.

John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Companion Thomas B. Long again came to the front with a most excellent report on correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1886 in it.

He thinks there is an element of danger in the act of our Grand High Priest when he granted a dispensation authorizing a second ballot upon the application of a candidate for the degrees, in less than the requisite time, the member casting the black ball having announced that it was done by him under the impression that the ballot was being taken on another person.

There are many good things in the report, but the continual shrinkage of revenue calls a halt which must be obeyed.

IOWA, OCTOBER, 1887—34TH ANNUAL.

In this jurisdiction, it is to be inferred from the address of the Grand High Priest, Thomas R. Ercanbrack, the craft are to be furnished with a specific "work," which is now being published. The committee on "Shelville Work" reported a resolution providing for the distribution and safe-keeping of this work, which, though somewhat modified, was adopted.

Dispensations for two new Chapters were granted, and to these, at this Convocation, charters were issued.

The Grand High Priest thus speaks of the Cryptic degrees. They seem still to have a feeble existence there, but are entirely devoid of life in Alabama:

I have reason to believe that the Cryptic degrees are not generally conferred in our Chapters. In some cases a High Priest has been installed who has never received them. Some plan should be devised to secure a fulfillment of the requirements of the Grand Chapter in regard to these degrees, or they will pass into a state of "*innocuous desuetude*." It perhaps would be well to make it a part of the official obligation taken by the High Priest at his installation, that he will as faithfully confer the Cryptic as the Capitular degrees upon all candidates.

The memorial of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was referred to the committee on correspondence, but no report appears in the proceedings on this subject.

The Grand High Priest announced that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, John C. Parish, had been stricken with paralysis, and the Grand Chapter adopted the following resolutions unanimously:

Resolved, That the tellers be instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa for Companion John C. Parish as Emeritus Grand Secretary, and that he be borne upon the official roster as such.

Resolved, That the salary of the Emeritus Grand Secretary aforesaid shall be \$600.00 per annum.

Resolved, That the facts hereinbefore stated be officially communicated to Companion Parish, at the same time conveying to our beloved companion the heartfelt sympathy of all Royal Arch Masons of the jurisdiction.

Two addresses or orations were delivered before this grand body.
C. H. Cogswell, Cedar Rapids, Grand High Priest.
Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

Companion Clark Varnum made the correspondence report, reviewing Alabama for 1886 therein, and in a pleasant and agreeable spirit.

KANSAS, FEBRUARY, 1888—23RD ANNUAL.

The growth of the Craft here is steady—quite considerable—annually. Three Dispensations for new Chapters were issued during the year, and these received charters at this Convocation.

Grand High Priest William D. Thompson, submitted the memorial of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, which reported a resolution, recognizing the same. This was adopted.

The Grand Chapter seems to be exercised on the subject of Ritual, and there evidently exists much diversity of opinion.

The finances are in a healthy state. Business, save the recognition of New Brunswick, of local character only.

George W. Port, Beloit, Grand High Priest.

John H. Brown, Kansas City, Grand Secretary.

This latter presented the review of proceedings, and therein Alabama for 1886, is found. From it we copy from his introduction :

Otherwise, peace reigns throughout the capitol world. In the greater number of jurisdictions, peace and prosperity prevail, because there is devotion to principle and a steady performance of duties arising by virtue of self-imposed obligations ; in others, prosperity is not apparent, and though peace is reported, it seems to be the result of indifference and a mark of serious decline. To what the latter is due, we do not pretend to say, but judging by the past, we predict that in default of a vigorous radical change for the better, the Institution will cease to exist, or exist only in name and as a reproach, in some jurisdictions.

With this we couple the following under Alabama :

The facts mentioned by Companion Pillans are evident enough to one who has been reading up their reports for the last fifteen years. But Alabama stands not alone. In nearly all the South Atlantic and Gulf States there has been a marked decline in Royal Arch Masonry for some years and, with one or two exceptions, it yet seems to go on. The causes are not apparent, and it would be unwise for a stranger, though a companion, to do more than to express the earnest hope that those most nearly interested, will find out the proper remedy and then apply it with a fraternal but vigorous hand.

The fact is, that Companions elsewhere cannot realize the wonderful losses sustained by these States, resulting from the late strife between the sections, nor their abject poverty as a people. Add to this the great demoralization consequent upon the very sudden changes of condition to which nearly one-half of their people, (and these entirely unfitted for it) were subjected, and it becomes apparent that, the struggle first for subsistence, and then for the recovery of a part, at least, of what had been lost, left neither time nor inclination for the consideration of abstract truths. In this the scarcity of the means of gratifying such a taste is not considered.

KENTUCKY, OCTOBER, 1887—72ND ANNUAL.

There was no decrease, though but little increase in membership during the year.

This Grand Chapter also seems troubled about a "ritual." It, however, has published one, which may be purchased by the Chapters under certain restrictions. It had been submitted to the examination of several influential Companions of various other jurisdictions who pronounced the work good. This, though one of the Grand Officers says of it, that it "*substantially* retains the spirit and *much of the letter* of Royal Arch Masonry." The italicising is ours. If this comment be at all just, then this "Ritual" is somewhat changing the spirit and letter of that august decree. Can this be so; and if so, is it right?

The Grand High Priest, Hiram Bassett, thus cautious against Cerneauism :

The American doctrine of "exclusive jurisdiction" has been often indorsed by this Grand Chapter, and it may be prudent and timely for it now to warn Companions of the jurisdiction that before attaching to other so-called Masonic bodies great care should be exercised to ascertain that such bodies are legitimate, and do not propose or pretend to confer degrees over which a different body, practicing the same rite, has acquired legitimate and exclusive jurisdiction by undisputed occupancy of the territory for a quarter or perhaps a half century, and have been recognized as regular and legitimate by other jurisdictions on this continent and throughout the Masonic world.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was duly, formally and fraternally recognized as lawfully organized, &c.

J. Soule Smith, Lexington, Grand High Priest.

Joseph H. Branham, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Companion H. B. Grant, presented a most interesting report on Correspondence, containing Alabama for 1886.

LOUISIANA, FEBRUARY, 1888—41ST ANNUAL.

The returns to this Convocation show a shrinkage in membership and Chapters as in our own jurisdiction, and indeed, as has been the case with nearly all the Southern Grand Chapters. Nevertheless, the spirit of R. A. Masonry slumbers not, nor is extinct in the breasts of Companions, for one Dispensation for the organization of a new Chapter was issued, and at this Convocation to it a charter was granted, and the Grand High Priest, Richard Lambert, says, that "although some Chapters are not prosperous, there is nothing discouraging in the general condition."

The report of Finance Committee shows a probable deficiency in receipts.

Business purely local.

Rev. Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria, Grand High Priest.

James C. Batchelor, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Companion Joseph P. Horner, Past Grand High Priest and present G. G. King, read his report on Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of 41 Grand Chapters, nearly all of them for two years, in eleven pages. This is done by clustering the opinions under distinct heads. He objects to our limiting the duration in office of the Grand High Priest, and thinks the time may come when the Alabama Companions "will find their amendment very inconvenient."

Although the report was written by Companion Horner, there appears also a minority report, signed by a majority of the committee, which, however, they say was :

It is well to say, before closing this minority report, that the whole of it has been written by Companion Horner himself, but he thought it would look better if we appended our names to it, although we are in no manner responsible for any of the ideas or opinions expressed in this or in the majority report.

This so-called minority report consists of extracts from other proceedings, either extolling the style of Companion Horner, or the reverse.

MASSACHUSETTS, DECEMBER, 1887—87TH ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, Frederick T. Comee, says of the craft:

Companions, I congratulate you upon the generally satisfactory and harmonious condition of the Chapters within our jurisdiction. I am particularly pleased to mention a marked improvement in the condition of some of our weaker Chapters, where an increased and more active interest among the members has resulted in several applications for the degrees, inspired new zeal among the officers, and given fresh life and vigor to the Chapters.

He attributes the lack of prosperity in some Chapters to the listlessness of its own members, and advises them to "*stop grumbling and go to work.*"

The Grand Chapter determined hereafter to remunerate the chairman of the committee on correspondence. This is a tardy recognition of the ability and worth of the reports of Companion Dadmun.

Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell, Grand High Priest.

Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Companion Dadmun made the report on correspondence. From some inexplicable cause our proceedings are not found among those in hand.

MICHIGAN, JANUARY, 1888—39TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Eugene P. Robertson, granted two dispensations for the formation of new Chapters. These were chartered at this Convocation.

In consequence of confusion in reference to the R. A. W., he recommended the election of a competent Grand Visitor and Lecturer who should be provided with a salary and travelling expenses from the treasury of the Grand Chapter. An amendment to the constitution, making provision for such, was introduced and lies over for future action.

The death of our esteemed Past Grand High Priest, Peleg Brown, was mentioned by him.

Our Michigan companions have a ready way of showing their sympathy for an aged and needy P. G. officer, by the appropriation of \$20 per month toward his support.

Benjamin F. Watts, Ann Arbor, Grand High Priest.

Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary.

This last made his usual excellent report on correspondence.

MINNESOTA, OCTOBER, 1887—26TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, John H. Brown, congratulated the Grand Chapter upon the state of the order. The Chapters appear to be prosperous. Earnest and good men are at the work, and men who love Masonry for its precepts and teachings and its great moral truths.

He descanted upon the government of the craft, and seemed at great loss as to what powers the Grand High Priest possessed, or if any not distinctly enunciated in the constitution, and says: "The Grand High Priest, it must be remembered, has no *prerogatives*, such as the Grand Master has." The committee on jurisprudence therefore introduced an amendment to the constitution to provide for this deficiency in that instrument.

The Grand Secretary says: "Returns have been received from each live Chapter in the jurisdiction and the dues paid," a good example for all Chapters there and elsewhere.

W. F. Dickinson, Redwood Falls, Grand High Priest.

A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Correspondence report by Companion Pierson, Alabama for 1886 being in it.

MISSISSIPPI, FEBRUARY, 1888—40TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Chas. T. Chamberlain, thus speaks of the craft there :

My administration as Grand High Priest has been remarkable for the little I have been called upon to do. If we could accept this as an indication of superior intelligence and knowledge of Masonic law in the officers of the Subordinate Chapters alone, we should have cause of gratulation. Unfortunately, however, the prime cause of the quiet in the office of your Grand High Priest, is to be found in the apathy and lack of interest that pervades all the Orders of Masonry, and particularly the Chapter. I may be mistaken in this, and most sincerely do I hope that I am, but the Grand Secretary's report, the attendance at this Convocation, and the returns from the Subordinate Chapters will tell the tale. I should be delighted to be able to suggest some measure that would result in a revival of interest in Chapter Masonry, but I confess myself unequal to the task. Perhaps your combined wisdom and zeal may meet the emergency.

The Grand Chapter, by resolution, released control of the Cryptic degrees. This was done because of the negligence of Chapters as to these degrees. It remains to be seen, however, if they will share a

better fate than they have done in Alabama. Our Grand Council is dead, I fear without the hope of a resurrection.

The treasury being empty, the salary of the Grand Treasurer was abolished.

The Grand Chapter ordered the pay roll to be printed with the proceedings, together with a proximate estimate of the resources and liabilities of the Grand Chapter, but it is not found therein.

N. W. Bouton, Ashland, Grand High Priest.

J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Companion Savery again made the report on correspondence, Alabama for 1886 being in it.

NEBRASKA, DECEMBER, 1887—21ST ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, Ithamar T. Benjamin, says of the craft:

It affords me great pleasure to state that our Royal Craft has made vigorous progress during the past year; our membership has increased quite fast enough to be healthy, and I am pleased to state that our efficiency of work has been greatly improved.

He congratulates the Grand Chapter on having arrived at maturity, having passed the ills of youth, and being healthy, strong and vigorous.

He issued dispensations for four new Chapters, and at this Convocation six charters were granted.

He called attention to the memorial of New Brunswick, but the Grand Chapter, on the recommendation of the committee on correspondence, deferred recognition, "desiring to refrain from adding to the irritation already existing between Canadian and British Free Masons."

The Grand High Priest recommended the abolishment of affiliation fee.

Salutations and fraternal condolence were tendered to Alabama for the loss of Past Grand High Priest, Peleg Brown.

Lucius D. Richards, Fremont, Grand High Priest.

Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

This last presented the correspondence report, including Alabama for 1886.

NEVADA, JUNE, 1886—13TH ANNUAL.

Companion Thomas A. Menary, Grand High Priest, notes that—

It is gratifying to report that our relations with the Grand Chapters of the world are entirely cordial and satisfactory, and that in our own jurisdiction peace and harmony everywhere prevail. Our increase in membership has been small, yet prosperity has evidently attended most of the Chapters on the roll—this not resulting from the recruiting, but from the careful conduct of the business of the Chapters, and the practicing of what we preach.

He recommended Companions to carefully study the tenets of our Royal Art, and the virtues it inculcates.

Business altogether local.

George R. Walker, Winnemucca, Grand High Priest.

John D. Hammond, Carson, Grand Secretary.

Committee on correspondence made a verbal report.

The 14th Annual of this Grand Chapter was held in June, 1887.

Grand High Priest, G. R. Walker, recommended an appropriation to enable the Grand High Priest to visit the Subordinate Chapters.

Very little business and strictly local.

Robert L. Fulton, Reno, Grand High Priest.

Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson, Grand Secretary.

Companion John D. Hammond, the previous Grand Secretary, being about to move from the jurisdiction, declined re-election. The Grand Chapter passed suitable resolutions as to his capacity and worth. He has heretofore been the correspondent, and on this occasion again gave us a report, including Alabama for 1885. His conclusion alone can be given, for want of funds:

This, so far as we can now see, is our last detailed correspondence report. The pressure of other duties makes this announcement necessary. We are both glad and sorry. Glad to escape the grind which at times becomes irksome, sorry to put aside relations which have been pleasant and only pleasant for now these many years. We shall not soon forget, and we hope for kindly remembrance.

NEW YORK FEBRUARY, 1888—91ST ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, William Shaver, congratulates the Craft "upon the prosperous condition of R. A. Masonry throughout the States; upon the harmony and good feeling which prevail among the Royal Craft; upon the increasing interest evinced in the work and

well being of the Order, and upon the marked and gratifying progress made during the year." Representatives from 179 of the 188 Chapters were present.

He holds that no R. A. Mason, not an officer of Grand Chapter in the discharge of his duty, can claim, of right, admission to a Chapter, but his admission is a courtesy extended to him. This was approved by Grand Chapter.

He laid before the Grand Chapter the memorial of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and this Grand Chapter was subsequently hailed as a member of the great fraternity.

William Shaver, Brooklyn, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

Companion Darius A. Ogden, once more presented the reviews of proceedings, giving Alabama for 1886 an extended and fraternal notice. Of our most terrible contraction, he thus speaks :

This is a large jurisdiction territorially, but not strong in the number of its Chapters or companions. The State of Alabama embraces over fifty thousand square miles of land and has a population of more than a million and a quarter of people, and yet there are only nineteen live Chapters therein, with a membership of 464, a small number comparatively, enough it may be for seed and a good foundation, but as there is ample room to spread and enlarge we are hopeful as to the future. Among the Chapters reporting we find "No. 101," and we should like to know what has become of the remaining 82 subordinates of that jurisdiction, once numbered among the loyal and true? Was their extinction the result of the anti-masonic cyclone of sixty years ago or the effect of later difficulties and dangers? We of the North suffered immensely from the former; very many of the Chapters were obliged to suspend operation, but life remained, they revived, and are now in all respects stronger than before, and thus we hope it will be with our companions of Alabama, for we do not believe that Capitular Masonry in that State is in a dying condition, but only waiting for more favorable circumstances to develop happier results. The time for a "boom" in the "Sunny South" is at hand, and under its changed condition it will progress unobstructed and with rapid and healthy growth to a substantial improvement. Royal Arch Masonry will profit by the general prosperity, and the comparatively few companions in Alabama, good, brave and true men, encouraged by brighter prospects to renewed exertion, will presently rejoice in a condition of health, vigor and usefulness hitherto unknown in that jurisdiction.

To this hope do we cling and respond heartily, 'so mote it be.'

He reviews 42 proceedings and declares that "It has been a laborious work, but nevertheless one of love and good cheer, and not without profit and generous reward."

NORTH CAROLINA, MAY, 1888—40TH ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, George H. Bell, devoted his very short address to the condition of the Craft. He thinks an address useless under present circumstances, though in the past it may have been useful and necessary. He asserts that Capitular Masonry is most prosperous in the Western part of the State and thinks it is growing wherever it has been planted. One reason he assigns for this is that the encumbrance of the Cryptic degrees, which to some extent clogged the machinery, have been discarded and now no longer act as incubi.

There are 15 Chapters with a membership of 568.

A movement to change from annual to biennial convocations was made and referred to a special committee, to report at next Annual Convocation.

George H. Bell, Bell, Grand High Priest.

Donald W. Bain, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

In consequence of the sickness of Companion Southgate, the Correspondent, there is no report. Our sympathies are with him in his hour of distress.

NOVA SCOTIA, MAY, 1887—18TH ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, Henry C. de Blois, in his address, thus speaks of the new Grand Chapter of New Brunswick :

The latest intelligence we have from this quarter is that the several Chapters of that Province have formed themselves into a "Grand Chapter" of their own, preferring to be a small independent Body, rather than an important part of a "Grand Whole," embracing all the Maritime Provinces. Their action has been, I think, a mistake, which time will abundantly prove; but we wish our new "Sister Grand Chapter" all success and "God speed."

He is particularly severe on the vast army of non-affiliates. He says no man enters the Craft without knowing what he undertakes, and should be man and mason enough to stick to them.

The business was local altogether.

Luther B. Archibald, Mero, Grand High Priest.

Benjamin Curren, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

No report on Correspondence.

And 19th Annual, June, 1888.

The Grand High Priest, L. B. Archibald, says, "While Royal Arch Masonry has not made such advances with us of late years as we

might have wished, yet we have no reason for despondency." The returns show improvement.

John W. Ruhland, Halifax, Grand High Priest.

Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary.

No report on Correspondence.

OHIO, OCTOBER, 1887—71ST ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, J. L. H. Long, congratulates Grand Chapter upon the healthy growth of Capitular Masonry during the past 19 years. Upon its rolls are to be found the names of Presidents, Governors, Senators, Judges of the courts and Legislators.

He read to Grand Chapter the memorial of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, which was referred to Committee on Correspondence, who reported that its formation was regular and legal, and recommended its formal recognition, which was adopted.

William B. Hillman, Cleveland, Grand High Priest.

Emmet V. Rhoads, St. Paris, Grand Secretary.

Companion Graff Macklin, presented the report on Correspondence. We fail to find Alabama therein. This we deeply regret. Under Arkansas the trenchant character of his sword is shown:

"Owing to want of funds no report on Foreign Correspondence was published, but nearly one-third of the proceedings is occupied with the list of Chapters and their membership, and a few similar items of *thrilling* interest."

OREGON, JUNE, 1888—28TH ANNUAL.

The above is presumably correct. We have not the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for this year, but we know that it ought so to have met, and as the report on Correspondence has reached us, we presume that it did meet. The inference to be drawn from this pamphlet of 259 pages is, that financially, at least, this Grand Chapter is to be envied. Last year we noticed the Grand High Priest evinced great anxiety in relation to the finances, not sustained by Grand Treasurer's report, and this pamphlet from the pen of our friend, T. M. F. Patton, warrants our conclusion.

Alabama for 1887 is found in it. The words on the cover of our proceedings received by him, were, alas, too true. Our friend and Companion, D. Sayre, is no more, having gone to his last rest, about the time of their distribution.

We will meet you, Companion P., at Atlanta, if our lives are spared,

But, alas, we are now without a home, being entirely alone, and only waiting—waiting for the call.

PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER, 1887.

The Grand High Priest, Mathias H. Henderson, spoke of the Craft as being sufficiently prosperous and harmonious. He finds that a very large proportion of members of Chapters have never selected or recorded their marks, no less than 33 per cent., and recommends that the penalty of suspension be provided for all such.

He cautions against making the Chapter simply a "haundle by which to hold other degrees," because "though they may be good in themselves, they should be held secondary to the great fraternity which has given them birth."

Most of the business of this Grand Chapter is transacted in its "Quarterly Communications."

Mathias H. Henderson, Sharon, Grand High Priest.

Chayles E. Myer, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

We attach an historical sketch by Charles E. Myers, Grand Secretary, for the information of our companions.

This Royal Arch degree was first introduced (as far as is at present known) in the United States, in Royal Arch Lodge, No 3, meeting, under authority from the Grand Lodge of England, according to the old institution, better known as the Ancients, or Seceders, also as the Grand Lodge of Four Degrees. Tradition asserts the time as 1758, but the minutes still extant begin in 1767, and speak of the minutes of the preceding meeting being read and adopted.

The Royal Arch Lodge became, in course of time, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, and the minutes are complete from 1767 to the present time, making Jerusalem Chapter No. 3, the oldest Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the world.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was organized under authority from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, in November, 1795, and its minutes are complete and distinct from that time, thus making the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania the oldest Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in America.

The degree of a Past Master, or, as is known in Pennsylvania, "the passing to the chair," was always a prerequisite to advancement to the Royal Arch Degree; a brother having passed the chair, became a "Geometric Master Mason," and was entitled to advancement in Freemasonry.

It has always been, in Pennsylvania, conferred under authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The degree of a Mark Master Mason was conferred at an early date in the present century by unauthorized parties. Attempts were made on several occasions by the General Grand Chapter of the

United States, organized two years later than this Grand Chapter, by Thomas Smith Webb, who received the Royal Arch degree in Harmony Chapter in Philadelphia towards the latter part of the last century; but the Grand Lodge, exercising its undoubted right to the control of the higher degrees, placed its disapproval on the same, and they were abandoned.

In 1824 the Grand Chapter became independent of the Grand Lodge, and, as a sovereign body, issued warrants (former meetings of the Chapter being held under the Blue Lodge warrant) to the Chapters then in existence, with authority to confer the degrees of a Mark Master Mason, a Most Excellent Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason. The Grand Chapter also authorized the opening of Lodges of Mark Master Masons, a number being so organized, but three are at work—Columbia, No. 91; Girard, No. 214; Excelsior, No. 216. A warrant was also issued for a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, but it was never organized.

The Order of High Priesthood is conferred in subordinate Chapters on the High Priest elect, and without the order being conferred at the time, he cannot be installed as High Priest.

The Grand Chapter is composed of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of subordinate Chapters, Past High Priests of one year's service in this jurisdiction and the worshipful Masters of Lodges of Master Masons who served as such and were Royal Arch Masons prior to December 27, 1871.

Companion Samuel Harper, made the report on Correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1886. We are constrained, however, to do nothing more than give this notice from want of space, for space to the printer is money.

QUEBEC, JANUARY, 1888—11TH ANNUAL.

The G. H., acting in the absence of the chief officer, as G. Z., opened the Grand Chapter and read the address of Companion Edson Fitch, G. Z. In this he states that he thinks that the membership had advanced during the year, and the increase was appreciably large, while the returns in fact show the very reverse.

We are pleased to see the following in the address, and sincerely hope his anticipations may be realized:

Our relations with the Grand Chapter and Grand Mark Lodge of England remain in the precise position which they occupied twelve months ago, when I assumed the functions of office. No official communications have passed between us, but I am glad, however, to say that I have reasons for believing that a harmonious solution of the difficulty will be found at a not very remote period. The Companions are so familiar with the causes of the trouble between the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and the Grand Chapter of England and the Grand Mark Lodge of England, which have disturbed our peace.

ful relations, that it will not be necessary for me to recapitulate them here. The legal aspects of the situation have also been laid before you from time to time. All who have the best interests of our order at heart must wish to see a speedy and agreeable ending of a matter which has proved so vexatious and trying. It is hoped, and confidently expected, that at our Twelfth Annual Convocation, the Grand Z. will be in a position to announce to you the pleasing fact, that our troubles with the Grand Chapter of England and the Grand Mark Lodge of England are over.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, G. Z.

Joseph Mitchell, Montreal, G. S. E.

The report on correspondence is the joint production of the committee Companion C. A. Humphrey, fraternally reviewing Alabama for 1886.

RHODE ISLAND, MARCH, 1888—90TH ANNUAL.

It always affords pleasure to take up the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, for after we shall have gone through them, there awaits the satisfaction of banqueting with our Companions.

Grand High Priest, George M. Carpenter, is well satisfied with the condition of the craft, as the following from his address shows:

COMPANIONS:—On the completion of ninety years of the existence of the Grand Chapter, I have the great satisfaction to say to you that peace and harmony reign within our borders. Under the protection of the God of Jacob we have been blessed with a due measure of prosperity, and there has been a steady growth of that fraternal sympathy "which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers."

The treasurer's report shows receipts increasing in the ratio of increase in membership.

The memorial of New Brunswick was referred to the committee on correspondence, from whom, however, there is no report at this Convocation.

George M. Carpenter, Providence, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, FEBRUARY, 1888—77TH ANNUAL.

The state of the craft is deplorable in our sister jurisdiction, but we know not how soon, the shrinkage continuing, our jurisdiction may present a similar condition. Of it the Grand High Priest, W. T. Branch, says:

It would please me beyond measure to be able to report a more rapid growth of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction during the past year, but instead of this there seems to be a retrograde movement. I have given it much thought, and can think of nothing else than to recommend liberality on the part of the Grand Chapter to Subordinate Chapters in this, that they be allowed to re-organize by returning to them forfeited charters without charge, and when a constitutional quorum cannot be obtained, that the degree be communicated to a sufficient number of Master Masons in good standing, to enable them to resuscitate and go regularly to work. By this the Grand Chapter would have nothing to lose and everything to gain, if we continue to live, something of this kind must be done, and it is for your consideration. I am glad to report that some of our sister Grand Chapters at least, are doing their duty in promoting the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry.

He laid before the Grand Chapter the memorial of New Brunswick, and the new Grand Chapter was hailed as another star in the firmament of R. A. Masonry.

The treasurer's report shows a balance on hand. This is encouraging. Business entirely local.

Morris Clarke, Marion, Grand High Priest.

J. E. Burke, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

No report on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, JANUARY, 1888—59TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest, Wm. R. Shaver, speaks of the Craft as having made healthy and steady progress during the year, and the returns fully support this assertion.

He granted two dispensations for the formation of new chapters, and to one of these a charter was allowed, the other being continued under dispensation.

He speaks encouragingly of the usefulness of Grand Visitors, provided at the last convocation, and recommends the continuation of the plan.

The balance in hands of Grand Treasurer shows an increase.

The committee on correspondence reported that nothing had been submitted to them for consideration and were discharged.

Lewis R. Eastman, Nashville, Grand High Priest.

John Frizzell, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, DECEMBER, 1887—38TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, W. L. Startwell, deems the condition of the

Craft in Texas one for congratulation. He issued dispensations for five new chapters. Four of these were chartered at this convocation, but we fail to find what had been done with the other.

Several Chapters which had been dormant for several years have awakened to new life and were petitioners for restoration of their charters.

He called attention of Grand Chapter to the large number of weak and sickly chapters on the roll, and recommended that no High Priest elect be allowed to be installed unless he presents to the installing officer a certificate of his competency. The committee on Grand Officers reports, however, reported adversely to this measure. The report was adopted.

This committee also recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, and an invitation to fraternal intercourse. John Adriance, Columbia, Grand High Priest.

Robert Brewster, Houston, Grand Secretary.

Companion J. C. Kidd presented the report on correspondence. In it Alabama for 1886 is found. Companion Kidd, of these reports, says :

Recognizing more than ever the necessity of a report of a committee on Foreign Correspondence, we trust the Grand Chapter will at this Convocation, appoint as Chairman some one who has the ability and time to write one, worthy of this Jurisdiction, and pay him for his services.

And in concluding the report he adds what we copy below. The entire report is breezy and well written :

When Companion Elgin laid aside his mantle as Foreign Correspondent of the Grand Chapter of Texas, this one did not stand where it could fall on him. He did not wish to be smothered, and so he put on a little garment of his own. The former will remain where it fell unless Companion Elgin is in the happy future able again to don it. If he does not, future generations will point it out as one among the treasures of the Grand Chapter, and will say, as the guide in the Tower of London does when showing the armor of Henry VIII: "This is known to be the mantle of Companion Elgin, because no other correspondent of the Texas Jurisdiction was ever large enough to wear it."

Heaving no "envious sigh for the unattainable," we undertook this task, taking as our example, John Phoenix's hero, who'd—

“Preach and pray, and cuss and swear,
And do it with a zest;
No matter *what* his contract was,
He did his level best.

VERMONT, JANUARY, 1888—71ST ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, Marsh O. Perkins, thus gives the state of the Craft :

We have reason to rejoice because of the prosperous condition of the Royal Craft in our beloved State, evidenced in so many ways. Peace and harmony have characterized the labors of the Companions busily engaged in rebuilding City and Temple. A renewed and awakening interest in the work and well-being of the Order has been manifested in many quarters. A gratifying increase in membership has been reported by a majority of the subordinate Chapters. Dormant Chapters have aroused from their lethargy, and their Companions are again joyously removing the rubbish, and bringing up work for inspection. Other Chapters at rest for a brief time are already preparing for renewed labor, and there is full promise that the year upon which we are entering will further mark the continuance and development of the great work in which we are engaged.

He laid before Grand Chapter the memorial of New Brunswick, and the committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom it was referred reported a resolution recognizing this new Grand Chapter, which was adopted.

This Grand Chapter, on the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, inhibited any masonic recognition or intercourse with R. A. Masons of Connecticut who are members of the recreant Lodge, Hiram No. 1, of Connecticut.

The finances are in a flattering condition. The committee on finance reiterated the recommendation made last year, that, "the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence shall not exceed fifty pages."

Marsh O. Perkins, Windsor, Grand High Priest.

Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Companion F. S. Fisher brought forward an interesting report on correspondence, which, notwithstanding the injunction to limit it to fifty pages, he could compress only into fifty-nine. In his introductory, alluding to this limit, he says :

Still we say, as was said for us at another time, "Although it may be attended with great difficulty and danger, yet we are willing to 'obey' to promote the great and glorious work upon which we have entered," and therefore begin in the land of rest.

Alabama follows. We sympathize with him, for though the words fixing a limit have not been uttered, yet the Treasurer's report points significantly to the necessities of the case here.

VIRGINIA, OCTOBER, 1887--88TH ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, Philo Bradley, sent his letter of excuse for non-attendance and the Grand Chapter was opened by the Grand Scribe as Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest, however, sent his address, which was read by the Grand Secretary. He advises Grand Chapter that he had issued a dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter, and to this, at this convocation a charter was granted.

The memorial of New Brunswick was, by him, laid before Grand Chapter, and thus received recognition and fraternal greeting."

Business otherwise of entirely local character.

Sylvanus Jackson Quinn, Fredericksburg, Grand High Priest.

William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

The latter presented the report on correspondence, copying in it a report to Grand Lodge some years since on "Non-affiliation," "Suspension for non-payment of dues," "Emergencies," "Honorary membership," and "Petitions." Only this and nothing more. These questions still agitate the masonic world, and will always do so.

WISCONSIN, FEBRUARY, 1888--38TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Norman C. Daniel, says that "prosperity has attended Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction during this year, and a reasonable amount of work has been done.

The returns fully justify this statement.

A charter was granted to a Chapter whose dispensation had been continued at the last convocation, and a dispensation granted by the present Grand High Priest for a new chapter was continued at this.

Alluding to "evils to be avoided," we find the Grand High Priest admirably saying, "while we do not claim that masonry is the exponent of total abstinence, we do claim that it inculcates temperance and enjoins the practice of it upon all its votaries."

It was determined at this convocation to pay something for the labor bestowed by the Chairman upon the report on correspondence.

Duncan McGregor, Platteville, Grand High Priest.

John W. Laffin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Companion William C. Swain again made the report on correspondence, and there we find words of cheer to Alabama.

Thus ends our task, condensed as best we could. In order to do this there has been the same thousands of pages to be read, and in addition to the labor, the regret that we could not have you, my companions, partake of the good things, many indeed, met within this journey through these many pages. Adieu companions, and may the skies look brighter another year.

PALMER J. PILLANS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

ADAM R. BAKER, GRAND SECRETARY,

In account with GRAND CHAPTER.

1887

DR.

April	11	To cash received from Committee.	\$ 177 50	
	15	Certificate B. B. Comer.....	\$1 00	
	15	Back dues B. B. Comer.....	3 50—	4 50
May	5	Certificate Mineral City No 1.....	2 50—	2 50
Total.....				\$ 184 50

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May	5	Brown & Co., printing.....	\$142 60	
	7	Post-office stamps.....	5 00	
	9	Post-office stamps.....	2 00	
	19	Express charges on books to P. J. Pillans	50	
Nov.	30	Stamps at various times.....	5 00	
Dec.	1	Balance in hand of A. R. Baker.....	29 40—	\$ 184 50

ADAM R. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with GRAND CHAPTER.

1887

DR.

Dec. 6 To balance.....\$161 70

1888

Jan. 10 To received from Grand Secretary..... 437 50

Dec. 1 To received from Grand Secretary Baker. 29 40—\$628 60

1887

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Dec. 7 By Com. on Work, J. H. Johnson...42..\$ 25 00

By Com. on Work, M. J. Greene...43.. 23 00

By Com. on Corresp., P. J. Pillans..44.. 50 00

10 By Grand Sentinel, A. R. Baker. .. 44½. 10 00

By Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre...45.. 200 00

By Contingent Fund.....46.. 150 00

1888

Nov. 26 By Grand Sentinel..... 1.. 10 00—\$468 00

Dec. 4 By balance on hand \$ 160 60

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY,

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 4, 1888.

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 report of the committees appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the late R. Ex. Grand Secretary Daniel Sayre, and the R. Ex. Grand Secretary Adam R. Baker, and the report of the R. Ex. Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

From the report of the Committee we find that the late R. Ex. Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre, received :

For dues at last Annual Convocation.....	\$437 50
For dues collected subsequently.....	16 50
For Contingent Fund.....	150 00
For Certificates.....	11 00

Total receipts.....	\$ 615 00
Paid to Grand Treasurer.....	437 50

Leaving balance in his hands.....	\$ 177 50
From the report of the Committee to examine the books of the R. Ex. Grand Secretary, Adam R. Baker, we find he received the sum of.....	\$177 50
Received for certificates.....	7 00

Total received.....	\$ 184 50
He has paid for printing.....	\$142 60
He has paid for postage and express.....	12 52—155 10

Leaving balance due Grand Chapter.....	\$ 29 40
Which amount has been paid to the R. Ex. Grand Treasurer.	

At your last Annual Convocation the R. Ex. Grand Treasurer had on hand.....	161 70
He has received from Grand Secretary Sayre.....	437 50
He has received from Grand Secretary Baker.....	29 40

Total.....	628 60
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Of this amount he has paid—

Committee on Work.....	48 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00
Grand Sentinel.....	20 00
Grand Secretary.....	200 00
Contingent Fund.....	150 00

Total.....	468 00
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Leaving balance on hand	\$160 60
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Add to this dues at this Convocation	432 00
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Total	\$ 592 60
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We recommend the following appropriations for current expenses :

To Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre, for 4 months..	\$66 66
To Grand Secretary, A. R. Baker, 8 months.....	133 34
To chairman committee on Foreign Corresp'd'ce..	50 00
To Grand Sentinel this Convocation.....	20 00
To assistant Grand Secretary.....	25 00
To Contingent Fund.....	150 00

Total.....	\$ 445 00
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Leaving an estimated balance of.....	\$147 60
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Fraternally submitted,

WM. N. BOYNTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AC- COUNTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

*To Dr. Jos. H. Johnson, M. E. Grand High Priest
of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, R. A. Masons:*

Your Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late Grand Secretary, report that they have attended to the duty, and render the following statement:

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary,

In account with the GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA:

1888	DR.	
Jan. 10.	Amount of Dues collected.....	\$437 50
	Contingent Fund.....	150 00
March 31.	Dues from Chapter No. 1.....	16 50
	Collected for certificates, &c.....	11 00

Total.....	\$615 00
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Jan. 10. Paid Grand Treasurer.....	437 50
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Balance due the Grand Chapter.....	\$ 177 50
All of which is respectfully submitted,	

WM. H. DINGLEY,
E. R. HASTINGS,
ADAM R. BAKER,

Montgomery, Ala., April 11, 1888.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF P. G. HIGH PRIEST LUCKIE W. JENKINS.

Since the preceding pages were printed Companion Beck has submitted the following report :

To the M. E. G. H. Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

During the past year this Grand Royal Arch Chapter was bereaved by the death of Past Grand High Priest, Luckie Walker Jenkins, whose death occurred June 27th, 1888. Companion Jenkins was familiarly and affectionately known throughout this jurisdiction as a good man and mason whose life exemplified the cardinal principles of masonry, and that zeal which should characterize all Royal Arch Masons. He was born in Wilcox county January 26th, 1826, received an academic education at the Masonic Institute in Selma, and graduated in medicine at the New Orleans Medical College. While yet a young man he removed to Texas, where he attained prominence in the practice of his profession. He returned to his native State and county and resumed the practice of medicine ; married Miss Ellen S. Nettles, of Wilcox county, who, with three sons and three daughters, survive him.

Companion Jenkins' genial disposition and never-failing charity won for him universal love. His character was such that he had hosts of warm friends, but not one single enemy. He was for several years Worshipful Master of Dale Lodge No. 25, and Most Excellent High Priest of Camden Chapter No. 40. In the death of this good man and wise counsellor this order has suffered a calamity. His life is an example worthy to be emulated; his memory, a legacy too precious to be lost.

Fraternally submitted.

W. W. SCREWS,
JOHN A. McKINNON,
JAMES T. BECK,
Committee.

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS.

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

Chapter No.	NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	No of Members	Amount of Dues.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd and Acc'ptd.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Rejected.	Dimitted.
1	Tuscaloosa.....	22	\$16 50	...	2	2	...	1		
4	Monroe.....	29	21 75	1	1	1	1	...		
9	Clinton.....	13	9 75	...	...	...	...	...		
10	Tuscumbia.....	18	13 50	...	...	...	...	...		
13	Gainesville.....	14	10 50	...	...	...	...	...		
20	Livingston.....	14	10 50	...	...	...	...	...		1
21	Mobile.....	52	39 00	3	3	3	3	...		2
22	Montgomery.....	51	38 25	6	6	6	6	1	...	
23	Talladega.....	33	24 75	14	14	14	14	4	...	3
26	Union.....	20	15 00	...	...	...	...	...		
28	Saint Johns.....	43	32 25	1	1	1	1	2	1	...
38	Decatur.....	23	...	...	...	...	...	...		
40	Camden.....	19	14 25	...	...	...	...	...		1
54	Tyrian.....	39	29 25	4	4	4	3	1	...	2
76	Elyton.....	40	30 00	16	16	16	16	...		
79	Hillabee.....	24	18 00	...	...	...	...	...		2
86	Coosa.....	26	19 50	5	5	5	5	3	...	1
87	Moulton.....	25	20 25	...	...	...	...	...		
92	Notasulga.....	21	15 75	...	...	...	...	...		
96	Daniel Pratt.....	16	12 00	...	...	...	...	1	...	
100	Rock Mills.....	22	16 50	...	...	8	8	1	1	
101	Mineral City.....	48	36 00	9	11	12	11	4	...	1
104	Sylacauga.....	24	18 00	5	5	5	5	2	...	

AT REST.

John B. Burn, March	Tuscaloosa	No.	1
William R. Agee, April 9	Monroe	"	4
John B. Sanford, September 2	Gainesville	"	13
Meyer Uhlfelder, January 2	Montgomery	"	22
Daniel Sayre, April 8			
John J. D. Renfroe, June 2—59 y'rs.	Talladega	"	23
James M. Dedman, February 4	Saint Johns	"	28
Andrew J. Sittou, February 16			
Jacob B. Booth, March 31			
Asher Levy, April 24	Decatur	"	38
William G. Gill, October 6—70 yrs..			
Luckie W. Jenkins, June 27	Camden	"	40
John D. McArthur, July 28			
Thomas M. Peters, July 7	Moulton	"	87
S. H. Burnham, Nov. 11	Mineral City	"	101

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Neal McMillan	Monroe	No.	4
Arthur Foster			
William J. Whitsitt	Gainesville	"	13
Edward R. Moore			
Frank S. Baker	Talladega	"	23
Solomon C. Adams			
Daniel McCarthy	Saint Johns	"	28
Samuel W. John			
John H. McIlvaine			
Alexander McCollister	Hillabee	"	79
Daniel B. Brown			
John W. Bailey	Mineral City	"	101
Frank M. Partridge			
James D. Baker			
Drury F. Horton			
Francis M. Lavertor			
J. C. Jones	Weogufka	"	104
George S. Moore			
John J. Hightower			

REINSTATED.

Solomon C. Adams	Gainesville	No. 13
Edwin C. Turner	} Talladega	" 23
Andrew W. Bowie		
William J. Hilliard,	Tyrian	" 54
John H. Radney	Rock Mills	" 100
James E. Hawkins	Mineral City	" 101

RECAPITULATION.

EMBRACING YEARS 1886, 1887 AND 1888.

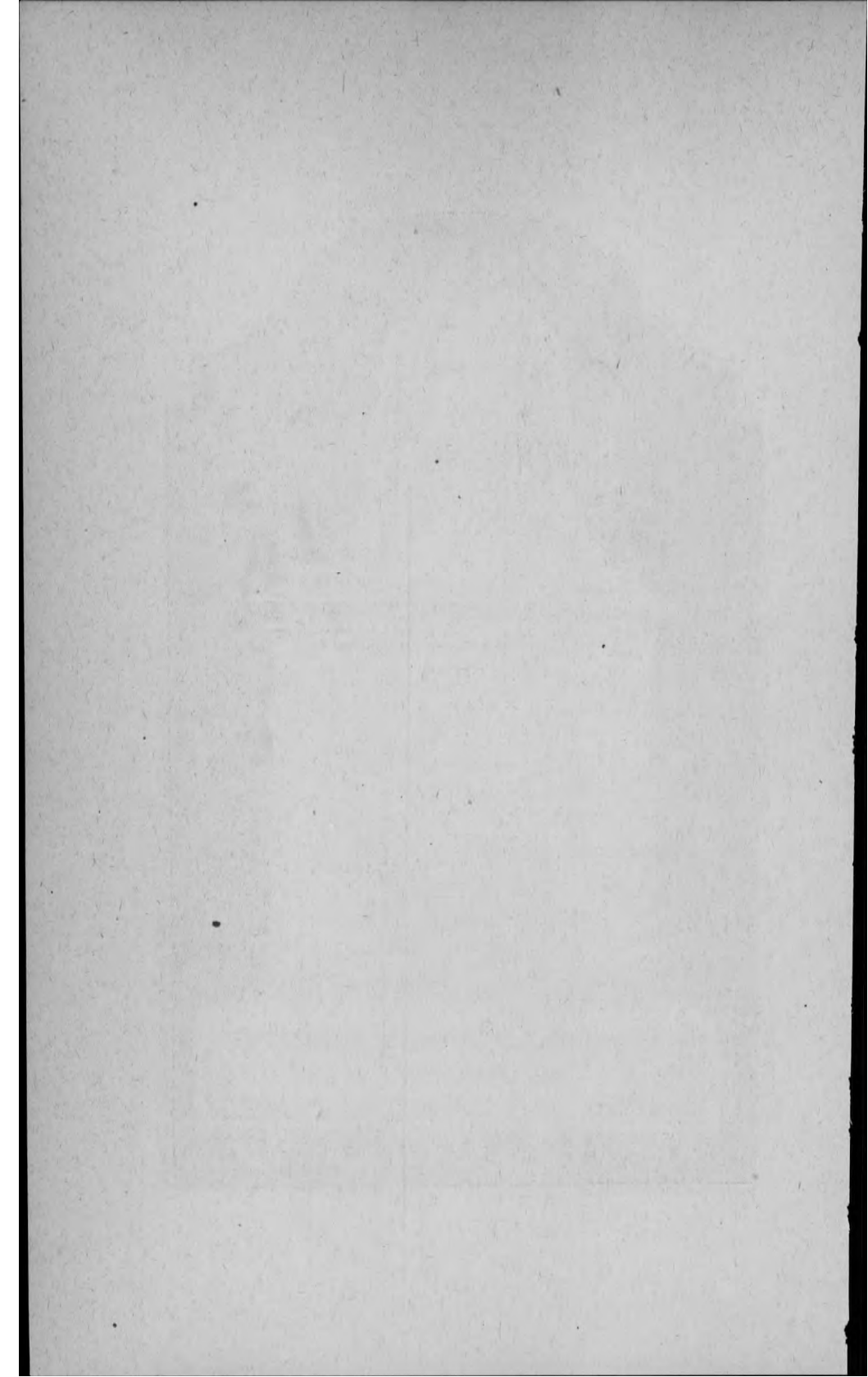
	1886	1887	1888
Chapters that made returns	19	23	23
Chapters that paid Dues	18	23	23
Chapters that were represented	16	19	21
Number of representatives present	28	32	37
Number of members reported	464	572	636
Dues received	\$351 25	\$424 00	\$462 00
WORK.			
Advanced	17	36	64
Presided.	22	36	64
Received and Accepted	22	36	77
Exalted	23	35	75
Affiliated.	5	7	19
Rejected	1		
Dimitted.	9	15	19
Suspended N. P. D.	15	9	19
Reinstated	3	13	6
Chapters square upon the Books	18	23	25
Number of deaths	6	10	15



SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
DANIEL SAYRE,
For 31 years
GRAND SECRETARY,
—OF THE—
Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Died April 7th, 1888.

An upright man ; a faithful officer ; a true Mason.

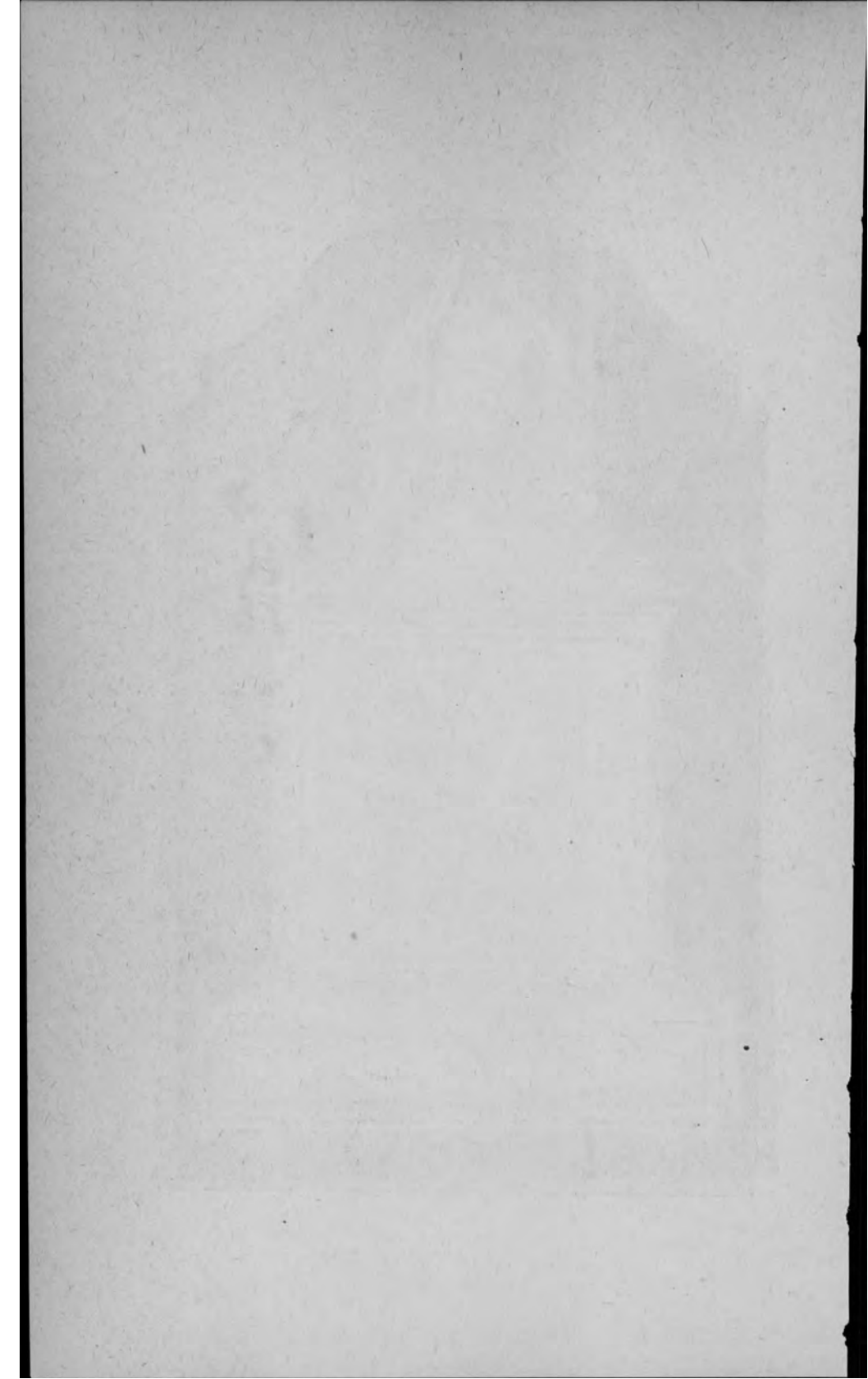




SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
James M. Dedman,
PAST GRAND KING
—OF THE—
Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Died February 4th, 1888.

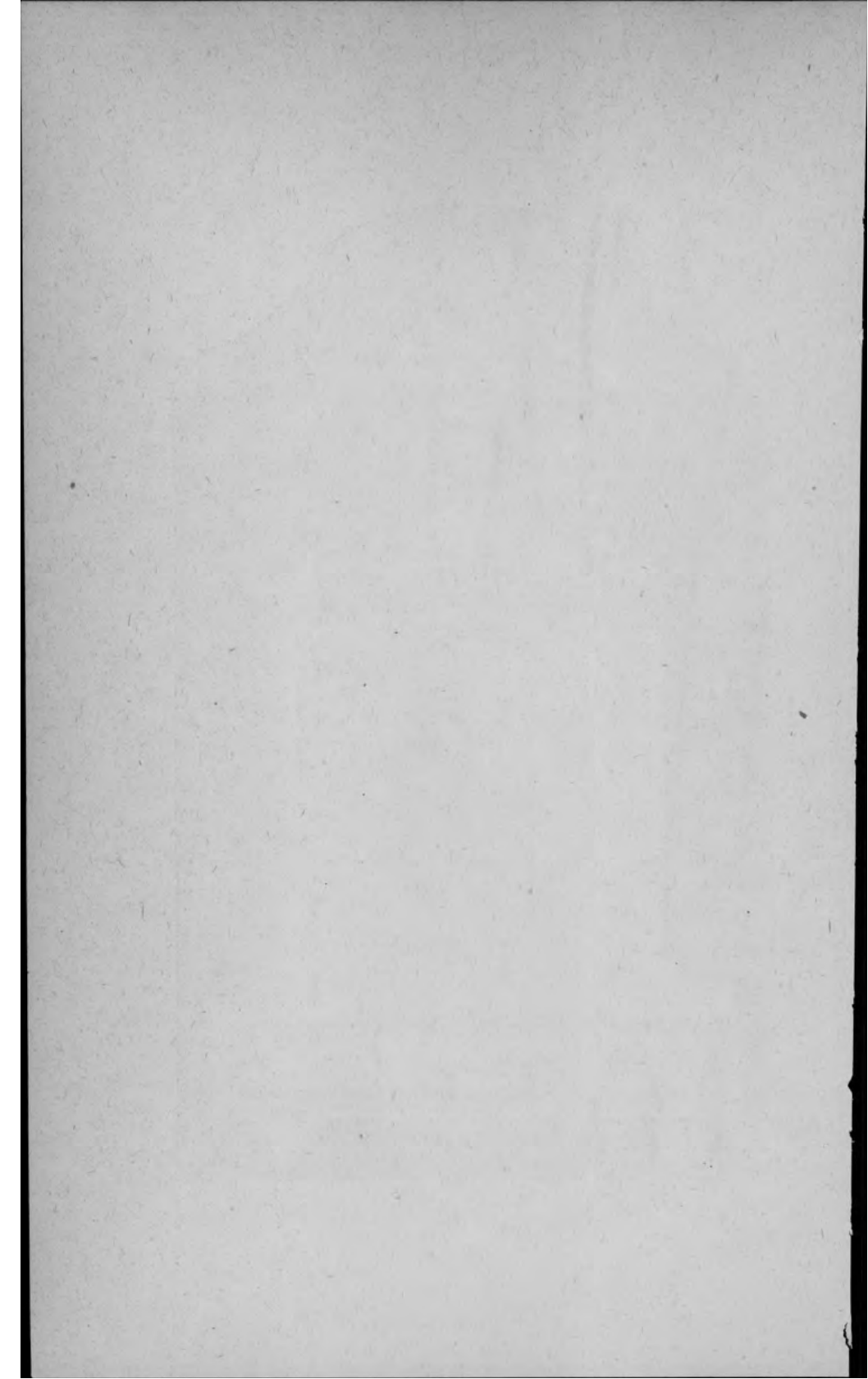
Generous, brave and true.





SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
Eugene W. Jenkins,
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST
—OF THE—
Grand Chapter of Alabama.
Died June 27th, 1888.

“The righteous hath hope in his death.”



MEMORANDA.

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

Newell M. Thornton, M. D.	Abbeville....	Arkansas.
William D. Wadsworth.....	Montgomery.	California.
Joseph H. Johnson, M. D.	Talladega....	Canada.
DeWitt Clinton White.....	Moulton.....	District of Columbia.
Benjamin F. Pope.....	Gadsden.....	Florida.
Edward F. King.....	Gainesville..	Georgia.
John A. McKinnon, M. D.	Selma.....	Indiana.
Myles J. Greene, M. D.....	Montgomery.	Iowa.
John Gideon Harris.....	Montgomery	Kansas.
_____	_____	Kentucky.
Palmer Job Pillans.....	Mobile.....	Louisiana.
William S. Eoster.....	Mobile.....	Maryland.
John Snow.....	Tuscaloosa..	Minnesota.
David Clopton.....	Montgomery.	Mississippi.
_____	_____	Missouri.
John G. Smith.....	Birmingham.	Nebraska.
_____	_____	New Jersey.
John W. Bush.....	Uniontown..	New York.
William Cochran.....	Tuscaloosa..	North Carolina.
_____	_____	Nova Scotia.
_____	_____	Ohio.
William Henry Tancre.....	Huntsville..	Quebec.
James Tait Beck.....	Camden.....	Rhode Island.
_____	_____	South Carolina.
Samuel Thompson.....	Birmingham.	Tennessee.
_____	_____	Vermont.
Philip C. Candidus.....	Mobile.....	Virginia.
Noah A. Agee.....	Perdue Hill.	Washington Territory.
_____	_____	Wisconsin.

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

W. W. Garland.....	Morrilton	Arkansas.
Isaac F. Toms	Godrich, Ont.	Canada.
Charles W. Hancock	Washington... ..	District of Columbia.
George H. Hallmark	Warrington... ..	Florida.
William Abram Love	Atlanta.....	Georgia.
Silas O. Vaughan.....	DeKalb.	Illinois.
Nicholas R. Ruckle.....	Indianapolis.	Indiana.
Downing Baugh	McGregor	Iowa.
Albert D. McConaughey	Atchison	Kansas.
William Ryan	Louisville.....	Kentucky.
William Robson.....	Rabron's.....	Louisiana.
Joseph E. Tyler.....	Baltimore	Maryland.
Frederick G. Walbridge.....	Boston	Massachusetts.
William F. Dickinson.....	Redwood Falls.....	Minnesota.
Robert L. Saunders.....	Jackson	Mississippi.
Thomas E. Garrett.....	Saint Louis	Missouri.
John N. Westberg.....	Omaha	Nebraska.
Frederick G. Weise.....	Bordentown	New Jersey.
Thomas S. Kenan	Raleigh	North Carolina.
Samuel Porter.....	Halifax.....	Nova Scotia.
William Sherer.....	Brooklyn	P. O. Box 2065 N. Y.
Charles S. Ostranger	Columbus	Ohio.
Rocky P. Earhart.....	Salem	Oregon.
Augus Grant.....	Montreal.....	Quebec.
John P. Sanborn.....	Newport.....	Rhode Island.
Augustine T. Smythe.....	Charleston.....	South Carolina.
William S. Matthews.....	Memphis	Tennessee.
Justin W. T. Washburn.....	Montpelier.....	Vermont.
Alfred S. Lee.....	Richmond.....	Virginia.
Edward L. Ingraham.....	Seattle.....	Washington.
Alexander M. Evans.....	Middleway.....	West Virginia.
Willam G. Swain.....	Milwaukee	Wisconsin.

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

No	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	CONVOCACTION.
1	Tuscaloosa...	Tuscaloosa...	Tuscaloosa...	Tuscaloosa...	John M. Martin...	William A. Cochran...	3 Wednesday
4	Monroe	Perdue Hill...	Monroe	Perdue Hill...	Noah A. Agee...	John Deloach...	1 Thursday
6	Cyrus...	Florence...	Lauderdale	Florence...	Henry W. Sample...		Wed bf full moon
9	Clinton...	Athens...	Limestone...	Athens...	M. G. Williams...	William H. Sykes...	2 Monday
10	Tuscumbia...	Tuscumbia...	Colbert...	Tuscumbia...	T. T. Rowland...	John A. Steele...	1 Mon af 2 Sat
18	Gainesville...	Gainesville...	Sumter...	Gainesville...	Edward M. Kring...	Charles W. McMahon	Thurs af full moon
20	Livingston...	Livingston...	Sumter...	Livingston...	George Wilson...	Joshua L. Scruggs...	3 Friday
21	Mobile...	Mobile...	Mobile...	Mobile...	William H. Long...	Henry T. Goodloe...	2 and 4 Friday
22	Montgomery...	Montgomery...	Montgomery...	Montgomery...	Henry H. Mathews...	E. R. Hastings...	2 Tuesday
23	Talladega...	Talladega...	Talladega...	Talladega...	A. H. Nunnally...	George A. Joiner...	2 Friday
26	Union...	Uniontown...	Perry...	Uniontown...	Moritz L. Ernst...	Junio Harwood...	1 Thursday
28	Saint Johns...	Selma...	Dallas...	Selma...	Albert S. Starr...	Adolph Jacobson...	4 Monday
38	Decatur...	Decatur...	Morgan...	Decatur...	Joseph S. Sugars...	Robert P. Baker...	4 Tuesday
40	Camden...	Camden...	Wilcox...	Camden...	William A. George...	John T. Cook...	Fri bf full moon
54	Tyrian...	Troy...	Pike...	Troy...	Josiah Jernigan...	Joel D. Murphree...	2 and 4 Saturday
76	Elyton...	Elyton...	Jefferson...	Birmingham...	Charles J. Greene...	Robert A. Terrell...	2 and 4 Monday
79	Hillabee...	Alexander City...	Tallapoosa...	Alexander City...	George W. Porter...	R. M. Templeton...	3 Saturday
85	Gaston...	Desotville...	Choctaw...	Desotville...	William R. Horn...	William R. Horn...	2 Thursday
86	Coosa...	Gadsden...	Etowah...	Gadsden...	Benj. F. Pope...	Marcus L. Foster...	1 Monday
87	Moulton...	Moulton...	Lawrence...	Moulton...	N. G. Delashaw...	Robert Y. Goodlette...	Friday bf 3 Sat
92	Notasulga...	Notasulga...	Macon...	Notasulga...	H. C. Armstrong...	George W. Hardy...	1 and 4 Saturday
96	Daniel Pratt...	Prattville...	Autauga...	Prattville...	George L. Smith...	George C. Spigener...	1 Monday af fm
100	Rock Mills...	Rock Mills...	Randolph...	Rock Mills...	Richard J. Breed...	James P. Mooty...	1 Sat & Mon af 3 Su
101	Mineral City...	Birmingham...	Jefferson...	Birmingham...	John G. Smith...	B. J. Dryer...	2 and 4 Thursday
104	Weogufka...	Sylacauga...	Talladega...	Sylacauga...	L. H. Crumpler...	James M. Lanning...	Fri bf 3 Sat

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESS.

0. Alabama.....	Myles J. Greene.....	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.....	Pueblo.
5. Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
6. Dakota.....	Thomas J. Wilder.....	Casselon.
7. District of Columbia.....	Lewis Guilmán Stephens.....	Washington.
8. Delaware.....	James H. Price.....	Wilmington.
9. Florida.....	DeWitt Clinton Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
10. Georgia.....	Andrew Martin Wolihin.....	Macon.
11. Illinois.....	Gilbert W. Barnard.....	Chicago.
12. Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
13. Iowa.....	Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines.
14. Kansas.....	John Henry Brown.....	Kansas City.
15. Kentucky.....	Joseph H. Branham.....	Louisville.
16. Louisiana.....	J. 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.....	Channcey N. Noteware.....	Carson City.
26. New Brunswick.....	Thisbat Robertson.....	Saint John.
27. New Hampshire.....	George Perley Cleaves.....	Concord.
28. New Jersey.....	George B. Edwards.....	Jersey City.
29. New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
30. North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
31. Nova Scotia.....	Benjamin Curran.....	Halifax, D. C. L.
32. Ohio.....	Emmit V. Rhodes.....	St. Paris.
33. Oregon.....	Rocky Preston Earhart.....	Salem.
34. Pennsylvania.....	Charles E. Meyer.....	Philadelphia.
35. Quebec.....	Joseph Mitchell.....	Montreal. B. 1135
36. Rhode Island.....	William R. Greene.....	Providence.
37. South Carolina.....	James E. Burke.....	Charleston.
38. Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
39. Texas.....	Robert Brewster.....	Houston.
40. Vermont.....	Warren G. Reynolds.....	Burlington.
41. Virginia.....	Wilham Bryan Isaacs.....	Richmond.
42. Washington.....	Thomas Milburne Reed.....	Olympia.
43. West Virginia.....	John W. Morris.....	Wheeling.
44. Wisconsin.....	John W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.
45. United States.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
46. England and Wales.....	Frederick Binckes.....	London, W. C.
47. Ireland.....	Samuel B. Oldham.....	Dublin.
48. England and Wales.....	Albert G. Goodall.....	N. Y., 142 B'y.
49. Scotland.....	William Edwards.....	Edinburgh, S. H.