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ALABAMA



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Alabama,

AT THE

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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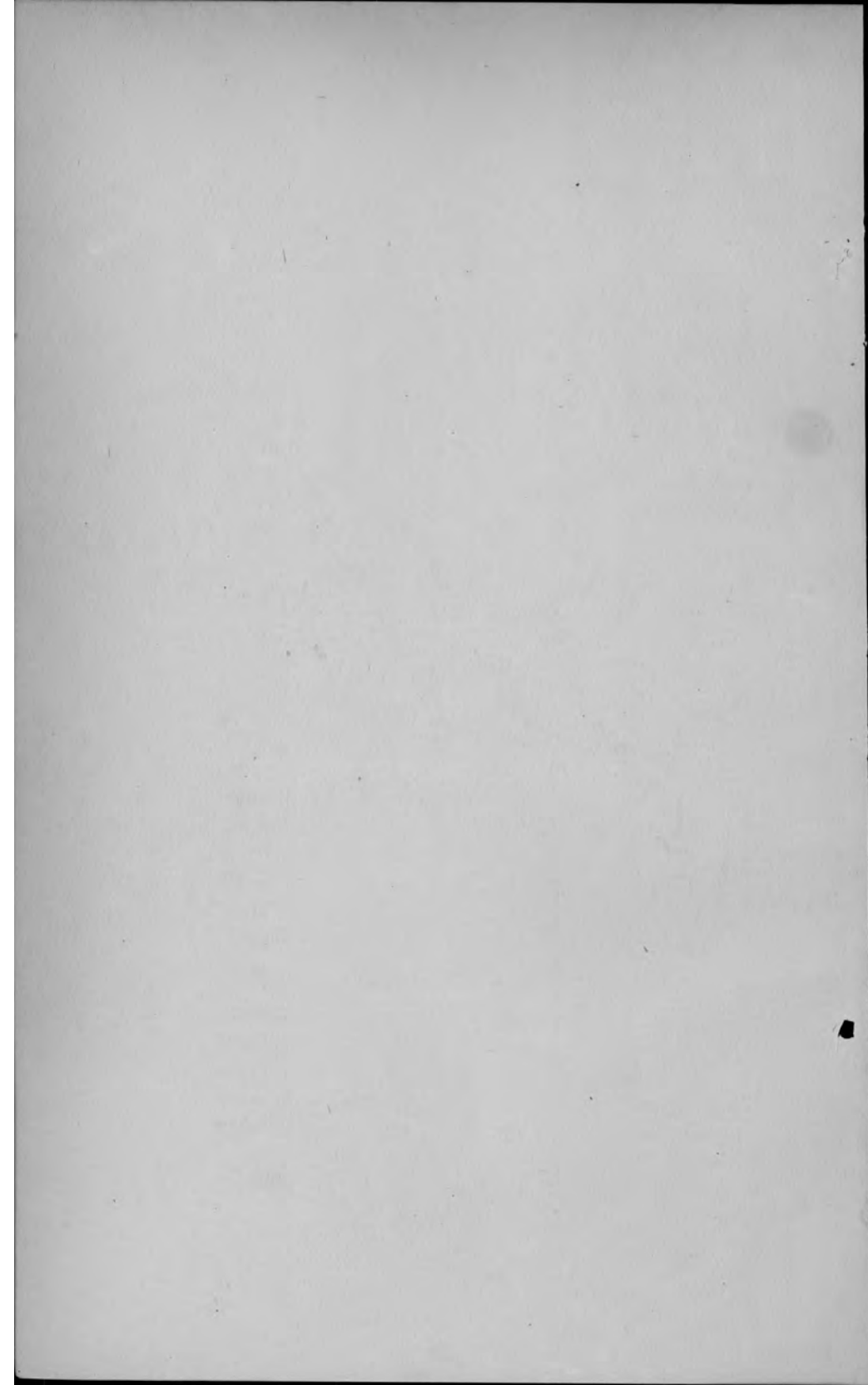
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PROCEEDINGS

The M. Ex. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama held its Sixty-Fourth Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, beginning on Monday, the first day of December, A. D. 1890; A. L. 5890; A. I. 2420.

PRESENT:

JOHN GIDEON HARRIS.....	Grand High Priest.
JAMES TAIT BECK.....	Deputy G. H. Priest.
FLETHER J. COWART, as	Grand King.
HENRY CLAY WILEY.....	Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY.....	Grand Treasurer.
MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE.....	Grand Secretary.
BENJAMIN M. STEVENS.....	Grand Chaplain.
ANDREW JACKSON NUNNELLY.....	Grand C. of Host.
JOSIAH JERNIGAN.....	Grand P. Sojourner.
WILLIAM JAMES RHODES.....	Grand R. A. Captain.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN, as.....	Grand M. of 3 V.
BENJAMIN F. POPE, as.....	Grand M. of 2 V.
GEORGE A. JOINER.....	Grand M. of 1 V.
CHARLES A. ALLEN.....	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

HENRY C. ARMSTRONG.....	Grand H. Priest.
MYLES J. GREENE.....	Grand H. Priest.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....	Grand H. Priest.
WILLIAM W. SCREWS.....	Grand H. Priest.
JOSEPH H. JOHNSON.....	Grand H. Priest.
JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE.....	Grand King.
PALMER J. PILLANS.....	Grand Scribe.

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

NEWELL M. THORNTON	Arkansas.
JOSEPH H. JOHNSON	Canada.
WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB	Connecticut.
BENJAMIN F. POPE	Florida.
JOHN A. MCKINNON	Indiana.
MYLES J. GREENE	Iowa.
JOHN G. HARRIS	Kansas.
JOHN G. HARRIS	Kentucky.
PALMER J. PILLANS	Louisiana.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER	Maryland.
WILLIAM J. RHODES	Maine.
GEORGE A. JOINER	Massachusetts
JOHN G. SMITH	Nebraska.
JOHN G. SMITH	New Jersey.
THOMAS T. ROWLAND	North Dakota.
JOHN G. SMITH	Ohio.
HENRY C. ARMSTRONG	Pennsylvania.
HENRY H. MATTHEWS	Quebec.
JAMES T. BECK	Rhode Island.
HENRY C. WILEY	Sou. Carolina.
GEORGE P. HARRISON	Texas.
PHILLIP C. CANDIDUS	Virginia.

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

No. 1.	Tuscaloosa	Charles N. Maxwell*	H. P.
" 4.	Monroe	William J. McCants*	H. P.
" 10.	Tuscumbia	Thomas T. Rowland	H. P.
" 13.	Gainesville	C. H. Winston	H. P.
" 19.	Mount Moriah	Thomas W. Roberts*	H. P.
" 20.	Livingston	Andrew C. Pickens*	K.
" 21.	Mobile	George O. Gowdy*	H. P.
		William A. Alexander	H. P.
		William S. Foster*	K.
		Palmer J. Pillans*	S.
" 22.	Montgomery	John M. DeCotts	H. P.
		Sven J. Anderson	K.
		Archibald L. R. Thompson	S.
		Andrew J. Nunnely	H. P.
No. 23.	Talladega	George A. Joiner*	K.
		William J. Rhodes*	S.

* Proxies.

No. 26.	Union.....	John B. Christian*.....	H. P.
" 28.	St. John.....	{Ed. S. Gatchell	H. P.
		{John H. McKinnon.....	K.
" 32.	Fulton.....	{Joseph A. Groves.....	H. P.
		{Joseph C. Johnson*.....	K.
" 38.	Decatur.....	James M. Brundidge*.....	H. P.
" 40.	Camden	{Sol. D. Block*	H. P.
		{James T. Beck*	K.
" 54.	Tyrian.....	{Josiah Jernigan	H. P.
		{J. M. Collier.....	K.
		{Henry C. Wiley.....	S.
" 56.	Zerubbabel.	M. S. D. Pittman.	H. P.
" 57.	Collinsville.	John B. Appleton*.....	H. P.
" 62.	Rockford.....	George F. Moore*.....	S.
" 63.	Clayton	John A. Foster*.....	H. P.
" 64.	Central.....	William C. Cleveland*.....	H. P.
" 73.	Gordon.....	Newell M. Thornton*.....	H. P.
" 76.	Elyton.....	Richard N. Hawkins*.....	H. P.
" 79.	Hillabee.....	George M. Porter.....	H. P.
" 83.	Bell	George W. Bartlett*.....	H. P.
" 86.	Coosa.....	{Benjamin F. Pope*.....	H. P.
		{Thomas H. Anderson*.....	K.
		{A. L. Woodliff*.....	S.
" 88.	Springville.....	T. G. Tarrant	H. P.
" 96.	Daniel Pratt ...	George L. Smith.....	H. P.
" 100.	Rock Mills.....	Richard J. Breed.....	H. P.
" 101.	Mineral City ...	John G. Smith.....	H. P.
" 102.	Cross Plains ...	{M. F. Ledbetter*	H. P.
		{H. W. Glover*.....	K.
		{A. F. Tomlin	S.
" 104.	Sylacauga.....	{George W. Sorrell*.....	H. P.
		{William M. Sorrell*.....	K.
" 105.	Anniston.....	William Y. Titcomb.....	K.
No. 106.	Graham	T. J. Thompson	K.

* Proxies.

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

Prayer by R. Ex. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The G. H. Priest appointed a committee on Credentials, composed of Companions Thomas T. Rowland, Andrew C. Pickens and Richard N. Hawkins; which, after investigation, reported a quorum present; and the report was adopted.

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,

WILLIAM W. SCREWS,

WILLIAM S. FOSTER.

On motion, the Grand High Priest's Address of 1889 was referred to the same committee.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter :

On the 21st day of May, A. D. 1823, the Grand Chapter of Alabama was organized in the City of Mobile, and Companion Dugald McFarlane, of Tuscaloosa, was chosen Grand High Priest. Since that event, capitular masonry in Alabama has had its prosperity and its adversity, its forward and its retrograde movements. To-day, we meet in our 64th annual Grand Convocation, and, invoking the richest and best benedictions of Heaven upon you and yours, I most cordially greet you within our Masonic Temple, as companions and representatives of your respective Chapters. You have come from every quarter of our State, to legislate and perform other service for the good of the craft.

Since our last assembling, nothing has occurred within our jurisdiction to distract or disturb.

Harmony, good-will and fraternal concord prevail. Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are cemented by the ties of a holy and exalted companionship, and no friction or discord has anywhere appeared. As we grow in a knowledge of the truth contained in our principles, so will we become more and more like the Great Author, "in whom we put our trust."

Acting upon the suggestions of my predecessor, you authorized the Grand High Priest to appoint two lecturers, to visit Chapters, whenever requested by them to do so, and instruct the compan-

ions in Chapter work. By virtue of this authority, I appointed Companion A. J. Nunnely, of Talladega Chapter, whom I knew was skilled in the arcana, and who loved masonry for the principles it contained and taught. From information received from various Chapters, I am assured you acted wisely in pursuing this course, and incalculable benefits have resulted to capitular masonry in this State.

Let us rejoice together, that Chapter masonry, within our jurisdiction, has greatly revived, and new energy has taken hold, and during the past year better work has been done than at any period within a quarter of a century.

The good news comes from many Chapters, "we are flourishing, receiving the very best material." Now that we have made our onward and upward movement, let us keep it up, relaxing not our energies, but pushing right on. Let our camp-fires burn brighter, and the watchword be, None but good men and true must enter our sacred tabernacle, and bow at our holy altars.

I wish to call attention to the fact that the committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest, at our last session, made a report, but said report was lost, so that the Grand Secretary could not print the same with the proceedings. This report was read and adopted, and the rulings of the Grand High Priest sustained. I would suggest that that address be again referred to a committee to pass upon and report.

In keeping with our time-honored custom, I now submit my official acts for the past masonic year.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted, to confer degrees and elect officers out of term time, viz:

Talladega Chapter No. 23, confer degrees.

Cross Plains Chapter No. 102, confer degrees.

Anniston Chapter No. 105, confer degrees.

Rockford Chapter No. 62, confer degrees.

Roslin Chapter No. 88, confer degrees.

Fulton Chapter No. 32, confer degrees.

Rock Mills Chapter No. 100, confer degrees.

Camden Chapter No. 40, elect officers.

Decatur Chapter No. 38 having lost its charter, dispensation granted to continue work. I now recommend that a duplicate charter be granted free of charge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THIS GRAND CHAPTER.

Official notice received of the appointment of the following companions as representatives near this Grand Chapter: William N. Boynton, of Talladega, for Illinois; William S. Foster, of Mobile, for Maryland; James E. Cobb, of Tuskegee, for Vermont; H. Clay Armstrong, of Auburn, for Pennsylvania; William Y. Titcomb, of Anniston, for Connecticut; John G. Smith, of Birmingham, for Nebraska; Myles J. Greene, of Montgomery, for Iowa; Henry H. Matthews, of Montgomery, for Quebec, Canada; Thomas T. Rowland, of Tuscumbia, for North Dakota; George P. Harrison, of Opelika, for Texas; Henry C. Wiley, of Troy, for South Carolina.

I recommend that at the proper time, during this session, these companions be officially recognized.

GRAND CHAPTERS ORGANIZED.

On March 19th, 1890, I received official notice from Most Excellent Companion David S. Day, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, of the organization of the Grand Chapters of North Dakota and South Dakota. I recommend that a formal recognition of these Grand Chapters be made at this convocation, and that we exchange fraternal greetings.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS RESTORED AND AT WORK.

Cross Plains No. 102.

Roslin N. 88.

Mount Moriah No. 19.

CHARTER FORFEITED.

Perfect Friendship Chapter No. 21 having forfeited its charter, I appointed Companion D. B. Edwards custodian of the property of said Chapter. It is for this Grand Chapter to take such action as it may think best in regard to said property.

On May 6th, 1890, official notice was issued from the office of the Grand High Priest of Ohio announcing the death of two distinguished and beloved companions belonging to that Grand Jurisdiction, P. G. H. P. Daniel E. Scott and P. D. G. H. P. J. N. Burr. On August 27th, ultimo, official announcement of another Grand Officer of Ohio, Mathias H. Watt, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter. Our sympathy goes out to our companions in their sad bereavement and our hearts join with them in this affliction.

No legal questions have been submitted for my decision, except such as had heretofore been passed upon by this Grand Chapter.

Companions, two years ago you saw proper to confer upon me the distinguished honor of that of your presiding officer. One year ago you renewed your confidence, and now my official term terminates by law. For your expression of appreciation and esteem, I am profoundly grateful. While I may not have come up to the full measure of duty performed, I assure you I have endeavored to be faithful to the trust reposed. And now, companions, as I surrender the East to my successor, let me most earnestly and sincerely thank you, one and all, for your fidelity to the cause and your support to my administration. While I may have been called upon to perform unpleasant official acts, I assure you in discharging my official duties I knew no man, but simply examined the case, and applied the law, and executed its behest.

And as I return from official place, let me invoke the blessings of the Great I Am upon the labors of this Grand Chapter. May fraternal love prevail, and may our children and our children's children through the centuries to come worship at this shrine and keep the tenets of Royal Arch masonry ever before their eyes

and written upon the tablets of their hearts; and when time shall be no more, and we shall all cross over the river, may we meet in that other and better country to part no more.

REPORTS MADE.

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

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Palmer J. Pillans, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his annual report, and it was received and ordered to be printed. (See Appendix.)

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest announced the following committees:

On Chartered Chapters, No. 1—George F. Moore, John A. Milner, William W. Screws.

On Chartered Chapters, No. 2—Thomas T. Rowland, W. W. McCollum, K. J. Thomas.

On Chartered Chapters, No. 3—Frank Prince, Josiah Jernigan, W. J. Rhodes.

On Dispensations—John G. Smith, George C. Gowdy, Joseph A. Groves.

On By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals—Thomas H. Amberson, W. C. Cleveland, Thomas W. Roberts.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—William W. Screws, William A. Alexander, Andrew C. Pickens.

On Finance—Henry C. Wiley, John B. Christian, C. M. Maxwell.

On Work—Henry C. Armstrong, Joseph H. Johnson, William S. Foster.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 4:30 p. m.

In Grand Chapter.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, December 1st, 1890.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 4:30, P. M.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Ben F. Pope, offered the following resolution and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue a certificate to Companion Stephen F. Dill, a member of Choctaw Chapter No. 44, in good standing, at the time of the forfeiture of its Charter, upon the payment by said Companion, of the sum of one dollar and a half.

Companion John G. Smith, offered the following preamble and resolutions, and they were referred to the Committee on Finance :

Whereas, The Grand Chapter of Alabama has not had the laws and edicts codified and published since 1869, and,

Whereas, The growing demands of the Order requires the codification and publication of all the laws and edicts without delay, therefore,

Resolved, That Companion Palmer J. Pillans be appointed to codify and publish its edicts and laws.

2nd, That one hundred copies be printed and bound in muslin ; the same to be sold at a price not exceeding one dollar per copy.

3rd, That two hundred copies, or as many as may be deemed necessary, be bound in paper, and be sold at not more than twenty-five cents each.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1,

Companion John A. Milner, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, made the following report and it was adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, have examined the Returns submitted to them, and report as correct, Monroe No. 4, Gainesville No. 13, and Livingston No. 20.

The following are incorrect in points noted.

MT. MORIAH No. 19.—Several defects which we decline to note, as this Chapter has been dormant for some time, and was recently reorganized. No Seal, reason given, seal misplaced, an insufficient excuse, as your Committee think. This report contains a remarkable mortuary list (11 members). We infer that these deaths reach back several years.

MOBILE No. 21.—Not signed by High Priest.

MONTGOMERY No. 22.—No names of delegates appear.

TALLADEGA No. 23.—Initials instead of full names being given.
Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. MOORE, Chairman.

JOHN A. MILNER,

WILLIAM W. SCREWS.

REPORT ON WORK.

Companion Henry C. Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee on Work, reported the M. M's. degree, and the report was adopted.

On motion, the report was suspended and made the special order for 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, until 9 A. M., to-morrow.

In Grand Chapter.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 2nd, 1890.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

The minutes were read and approved.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Companion Henry C. Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee on Work, reported on the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees, and the report was adopted.

On motion, the further report was postponed and made the special order for 3 P. M. to-day.

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

Companion William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, made the following report, and the report was concurred in.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

The Committee, on the Annual Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, respectfully submits the following report:

The Committee has given that address a careful perusal and has been deeply impressed with its truly Masonic scope and spirit. Its lofty conception of the ends and aims of Capitular Masonry commands our admiration, while its wise suggestions, as to the Royal Craft among-t us, meet our unqualified endorsement.

The M. E. Grand Chapter having acted upon an intimation made in the M. E. Grand High Priest's address, by referring to

this Committee, the Annual Address delivered at the last Annual Grand Convocation, a report on which was made last year and concurred in by the last Grand Chapter, but by some mischance failed to reach the Grand Secretary's hands for publication in the "Proceedings" of the last Grand Chapter, we respectfully and fraternally report that we are fully sensible of the exalted sentiments embodied in said address, and that we unhesitatingly commend all the official acts and rulings of the M. E. Grand High Priest in that address.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB,
WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS,
HENRY CLAY WILEY,

Committee.

Companion Joseph A. Groves, offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Whereas, Fulton Chapter No. 32, for many years dormant, is now working under dispensation, therefore,

Resolved, That the Charter of said Chapter be, and the same is hereby restored, and that said Chapter be allowed thirty days to send up its Returns and pay its dues.

Companion Thomas T. Rowland, offered the following resolution and it was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, be instructed to pay to Joseph S. Sugars, and Robert P. Baker, of Decatur Chapter No. 38, the sum of twenty-two dollars, to defray their expenses while investigating certain charges against Cyrus Chapter No. 6, by order of the Grand High Priest.

Companion W. F. Aldrich, offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That authority is hereby granted to Central Chapter No. 64, to remove from Montevallo to Aldrich; and that the Grand Secretary is instructed to note the change of address, and to notify said Chapter at once and under Seal, of this action.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 3

Companion Josiah Jernigan, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 3, submitted the following report, and it was concurred in :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 3, submit the following report:

We find the Returns of Coosa Chapter No. 86, correct.

The following are incorrect:

ROSLIN CHAPTER No. 88.—Dates not given. No Seal, being misplaced.

ELYTON No. 76.—Recapitulation not filled out. Not signed by High Priest. Names of Representatives not given.

CENTRAL No. 64.—Names of Representatives not given.

ROCKFORD No. 62 —Recapitulation improperly filled out, showing 7 as having presided, while body of returns shows 8.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH JERNIGAN,

WILLIAM J. RHODES,

Committee.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Companion Thomas T. Rowland, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, submitted the following report, and it was concurred in :

To the Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, having examined the returns submitted to them, find the following

CORRECT:

Tuscumbia.....	No. 10	Collinsville.....	No. 57.
Union	No. 26	Rock Mills.....	No. 100.
St. Johns	No. 28	Mineral City.....	No. 101.
Camden	No. 40	Sylacauga.....	No. 104.

The following are incorrect:

CROSS PLAINS No. 102.—Shows 18 members on face, and 19 in body of returns; dates not given.

DANIEL PRATT No. 96.—15 members on face, but body of returns shows 17. Short in dues \$1.50.

ZERUBBABEL No. 56 —Blanks in headings not filled. Seal not discernable, proxy made by H. P. to M. D. L. Pitman, while face of returns show the H. P. as present.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS T. ROWLAND,
WILLIAM W. McCOLLUM,
Committee.

REPORT ON DISPENSATIONS.

Companion John G. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, made the following report, and it was concurred in :

To the Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations beg leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the records and By-Laws of Anniston Chapter No. 105, and in the former, find many irregularities, some of which we specify.

We find such expressions as "A regular Convocation was called to order, with same officers as at last meeting. The lodge then adjourned to the sound of the gavel," &c. We also find that on two occasions, the records show that certain Companions were Exalted to the degree of Royal Arch, while said records fail to show that these Companions had been R. and A. as M. E. Masters.

Your Committee is of the opinion, that said Chapter had no copy of the Chapter Code, as the Secretary failed to observe the rules therein laid down. The By-Laws of this Chapter we find to be worthy of approval.

After conferring with the representative of this Chapter, who assures us that in future the records will be correctly kept, we recommend that a Charter be granted to Anniston Chapter No. 105, with the injunction that the minutes be kept as the Chapter Code of Alabama prescribes.

We have also examined the Constitution and By-Laws of Graham Chapter No. 106, which accompany its application for a Charter. We find said By-Laws to be in conformity with the

Constitution of the Grand Chapter, with the exception of sec. 15, Art. II.

"To prevent a dimit being granted to a delinquent, and subsequent to Masonic punishment."

"The penalty for N. P. D. shall be suspension until dues are paid; and after the member has been suspended for one year, his dues still unpaid, he shall be expelled, unless he shows that his failure to pay was from inability, in which case his dues may be remitted."

While we cannot too strongly condemn the N. P. D., yet we think this law is rather harsh. Hence, we recommend that this section of the By-Laws be changed, so as to read as follows:

"The penalty for N. P. D. for two years, shall be suspension until the dues are paid."

With this change in the By-Laws, we recommend that a Charter be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. SMITH,
Chairman.

Companion Palmer J. Pillans, offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed to strike out of the reports of Committees on Chartered Chapters, all objections to such Returns as incorrect, because the word "none" is not inserted in the blanks.

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

In Grand Chapter.

The M. Ex. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 3 P. M. to-day.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Thomas T. Rowland, offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10, be allowed sixty in which to pay its dues.

Companion Benjamin F. Pope offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That Gordon Chapter No. 73 be allowed sixty days in which to make Returns and pay its dues to the Grand Chapter, and that Companion N. M. Thornton—who is present—be authorized to represent said Chapter at the present Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

REPORT ON CODIFICATION OF LAWS.

Companion Henry C. Wiley, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made following report, and it was concurred in :

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Resolutions offered by Companion John G. Smith, in reference to the codification and publication of the laws, edicts and decisions of this Grand Chapter, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report :

That in the judgment of the Committee, such code or digest is

indispensable, and therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution.

They further recommend that the codifier be instructed to prepare for and publish with said Code or Digest, a complete and comprehensive Index.

Your Committee further recommend, that an appropriation of \$150.00, be made to defray the expenses of publishing said Code or Digest.

Faternally submitted.

HENRY C. WILEY,
Chairman.

RESIGNATION OF FIRST THREE OFFICERS.

Companion John G. Smith offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the High Priest, King or Scribe of any subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, may resign or dimit, when he removes from the jurisdiction of his Chapter; and in case of such resignation, the High Priest has power to order an election to fill such vacancy, notice being given to at least a majority of the members in good standing.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Companion Henry C. Wiley, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted their report, and it was concurred in. (*See Appendix.*)

REPORT ON WORK.

Companion Henry C. Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee on Work, reported the Royal Arch degree, and the report was adopted.

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

JAMES TAIF BECK.....	Grand High Priest.
JOHN ALEXANDER MCKINNON.....	Deputy Grand H. P.
HENRY CLAY WILEY.....	Grand King.
ANDREW JACKSON NUNNELLY.....	Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY.....	Grand Treasurer.
MYLES JEFFERSON GREENE.....	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM CALLOWAY CLEVELAND.....	Grand Chaplain.
JOSIAH JERNIGAN.....	Grand C. of H.

The Grand High Priest subsequently appointed the following:

WILLIAM JAMES RHODES.....	Grand P. Sojourner.
EDWARD SAMUEL GATCHELL.....	Grand C. of H.
THOMAS HAMILTON AMBERSON.....	Grand M. 3 V.
GEORGE FLEMING MOORE.....	Grand M. 2 V.
ANDREW CALHOUN PICKENS.....	Grand M. 1 V.
CHARLES ALEXANDER ALLEN.....	Grand Sentinel.

Companion Henry C. Armstrong offered the following preamble and resolution, and they were adopted.

Whereas, Wetumpka Chapter No. 17, some years ago lost its building, jewels, furniture, charter, &c., by fire; and whereas, in consequence of such loss, the said Chapter has failed to be represented in this Grand Chapter, thereby forfeiting its Charter, therefore,

Resolved, That a new Charter be granted free of charge to said Wetumpka Chapter No. 17, and that they be authorized to reorganize on the payment of dues to the Grand Chapter, at its next Annual Grand Convocation.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Companion Henry C. Wiley, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report, and it was concurred in:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Resolution offered by Companion T. T. Rowland, in reference to the expense of Companions Sugars and Baker, incurred in going to

Florence, by order of the M. E. G. High Priest, to investigate charges against Cyrus Chapter No. 6, beg leave to report, that from the best information obtained by your Committee, the said expenses are properly chargeable to Cyrus Chapter, and your Committee therefore recommend that said Resolution be not adopted.

HENRY C. WILEY,
Chairman.

Companion Thomas T. Rowland, offered the following preamble and resolution, and they were adopted :

Whereas, In consequence of an infraction of law by Cyrus Chapter No. 6, and its failure to respond to a letter addressed to it by the Grand High Priest; whereby it became necessary to send a Committee to said Chapter, which resulted in the arrest of its Charter; and whereas, at the subsequent meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Charter of Cyrus Chapter was restored upon the condition and understanding, that said Chapter should pay the bill of expenses incurred by the aforesaid Committee, while in discharge of the duty assigned them; the said expenses amounting to twenty-two dollars; and whereas, the said bill has never been paid, therefore,

Resolved, That Cyrus Chapter No. 6 is hereby required to pay the aforesaid Committee, composed of Companions Joseph S. Sugars, and Robert P. Baker, the aforesaid sum of twenty-two dollars, within ninety days from date, and on failure to do so, their Charter shall be declared forfeited.

Resolved 2d, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the H. P. of Cyrus Chapter No. 6 of this action of the Grand Chapter.

Companion Andrew J. Nunnally offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the name of Chapter No. 88, be and the same is hereby changed from Rosalin to Springville.

Companion Henry C. Wiley, offered the following preamble and resolution, and they were adopted :

Whereas, The Charter, Jewels, records and other property of Thomas M. Bragg Chapter No. 99, were several years since des-

troyed by fire, and in consequence thereof, said Chapter forfeited its Charter, therefore be it,

Resolved, That a new Charter be issued to Thomas M. Bragg Chapter No. 99, free of charge, and that the members of said Chapter are hereby authorized to meet, reorganize and elect, and install officers, and report the same to the Grand Secretary within the next ninety days.

The M. Ex. Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

In Grand Chapter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, December 3, 1890.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

The minutes were read and approved.

Companion Andrew C. Pickens, offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That Carrollton Chapter No. 84, having forfeited its Charter, the same be restored on payment of one year's dues, and that they be allowed sixty days to elect officers, pay dues, and make their returns to the Grand Chapter.

Companion H. Clay Armstrong offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That Auburn Chapter No. 42, late at Auburn, in the county of Lee, and Loachapoka Chapter No. 80, in the same county, be, and they are hereby authorized to consolidate as one

Chapter, to be known as Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80, provided they shall make returns, and pay dues to the Grand Chapter at the Grand Convocation in 1891.

GRAND OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Past Grand High Priest, Henry Clay Armstrong, assisted by Companion William W. McCollum as Grand Marshal, then installed the Grand Officers elect, and appointed, which was done in Ample Form.

The M. Ex. Grand High Priest then appointed the following committee:

OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

PALMER J. PILLANS,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JOSEPH A. GROVES,

GEORGE F. MOORE,

GEORGE L. SMITH.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ACKNOWLEDGED.

The following representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, were introduced, and courteously acknowledged by the Grand High Priest:

HENRY C. WILEY	South Carolina.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER	Maryland.
HENRY C. ARMSTRONG	Pennsylvania.
THOMAS T. ROWLAND	North Dakota.
WILLIAM J. RHODES	Maine.
WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB	Connecticut.

The following were announced by the Grand High Priest as the standing committees:

ON WORK.

HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG	Auburn.
JOSEPH HENRY JOHNSON	Talladega.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER	Mobile.

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK. (*virtute officii*).

JAMES T. BECK.....Camden.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

WILLIAM W. SCREWS.....Montgomery.

WILLIAM A. ALEXANDER.....Mobile.

ANDREW C. PICKENSEutaw.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

PALMER J. PILLANS.....Belknap.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....Uniontown.

JOSEPH A. GROVESEutaw.

GEORGE F. MOORE.....Montgomery

GEORGE L. SMITH.....Prattville.

There being no more business to come before the Grand Chapter, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the R. Ex. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, Companion William C. Cleveland, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

MYLES J. GREENE,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

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Report on Foreign Correspondence.

BY PALMER J. PILLANS, Chairman.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have had before it the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, which have been carefully examined and important matters noted. At present there are no questions agitating the Craft, but almost every where we meet with the glad tidings that "peace and harmony prevail." In consequence, although the labor has remained as great, the result of a review is apparently much less than formerly.

We have seen our Grand Chapter for the last few years increasing in the number of its membership and also in its finances, yet wishing to see the latter grow to fair proportions, we have been as curt in this report as would be consistent with the dignity and standing of this Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHAPTERS REVIEWED.

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

ARKANSAS, NOVEMBER, 1889—40TH ANNUAL.

This Grand Chapter was opened in this Fortieth Annual Convocation in ample form by the G. H. Priest, W. H. Gee. Of the Craft he says that he infers that it is in a prosperous condition, and the Secretary's tabular statement shows that its growth is sufficiently great. Its membership is 1,689, and the increase during the year, 90.

Four dispensations for new charters were issued during the recess, and charters to three of them were granted at this convocation.

The finances appear to be in most healthy condition, the balance being more than \$2,000.

There were no appeals or grievances to be adjusted.

Samuel Peete, Batesville, Grand High Priest.

James A. Henry, Little Rock, Grand Secretary.

There has been no report on correspondence before us for now two years, but in this pamphlet there is an excellent synopsis of what is occurring elsewhere, in which we find Alabama for 1888 duly represented.

CALIFORNIA, APRIL, 1890—36TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest William Vanderhurst congratulates the companions of California on the state of the Craft:

No questions have been asked or decisions required, and not a single act of irregularity has been called to my attention, from which I am led to conclude that the officers of the subordinate chapters are of such superior ability, and the members thereof generally of such material, that they understand and willingly conform to the rules and regulations of the Order.

We might, under some circumstances, infer that this exceedingly placid state of affairs implies inactivity and a want of interest in the Order; but when we refer to the increase of membership and the promptness with which the several chapters have come forward with their returns and annual dues to the Grand Chapter, we must conclude that Capitular Masonry is prospering and still progressing in the right direction in this jurisdiction.

We find the tables giving us 4,650 as the number of active companions, and the increase during the year of 170.

The G. H. Priest dwells upon the importance of official visitations to the Craft, and thinks the results such as can be achieved in no other way.

Grand Chapter assets \$3,412, and the Committee on Appeals and Grievances bewails the fact that they have nothing before them. Both of these facts betoken a full share of prosperity and harmony.

Franklin Henry Day, San Francisco, Grand High Priest.

Thomas Hubbard Caswell, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Comp. Caswell as usual made the report on correspondence, which as usual is also exceedingly good. In it we find Alabama for 1889.

After quoting from G. H. Priest Harris' address, he says:

The record does not show, however, that the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to any committee, or that any action was taken in the matter by the Grand Chapter.

In looking for the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Finance Committee, we were directed to "see appendix," and we saw it—eighty-four pages of it—while the proceedings proper are contained in twenty-two. A clear case of the tail wagging the dog.

And having extracted what we said upon our steady increase during the preceding two years, he thus comments:

We rejoice that our companions of Alabama are enabled, at last, to see a rift in the cloud of adversity which has so long encompassed them. May it continue to enlarge until the sun of prosperity shall once more beam upon them in the full glory of its effulgence.

For this friendly wish or prayer, we sincerely thank him.

CANADA, JULY, 1890—33RD ANNUAL.

The G. Z. Richard B. Hungerford granted a dispensation for the formation of a new chapter, which received a charter at this convocation.

He thinks that Grand Chapter should demand an annual report from its representatives, that the honor of being such may be fully appreciated.

He reports the financial condition of Grand Chapter to be excellent.

He favors giving to chapters the right to confer degrees in any lodge room in their districts, not confining the work to a specified locality.

He is averse to the shortness of the sessions of Grand Chapter,

and thinks the meeting of this body and Grand Lodge should occur at separate periods.

The Grand Superintendents of districts make very complete reports, which are referred to a committee on the condition of the Craft, who make report thereon. In these reports complete justice is meted out, blame being attached where deserved, and praise where merited. As a specimen, see:

The report from Ontario District is not bristling with information. The official visits appear to have been paid by a proxy in the shape of a postal stamp or card. The intimation that "a new era of prosperity" has been entered upon in one chapter, and that another appears to be "in a healthy condition" are hardly welcome opinions. While the good words of those who volunteer information are not to be disregarded, yet the closer relationship of a personal visit might materially change opinions hastily formed. Ontario District is not singular in this respect.

And—

The esoteric work—that all important feature, without which the interest in the Royal Craft would linger and die—can, your committee feels pleased to state, be reviewed in terms of congratulation. In nearly all the districts, the Grand Superintendents speak, not only hopefully, but with enthusiasm. The impressions that the initiate receives, when seeking the benefits of the Greater Light, we are enabled to give him in his Masonic progress, may make or mar his further interest in the work, and your committee, without flattering those in charge of the subordinate chapters, feels that, in almost every case, a consciousness prevails with those officers that whatever is done should be well done, that our legends are meant to create within man, not a desire to wear attractive regalia, and appear to his fellow man as one who had gained eminence by shallow pretensions, but rather to open a new volume in the library of life, and by rectitude and well doing, day in and day out, show that his work has raised him to a higher plane. Your committee is assured that the methods adopted by Grand Chapter some years ago, in connection with the rendering of the work, have produced results that can not be over-estimated.

J. J. Mason, Hamilton, G. Z.

David McLellan, Hamilton, G. S. E.

Comp. H. Robertson, P. G. Z., again made the report on correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1889.

COLORADO, SEPTEMBER, 1889—15TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest William T. Bridwell issued a dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter, to which G. Chapter granted a charter. Number of Chapters, 23; membership, 1560; Exalted, 143, thus showing an abundance of work.

The G. Hige Priest refused to allow a substitute to be used in conferring the degree, but the Grand Chapter overruled this decision.

He recommends the compilation of a code of laws for the G. Chapter to save the many questions referred to the G. H. Priest, and thus relieve him "of a vast amount of labor."

Balance in hand more than \$5,000.

The following was adopted:

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

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

3rd. 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 High Priest on or before January 1st, 1890.

Samuel H. Thompson, Durango, Grand High Priest.

Ed. C. Parmelee, Pueblo, Grand Secretary.

Companion E. LeN. Foster, P. G. H. P., provided the correspondence feast, and Alabama for 1888 is found attending. The report is, like our own, very much condensed, but excellent.

CONNECTICUT, MAY, 1890—92ND ANNUAL.

Thirty-six of the thirty-seven on the roll were represented at this Convocation. There were, during the year, 240 exaltations; the membership is 4,610, the increase being 176. We discover in the examination of the table that a great improvement appears in the diminished number of dismissions. Affiliations and reinstated amount to 106; while those who dimitted were but 17, and struck from the roll, N. P. D., only 10.

Much of the address of G. H. Priest John O. Rowland is devoted to deceased companions, visitations and new Grand Chapters. Of these last, we find that the Grand Chapter of Connecticut

recognized one in North Dakota. We have thus far not received anything from or about this, though on the eve of our Convocation. Nor, indeed, have we seen anything of the proceedings of the G. G. Chapter, whose session was held in Atlanta a year ago.

The several committees on Jurisprudence and Grievances report that they have nothing to do.

Gilbert L. Hewitt, Norwich, Grand High Priest.

John K. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

M. E. Companion J. H. Barlow, P. G. H. P., as usual, made the report on correspondence, giving to Alabama full courtesy. He fears that when the compensation of Grand Lecturers is left to the Chapters, it will be found that those most needing instruction "will be too poor to pay for it."

Of the change of Weogufka Chapter No. 104 to Sylacauga Chapter No. 104, he says:

We are unable to discern any improvement in the change from one heathenish name to another, equally so—necessity for change seems still to exist.

Companion B.'s reports are always good, and from them much good instruction may be obtained. We, however, lack space for more.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DECEMBER, 1889—32D ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest Robert Bull boasts of the uniformity of style and intelligent rendition of the capitular degrees within the jurisdiction as having no superior anywhere else, if even it has an equal, and accounts for this state in the following manner:

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer is accessible to them at all times, and above all things else, no Companion can be installed High Priest of a Chapter simply on his personal popularity, nor unless he knows the work in every part of all the degrees thoroughly, and produces the certificate of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer to that effect.

No grievances or appeals required the action of the committees.

The committee on Jurisprudence, reporting upon a question submitted to it at the last Convocation, arrives at the conclusion that the G. H. Priest is not authorized to dispense with a by-law of a Chapter, although the Constitution confers upon him power to grant dispensations for "public processions, and such other

purposes as are authorized by the Ancient Constitution." The committee says that the power of the Grand Master (and consequently of the G. H. Priest) is limited to the following, viz :

The Grand Master had power to authorize the making of more than five new brethren at one time ;

To dispense with the requisite age of a candidate provided he was his own master ;

To shorten, by dispensation, the time required to intervene between the reception of an application and the time of acting upon it :

To grant his dispensation authorizing brethren to withdraw from the Lodge in which they were made members ;

To grant his warrant authorizing the formation of a new Lodge.

It declares that these are all that are authorized by the Ancient Constitution.

The surplus in the treasury is so great that the G. Treasurer recommended some safe investment of at least a thousand dollars, which was authorized.

Chapters, 8 ; members, 1524 ; gain, 130.

Edwin S. Holmes, Washington, Grand High Priest.

L. G. Stephens, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Companion W. R. Singleton again made one of his happy reports, reviewing Alabama for 1888.

GEORGIA, APRIL, 1890—68TH ANNUAL.

G. High Priest James W. Taylor issued dispensations for the formation of three new Chapters, and to these charters were granted. He also issued dispensations for the revival of five old Chapters. He declined to issue dispensations for new ones where he thought the surroundings would not support a Chapter.

Of the Craft he says :

It is very gratifying to report to you, my companions, the continued healthy and prosperous condition of our finances, and flattering numerical growth of the Order the past year, a full report of which will be given by your committee on Finance and Returns, and that peace and harmony still exist within our sacred walls ; no internal dissensions of any kind to mar the pleasures and benefits we may derive from the beauties portrayed in every lesson taught in our Order, and to-day caputular masonry in Georgia is in a more prosperous condition than ever before during the history of her Grand Chapter.

A preamble and resolutions of considerable length, looking to an intercommunication between the several governing bodies of the several recognized Rites—the G. Lodge, the G. Chapter, the G. Council, the G. Commandery and the Supreme Councils of the A. and A. S. Rite, etc.—was adopted.

James W. Taylor, Luthersville, Grand High Priest.

A. M. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Companion Love again came forward with the report on correspondence, which is a sufficient guarantee of its excellence.

ILLINOIS, OCTOBER, 1889—40TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest Sylvester O. Spring congratulated the G. Chapter upon the condition of the Craft, and asserts that the gain in membership will compare favorably with former years.

He issued a dispensation for a new Chapter, and it received a charter at this Convocation.

He made an appeal in behalf of the Home, and the G. Chapter appropriated \$1000 to this institution.

Active Chapters, 197; membership, 13,106; gain, 249.

The cash balance exceeds \$13,000, which we presume may be denominated very good.

John E. Dyas, Paris, Grand High Priest.

Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Companion John M. Pearson, P. G. H. P., made the report on correspondence, and in it we find Alabama for 1888. We had not the pleasure of receiving the proceedings of this G. Chapter last year. Why?

We will be excused for copying the following, we know. After copying what G. H. Priest Johnson said of the apathy among Companions, and the ignorance of the work on the part of officers, he says:

The Grand High Priest then goes on to say that, in his opinion, if the officers were well informed in the ritual, so that the younger members could be taught, the evil would be remedied. All of us know the great value of a correct and smooth rendering of a beautiful ritual. We do not tire of hearing it, and it makes a strong bond of union and, better still, leads to improvement in character, the true end of masonic teaching. The Grand Chapter took some steps to bring this about, but, owing to financial weakness, did not feel justified in going as far as recommended by the Grand High Priest. The most important, as well as the saddest news from this Grand Chapter, is the official no-

tice of the death of Companion Daniel Sayre, for thirty-one years Grand Secretary. Faithfully, through good and ill, in times of strength and then in times of weakness, he has served his Grand Chapter, for half the time of its existence, dying in the harness, over eighty years of age. Our best wish and prayer for our Companions in Alabama, is that a worthy successor may be found.

INDIANA, OCTOBER, 1889—44TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest McDonald declared the Craft in a prosperous condition and the increase in membership to have been larger than usual. He also congratulated Grand Chapter upon the fact that the finances are in "a better condition than for many years past." In consideration of this latter fact, the dues to Grand Chapter were reduced.

Much business was transacted but of no general import.

Elmer Crockett, South Bend, G. H. P.

William H. Smythe, Indianapolis, G. Sec'ty.

Companion Thomas B. Long, P. G. H. P., presented the review of proceedings of sister Grand Chapters. In it Alabama for 1888 is found to have received very full and courteous notice. Besides being one of the fullest, it is also one of the best that have passed under our inspection.

IOWA, NOVEMBER, 1889—36TH ANNUAL

G. H. Priest, H. C. McNeil, issued dispensations for two new Chapters, who presented good work, true work and square work, and in consequence received Charters.

Number Chapters	110
Membership	6,449
Decrease during the year	35

G. H. Priest recommended some action be taken to protect Capitular Masonry in Iowa, and the committee recommended, that for the present at least, Grand Chapter take no action.

A resolution was adopted which we regard as looking to the separation of Cryptic from Capitular Masonry.

There was no appeals and no grievances to redress.

F. H. Loring, Oskaloosa, G. H. P.

Alf Wingate, Des Moines, G. Sec'ty.

Companion T. R. Ercanback, P. G. H. P., made the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand

Chapters in an able and courteous manner. Alabama, 1888, receives a large share of attention. The reviewer copied liberally from the address of G. H. Priest Johnson approvingly, and also from the memorial report touching our revered late G. Secretary.

KANSAS, FEBRUARY, 1890—25TH ANNAL.

G. H. Priest, Robert E. Torrington, thus speaks of dispensations for new Chapters, and we suppose that the same may be said of other jurisdictions:

Numerous petitions for dispensations to form new chapters, have been presented during the year; but after as careful an investigation as I was able to make, I concluded that the best interest of the Craft could be better subserved in declining to grant them. It may be, Companions, in some case, I have made a mistake; if so however, it can be readily adjusted by my successor in office.

I find that in many instances the petitioners seem to labor under the impression that if they are enabled to obtain eight or ten members, and a few candidates, with which to begin, that this is about all that is necessary to form a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and apparently little or no thought is taken of the future of such proposed chapter, whether the field is sufficiently large from which to obtain material, or whether the material is of such a character as will serve to build up and maintain a chapter in a creditable manner. My judgment is, Companions, that we have about as many chapters in the State at this time as the good of the Order will warrant; and I believe that if instead of forming new chapters there were some consolidations effected among the chapters already in existence, Capitular Masonry would be greatly benefitted, and the demand for new chapters materially lessened.

From the report of Companion John H. Brown, who represented this Grand Chapter in the convocation of the G. G. Chapter at Atlanta as proxy for the G. H. Priest, we copy as follows, for thus far we have not the proceedings of that august body; for this we might be inclined to feel impatient, if we did not remember that such bodies move slowly, as perhaps the only method of impressing the outsiders with a proper conception of the magnitude of their dignity. These directions of this, our August Superior, ought to be obeyed, and to this end should be known by all Companions:

The following resolutions were adopted, which will no doubt cause some changes in the ceremonial of some of our chapters:

Resolved, That members in a chapter should be dependent upon and coexistent with membership in a lodge of freemasons.

Resolved, That the ceremonies of the Past Master's degrees, shall be confined within the narrowest constitutional limits, only retaining the obligation, the induction into the Oriental chair, and the communication of the means of recognition.

Resolved, That the clothing of a Royal Arch Mason is hereby defined to be—a white lamb-skin apron (for which cotton or linen cannot be substituted) square in form, lined with scarlet silk, and with a narrow edging of scarlet, without any device whatever on the body, but with a triple tau cross within a triangle and that within a circle on the flap.

Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter have prepared a complete digest of its decisions, including a formula for installing the officers of subordinate and Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter and the ceremonies, so far as they are applicable to Grand Chapters and their subordinates, shall be recommendatory only.

There is a comfortable balance in the Treasury.

Chapters	72
Members	3,917
Gain	328

Action upon the application of G. Chapter of New South Wales for recognition was deferred for more light upon the subject.

Henry C. Cook, Oswego, G. H. P.

John H. Brown, Kansas City, G. Sec.

This latter P. G. H. P. made his usual report on correspondence, and in his usual felicitous style, including in it Alabama for 1888. For his kind words and kinder wishes we give him our thanks. We begin to see the skies brighter and believe that our successor may be able to rejoice with exceeding great joy at the *renaissance* of Capitular Masonry in this our beloved State.

KENTUCKY, OCTOBER, 1889—74TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest Henry G. Sandifer speaks of the condition of the Craft as very encouraging. He thinks that when great apathy prevails it may be attributed to indifference on the part of the officers, lack of the necessary paraphernalia and ignorance of the ritual generally. He thinks some better method of teaching the work than that now in use should be adopted.

He well says—

No applications for the formation of new Chapters have been received, which is certainly not to be regretted. Better far to

put more life and vigor into those now upon the roll than to add others that will flourish for a season, and when they shall have exhausted the material at hand, go into decline.

He recommends that none be allowed to be exalted who have not selected and recorded their mark. He further recommends calling the roll as the last business of the convocation, and the forfeiture of per diem and mileage by each one absent without leave.

No grievances required to be redressed.

Grand Chapter adopted the recommendation of G. H. Priest touching marks, and also that for calling the roll.

This G. Chapter memorialized the G. G. Chapter upon eliminating the Past Master's degree from the Capitular ritual, and we are informed that that G. G. Body,

"Resolved, That the ceremonies of the Past Master's degree, shall be confined within the narrowest constitutional limits, only retaining the obligation, the induction into the Oriental chair, and the communication of the means of recognition."

Henry B. Grant, Louisville, G. H. P.

Joseph H. Branham, Louisville, G. Sec.

P. G. H. Priest, Comp. James W. Staton, presented the report on correspondence, reviewing in it Alabama for 1888 and 1889 somewhat extensively, and as always, kindly. We hope as Companion Staton hopes, that Capitular Masonry in this State has touched bottom and will now rebound. The returns will show.

LOUISIANA, FEBRUARY, 1890—43D ANNUAL.

We find G. H. Priest Herman Cope Duncan entertains a hopeful view of the future of Capitular Masonry in Louisiana, and is satisfied with its present status. Some dormant Chapters have been revived and the prospect is that others will be.

When asked what is needed to restore the ancient prosperity, he answers, that careful and thoughtful legislation to be sure is needed, but he thinks to insure it, "the people must be prosperous that Masonry may prosper." Again he says—

To promote the prosperity of our rite a Grand Lecturer is needed, and the need is so great that it is, I take it, self-evident. It is not necessary to elaborate it.

He is adverse to life membership, or rather would have it made more difficult of obtainance.

He recommends diminishing the cost of the degrees.

Grand Chapter approved his recommendations and acted upon them.

He however says—

I believe, however, that what we need most of all is zeal, and specially in officers. It is necessary to success that we should ourselves thoroughly believe what we teach.

Rev. Herman C. Duncan, Alexandria, G. H. P.

J. C. Batchelor, M. D., New Orleans, G. Sec.

Companion Joseph Horner, P. G. H. Priest and D. G. G. H. Priest, presented the report on correspondence, and his comments on Alabama for 1889 demonstrate the necessity of the members of this Grand Chapter devoting more time to business, that such errors resulting from hasty legislation may be avoided. We give his entire comment:

ALABAMA.

The Grand High Priest mentions in his address that Chapters of his jurisdiction had been charged with returning to the candidates, after the conferring of the degrees, one-half of the fees; that therefore he ordered an investigation, by which it was ascertained that the charges were well founded, the officers excusing themselves by saying that "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 and give the members a rebate of one-half, thereby getting a fund to pay off the debt of the Chapter; also create an interest among the membership." Of course the Grand High Priest suspended the Chapter and called upon the Grand Chapter "to take such action in the premises as in their wisdom they think just and proper." We cannot find that the Grand Chapter took any notice whatever of this very serious case, and we regret to surmise from that that the matter must have been overlooked, for on the last day of the session the same Chapter was granted further time to make its returns to the Grand Secretary. We do not think that there is another jurisdiction existing where such outrageous violation of the law would not be visited by severe punishment.

MAINE, MAY, 1889—64TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest, George W. Goulding, reviewed the condition of capitular masonry in Maine for the past sixty-seven years, and

found an abundance of evidence to cause rejoicing in its present and future prosperity. He shows that the people are becoming more prosperous, and that general prosperity and masonry proceed *pari passu*.

There are 49 Chapters, with a membership of 4493, and an annual gain of 85.

The finances are in a happy condition, no appeals or grievances to harrass, and the utmost harmony prevailing.

The business was of an entirely local character.

George W. Goulding, Oakland, Grand High Priest.

Ira Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Companion Josiah Drummond, P. G. H. P., made the report on correspondence in his usual able and exhaustive style. Alabama for 1888 receives a full share of attention. Noticing Companion Johnson's recommendation for the appointment of Lecturers, he says:

We hope that this will improve the condition of the Chapters, but it is evident the field for "missionary work" is a wide one, and much of that work must be done before the dormant and weak chapters will feel able to pay for work done for them. We think that if a number of zealous and capable companions would each take a Chapter for visitation and nursing during the year at his own expense, the sacrifice of time and money on his part would be found to bear abundant fruit in the revival and growth of Royal Arch Masonry. In the condition of the Grand Chapter we can perceive no other effective method.

And after quoting our remarks on the great shrinkage that had taken place in Alabama, and the probable causes therefor, he says:

Undoubtedly the two latter causes have much to do with the falling off; but we think that the craze for "endowment" and "insurance" associations has reached its height and has begun to wane, and that Alabama has begun to improve in its business condition and prospects; the improvement in masonry already noted indicates that it shares in the other conditions of prosperity.

MASSACHUSETTS, DECEMBER, 1889—89TH ANNUAL.

This G. Chapter holds Quarterly Convocations, at which much of the business usually engaging the attention of other Grand Chapters at their Annual is transacted.

Upon the opening of the Grand Chapter at the Annual Convo-

education, the stations were so filled as to enable two of the Companions to illustrate several of the degrees; after which the G. Chapter in a body marched to dinner, and the last degree was exemplified.

G. H. Priest Arthur G. Pollard, in his address, congratulated the G. Chapter upon the evident prosperity throughout the jurisdiction, the large increase in membership, and the healthy condition of the finances. He is evidently solicitous because of the carelessness and negligence of many Chapters with reference to the selection of marks.

The G. Chapter hoped "that officers of Chapters would take such action as would induce all the members to see that their mark is properly recorded."

Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell, Grand High Priest.

Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Companion John W. Dadmun, P. G. H. P., submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1888 in it, and we thank him for his kind words of cheer and encouragement he gives our companions.

MICHIGAN, JANUARY, 1890—41ST ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest William Wente, in his address, announces the unprecedented fullness of the crop and the general increase of wealth in the country, but also asks:

Was there ever before a time in the history of this land when so great a percentage of its people were supported by charity? Was there ever so great a percentage in the poor houses? or in the mad houses?

And also says:

The fact remains that, with granaries and storehouses never before so full, there never before was so much poverty, distress and crime.

Dispensations for two new Chapters were issued, and to one of these a charter was granted, the other being continued under dispensation.

The G. H. Priest brought the attention of the Grand Chapter to the Masonic Orphans' Home at Grand Rapids, and the Grand Chapter adopted the following:

That we heartily endorse the noble sentiments and the true masonic spirit so beautifully expressed in the words of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest; and we earnestly recommend that each Subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction, and each individual companion, contribute according to his ability, without material injury to himself or family, for the maintenance and support of the Masonic Home at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

William G. Hudson, Ludington, Grand High Priest.

William P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary.

This last, a veteran reviewer, presented again the report on correspondence, and if our treasury was only as full as his we would be glad to give much space to his exceedingly valuable report; but as it is we can't, or it would not be printed. Nevertheless, knowing our Companion as we do, we know the following words to represent him truly:

Our heart is full of love for those with whom we have labored these many years. We meet with those now on earth with heart overflowing with love; we rejoice with those who have been spared the ills and pains of this life, and we sorrow with those who have been called to bear the heavy burdens of affliction.

His notice of Alabama is very full and complete, and complimentary, and he has our thanks for thinking that we are able to put "*multum in parvo*."

MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER, 1889—28TH ANNUAL.

In the opening sentence of his address, G. H. Priest Chas. L. West, uses this language:

The venerable form of our Grand Secretary is still to be seen among us, and many familiar faces greet us.

And two months later that venerable form had yielded all of earth and its spirit taken its flight to the "celestial lodge above." Companion Pierson was a loveable character, and though met with by us but once, the impression left upon us is as stated, and for his loss we now greatly mourn.

G. H. Priest issued a dispensation for a new chapter, to which this G. Chapter granted a charter.

He raises a warning voice against Cerneauism, and G. Chapter adopted the following:

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 United States, 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 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.

Hugh Kirkwood, Minneapolis, G. H. P.

Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul, G. Secretary.

Companion A. T. C. Pierson, P. G. H. P., and G. Secretary, usually made the report on correspondence and this time wrote a part of it, but at the end of his review of New York, we find the following announcement made by Companion Irving Todd, who completed the report:

Since the foregoing pages were in the hands of the printer the mortal remains of M. E. Companion A. T. C. Pierson have been conveyed to their last resting place with the impressive ceremonies of the order. "His work was not done, yet his column is broken." The review of New York is the last masonic labor known to have been performed by his busy pen.

Requiescat in Pace.

His review of Alabama was full, and just what one knowing Companion Pierson would expect, fraternal and courteous.

MISSOURI, APRIL, 1890—43D ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest James P. Wood, states that "there has been a healthy growth of interest and increase of membership all along our Royal lines, &c.," and that but two chapters will demand the attention of his successor. There are 97 chartered Chapters, and 94 of these made returns. Membership, 5,265, increase, 163.

He recommended an increase in the salary of G. Lecturer.

Dispensations for two new chapters were issued, and these were accorded charters at this convocation.

The Masonic Home was by him recommended to the most favorable consideration of the Companions.

In the face of the annual reduction of the cash balance he recommended the reduction of the mileage and per diem allowed. The Finance Committee introduced amendments, in line we suppose with the recommendation, but after considerable discussion their consideration was deferred until the next convocation. We have never known any body of men anxious to reduce their pay.

James E. Austin, St. Louis, G. H. P.

Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, G. Sec.

The Grand Secretary presented the report on correspondence in his usual felicitous style. Alabama receives friendly notice.

Here is what he says of the labors of the reviewer.

The reviewing of forty-four pamphlets containing over six thousand pages, using judgment in selecting items of general interest from each, commenting some, producing a statistical table from all, which gives a bird's-eye view of the condition of the Royal Arch World, all condensed within seventy-five pages, is no small job.

We admire his statistical table and made an effort to have it inserted in our report last year ineffectually, because of scarcity of funds. We will, however, try again this year, we hope with better success. It will, we hope, be found at the end of this report.

NEVADA, JUNE, 1889—16TH ANNUAL.

Here we have eight chapters, with a membership of 353, and the table shows a loss during the year of eleven. As many were suspended for non-payment of dues as were exalted and affiliated together. This is an unfortunate showing, which we hope may be reversed next year.

G. H. Priest Enoch Strother, urges that some method be provided to compel the selection of marks, and recommends prohibiting the conferring the R. A. degree until it is recorded.

He also recommended that proficiency in a degree be required before conferring the next degree.

Grand Chapter made provision to compel the selection and recording the mark.

Philip A. Doyle, Carson City, G. H. P.

Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City, G. Secretary.

Companion Frank Bell, P. G. H. P., made the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 37 Grand Chapters in 22 pages. We thought our report condensed, but this beats us. Similar causes produce like results—scarcity of funds.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, MAY, 1890—72ND ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest, Nathan P. Hunt, thus expresses himself of the Craft in this State :

Peace and Harmony have prevailed in our jurisdiction during the year. The subordinate Chapters have experienced a fair degree of prosperity. No case of difference among the Chapters has been submitted to me, nor has my attention been called to any subject tending to disturb the peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

No dispensations were issued during the year.

G. H. Priest recommended the proper recognition of the two Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota.

He thinks some steps should be taken to compel the selection and record of marks. We do not find any action however on either, save that the committee on doings of Grand Officers thinks that "this Grand Chapter should be among the foremost in extending the right hand of fellowship to the new members of our National Council, and in welcoming them sincerely and fraternally to our sisterhood."

Chapters on roll, 21; those making returns, 21; membership, 2,681, increase, 74.

To the enquiry, do dues accrue against a Companion during suspension? (for non-payment of dues, we presume) the Committee on Jurisprudence report in part as follows, but whether adopted or concurred in by G. Chapter is not stated :

The separation is as complete as though the Companion had asked for a dimit and withdrawal from membership at his own

request, and his name is no longer kept on the list of members. Consequently, after a suspension, as the Companion is no longer a member, no dues accrue against him. Should he desire restoration to membership, his account on the books of the Chapter will remain exactly the same after the lapse of years as at the time their relations were severed. The amount outstanding at the time of the forfeiture of membership must be paid as a condition precedent to restoration, but nothing further can be required except the ballot, which is the same as upon all applications for membership.

Nathan Parker Hunt, Manchester, G. H. P.

George Perley Cleaves, Corcord, G. Secretary.

P. G. H. Priest, Comp. A. S. Wait, presented one of his most excellent reports on correspondence, reviewing Alabama for 1889. From this report we make the following extract, as it is the best argument, as well as the most original, that we have seen on that side of a question that some years since agitated the Craft. We give it in full, though passing our boundary of space, because no synopsis would do it justice.

But, says Companion Drummond:

"There may *now* be no reason for it, and it may not be possible to discover what the reason for it originally was, but such *was* and *is* the law, and that is enough for masons."

When it is familiar to every mason that for ages no such thing was heard of as Lodge charters, that Lodges met, wrought, made masons, and thus transmitted the institution to modern times, with nothing existing in the nature of Lodge charters; when the origin of Lodge charters is familiar masonic history, and comparatively recent at that, and when it is known that the requirement of charters has its origin in written law, and that that law never did prescribe the presence of the charter as prerequisite to legal work, we assume the right to challenge this assertion, italicised as it is, that "*such was and is the law.*" We deny that it *ever was* or that it *is now* the law, and for this we place ourselves upon immovable reason, as well as all there is of history.

The only argument we have ever heard in support of this doctrine is that the ritualistic description of a Lodge requires it. But what of ritualistic Lodges before charters were known? If we are rightly informed, the masonic rituals, as now promulgated, are of very modern origin. Where they are in conformity with known principles and the reason underlying the institution, we are always ready to accept them as expressions of the law, though they are not themselves the law. But where, literally read, they are contrary to plain reason and lead to absurdity, as in this case they do, the highest respectability we feel called upon to accord to them is the character of mere glittering generality.

But this ritualistic definition of a Lodge is entirely unwarranted by the ancient charges. The definition there is: "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."

Here, then, is the earliest formulated definition of a Lodge we have been able to find, and it lends not the least countenance to what is claimed to be the teaching of the ritual. We have also examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England framed at the union in 1813, and we find in that no allusion to any such requirement. The rituals of masonry, as we suppose, are the invention of very modern times; they have grown up as different parties, largely in this country, have chosen to assume the work, but to a very great extent without authority, and much of it is entitled to no better name than masonic tinkering. After many generations, indeed, they have, as would naturally be the case, become reduced to a very considerable degree of uniformity, and have been adopted as the working formula in most, perhaps all, of the American jurisdictions. But to claim that they embody the ancient law of the institution, or that any question of law can be settled by the ritual alone, is, in every masonic view, absurd. If any jurisdiction has for itself adopted a ritual with this formula in it, and with the intention of making it the law in the sense claimed, it may in that way become the law of that jurisdiction; but it is thus of no higher character than a mere local regulation, of no force beyond that jurisdiction.

We are satisfied, beyond all this, that the language of the ritual itself in this respect does not necessarily mean what is claimed for it, and that it was not in its origin based upon any such idea as is claimed, or framed with any purpose to work such a result. To make it the duty of Masters of Lodges to have their Lodge charters present while the Lodge is at labor, we think a very judicious regulation, but in case he should fail in that duty, to hold the work of the Lodge for that reason alone a nullity, with all the consequences which that term implies, is against the first principles of justice, and is supported neither by the landmarks, the early legislation, nor the history of the masonic institution.

NEW JERSEY, MAY, 1890—34TH ANNUAL.

The growth of this jurisdiction during the year is satisfactory; the increase having been 146; membership, 2736; Chapters, 36.

G. H. Priest Nathan V. Compton issued a dispensation for a new Chapter, which was chartered by the G. Chapter.

Of the G. G. Chapter he says: "The legislation at this Convocation, while in many respects important, was not of such a nature as materially to affect Royal Arch Masonry in this State."

He also recommends greater proficiency in one degree before being advanced.

The balance in the treasury steadily though slowly grows. Good.

No appeals—no grievances—no applications for charity. Better.

William H. Sebring, Plainfield, Grand High Priest.

George B. Edwards, Jersey City, Grand Secretary.

Companion Henry Vehslage made the report on correspondence. Alabama for 1889 is therein found. There are many things in this report too good to be lost by you, companions, but we are determined not to be curtailed of what we may have written, in the printing, and so leave out all but what we think absolutely essential.

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY, 1890—93D ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest Richard H. Parker says "that the work of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction has attained a proficiency which, I believe, it has never before reached."

Number of Chapters, 185; membership, 15,646; gain, 315.

When speaking of the G. G. Chapter, the G. H. P. says:

The reports of the General Grand Officers were replete in every detail of information respecting the condition of the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, throughout the entire jurisdiction, presenting clear and gratifying evidence that nearly all were actively engaged in the promotion of the beneficent objects of the organization, with a degree of prosperity hitherto unparalleled, and with hopeful promise of extended usefulness for the future, in their several spheres of action.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an eloquent address on "Washington as a Mason."

The Grand Chapter adopted the following:

Resolved, That the High Priests of the several Chapters in this jurisdiction shall hereafter exact a knowledge of the short lectures as promulgated by the Grand Lecturer, in the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, before a candidate shall be exalted to the most sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, and that at least two weeks shall elapse between the conferring of the degree of Most Excellent Master and that of the Royal Arch.

Portraits of Grand High Priests J. Livy Lewis and Darius A. Ogden are found in this volume. New York has suffered most severely lately in the loss of distinguished members of the Craft,

for these two, together with Bro. John W. Simons, were a power in masonry. Companion Ogden was for many years the chairman of the committee on correspondence, and prominent for his great intelligence, clear reasoning and courteous style. We shall miss him, no doubt. Together with our companions of that jurisdiction, we mourn his loss as one to the entire fraternity. Our sympathies go out to our New York companions.

William J. McDonald, New York, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

Upon the death of Comp. Ogden, Comp. George J. Gardner being next on the committee, was requested to act, and the mantle of Comp. Ogden seems to have fallen upon worthy and able shoulders. His report contains a review of Alabama for 1888, and comments approvingly on the address of Grand High Priest Johnson.

He can see no euphonism in either the name of Weogufka Chapter or that into which it was changed, Sylacauga; though either of them is as sweet to the ear as Wawarsing, or even of Otsego.

NORTH DAKOTA, JUNE, 1890—1ST ANNUAL.

We have the proceedings of this first session of this G. Chapter, without anything relative to its formation. Last year we noted that a plan for its formation had been formed "supremely equitable and having the sanction of the G. G. H. P.;" but that we were no further advised, except that Grand Secretary Wilder said twins were born. So, it behooves us to hold communion with this addition to our family and rejoice at her strength and intelligence. For we find there are 7 Chapters, with a membership of 355, there having been an increase of 47.

Neither have any dispensations for new Chapters, nor any decisions asked for, nor are there any appeals or grievances to be redressed.

In this jurisdiction "voluntary non-affiliation with a Lodge for a period of six months shall suspend the membership of any Royal Arch Mason during the continuance of such non-affiliation."

John Davidson was the first Grand High Priest elected.

Leonard A. Rose, Fargo, Grand High Priest.

Thomas J. Wilder, Casselton, Grand Secretary.

James S. Barber, Philadelphia, G. H. P.

Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, G. Secretary.

Companion Meyer, P. G. H. P., and now Grand Secretary, at the request of the G. H. Priest, prepared the report on correspondence. He makes his bow most gracefully, and says many truths, but none more exact than the following:

In reading over the several reports, we find portions that we believe should never have been written. Passages of wit, harsh terms, the self-laudation of some, filling pages with what others have said about them, and all this at the expense of the Grand Body. We do not refer now especially to the Grand Chapters, but to other Grand Bodies which we have read. These are all out of place in reports.

Alabama for 1888 is then kindly noticed.

QUEBEC, JANUARY, 1890—13TH ANNUAL.

The G. Z. Will H. Whyte being necessarily prevented from attending, this G. Chapter was opened by M. E. Companion Edson Fitch, P. G. Z., as G. Z. The G. Scribe Ezra read the address of G. Zerubbabel Whyte, who States that the Craft is quiet and harmonious, and that the membership remains about as last year. The record shows a loss of two.

The committee on the reports of G. Superintendents, thus stirs up those officials:

They wish, however, to place on record that in their opinion a seeming apathy appears to have been shown by some of those who have filled the office of "Grand Superintendent," and to suggest that every Companion accepting this important trust will endeavor to visit all Chapters over which he has supervision, to see that they are working constitutionally and assist by his counsel and advice the presiding officers, thus aiding materially to promote the success and prosperity of the Chapters under his charge and through them Grand Chapter.

And the committee on the report of the G. Secretary, says:

Your Committee regret to note that while the number of exaltations during the year was but nineteen, there were eighteen withdrawals, and would respectfully suggest that subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction and their principal officers be urged to devote as much attention as possible to making their meetings attractive and interesting to their membership.

David Seath, Montreal, G. Z.

Joseph Mitchell, Montreal, G. Secretary.

Companion E. T. D. Chambers prepared the report on correspondence, and from his introduction we are prompted to extract the following happily expressed proper conception of Masonic duty:

Let us beware of canvassing and of office seekers. The only intimation of his aspiration for office that a good Mason ought to give, is his self preparation for any chair that he might reasonably expect to be called to fill by the choice of his Brethren or Companions.

Alabama for 1888 and 1889 is found in the review. He thinks the proper cultivation of the social feature of Masonry and making the meetings attractive by reading or lecture, would greatly aid and strengthen our Chapters.

RHODE ISLAND, MARCH, 1889—91ST ANNUAL.

The affairs of this G. Chapter, we are assured by the G. High Priest, George M. Carpenter, are in an entirely satisfactory condition. No decisions are required, no appeals are made, no grievances are announced before the usual call to dinner.

There are ten Chapters which embrace a membership of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and this number includes the increase of forty-three during the year.

Robert S. Franklin, Newport, G. H. P.

William R. Greene, Providence, G. Secretary.

No report on correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1890—79TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest A. H. White, believes that there ought to be a limit to the commission of Representative and recommends Grand Chapter to establish one.

He visited every Chapter in the State, and says, "I can bring words of good cheer, and say that the future prospects of Capitular Masonry are brighter than they have been for several years."

He urges that these visitations be continued, as great good results from them.

Chapters, 16; members, 407; increase, 66.

A. Doty, Charleston, G. H. P.

J. E. Burke, Charleston, G. Secretary.

No report on correspondence.

SOUTH DAKOTA, JUNE, 1890—1ST ANNUAL.

Together with this pamphlet came one containing the proceedings of the Convention, which, in view of the near division of the Territory into two States, proceeded to prepare for division also of the Capitular government. All this was done in perfect harmony and with the consent of the G. G. Chapter. "Twin sisters were born."

Henry S. Williams, Grand High Priest, opened in ample form this first convocation. In this jurisdiction are 24 chapters; membership, 1,059; increase, 71.

Grand High Priest issued his dispensation for one new chapter, to which, as well as to one previously authorized, charters were granted.

The business before Grand Chapter was purely local in character.

Park Davis, Sioux Falls, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettygrew, Flandrau, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, JANUARY, 1890--61ST ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Needham F. Harrison, issued dispensations for five new chapters, and four of these were chartered.

Chapters, 57; membership, 2,097; gain, 255.

The finances are in good condition, the cash balance being \$3,588, and the dues were reduced from 75¢ to 50¢ per capita.

Thomas O. Morris, Nashville, Grand High Priest.

John Frizzell, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

No report on correspondence.

TEXAS, DECEMBER, 1889—40TH ANNUAL.

Dispensations for two new chapters were issued by Grand High Priest, R. M. Harkness, to both of which charters were granted at this convocation.

Chapters, 102; members, 4,235; gain, 276.

There are evidences in the proceedings of an increasing interest in Capitular Masonry in Texas. Harmony seems to prevail, and the treasury is by no means empty but holds an excellent balance.

There was but little business before Grand Chapter, and that entirely local.

Rufus Price, San Augustine, Grand High Priest.

Robt. Brewster, Houston, Grand Secretary.

Companion J. C. Kidd again made the report on correspondence, including the proceedings of Alabama for 1888 therein. On the subject of Grand Lecturers, he says:

Our individual opinion is, that unless Alabama is different from Texas, this will do but little good, from the fact that those who need lecturing the most are the ones least able to pay for it, and Grand Lecturers cannot under ordinary circumstances give their time, labor and travelling expenses, all for the good of the cause. We at times almost think that the interest in Royal Arch Masonry is like the Florida Lakes, which are said to rise and fall in cycles of about thirty years. The reason no one can give. If such is the case, it is nearly time for Alabama to be on the upward turn, for over fifteen years have passed since the downward period set in.

You are right, Companion Kidd, for the tide is rising and we begin to feel it sensibly.

We also, a few days since, received from Comp. K. the report for this year, which, however, we will let lie over until we get the proceedings. It is possible some other pen may dissect it, though if left for us we think the signs are that we may be enabled to give greater space where merited another year.

VERMONT, JUNE, 1890—73D ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Edward O. Hibbard, speaks of the Craft as being in excellent condition, with the utmost harmony usually prevailing, and when not, the discord is traceable to the improper use of the black ball. He then exclaims:

When will companions learn that they are guilty of unmasonic conduct—yes, guilty of violating their Masonic obligations—when in balloting they use the black ball as an instrument of personal revenge? and when will chapters cease to hesitate to deal with offenders of this class?

He also deemed it advisable to draw the attention of Grand Chapter to the general disregard of the law regarding the selection and recording of marks. Grand Chapter required a report at next convocation from the several chapters in relation to this matter, with a view to using stringent measures to compel obedience to its mandates.

The balance in the Treasury seems annually to be growing larger.

There were no grievances to redress, no appeals to adjust. Business of local import only.

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

Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Companion Frederick S. Fisher again presented the report on correspondence, but we do not find Alabama in it. But how deeply and sincerely we sympathize with our Companion in his affliction, he can never know. Words are but empty sound to the bruised heart, and but little consolation can be derived from them. "God tempereth the wind to the shorn lamb," nor does he afflict us beyond what it is needful we should bear.

VIRGINIA, SEPTEMBER, 1889—82D ANNUAL.

Comp. W. H. Pleasants, M. E. G. H. P., issued dispensations for three new Chapters, which were found worthy of being chartered at this Convocation. We very much regret to see that this old Grand Chapter is in a losing condition, for during the year its loss in membership was 35. Its financial condition remains good, and we believe that ere long it will begin to revive, as some of our Southern Grand Chapters now indicate.

The Grand High Priest asks and answers the following question:

If the question be asked, "What constitutes a Chapter?" the reply should be: "Not mere numbers—not elegant halls, or gorgeous paraphernalia; but true, faithful, intelligent *men*, learned in the lore of our sublime Art, and thoroughly imbued with the meaning of its splendid symbolism." In this way of comparison, I believe the Royal Craft of Virginia falls behind none of her sister jurisdictions.

Business was but little, and that entirely local in character.

John T. Parham, Petersburg, Grand High Priest.

William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

No report on correspondence.

WASHINGTON, JUNE, 1889—5TH ANNUAL.

G. H. Priest, William A. Fairweather, issued a dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter, which merited and received a charter at this Convocation. And of the Craft he says:

The past year has been one of unusual activity throughout the territory. Rapid strides have been made in everything calculated to upbuild the country. Increase of population, advance in wealth, and, in every department, wonderful improvements are noticeable. With this progress the Craft has kept pace. An unusual amount of work has been accomplished, as will appear by the reports made to the Grand Secretary.

Chapters, 12; membership, 470; gain, 46.

Thomas Milburn Reed, whilom Grand Secretary, was promoted to be Grand High Priest, address Seattle, and Yancey C. Blalock, of Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

Companion Thomas Milburn Reed, formerly Grand Secretary, but now Grand High Priest, made the report on correspondence, but failed to have received the proceedings of Alabama.

We have also the proceedings for 1890, the convocation having been held on 13th June, with Companion T. M. Reed in the Grand East. He announces that the prosperity which has characterized this G. R. A. Chapter from the beginning is stable and healthful. The number of chapters remaining as before, 12; the membership is now 545, with a gain of 77.

He issued a dispensation for a new chapter, and although it had conferred no less than 14 degrees, yet not having yet exhibited their skill in the R. A., were continued U. D.

This Grand Chapter recognized the Grand Chapters of North and of South Dakota and Indian Territory, and also the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New South Wales.

What means the following?

CUSTODY OF "B. H's."

On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate with P. G. H. Priest, A. McCalley, and call in all "B. H's." but three to each subordinate Chapter and require a receipt from each High Priest and his successor in office for the three copies.

William V. Reinhart, Seattle, Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

The latter made the report on correspondence, reviewing our proceedings for 1889 courteously and fraternally.

WISCONSIN, FEBRUARY, 1890—40TH ANNUAL.

Grand High Priest, Duncan McGregor, impresses upon the members that "One of the things that Chapters need to guard against, is putting undue importance upon numbers;" and again, "Not worldly wealth promotes Masonry any more than that it should commend its possessor to be made a Mason. Masonry is of the head and the heart, not of the purse." * * "A few positively good men are worth infinitely more to the fraternity or the community than many men not positively good."

He granted dispensations for the formation of two new chapters. At this convocation one of these was chartered, but the other was continued under dispensation.

Chapters, 63; members, 4,468; gain, 157.

The financial report shows a good balance in hand.

The Grand Lecturer accounts for the apparent lack of interest in these beautiful and impressive Capitular degrees in some measure, to the fact that the difficulties and hardships to be met in all progression typically represented are sometimes, "carried to excess," and sometimes "made a farce." This induces he thinks, many to "lose all respect for Masonry and for all its institutions."

Rock J. Flint, Menomonie, Grand High Priest.

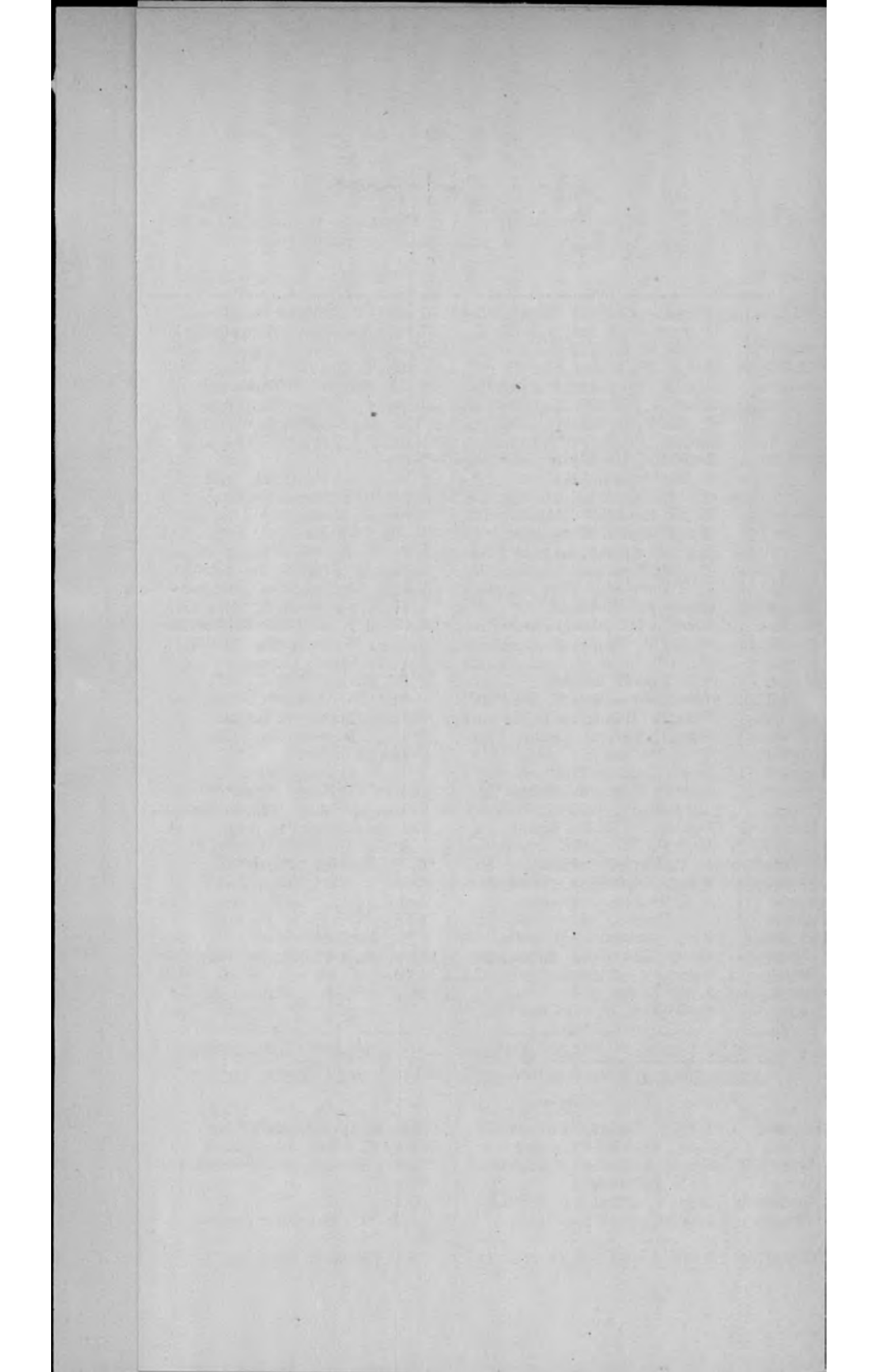
John W. Laflin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

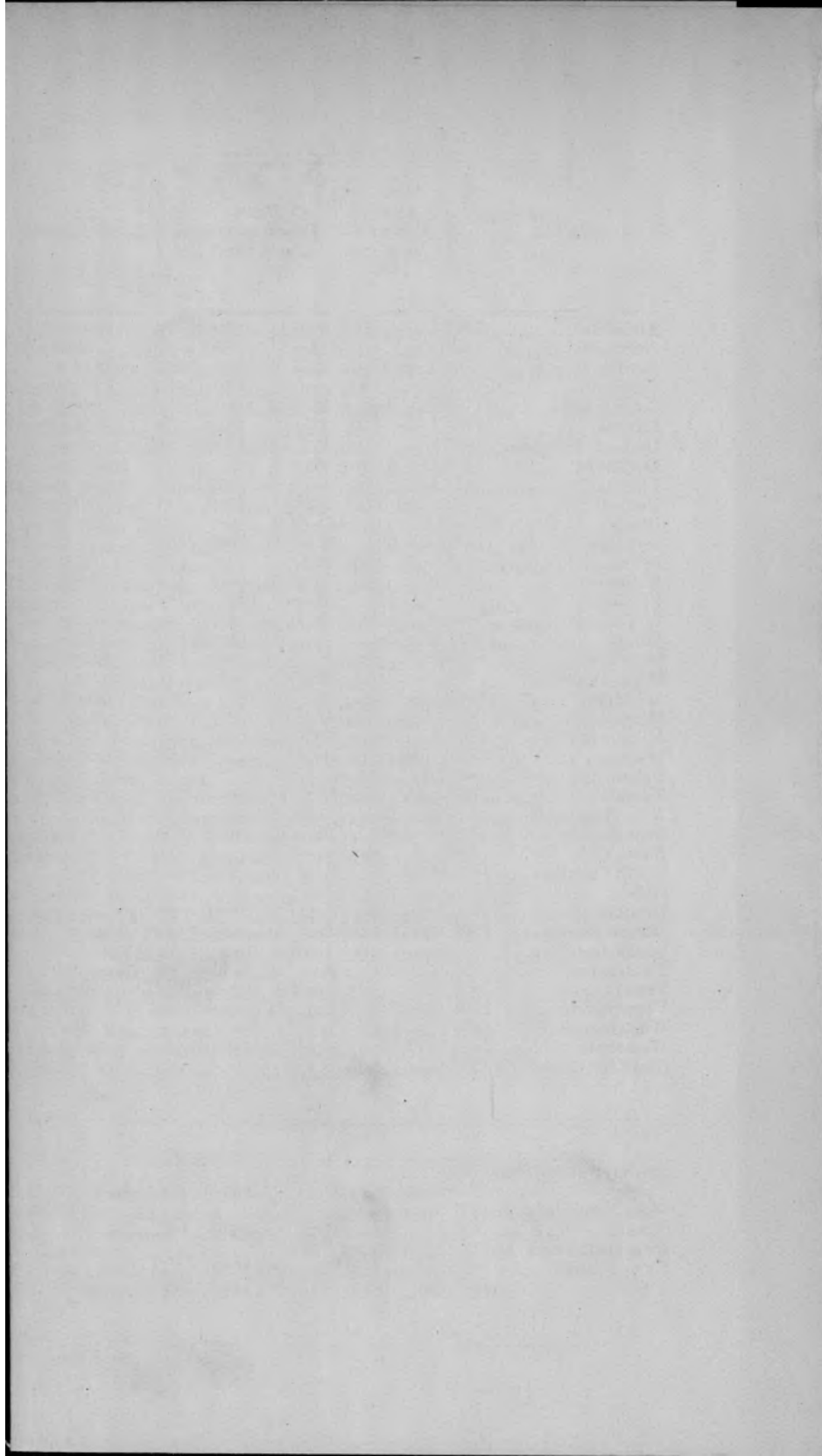
Companion Wm. C. Swain, P. G. H. Priest, made the report on correspondence, reviewing in it Alabama for 1889. He, as we think very properly, objects to the decision "that where a candidate had paid full fees, and received half the degrees, and then removed from the jurisdiction, the Chapter should retain all the money." We do not find that there was any Committee on Jurisprudence appointed at our late convocation, to which the decisions were referred, and therefore do not know what would have been the action of our Grand Chapter.

If we would not be trespassing on our limits, we would copy his whole report in reference to the G. G. Chapter, for we have not received the proceedings, although now more than a year has elapsed since its meeting in Atlanta.

Fraternally submitted,

PALMER J. PILLANS,
Committee.





GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

MYLES J. GREENE, GRAND SECRETARY,

In account with GRAND CHARTER:

1889-90.	DR.		
Dec. 10.	To balance on hand last report ..	\$	40 20
	Contingent fund.....		150 00
	Dues collected up to Nov. 22d.		689 25
	Certificates.....		9 25
	Codes.....		3 00
	Total.....		<u>\$891 70</u>
1890.	CR.		
	By Postage	\$	9 00
	Dues G. G. Chapter, Voucher 1		7 35
	Brown Printing Co " 2, 3, 4		138 00
	Grand Treasurer " 1, 2, 3, 4		712 00
	Cash to balance		25 35
	Total	\$	<u>891 79</u>

MYLES J. GREENE,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with GRAND CHAPTER:

1889.	DR.		
Dec. 2	Balance on hand.....	\$	302 03
6	Received from Grand Secretary.....		514 00
16	" " " "		44 25
1890.			
Sept. 26	" " " "		65 75
Nov. 22	" " " "		88 00-\$1,014 03

1889.	CR.		
Dec. 4	Com. on Corresp.	P. J. Pillans....11	50 00
	"	" W. S. Foster....12	14 00
	"	" H. C. Armstrong.13	25 00
11	Grand Secretary.....	14	266 66
1890.			
Jan. 11	Grand Sentinel.....	15	20 00
Feb. 5	Contingent Fund.....	16	150 00— 525 66
	Balance on hand.....		\$ 488 37

REPORT ON FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama :

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

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

For dues up to Nov. 22d, 1890.	\$ 689 25
For Contingent Fund	150 00
For Certificates.....	9 25
For Codes.....	3 00
For Balance on hand from last report	40 20
Total receipts.....	\$ 891 70
He paid out during the year the following amounts:	
For Postage.....	\$ 9 00
Dues to G. G. Chapter.....	7 35
For Printing	138 00
For amonnt paid Grand Treasurer.....	712 00
Leaving balance on hand	25 35
Total.....	\$ 891 70

At your last Regular Convocation the R. Ex.

Grand Treasurer had on hand	\$ 302 03
And has received from the Grand Secretary...	712 00

Total	\$ 1,014 03
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Of this he has paid out the following amounts:

To Committee on Correspondence	\$ 50 00
" " Work	39 00
Grand Secretary	266 66
" Sentinel	20 00
Contingent Fund	150 00

Total	\$ 525 66
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Leaving balance on hand	\$ 488 37
Dues at this Convocation	405 75

Total	\$ 894 12
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We recommend the following appropriations:

To the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.....	\$ 300 00
Committee on Work.....	50 00
Chairman Committee on Correspondence.	75 00
Grand Sentinel	25 00
Grand Sentinel for aprons, &c., this Con- vocation	4 50
Contingent fund	150 00
For Printing Digest	150 00
Leaving balance on hand	140 12

Total	\$ 894 12
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Fraternally submitted,

HENRY C. WILEY,
Chairman.

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS MAKING RETURNS.

With the number of members returned, 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.
4	Monroe	28	\$21 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
5	Eunomia	21	15 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10	Tuscumbia	16	12 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13	Gainesville	11	8 25	3	3	3	3	..	..	1
17	Wetumpka	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
19	Mt. Moriah	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	Livingston	15	11 25	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
21	Mobile	43	32 25	..	..	..	2	..	..	5
22	Montgomery	44	33 00	2	..	..	..	2	..	1
23	Talladega	54	40 50	13	13	13	13	3	1	2
26	Union	25	18 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
28	St. Johns	42	31 50	3	4	4	4	1	..	5
32	Fulton	20	15 00	10	10	9	9	..	..	..
40	Camden	13	9 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
54	Tyrian	43	32 25	1	1	1	..	..	..	1
56	Zerubbabel	12	9 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
57	Collinsville	34	25 50	12	10	13	15	1	..	..
62	Rockford	16	12 00	8	7	7	7	..	..	..
63	Clayton	26	19 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
64	Central	19	14 25	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
76	Elyton	20	15 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
79	Hillabee	24	18 00	1	2	2	2	..	..	..
86	Coosa	39	29 25	2	2	3	3	1	..	..
88	Springville	20	15 00	6	6	6	6	1	..	..
96	Daniel Pratt	15	11 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
100	Rock Mills	20	15 00	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
101	Mineral City	93	69 75	18	17	17	16	3	..	..
102	Cross Plains	18	14 25	3	3	3	3	..	..	..
104	Sylacauga	28	21 00	2	2	2	2	..	..	2
		776	570 00	84	81	84	85	16	1	16

AT REST.

Eunomia No. 5, John J. Gunter.
 Talladega No. 14, Edwin C. Turner, Elijah A. Cowan.
 Camden No. 40, Jason Hollman.
 Central No. 64, Amos M. Elliott.
 Elyton No. 76, Charles J. Green.
 Hillabee No. 79, James D. Baker.
 Springville No. 88, Elijah Self.
 Daniel Pratt No. 96, Merrill E. Pratt.
 Mineral City No. 101, Eli Mullen, Isaac N. Snedeker.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

James O. Hemenway.....	}	Gainesville No. 13.
Charles Cooke.....	}	
Charles P. Ball.....	}	
John E. Hughes.....	}	Montgomery..... No. 22.
William D. Wadsworth.....	}	
John F. White.....	}	St. John. No. 28.
Edward N. Jones.....	}	
John S. Hunter.....	}	Camden..... No. 40.
John H. Malone.....	}	
Richard E. McWilliams.....	}	
John T. Jones.....	}	Hillabee..... No. 79.
Francis M. Taunton.....	}	Danial Pratt..... No. 96.
William Montgomery.....	}	
Frank W. Hollister.....	}	
Tombs Crawford.....	}	
Thomas Jeffers.....	}	
J. Columbus Jones.....	}	Mineral City..... No. 101.
William A. Jones.....	}	
George S. Mooar.....	}	
Welley J. Embry.....	}	
Albert J. Murphy.....	}	
John T. Glenn.....	}	Sylacauga..... No. 104.

REINSTATED.

Monroe No. 4, Arthur Foster.

Montgomery No. 22, John N. Browder.

St. Johns No. 28, Samuel W. John, Alexander McCollister.

Tyrian No. 54, R. T. Cook.

REJECTED.

Talladega No. 23, Leon G. Jones.

RECAPITULATION.

Chapters that made returns	28
Chapters that paid Dues	29
Chapters that were represented	29
Number of representatives present.....	46
Number of members reported.....	776
Dues received.....	\$570 00

WORK.

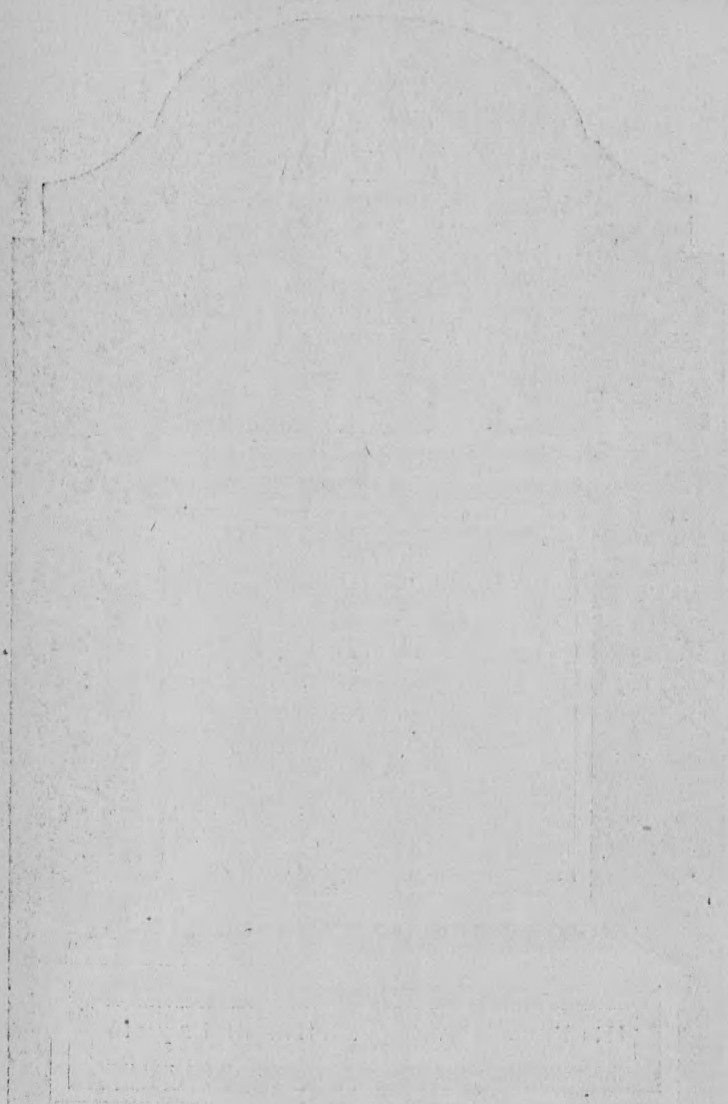
Advanced.....	84
Presided.....	81
Received and Accepted.....	84
Exalted.....	55
Affiliated.....	16
Rejected.....	1
Dimitted.....	16
Suspended N. P. D.....	22
Reinstated.....	5
Chapters square upon the Books.....	38
Number of deaths.....	11



SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
GEO. D. NORRIS, M. D.,
PAST G. H. PRIEST
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Born, October 11th, A. I. 2331.
Died, February 12th, A. I., 2420.

His life work was good, true, and square.



MEMORANDA.

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

Newell M. Thornton, M. D.	Abbeville	Arkansas.
Joseph H. Johnson, M. D.	Talladega	Canada.
William Y. Titcomb	Anniston	Connecticut.
DeWitt Clinton White . . .	Moulton	District of Columbia.
Benjamin F. Pope	Gadsden	Florida.
Edward F. King	Gainesville . . .	Georgia.
William Nathan Boynton.	Talladega	Illinois.
John A. McKinnon, M. D.	Selma	Indiana.
Myles J. Greene, M. D. . . .	Montgomery . .	Iowa.
John Gideon Harris	Montgomery . .	Kansas.
John Gideon Harris	Montgomery . .	Kentucky.
Palmer Job Pillans	Mobile	Louisiana.
William J. Rhodes	Talladega	Maine.
William S. Foster	Mobile	Maryland.
George Alburtus Joiner . . .	Talladega	Massachusetts.
John Snow	Tuscaloosa . . .	Minnesota.
David Clopton	Montgomery . .	Mississippi.
David Clopton	Montgomery . .	Missouri.
John G. Smith	Birmingham . .	Nebraska.
John G. Smith	Birmingham . .	New Jersey.
John W. Bush	Uniontown . . .	New York.
William G. Cochrane	Tuscaloosa . . .	North Carolina.
William G. Cochrane	Tuscaloosa . . .	Nova Scotia.
Thomas T. Rowland	Tuscumbia . . .	North Dakota.
John G. Smith	Birmingham . .	Ohio.
Henry C. Armstrong	Auburn	Pennsylvania.
Henry H. Matthews	Montgomery . .	Quebec.
James Tait Beck	Camden	Rhode Island.
Henry C. Wiley	Troy	South Carolina.
George P. Harrison	Opelika	Texas.
James E. Cobb	Tuskegee	Vermont.
Phillip C. Candidus	Mobile	Virginia.
Noah A. Agee	Perdue Hill . . .	Washington Territory.
Noah A. Agee	"	Wisconsin.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALA-
BAMA NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

W. W. Garland.	Morrilton.	Arkansas.
Isaac F. Toms	Godrich,	Ont. Canada.
Isaiah Baker, Jr	Hartford	Connecticut.
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.
William Wilbrabam	Creoso.	Iowa.
Albert D. McConaughey	Atchison	Kansas.
William Ryan	Louisville	Kantucky.
William Robson	Robson's.	Louisiana.
James M. Nevins	Bucksport	Maine.
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.
William H. Topping	Grand Forks	North Dakota.
Samuel Porter	Halifax	Nova Scotia.
William Sherer.	Brooklyn.	P. O. Box 2065, N. Y.
C. C. Bates.	Akron.	Ohio.
Rocky P. Earhart.	Salem	Oregon.
Michael Arnold.	————	Pennsylvania.
Angus Grant.	Montreal.	Quebec.
John P. Sanborn.	Newport.	Rhode Island.
Augustine T. Smythe.	Charleston	South Carolina.
William S. Matthews.	Memphis.	Tennessee.
W. L. Sartwell	Comanche.	Texas.
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.	CONVOCA-TION.
1	Tuscaloosa.....	Tuscaloosa.	Tuscaloosa.	Tuscaloosa.	William G. Cochrane.	Leon P. Burks.	3 Wednesday
4	Monroe.....	Perdue Hill.	Monroe.	Perdue Hill.	John A. Savage.	William J. McCants.	1 Thursday
5	Eumonia.....	Huntsville.	Madison.	Huntsville.	Milton C. Baldrige.	Issac H. Wise.	1 Tuesday
6	Cyrus.....	Florence.	Lauderdale.	Florence.	Alexander C. Chisholm.	Brandy P. Joiner.	Wed bf full Moon
10	Tuscumbia.....	Tuscumbia.	Colbert.	Tuscumbia.	Thomas T. Rowland.	John W. Davis.	1 Mon af 2 Sat
13	Gainesville.....	Gainesville.	Suñter.	Gainesville.	Edward N. Kring.	Isaac Stern.	Thurs af full Moon
19	Mount Moriah.....	Etawah.	Greene.	Etawah.	Isaiah B. Smaw.	Robert E. Watkins.	2 Friday
20	Livingston.....	Livingston.	Suñter.	Livingston.	Seth S. Mellan.	George C. Gowdy.	3 Friday
21	Mobile.....	Mobile.	Mobile.	Mobile.	William A. Alexander.	Robert L. Douglass.	2 and 4 Friday
22	Montgomery.....	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	John M. DeCotts.	George A. Joiner.	2 Friday
23	Talladega.....	Talladega.	Montgomery.	Talladega.	Andrew J. Sennelly.	Edmund R. Hastings.	2 Friday
26	Union.....	Uniontown.	Perry.	Uniontown.	Mortiz J. Ernst.	Junie Harwood.	1 Thursday
28	St. Johns.....	Selma.	Dallas.	Selma.	Edward E. Gatchell.	John H. Rogers.	4 Monday
32	Fulton.....	Decatur.	Dallas.	Orrville.	Joseph A. Groves.	Adolph Jacobson.	3 Friday
38	Decatur.....	Decatur.	Morgan.	Decatur.	Samuel R. Cotton.	William R. Jones.	4 Tuesday
40	Camden.....	Camden.	Wilcox.	Camden.	John T. Cook.	Green F. Spurlin.	Friday bf full Moon
42	McKinney.....	McKinney.	Narengo.	McKinney.	James G. Kelly.	William B. Jackson.	1 Wednesday
44	Lyrian.....	Troy.	Pike.	Troy.	Josiah Jernigan.	Lewis H. Jeter.	2 and 4 Saturday
56	Zerubbabel.....	Camp Hill.	Tallapoosa.	Camp Hill.	M. A. Trimble.	John B. Appleton.	4 Friday
57	Collinsville.....	Collinsville.	Dekalb.	Collinsville.	William J. Roberts.	Wash L. Smith.	Sat bf 4 Sunday
62	Rockford.....	Rockford.	Coosa.	Rockford.	William L. Johnson.	L. H. Lee.	1 Monday
63	Clayton.....	Clayton.	Barbour.	Clayton.	William H. Robertson.	William C. Cleveland.	Sat bf full Moon
64	Central.....	Aldrich.	Shelby.	Montevallo.	Newell M. Thornton.	James W. Stokes.	Friday bf 1 Sat
72	Gordon.....	Abbeville.	Henry.	Abbeville.	Samuel Thompson.	Robert A. Terrell.	2 and 4 Mondays
73	Elyton.....	Elyton.	Jefferson.	Birmingham.	George W. Porter.	R. M. Templeton.	Sat bf 4 Sunday
79	Hillabee.....	Alex der City.	Tallapoosa.	Alexander City.	Charles C. McCall.	John C. Christopher.	2 Thursday
85	Gaston.....	DeSotoville.	Choctaw.	DeSotoville.	Myn E. Lane.	Marcus L. Foster.	1 Monday
86	Coosa.....	Gadsden.	Etowah.	Gadsden.	Noble G. Deleshaw.	Robert Y. Goodlett.	Friday bf 3 Sunday
87	Moulton.....	Moulton.	Lawrence.	Moulton.	Thomas G. Tarrant.	Allen Reeves.	3 Saturday
88	Springville.....	Springville.	St. Clair.	Springville.	George L. Smith.	George C. Spizener.	Monday af full Moon
96	Daniel Pratt.....	Prattville.	Autauga.	Prattville.	Richard J. Breed.	James P. Mooly.	1 and 3 Saturday
100	Rock Mills.....	Rock Mills.	Randolph.	Rock Mills.	John G. Smith.	Adelbert E. Smith.	2 and 4 Thursday
101	Mineral City.....	Birmingham.	Jefferson.	Birmingham.	John M. Yeatman.	James M. Savage.	1 Saturday
102	Cross Plains.....	Piedmont.	Calhoun.	Piedmont.	John A. Edwards.	James M. Lanning.	3 Saturday
104	Sylacauga.....	Sylacauga.	Talladega.	Sylacauga.	B. B. Comer.	S. Kadenstein.	Friday bf 2 Saturday
105	Anniston.....	Anniston.	Calhoun.	Anniston.	Andrew B. Duke.	John W. Thompson.	
106	Graham.....	Graham.	Randolph.	Graham.	John L. White.		
107	Fort Payne, U. D.....	Fort Payne.	Dekalb.	Fort Payne.			

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESS.

0 Alabama	Myles J. Greene	Montgomery.
1 Arkansas	Jame A. Henry	Little Rock.
2 California	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
3 Canada	David McLellan	Hamilton, Ontario.
4 Colorado	Edward Carroll Parmelee	Pueblo.
5 Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
6 District of Columbia	Lewis Guillman Stephens	Washington.
7 Delaware	James H. Price	Wilmington.
8 Florida	DeWitt Clinton Dawkins	Jacksonville.
9 Georgia	Andrew Martin Wolihin	Macon.
10 Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
11 Indiana	W. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
12 Indian Territory	Lee E. Bennett	Muskogee,
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	Thomas Montgomery	Saint Paul.
22 Mississippi	John Logan Power	Jackson.
23 Missouri	William H. Mayo	Saint Louis.
24 Nebraska	William Robert Bowen	Omaha.
25 Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
26 New Brunswick	Thisbat Robertson	Saint John.
27 New Hampshire	George Perley Cleaves	Concord.
28 New Jersey	George B. Edwards	Jersey City.
29 New York	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo.
30 North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
31 North Dakota	Thomas J. Wilder	Fargo.
32 Nova Scotia	George T. Smithers	Halifax.

- 33 Ohio Charles C. Kiefer..... Urbana.
34 Oregon Rocky Preston Earhart.... Salem.
35 Pennsylvania..... Charles E. Meyer..... Philadeipha.
36 Quebec..... Joseph Mitchell Montreal, B. 1135.
37 Rhode Island..... William R. Greene Providence.
38 South Carolina..... James E. Burke Charleston.
39 South Dakota George A. Pettigrew Flandrau.
40 Tennessee..... John Frizzell..... Nashville.
41 Texas Robert Brewster..... Houston.
42 Vermont Warren G. Reynolds..... Burlington.
43 Virginia William Bryan Isaacs.... Richmond.
44 Washington Young C. Blalock..... Walla Walla.
45 West Virginia..... John W. Morris..... Wheeling.
46 Wisconsin..... John W. Laflin..... Milwaukee.
47 United States..... Christopher G. Fox..... Buffalo, N. Y.
48 Ireland..... Samuel B. Oldham..... Dublin.
49 England and Wales.. Albert G. Goodall..... N. Y., 142 B'y.
50 Scotland William Edwards..... Edinburgh, S. H.

