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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Alabama,

AT THE

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

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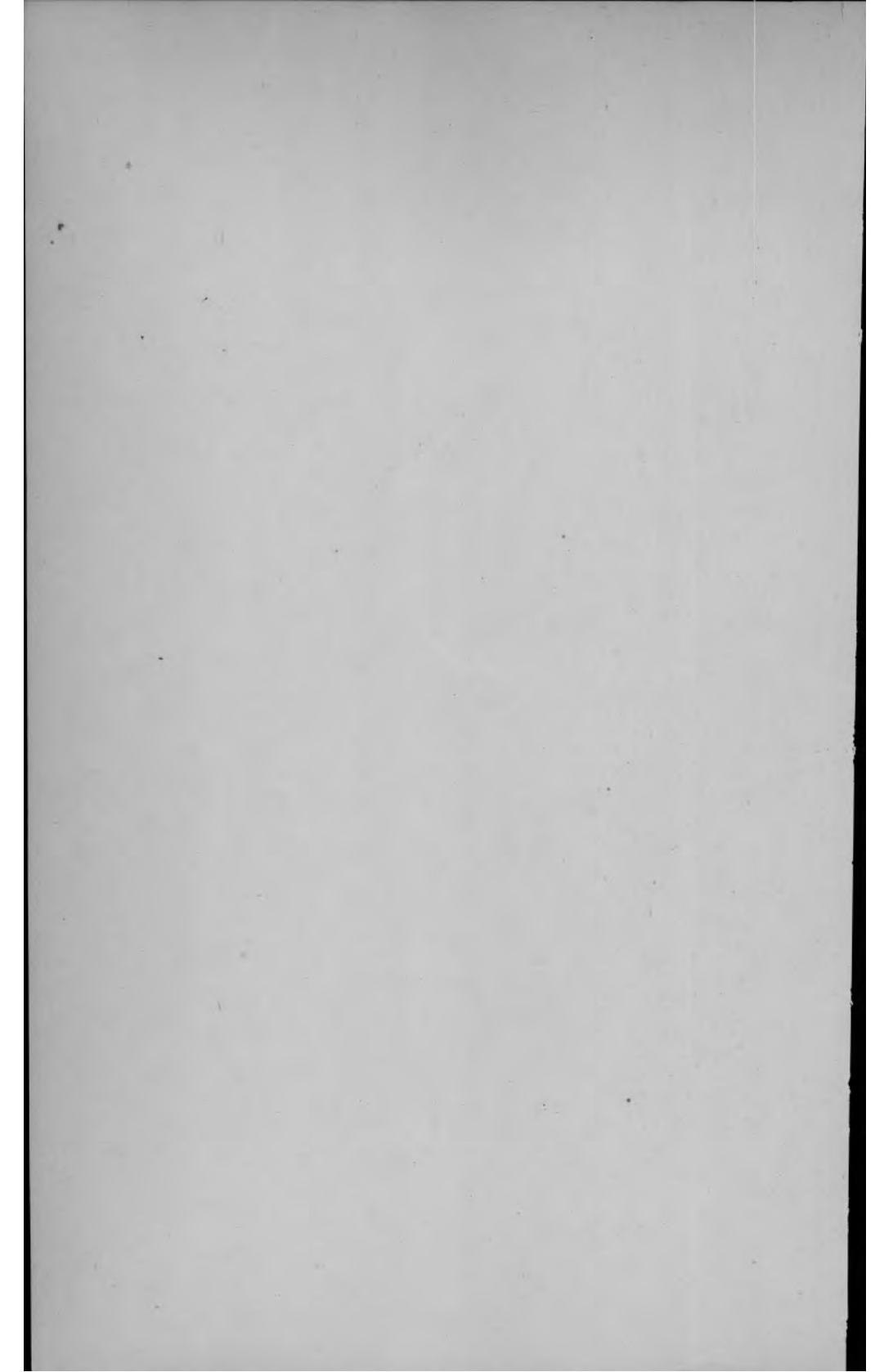
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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama held its Sixty-Third Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, beginning on Monday, the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1889; A. L. 5889; A. I. 2419.

PRESENT:

JOHN GIDEON HARRIS. Montgomery Grand High Priest.
JAMES TAIT BECK. Camden Deputy G. H. Priest.
HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG. Auburn, as. Grand King.
HENRY CLAY WILEY. Troy Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY. Montgomery. Grand Treasurer.
MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE Montgomery. Grand Secretary.
ANDREW JACKSON NUNNALLY. Talladega Grand C. of H.
JOSIAH JERNIGAN. Troy Grand P. Sojourner.
WILLIAM JAMES RHODES. Talladega, as Grand R. A. C.
WILLIAM BUCHANAN ARBERY. Notasulga Grand M. of 3 Veil.
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN POPE. Gadsden, as Grand M. of 2 Veil.
THOMAS T. ROWLAND. Tuscumbia. Grand M. of 1 Veil.
BENJAMIN M. STEPHENS. Elba Grand Chaplain.
CHARLES ALEXANDER ALLEN. Montgomery. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE. Grand High Priest.
HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG. Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER. Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS. Grand High Priest.
JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON. 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.
BENJAMIN F. POPE	Florida.
WILLIAM N. BOYNTON.....	Illinois.
JOHN A. MCKINNON.....	Indiana.
MYLES J. GREENE.....	Iowa.
JOHN GIDEON HARRIS	Kansas.
PALMER J. PILLANS	Louisiana.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER	Maryland.
GEORGE A. JOINER.....	Massachusetts
JOHN G. SMITH.....	Nebraska.
JOHN G. SMITH.....	Ohio.
JAMES T. BECK.....	Rhode Island.
SAMUEL THOMPSON.....	Tennessee.
PHILLIP C. CANDIDUS	Virginia.

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

No.	1.	Tuscaloosa.....	C. N. Maxwell*.....	H. P.
"	4.	Monroe.....	John A. Savage.....	H. P.
"	6.	Cyrus.....	Alexander C. Chisholm.....	H. P.
"	9.	Clinton.....	Augustus F. Evans	K.
"	10.	Tuscumbia.....	Thomas T. Rowland	H. P.
"	20.	Livingston.....	John G. Harris*	H. P.
"	21.	Mobile.....	William S. Foster.....	H. P.
"	22.	Montgomery.....	Henry H. Matthews.....	H. P.
"			John M. DeCotts.....	K.
"			S. J. Anderson.....	S.
"			Andrew J. Nunnally	H. P.
"	23.	Talladga.....	George A. Joiner*	K.
"			William J. Rhodes*	S.
"	26.	Union	John B. Christian*	H. P.
"	28.	St. Johns.	Edward S. Gatchell.....	H. P.
"			John A. McKinnon.....	K.
"	38.	Decatur.....	James M. Brundidge*.....	H. P.
"	40.	Camden.....	S. D. Block	H. P.
"			James T. Beck*	K.
"	48.	McKinley	William B. Jackson*.....	H. B.
"	54.	Tyrian.....	Josiah Jernigan.....	H. P.
"			Henry C. Wiley*.....	K.

* Proxies.

No. 57.	Collinsville.	DeWitte C. Williams*.....	H. P.
" 63.	Clayton.....	John A. Foster*.....	"
" 64.	Central	{ Thomas B. McClesky.....	K.
" 76.	Elyton	{ Francis M. Woods*.....	S.
" 79.	Hillabee.....	{ Charles J. Greene.....	H. P.
		{ George W. Porter.....	"
		{ A. S. Smith	K.
		{ Charles C. McCall	H. P.
" 85.	Gaston	{ John N. Gilmore.....	K.
		{ Lemuel J. Mooney.....	S.
		{ Benjamin F. Pope.....	H. P.
" 86.	Coosa	{ Myron E. Lane*.....	K.
		{ James W. Penn*.....	S.
" 87.	Moulton.....	{ Noble G. Delashaw.....	H. P.
		{ George W. Jackson	S.
" 96.	Daniel Pratt....	{ George L. Smith.....	H. P.
		{ W. G. Hurd*.....	K.
" 100.	Rock Mills.....	Richard J. Breed	H. P.
" 101.	Mineral City....	{ John G. Smith.....	"
		{ John A. Milner*.....	K.
		{ Thomas G. Cain*.....	S.
" 104.	Sylacauga	W. M. Sorrell*.....	H. P.

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

Prayer by 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.

Companions WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB,

EDWARD S. GATCHELL,

ANDREW J. NUNNALLY.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

God, in his Providence, has brought us once more face to face as Companions, and permitted us to meet for the sixty-third time in annual Grand Convocation. We should be devoutly thankful and full of gratitude to a Beneficent Creator for an abundant harvest. Our granaries are full, our fleecy staple abundant, commanding remunerative prices, and the solid comforts of life are within the reach of all who have put forth honest toil. Our people are cheerful, our State prosperous, our industries making rapid progress, and peace reigns throughout our entire land and country. An uninterrupted fraternal spirit prevails throughout all the Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in communication; and, hence, we have great cause for rejoicing.

Let me, therefore, congratulate you, and hail with delight your assembling.

In obedience to a time honored custom, it is my duty to render unto you a written statement of my stewardship during the past Masonic year.

DISPENSATIONS.

On what I considered sufficient evidence, I granted a dispensation to the following Chapters to receive, ballot for and confer degrees on candidates in a shorter time than the constitution allows:

- Sylacauga Chapter No. 104.
- Talladega Chapter No. 123.
- Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
- Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
- Anniston Chapter No. 105.

On a proper showing, I granted a dispensation to the following chapters to elect and install officers out of the regular time :

Mobile Chapter No. 21.

Central Chapter No. 64.

Roslin Chapter No. 88.

Livingston Chapter No. 20.

Camden Chapter No. 40.

Let me here earnestly urge the Companions not to overlook and forget the Constitutional time for the election of officers, for, even at a glance, it can be seen how much trouble it creates.

DORMANT CHAPTERS REVIVED.

McKinley Chapter No. 48.

Collinsville Chapter No. 57.

Clayton Chapter No. 63.

Central Chapter No. 64.

NEW CHAPTERS.

On petition which I found to be in regular form, I granted a dispensation to Companion A. W. Duke and ten others to establish a Chapter at Graham, Randolph county, Alabama.

On petition of Lebanon Chapter No. 57, I granted a dispensation to change the name of said Chapter from Lebanon to Collinsville, and to move the same from the former to the latter place.

On application of Coosa Chapter No. 86, to confer the P. M., M. E. M. and R. A. degrees on Brother William T. Alexander, a member in good standing of Gadsden Lodge No. 236, and who had taken the Mark Master degree in James Penn Chapter, said Chapter being defunct, and there being no records in the Grand Secretary's office on which the said brother could obtain a certificate showing that he had received the M. M's. degree, and said Coosa Chapter being fully satisfied that Brother Alexander had received the Mark Master's degree and had paid the fees, I granted a dispensation to Coosa Chapter to confer the other three degrees.

I received an application from Euphemia Chapter No. 13, State of Mississippi, asking permission to confer the Chapter degrees on a candidate, a member of Vernon Lodge, Alabama, on the ground that said candidate resided much nearer Euphemia Chapter than he did to any chapter in this jurisdiction. I gave my consent so far as it was proper, at the same time informing said Chapter that it must get the consent of the Chapter in Alabama in whose jurisdiction the candidate resides.

And just here, Companions, let me call your attention to the fact, that there are rights and prerogatives guaranteed by the Constitution and edicts of the Grand Chapter to subordinate Chapters that neither the Grand Chapter nor the Grand Officers have any right to interfere with; hence the great necessity for every officer and companion to acquaint himself with the constitution, laws, edicts and ancient landmarks, that the same may not be infringed. This is exceedingly important.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Question—Is it lawful for a Chapter to be called from labor to refreshment from one convocation to another?

Answer—It is not. The Chapter should be closed, and if you wish a called convocation in closing announce the day and the purpose for which the called meeting is intended.

Question—Is it a violation of Article 4, Section 5 of the constitution to return a part of the fees for the Chapter degrees when a brother has paid all of said fees and has received only the first two degrees and then moved away from the jurisdiction of the Chapter, making it almost impossible to return and receive the last two degrees?

Answer—The removal of the candidate is his own voluntary act, and hence, the Chapter justly should retain the fees.

Information having reached me, that Cyrus Chapter No. 6, was violating Sec. 5, of Art. 4 of the Constitution, in this, conferring the Chapter degrees and after they were so conferred, return-

ing one half of the fees for the same to the candidate. On September 16, I addressed a letter to the H. P. of said Chapter, asking if such was the fact. A month and ten days having elapsed, and no reply having been received to my letter, I issued an order to the High Priest, King and Scribe of Decatur Chapter No. 38, directing them to visit Cyrus Chapter, No. 6, and ascertain whether the information above referred to was true. On October 28, they made a report in which they say: "After a thorough and searching investigation of the charges, we find them to be true. The High Priest, King and Scribe say they did not intend to violate law, but did it more to get up interest in the Chapter than anything else, as the Chapter was embarrassed financially, and the interest in the Chapter had waned they thought by working the degrees, and as an inducement to get up a team they would charge the Constitutional price of \$30.00 and give the members a rebate of \$15.00, thereby getting a fund to pay off the indebtedness of the Chapter; also create an interest among the membership." This is their excuse for so acting.

On receipt of this report, and not having received a reply to my first letter, written more than fifty days before, I issued an order addressed to the High Priest of Cyrus Chapter No. 6, suspending said Chapter, until the meeting of the Grand Chapter; at the same time appointing him custodian of the Charter, Jewels and the furniture of said chapter. On the 6th of November, the H. P. of Cyrus Chapter informed me, that he had received the order, and that he had taken charge of the charter and furniture of said Chapter. On November 2, the H. P. addressed a letter to me asking pardon for not replying to my first letter of inquiry and regretting that they had violated the constitution. This letter was not received until the 7th of November, five days after it was written, and not until the order of suspension was issued. Had the Companions answered promptly my letter of inquiry, setting forth all the facts, the result, perhaps, might have been different.

In suspending Cyrus Chapter, I simply obeyed, what I con-

ceived to be, my constitutional duty as the Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction. The entire Craft expect me to be just and vigilant in maintaining the constitution, laws and edicts unimpaired, and to cause a due observance of the same. However painful and unpleasant it was to me to suspend Cyrus Chapter, yet I could not do otherwise. I can not think the Companions intended to override the constitution, but said constitution has been violated. It is now for the Grand Chapter to take such action in the premises, as, in their wisdom, they may think just and proper.

APPOINTMENT OF LECTURER.

In accordance with a resolution passed by this Grand Chapter, at its last session, authorizing the appointing and commissioning of two lecturers, I did, on the 10th of December, 1888, on the recommendation of Companion Myles J. Greene, chairman of the Committee on Work, appoint Companion Andrew J. Nunnally, H. P. of Talladega Chapter. During this Masonic year Companion Nunnallee has visited several chapters and instructed the Craft in the work. His labors have been eminently useful and successful.

Our Grand Secretary, Myles J. Greene, during the summer visited a number of chapters, spending several days with each, and from information received, his efforts were crowned with great success, and a living enthusiasm created among the companions.

And now, on this line, let me emphasize a truth which is patent to us all; the more familiar Chapter Masons are with the work and the great moral lessons and truths taught therein, the greater their zeal and love for their order. Ignorance begets indifference, and not infrequently, absolute disregard and disrespect for the sublime teachings. The principles taught should inspire in the hearts of Royal Arch Masons a love and admiration for the beautiful, the holy, the true.

I therefore, recommend that each Chapter secure the services

of a Companion fully qualified to give the true work, and that you study the same so as to become familiar with the moral teachings of Capitular Masonry.

I have been officially notified of the appointment of the following named Companions as representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama:

William Nathan Boynton, Talladega, Alabama, for Illinois.

George Alburtus Joiner, Talladega, for Massachusetts.

John G. Smith, Birmingham, for Ohio.

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

In June last I issued a commission to Companion P. W. Barkley, M. E. G. H. P., as representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Illinois, and on the 12th of said month I received his acknowledgement and acceptance of the same. Also, to Companion C. C. Bates, H. P., for Ohio.

NECROLOGY.

Since our last Annual Grand Convocation death has invaded our ranks and called from labor to refreshment above our Companion Adam R. Baker, who, for many years, filled the station of Grand Sentinel, and for a short time, Grand Secretary of this Grand body. He was an honest, just and true man and Mason, devoted to the order and ever ready to dispense charity. I recommend that appropriate mention be made of his life and character at this session.

In May last, I received from Companion Richard H. Parker, G. H. P. of New York, the announcement of the death of M. E. Darius A. Ogden, P. G. H. P.; and one month thereafter the announcement of the death of M. E. John L. Lewis, P. G. H. P.

Our sympathy meets and mingles with our companions in their bereavement. The loss of a good man and Mason is not confined to State lines or continents, but extends wherever his influence is felt.

In conclusion, companions, let me urge you to study well the truths, principles and sublime moral lessons taught in Capitular Masonry. To be initiated into the mysteries of the Chapter Degrees is no meaningless honor. They define integrity, patriotism and true manhood. The precepts they inculcate and the virtues upon which they are founded can not be overrated by the wisest and the best. Like truth, they cannot be obscured without retaining force sufficient to reassert their principles, and triumph in the end.

I would remind you of the guardianship you exert over your Chapters. Watch the doorway to the same, and be especially careful as to the material out of which you build. A Chapter Mason ought to be without reproach. His walk and conversation should mark him as a just and upright man, so that, no higher eulogium can be passed upon him, from a moral standpoint, than to say, he is a Royal Arch Mason.

Let me caution the fraternity never to recommend a candidate for the Chapter Degrees, unless he is known to be, in every way, worthy. Our signatures to petitions and recommendations are sometimes too easily obtained. We should not affix our names to any recommendation as Masons or citizens unless we know the statements contained therein are unquestionably true. The fact that a candidate is a member of a Blue Lodge in good standing is not conclusive evidence that he is in all respects a fit subject for the Chapter Degrees. While this ought to be the case, yet it is not always so. It is, however, greatly to the credit of the applicant. Our names should never go down on paper endorsing men or measures unless we know the same to deserve the endorsement of the wisest and best among us. Our signatures should be as sacred as our word and pledge, and when seen, should be *satisfactory evidence* to the world that the same was secured on truth and facts, and *not* on sentiment and sympathy.

"Be just and fear not:

Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,
Thy God's and truth's; then if thou fall'st," O, Companion,
"Thou fall'st a blessed Martyr."

I can not close this address without expressing my sincere appreciation of the timely aid rendered me in the discharge of my official trust, by our faithful, worthy and efficient Grand Secretary. With him I have counseled often, and I find him ever ready to render assistance, and his wisdom and prudence are equal to any emergency.

Having now, Companions, rendered unto you a faithful statement of my official acts, and invoking the blessing of the Great I Am on your families in your absence, and on you in your deliberations, I now declare the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama ready for business.

REPORTS MADE.

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

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Palmer J. 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 G. A. Joiner introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, Anniston Chapter No. 105, and Graham Chapter No. 106, under dispensation, for reasons, ask for a continuance, therefore—

Resolved, That the request of said Anniston Chapter No. 105,

and Graham Chapter No. 106, is hereby granted by this Grand Chapter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following representatives of other Grand Chapters, near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, were presented and duly recognized as such :

John G. Smith, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

William N. Boynton, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

George A. Joiner, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

At the request of Companion Myles J. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Work, and by permission of the Grand Chapter, Companion H. C. Armstrong made report on the M. M. Degree, and the report was received and concurred in.

On motion, the further report of the Committee on Work was postponed.

Companion James T. Beck offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Charter of Monroe Chapter, No. 4, having been mislaid or lost, during the time of its disorganization, and the same cannot be found ;

AND WHEREAS, The said Monroe Chapter No. 4, has been re-organized, therefore—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to issue to Monroe Chapter No. 4, Charter free of any cost.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest announced the following standing committees :

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 1.—John A. Milner, William J. Rhodes, John A. Savage.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 2.—Thomas T. Rowland, George L. Smith, Myron E. Lane.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 3.—John B. Christian, William B. Arbery, Willis M. Sorrell.

ON DISPENSATIONS —Benjamin F. Pope, Charles C. McCall, George W. Porter.

ON FINANCE.—William N. Boynton, Edward S. Gatchell, Josiah Jernigan.

And then the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 3 P. M.

In Grand Chapter,

MONDAY AFTERNOON, December 2, 1889.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock; the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, John Gideon Harris, presiding; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

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

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

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2 ask leave to make the following report:

CORRECT.

St. Johns Chapter	No. 28	Tyrian Chapter.	No. 54
Union Chapter	" 26		

INCORRECT.

CENTRAL No. 64.—Spaces under head expelled, rejected, dimitted, affiliated, advanced and presided, not filled out; no proxy for F. M. Woods, who represents this Chapter as Scribe; not shown whether this Chapter owes any back dues or not.

ELYTON CHAPTER No. 76.—Space opposite back dues unfilled; the date of the discovery not filled out; date of attesting returns not given; space under suspension for N. P. Dues not filled.

TALLADEGA CHAPTER No. 23.—The spaces under the several headings for deaths, expelled, suspension for unmasonic conduct and dimitted are left blank; failure to mark the amount of any affiliation fees; failure to repeat the amount of annual dues for each member under the proper heading; the seal is not plumb; failure to note whether there are any back dues or not; failure to note under head of M. E. M., P. M. and Mark M. whether any who have been advanced, and date.

GASTON No. 85.—Under date of expelled, rejected, dimitted, dates blank, seal not plumb; under head of degrees conferred, left blank; failure to give the full christian name.

Companion H. C. Armstrong reported the Work in the Royal Arch Degree, and the same was received and concurred in.

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

Resolved, That Clinton Chapter No. 9 be allowed sixty days in which to make their returns and pay dues; and that Companion Augustus F. Evans, who is present, be allowed to represent the said Chapter at this Convocation.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 P. M. to-morrow.

In Grand Chapter.

TUESDAY, December 3, 1889,

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3 P. M.; M. E. Grand High Priest, John Gideon Harris, presiding; and the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Palmer J. Pillans introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter immediately after the opening of this Grand Chapter the M. E. Grand High Priest shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, who shall report the names of all Companions entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

Companion John A. Milner, Chairman of Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, report as follows: We find the following

CORRECT:

Monroe	No. 4	Mobile.....	No. 21
Tuscumbia	" 10	Decatur	" 38
Livingston	" 20	Collinsville.....	" 57

The following incorrect, as stated:

GAINESVILLE CHAPTER No. 13.—No name of representative to Grand Chapter; the date of advancing and presiding duplicated; the word "none" omitted in all the blanks.

MONTGOMERY No. 22.—No date of death of Companion Julius T. Glaze, nor age given of either of their dead.

McKINLEY No. 48.—Reports 22 members, but only returns \$13.00. We respectfully ask why? Amount of dues to chapter not stated.

CLAYTON CHAPTER No. 63.—No date given of deaths of Companions nor age of deceased. No seal, but instead, write "*no seal.*" We recommend that they procure one.

This Chapter has been working under a dispensation from M. E. G. H. P. since May 18th, 1889, which said dispensation has been returned to your committee, and we respectfully recommend that their charter be restored to them.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. MILNER, Chairman.
WILLIAM J. RHODES.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Companion William N. Boynton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made report, which was adopted. (*See Appendix.*)

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

Resolved, That Notasulga Chapter No. 92, and Camden Chapter No. 90, be granted 60 days in which to prepare and forward their reports.

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

Resolved, That Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 19, be re-instated upon payment of two years dues, and that sixty days after receipt of notification of adoption of this resolution be allowed for election of officers and making returns to the Grand Secretary.

Companion G. A. Joiner offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Eunomia Chapter No. 5, located at Huntsville, be allowed to resume work upon the payment of two years dues ; and that said Chapter be further allowed 60 days in which to elect officers and make return to the Grand Secretary.

Companion Henry Clay Armstrong introduced the following resolution, and it was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Charter of Rockford Chapter No. 62, has been declared forfeited by this Grand Chapter ; and whereas, the Companions in that section are anxious to revive said Chapter, therefore—

Resolved, That the Charter of said Rockford Chapter No. 62, be restored, upon the payment of two years dues, and that the jewels and furniture of said Chapter be returned to them.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 3.

Companion John B. Christian, chairman of Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 3, made the following report, and the same was adopted :

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

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

CORRECT :

Moulton.	No. 87	Hillabee.	No. 79
Coosa.	" 86		

INCORRECT :

DANIEL PRATT No. 96.—Date of affiliation not entered in proper blank.

ROCK MILLS No. 100.—Blanks not filled ; word "none" omitted where it should appear.

MINERAL CITY No. 101.—Blanks not filled ; no date of death given of the Companion reported dead ; in list of officers and members, abbreviations and initials,

SYLACAUGA No. 104.—No entry made in blanks under head of Suspended for non-payment of Dues; seal not perfect, which is explained under heading of Remarks.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

W. M. ARBERY,

Committee.

REPORT ON DISPENSATIONS.

Companion B. F. Pope, chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations fraternally report that no by-laws, proceedings, petition or other business have been submitted to the committee for its consideration and report, and your committee therefore ask to be discharged.

Fraternally submitted,

BENJAMIN F. POPE,

Chairman.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing Masonic year, and the election resulted as follows :

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS.

JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.....	Livingston...	Grand High Priest.
JAMES TAIT BECK.....	Camden.....	Deputy Grand H. P.
JOHN ALEXANDER MCKINNON.....	Selma.....	Grand King.
HENRY CLAY WILEY.....	Troy.....	Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY	Montgomery..	Grand Treasurer.
MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE.	Montgomery..	Grand Secretary.
BENJAMIN M. STEVENS.....	Elba.....	Grand Chaplain.
ANDREW JACKSON NUNNALLY..	Talladega	Grand C. of H.
JOSIAH JERNIGAN.	Troy.	Grand P. Sojourner.
WILLIAM JAMES RHODES..	Talladega	Grand R. A. C.
JOHN A. SAVAGE.	Perdue Hill..	Grand M. of 3 V.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....	Uniontown...	Grand M. of 2 V.
GEORGE A. JOINER.....	Talladega	Grand M. of 1 V.
CHARLES ALEXANDER ALLEN..	Montgomery..	Grand Sentinel.

GRAND OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Companion Henry Clay Armstrong, Past Grand High Priest, assisted by Companion George A. Joiner, as Grand Marshal, then proceeded to install the Grand Officers, elect and appointed, which was done in Ample Form.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, until 8:30 to-morrow morning.

In Grand Chapter,

WEDNESDAY, A. M., December 4, 1889.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 8:30; the M. E. Grand High Priest, John Gideon Harris, presiding; and the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion H. C. Armstrong reported the Work in the P. M. and M. E. M. Degrees, and the report was adopted.

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

Resolved, That if practicable the Committee on Work prepare to report all of the Chapter Degrees at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter in regular Lodge and Chapter form.

Companion H. C. Armstrong introduced the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Charter of Zerubbabel Chapter No. 56, be restored upon the payment of one year's dues; and that the said Chapter be allowed sixty days in which to make returns, and make payment of said dues.

Companion G. A. Joiner introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Cyrus Chapter No. 6, be granted ten days in which to make Returns to the Grand Secretary.

The following were announced as the standing committees:

ON WORK.

Henry Clay Armstrong	Auburn.
Joseph Henry Johnson	Talladega.
William S. Foster	Mobile.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Palmer Job Pillans	Belknap.
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CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK.

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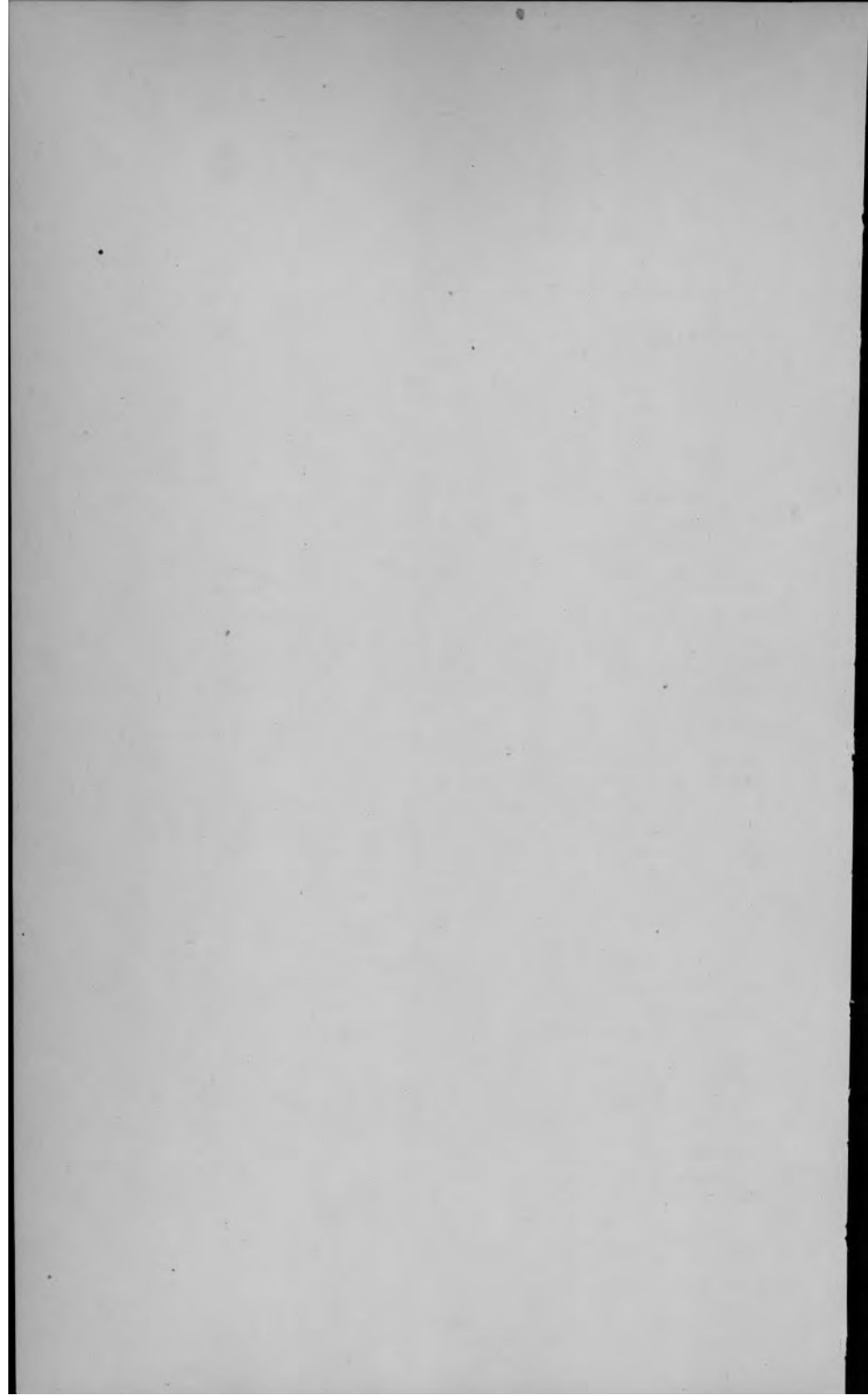
There being no further business to be brought before the Grand Chapter at this Annual Convocation, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

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

MYLES J. GREENE,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.



REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

BY PALMER J. PILLANS, Chairman.

To the M. E. Chapter of Alabama :

In our review for the Convocation of 1886, we were driven to a very gloomy anticipation of the future of the Royal Craft within this jurisdiction, and so expressed ourselves to you. These reflections were based upon a consideration of the constant shrinkage of our membership and consequent revenue during a period of twenty years. You know that we can only judge of the future by the past. Now, however, we are able to congratulate you upon a steady increase in both respects since that time. A comparison with these last three years, one with another, will show that this increase in numbers, has been the same or nearly so from year to year. Within these years we have grown larger by one Chapter and by 172 members. The revenue has also increased, yet in so small a measure that we have felt constrained to confine ourselves in the following review to the smallest possible limits. We therefore present to you, what others are doing in other jurisdictions, and confine ourselves entirely to this; beginning with—

CALIFORNIA, APRIL, 1889—35TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest Wm. T. Luthur speaks of the craft as in a very prosperous condition, and his position is fully sustained by the tabular statement.

He issued two dispensations for new Chapters, both of which were chartered at this Convocation.

The financial condition is such that the committee on jurisprudence felt justified in reporting favorably upon an amendment to the Constitution reducing the per capita from 50 cents to 25 cents. Of course this was approved.

Uniformity of work, the great bugbear which harasses at intervals every Grand Jurisdiction, so troubles our companions

over there as to have induced them to adopt the following after a year's reflection:

First. Let the ritual be put into cipher that can be intelligible only to the Grand Lecturer.

Second. Have so many Inspectors appointed as may be necessary to accomplish the work, to whom shall be intrusted the key to the same, and whose duty shall be to instruct the officers of such Chapters as may be under their special supervision, and who shall be amenable to the Grand Lecturer, not alone for the custody and safe keeping of the cipher, but also for the correct and uniform working of their Chapters.

William Vanderhurst, Salinas, Grand High Priest.

Thomas Hubbard Caswell, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary made the review of proceedings, ours for 1887 being among them. There are many things we had marked for noting, but we can only give you this extract on unaffiliated masons:

The regulation is, of course, aimed at that class of Royal Arch humbugs, who enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of Capitular Masonry without contributing a penny towards its support. They are found in every jurisdiction, and make themselves known as Royal Arch Masons only when some grand parade affords them an opportunity to exhibit themselves in public, or some festive occasion gives them the privilege of filling their capacious maws, free of expense, with the fruits of others' industry. When work is to be done they are never found. When the sick are to be visited, the dead buried, or the widow or orphan to be relieved, they are conspicuous by their absence. They say to the industrious laborer in the vineyard: "Bear you the heat and burden of the day, I will recline beneath the shade of the vine and fig tree, refresh myself with the luscious fruit, and quench my thirst at the cooling streams, but when pay-day comes I'll be there, just the same;" and he is. If any benefit is to be gained he is quick to claim it; if any burden is to be borne, it slips from his back like water from a duck's. Such men are scabs on the face of Masonry, unsightly eruptions that require drastic remedies to remove. We have applied the remedy and the scabs are falling. We recommend it to our sister jurisdictions as a specific in cases of this kind.

Indeed, the above is an o'er true picture.

CANADA, JULY, 1889—32ND ANNUAL.

No truer sentiment is there than that conveyed by M. E. Grand High Priest R. B. Hungerford, when he said, "for myself I

would rather see fifty active Chapters in our jurisdiction than twice that number with many of them drifting into lethargy and inaction." He recommended the withdrawal of warrants from any which have not strictly complied with the Constitution.

Nevertheless, he granted dispensations for the formation of as many new Chapters. These were all chartered at this convocation. The committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry, alluding to one of these, made these remarks:

The reports state that harmony exists in all the districts, save one. The Grand Superintendent of Central alludes to unpleasantness at Brockville, and points out that this condition of unrest has created a demand for a new Chapter. The advisability of organizing a new Chapter is dealt with by the Committee on Warrants, and yet, your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Art ventures to remind Grand Chapter that prompt, but kindly measures should be taken to induce good will in the hearts of companions who must know that obligations are meaningless unless we bear and forbear—that Masonry means fellowship, not in word, but in act, and that bitterness of feeling is foreign to the spirit of the craft.

The finances are in excellent condition.

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

David McClellan, Hamilton, G. S. E.

Alabama for 1888 appears in the report on correspondence by Companion Henry Robertson, P. G. Z.

CONNECTICUT, MAY, 1889—91ST ANNUAL.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, A. E. Blakeslee, speaks well of the Craft, for it gives him pleasure to "report that all is well with us," and from every portion of the jurisdiction "good tidings of peace, harmony and prosperity" are received. The address is a concise and business document.

The tabular statement shows a marked increase in membership.

The cash balance grows, though by small degrees, yet it grows. No grievances are there to be reported.

John O. Rowland, Fair Haven, Grand High Priest.

Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Companion John H. Barlow again furnishes the review of proceedings, and Alabama for 1887 is therein found. He pays a

fitting tribute to the memory of our beloved Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre.

DAKOTA, JUNE, 1889—5TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest Henry S. Williams issued dispensations for three new Chapters. To two of these charters were granted, but in consequence of the report of the committee on transcripts of Chapters U. D., that the proceedings of one of them showed "a direct and flagrant violation of the landmarks of Masonry and of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter." This transcript was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Their report recommended the dissolution of the Chapter and the healing, &c., of those who had received any part of the degrees from it. The Grand Chapter refused to do this, however, and the following was offered, but what the Grand Chapter did with it is not mentioned:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grand Chapter that it is advisable for the M. E. Grand High Priest to extend the dispensation of Scotland Chapter and cause the officers to be fully instructed in the work, and that they be requested to send to the Grand Secretary a copy of the records of each meeting.

The Grand High Priest recommended that proper steps be taken looking to the formation of a Grand Chapter for the State of North Dakota, and a committee appointed for that purpose formulated a plan supremely equitable, and having the sanction of the G. G. High Priest. Whether this has been formed or not your committee is not advised, except that a telegram of June 11th, from Grand Secretary Wilder, says "twins were born."

John Davidson, Bismarck, Grand High Priest.

Thomas J. Wilder, Casselton, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary made the report on Correspondence, our proceedings for 1888 having passed in review. Of non-affiliates, Companion Wilder says:

There is one disturbing element among the craft—it is the unaffiliates. It seems no successful remedy has yet been devised. We believe the cause chargeable to two or three reasons. First, many are admitted among our numbers who *never* can be Masons. Second, that more care should be taken that applicants know what is expected of them, should they succeed in gaining admission. Lastly, the free will doctrine, which we believe to be

erroneous, that the large majority must suffer for the acts of the minority, or that the whole Lodge or Chapter must bow to the will of one worthless cuss, we don't now, nor do we wish to try to believe. Let them understand before-hand, that if they become Masons, they must help support the organization for a certain number of years, after which they have done their share, the burden must then be borne by the younger, either of paying dues or work in the lodge room, and we will do away with non-affiliation to a great degree.

DELAWARE—21ST ANNUAL.

The Roll of this Grand Chapter, even when it has attained to man's age, contains but three Chapters, numbered 1, 4 and 6. These were all represented at this Convocation. The G. H. Priest says, "The returns from two of the Chapters exhibit a very gratifying increase of membership; the third has not, I regret to say, added to her membership, but on account of death shows a decrease. All are working in entire accord."

He recommends that a knowledge of the preceding degree be a qualification for advancement. This was referred to G. G. Chapter.

Joseph A. Bond, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

James H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

It is an old saying "that misery loves company." This seems to be verified in the report of the committee on correspondence, which we subjoin in full:

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence would report that we have examined the several reports of the Grand Chapters, as reported received by the Grand Secretary. The craft in the several jurisdictions is in a healthy and flourishing state. Delaware has been kindly mentioned. Although some ridicule us for being so small, and not having the money to print the report on Foreign Correspondence, we might add that we are not alone in this matter.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DEC. 1888—22ND ANNUAL.

A Semi-annual Convocation was held in June, at which we do not see that any business of moment was transacted, which led, we suppose, to the introduction at the Annual Convocation of an amendment to the constitution requiring but one convocation each year. This was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, which reported in favor of its adoption, which was accordingly done.

The G. H. Priest, on account of illness, presided at neither convocation. The D. G. H. Priest presided over the Craft, and in his address is very certain of the most excellent effects of Grand visitations. It is the custom for the Grand Officers here to make an annual visit to each Chapter, and usually the occasion is celebrated by a lecture or address of some distinguished Companion. This is easily done in a jurisdiction confined to a city only, but in a large and scattered jurisdiction is almost, if not altogether, impossible.

The Royal Craft are enjoying continued prosperity, and though the work has not been large, yet, the increase is sufficient.

The financial report shows a good balance on hand.

Robert Ball, Grand High Priest.

L. G. Stephens, Grand Secretary.

Companion Wm. R. Singleton made a report on correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1887. This is compressed into 59 pages, although he had before him the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters, and several of them for two years—beating our ability to condense by four pages.

The death of Companion Daniel Sayre is kindly noticed.

FLORIDA, JANUARY, 1889—43D ANNUAL.

The Grand Secretary reports the "condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Florida as quite encouraging, as may be easily discovered by the number of working Chapters now on the roll, compared with the status a few years back."

Number of Chapters	14
Number of members.....	406
Being a gain during the year of ...	31
Exalted	49
Dimitted and suspended	22

The epidemic of the past year enlarged the necrological roll greatly.

Business purely local.

Marcus Endel, Gainesville, Grand High Priest.

DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

No report on correspondence,

GEORGIA, APRIL, 1889—67TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest J. W. Taylor congratulated Grand Chapter on the revival of interest in Capitular Masonry observable throughout the jurisdiction. Many Chapters which have lain dormant for years are giving evidence of life and activity. One new Chapter was organized U. D., and at this convocation chartered.

The finances of this Grand Chapter, which were a short time since in so deplorable a condition, are now, says the Grand High Priest, in a "helthy condition." We rejoice at this revival, and hope that ere long, we also, shall feel the effect of this wave of prosperity.

The Grand Chapter determined to hereafter devote two days to its business.

Number of Chapters	38
Exalted	211
Members.	1348

James W. Taylor, Luthersville, Grand High Priest.

A. M. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Companion Abram Love again made the report on correspondence, Alabama for 1887 being therein. He is suffering from the tightness of the financial belt, and can't expand. We know how it is ourself

INDIANA, OCTOBER, 1888—43D ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, Calvin W. Prather, in the opening of his address congratulates the Grand Chapter "upon the prosperity, peace, and good will that pervades the Royal Craft," and the returns show that in the first quality, at least, he is entirely correct.

One dispensation for the organization of a new Chapter was issued. This having presented good, true and square work was, by charter, authorized to continue.

Finances most excellent, notwithstanding an effort was made to raise the dues to 75 cents per capita, which, however, resulted in advancing them to 60 cents.

Daniel McDonald, Plymouth, Grand High Priest.

John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Companion Thomas B. Long, Past G. H. P., presented the review of proceedings, among which are those of Alabama for 1887.

IOWA, OCTOBER, 1888—35TH ANNUAL.

M. E. G. H. Priest, C. H. Cogswell, whose portrait graces one of the fly leaves of this pamphlet, informs us that the Craft has prospered in its several walks, and is peculiarly blessed.

He issued one dispensation for the formation of a new chapter, whose work, when brought up for inspection, merited and received a charter at this convocation.

He urged the establishment of a Masonic Home, and cited the example of Idaho particularly for emulation.

He drew the attention of the Grand Chapter to the application of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick for recognition, and recommended that some action be had in the matter. This new Grand Chapter was, accordingly, recommended to be formally recognized, and an exchange of representatives invited. This report was adopted, yet we find no resolution to that effect.

A money balance of \$7,161 is on hand.

He recommended some provision for the exaltation of candidates when a whole team is not presented, and the committee on jurisprudence, on this subject, report:

With reference to the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree, as referred to in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, your committee are of the opinion, from the repeated action had by this Grand Chapter, that the law is that the use of substitutes is not permitted in this Grand Jurisdiction. We recommend, therefore, that it shall be the duty of any subordinate Chapter, after having conferred the first three degrees, and one year having elapsed since the date of the election of the candidate, upon application of said candidate, jurisdiction shall be waived for that purpose, and the Royal Arch degree may be conferred upon him by any Chapter in this jurisdiction upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the Chapters interested, the candidate to retain membership in the Chapter in which he was elected. It being the intention not to forbid the conferring of the degree by any Chapter on a candidate from another Chapter at a shorter period if the Chapter having jurisdiction shall so request.

Henry C. McNeil, Sioux City, Grand High Priest.

Alf. Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

Companion R. L. Clarke reviewed the proceedings, giving ours favorable notice.

KANSAS, FEBRUARY, 1889—24TH ANNUAL.

The G. H. Priest, Geo. W. Post, declares himself "happy to report that the past year has been one of prosperity to the Order." The returns fully sustain this assertion. There are now on the roll 72 Chapters; there were exalted during the past year.....328 Dimitted.....113

Admitted109 Died..... 32

Reinstated..... 6 Suspended 50

— Expelled 2

Gain..... 343 Loss.....197

Deducting the loss from the gain gives 246 as the net gain. The Secretary reports 202. Adding this gain to the membership reported last year, and we would have 3,623, as the membership for 1888, not 3,589.

Dispensations for three new Chapters were issued, all of which were chartered at this convocation.

The committee on Returns of Chapters use this language:

We beg to reiterate, with emphasis, the recommendation of this committee, at the last session, to the effect that the returns of the chapters should be examined prior to the annual convocation, when all the data, necessary to give these returns an intelligent and exhaustive examination, can be placed at the command of the committee. It is a duty that this Grand Chapter owes to itself, as well as to its offspring, that the material, which is given a place in our rapidly building temple, should have more than a mere cursory inspection. We sincerely trust that, if necessary, financial provision will be made at this session to secure this desired end.

Robert E. Torrington, Emporia, Grand High Priest.

John H. Brown. Kansas City, Grand Secretary.

Companion John H. Brown furnished the review of proceedings, Alabama for 1887 being among them.

KENTUCKY, OCTOBER, 1888—73D ANNUAL.

On reading the address of G. H. Priest, J. Soule Smith, we were impressed with the tone of despondency pervading it. The same advised us, however, that he had issued a dispensation for the formation of a new chapter, and the proceedings show that

this was deemed worthy of a charter. The tabular statement shows no great increase to be sure, but still there is an increase, and no retrogression.

He complains because his duties have been so little onerous, and fears that this "betokens inactivity and sluggish nature," and that "this most beautiful branch of Free Masonry has, in some measure, lost its hold upon the fraternity, and to have become merely a stepping stone to the orders of Knighthood."

He refused to issue dispensations to confer degrees out of time, because not authorized by the constitution ("not nominated in the bond") and the committee on jurisprudence "suggest that the committee on revision of the constitution incorporate a provision in same" giving to G. H. P. this power.

He makes an earnest appeal in behalf of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home. Concluding his address thus—

At last, my companions, I prepare to resign the Mitre and the Breastplate to him who is to come after me. My work, such as it is, is finished. May my memory be a savory one among you. I love my companions and their great and glorious work. I have toiled with you in the quarries; I have eaten with you of the hidden manna and the Fourth Vail awaits me. When I am gone from among you may every one, when asked the dwelling place of my image be able to put his hand upon his heart and say "it is buried here."

Henry G. Dandifer, Danville, Grand High Priest.

Joseph H. Branham, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Companion James W. Staton, P. G. H. P., presented the review of proceedings, and a most excellent one it is, the more particularly when we consider the embarrassing conditions surrounding him. At least, he tells us they were embarrassing, notwithstanding for years he had been the Correspondent of his Grand Lodge. Nevertheless he gives Alabama, for 1887, an excellent and fraternal notice, paying a handsome tribute to our venerable P. G. H. P. Peleg Brown.

LOUISIANA, FEBRUARY, 1889—42ND ANNUAL.

This Grand Chapter is afflicted, as many of our Southern Grand Chapters are, with a very great tendency to shrink. This shrinkage so constantly goes on as to refuse to be longer unobserved. Notwithstanding, among many of those companions that are left,

there is noticeable an increased zeal, which, if persisted in, will yet bear fruit. One Chapter, which had been for some time almost dead, however, was revived, the proper restoratives having been promptly applied.

The G. H. Priest, Herman C. Duncan, declares that in his visitations the diversity of work was forced on his attention. He thinks that a book or cipher will have to be used or a Grand Lecturer appointed. The committee on work, however, cannot see how the expense of a Grand Lecturer is to be met, and conclude that the work must be exemplified at each session of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was duly recognized.

Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria, Grand High Priest.

James C. Batchelor, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE, MAY, 1888—63RD ANNUAL.

We failed to get this pamphlet last year, but are now pleased to have it before us, for the proceedings of this Grand Chapter are always most welcome. Grand High Priest James M. Nevins issued a dispensation for a new Chapter, which was chartered at this convocation; so, also, was another whose application for a dispensation was made so near the time of meeting of Grand Chapter that the Grand High Priest referred the matter to the Grand Chapter.

The growth in membership was quite reasonable, and the D. D. Grand High Priest report the Craft generally in fair condition. The D. G. H. Priest says that "Uniformity is the watchword all along the line."

The cash balance increases slowly, to be sure, but it increases nevertheless.

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

George W. Goulding, Oakland, Grand High Priest.

Ira Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond made the report on Correspondence, reviewing in it the proceedings of Alabama for 1887. From his report we extract his table of statistics for the information of Companions,

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions & Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. for Non-paym't dues.	Deaths.
Alabama.....	572	35	20	15	0	0	9	10
Arkansas.....	1,511	151	42	40	1	1	28	14
California.....	4,292	212	102	72	1	0	42	68
Canada.....	3,441	198	39	123	0		*139	44
Colorado.....	1,292	80	19	39	1		*39	15
Connecticut.....	4,286	186	46	11		*7	36	59
Dakota.....	1,075	134	28	33	0		*5	9
Delaware.....	292	26	1	3	0		*4	5
District of Columbia.....	1,363	122	27	14	0	4	15	13
Florida.....	364	62	34	9	0		*1	7
Georgia.....	1,172	109	23	38	0		*26	17
Illinois.....	12,508	837	134	309	4		*293	163
Indiana.....	4,927	320	60	146	3	11	73	55
Iowa.....	6,503	440	98	255	5		*129	72
Kansas.....	3,377	347	90	95	2		*49	30
Kentucky.....	2,202	126	43	68	0		*62	27
Louisiana.....	625	28	5	7	0		*15	14
Maine.....	4,463	232	18	60	0	0	47	66
Maryland.....	1,236	95	11	37	0		*16	19
Massachusetts.....	10,138	590		149	0		131	146
Michigan.....	9,020	590	91	175	9	5	139	102
Minnesota.....	3,071	241	48	83	0	2	10	30
Mississippi.....	1,120	67	18	17	0	0	40	23
Missouri.....	5,100	415	107	110	0		*119	69
Nebraska.....	1,940	260	194	75	0		*32	18
Nevada.....	353	9	8	12	0	0	7	4
New Brunswick.....	402	27		6	0		*17	2
New Hampshire.....	2,536	104	2	20	1	0	24	42
New Jersey.....	2,533	163	42	44	0		*108	35
New York.....	15,332	934	206	233			*+563	202
North Carolina.....	657	35	7	10	0	1	6	1
Nova Scotia.....	510	21	7	23	0	0	0	5
Ohio.....	10,817	758	198	248	19		316	133
Oregon.....	866	45	15	10	0	0	19	13
Pennsylvania.....	11,998	691	121	112	5		*235	188
Quebec.....	443	14	20	12	0		*15	4
Rhode Island.....	1,779	62	4	6	0	0	11	27
South Carolina.....	264	4	9	6	0	0	22	5
Tennessee.....	1,888	97	74	40	1	1	27	30
Texas.....	3,869	299	98	148	6		*78	53
Vermont.....	2,132	109	4	20	0		*4	38
Virginia.....	1,384	61	39	64	0	0	17	10

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions & Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. for Non-paym't dues.	Deaths.
Washington	329	77	29	9	0	0	0	3
West Virginia§.....	529	69	5	10	0	1	11	7
Wisconsin.....	4,220	220	35	64	2	..	*54	45
General Grand Chapter	1,118	82	32	32	0	..	*3	7
	149,903	9784	2253	3112	60	33	3035	1949

* Including suspensions for U. M. C., and those stricken from the roll.

† Including expulsions

§ No Proceedings received; same as last year.

MASSACHUSETTS, DECEMBER, 1888—38TH ANNUAL.

At the several quarterly convocations of this Grand Chapter much of the business is transacted, thus relieving the annual convocation of consumption of time.

At the annual the several degrees were exemplified immediately after the Grand Chapter had been opened, and at 1:10 the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment, when it proceeded to the banquet hall, and doubtless each member did justice to the "substantial dinner" there provided.

Grand High Priest, Arthur G. Pollard, says, "It is my privilege to congratulate you upon a prosperous condition of affairs throughout the jurisdiction."

Of granting dispensations he says :

For reasons which seemed to me good and sufficient, I have granted during the year six dispensations. But I have long been of the opinion that there is a tendency towards an excessively liberal exercise of this high privilege, or rather a tendency towards a too frequent expression of a desire to have dispensations granted, which is not in the line of influences to promote the welfare of Chapter Masonry. The simple convenience of the applicant is not a good and sufficient reason for the exercise of this power. Undue frequency in the use of this prerogative has a tendency to weaken the moral force of regular and systematic work, and affords encouragement for carelessness and disregard

of certain proprieties which is not consistent with the dignity of this Grand Body.

Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell, Grand High Priest.

Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Companion Rev. J. W. Dadmun again presented the Correspondence report; Alabama for 1887 receives fraternal notice.

As his views in relation to the diminishing the number of non-affiliates are to us novel, we give them to you entire:

The increasingly large number of the unaffiliated is startling. In the Capitular Statistics for 1887, the number is 6,341, against 8,969 exaltations. If we subtract from the unaffiliated the number of "admissions and restorations," 1,999, we still have remaining 4,342. An approximate estimate, at that rate, for the last fifteen years—making liberal allowance for deaths and restorations—will give about 50,000 unaffiliated Chapter Masons. The table shows that about one-half of that number have been dimitted. No wonder our growth in membership is so small. The net increase for the year is only 2,749, in a membership of 146,339; and the increase of the non-affiliated is 4,342, including expulsions and suspensions.

Now, we ask, is there not something radically wrong in the general and special regulations governing membership? We think this question opens the subject in the right direction, and suggests an answer to our first question, at least an entering wedge.

Petition the Grand Chapter for authority to place on an *honorary or retired list*, free from dues, those members who have rendered valuable service to the Fraternity, the indigent, aged and infirm, and those that may wish to be excused from attending Masonic meetings. We cannot ignore the fact that ill health, family afflictions, and changed business regulations often make it difficult, if not impossible, for some Companions to attend convocations as they have been wont to do.

If an honest Mason could be honorably excused from attending Masonic meetings, and consequently from paying dues, it would be an act of kindness that Companions, under some circumstances would highly appreciate, and which would obviate the necessity of asking for a dimit. It certainly could not conflict with any fundamental principle of the Order, but would be in keeping with that charity that "seeketh not her own," and "doth not behave itself unseemly." Is there any justice or equity in requiring members to pay dues to the Grand Chapter or its subordinates when, for any good reason, they cannot attend Masonic meetings? And yet, if they have been true to their obligations, they should be retained on the list of the affiliated, rather than forced into the column of the dimitted or suspended.

We have lived long enough to know many men, and Masons,

too, who are obliged to deprive themselves of social enjoyments which once they could well afford. And they are men that will not ask of any social organization, to which they belong, to be placed on the roll of beggars. Heaven bless them for their manliness.

We have thrown out these thoughts, not because they are all that can be written upon the subject, but in the hope that correspondents will aid in solving the problem.

MARYLAND, NOVEMBER, 1889—92ND ANNUAL.

By holding our report until after our Annual Convocation we have been enabled to add this to our exceedingly scant notice of the several Grand Chapters.

The G. H. Priest, Joseph F. Hindes, speaks of the "activity manifested" in some of the Chapters, and says, "that nothing has occurred to mar the companionship prevailing." And the Grand Lecturer says, "the condition of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction is very satisfactory, the work is being well done."

The G. H. Priest regrets that the finances are not in better condition, and cautions the companions to care in expenditures. Yet the financial report shows a balance of \$814.

Robert K. Martin, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

George L. McCahan, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Companion E. T. Schultz, P. D. Grand High Priest, made the report on correspondence, reviewing therein Alabama for 1888. In this he expresses the hope that "renewed interest and activity may be infused into Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction." Reference being had to our introduction will show that in our opinion this condition is beginning to be realized. We quote:

A Lodge does not, and cannot *bind* itself to give an applicant the degrees. For, after a favorable ballot is had upon his petition, an objection from any member, even one who may have voted favorably, will prevent the conferring of the degrees upon the applicant.

MICHIGAN, JANUARY, 1889—40TH ANNUAL.

The condition of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction is progressive and the membership is growing well. Two dispensations for new Chapters were issued, and an application for a third received. Charters were ordered for the three.

The Brethren of Grand Rapids have determined upon a Ma-

sonic Home, and the G. H. Priest, B. F. Watts, recommended it to the favorable consideration of the Grand Chapter.

The dues to this Grand Chapter were reduced from fifty to forty cents, thereby making a loss of some near \$600, while the expenses were increased. This condition induced the Finance committee to forego any appropriation for reprinting the early proceedings.

William Wente, Manistee, Grand High Priest.

William P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary.

Companion Innes, P. G. H. P., presented the report on correspondence, such as this Companion alone can present, but in it we fail to find Alabama.

MINNESOTA, OCTOBER, 1888—27TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest, Wm. F. Dickinson, says that, "The condition of the several Chapters in this jurisdiction seems to be generally good, and fairly prosperous." The returns sustain this position.

The finances are also in good shape, but he cautions Grand Chapter against extravagance lest debt and its attendant evils ensue. There is at present a good surplus which he recommends be carefully invested.

A dispensation for a new Chapter was issued by him, which, at this convocation, was ordered a charter.

He desires Grand Chapter to provide a fixed and uniform form of installation, and Mackey's was subsequently adopted.

He concludes his address with the following:

Our institution long since passed beyond the sphere of the architect and has been built upon a solid and permanent foundation. If your tastes do not happen to correspond with all the details of its construction do not on that account attempt to engraft novelties on the finished structure lest you spoil the symmetry of the whole. It remains to you to illustrate and explain its allegories and inculcate its precepts. It depends much upon you who compose the Grand Councils of our chapters whether the August Royal Arch shall be rendered in all its beautiful dramatic excellence or be degraded to a roaring farce—remember that sensible men are disgusted when they see irreverent trifling with holy things. In some quarters there seems to be a disposition to disparage the work of Capitular Masonry—one says they do hardly anything but confer degrees. Well, if the ceremonies of gaining admission within the veils have been properly rendered, if the candidate has been taught the full import of our

interesting symbols, has had holiness to the Lord engraven on his thoughts, deeds and actions, then who shall say that Royal Arch Masonry has not left its impress on the whole body of Masonry, the lodge as well as the chapter. Finally,

"Crown your temple with your art,
Beautify it with your grace,
And ever keep your altar as sacred
As the most holy place."

Charles L. West, Austin, Grand High Priest.

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

This latter, as usual, presented his condensed report on correspondence, and introduces it thus:

And we believe that we make our report more instructive to the companions in this jurisdiction by citing the well digested opinions and discussions of such companions, than in quoting resolutions hastily adopted or actions ill considered by Grand Bodies.

Alabama for 1887 receives fraternal notice.

Since the above was written the following action of this Grand Chapter, at its convocation held in Sept. 1889, with the edict of the G. H. Priest, based thereon, came to hand. The edict forbids any recognition of or any connection with Cerneau Masonry:

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter recognizes as legitimate in this country the Grand Lodges of the respective states, the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, and the Grand R. A. Chapter of the respective states; the General Grand Council of R. S. M. of the United States and the Grand Councils of the respective states; the Grand Encampment of the United States and the Grand Commandery K. T. of the respective states; the Supreme Council of the North Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Henry L. Palmer is Grand Commander; the Supreme Council of the South Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Albert Pike is Grand Commander, with their respective constituent bodies.

WHEREAS, An element of discord and disturbance has arisen within this jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, This disturbing element is known as the "Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the U S., their Territories and Dependencies," and commonly known as the "Cerneau" body, which have been declared spurious and illegitimate by numerous Grand Bodies, and who have never received any recognition by any Supreme Council in the world save by the Grand Orient of France; and,

WHEREAS, The Grand Orient of France having eliminated the

name of God from its rituals, and thereby placed themselves outside of the pale of masonic recognition; be it therefore

Resolved, That any Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter receive or take any so-called masonic degrees from any man or body of men not hereinbefore mentioned and recognized and admitted as legitimate, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry.

Resolved, That any Royal Arch Mason who shall communicate or sell, or be present at, or assist in, the conferring, communicating or selling, or soliciting anyone to receive or apply for any so-called masonic degree or degrees not hereinbefore recognized and admitted, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to issue his edict to this effect, and that all companions of his obedience, now allied with these spurious bodies, withdraw from them under penalty of expulsion from all rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry.

MISSISSIPPI, FEBRUARY, 1889—41ST ANNUAL.

The condition of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction is by no means flattering, though there are indications in these proceedings of an awakening among the Companions which gives promise of a better state in the very near future. God grant the fulfillment of this promise.

The revenues of this Grand Chapter, like our own, are greatly strained by the expenses, so much so that the Grand Secretary, J. L. Power, recommended a reduction to his pay, and Grand Chapter did so reduce it and suspended the salary of the Grand Treasurer until the Grand Chapter shall be enabled to pay the same "without embarrassment." It also diminished the pay to Representatives.

A motion to amend the statutes so as to exempt aged masons from dues was introduced, and the following adopted, the committee on Jurisprudence reporting:

8. While we are unalterably opposed to the creation of any grade in Masonry by which one brother is elevated upon a plane above any other, and by which the principle is destroyed that all meet upon equality in a Masonic body, we recognize that those who have borne the heat and burden of the day are entitled to receive the reward of their labors, and recommend the adoption of the following as an additional regulation for the governing of Chapters:

SECTION —. Any Royal Arch Mason who is more than seventy

years of age, and who has been a member of some Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for a period aggregating twenty one years, shall be a life member of the Chapter in which he holds membership, and shall be exempt from dues, either to the Chapter or Grand Chapter.

The same committee made the following report on the force of objection to a candidate, which was also adopted :

4. The right to object to the admission of, or advancement of, a candidate is a personal privilege which the objector exercises without accountability to any one. He cannot be questioned regarding his motives, and is not required to prefer charges. The language of our Regulations, section 48, strips the question of all the sentimental nonsense with which some have sought to envelope it. It is the inalienable right of the man who is *in* to keep out the man who is *out*, as long as he pleases, and it is for him to settle with his own conscience the right and the wrong of the matter. A Mason who interposes a groundless objection, wrongs himself and the craft more than the candidate, and one who fails to object to an unworthy applicant is a coward and a traitor to the cause. Both may inflict irreparable injury upon the craft, but the danger is not comparable to that which would be done by overthrowing the fundamental principle that every Mason is accountable to his conscience alone in such a matter.

Companion A. D. Bailey, Waterford, Grand High Priest.

J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Companion Savery once more comes to the front bearing a most excellent report from the committee on Correspondence. Alabama for 1887 receives fraternal notice. In it the following tribute to two of our most prominent and honored Companions :

Appropriate tribute was paid to the memory of that grand veteran in Masonry, Peleg Brown, "the first among his equals," who had passed on to the "land of rest;" and as we pen these lines, just one year from to-night from the date of this convocation, we are reminded that another seat is vacant in the Grand Chapter of Alabama that few Companions can fill as well as the lamented Sayre. Brown and Sayre, the Jachin and Boaz of the Masonic Temple of Alabama, have fallen, but their places will be filled with workmen good and true, that will uphold the banner of the Fraternity and keep step in the grand march to the place of wages, refreshment and rest.

MISSOURI, MAY, 1888—41ST ANNUAL.

The proceedings from this Grand Chapter were missed by us last year, but we hail their presence now.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Reuben Barney, says, that "peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction," and also, that "the craft are in a prosperous and healthy condition."

A dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter was issued, which sent up such work as to warrant the granting it a charter.

He recommended the increase of the salary of the Grand Secretary, and this was done, adding \$200 yearly by an unanimous vote. How strangely and lamentably this contrasts with the strained circumstances of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi? But this Grand Chapter has a large cash balance on hand, which is constantly increasing.

William B. Wilson, Cape Girardeau, Grand High Priest.

William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Companion Mayo presented an excellent report on correspondence, reviewing our proceedings for 1887. He has compiled the best statistical tables we have met with, and which we would copy but for the expense. We feel constrained, however, to give you an extract from his conclusion, because from the same State we were read so effusive a lecture because of our views on the saloon question. *Vide* report on correspondence, 1888, Missouri.

A large majority of the Grand Officers who preside, and those who write reports on correspondence, especially if they have done so for several years, are good, sound, logical writers, who understand and expound the principles of Freemasonry in an intelligent and creditable manner. But once in a while we strike a veritable crank or fanatic, who picks up some one subject, or a single idea, or becomes wedded to a fad, and at once constitutes himself a great reformer, and flies to the stump, to the platform, or wields his pen in defense of his particular ism, believing that he can revolutionise the world and cause all men (and women too) to follow his bidding or adopt his narrow-minded fad of mushroom growth. At one time it is a particular dogma, or sectarian belief; then, perhaps, "Bogus Masonry" that is the irritating subject, but the worst ism of all, the one that crops out more frequently and takes on the most violent paroxysms is the "Temperance Fad." How strange it is that some men who have assumed the obligations of Masonry, who profess to understand its tenets, and yet take hold of only one of the many cardinal virtues of our noble Order and go wild, or temporarily insane, or the one subject, forgetting, and in many cases violating, such tenets as Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, overlooking, and even trampling under foot, such cardinal virtues as Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. The writings and harangues of such would-be reformers, as a rule, are only fit for a salvation army audience, or a crowd gathered from the gutters and slums of a

great city, altogether out of place and inappropriate in a Lodge or Grand Lodge, a Chapter or Grand Chapter of Freemasons. Our fraternity is to be congratulated on having but few of such intolerant bores, and also on the fact that they are soon relegated to the realms of oblivion, and Freemasonry marches on its good work of making men and communities better for its existence, its many tenets and virtues, and particularly its toleration.

We also have the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1889, held in April, and we have rarely read with more profit and pleasure any address than that of the Grand High Priest, Wm. B. Wilson. Notwithstanding the limits placed upon us by our financial condition we will give you a part of it:

The Supreme Grand Master no longer speaks as He did to Moses from the burning bush, but He has given us the moral and spiritual designs, clearly drawn in the "Book of the Law," which is the Mason's guide.

He has also given us His Book of Nature, from whose mysterious arches science is unlocking hidden truths, with tireless energies which show that in goodness and wisdom God created all. The true Mason is ever a searcher after truth, as well as a dispenser of light; hence, he seeks through science and revelation that knowledge which will enable him to prove his work by square, plumb-line and level, so that it will be approved by the Master Overseer. His moral grandeur and spiritual purity are developed while he is traveling the "rough and rugged road" of life. He has seen the rough ashler from the quarries raised, hewn, and numbered for its place in the pillar of strength or beauty. He has seen the "stone which the *builders* rejected," recovered from the ruins, and made the "headstone of the corner."

Thus, one by one, the great truths of the Order have been unfolded before his astonished vision, and the sublime moral lessons have shown him that his body must be squared, marked, and numbered in the quarries of earth, before he can be admitted into the Celestial Temple, "that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." Under the inspiration of our noble craft, he has wrought intelligently with crow, pick and spade, clearing the rubbish from the deep foundations of human thought, and brought to light many treasures; he learns that the law of his being binds man to brotherhood, and that beyond the portals of the tomb they are to be reunited in the Celestial Lodge above, where the designs on the trestle board will be complete and where the Supreme Grand H. P. of the Universe will welcome all true companions. Now the incense of devotion is burning in his true heart both day and night, while joys' golden bowl is filled to overflowing, as Masonic charity, radiant with peace and plenty, has dispelled the gloom of strife and want. He finds "Masonry a beautiful system of morals, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," and that it has made his heart expand

in benevolence, until, like the blue dome and decked canopy of heaven, it is universal, and finds its expressions in brotherly love, relief and truth. Although the history of the beginning of our noble craft is to some extent unknown, certain it is, that the truth of the traditions of the Order, is proven by the history and architecture of all civilization. The Nile, Elephanta, and the East, as well as Zion, by their mighty and marvelous ruins, are silent, though faithful witnesses of master workmen, whose skill and fidelity were everywhere in demand and commanded masters' wages. The widow's son, by his matchless art and great industry, did forever set the seal of nobility on honest, intelligent labor. Faithful in the performance of every duty to family, neighbor, country, and God, he exemplified the character and virtue of a just and upright Mason. The past is full of instruction, and the present is full of encouragement. Still, sorrow's cup is not empty. Bereavement and disappointment admonish us that all must travel the rough and rugged road which none seek, but all must enter. We realize that from the checkered pavement below, to the inner arch of the sacred tabernacle, the invisible arm of death is over all; but to the true Mason it has no terror. By faith he has been given to lift the veil and see the light beyond, and he knows that by the aid of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, he shall be raised and exalted to companionship around the Golden Throne of the Great I Am.

One dispensation for a new chapter was issued, and this received its charter at this convocation.

A cut representing the Masonic Home of Missouri is found in this pamphlet.

An appropriation was made for a P. G. H. Priest, now old and in want. Thus, also, did Michigan show her appreciation of a revered destitute Grand Officer.

It was resolved that hereafter no Chapter should be named after any living person.

We find a complete table of statistics of the Royal Craft for the United States, which we wish we had room to insert in this report. We would, however, call Companion Mayo's attention to the fact that if in 1887 the number of affiliates was 143,448, and the net gain in 1888 was 4,319, the membership in 1888 should be 147,767, and not 146,414.

James P. Wood, New London, Grand High Priest.

Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Companion Mayo was again the Correspondent, and Alabama for 1888 receives full notice.

NEBRASKA, DECEMBER, 1888—22ND ANNUAL.

Lucius D. Richards, Grand High Priest, announces "our order is at peace both at home and abroad, and it gives me pleasure to report that our subordinate Chapters have, during the past year, enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity."

In his address he makes these pertinent remarks:

The true Mason is he who helps his Order to effect its great purpose. The Order can do nothing by itself apart from its members. It has its part in teaching, they have their part to do in practicing what it teaches, else its purpose cannot be accomplished. It is one of God's instruments in the world for doing good. It is a force and power which when used in inculcating loving-kindness and charity will build up a monument of social purity such as will become the nation's glory.

Dispensations were issued authorizing the formation of three new Chapters, all of which received charters at this Convocation.

The Grand Lecturer calls attention to the imperfection of the furniture of some of the Chapters, as also to the need of some certain guide in the work. The committee to whom this was referred recommended, and it was adopted—

That so much of said address as refers to the characters upon the "ark," and also to the advisability of having a correct cipher work prepared, together with so much of the Grand Lecturer's report as refers to the same subjects, be referred to a special committee of three, to report not later than the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter.

An appeal to Grand Chapter for aid towards the Masonic Home was made by the Chairman of the Committee of the Grand Lodge on that subject, and Grand Chapter took \$2,000 of the stock. To collect as much as possible of the outstanding indebtedness to extinct Chapters, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the dues of any companion remaining on the rolls of our extinct Chapters shall be reduced one half if he obtains a Grand Chapter certificate of dismission during the year ending October 31, 1889.

By an amendment to the Constitution provision is made for a permanent committee to be annually appointed to codify the laws

and decisions. So we presume each year's proceedings will contain all decrees in force.

Charles A. Holmes, Tecumseh, Grand High Priest.

William R. Bowen, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence was made by Companion Bowen. Alabama for 1887 is found in its usual place. He pays fitting tribute to the virtues of our lamented Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre.

NEVADA, JUNE, 1888—15TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Robert L. Fulton, congratulated Grand Chapter upon the fact, that though the various Chapters were active and at work, no questions had been submitted to him for his decision. In this connection he aptly says:

The truth is that in nine cases out of ten an appeal to the Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge would be unnecessary if it were not desired to make a departure from the well established rules and principles of the Order, and when we know so well how desirable it is to preserve all the ancient landmarks unimpaired, we feel that the efforts put forth by some subordinate bodies to obtain modifications of them reflect no credit upon those who so constantly make them.

He bemoans the number of non-affiliates and urges Chapters to be very careful in the admission of visitors, and the Grand Chapter adopted the following recommendation of the committee on the address:

We also recommend the adoption of a regulation by this Grand Chapter that non-affiliates residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, be required to pay an amount equal to the amount of dues charged by the Chapter in the Jurisdiction of which they are residing, and if they should fail or refuse to pay the same for three months, after being notified by the Secretary, the said non-affiliate shall be deprived of the right of visitation.

He urged the annual publication of the Proceedings instead of biennially, and the committee on finance recommended the same, and that the report on Correspondence shall not exceed thirty-two pages. An excellent epitome of forty Proceedings was prepared by Companion Frank Bell in nineteen pages.

The reason for such strict economy is apparent from the report

on finance, which shows that the expenses in the last two years have exceeded the revenue by more than \$450.

The Grand Secretary reported as having received both returns and dues from all the Chapters.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was duly recognized.

Enoch Strother, Virginia City, Grand High Priest.

Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, MAY, 1888—70TH ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, John Francis Webster, declares that, "never in the history of Freemasonry, has our fraternity been more prosperous than at the present time;" and, again, that by the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer "it will be seen that our subordinate Chapters are in a prosperous condition."

We find that the average membership to a Chapter is 120, Chapters being few but strong.

Owing to the condition of the finances a special Convocation for the exemplification of the work was pretermitted. Resort was had at the previous Convocation to an assessment of 15 cents to meet the liabilities and expenses of the Grand Chapter. This raised the balance on hand from \$76.20 to \$303.74. The dues were somewhat increased at this Convocation.

Harlan P. Goodrich, Lebanon, Grand High Priest.

George P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Secretary.

Companion Albert S. Wait, P. G. H. P., again made the report on Correspondence, not including Alabama, however.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, MAY, 1889—71ST ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, Harlan P. Goodrich, also speaks of the "continued peace and prosperity" of this jurisdiction. The tables show a reasonable amount of work done, and the Treasurer's report shows a constant improvement in the finances, yet the special Convocation for the exemplification of the work was again deferred that the treasury might be the better able to bear the expense.

The business was purely local in character.

Nathan Parker Hunt, Manchester, Grand High Priest.

George Perley Cleaves, Concord, Grand Secretary.

Companion Wait again made the report on Correspondence, this time embracing in it our Proceedings for 1887 and 1888.

NEW JERSEY, MAY, 1889—33RD ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, Leonald L. Grear, gives a picture of the prosperous condition of the Royal Craft. There came to his knowledge a case of duplication of the same mark in a chapter, and thinks that Grand Chapter should make some provision for preventing a recurrence of the same in the future. The committee to which this was referred provided that hereafter the secretary of the chapter should "refuse to record a duplicate of any mark already recorded."

He uses in his address this language:

Is it suprising that, when informalities are indulged in, Chapters should be used merely as stepping-stones for higher degrees; that Companions receiving degrees should fail to have any interest awakened or desire to attend the regular convocations to see degrees communicated or to elect officers to perpetuate or continue such irregularities.

Truly, my Companions, death is preferable to dishonor, and such Chapters had far better lapse into eternal dormancy and court oblivion than stoop to disreputable practices. In view of this condition of affairs, I strongly advise that the Grand Chapter take action tending to the discontinuance of this evil.

The evil alluded to is gathered from the following report of the committee on this subject:

Your committee on Constitutions respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matters referred to us by the Grand Chapter, and are of opinion that the esoteric ritual of the Capitular Degrees should, in all cases, be delivered from memory, and that all other means of rendering the same in the work of the Chapter are irregular; and we therefore recommend the prohibition thereof.

The financial condition of Grand Chapter is good; increase in membership, slight.

Nathan V. Compton, Rahway, Grand High Priest.

George B. Edwards, Jersey City, Grand Secretary.

Companion Henry Vehslage was the reviewer, having under notice our proceedings for 1888. Tribute is paid by him to the memory of our late Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre. He closes his review as follows:

We have reached the end of the pleasant labor assigned us. It has been a delight to gather the gems of thought found in the various records of proceedings, and combine them so that their sparkle and radiance shall gladden all who read. And for this class the resume of the work of the year will also show that Capitular Masonry is prospering, even though some outstanding differences of opinion still continue.

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY, 1889—92ND ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest William Sherer, after a fitting tribute to the long list of distinguished dead, says that, "the condition of the Royal Craft is most satisfactory," and "a great many of the Chapters have accomplished an unusual amount of work." The Grand Secretary reports a net increase in numbers of 41. There were exalted during the year no less than 1,003; affiliated 68; and against this last we find the dimitted numbered 281. There were restored 133, and suspended 609. These figures show that in many instances the capitular degrees were only a stepping stone to becoming the plumed Knight. Fuss and feathers will have their attraction for men as well as women. Total R. A. Masons 15,366.

The Craft is congratulated upon the general uniformity of what is also styled good and efficient work.

G. H. Priest says what should rejoice all Masons:

I know you will all rejoice with me at the near approach of an event which should cause the heart of every true companion to beat with joy and gladness. The debt on the Hall has been extinguished, a site for the Masonic Home has been selected, and at no distant day we shall attain the object for which we have so long and arduously labored—the erection and completion of an edifice that shall be a refuge for the widow and the orphan, and an institution for the care and support of the dependent and needy brother. It is a matter of congratulation that we are to-day so near the realization of our hopes, and a cause of thankfulness that the shaping of our ideal dream into a tangible, practical reality will soon be accomplished. When that happy day shall dawn, then in truth will blessed Charity abide with us, and Masonry take its stand upon a broader and a higher plane in the great Jurisdiction of New York.

And Companion Ogden, for the committee on Correspondence, of this also says:

It is the consummation of a glorious enterprise, having its inception many years ago, and, we think, in the Grand Chapter,

but mainly moved forward to completion with the assistance of all branches of the Fraternity, by the Grand Lodge of the State, which, after all, is the solid rock upon which all rest upon a safe and secure base. The Temple now stands in the centre of the great Metropolitan City of the continent, a home and meeting place for its Masons numbered by the thousands, full of wealth, enterprise and intelligence, and out from which will go forth an annual and an ample stipend to support and make comfortable the widows and to educate the orphans of Masons within the State, and thus it becomes the crowning glory of Freemasonry in the State of New York.

We find that the expenditures somewhat exceeded the revenue, so says the table of receipts and expenditures, yet there is a good safe balance on hand.

Richard H. Parker, Syracuse, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

The report on correspondence is opened by Companion Darius A. Ogden, with a review of this Grand Chapter from its inception, and a slight allusion to the stormy days of the anti-masonic political excitement. Alabama for 1887 receives full notice. Commenting on Companion Screws' address he made the following remarks:

Recognizing the great importance of a system of official visitation, the Grand High Priest expresses the hope "that in another year we will be in such a condition, financially, that the officers will be enabled to visit every Chapter in the State." If such a thing can be done no wiser suggestion could be made, nor in practice could anything be better or more practically useful. It would encourage the Craft, stimulate to activity and produce lasting good effects.

NORTH CAROLINA, MAY, 1889—41st ANNUAL.

G. H. P. George H. Bell, wrote his address under feelings of despondency such as nearly overwhelmed us when commencing our report a year or two ago, and what attendant circumstances have not yet entirely removed. He like ourself would like to know the cause or causes of the decadence of R. A. Masonry in the extreme south. He thus speaks:

Companions, I ask you to look at the records of our last Grand Chapter and note the decay; there you will find that there have been fifty Chapters organized in the State, and out of that number *only fifteen* appear to have *any life at all*, and some of them

are only existing. What is the cause of this?—for there certainly is a cause, and the sooner we get at the root of this deadly malady the better it will be for us.

Why are the meetings of the Subordinate Chapters so poorly attended? Each Chapter has some special reason which it would offer; but I am convinced that there are some evils which are general—some aggravating sores, which, if not soon cauterized, will sap the life out of our beloved Order in this State.

There was, however, a moderate growth in the chapters, notwithstanding the Grand Secretary complains as follows:

I regret that special efforts on my part during the year to revive dormant Chapters were not successful.

The G. H. Priest recommended the division of the State into districts, and the appointment of a Lecturer for each district. We do not find that any thing was done about it.

At the last annual convocation a committee was appointed to report upon the advisability of holding the session bi-ennially, instead of annually. This committee simply asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. This ends that matter.

The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick received recognition.

Morris M. Katz, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

Donald W. Bain, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

Companion James Southgate, P. G. H. Priest, made the report on correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1887 and 1888. It being late to-night, the print being exceedingly fine is trying to our eyes. Yet, we cannot forbear expressing our deep sympathy over his bereavement, for we but as yesterday mourned over the same loss as one not to be comforted.

OHIO, OCTOBER, 1888—7²ND ANNUAL.

The Grand High Priest, William B. Hillman, during the year found it necessary to grapple with the Cerneau monster, and in some Chapters to attempt to strangle it. This he did by declaring the election of those belonging to that system to the offices of these Chapters null and void, and ordering new elections. In one instance, however, these resorted to the civil courts to obtain an order restraining him. This case is still pending. He recommended that Grand Chapter pass an edict to expel all such from the Chapter and from R. A. Masonry. The committees

(for it was referred to two jointly) to whom these were referred however, say that "the joint committee therefore report their inability to approve the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest." Their conclusion is based upon two decisions previously made, which require that charges should be made, a trial had, and upon these only can an installation be stopped. "The control over the actions of subordinate Chapters in such matters should be confined to the exercise of appellate supervision."

He is urgent in pressing upon the companions the necessity of providing a Masonic Home, and shows how easily this could be accomplished if each companion within the jurisdiction would only submit to a tax of but fifty cents annually. Unfortunately that little word *if* stands in the way. There is no doubt that could this be accomplished, in the very near future there might be provided ample accommodation for the worthy destitute in every jurisdiction.

The cash balance is large, and annually increasing.

There are 164 Chapters, 11,151 members; increase during the year, 325.

James W. Iredell, Jr., Cincinnati, Grand High Priest.

Nat H. Watt, Chillicothe, Grand Secretary.

Companion Graff M. Acklin made the report on Correspondence, in which Alabama for 1887 appears. In this he well remarks in reference to Grand High Priest Screws' observation that members are in too great a hurry to attend the Grand Chapters:

If the representatives of subordinate Chapters do not take sufficient interest in the welfare of Capitular Masonry to attend the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, we do not wonder at the want of prosperity.

OREGON, JUNE, 1889—29TH ANNUAL.

We have this year not simply the report on Correspondence as was the case last year, but the proceedings also, for which we are thankful, for always are to be found among our Companions of this far off jurisdiction pluck, energy and zeal. Grand High Priest Patton, our esteemed friend and quondam reporter of the Craft, says: "I am pleased to report that the condition of the various Chapters throughout the jurisdiction betokens advancement."

Chapters, 21; membership, 851; increase, 32.

The Grand High Priest refused two applications for dispensations to confer the degrees out of time, and says:

This application, like the former, was also denied. There may be, and doubtless are, instances where this prerogative of the Grand High Priest could be exercised with beneficial results, but the promiscuous granting of dispensations, in nine cases out of ten, are productive of more harm than good. It is far better for all concerned that the law should be respected than to be set aside. All petitioners should be served alike—no favoritism should be shown. We are among those who believe that cases of actual emergency justifying the exercise of this official prerogative, are very rare, and that the best interests of the Craft demand greater caution in its use.

He does not like the system of Grand Lecturers, and thinks that it has proved a failure in Oregon. A resolution to amend the Constitution by striking out "Lecturer" was made, but the Grand Chapter rejected it, although it provided that this officer should receive no pay from the Grand Chapter treasury.

The cash balance is reported by Grand Treasurer to be \$1,271 against \$121 at last report.

Donald Mackay, Portland, Grand High Priest.

R. P. Earhart, Portland, Grand Secretary.

This latter, though necessarily absent, was re-elected, on motion, by acclamation. He made the report on Correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1888 in it. Here we no longer head the list, but are made to yield the first place to Arkansas. In it he alludes to our promise to meet Companion Patton in Atlanta. We regret much what we lost, but we went there at the time in October, and would have been there in November had not a severe attack of sickness prevented. We wrote Comp. P., and hope he got it.

We agree with what he says of the value of reports on Correspondence, and bear testimony to their value:

It was in these earlier days that we learned the value of these reports. We were privileged to read them for many years. The valuable instruction they furnished gave intelligent direction to the efforts of our masonic pioneers, and we believe that the present excellent standing of the Craft in Oregon is largely due to these instructive reports on Correspondence of sister jurisdictions, and bear cheerful testimony to their value. We sincerely regret that these reports are not in the convenient reach of every Mason.

PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER, 1888—94TH ANNUAL.

The routine business of this Grand Chapter is attended to at the various quarterly Communications, at each of which the exemplification of one of the degrees takes place. At that of June 7th, 1888, there is a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, from which we extract the following, showing the Pennsylvania law on the subject of Chapter jurisdiction:

Your Committee deem it proper to say at this time that the Grand Chapter, by its Constitution, and decisions of its Grand High Priests, has time and again decided that no Chapter can claim sole jurisdiction of any candidate. That a candidate is at liberty to apply to any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and that the inquiry as to Masonic objection to a Chapter receiving the petition, is one merely as to his being *under the tongue of good Masonic report*, and as to his character as a man and a Mason. That is the only thing to be considered when the Chapter is acting upon the inquiry.

At the quarterly Communication of December 6th, the election took place, at which James S. Barber was made M. E. Grand High Priest, and Charles E. Meyer, Grand Secretary. Then at the annual held on 27th day of December, 1888, the retiring Grand High Priest delivered his address. In it he finds fault with the fact that some of the Chapters have been guilty of "communicating" some of the degrees instead of conferring them, it being a short and quick way of getting through with the work.

He objects to the use of the word subordinates as applied by Grand Chapters to the Chapters, and suggests as better and more correct constituents, for he says:

Our Chapters are not the subordinates of this Grand Chapter, but they are its component parts, amenable to its Constitution and edicts which they themselves have established. I would strike the word subordinate from our Constitution and substitute constituent. And the constituent Chapters have certain inherent rights which it is not in the power of any Grand Chapter to remove, or even abridge. Principal among these is the right to assemble in regular and special meetings; to select their own members, and to require them to contribute to their support; to place any one or number of them on trial on charges preferred, and to pronounce sentence in case of conviction; to select and install their own officers; and to send representatives to the Grand Chapter, and to instruct them.

He claims to have travelled in the discharge of his official duties since his connection with Grand Chapter, more than 32,000 miles.

His successor, Companion James S. Barber, gives utterance to a feeling of pardonable pride in the fact that this is the oldest Grand Chapter in America.

He regrets that—

There is a growing tendency to modernize Masonry, to change the quaint old language of the ritual of our Pennsylvania work, and make it conform more nearly to that of other jurisdictions.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of Companion Samuel Harper, and it is also his last. For since this communication he has been called hence to the realization of the joys and rewards attendant upon a well-spent life, to the Celestial Lodge above "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary shall find rest." Peace to his ashes. From this report, which reviews Alabama for 1887, we will give entire his argument to show that one made a Mason in a Lodge is *ipso facto* made a member of the Lodge in full, because it is a point for which we have always contended and almost on the same grounds. If of a Lodge, the same of a Chapter. This question may arise in our jurisdiction, and, besides, it is interesting historically.

MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, MARYLAND.

We have reserved as a special topic the question propounded by us in our review of Massachusetts in 1886, "How a Lodge can make one a member of the Fraternity and not make him a member of the Lodge," because it has resulted in having the lances of Comps. Drummond, Dadmun and Schultz leveled at us, and we have concluded to say what we have to say *not* in review of either of the jurisdictions which they represent. No one as fully realizes as we do that we are involved in a struggle that seems hopeless, for among the correspondents no stronger combination of three can be formed, and it may appear to the quiet observer that we have too much temerity in standing up alone to do battle with this host; but as we are resolved not to turn our back though "three assail" us, we propose to submit our side of the question, backed by such authority as we are satisfied will convince every one, our antagonists included, that we are right.

The question stated above was based upon the clause in the form of petition used in Pennsylvania, which reads, "The undersigned respectfully prays that he may be initiated into the

mysteries of Freemasonry and become a member of your Worshipful Lodge." We argued that "when the candidate is initiated, he becomes a member of the Fraternity and the Lodge at the same instant."

Comp. Drummond in quoting our question in 1887 says, "that it was done in Maine from 1769 to ten years ago; that it is now done in Massachusetts, and has been from a time anterior to the existence of a chartered Lodge in Pennsylvania. No Mason became a member of a Lodge, whether made in that Lodge or another, until he was proposed and elected after he became a Mason. In his report for 1888 he substantially repeats this language and adds, "We apprehend that this will be found to be an instance in which an innovation in one jurisdiction is not an innovation in another," from which we are to infer that the part of the clause in our petition relating to membership in the Lodge is an "innovation."

Comp. Dadmun in his review for 1887, gives the Massachusetts rule as stated by Drummond, and then in high glee gives what he calls "Pennsylvania versus Pennsylvania," consisting of a provision of our Ahiman Rezon of 1783, which he assumes to establish the fact that at that time initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania did not include membership in the Lodge. We will have occasion to refer to this authority later on, when it will clearly appear that it proves the contrary.

Comp. Schultz in his report for 1887 says:—

"We consider the clause 'that he may become a member of your honorable Lodge' in the applicant's petition an *innovation*. It is not in any of the old forms that we have seen, and we much question whether it is used in any other jurisdiction in this country."

In our report last year we referred to our Ahiman Rezon of 1825, Sickles' General Ahiman Rezon (New York) and Stewart's Freemason's Manual (Delaware and Virginia), in all of which the clause as to membership is given, "to show that the clause has the dignity of some age, and that it is used in other jurisdictions than Pennsylvania. We regret to say that notwithstanding this very explicit statement of our purpose in referring to these authorities, the Companion in his reply, in 1888, says, that it was to show that the clause was "not an innovation." It is not pleasant to call attention to such instances of unfairness.

As we pass along we desire to notice that while Comps. Drummond and Dadmun state, that from a remote period in the last century down to recent years the practice in Maine and Massachusetts was that initiation merely made one a member of the Fraternity, and that to become a member of a Lodge he had to make another petition and again submit to the ordeal of ballot; neither of them sustains his allegation by a particle of evidence, and as neither of them is old enough to say from personal knowledge what the practice was earlier than our Ahiman Rezon of

1825, much less "from a time anterior to the existence of a chartered Lodge in Pennsylvania," we beg to be excused from taking their naked word for it, more especially as we do not believe that the statement can be supported by facts.

The principal difficulty with these three Companions is that they do not appreciate the fact that originally there was no petition either written or printed, and that if there is any "innovation," it consists in the petition itself, and not in the prayer of it. The earliest practice was for a member of a Lodge to propose his friend to be made a Mason; there was no form for such proposition, and the old records of Lodges only give us the words in which the Secretaries recorded it. We can not accept such evidence as conclusive.

However that may be, and to get at the marrow of the question, we now say that if the position assumed by Drummond and Dadmun be correct, it follows that the old practice of their jurisdictions was "an innovation," and that Pennsylvania has steadily adhered to the old ways, except so far as adopting a form of a petition, which we commend to Schultz as among the oldest if not the oldest known to the Craft.

First we will consider Dadmun's "Pennsylvania *versus* Pennsylvania," in which he partially quoted Section IV of our Ahiman Rezon of 1783:—

"Every person desirous of being made a Free Mason in any Lodge shall be proposed by a member thereof who shall give an account of the candidate's name, age, quality, title, trade, place of residence, description of his person, and other necessary requisites, as mentioned in the foregoing sections."

There is more of it, but this covers the quotation used by Comp. Dadmun to show that under Pennsylvania law, the candidate was only made a Mason, and not a member of the Lodge. Our opinion is that the phrase, "being made a Free Mason in any Lodge," includes being made a member of the Lodge, notwithstanding Comp. D.'s comment:—

"No written or printed petition was used, but the candidate was verbally '*proposed*,' and proposed to be '*made a Free Mason*,' membership in Lodge *not* included."

In the preceding section, which it is well to observe is one of those upon which Section IV is based, and to which the quotation from it refers, treats, among other things, of the qualifications of candidates. We quote:—

"We speak next of the external qualities, and the steps to be pursued, in order to obtain *initiation and admission* into a duly warranted Lodge of Ancient York Masons.

"Be it known to you then, in the first place, that no person is capable of *becoming a member of such a Lodge*, unless (in addition

to the qualities and virtues mentioned above, or at least a disposition and capacity to seek and acquire them), he is also 'free born, of mature and discreet age.' * * *

Every person desiring *admission* must also be upright in body, not deformed or dismembered, at the *time of making*, but of hale and entire limbs, as a Man ought to be.

"Thus, you see, a strict (although private and impartial) enquiry will be made into your character and ability before you can be *admitted into any Lodge*; and by the rules of Masonry, no friend, who may wish to propose you, can show you any favor in this respect. But if you have a friend who is a Mason, and is every way satisfied in these various points and particulars, his duty is described as follows, viz:—

"Sect. IV. Concerning the proposing NEW MEMBERS in a Lodge."

Then follows the clause we have given above as quoted by Comp. Dadmun, which when taken with the context as we have quoted it, if it does not mean that when a candidate was made a Mason in the Lodge, he was not also made a member of the Lodge, we will have to confess that we have no skill in comprehending the English language.

But there is more of Section IV. :—

"Having shown that a strict enquiry will be made into your character, justice requires that you should also be advised to be alike circumspect on your side, and to make enquiry into the character of the *Lodge into which you desire admission*. * * "

"You may also request the perusal of the bye-laws * * * also a list of the members of the Lodge; by all which you will be the better able to judge whether you would choose to associate with them, and submit to be conformable to their rules."

Section I, of Chapter II, is entitled "Concerning a Lodge and its Government." The second paragraph reads:—

"The qualities requisite in those who are to be admitted as *members of a Lodge* have been fully mentioned in the foregoing chapter; and it is only necessary to repeat here in general that they are to be 'men of good report, free-born, of mature age, hale and sound, not deformed at the time of their making, and no woman or eunuch.' "

There are other clauses of similar import, but we have given enough to show that the authority used by Comp. Dadmun in his celebrated cause of "*Pennsylvania versus Pennsylvania*," has "*vanished into thin air*," and that judgment must be entered for the defendant. We claim first blood. One of our antagonists is considerably weakened, and our courage has correspondingly increased.

We have some evidence, we think, that tends to show that

before there ever was a Lodge in America outside of Pennsylvania, in the oldest known Lodge, St. John's of Philadelphia, when a candidate was made a Mason he became at once a member of the Lodge. Liber B, now well known to the Craft, contains the accounts of the Lodge and its members, beginning June 24, 1731. In the first nine accounts of members there is no mention of a fee of any kind, but in the tenth, BENJ. FRANKLINE is charged with the remainder of his "£3 entrance." This occurs in other cases, and still others in which the candidate became a member after the opening of Liber B the member is charged with the whole "entrance," showing as we contend that the one "entrance" of three pounds included initiation and membership, or in other words entrance into the Lodge. We are strengthened in this by the fact that John Newingham (No 27) under date of November 5, 1733, was charged "To moneys as Rule for being *rec'd a memb'r of this Lodge* and for a propriety to our Stock £ 2.0.0," showing that there was a manifest difference between "entrance," and "being received a member of this Lodge." Newingham had evidently been a Mason somewhere else and came to St. John's Lodge as such. No similar charge is to be found in the account of any other member, and it is safe to assume that his was the only instance of affiliation during the period embraced in the book.

Our antagonists may say that there is still room for the theory that the members of St. John's Lodge were first made Masons and then petitioned to become and were elected members. There is, however, nothing in the book to support such a theory, and as the theory is opposed to the law of 1783 to which Comp. Dadmun appealed, and as there is no evidence that the Ahiman Rezon of 1783 changed the law as it existed before, we are justified in saying that the practice in Pennsylvania from 1730 to the present time has been in harmony with an unchanged law.

But what says the old law? It is always wise to consult the "Old Regulations," compiled from "the ancient records and immemorial usages of the Fraternity," to ascertain whether any of our present customs are "innovations" or not. Let us quote:—

IV. No *Lodge* shall make more than five new *brethren* at one time, etc.

It is "brethren," not "Masons."

"V. No man can be *made*, or admitted, a *member of a particular Lodge*, without previous notice one month before given to the said Lodge," etc.

There can be no doubt about this language; "*made a member of a particular Lodge*" is just as clearly expressed as "*admitted a*

member of a particular Lodge;" it is not only negative language, but the phrase is in the disjunctive, "*made or admitted.*"

Let us go a step further, for, as Comp. Dadmun is wont to say, this is becoming interesting.

"VI. But no man can be *entered a brother in any particular Lodge*, or admitted to be a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that Lodge, then present, when the candidate is proposed, and their consent is formally asked by the Master; and they are to signify their consent or dissent in their own prudent way, either virtually or in form, but with unanimity. Nor is this inherent privilege subject to a dispensation, because the members of a particular Lodge are the best judges of it; and *if a fractious member should be imposed on them*, it might spoil their harmony, or hinder their freedom, or even break and disperse the Lodge; which ought to be avoided by all good and true brethren."

Here "*entered a brother*" and "*or admitted a member*" are separate and distinct terms, and it is provided that "*no man can be entered a brother in a particular Lodge*" by virtue of a dispensation in order that a "*fractious member*" may not be imposed upon the Lodge. If "*entered a brother*," meant simply making a Mason, whether done by dispensation or by consent of the members of the Lodge, there would be no danger of imposing on the Lodge a "*fractious member.*"

"VIII. No set or number of brethren shall withdraw, or separate themselves from the Lodge in *which they were made brethren*, or were afterwards admitted members, unless the Lodge becomes too numerous; nor even then, without a dispensation from the Grand Master or his Deputy. And when they are thus separated, they must either *immediately* join themselves to such other Lodge as they shall like best, with the unanimous consent of that other Lodge to which they go (as above regulated) or else they must obtain the Grand Master's warrant to join in forming a new Lodge."

In connection with this Regulation, the third of the Ancient Charges is important.

"A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work: Hence that assembly, or duly organized Society of Masons, is called a Lodge, and *every brother ought to belong to one*, and to be subject to its by-laws, and the general regulations. It is either particular or general, and will be best understood by attending it, and by the regulations of the general or Grand Lodge hereunto annexed. In ancient times *no Master or Fellow could be absent from it*, especially where warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, until it appear to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

"The persons *admitted members of a Lodge* must be good and true men, free born, and of mature and discreet age, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report."

We have not exhausted the subject, nor is it necessary to do so; we have gathered together enough of the Ancient Charges and Regulations which were compiled for, and approved by the first Grand Lodge in the world, and which prove to a demonstration that when a man was initiated or entered in a Lodge, the law of the Craft made him a member of the Lodge at once. It made it obligatory upon every Mason to be a member of a Lodge, and no one was allowed to withdraw from his Lodge without consent of the Grand Master or his Deputy. When withdrawn the duty was imperative to *immediately* join another Lodge or join in forming a new one. If there was no other law on the subject than Regulation VIII, and the third of the Ancient Charges, it would be impossible to believe for an instant that the Craft had either adopted or practised a system which resulted in making unaffiliated Masons, leaving them at liberty to become members of a particular Lodge or not. Such a thing is not to be thought of, nor can a single word be found in the Old Regulations to justify it.

There is no room to doubt that the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England followed the system so clearly laid down in the Regulations and Charges. Nine years after the compilation of the law, and seven years after its publication, St. John's Lodge and others were in existence in Pennsylvania. It is safe to say that they practiced and followed the same system; indeed, Liber B clearly shows that such was the case with St. John's. As Pennsylvania has continued from 1730 to the present time to make Lodge membership an incident of initiation, it is not correct to charge us with "innovation" in ascertaining the phrase, "and become a member of your Worshipful Lodge," when a form of petition was adopted.

If Massachusetts on the formation of her first Lodge, several years after the introduction and establishment of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, adopted and practised the system of making unaffiliated Masons, it was not simply an "innovation" upon, but a violation of, the law received from the Grand Lodge of England, and the same must be said of Maine if the same system was practised there. But, as we have said above, we do not believe it, and now we further say that we shall not believe it until it has been established by competent proof. Of course, we recognize the sincerity of Comps. Drummond and Dadmun in making the statements to which we refer, and have no doubt that they believe the fact to be as they state it. They may be in possession of proof of which we are ignorant; but if they can convince us that they are right, we shall be compelled to believe that both Maine and Massachusetts departed from the law given to them by the ancient brethren of the Craft. There can be no escape from such a conclusion.

While we are not able to inform Comp. Schultz of the exact time that the form of petition now in use in Pennsylvania was

adopted, we have no hesitation in assuring him that it was long prior to the date of the Ahiman Rezon of 1825 in which we find it. It has been our good fortune to have examined the minute book of a Lodge established in Pittsburg in 1809, but not now in existence, and we have a distinct recollection that a petition was received from each applicant, and that when initiated the candidate became a member of the Lodge, and also the minute books of Lodge No. 45, constituted February 5, 1787, and whilst we are not clear as to the matter of petition, we are as to the fact of initiation including membership.

The earliest Pennsylvania records we remember to have examined undoubtedly show that candidates were proposed verbally. We cannot at present say when the system of petition was introduced, as we are sorry to say, there is no Masonic library in Pittsburgh, and our own small collection does not furnish us any information on the subject. The first distinct evidence as to the form is in the Ahiman Rezon of 1825, but as to the fact of a petition our evidence goes back as far as 1809. But whenever the petition was introduced in this jurisdiction we have no doubt that it was precisely in the same form as it exists to-day, and that the clause, "and become a member of your Worshipful Lodge," was in exact accordance with what had been the unbroken custom from the establishment of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

As Comp. Schultz says that the clause is an "innovation," we fraternally ask him, "an innovation" upon what? and as he says that it is not in *any* of the old forms he has ever seen, we further ask him if he has not seen the Pennsylvania form? if it is not old enough to be included among the "old forms?" and what other forms there are that he can distinctly prove to be older?

We are glad to know from Comps. Drummond and Dadmun that their jurisdictions have either returned or are returning to the old ways, and that on the subject of this controversy at least, they are placing themselves where Pennsylvania has stood without change for a hundred and sixty years.

To all these Companions, representing the three M's, we return our fraternal acknowledgment for the opportunity which they have forced upon us to read again the old law, and to realize how thoroughly Pennsylvania keeps in accord with it. This discussion has given us much pleasure and profit, which we are not selfish enough to keep to ourself; we sincerely desire that the Companions who have spurred us on to it should feel that it has not been without some pleasure and profit to them. The old law will convince them to their profit that the charge against Pennsylvania of "innovation" is a "baseless fabric," and it will be a pleasure to them to acknowledge that Pennsylvania has adhered to the old ways from a time anterior to the existence of Freemasonry in either of the States which they represent.

QUEBEC, JANUARY, 1889—12TH ANNUAL.

Companion Will H. Whyte, G. Z., speaks of the condition of the Craft as "one of quietness in capitular masonry." He also says, "the membership has not materially increased, for deaths and removals have kept pace with initiations." The reports show a small increase, however.

He received an application for the formation of a new chapter, but because of some irregularity in the application no dispensation was issued. Afterwards it appeared that "unless they were allowed to work the American ritual, the Chapter could not be organized."

He hoped that some method would be provided for compelling the selection and recording of a mark by each companion.

The balance in treasury is increasing.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, G. Z.

Joseph Mitchell, Montreal, G. S. E.

Companion E. T. D. Chambers presented the report on correspondence. Alabama for 1887 received fraternal notice.

From his introduction we copy the following, recommending it to the thoughtful consideration of all our Companions:

One thought more. The Royal Arch is erected upon the foundation of symbolic masonry. Upon the stability of the latter must the ultimate success of the former depend. While we continue, with songs of praise and of joy, to assemble around the cope-stone and assist in the completion of the Arch, let us not fail in our primary duty to the Craft, or tend to lessen the solidification of its foundation, by withdrawing from it, on any excuse whatever, no matter however unimportant a block we may imagine ourselves to be.

SOUTH CAROLINA, FEBRUARY, 1889—78TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest, Morris Clarke, announced that under the liberal inducements offered by the Grand Chapter, at its last convocation, he had succeeded in re-organizing four of the dormant Chapters, and expressed the belief that had not his absence prevented others might have been added to the list. This is good news, for Capitular Masonry had fallen to a very low ebb in that jurisdiction, but we hope that they, like ourselves, have now seen the worst.

In his address we find the following, which does not please us, for we care not for such followers as can only be bought. Doubtless these societies have hung like millstones around our necks, but time and returning prosperity will cure our ills and rid us of them:

My attention has frequently been called to the flourishing condition of the numerous beneficiary organizations, that are continually springing up all over the country, and which, it cannot be denied, are sucking the life blood out of Masonry. The high aims and principles of our Order should be sufficient to hold together and add to our numbers, but when we consider that we are numerically not as strong to-day as we were in "days of old," before the existence of these societies, would we not, in the light of past experience, be justified in adding some other features to our Order, such as sick and funeral benefits and death benefits, either one or more of these as you may see proper?

The finances are in miserable plight.

A. H. White, Rock Hill, Grand High Priest.

J. E. Burke, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

No report on correspondence.

TEXAS, DECEMBER, 1888—39TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest, John Adriance, of the condition of the Craft says:

It is a subject of congratulation that peace and harmony prevail in our subordinates and that they are working more nearly a uniform work than ever before. I note with much pleasure the increasing interest that is manifested in the annual exemplifications and lectures by the Committee of Work of this Grand Chapter.

The returns show substantial increase in numbers, and throughout the proceedings there is evidence of a great revival of interest in the Chapters, more particularly in those which were dormant. He, however, calls attention "to the fact that many Mark Masters throughout our jurisdiction have never recorded their marks," and impresses upon them to avoid such "disregard of the requirements of the degree."

The financial condition of this Grand Chapter is enviable when compared with many other of our Southern jurisdictions.

The committee on Grand Officers Report not only approve the action of the Grand High Priest in granting dispensations to Chapters for resumption of work, but congratulate Grand Chapter that these applications were steadily diminishing.

R. M. Harkness, Pearsall, Grand High Priest.

Robert Brewster, Houston, Grand Secretary.

Companion J. C. Kidd presented a well written report on correspondence. From his kind and discriminating report of Alabama for 1887, we extract this—

From comment in other parts of the report, we think Companion Pillans has about as little belief in the usefulness of the General Grand Chapter as we have,

—only to enable us to say that his inference is eminently correct.

VERMONT, JUNE, 1889—72 ANNUAL.

From the address of G. H. Priest, Marsh O. Perkins, we learn that “from nearly every Chapter in the jurisdiction come words of cheer.” The returns show increase of membership and dismissions not numerous.

In this jurisdiction we also find the Grand High Priest complaining of the negligence of Chapters in not requiring the selection and recording of a mark. In consequence of his announcement that upon investigation he found no chapter requiring it, the committee on the address recommended the following, and they were adopted:

1st. That every Chapter be and is hereby required to procure and keep with its records a book of marks.

2d. That hereafter no candidate shall be exalted within this jurisdiction until he shall have selected and caused to be recorded a mark.

3d. That High Priests are hereby directed to require all members of their respective Chapters, who have not previously done so, to select and record their marks, and that report of all Companions in this jurisdiction who have neglected or refused to comply with this resolution, be made to the Grand Secretary on or before January 1st, 1890.

Edwin O. Hibbard, West Randolph, Grand High Priest.

Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Companion Frederick S. Fisher (whose name we could not decipher from the fac simile at the end of the report, but which was translated in print on the cover) made, as heretofore, the report on correspondence, in which we find Alabama for 1887. He is crippled by a resolution of Grand Chapter limiting him to fifty pages. So he says:

This limitation makes us feel, in the imperfection it enforces, as we feel when obliged to communicate rather than work a degree.

And in closing he says :

The Master of our First Vail, called Finance, says solemnly, and in words of terror, "Pause." We are full. We pause. Last year, while trying to be good and obedient, we failed and overran our goal limit. True, it was not discovered; yet we feel that disobedience undesigned is disobedience still, and we pause. The surplus increases, and we rest.

Of our report he says :

The brief report on correspondence is presented by Companion P. J. Pillans. It suffers, like ours, from a tight fit. The balance in our Grand Treasury is about \$1,900; in the Treasury of Alabama, \$161. We designed to estimate how many pages Companion Pillans ought to use; but forbore, lest our Financial Committee should read this part and cut us still further.

VIRGINIA, OCTOBER, 1888—81ST ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Sylvanus J. Quinn, speaks of the Craft as being harmonious within the jurisdiction, and thinks the Grand Chapter acted with wisdom in the selection of their Grand Lecturer, and that uniformity in the work may now with reason be expected. He thinks that "this is the remedy for the apathy existing,"

A question having arisen as to the right of one rejected by a chapter to apply to another chapter having concurrent jurisdiction, without the consent of the rejecting chapter, the Grand Chapter adopted the following :

3. No candidate for initiation who shall be rejected in any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be eligible to a second recommendation in that or any other Chapter, until the expiration of twelve months; nor shall he be allowed, while his residence continues within the jurisdiction of that Chapter, to make application to any other Chapter for initiation, even though it be a Chapter having concurrent jurisdiction.

Wm. Henry Pleasants, Hollins, Grand High Priest.

Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

Companion Isaacs made the review of proceedings, including those of Alabama for 1887. He disclaims being the originator of

the term of "Mutual Admiration Society," as applied to these reporters. We saw it soon after we commenced writing these reports, now twenty-two years ago, and thought that he was the author. It matters not, however, for if as we know each other better, and appreciate the virtues of each, is it any wonder that our admiration should be aroused?

WASHINGTON, JUNE, 1888—4TH ANNUAL.

This Grand Chapter was opened by the D. G. H. Priest, and attended to some business during the morning, but at the afternoon session the Grand High Priest, Walter J. Thompson, being present, took the gavel. At the morning session the Grand Chapter, by resolution, declared "that the prosperity of our Royal Craft will be best promoted by recommending to those R. A. Masons who may desire said degrees, the formation of Councils at convenient places within this Grand jurisdiction."

The Grand High Priest opens his address with an allusion to his own sad bereavement, in the loss of the beloved companion of his bosom. With him we mourn, and as one who suffers with him we tender him our sincerest sympathy.

He wants a better knowledge among the companions of the work and ritual, and to this end thinks Grand Chapter should require suitable proficiency in each degree before advancement. This was commended by the committee, but nothing more.

The finances are in good condition, but the Grand Secretary evidently fears for the future in consequence of the great reduction in the dues to Grand Chapter.

William A. Fairweather, Sprague, Grand High Priest.

Thomas M. Reed, Olympia, Grand Secretary.

Companion Reed made the Correspondence report. In it Alabama for 1887 has its appropriate place, and is fraternally reviewed.

WEST VIRGINIA, NOV., 1887 & 1888—17TH & 18TH ANNUAL.

This Grand Chapter has for some time only published its proceedings every other year, combining two years into one pamphlet that the amount of matter might have the appearance of being sufficient to print, as Grand High Priest Hall informs us, and he recommended annual publication. We do not find that Grand Chapter agreed with him.

At the convocation of 1887 Wm. G. Bennett, Grand High Priest, recommended that no one elected H. P. of a Chapter be installed unless he should produce the certificate of the Grand Lecturer that he is well skilled and competent to confer the degrees. But the committee on jurisprudence thought that "the interest of each individual Chapter may usually be relied upon to secure the election of competent men only."

He represented the condition of the fraternity to be fairly prosperous.

A dispensation for one new chapter was issued and this was chartered at this convocation.

G. H. Priest, Joseph Hall, presided at the convocation of 1888, and he had issued a dispensation for another chapter, which was also chartered.

He informs us that "on the whole, there is generally speaking, an improvement going on in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction."

The numbers steadily increase, and so does their cash balance.

Frank Rex, Parkersburg, Grand High Priest.

John W. Morris, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, FEBRUARY, 1889—39TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Duncan McGregor, says that "brotherly love taught every mason prevails throughout our jurisdiction." He made strenuous efforts to obtain concise and exact information, but the political canvass then on hand so engrossed the attention of companions that it was impossible to obtain it.

He thinks "that much good would come to the Craft, could the Grand High Priest make official visits to the constituent Chapters." Of this we entertain no doubt.

The Grand Lecturer in his report says:

Last year I reported an increase of interest over preceding years on the part of most of the Chapters then visited. Some there were, at that time, doing nothing—having a name to live, but more nearly dead. This year I have found a marked improvement; in all a better interest has been manifested. The attendance upon the School has been larger, while their records show a corresponding increase of attendance upon their stated convocations, and, as a consequence, an increase in the amount and quality of the work done.

With this increase of interest and prosperity, I have found

more of a desire to become proficient, not only in the ritual, but also in the way and manner of doing the work.

The finances are in reasonably good condition, and the increase in membership fair.

Duncan McGregor, Plattsville, Grand High Priest.

John W. Laflin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Companion Wm. C. Swain, P. G. H. Priest, made the report on correspondence. In it we find Alabama for 1887, and from it we take:

Companion Pillans, whose name has been familiar these many years, again makes an interesting report on Correspondence, as lengthy as the finances of his Grand Chapter would warrant. We remember how, many years ago, he went for the Wisconsin printer for misspelling his name; and as he threw the blame on the broad shoulders of the printer instead of the correspondent, we will reciprocate, by charging to his printer the atrocious misspelling of our own name, in his report.

Now we dont know whether the printer or our bad handwriting is to be blamed for this, but this time, if there still continues a mistake, why, go for the printer, but if possible, always give the devil his due.

CONCLUSION.

We have thus attempted to convey to you such information of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the thirty-seven jurisdictions reviewed as we thought might prove profitable and interesting. To do this has required as much careful attention and reading as if the same had been more extended. You will see from it that, although it is still in a languishing condition in many of the jurisdictions, yet the signs of the times are encouraging, and we may confidently expect a better condition in the future. We had hoped to have received the proceedings of the G. G. Chapter ere going to press, but have been compelled to abandon the hope.

There are no new questions, in fact, no questions of moment now agitating the companions, but profound peace, save in one instance, prevails. May this long continue.

Under the fear of trespassing upon the finances too far, we are forced to bid you, companions, adieu.

P. J. PILLANS.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

MYLES J. GREENE, GRAND SECRETARY,

In account with GRAND CHAPTER.

1889.

DR.

Jan. 4.	To Contingent fund.....	\$ 150 00
	Dues.....	20 25
	Certificates.....	38 25
	Dispensation.....	90 00
	Total.....	\$298 50

1889.

CR.

By Postage	\$	6 00
Brown Printing Co.	Voucher 2	101 30
Dues to G. G. Chapter for 2 y'rs. "	3	12 08
Joel White.....	" 4	75
Grand Treasurer.....	"1,5	138 00
Balance on hand.....		40 37
Total.....		\$298 50

MYLES J. GREENE,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with GRAND CHAPTER.

1888.

DR.

Dec. 4.	To balance	\$160 60
4.	Rec'd of G. A. Joiner, Assistant G. Secretary.....	541 75

1889.

July 17.	Rec'd of M. J. Greene, G. Sec'ty	35 25
Nov. 21.	" M. J. Greene, "	102 75—\$ 840 35

1888.	CR.		
Dec. 5.	By Com. on Work, W. S. Foster..	1\$ 25 00	
	“ Cor., P. J. Pillans.....	2 50 00	
	G. Secretary, A. R. Baker.....	3 25 00	
	“ A. R. Baker.....	4 133 33	
	Ass't G. Secretary, G. A. Joiner,	5 25 00	
	“ “ G. A. Joiner,	6 10 00	
	G. Secretary, D. Sayre.....	7 66 66	
1889.	Grand Sentinel, C. A. Allen ...	8 20 00	
Jan. 1.	Contingent Fund	9 150 00	
	G. Secretary, M. J. Greene....	10 33 33	
Dec. 2.	Balance	302 03—\$ 840 35	

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama:

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

The R. Ex. Grand Secretary has received during the year the following amounts, to-wit:

For dues at last Annual Convocation.....	\$541 75	
For dues collected subsequently	20 25	
For Contingent Fund	150 00	
For certificates	38 25	
For Dispensation.....	90 00	
Total receipts.....	\$ 840 25	
He has paid out during the year the following amounts:		
For printing.....	\$101 30	
For postage and stationery	6 75	
For dues to G. G. Chapter, 2 years.....	12 08	
For amount paid Grand Treasurer.....	679 75	
Total.....	\$799 88	
Leaving a balance on hand.....	40 37	
Total.....	\$ 840 25	

At your last Annual Convocation the R. Ex. Grand Treasurer
had on hand.....\$160 60

And has received from the Grand Secretary... 679 75

Total.....\$ 840 35

Of this he has paid out the following amounts:

To Committee on Work.....\$ 25 00

Committee on Correspondence 50 00

Grand Secretary, Adam R. Baker 158 33

Ass't G. Secretary, Geo. A. Joiner..... 35 00

Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre..... 66 66

Grand Sentinel..... 20 00

Contingent fund..... 150 00

Grand Secretary, Myles J. Greene..... 33 33

Total..... 538 32

Leaving a balance on hand 302 03

Amount dues at this Convocation..... 514 25

Total on hand at this time.....\$ 816 28

We recommend the following appropriations:

To the Grand Secretary for his services the past

year, the sum of.....\$300 00

To Chairman Com. on Foreign Correspondence, 50 00

Grand Sentinel, this Convocation..... 20 00

Contingent fund..... 150 00

Total..... 520 00

Leaving an estimated balance of.....\$ 296 28

By instruction we recommend an appropriation of twenty-five
dollars to defray expenses of Companion Armstrong in reporting
the Work.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. N. BOYNTON,
JOSIAH JERNIGAN,
E. S. GATCHELL,
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, Exalted, Affiliated, Rejected, and Dimitted, since last return.

Chapter No.	NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	No. of Members.	Amount of Dues.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd and Ac'ed	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Rejected.	Dimitted.
1	Tuscaloosa	13	\$10 75	3	3	3	3			
4	Monroe	28	21 00							
6	Cyrus	19	14 25	3	3	3	3			
13	Gainesville	13	9 75							2
20	Livingston	14	10 50							
21	Mobile	46	34 50	1						2
22	Montgomery	45	33 75							
23	Talladega	42	31 50	7	7	7	7	1	1	
26	Union	25	18 75	5	5	5	5			
28	Saint Johns	43	32 25	3	2	1	2	1	1	2
38	Decatur	19	14 25					1		
40	Camden	18	13 50							
48	McKinley	22	12 75	5	5	5	5	1		
54	Tyrian	46	34 50	6	6	6	9	2		3
57	Collinsville	18	13 50	5	4	2				
63	Clayton	27	20 25	10	10	8	9			
64	Central	16	12 00	7	6	6	6			
76	Elyton	27	20 25	4	4	4	4	1		
79	Hillabee	24	18 00	1						
85	Gaston	25	18 75	4	4	3	3	1		
86	Coosa	35	26 25	9	9	9	9	2		1
87	Moulton	18	13 50							
96	Daniel Pratt	17	12 75					1		
100	Rock Mills	16	12 00			2	2			6
101	Mineral City	82	61 50	31	31	30	32	6		1
104	Sylacauga	29	21 75	6	6	6	6			
106	Graham	11								

AT REST.

Lewis Slaughter, Sept. 20.....	Monroe.....	No. 4
William W. Bayles, Jan. 7.....	Tuscumbia.....	" 10
William R. Julien, Aug. 23.....	Gainesville.....	" 13
Benjamin Gay, March 13.....	Mobile.....	" 21
Frank S. Glover, May 5.....		
John A. Gadsby, Feb. 12.....		
Jethro D. Oats, March 11.....		
John K. Porter, April 1.....	Montgomery.....	" 22
Henry M. Bush, Feb. 17.....		
Adam R. Baker, March 25.....		
Julius T. Glaze, —.....		
W. S. Paulin, —.....	Clayton.....	" 63
Henry D. Clayton, —.....		
Joseph Wilson, Dec. 17.....	Coosa.....	" 86
C. W. White, —.....	Mineral City.....	" 101

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Edmund M. Harrington.....	Mobile.....	No. 21
John N. Browder.....	Montgomery.....	" 22
Stephen H. Beasley.....		
Samuel C. Witherspoon.....		
Richard McCarty.....	Talladega.....	" 23
Lawrence Gaddy.....	Saint Johns.....	" 28
Benjamin J. Sitton.....		
Jett T. West.....		
Lucien Minor.....	Decatur.....	" 38
Thomas J. Williams.....		
Thomas N. Martin.....		
Benjamin M. Simpson.....		
Thomas F. Turley.....	Tyrian.....	" 54
William D. Martin.....		
Pinkney A. Tatum.....	Central.....	" 64
John T. Stephenson.....		
John D. McMath.....	Moulton.....	" 87
Richard O. Pickett.....		
Sattie W. Shackelford.....		
Thomas Mattison.....		
Samuel H. Radford.....		
Edgar T. Simms.....		
Lee F. Whitten.....		
James S. Gibson.....		

REINSTATED.

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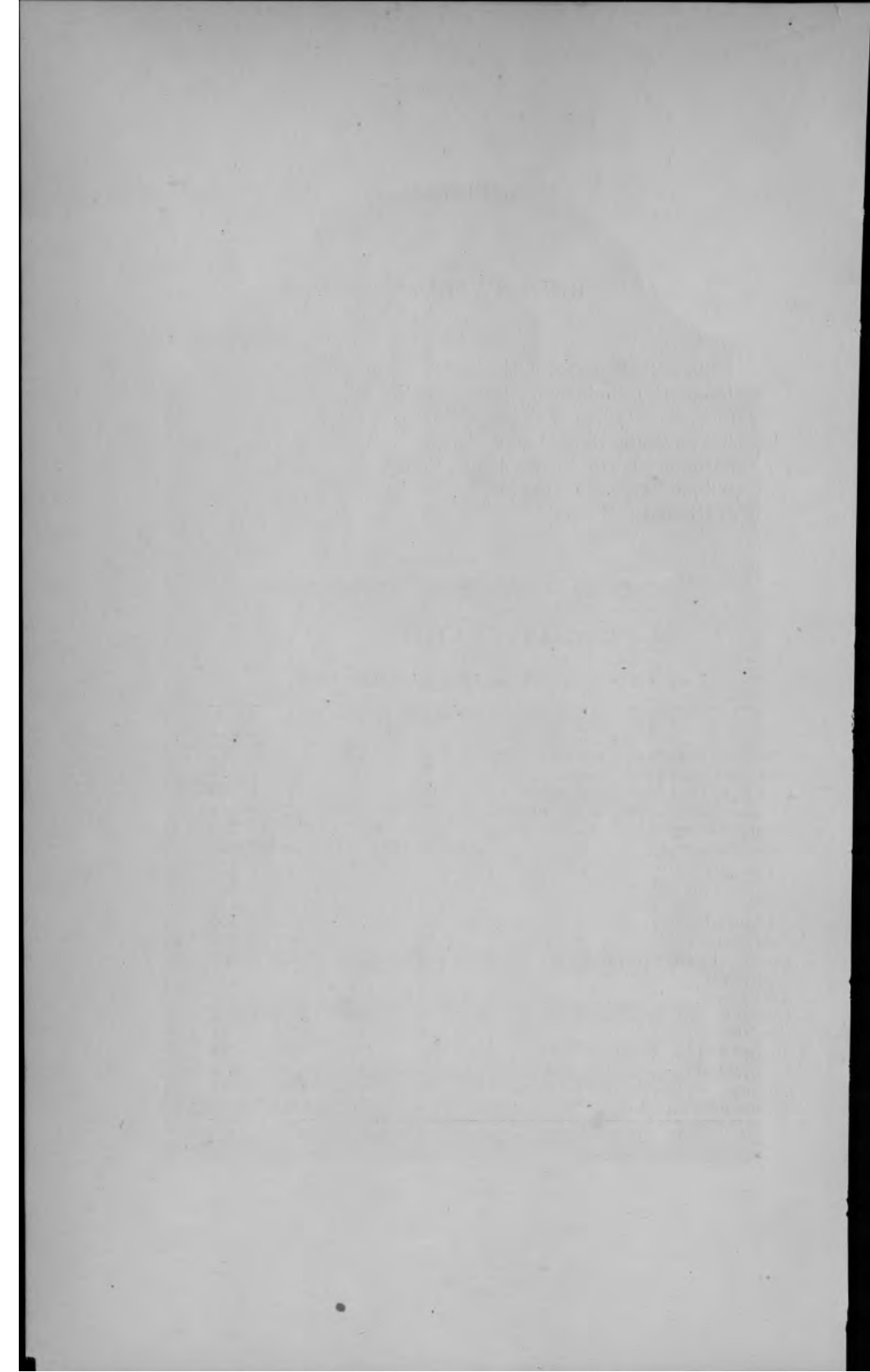
William R. Eaton, Mobile, No. 21.
 Joseph C. Cunningham, Talladega, No. 23.
 Dempsey B. Oden, Talladega, No. 23.
 Joseph Gothard, St. Johns, No. 28.
 Nathaniel T. Greene, St. Johns, No. 28.
 William H. Smith, Decatur, No. 38.
 J. H. Sharp, Mineral City, No. 101.

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RECAPITULATION.

EMBRACING YEARS 1886, 1887, 1888 AND 1889.

	1886	1887	1888	1889
Chapters that made returns.....	19	23	23	27
Chapters that paid Dues	18	23	23	23
Chapters that were represented..	16	19	21	26
Number of representatives present	28	32	37	44
Number of members reported ...	464	572	636	725
Dues received	\$351 25	\$424 00	\$462 00	\$531 75
Work.				
Advanced	17	36	64	110
Presided	22	36	64	105
Received and Accepted	22	36	77	100
Exalted	23	35	75	105
Affiliated	5	7	19	17
Rejected	1			2
Dimitted	9	15	19	17
Suspended N. P. D.	15	9	19	24
Reinstated	3	13	6	7
Chapters square upon the Books	18	23	25	31
Number of deaths	6	10	15	15





SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
ADAM R. BAKER,
P. G. SECRETARY AND P. G. TYLER
—OF THE—
GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA.

BORN AUGUST 1ST, 5825,
DIED MARCH 25TH, A. I. 2419.

An upright man, and a true Mason.

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 S. Hallmark.....	Warrington	Florida.
William Abram Love.....	Atlanta	Georgia.
Philander W. Barclay.....	Cairo	Illinois.
Nicholas R. Ruckle.....	Indianapolis	Indiana.
Downing Baugh.....	McGregor	Iowa.
Albert D. McConaughey.....	Atchison	Kansas.
William Ryan	Louisville	Kentucky.
William Robson.....	Robson'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.
C. C. Bates.....	Akron	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.
William 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.	William G. Cochran.	Leon F. Burks.	3 Wednesday
4	Monroe.....	Pertine Hill.	Monroe.	Pertine Hill.	John A. Savage.	William J. McCants.	Thursday
6	Cyrus.....	Florence.	Lauderdale.	Florence.	Alexander C. Chisholm.	Brantly P. Joiner.	Wed bf full Moon
9	Clinton.....	Atlanta.	Limestone.	Atlanta.	M. G. Williams.	William H. Sykes.	2 Monday
10	Tuscumbia.....	Atlanta.	Colbert.	Tuscumbia.	Thomas T. Rowland.	John A. Steele.	1 Mon at 2 Sat
13	Gainesville.....	Gainesville.	Sumter.	Gainesville.	Edward M. Kring.	Charles W. McMahon.	Thurs at full Moon
20	Livingston.....	Livingston.	Sumter.	Livingston.	Seth S. Melton.	George C. Gowdy.	3 Friday
21	Mobile.....	Mobile.	Mobile.	Mobile.	William S. Foster.	Robert L. Douglass.	2 and 4 Friday
22	Montgomery.....	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Henry H. Matthews.	Edmund R. Hastings.	2 Tuesday
23	Talladega.....	Talladega.	Talladega.	Talladega.	Andrew J. Nunnally.	George A. Joiner.	2 Friday
26	Union.....	Uniontown.	Perry.	Uniontown.	Moritz L. Ernst.	Junie Harwood.	1 Thursday
28	St. Johns.....	Selma.	Dallas.	Selma.	Edward S. Gatchell.	Adolph Jacobson.	4 Monday
38	Decatur.....	Decatur.	Morgan.	Decatur.	Joseph S. Singars.	Robert P. Baker.	4 Tuesday
40	Camden.....	Camden.	Wilcox.	Camden.	Sol D. Block.	John D. Cook.	1 Fri bf full Moon
48	McKinley.....	McKinley.	Marengo.	McKinley.	James G. Kelly.	William B. Jackson.	1 Wednesday
54	Tyrion.....	Troy.	Pike.	Troy.	Joseph H. Vernigan.	Lewis H. Jeeter.	2 and 4 Saturday
57	Collinsville.....	Collinsville.	DeKalb.	Collinsville.	William J. Roberts.	John B. Appleton.	4 Friday
63	Clayton.....	Clayton.	Barbour.	Clayton.	Allo V. Lee.	James J. Winn.	Wed af 1 Sunday
64	Central.....	Montevallo.	Shelby.	Montevallo.	William F. Aldrich.	William C. Cleaveland.	Sat af full Moon
76	Elvton.....	Elvton.	Jefferson.	Birmingham.	Charles J. Green.	Robert A. Terrell.	2 and 4 Monday
79	Hillabee.....	Alex der City	Tallapoosa.	Alexander City.	George W. Porter.	Robert M. Templeton.	3 Saturday
85	Gaston.....	Desotville.	Choctaw.	Desotville.	Charles C. McCall.	John C. Christopher.	2 Thursday
87	Moulton.....	Gadsden.	Etowah.	Gadsden.	Benjamin F. Pope.	Marcus L. Foster.	1 Monday
92	Notasulga.....	Moulton.	Lawrence.	Moulton.	Noble G. Delashaw.	Robert Y. Goodlett.	Fri bf 3 Sunday
96	Daniel Pratt.....	Notasulga.	Macon.	Notasulga.	George W. Arbery.	George W. Hardy.	1 and 4 Saturday
100	Rock Mills.....	Prattville.	Autauga.	Prattville.	George L. Smith.	George C. Spigener.	Mon af full Moon
101	Mineral City.....	Rock Mills.	Randolph.	Rock Mills.	Richard J. Breed.	James P. Mooty.	1 Sat & Mon af 3 Sun
104	Sylacauga.....	Birmingham.	Jefferson.	Birmingham.	John G. Smith.	George M. Burns.	2 and 4 Thursday
105	Anniston.....	Sylacauga.	Talladega.	Sylacauga.	Lewis H. Crumpler.	James M. Leaning.	Friday bf 3 Sat
106	Graham.....	Anniston.	Calhoun.	Anniston.	B. B. Comer.	S. Katzenstein.	
		Graham.	Randolph.	Graham.	Andrew W. Duke.	John W. Thompson.	Friday bf 2 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.....	Casseltown.
7 District of Columbia.....	Lewis Guillman 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.....	W. H. Smythe.....	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.....	Cauncey N. Noteware.....	Carson City.
26 New Brunswick.....	Thisbat Robertson.....	Saint John.
27 New Hampshire.....	George Perley Cleaves.....	Concord.
28 New Jersey.....	Joseph H. Hough.....	Trenton.
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.....	Matt H. Watt.....	Chillicothe.
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.....	William 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.