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Royal Arch Masons
of
ALABAMA



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OF THE

Grand Chapter of Alabama,

AT THE

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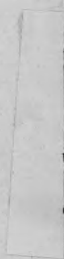
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PROCEEDINGS.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama held its Sixty-Fifth Annual Grand Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, beginning on Monday, the 30th day of November, A. D. 1891; A. I. 2421.

PRESENT:

JAMES T. BECK.....	M. E. Grand High Priest.
JOHN A. MCKINNON.....	M. E. Deputy G. H. Priest.
HENRY C. WILEY.....	R. E. Grand King.
ANDREW J. NUNNELLY.....	R. E. Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.....	R. E. Grand Treasurer.
MYLES J. GREENE.....	R. E. Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM C. CLEVELAND.....	R. E. Grand Chaplain.
JOSIAH JERNIGAN.....	R. E. Grand C. of Host.
WILLIAM J. RHODES.....	E. Grand P. Sojourner.
EDWARD S. GATCHELL.....	E. Grand R. A. Captain.
GEORGE A. JOINER.....	E. Grand M. of 3 Vail.
GEORGE F. MOORE.....	E. Grand M. of 2 Vail.
MYRON E. LANE, AS.....	E. Grand M. of 1 Vail.
CHARLES A. ALLEN.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

JAMES E. COBB.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
WILLIAM W. SCREWS.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
H. CLAY ARMSTRONG.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
MYLES J. GREENE.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
JOSEPH H. JOHNSON.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
WILLIAM W. MCCOLLUM.....	M. E. Dep. G. H. Priest.
JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE.....	R. E. Grand King.
PALMER J. PILLANS.....	R. E. Grand Scribe.

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

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 J. RHODES.....	Maine.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....	Maryland.
GEORGE A. JOINER.....	Massachusetts.
JOHN G. SMITH	Nebraska.
JOHN G. SMITH	New Jersey.
THOMAS T. ROWLAND.....	North Dakota.
JOHN G. SMITH.....	Ohio.
H. CLAY ARMSTRONG	Pennsylvania.
HENRY H. MATTHEWS	Quebec.
JAMES T. BECK	Rhode Island.
HENRY C. WILEY.....	South Carolina.
GEORGE P. HARRISON.....	Texas.
JAMES E. COBB.....	Vermont.

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.
		{ Andrew J. Stiffler*	K.
" 19.	Mt. Moriah	{ William Smaw	H. P.
		{ James P. Barkley	S.
" 21.	Mobile.....	{ William S. Foster*	K.
		{ John M. DeCotts	H. P.
" 22.	Montgomery.....	{ Sven J. Anderson.....	H.
		{ Archibald L. R. Thompson. S.	
" 23.	Talladega	{ Andrew J. Nunnally.....	H. P.
		{ Marshall H. Lane*.....	K.
		{ William J. Rhodes*.....	S.
" 26.	Union.....	John B. Christian.....	S.

*Proxies.

No. 28.	St. Johns.....	{ Edward S. Gatchell.....H. P.
" 32.	Fulton	{ John A. McKinnon..... K.
" 38.	Decatur.....	{ Joseph A. Groves.....H. P.
" 40.	Camden.....	{ Samuel R. CottenH. P.
" 48.	McKinley	{ W. E. Oakley K.
" 54.	Tyrian.....	{ James T. Beck*H. P.
" 56.	Zerubbabel.....	{ J. H. Bohannon*.....H. P.
" 57.	Collinsville...	{ Josiah Jernigan*H. P.
" 62.	Rockford.....	{ James M. Smith*H. P.
" 63.	Clayton	{ George W. RobertsH. P.
" 64.	Central.....	{ William L. Johnson.....H. P.
" 71.	Landmark.....	{ E. V. Jones K.
" 80.	Myles J. Greene..	{ A. D. Bentley..... S.
" 83.	Bell.....	{ William H. Robertson.....H. P.
" 85.	Gaston.....	{ Benjamin Davis*..... K.
" 86.	Coosa.....	{ John A. Foster*..... S.
" 88.	Springville.....	{ William F. Aldrich.....H. P.
" 92.	Notasulga.....	{ Thomas B. McCleskey.... K.
" 96.	Daniel Pratt.....	{ William C. Cleveland.... S.
" 99.	Thomas M. Bragg.	{ John H. Weed..... K.
" 100.	Rock Mills	{ Levi Wilkinson..... S.
" 101.	Mineral City.....	{ H. Clay Armstrong.....H. P.
" 102.	Cross Plains.....	{ Julius C. Phillips..... K.
" 105.	Anniston.....	{ George P. Harrison..... S.
" 106.	Graham.....	{ George W. Bartlett*.....H. P.
" 107.	Fort Payne.....	{ L. J. Moony.....H. P.
		{ Myron E. Lane.....H. P.
		{ Thomas H. Amberson*.... K.
		{ Benjamin F. Pope*..... S.
		{ John S. Potts*..... K.
		{ George W. Arbery.....H. P.
		{ William T. Duke K.
		{ George L. Smith*H. P.
		{ Charles R. Bricken.....H. P.
		{ William C. Davis*..... K.
		{ Richard J. BreedH. P.
		{ John G. SmithH. P.
		{ Adalbert E. Smith*..... K.
		{ Thomas H. Holt*..... S.
		{ Amos D. Chandler*H. P.
		{ Samuel Henderson* S.
		{ John M. CaldwellH. P.
		{ John W. Thomason*.....H. P.
		{ John J. Durham*.....H. P.
		{ John W. Doe K.
		{ A. B. Green, Jr*..... S.

*Proxies

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

Prayer by R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, William C. Cleveland.

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 JOSEPH H. JOHNSON,
WILLIAM W. SCREWS,
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

It is with pride and pleasure that we convene on this occasion in the 65th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter. The feeling of respect for what is ancient, is native in the human heart; and therefore it is with chastened pleasure and worthy pride that we stand to-day where our honored fathers of this Grand Chapter stood over a half century ago; and as we feel the warm grasp of each others hands, let our memories bring to life the worthy fathers whose places we now occupy. With the memories of our glorious past embalmed in our hearts, the realities of the present and the prospects of the future will be the more inspiring. We have gathered here, to cheer and encourage each other by recounting the achievements of our order in the State of Alabama, and to lay the foundations for new work during the year that is soon to dawn upon us. May the prospects and hopes of our future be as bright as the joys and pleasures of the past.

As is customary, I will now render you an account of my stewardship. As my labors have been light my report must necessarily be brief—which fact I attribute to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer who have always been active in the perfor-

mance of their duties—thereby lessening the duties to be performed by me.

I report with pleasure that the greatest harmony prevails in this jurisdiction. No disputes of any kind have arisen. No official rulings have been asked for, and as far as I know, we enjoy the most cordial and friendly relations with all of our sister Grand Chapters. I have not been called upon to visit any of the subordinate Chapters, that duty having been performed by our worthy Grand Lecturer.

I regret to state that in consequence of pressing official engagements, I was unable to attend the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter which met in Minneapolis last September. I am unable to give you any information as to what was done, as I have seen no report of the proceedings.

There are forty-one subordinate Chapters in good standing on our roll, and while Chapter Masonry is reviving to some extent, it is not what it should be; which fact I am unable to account for, unless it be from ignorance of the work on the part of the officers of subordinate Chapters; which is not a matter of surprise, when we think of the way we are hurried through with the work while here; and I suggest, without recommendation, the propriety of changing the time of our regular Convocations. By adopting this plan we could meet at different places, and in that way revive the interest in the subordinate Chapters. The principle argument against this, is the plea of economy—that representatives to the Grand Chapter are also representatives of the Blue Lodges to which they belong. I think upon investigation it will be found that such is not the case, but on the other hand, the representatives to the Grand Chapter, are representatives solely of their respective Chapters. But this is a matter for the Grand Chapter to decide.

I recommend a change in the wording of the Constitution in regard to the time of meeting of the Grand Chapter. As it now stands we would meet this year on the 7th of December, one

week after the meeting of the Grand Lodge. It should be "The Grand Chapter shall meet on the last Monday before the first Tuesday in December." For this reason I issued a circular letter to the Subordinate Chapters, requiring them to meet in Montgomery on the 30th of November, and transact such business as will come before an Annual Convocation.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand High Priest to appoint a Lecturer, whose duty it is to visit Chapters when requested to do so and instruct the Companions in Chapter work, I, on the 10th of December, re-appointed Companion A. J. Nunnally, of Talladega Chapter, Grand Lecturer, whose commission had expired.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

On December 17th, I granted a dispensation for a new Chapter at Fort Payne, to be known as Fort Payne Chapter No. 107.

On February 10th, dispensation granted to Tuscaloosa Chapter to receive three petitions, ballot on the same, and, if elected, to confer the Chapter degrees on the candidates at one convocation.

On February 25th, I granted dispensation to Tuscumbia Chapter No. 11 to ballot on two or more petitions for Chapter degrees, at other than a regular Convocation.

On March 8th, I granted dispensation to Tuscaloosa Chapter to elect officers, they having failed to elect at the regular time.

March 9th, I granted dispensation to Tuscumbia Chapter No. 11 to receive petitions, ballot for, and, if elected, to confer the degrees on four candidates, without waiting the usual time.

April 10th, I granted dispensation to Anniston Chapter No. 105 to confer out of time the Capitular degrees on two teams, giving them the power to elect and confer degrees at one and the same Convocation.

June 10th, I granted dispensation to Daniel Pratt Chapter to hold election of officers for ensuing Masonic year on the 10th instant, or such other day as might be convenient.

June 17th, I granted dispensation to Clayton Chapter No. 63 to receive and ballot on several petitions, and, if elected, to confer the degrees at one and the same Convocation.

July 1st, I granted a dispensation to Talladega Chapter No. 23 to receive two petitions, ballot on same, and, if elected, confer degrees on candidates at one Convocation.

July 3rd, I granted dispensation to Anniston Chapter No. 105 to receive petitions, ballot for, and, if elected, to confer degrees on six candidates at one and the same Convocation.

July 4th, I granted dispensation to Eunomia Chapter of Huntsville to ballot on petitions, elect officers and confer degrees other than at a regular Convocation.

August 9th, I granted dispensation to Landmark Chapter No. 71 to receive petitions, ballot for, and, if elected, to confer degrees on six candidates at one and the same Convocation.

October 20th, I granted dispensation to Mobile Chapter to elect officers at their next stated Convocation, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

November 13th, I granted dispensation to Cross Plains Chapter No. 102 to receive a petition, ballot on same, and, if elected, to confer degrees on petitioner at one and the same Convocation.

November 15th, consent was given for Columbus Chapter, Miss., to confer Chapter degrees on Brother W. R. Rodgers, of Mt. Moriah Lodge, provided Mt. Moriah Chapter would give its consent.

November 17th, jurisdiction was waived and Ocala Chapter No. 13, Florida, was requested to confer two Chapter degrees on Companion L. Ottensosser who had taken only two degrees in this State, the Chapter to which he belonged having forfeited its charter before he received the other two degrees.

Having received notice that the commissions of Companions John G. Harris, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and Companion Myles J. Greene, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, had expired by limitation, I have recommended them for re-appointment.

On January 30th, I received through the hands of the Grand Secretary a circular letter from Right Excellent Companion Christopher G. Fox, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, official notice of formation of the Grand Chapter of Arizona, which was organized on November 12th, 1890; also notice of the organization of the Grand Chapter of Montana.

On August 19th, I received the gratifying intelligence that at the request of Companions at Ozark the Grand Secretary had visited that city and re-organized Landmark Chapter No. 71.

DEATH NOTICES.

On January 1st, official notice was received of the death of Most Excellent A. Doty, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

January 12th, notice was received of the death of Right Excellent Franklin H. Bascom, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

March 31st, notice was received of the death of Right Excellent Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

August 31st, notice was received of the death of Most Excellent Companion John Otto, Past Grand High Priest of Delaware.

This Companions, is a faithful report of my stewardship—invoking the guidance of the Great I Am in our deliberations, I now declare the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama ready for business.

GRAND OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary submitted 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. It was received and ordered printed with the proceedings. (See Appendix.)

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Palmer J. Pillans, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, and it was adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Advices of the regular and legal organization of the following Grand Chapters, viz: South Dakota, North Dakota, Indian Territory, Arizona and Montana having been put into the hands of the Committee on Correspondence, the committee recommends that the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama extend to them severally the right hand of fellowship and warmly welcome them into the family circle. The committee also recommends an exchange of representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. PILLANS.

Chairman.

CODIFICATION OF LAWS.

Companion Palmer J. Pillans, Committee on Codification of the Laws of the Grand Chapter, submitted the following report, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama:

The undersigned, acting under the authority of resolutions of this Grand Chapter to be found on pages 11 and 18 proceedings of 1890, proceeded to discharge the task set him, and has performed it, he knows, with care and faithfulness. It has been in

print and Grand Chapter can now express its dissatisfaction with or approval of the result.

The appropriation of a fund for its publication carried with it the power to print, but as the undersigned could not draw out this money from the Treasury when the work was complete he got the Grand Secretary to superintend its publication. In consultation with this officer it was deemed best not to bind in muslin, but in boards because of the great difference in the cost. The boards make a sightly book and with the handling probably will last as long as necessary. By using the boards this volume can be and is put at fifty cents, while with the paper cover it can be sold at twenty-five cents—thus saving both to the Grand Chapter in the publication and to the purchasing companion.

The undersigned now submits his work to the Grand Chapter hoping that it will prove satisfactory.

Respectfully,

P. J. PILLANS.

Committee.

EXPENSES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

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

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter pay the expenses of Companions Joseph S. Sugars and Robert P. Baker, incurred as a commission, created by the order of our M. E. G. High Priest, John G. Harris, to visit and investigate the charges against Cyrus Chapter No. 6—they never having been reimbursed.

COMMITTEES.

The Grand High Priest announced the following committees:

On Chartered Chapters No. 1—George F. Moore. John G. Smith, Archibald L. R. Thompson.

On Chartered Chapters No. 2—Thomas T. Rowland, William W. McCollum, Myron E. Lane.

On Chartered Chapters No. 3—Josiah Jernigan, William J. Rhodes, George L. Smith.

On Dispensations—George A. Joiner, Edward S. Gatchell, Joseph A. Groves.

On By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals—John M. Caldwell, William C. Cleveland, William J. McCants.

On Finance—Henry C. Wiley, Andrew J. Stiffler, DeW. Rogers.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—William W. Screws, Thomas B. McClesky, John B. Christian.

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

REPORT ON WORK.

Companion H. Clay Armstrong, chairman of the Committee on Work, made the report on the M. M. Degree, and the report was adopted.

The same committee made report on the P. M. Degree, and the report was adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock, this p. m.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

MONDAY EVENING, December 1st, 1891.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 7 o'clock.

Prayer by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain William C. Cleveland.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

REPORT ON WORK.

Companion H. Clay Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the M. E. M. and Royal Arch Degrees, and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

Companion George F. Moore, Chairman of 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, respectfully submit the following report. We find the returns of the following Chapters

CORRECT :

Monroe	No. 4.	Talladega	No. 23.
Tuscumbia	No. 10.	Union	No. 26.
Livingston	No. 20.	St. John's	No. 28.
Montgomery	No. 22.		

In the following returns we note the following defects:

GAINESVILLE No. 13.—Date not given; name, post-office omitted; no seal.

MT. MORIAH No. 19.—The recapitulation gives the number of members as 33, but the body of the return gives 34 as the number.

MOBILE No. 21.—The returns give the name of a proxy for the King, but no note is made of it on the face of the returns, and no name of delegate to the Grand Chapter is given.

FULTON No. 32.—Post-office of Chapter not given; no seal attached.

DECATUR No. 38.—Post-office not given.

WILCOX No. 46.—Date of reinstating companion not given.

GEORGE F. MOORE, Ch'mn.

ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

Companion Joseph H. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, submitted the following report, and it was adopted:

To the M. E. G. R. A. Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on the M. E. Grand High Priest's Address, respectfully submits the following report:

1. We have carefully examined the Address of the Grand High Priest, and while the status of Capitular Masonry in Alabama is not such as we would like to have it, yet the quite considerable number of Exaltations in the Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction is proof that the Mysteries of the Secret Vault are still sought after in Alabama.

2. We would most respectfully suggest that the too frequent use of the Dispensing Power—especially in the granting of dispensations to confer the Chapter Degrees in a shorter time than required by our laws, is of doubtful propriety, and ought not to be invoked by our Chapters, except for urgent reasons.

3. We recommend that so much of the address as relates to the changing of the time and place of holding the annual convocations of the Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

4. We note with sadness the death of a number of eminent companions of sister jurisdictions, and would express in behalf of

the Grand Chapter of Alabama sincerest sympathy in their afflictive dispensations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. JOHNSON,
W. S. FOSTER,
W. W. SCREWS,
Committee.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 1st, 1891.

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

Prayer by R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain William C. Cleveland.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Companion William W. Screws, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, and it having been approved by more than one-third of the members present, it was ordered to lie over until the next Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter.:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address which relates to the time of meeting, beg leave to report the following resolution, and recommend its adoption :

Resolved, That Section 4 of Article I of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be amended as follows: Strike out the words "on the first Monday in December," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "On Monday, immediately preceding the first Tuesday in December."

REPORT ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

Companion John M. Caldwell, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, submitted the following report, and it was adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Your Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions and Appeals, beg leave to submit the following report :

We have examined the By-Laws of Fort Payne Chapter No. 107, instituted December 27, 1890; and would make the following suggestions :

1. Section 3, Article I, is violative of Section 9, Article III of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, in that it provides for the election of officers on 27th day of December.
2. Section 2, Article II, is violative of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, in the manner and for the reason above stated.
3. We recommend that the words "at the Annual Convocation in December" be stricken out of Article 3 where they appear, and the insertion of the words "at the regular Convocation immediately preceding the anniversary of St. John the Baptist. The same objection arises in Article IV.
4. Section 2, Article V; latter clause should be stricken out.
5. Section 2, Article VI, is violative of Section 5, Article IV of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, in that it fails to require the fee for the degrees should accompany the petition,

We have also examined the By-Laws of Rockford Chapter No. 62, and would respectfully make the following suggestions with reference thereto:

1. Strike out latter clause of Section 1, Article I.
2. Strike out Section 2.
3. In Section 1, Article II, strike out the word Evangelist and insert in lieu thereof the word Baptist.
4. In Section 2, Article II, same change.
5. Strike out Section 3, Article II.
6. Insert the word "two" in lieu of "A" in the fourth line of Section 1, Article III, and strike out latter clause of same section, as indicated on margin of original submitted to us.
7. In Section 3, Article III, cause last sentence to read as follows: "*Fees, in all cases, must accompany the petition.*"
8. Make Section 1, Article IV, read as follows: "Each member of the Chapter shall pay into the hands of the Secretary, as annual dues, the sum of one dollar.
9. In Section 2, Article V, insert the word "companion" in lieu of "persons," and "condition" instead of "situation."
10. Strike out "some" in Section 3, Article V, and insert the article "A."
11. In Section 3, Article VI, strike out the words "or adjourned" and insert "or called," and strike out the words "on to" and insert the word "upon."
12. In Section 6 of Article VI, make last clause read as follows: "And have his books and vouchers ready for examination and settlement at the regular convocation preceding the annual election, and oftener if required. Also, insert "him," between the words *upon* and *by* in fifth line of said by-law.
13. In Section 7 of Article VI, strike out the words "shall go on messages" and insert the word "shall." Strike out in fourth line the word "its" and insert "his."
14. In Section 5, Article VIII, in sixth line strike out the words *the chair* and insert the words "presiding officer."
15. In Section 6, Article VIII, strike out the word *unhappily*.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JNO. M. CALDWELL,
WM. J. McCANTS,
W. C. CLEVELAND,
Committee.

REPORT ON DISPENSATIONS.

Companion George A. Joiner, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, submitted the following report, and it was adopted :

To the Grand Chapter of Alabama :

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

We have carefully examined the records of Fort Payne Chapter No. 107, and find many irregularities, some of which we specify :

1st. Said Chapter did, on the 26th of December, 1890, install three officers by proxy.

2nd. At the same Convocation the Chapter adopted a motion providing for the payment of Degree Fees separately instead of collectively.

3rd. The records show that on several occasions said Chapter opened up from Mark Master to Royal Arch Degree, and closed down from Royal Arch to Mark Master.

4th. On the 12th of June, 1891, two petitions were acted upon and the applicants were rejected and no notice given in previous record of said petitions being presented. After conferring, however, with the representatives of said Chapter we are informed that the Chapter has the necessary furniture and paraphernalia, and are qualified to do work in all the Degrees. They further assure us that in future they will see to it that the records are kept in the form prescribed by the Chapter Code of Alabama.

We therefore recommend that a charter be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. JOINER,
E. S. GATCHELL,
JOS. A. GROVES,
Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Companion Henry C. Wiley, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made report, and it was adopted. (See Appendix.)

ON EXPENSES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

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

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Companion Thomas T. Rowland, in reference to the expenses incurred by Companions Joseph S. Sugars and Robert P. Baker, as a commission, by appointment of M. E. G. High Priest John G. Harris, to visit and investigate Cyrus Chapter No. 6, beg leave to report, that the same resolution in effect, was before the Grand Chapter at its last Grand Convocation, when it was determined that said expenses were properly chargeable against Cyrus Chapter No. 6, and said Chapter was required to pay the same within ninety days, and on failure to do so, the charter of said Chapter was to be declared forfeited.

Said Chapter having failed to pay said charges, and its charter having been forfeited, and said expenses having been incurred by said Companions in the discharge of a duty imposed by the M. Ex. G. High Priest of this Grand Chapter, your Committee is of the opinion that the same has now become a proper charge against the Grand Chapter and should be paid, and therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary draw his warrant, in favor of said Companions, against the Grand Treasurer for said sum of twenty-two dollars.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

“Resolved, That the charter of Cyrus Chapter No. 6, be and the same is hereby declared forfeited and said Chapter stricken from the roll of subordinate Chapters, and that the M. E. Grand High Priest appoint a Companion to take possession of the jewels, furniture, property and other effects of said Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. WILEY,
Chairman.

The above named Committee submitted the following report, and it was adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of Companion Palmer J. Pillans, who at the last Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, was appointed to "codify and publish its laws and edicts," beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and find nothing therein which requires the further action of this Grand Chapter, except to provide compensation for the services of the compiler, an appropriation for which has been recommended by this committee in their report on finance.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. WILEY,
Chairman.

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 adopted :

To the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of Alabama :

We the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, have examined the several Returns submitted to us and beg leave to report as follows :

CORRECT :

Tyrian Chapter No. 54.

Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80. But no seal.

Rockford Chapter No. 62. " " "

Landmark Chapter No. 71. " " "

INCORRECT :

Central Chapter No. 64—No post office address.

Gordon Chapter No. 73—In one place reports its dues for members as 75c in another \$2.00.

Bell Chapter No. 83—Dates not given.

Graham Chapter No. 106—Reports \$18.00 as its dues per member to this Grand Chapter.

Springville Chapter No. 88—Reports \$17.25 as the amount dues to this Grand Chapter when it should be \$16.50.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS T. ROWLAND,
Chairman.

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 adopted :

To the Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 3, having examined the returns submitted to them, find the following

CORRECT.

Notasulga	No. 92	Mineral City	No. 101
Daniel Pratt	No. 96	Cross Plains	No. 102
Rock Mills	No. 100	Fort Payne	No. 107

INCORRECT :

Clayton No. 63—Seal omitted.

Elyton No. 76—Returns show 3 suspended but dates not given. Under head of Dues, the amount for dues to this Grand Chapter for 18 members put down at \$12.75, and on back of returns sum of \$18.75, when the proper amount should be under both heads \$13.50. Name of representative not given.

Coosa No. 86—Recapitulation not filled out.

Proxy for King filled out but not signed.

Thomas M. Bragg No. 99—Returns show 10 advanced and Recapitulation says none.

Returns show that 10 Presided and Recapitulation says 1.

Returns show that 9 were Received and Accepted and Recapitulation says none.

Names of representatives not endorsed on back of returns.

Anniston No. 105—Certificate shows returns made out to October 9th, 1891, when they should have included the first Monday in November, 1891.

Under head of "Degrees Conferred" dates marked Ditto, and defaced by numerous cross-marks.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH JERNIGAN,

WILLIAM J. RHODES,

Committee.

The Grand Chapter then held an election and the following Grand Officers were duly elected :

JAMES T. BECK.....	M. E. Grand High Priest.
JOHN A. MCKINNON.....	M. E. Dep. Grand H. P.
HENRY C. WILEY.....	R. E. Grand King.
ANDREW J. NUNNELLY.....	R. E. Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.....	R. E. Grand Treasurer.
MYLES J. GREENE.....	R. E. Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM C. CLEVELAND.....	R. E. Grand Chaplain.
JOSIAH JERNIGAN.....	R. E. Grand C. of Host.

The Grand High Priest subsequently appointed the following :

WILLIAM J. RHODES.....	E. Grand P. Sojourner.
EDWARD S. GATCHELL.....	E. Grand R. A. Captain.
GEORGE F. MOORE.....	E. Grand M. of 3 Veil.
THOMAS H. AMBERSON.....	E. Grand M. of 2 Veil.
JOHN H. BOHANAN.....	E. Grand M. of 1 Veil.
CHARLES A. ALEXANDER.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

TESTIMONIAL FOR THE FAMILY OF JAMES H. JOINER, DEC'D.

Companion Henry C. Wiley, offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

WHEREAS, At the Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in the year 1881, a resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to procure a suitable testimonial to present to the family of the Most Ex. Grand High Priest, Companion James Harvey Joiner, deceased.

AND WHEREAS, Said committee was appointed but were unable to procure such testimonial, on account of the then financial condition of this Grand Chapter, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That said committee do now procure and present such testimonial to the family of our deceased Companion, M. E. G. H. Priest Joiner.

(The original committee was composed of Companions Joseph H. Johnson, William H. Dingley and Daniel Sayre.)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were duly installed by P. G. H. P. H. Clay Armstrong presiding, Companion William W. McCollum, acting as Grand Marshal.

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

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

PALMER J. PILLANS.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JOSEPH A. GROVES,

GEORGE F. MOORE,

GEORGE L. SMITH.

EXPENSES OF GRAND CHAPLAIN TO BE PAID.

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

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer, in favor of the Rev. and R. E. Grand Chaplain for his expenses in attending upon the Convocations of this Grand Chapter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVED.

The following representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama were then presented to the Grand High Priest, and by him duly received and recognized :

HENRY H. MATTHEWS, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

JOHN G. SMITH, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

GEORGE P. HARRISON, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

JOHN G. HARRIS, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

MYLES J. GREENE, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

WILLIAM J. RHODES, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

GASTON CHAPTER NO. 85.

Companion William B. Jackson offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

WHEREAS, The representative of Gaston Chapter No. 85, is laboring under the impression that the Grand Chapter meets on the first Monday in December, instead of the first Tuesday, therefore,

Resolved, That said Chapter have thirty days in which to make returns, etc.

The Grand High Priest announced the following as the

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

PALMER J. PILLANS.....	Belknap.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....	Uniontown.
JOSEPH H. GROVES.....	Browns.
GEORGE F. MOORE.....	Montgomery.
GEORGE L. SMITH.....	Montgomery.

ON WORK.

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

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK.

JAMES T. BECK, G. H. P.....	Camden.
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MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

WILLIAM W. SCREWS.....	Montgomery.
WILLIAM A. ALEXANDER.....	Mobile.
ANDREW C. PICKENS.....	Mobile.

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

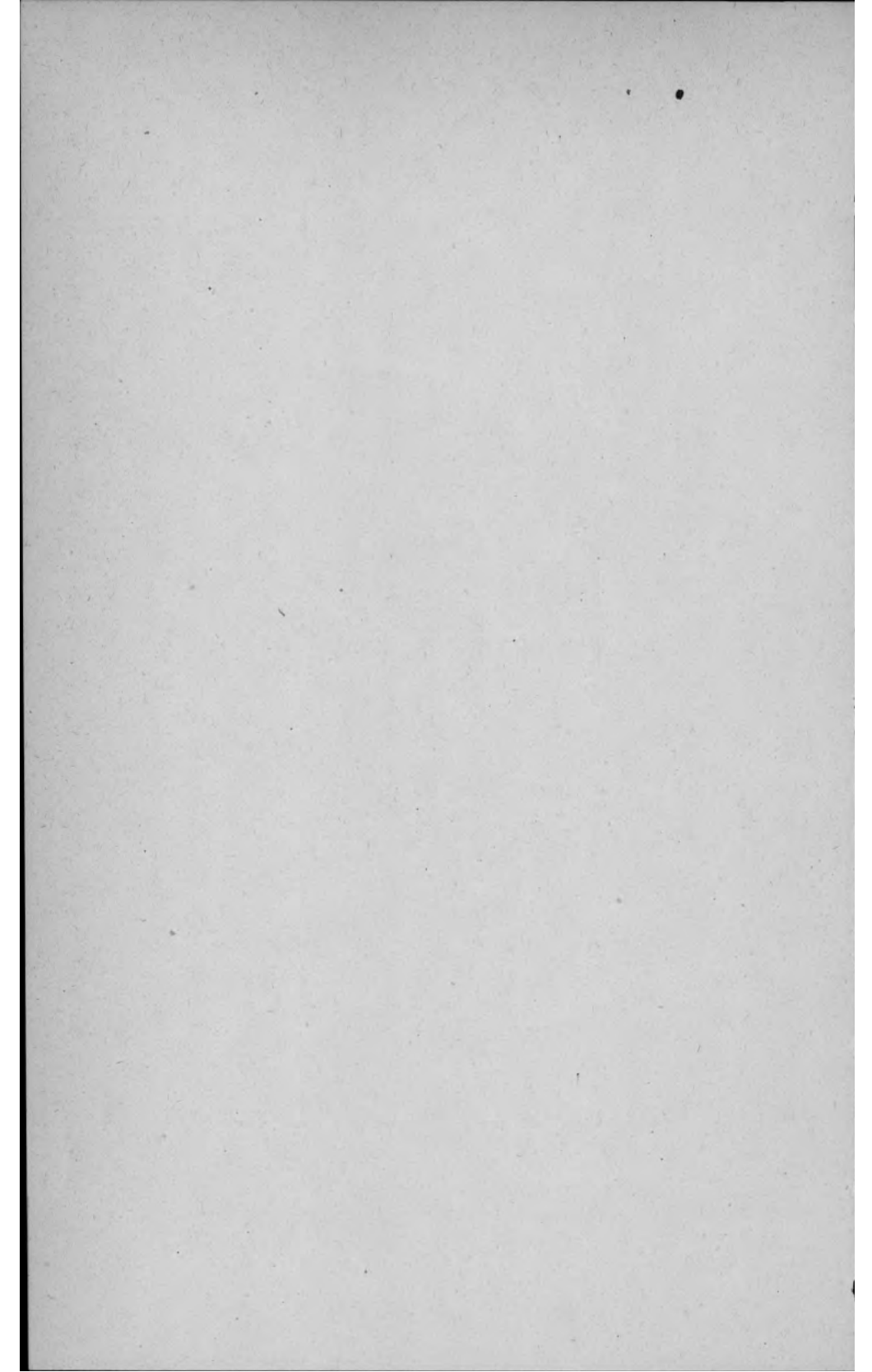
CLOSED.

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.



REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

P. J. PILLANS, CHAIRMAN.

To the M. E. G. H. Priest, officers and members of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama and the Companions of its Jurisdiction :

Your reporter once more essays to lay before you for your pleasure and instruction, such matters as he has deemed would interest you, gathered by him in his journey through other jurisdictions. As our Grand Chapter is but emerging from a state of almost financial paralysis he has attempted to be as brief as possible. On his journey he has passed through the following jurisdictions. We regret the absence of Nova Scotia, Ohio, Rhode Island and Washington.

Arizona	1890	Mississippi	1890
Arkansas	1890	Missouri	1891
California	1891	Montana	1891
Canada	1891	Nebraska	1890
Colorado	1890	Nevada	1891
Connecticut	1891	New Hampshire	1891
Delaware	1891	New Jersey	1891
District of Columbia	1890	New York	1891
Florida	1891	North Carolina	1890
Georgia	1891	North Dakota	1891
Illinois	1890	Oregon	1890
Indiana	1890	Pennsylvania	1890
Indian Territory	1890-1891	Quebec	1891
Iowa	1890	South Carolina	1891
Kansas	1891	South Dakota	1891
Kentucky	1890	Tennessee	1891
Louisiana	1891	Texas	1890
Maine	1890	Vermont	1891
Maryland	1890	Virginia	1890
Massachusetts	1890	West Virginia	1889-1890
Michigan	1891	Wisconsin	1891
Minnesota	1890		

It is exceedingly gratifying to the reporter to be able to state that the Royal Craft seems to be prosperous, save in two of our

Southern jurisdictions, and that even there signs of revival are visible. The growth has been abundantly large, and peace reigns supreme. Quebec also is suffering, but it is to be hoped that even there we may ere long receive favorable tidings. Four new Grand Chapters have been added to our list, and the reports from each bring glad tidings.

With this, Companions, your reporter lays before you the result of his labors following. "Now the God of peace be with you all—Amen."

ARIZONA.

We have the proceedings of the convention of R. A. Chapters of Arizona, held for the purpose of organizing a Grand Chapter, which was convened on 13th November, 1889, and adopted a Constitution, etc. After which it adopted a resolution appealing to the G. G. High Priest "to grant a dispensation authorizing and empowering them" to form a Grand Chapter, and adjourned. Afterwards, on November, 1890, under the authority of the G. G. High Priest this Grand Chapter met and took form styling this its first annual.

Companion Martin W. Kales, Phoenix, was elected Grand High Priest, and George J. Roskrige, Tuscon, Grand Secretary.

We hail this addition to our Capitular family with great pleasure.

There are five Chapters with one hundred and forty-five members.

ARKANSAS—41ST ANNUAL, 1890.

M. E. Grand High Priest Samuel Peete presided at this Convocation. There are sixty-three Chapters on the roll, with a membership of 1,883, and the statement shows an increase of 181.

Dispensations for two new Chapters were issued, and two were granted charters.

Grand High Priest thinks that the chief cause for so many non-affiliates, "lies in the fact that the companions fail to acquaint themselves with the ceremonies pertaining to the Order." He suggests the appointment of a suitable instructor and the holding of schools of instruction in each district for at least two days in each year.

Grand Chapter adopted this resolution, which we think a move

in the right direction, although it may tend rather to diminish applications for dimits in the Lodge than in the Chapter:

That a candidate for the Chapter degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason; and whenever a member of a Chapter in this State, who is now, or hereafter becomes a wilfully non-affiliated Master Mason, the High Priest of his Chapter shall declare him suspended from his Chapter until he affiliates with some Lodge, or endeavors to do so at least every twelve months.

Charles N. Rix, Hot Springs, Grand High Priest.

James A. Henry, Little Rock, Grand Secretary.

Companion R. J. Laughlin, P. G. High Priest, made report on Correspondence, including in it Alabama for 1889. Of our report he says:

We see he devotes most space to Companion Harper's review of Maine, Massachusetts and Maryland, which proves conclusively to Companion Pillans, that when a man is made a Mason, he is made a member of the Lodge also.

Just so, that is our idea exactly. The report covers twenty-four pages.

CALIFORNIA.—37TH ANNUAL, APRIL, 1891.

Companion F. H. Day, M. E. Grand High Priest, congratulated the companions "upon the harmony that prevails throughout this entire jurisdiction. This embraces 64 Chapters, 4,736 affiliated R. A. Masons, with an increase of 84.

He issued one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter and this was granted a charter.

One of his decisions shows us the rule in California which we greatly approve.

Answer. Having dimitted from his Lodge, and more than six months thereafter having elapsed without any attempt to affiliate with another, he is not a Master Mason in good standing in this jurisdiction; and while remaining so, he is debarred from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

Of official visitations he thus correctly speaks:

So strongly have I been impressed with the benefits to be derived from the visits of the Grand High Priest to the subordinate Chapters that I sincerely trust my successor will personally visit every Chapter in the jurisdiction. And should the present ap-

propriation be inadequate to meet the expenses incurred by him on such visits, I suggest the propriety of increasing the amount to a requisite figure.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona was duly recognized.

The following resolution shows that our companions of the Golden State are annoyed like others with absentees toward the close. Good rule, no work, no pay.

Resolved, That at all future Convocation of the Grand Chapter, no member thereof shall receive his per diem and transportation expenses from the Representative Fund until such convocation have been regularly closed.

Milton H. Myrick, San Francisco, Grand High Priest.

Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary who is also a P. G. High Priest, prepared the report on Correspondence under very great difficulties, hence a large number of proceedings were necessarily left out. Alabama however, is found in her accustomed place, and neither was his hand so disabled or his eyes so blinded as to prevent his penning the following:

A brief report on Correspondence was submitted by Companion Palmer J. Pillans. The Committee on Correspondence consists of five, which, considering the length of the report—thirty-one pages—is altogether too much committee and too little report. But Companion Pillians, in his opening remarks, explains the situation, and we accept his apology, hoping that Alabama may go on increasing its membership and piling up its shekels, until no pent-up Utica shall restrain the powers of its correspondent, but the whole boundless universe be his in which to cavort around upon his high-strung Pegasus.

We assure our Companion however, that we are now too old and stiff to attempt to mount such a bucking steed as Pegasus but much prefer the ambling of our donkey.

He so admirably chastises the non-affiliate that we give it to our companions only requesting Companion Caswell to give it to him, he has no friends.

We fully concur. We know many brethren connected with the Fraternity who would never pay a nickle to its charities if they could avoid it; are always discussing the oppressiveness of dues, yet never fail to take advantage of every privilege the Fraternity confers upon them. They are first at the banquet table, always prominent in public processions, but are never seen at the bedside

of the sick; their names never appear upon subscriptions for the needy and distressed, and these are invariably the first to cry out against the oppressiveness of dues. We often hear our good brethren from the East denounce what they please to call the "abominable law of California," relative to the suspension for non-payment of dues; yet no one ever knew a brother in California to be suspended for non-payment of dues who was unable to pay them and made the fact known; no jurisdiction in the wide world has more sympathy for the really needy, and the world knows that California is never backward in acts of charity; but for the non-affiliate cusses, who never miss a meal or pay a cent, we have no earthly use.

CANADA.—34TH ANNUAL, JULY, 1891.

The title of the chief officer of this Grand Chapter is not Grand High Priest but Grand Zerubbabel, and their Grand Secretary is styled Grand Scribe Ezra. The Grand Zerubbabel, J. J. Mason, speaks of Capitular Masonry there in very hopeful terms and declares that there has been a "marked revival" among the Craft.

He had granted a dispensation for the formation of one new Chapter which was found worthy at this convocation of receiving a warrant.

The finances, he states, are in excellent condition, and the Committee on Finance show assets amounting to nearly \$18,000. Charity is one of the moving elements in this Grand Chapter, for the expenditure of nearly \$500.00 is placed to its credit, in behalf of widows and orphans.

He decided, we think very properly, that a Master Mason who had lost his right arm was ineligible for the degrees, and this decision was supported by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Grand Superintendents of districts, are appointed, whose reports should contain a very full account of the condition of each Chapter. These reports are referred to an able committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry, and are very carefully sifted, so that the Grand Chapter is fully advised of the state of its subordinates. This committee for some years past have fairly passed judgment, firmly though courteously pointing out the errors of the superintendents. This cannot but have a most beneficial effect. They are troubled because returns are not promptly sent up, and in their report say:

If the returns have not been sent in, some means should be taken to secure promptness, for in this particular your committee is without specific information.

As a specimen of their manner of handling the superintendent who may be at fault, we copy :

That from St. Clair District contains about thirty lines of writing, with less than five of information. The penmanship is excellent, but the Grand Superintendent did little, therefore could not write very much. He states: "The condition of Masonry in St. Clair District during the past year has not been very encouraging." Well, the same may be said of his report. If the worthy and highly esteemed Companion can pass through other offices in life as comfortably as he has through that of Grand Superintendent, he may be said to have found the golden way to ease and luxury. His activity is not characteristic of the gallant Scottish chieftain and Companion, perhaps, whose name he bears, who in the fulness of his heart exclaimed: "My home is on the Grampion Hills, and my name's McGregor."

The following from the report shows the strength of several Chapters and average attendance, which we take to typify the condition elsewhere than in Canada.

The returns show an average attendance of one-fourth of the membership. In the localities where the Chapters have a membership of about thirty, the attendance is forty per cent., while in those with a roll of from 150 to 200 the attendance is less than ten per cent. In one Chapter, with 174 members, the average was 22; in another, 222, the average was 33; in another, with 137, the average was 17. The attendance was best in the Chapters in the Wilson and Ontario Districts. Is it impossible to assign any particular reason for this absence of interest. Is it unfair to assume that if the officers had the work well in hand that Companions would be more attentive? We can scarcely expect as large an average attendance as in the Craft lodges, for with other engagements it is impossible to expect brethren to attend two Masonic meetings a month the year round, but certainly the average should be larger than that given.

The committee find great fault because of the small amount of property insured by the Chapters. We are sure that this ordinary business precaution is almost totally neglected by the Lodges and Chapters of Alabama, hence the frequent application for remission of dues should any accident befall the Chapter.

J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Ont., Grand Zerubbabel.

David McLellan, Hamilton, Ont., Grand Scribe Ezra.

Companion Henry Robertson, P. G. Z., again presented the report on Correspondence, in which Alabama for 1890 is found.

Number of Chapters 84, and of members 3,954.

COLORADO—16TH ANNUAL, SEPTEMBER, 1890.

This Grand Chapter was opened by the D. G. H. Priest and then Captain of the Host was instructed to inform the G. H. Priest, Samuel H. Thorp son, of the fact, who then entered, assumed the gavel, and was greeted with the grand honors. He declared the past year to have been a quiet one.

He issued two dispensations for new Chapters, whose work, when brought up for inspection successfully passed the overseers, and they were awarded charters.

Chapters 25; membership, 1716; increase 129, or 150, or 157; for all of these are obtainable from the table furnished.

There is a very excellent balance of more than \$3,000 in hands of G. Treasurer.

The Grand Chapter extended the hand of friendship to the G. Chapters of North and South Dakota, and the Indian Territory.

Then was introduced and referred the following:

SECTION 27. It is hereby made the imperative duty of all Chapters to restrain, as far as possible, the Masonic crime of intemperance, by trial and punishment, as the case may require. It shall be unlawful to advance or affiliate any person engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. All Companions are fraternally advised to refrain from engaging in the liquor traffic.

Ceylon C. Olin, Pueblo, G. H. P.

Ed. C. Parmelee, Pueblo, Grand Secretary.

The review of Proceedings of other Grand Chapters is from the pen of P. G. High Priest, Companion E. L. Foster, and in it Alabama for 1889, finds its usual place. We have only space for his conclusion.

For the forty-fourth time we have written the word "reviewed" on the back of a volume, thus completing our work for the year, by attempting to convey to our Companions an idea of what is passing all around us in the Capitular world. To say that we are glad it is done is both true and untrue. We are glad, because a duty is performed, and if our labor produces any fruit, or gives pleasure or knowledge to any, our labor will not have been in vain and we shall be amply rewarded. We are sorry, because

when we have time we enjoy so greatly the perusal of those pages, and gather much useful information from those who are so better informed than we are, but who are so ready to impart their knowledge. Perhaps we may not be again chosen to perform this labor, and, therefore, we must acknowledge the universal kindness of the reportorial staff in the reception of our former attempt. It gives us courage to try again and cheered us on our way.

CONNECTICUT—93D ANNUAL, MAY, 1889.

Companion Gilbert L. Hewitt was the M. E. G. H. Priest who presided at the opening of this convocation of this Grand Chapter, and from him we learn that peace and harmony prevail within the jurisdiction. The growth is not a small one having been 120 or 129 (either, as we compute it from figures given on the statement of Grand Secretary), while the number of Chapters is 38, and the membership 4,739.

The Grand High Priest issued his dispensation to certain companions of a defunct Chapter to enable them to work, and to these companions Grand Chapter allotted the charter of the old Chapter.

We confess to be as much puzzled with the report of Grand Treasurer as it appears printed as we were with that of G. Secretary. There is a balance in treasury but we can't say how much it is. We see, however, that it is a good balance, and that ought surely to suffice.

Grand Chapter of Arizona received fraternal greeting.

Chas. H. Chesbro, Putnam, Grand High Priest.

Jos. K. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Companion John H. Barlow, P. G. H. Priest, again presented the report on Correspondence including a kind notice of Alabama for 1890. From this we learn that he, like ourself, was greatly pleased with the complete system of visitation established in Canada. He does not favor a special burial service for Chapter Masons, but "thinks it wholly unnecessary, at the grave all ranks are levelled, all distinctions done away."

Connecticut, like Alabama, does not allow any save one of the first three officers to open a Chapter.

We commend the following from his report to all Masons, but more particularly to those of our own household, whether symbolic or capitular, and sincerely hope, that many may read it, and heed it. For no one should apply for the degrees unless he

is able to maintain himself and family, and spare something for charity:

We deny emphatically that simple lodge membership is all he pays or should pay dues for. When he is admitted he becomes a member of the great masonic family, as well as the particular lodge, and all duties inseparably connected with each. Its charities, he is informed, should be as extensive as the bounds of masonry—and the lodge is the usual channel for such charities to flow—so that when he pays dues it is not only to defray the ordinary expenses of a lodge, but to provide means to respond to the calls of relief, and the brother who shirks this duty imposes an additional burden upon the faithful ones, and is a drone in the hive.

The following also from this excellent report corroborates views to which we gave utterance many years since, but which met with strong opposition from the correspondents of New York, Maine, and some other grand jurisdictions. Some of these, however, modified their antagonism, and then adopted the same:

We agree with Companion Long. "What constitutes a Lodge?" The reply comes: "A constitutional number of brethren, with the Holy Bible, square and compass, and a charter or warrant empowering them to work." If the presence of the charter can be dispensed with, why not the three Great Lights, so long as the Lodge owns them? If the actual presence of the charter were not required at all the convocations, we fear it would be liable to be laid away (like the old lady's spectacles in the family Bible) and not found when wanted. We quote Companion Southgate again, on the due question, under the head of Maryland.

We very rarely see any thing from Scotland, so we will give you what Companion Barlow says of it and then desist.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND, '89 AND '90

For the first time we have the proceedings of this Grand Body. From the pamphlet before us we find there are under its obedience one hundred and sixty-four Chapters, located in almost all parts of the world.

Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., of Blythwood, is First Grand Principal, an office corresponding with our Grand High Priest.

The proceedings contain a full list of the Chapters and their location, also the minutes of the committee meetings and quarterly communications. We copy the following from the minutes of the quarterly convocation held June 19, 1889:

A charter was granted to a Chapter at Hong Kong, China, to be named "St. Andrews," to stand No. 218 on the Roll of Supreme Chapter.

On consideration of the recommendation of Supreme Committee—"That the Supreme Grand Chapter endeavor to acquire the property in Hill street at a price not exceeding £1,400," it was resolved, by a majority, to proceed with the purchase of said property.

On the recommendation of Supreme Committee, a charter was granted for a Chapter at Sydney, N. S. W., to be named "Temperance," to stand No. 219 on the Roll of Supreme Chapter.

Presents, consisting of the published proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Michigan, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina, Nebraska, California, and Connecticut, U. S. A., were received, and the thanks of Supreme Grand Chapter voted therefor.

The receipts of the year as reported are, £622 1s 2d; disbursements, £553 15s 9½d; fund on hand, £5,490 16s 7½d.

DELAWARE.—23RD ANNUAL, JANUARY, 1891.

This jurisdiction embraces three Chapters, with a membership of 356, being an increase of 30 members over the last report. The dimissions and admissions balance each other, and the deaths are a like number.

The Grand High Priest, John L. Clark, found time to visit them all and was pleased to pronounce the work witnessed by him "good work."

He is anxious for 'uniformity of work' and recommended action of Grand Chapter to produce this result.

He also recommended that pending a petition for the degrees the other Chapters be notified of such application; that officers of Chapters be required to be proficient in the work before being installed. These recommendations were approved, but nothing more was done in the matter.

The Treasurer holds a fair balance, so also the Grand Secretary, and in addition a fair sum is invested.

An appropriation was made for the expenses of Grand High Priest attending the convocation of the G. G. Chapter.

John L. Clark, Rockland, Grand High Priest.

James H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Correspondence presented a concise report, but for some reason failed to notice our proceedings.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—24TH ANNUAL, DEC., 1890.

The utmost harmony prevails in this jurisdiction among the Companions and no note of discord or grievance is heard, so reports the M. E. Grand High Priest E. S. Holmes. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity."

He had received the application of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, but apprehending that there were some peculiar circumstances attending the formation, he had referred the same to the Committee on Jurisprudence "that the case be fully examined, and a full report made at this Convocation," but we find no report.

He issued a dispensation for a new Chapter, which was found worthy of being awarded a charter at this Convocation. There are now nine Chapters with a membership of 1,591, being an increase of 67 since last report. From the statistical tables of the eight reporting, we find that \$352 was expended by them in benevolence, and that the aggregate of balances in treasury amounts to \$5,427. Can any eight, nay any eighteen Chapters in Alabama make such a showing as this?

The funds in hands of Grand Treasurer are so increasing that he recommends some investment of at least \$1,000 in good securities, and Grand Chapter so ordered. At the same time they have also another thousand invested.

The Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota were welcomed into the sisterhood, and exchange of representatives recommended.

In this jurisdiction it is declared:

That where an officer of this Grand Chapter or of a constituent Chapter succeeds himself in an elective or an appointive office, he need not be installed.

Alexander McKenzie, Washington, D. C., Grand High Priest.

Lewis G. Stephens, Washington, D. C., Grand Secretary.

Companion William R. Singleton, who is the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District, a very nestor in Masonry, and who produces such admirable reports for his Grand Lodge, also presented the Report on Correspondence for the Grand Chapter. In his review of Alabama he gives in the annexed extract, a prime reason for the brevity of our reports, yet there is another,

it is that we much prefer the dollars to remain in a very depleted treasury to expending it where we are not sure some paramount good is to result:

The report on Foreign Correspondence was furnished by Companion P. J. Pillans, who, in only forty-eight pages, succeeds in making a very excellent review of thirty-seven jurisdictions. As a matter of course, but little can be said of each one; yet, as we have in a former report stated that our Capitular affairs are in such a healthy condition in all of the jurisdictions, there is but little of general interest for a reviewer to notice. It has been well settled, among our reporters, as to the majority of points on jurisprudence; hence there are now but few questions which require discussion.

In a case where the Grand High Priest of Kentucky ruled that an actual P. M. should, nevertheless, be put through the P. M. degree in the Chapter (as we ourself were, though we were an actually installed Master at the time, and at our installation had the degree of P. M. conferred on us,) he says:

This is purely "technical" and, to our old-fashioned ideas, altogether unnecessary. The ceremonies, obligations and duties of the Past Master's degree being identical in both cases, and given by proper authority in each case, there should be no difference whatever. The "actual" Past Master is a Past Master. The "virtual" Past Master is a Past Master. "Things equal to the same are equal to each other," *Q. E. D.* That settles it geometrically. And as geometry and Masonry are equal, the law of one should govern the other. *Q. E. D.* again. This was the rule fifty years ago in almost if not in every jurisdiction, viz: that a "virtual" Past Master when elected to preside over a Lodge was regularly installed, and when an actual Past Master went into a Chapter the Past Master's degree was not conferred upon him.

Our Grand Lodge we think, however, has since declared that an installation is complete even without the degree.

There is so much of interest in the report that we cannot reproduce all, so having to stop somewhere we do so now.

FLORIDA—45TH ANNUAL, MAY, 1891.

The Grand High Priest, James W. Boyd, declares that "the Order is in a prosperous condition," statistics show a slight increase in membership. The total membership is 418, and the number of Chapters 12.

The following decision was made by him:

After a Chapter has been closed no Lodge subordinate thereto can be opened with less than nine Royal Arch Masons, but a Chapter being regularly opened may, when necessary, call off to a designated period not beyond its next regular Convocation, when such subordinate Lodges may be opened and degrees conferred, there being present in each degree the requisite number for that purpose who are also Royal Arch Masons.

On which a majority of the Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

Believing that the law as it stands is rather too rigid for practical utility with all the Chapters, we recommend, that regulation 21 be amended by adding thereto the following words, to-wit: *Provided*, that the High Priest may call meetings of the Lodges respectively, to confer the Lodge degrees upon duly elected candidates, and do the work with the working quorums, Mark Master's Lodge —, Past Master's Lodge —, and Most Excellent Master's Lodge —, and all of whom are not necessarily required to be Royal Arch Masons; and for such purpose, the Chapter, like a court of chancery, is always open, and must always be expressly recognized in the records of meetings.

Which was adopted by Grand Chapter and the blanks filled with five, three and two.

The balance in the treasury continues to increase.

A Committee was appointed to enquire into the "status of Cryptic Masonry" in the jurisdiction and report to next Annual Convocation.

A small appropriation was made to the erection of a Masonic Temple.

Thomas S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville, Grand High Priest.

DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary presented a report on Correspondence, only however for the purpose of introducing resolutions for the recognition of the Grand Chapters of the Indian Territory, South Dakota, North Dakota and Arizona, which were adopted.

GEORGIA—69TH ANNUAL, APRIL, 1891.

The Grand High Priest, James W. Taylor, in his address indulged in a retrospective glance at the origin and growth of Capitular Masonry in this State. This Grand Chapter, like our own, has passed its period of great depression and is now rapidly making up for lost time. He granted dispensations for six new Chapters, all of which received charters at this Convocation.

Five of the dormant ones were revived, and give evidence of life and vigor. The retrospective view is as follows:

When, sixty-nine years ago, delegates from five subordinate Chapters convened in Louisville and organized the Grand Chapter of Georgia, their action was founded on a hope that the future would develop an interest in the enterprise commensurate with the great designs of Capitular Masonry, and that in the course of time the Grand Chapter of Georgia would become one of the leading factors in promoting the great principles of science, morality and civilization. For ten years these faithful Companions continued to meet regularly, when political persecution became so great their meetings were discontinued and the Grand Chapter of Georgia suspended, nor then did this star of hope desert them, but united with faith, upheld the trembling souls of these faithful Companions—faith in the immutable decree that the right would prevail and hope that the horizon so clouded would soon clear and the ultimate object of the organization be attained.

Their expectations were realized and after ten years suspension Capitular Masonry blazed forth in Georgia with renewed vigor, and until the present time with varied fortune has moved along, and to-day is more firmly fixed in our jurisdiction than ever before during the history of the Order.

The number of Chapters on roll last year was 47, there at present 57; and the addition to the membership is 316. The suspensions were but 68, and the dimitted only 23. Well may the Committee on Finance and Returns say:

The phenomenal success, the prosperous state and most excellent condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgia, certainly must be a source of pleasure and gratification to every Chapter Mason.

And the Grand High Priest informs us that such decisions as were made by him need not be recorded, because they were all provided for by the constitution and edicts of the Grand Chapter. Nor do we find that there were any grievances to be adjusted.

James W. Taylor, Luthersville, Grand High Priest.

A. M. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Companion Wm. Abram Love, our representative, made a most excellent report on Correspondence, including in it our Proceedings for 1890. He also indulged in some historical reminiscences in reference to our Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest, Companion J. G. Harris, in his address, fixes the place and date of the organization of this Grand Chapter, as *Mobile, "on the 21st day of May, A. D 1823."*

We were struck with the discrepancy between this date and that generally accepted, and that which we have carried in our caption for years—that is *June 2nd, 1827*.

This led us into some investigation in which the following facts were gathered. They may be of historic interest.

In 1821 Companion Dugald McFarlane, a zealous worker, procured at his own expense, from Most Excellent DeWitt Clinton, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, a charter or dispensation for a Chapter at the "Falls of the Black Warrior River," Tuscaloosa No. 1. He then spent a season in Charleston, S. C., to gain proficiency—was there annointed High Priest of the new Chapter, and took other degrees.

In 1822, Chapters were established at Cahaba, at Fort Claiborn and at Mobile. This gave the requisite number of Chapters, and as stated by Companion Harris, on the 21st of May, 1823, the Grand Chapter was organized. In the heat of the Morgan Anti-masonic excitement, during three years, neither the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Chapter met, and in this way is explained the seeming discrepancy in the number of the Annual Convocations, the current year, and the date of organization; 1823—3—64=1890.

In June, 1827, Companion MacFarlane with twenty-six other Royal and Select Masters who had received their degrees under the authority of the Supreme Council 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, at Charleston, S. C., organized the *Grand Council of Alabama*, and we are of the opinion that in some way the dates of organization have been confounded, or, a date has been obtained for the Grand Chapter by subtracting the number of the Annual Convocations from the current year, *not allowing* for the Anti-masonic interim of three years.

In this age of enlightenment, though not to be expected, yet we know that sometimes and in some Chapters such scenes as are alluded to by him do take place. We give you his thoughts on the subject, and they represent those of all right thinking Companions.

About this whole burlesquing business we have just this to say: While the serious ceremonials of our Ancient Craft are degraded to a *roaring farce* for the purpose of furnishing fun for those who have never learned the sacred teaching, and can never appreciate the sublime symbolism of the Order, it strips these ceremonials of their inestimable truths and invaluable treasures, and places us on a par with those who convert the Symbols of the Wise into Idols influencing the ignorant and inducing others to enter such worship for the amusement of the vulgar.

These lovers of fun—themselves ignorant of their own ignorance—are in no sense suitable guides to *lead the blind by a way they know not*, and the sooner such fact is realized and such leaders are relieved from service the better for the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

He suggests that some of the stronger jurisdictions might with great profit to the Craft, establish a first-class Masonic Journal and by it distribute light and knowledge to those needing them. Yet he also thinks that the Craft reads too little and some not at all.

He makes his report—one on Foreign and Domestic Correspondence—and to this end reviews the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, the Grand Council and the G. G. Council, the Grand Encampment, and A. and A. Scottish Rite of both the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions.

We must per force leave this very interesting report, not because we fear of tiring you Companions, but because we still much desire to see some little accumulation in our Treasury.

ILLINOIS—41ST ANNUAL, OCTOBER, 1890.

We learn from the address of the Grand High Priest that "within this jurisdiction peace and harmony prevails among the Craft," and from the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, that several of the Chapters that have been slumbering for some years have experienced a revival, "showing a good degree of work."

There are 176 active Chapters. Membership, 13,279, being an increase of 344.

Two dispensations were issued for new Chapters—one of which was deemed worthy of a charter, the other being continued under dispensation.

Grand High Priest, Joseph E. Dyas, made an earnest appeal in behalf of the Orphans' Home, to which Grand Chapter responded by an appropriation of \$1,000.

The balance in Treasury was near \$13,000.

Resolutions were adopted recognizing the several Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota and Indian Territory. Why recognize when we cannot help ourselves. They were authorized by our common ruler and without any action on our part, take each its place in the great triennial display.

Grand Secretary suggested the bringing out the proceedings monthly or bi-monthly in fractions, believing that this medicine will produce most good, administered in broken doses, but Grand Chapter did not act on it. We should very much object as reviewer to have to handle 6 or 12 pamphlets for one.

The Grievance Committee complain of their duties as "onerous" because they had nothing before them.

Edward C. Pace, Ashley, Grand High Priest.

Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Companion John M. Pearson, P. Grand High Priest, made the report on Correspondence, and from his comments on Alabama for 1889, we take the following:

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

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

There seems to have been no committee, either on the address, or on jurisprudence, and so we do not get the opinion of the Grand Chapter. Our own opinion would be, that technically, the Chapter might retain the fees, but in equity that proportion should be returned for which no equivalent had been given. Such is the law in our Grand Lodge and in some other Grand Lodges. The reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, as well as the report of Finance Committee thereon, are found in the "Appendix," as well as the report of Companion Pillans on Correspondence. This makes the said "Appendix" the better part of the book. What will Companion Caswell say to this?

He complains that there is no index to our Proceedings. This is bad as we know, for there are some Grand Secretaries who do not make an index, which puts us to some trouble, but knowing what a labor it is to get out the Proceedings, we have never complained.

INDIANA—45TH ANNUAL, OCTOBER, 1890.

The G. H. Priest, Companion Elmer Crockett, furnishes in his address so complete a statement of the condition of the Royal Craft that we give you the paragraph entire.

More than the average number of deaths have occurred in our Subordinate Chapters during the past year. Seventy-four companions have finished their work here below and have gone to their reward. Our number has further decreased as follows: Dimitted, 141; suspended, 82; expelled, 4; total, 301. On the other hand there have been 343 exaltations, 27 have been re-

instated and 62 added by affiliation; total, 432. This shows a net increase since our last annual convocation of 131 members, and a grand total in this jurisdiction of 5,443. The foregoing figures indicate a fairly prosperous year for our Order.

Balance in treasury over \$3000.

We notice that this Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment always on an adopted motion of a member.

One Chapter heretofore working under dispensation received a charter at this convocation and a dispensation was ordered for another.

The several Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota and of the Indian Territory were only "recognized and acknowledged."

A proposition was introduced to divide the State into districts and allot a district to officers of the Grand Chapter as inspectors and prescribing the duties of such inspectors, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who were given until the next convocation to report.

Jacob W. Smith, Indianapolis, Grand High Priest.

Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary.

Companion Thos. B. Long, P. G. H. Priest, presented the report on Correspondence, courteously reviewing Alabama for 1889.

Of the value and beauty of the Council Degrees and of the impressive lessons therein taught, he says:

The proper thing—at least the instigation of it—to save these beautiful and useful degrees in that Grand Jurisdiction (because they are perfectly safe, and well cared for elsewhere) has been done at the present convocation, as is mentioned in the preceding part of this review. It is doubtful if any more interesting grades can be found in the entire system of Masonry than are those of the Council. The lessons taught by them make a lasting impression upon every intelligent mind. It is there we are instructed as to the absolute necessity of fidelity to every important trust. We are there shown that while zeal in laudable, just and proper enterprises is worthy of reward, yet there is a measure of danger in becoming over-zealous in matters that we do not fully understand. The value of prudent secrecy concerning our private and business affairs is demonstrated, and the importance of silence is enjoined in such a manner as to prove the full force of the excellent maxim: "Speech is silver; silence is golden." These degrees are absolutely worthy of being preserved in separate organizations, and such exist—with a General Grand Body over them—everywhere except in Texas and Iowa. The "Mississippi Plan" has been weighed in the balance and found wanting." If as much interest had been shown, and as much time spent, in

endeavors to promote the welfare of the existing organizations by counsel, encouragement and practical assistance, ten years ago, as was devoted to the ill-timed and misjudged efforts to merge them with Capitular Masonry—which was at all times in contravention of the Grand and General Grand Royal Arch Constitutions—Cryptic Masonry would have been in the full tide of prosperity to-day. Valuable years were lost to it by this course; but it is now rescued from the danger that almost destroyed it, and has taken its place, to stay, in the grand system of American Freemasonry.

We had almost forgotten that although our Grand Chapter was slowly reviving yet her funds were still small, and overstepped our bounds, so fascinating in many parts did we find this report.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1ST ANNUAL, NOVEMBER, 1890.

Before us lies the very neat pamphlet containing the proceedings of the first annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, which was held on November 6th, 1890, with M. E. Companion⁴ J. S. Morrow, Grand High Priest, and representatives from four Chapters. During the year dispensations for three additional Chapters were issued, which received charters at this convocation, making now seven, with a membership of 184.

The address of the Grand High Priest is replete with good counsel and advice, and contains a short historical sketch of the difficulties encountered in G. G. Chapter in obtaining permission for organization. He evidently has no very high opinion of the value of this august G. G. Body to Capitular Masonry. In support of this our inferences are what he says:

The report of the General Grand Secretary Companion C. G. Fox, to the General Grand Chapter in 1889, shows that Oklahoma Chapter, Indian Territory, with an average of thirty members, paid \$56.30 dues for the three years, 1886, '87, '88, to the General Grand Chapter, while the Grand Chapter of Delaware, with an average of 280 members paid for the same three years the enormous sum of \$8.84. The great State of Alabama, with an average of 557 members, paid \$16.72 for the three years. With twenty times more members Alabama paid less than one-third as much dues as Oklahoma Chapter. During these three years the four Chapters in Indian Territory, with not exceeding 100 members, paid a larger sum into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter than any of the great States except Illinois, New York and Ohio, or more than Massachusetts, for instance, with over 10,000 members. Is this right and just? But some one will say, "You save nothing to the Subordinate Chapters by organizing a Grand

Chapter, for the dues and fees will be just as great." Granted. But what does the General Grand Chapter do with these dues and fees? Expend them in building up the Order on the destitute fields? Not much. The General Grand Chapter now has some \$15,000 somewhere, in some bank I suppose. The dues and fees paid by the Subordinate Chapters to a Grand Chapter go to build up the Order in the home territory. The Chapters themselves, through their representatives, manage these funds and expend them for the good of the Order in their own jurisdiction.

The representatives of the Subordinate Chapters in the General Grand Chapter are only a drop in the bucket. They are so few as compared with the representatives from Grand Chapters that their voice is nil. I think I was the only representative from a Subordinate Chapter at Atlanta last year. Once again it was argued by those opposed to the organization of a Grand Chapter in Indian Territory that our numbers were too small, only about one hundred. If you will examine the report of the General Grand Secretary last year you will discover that the Grand Chapter of Delaware has only three Chapters and 202 members. Florida eleven Chapters, 364 members. The great State of Alabama, with over one million population, reports a membership of only 636 in 1888. Many other States are in like weak condition. How long these States have been organized into Grand Chapters I do not know. The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory was organized less than nine months ago with four Chapters and about 100 members. It now numbers seven Chapters and over 180 members, a gain of 75 per cent. in Chapters and 80 per cent. in members.

A handsome cash balance appears in the treasury. Business necessarily only local.

Edward H. Doyle, McAlaster, Grand High Priest.

J. S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY—2D ANNUAL, AUGUST, 1890.

G. H. P. E. H. Doyle issued a dispensation for another Chapter, which was granted a charter. Chapters now 8, membership 199.

For the reason that the treasury can not yet bear the expense, the Committee on Correspondence acknowledge the greetings from several Grand Chapters and express gratification at the cordiality evinced.

Companion R. W. Hill delivered a short eulogy on the life of Companion Albert Pike.

R. W. Hill, Muscogee, Grand High Priest.

J. S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

IOWA—37TH ANNUAL, OCTOBER, 1890.

There are in this jurisdiction 109 Chapters; membership, 6597, an increase of 39.

The funds consist of \$5,500 invested, and cash \$683. No want or probability of it there.

In view of these facts G. High Priest F. H. Loring, says:

Its small beginning, with only three subordinate Chapters and nine delegates of thirty-six years ago was but the planting of the seed, which, germinating in the rich soil of Iowa Freemasonry, encouraged by the enthusiasm of Iowa Masons, has borne a rich fruitage, and is to-day one of the powerful influences that is helping to develop the civilization of which we, as Americans, are so justly proud.

One new Chapter was chartered at this convocation.

No questions which could not be answered by simple reference to the Code, so no decisions are given.

He complains of "lack of efficiency and knowledge of the ritual among Companions" of the jurisdiction, notwithstanding they have, as we infer, a work in cypher.

He urges the establishment of a Masonic Home. He thinks the delivery of the Cryptic degrees to a G. Council a matter necessary, but demanding "careful investigation and deliberate consideration," and the committee to whom the matter had been referred at the previous convocation, reported at some length, showing that this was necessary for the preservation of the degrees. He calls attention "to the tendency among the Craft to sever their connection with the Lodge and retain their membership in the Chapter." He reports that some of the Chapters are in violation of the edict of Grand Chapter, using substitutes, and recommends that these thus illegally exalted shall be healed.

The Grand Chapter of New South Wales, together with those of North and South Dakota, and Indian Territory, were severally recognized, and representatives recommended.

Geo. A. Quimby, Shenandoah, Grand High Priest.

Alf Wingate, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

Companion T. R. Ercanbrack, P. G. H. P. again in his usual courteous manner, reviewed the proceedings of Alabama for 1889, in his report on correspondence. His introduction shows his estimate of those who have been found worthy to pass the veils:

The character of Royal Arch Masons in general is so stable, so reliable, and so true that it is impossible to conceive of revolutions among them. Companions, let us rejoice that we are so intimately associated with the most conservative and steadfast elements of American society. We may all know that all those who come bearing the signet of truth are the ones in whom the utmost confidence can be placed, and from whom the most may be hoped for when friendly council is needed, or substantial aid is required.

KANSAS—26TH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY, 1891.

Companion Henry C. Cook, G. H. P. says that the prospects of caputular Masonry have never been brighter in Kansas than at present, and Companion Brown, from the committee on Correspondence says that "as a whole, the Order has kept its usual pace with other branches of Masonry.

The table of Chapters shows us that within this State are 74 chartered Chapters, with 4,175 members; that there had been during the year 346 exaltations, and a net gain of 258.

Two dispensations for new Chapters were issued, and both were chartered at this convocation.

But one decision was called for, and this the High Priest ought to have known without troubling the G. H. P.

Grand High Priest complains of the expense of Grand Lecturer, but says, "It seems to me the benefits derived are worth the cost."

The recognition of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales was further postponed, for the same reason assigned last year—the want of sufficient information—but those of Arizona and Indian Territory received fraternal greeting.

Mathew M. Miller, Clay Center, Grand High Priest.

John H. Brown, Kansas City, Grand Secretary.

Companion Brown presented the report on Correspondence, Alabama, for 1889, receiving fraternal notice. He approvingly quoted the decision of Grand High Priest Harris touching the right of a G. H. P. to issue a dispensation waiving the right of jurisdiction of a constituent Chapter. He quotes the eloquent conclusion of the address.

KENTUCKY—75TH ANNUAL, OCTOBER, 1890.

We have rarely ever read a more vigorous or more practical address than that given to us by the M. E. G. High Priest, H. B.

Grant on the opening of this convocation. It contains a stirring appeal to the hearts of all of his immediate Companions, and tells them most frankly yet kindly of their faults and deficiencies. He opens it with an account of his stewardship in attendance upon the G. G. Chapter at Atlanta; and evidently he fears future encroachments from this Grand Body, for speaking of an amendment to the Constitution recently adopted, he remarks:

I fear that it will invite illy considered and hasty changes of the fundamental law of the national body of the Craft, which I deem hazardous. I am sorry to say that, though reluctantly, I gave my consent to it.

He urges economy for he shows that the finances are in no condition for extravagances; he fears the resources will be exhausted in paying the expenses of this convocation. The Grand Chapter however, having four shares of the Masonic Temple stock, donated them to the Masonic Home and Infirmary.

Both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Kentucky amended their constitutions as to the time of meeting so that they would not meet on the same week. This they now find exceedingly inconvenient, and will again change so as to have the same as of yore. Here in Alabama we both changed only to give to Grand Chapter more time but the phraseology used is such as on this year to make Grand Chapter meet one week after Grand Lodge, which will doubtless prove sorely troublesome.

He favors, and so do we, the making the insurance of their property obligatory upon Chapters.

To diminish the suspensions for nonpayment of dues he recommends that secretaries collect frequently. We give all he says on this subject because it is apt and instructive:

Like decayed Lodges, Chapters become defunct, because of the failure to collect dues from members. The old Masonic rule required the payment to be made quarterly, and frequent payment suggests that members are not lost, both to sight and memory, but I observe that members on defunct Chapter rolls owe as high as \$20.00 and even \$30.00. What has become of them? "Nobody knows," and the Chapter didn't seem to care. I am not prepared to suggest a remedy, but it might stimulate Chapters to collect, and members to pay, if the names of all who were in debt to a given amount, say a year's dues, be reported with returns. The Grand Chapter would then be advised as to the propriety of granting a release from the payment of dues owing to it, and whether such liberality was not paying a bonus for culpable neg-

lect. It looks very much as if Chapters, in such cases, were taking advantage of their own lethargy and wrong, when they ask for relief and fail to collect the dues from their members.

After the amount has accumulated, beyond the ability (or disposition) of the Companions to pay, members are suspended, and rarely get back into the fold. My experience has taught me that in a majority of cases these suspensions are without "due process of law." I am, therefore, constrained to think that a large proportion of these could be prevented, if detailed reports as to how the companions were suspended, were required. Thus: A column to show when a delinquent was notified of his indebtedness, and how; when and how he was cited to answer, and when and how suspended. I do not believe that the steps to degrade or punish ought to be too easy; but, on the contrary, should be hedged about with all reasonable and just formalities. Many who are suspended are never notified of the fact; nor were they advised when the Chapter would deal with them for their delinquency.

I am a firm believer in fines and penalties. The doctrine is taught in Divine and human laws, and was practiced by Masons centuries ago. Bro. Ben. Franklin and others used to pay their little fines like men, as can be seen in their Lodge accounts, facsimile reproduction of which are in the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Ignorance and suspensions are the bane of Masonry, and while we may not be able to correct these defects, wholesome laws, properly enforced, would go very far in the right direction.

In this connection he thinks that leniency on the part of Grand Chapters towards delinquent Chapters assists in their destruction, and that on failure to make returns the Chapter should be cited to appear.

He thinks the change of Grand High Priest every year a misfortune, and that he ought to be kept in position at least two to enable him to be of value to the Craft. Yet he thinks the High Priest of a Chapter ought not to be retained in that position longer than two years, because "new brooms sweep cleanest."

Of Grand Representatives, he says:

This modern "system" may be gratifying to personal pride, but if there is anything else to recommend the absurdity, I have failed to discover it. The objections to it are manifold though they may not be weighty.

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I have the honor to represent five Grand Bodies, and made it a rule to report to them prior to the meetings of the bodies to which I was accredited, and soon after the close of the bodies, sent a synopsis of the proceedings. Failing to receive the

slightest notice of such reports, with one or two exceptions, I abandoned the plan, but try to look wise and say nothing.

This we ourself under like circumstances have attempted, but fear we have hardly succeeded in the first part of his plan, though the latter we have practiced admirably.

Having written much to this point, he heads the next:

DECISIONS.

I have rendered many decisions, which shall be reported for your revision (if my strength holds out) viz.

He then reports some fifteen decisions, good law when of general importance.

There was no case of grievance before the Grand Chapter.

Joshua D. Powers, Owensboro, Grand High Priest.

Joseph H. Branham, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Companion James W. Staton made the report on Correspondence, but our proceedings had not been received.

LOUISIANA—44TH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY, 1891.

M. E. Companion Herman C. Duncan, Grand High Priest, opened in Ample Form this Grand Chapter on February 10th, 1891, and represented the Craft as in a most encouraging condition. Old dormant Chapters were being revived and new ones in localities promising success are being spoken of.

He gave notice that he had received information from the General Grand Chapter of the legal and authorized organization of the Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota and of the Indian Territory, and hoped that the Grand Chapter would extend recognition to them. The Committee on Correspondence, to whom this was referred, very properly reported a resolution welcoming them to the sisterhood, for they being a part of the family of which the Grand Chapter of Louisiana was one (the G. G. Chapter being the common parent), recognition was not needed and would have been superogatory. Are we not bound to obey the mandate of our superior in this particular?

There seems to be sixteen live Chapters with a membership of 625, with a gain of seven during the year. The clouds, however, seem to be scattering and the light of hope dawns. We in Alabama have passed this period, when all but hope seemed lost

and this so long deferred made the heart sad, but the sun of promise has risen, and those who were steadfast are rejoicing in its rays.

William T. Benedict, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.

J. C. Batchelor, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

No report on Correspondence.

MAINE—65TH ANNUAL, MAY, 1890.

Not often do we meet with an address more chaste in style or more beautiful in thought than that of Grand High Priest George W. Goulding of this Grand Chapter. Bemoaning the fact that it is very difficult to make an address to a Grand Chapter unless one pursues the track heretofore traveled by one's predecessors, he derives consolation from the fact that—

The Hindoo, wandering upon the tangled bank of the Ganges;
David, tuning his harp on Mount Zion or scattering his plaintive psalms by

“Siloa's brook that flowed
Fast by the oracle of God;”

Cicero, among the templed hills of Rome; Ossian, amid the wilds of Scotland, and the mighty genius, Shakespeare, on the banks of the Avon, poured forth the feelings, passions and aspirations of humanity, in thoughts that live and breathe, and fire the imagination to-day. The sentiments of these master minds have been wafted on the wing of Time to every part of the habitable globe where the soul of man has risen into the radiant light of civilization.

The great orations of this century, and the poems that shall lead captive the generations of the future, are pregnant with “fires kindled by coals from ancient altars.” As the world is indebted to the intellectual luminaries of the past for its best thoughts, so am I indebted to the bright minds that preceded me in his high office, and I seize upon this moment to express my deep obligation to them.

He would have the provision that each Brother should have selected his mark before entering the Royal Arch “most strongly enforced.”

He decided in three instances that physical misfortunes rendered it improper to confer the degrees on them, although this was “repugnant to his feelings,” and thus alludes to them:

"Three worthy brethren," whom misfortune had assailed and maimed for life, applied for the Chapter degrees. Their physical defect came within the purview of that masonic fiat, whoever is physically unable to conform literally to our requirements, cannot enter here—and I was obliged to adjudge them ineligible to enter the Royal Arch.

"It is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man which should recommend him to be made a Mason," and if the brain is clear, the character unspotted, and the heart all right, it seems to me that no ordinary physical defect should keep a brother outside the pale of the Royal Craft.

Thus beautifully does he express the hope for the future of our institution.

The future of our Masonic institution lies hid from mortal sight; we cannot draw aside the veil and view the still grander proportions it may attain in the ages to come. But let us trust, as our symbolic Ark sails grandly out over the sea of time, freighted with the precious memories of the past and the high hopes of the future; guided by wisdom, propelled by strength, and adorned with beauty; holding in her mighty embrace every grace, virtue and noble precept known to the world, that she will at last on the summit of a moral Ararat, under an arch of resplendent colors—symbolizing God's promise to mankind—and there may go forth from her benevolent bosom, three angels of light, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, to hold dominion in the hearts of men until this fair earth shall dissolve, and, "Like the baseless fabric of a vision, leave not a wreck behind."

Chapters 49. Membership 4,690—gain 148.

The business was of local application only.

Charles J. Collamore, Bangor, Grand High Priest.

Ira Berry, Portland. Grand Secretary.

Alas! we mourn the loss of this most estimable Companion who stated in his report to this Convocation that his service to the Grand Chapter had continued "thirty-six years." But alas! he has now passed the veils, and we hope to an immortality of bliss. In behalf of our Companions of Alabama, we extend our sympathy to the Companions of Maine.

Companion Josiah H. Drummond, P. G. High Priest, presented the report on Correspondence couched in courtesy but coupled with great firmness. Alabama for 1889 receives due notice. He comments as below on Grand High Priest Harris' decision that

The Chapter should be closed, and if you wish a called convocation in closing announce the day and the purpose for which the called meeting is intended.

It seems to us that this is too broad. A stated convocation can not be called off to a called convocation, because under the by-laws each convocation is a stated convocation of itself and cannot be made the mere continuation of another. But when the business at a stated communication cannot be completed, it can be called off to another day as lawfully as it may be called off for an hour for dinner. But if the business is of such a character that it may be readily transacted at a special meeting, it is probably best, as a general rule, to call a special meeting. To break up the evil of calling off from one convocation the year round, to avoid opening and closing, there has been a disposition to go to the other extreme, instead of adopting the golden mean suggested by propriety and common sense. Because the business is masonic business is no reason for disregarding sound business methods.

Recognizing him as a close and thoughtful student of Masonic history, we copy the following for your information :

In the earliest lodges in this section of the country, a system of collecting quarterages prevailed, as a return for the benefits of membership. But the records disclose that their payment was regarded as voluntary; if a Mason paid them he could continue to be a member; failure to pay them was considered a resignation of membership, and the Secretary dropped his name from the roll; no disability was thereby incurred; the non-member was in precisely as good masonic standing as the member; membership and the payment of quarterages were considered as equivalent; like merchandise on sale at a fixed price, one could purchase at the price or let alone, and in either case without any neglect or evasion of duty.

He evidently thinks favorably of the plan of Companion Love of Georgia, to have the reports cover not only what is done in Grand Chapters but also what may prove of interest in the acts of the other Grand Bodies.

If visitations to Chapters is to be paid for by the Chapters visited he thinks those most needing them, the weak Chapters, will be neglected.

With the following, we heartily concur, and confess to some amazement at finding that the G. G. Chapter had declared, "That membership in a Chapter should be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Freemasons." But with this declaration before us, is it not incumbent on us to obey it, although it may read, *should* and not *shall*?

He insists upon requiring members of Chapters to continue members of lodges; we do not; it is an innovation of modern times, and not in accord with the old law and practice; and,

moreover, it is an unwarrantable interference with the affairs of the lodge—an attempted guardianship of symbolic Masonry, which prefers to take care of itself; the right to encourage or attempt to compel Masons to remain members of lodges, implies the right to do the opposite. Companion Staton argues in favor of his position, upon the ground of compelling members of the Chapter to do their duty to the lodge—a gratuitous interference which, upon principle, the Lodge ought to resent; interference of a friendly character is no less interference, and opens the door for that which is unfriendly. Depriving a Chapter member of rights because he does not do his duty to the lodge, carries with it the attempt to inquire into the manner in which he performs that duty.

He thinks the presence of the warrant is as necessary as that of the square and compasses or the Holy Bible. Many years since we were roughly handled for expressing the same opinion, but we remained steadfast to the faith.

He greatly approves of visitations and thinks the "system essential to correct methods of business, good work, proper records and due observance of Masonic law and usage.

And now Companion Drummond, "*au revoir*."

MARYLAND—93RD ANNUAL, NOVEMBER, 1890.

Grand High Priest, Robt. K. Martin, expressed his great gratification at being present attending G. G. Chapter in Atlanta, and thanks for the fraternal welcome of our Georgia Companions. He detailed the resolutions passed and paid proper tribute to the virtues of the dead.

Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota and of the Indian Territory were fraternally greeted.

The Grand Lecturer reports the Chapters "in good condition, and doing very fair work." There are 16 Chapters in this jurisdiction with a membership of 1,366 being 24 more than at last returns.

William H. Clark, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

George L. McCahan, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Companion Edward T. Schultz, P. D. G. High Priest, presented this report on Correspondence.

Alabama for 1889, occupies its accustomed place. Referring to the permission granted by Grand High Priest Harris, to a Chapter to work on a citizen of Alabama, provided it obtained the consent of the Chapters in Alabama having jurisdiction he says:

Our Grand Bodies, as well as the presiding officers thereof, are apt, too apt to lose sight of the fact that Lodges and Chapters have rights that cannot be interfered with. We commend these views of Grand High Priest Harris to the members of his Grand Lodge, who recently adopted a regulation forbidding its subordinates to bury worthy non-affiliate Masons.

In Maryland, when a Companion is exalted, this constitutes him a member of the Chapter. So it is in Alabama.

He objects to the rule of California which deprives a Companion of all the rights of Capitular Masonry who may remain unaffiliated six months.

He dislikes Companion Love's plan of domestic correspondence and we think with reason urges that—

The several bodies named as intimated in the second *Whereas*, are separate and distinct organizations and should be so held and regarded. To enter into the "inter-communication and correspondence" suggested, might and doubtless would give rise to endless controversy and confusion.

He dislikes the innovation that gives to Lodges or Chapters U. D., all the powers of constituted Lodges or Chapters; he thinks "actual presence of the charters necessary; he is no believer in the doctrine that expulsion is Masonic death, and asks:

Is not a convicted outlaw for instance, still a man? If one expelled from the fraternity is not a Mason, neither can one indefinitely suspended from the rights and privileges of Masonry, be considered a Mason, for do they not stand during continuance of sentence in precisely the same relation to the fraternity? Does it not require precisely the same methods, petition and unanimous ballot to restore in either case? Yet who ever presumed to say a suspended Mason, was not a Mason?

And for suspension for non-payment of dues, he says, and we heartily approve what follows, notwithstanding our Grand Lodge holds the contrary doctrine:

In fact, when one comes to look at the subject seriously, do not our Grand Bodies assume and exercise an authority not warranted by the ancient Charges or general Constitution of Masonry, nor by anything that can be derived by analogy therefrom, when they enact regulations compelling their subordinates to deprive their members of the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues, or for non-affiliation? What business is it to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter if their subordinates exempt their entire membership from payment of dues—provided they pay their dues to

the Grand Bodies? The laws of the State permit a creditor to bring suit in the courts for the recovery of a debt due him, and if successful in his suit, to follow it with an execution, but the laws do not say, creditors shall bring suit against all defaulting debtors, or that judgment shall be followed by execution?

MASSACHUSETTS—92D ANNUAL, DECEMBER, 1890.

At the quarterly convocation in June a dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter was granted. At that of September the death of our very much esteemed and Reverend Companion John W. Dadn un was announced. He was for many years the reporter on correspondence and we learned to love him for his brotherly manner and courteous bearing. Well does Companion Chapman say of him.

The remains of other men have been followed in sorrowful course to Mount Auburn; eulogies have been pronounced, and praises sung, but our dead brother, Companion, and friend has gone there mourned in the sincerity of truth, while his spirit, pleading his humanity, stands hopefully where he now knows, even as he is known.

May the peace that passeth all understanding be his.

This Grand Chapter rejoices in the possession of more than \$11,000.

The number of Chapters is 73; membership, 11,198—increase, 412.

G. H. Priest Arthur G. Pollard, in his address, asked some pertinent questions, which it would be well for all of us to put to ourselves, and happy will be that Companion who can truthfully answer in the affirmative.

The inspiring motive for zealous service is the desire to do honor to the cause in behalf of which we have enlisted. Have the interests of this ancient organization to which we belong been promoted by our activity and zeal? Have the principles of our Order been exemplified clearly in the presence of a critical world? Do men in their intercourse with us in business and in society see that the characteristic of a Mason is the mark of a gentleman and upright man? These are questions worthy of consideration, for along these lines our conduct is to be judged. It is my belief that this old and honored institution was never held in higher estimation by the community at large than at the present time. Its ranks are filled with men eminent in professional and business life and in the social circle.

Upon the death of Companion Dadmun, the Grand High Priest appointed the Grand Secretary, Alfred F. Chapman, to make the report on Correspondence, and right fortunate was the choice, for we are in possession of a most valuable and interesting paper. Alabama, for 1889, finds a place and receives fraternal notice. Companion Chapman thinks the employment of a Grand Lecturer would be "a good paying investment financially for any and every jurisdiction." He dislikes the annual change of Grand High Priests, and thinks that the term is too short to be productive of good; he approves the rule of the District of Columbia which requires a Companion, before he can be installed, "to produce the certificate of the Grand Master and Lecturer" that "he knows the work in every part of all the degrees thoroughly;" he is averse to limitation of the office of Grand Representative, but thinks, if worthy, the term should expire only with his death; he tells us that Massachusetts has always used substitutes when necessary, and she is now 92 years old; he agrees with Companion Grant, of Kentucky, in the opinion that Chapters should be compelled to insure their property; he reasons well on the necessity and propriety of having every M. M. M. select and record his mark. But we must stop with the hope that sometime in the near future our acquaintance, so happily begun in Detroit, 1880, may be continued.

MICHIGAN—42D ANNUAL, JANUARY, 1891.

Grand High Priest, William G. Hudson's address is a concise and straightforward document. In it he gives as one of his decisions—

Answer. No. You have no right to remit dues, unless the companion is seventy years old. See proceedings of 1887, page 21; Grand Constitution, page 34.

Is not this legislating by Grand Chapter so as to infringe upon the rights of its subordinates? Would it not be better to leave such a question to the discretion of the Chapter whose members can be fully aware of all the circumstances and necessities of the case?

He issued a dispensation for the formation of one new Chapter, and continued the dispensation of another, both of which were voted warrants at this convocation.

He thinks it well to be slow in organizing new Chapters, lest a number of weak ones result; and he calls attention to the *American Tyler* as a most valuable paper.

The Grand Secretary says: "The annual returns show a fair increase in Masonic work done during the Masonic year." Chartered Chapters, 120; membership, 10,166—increase, 412.

Grand Chapter greeted and welcomed the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory.

Business of local interest only.

Samuel C. Randall, Flint, Grand High Priest.

William P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary.

Companion Innes, P. G. H. P., came forward with the report on Correspondence. His likeness (for we think we recognize it) graces the fly leaf. We say we *think* we recognize it, although our acquaintance begun and ended in Detroit in 1880, and we can not decipher the signature. We pity the printers, and are the more astonished at the beauty and correctness of the copy since seeing his chirography.

Alabama, for 1889, finds a place in it. He quotes liberally from the address of Grand High Priest J. G. Harris, and approvingly.

As we rarely see the proceedings of the G. M. M. Lodges of England and Wales, we appropriate from his report. Its half yearly communication was held on December 3, 1889. It congratulated H. R. H. Prince of Wales upon the marriage of his daughter. It re-elected H. R. H. Grand Master; it has a large educational fund, and is educating 16 boys and 16 girls; its invested funds amount to £8,100.

From his account of the Grand Chapter of Ireland we gather—

The degree of Mark Master Mason is worked under the jurisdiction and protection of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and can only be conferred under Royal Arch warrants. Candidates must have obtained their Grand Lodge certificates. The fee for registration and certificate as Mark Mason is two shillings and sixpence.

We give you his rhapsody on "Our Masonic Home" and truly do we rejoice with him, and wish that we could say as much for ourselves.

OUR MASONIC HOME.

Speaking of our Masonic Home, and what we said in connection therewith under Connecticut, Companion Drummond says:

"We have not learned whether or not his (our) hopes have ended in glad fruition." Take notice, Companion Drummond: It has ended in joy and gladness to every Mason within our jurisdiction. Bless your dear heart, Michigan said she would have a Masonic Home, *and she has*. It is located on a beautiful lake, a mile and a half from our corporate limits, upon thirty-three acres of as fertile land as the State contains, and has a capacity of one hundred and fifty brothers, their wives and orphans. It will be dedicated, D. V., on the fourth Tuesday in January, and would that you could be here to say a word of praise in behalf of those noble men and women who have aided in this great work. Truly we can say:

"All hail to the morn that bids us rejoice,
The Temple's completed, exalt high each voice;
The cap-stone is finished, our labor is o'er,
The sound of the gavel shall hail us no more."

It is long since we have indulged in any remark anent the G. G. Chapter, nor do we think we ever uttered anything as severe as the following:

Companion Brannin, Grand Lecturer, reported that he had attended the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and made an interesting statement as to the work exemplified therein. Pretty good joke on Grand Chapter and exemplification of the work. We were there, and often and often we wondered where we were. As many different works as there were States, to say nothing of Companions, were represented at that time and place, and Companion Speed did a wise thing when he recommended that Mississippi pursue the old work. When, oh when, will the General Grand Chapter be a governing body, if only in the uniformity of work?

The order of High Priesthood should be conferred upon every High Priest as soon after election as possible. Adieu Companion Innes.

MINNESOTA—39TH ANNUAL, OCTOBER, 1890.

Hugh Kirkwood, Grand High Priest, under resolutions of the Grand Chapter grappled with that so-called Masonic pest Cerneauism in a very vigorous manner, in such that we are of opinion that it is or soon will be completely extirpated. We are rejoiced at the promptness with which the Subordinates acted, although at this distance from the conflict we might not altogether approve of the measures adopted. And we find that Grand Chapter repealed the resolution punishing any countenancing the heresy by the adoption of the following report:

In regard to Cerneauism, so called, your committee would recommend that in the interest of peace and harmony, resolution No. 3, on page 29 of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, at its last annual convocation, be repealed, and that all proceedings for the expulsion of Royal Arch Masons heretofore had, or now pending, for a violation of the edict of the M. E. Grand High Priest, of October 1, 1889, and instructions subsequent thereto, be annulled and vacated.

He decided that the P. H. P. who should install the officers of a Chapter should belong to the Chapter whose officers were to be installed, but the Grand Chapter took a broader view and declared:

That any present or Past High Priest of any Chapter in this jurisdiction, in good standing, is competent to install the officers of a Subordinate Chapter.

With reference to No. 11, we are of the opinion that any Royal Arch Mason in good and regular standing is entitled to a dimit, if clear of the books of this Chapter.

Which we think correct.

The Grand High Priest paid a well deserved tribute to the virtues of the late Grand Secretary A. T. C. Pierson, who died soon after the closing of the Grand Chapter. What is said by the Grand High Priest of him, meets with a response from all who knew him.

And now, what shall I say of him who so endeared himself to all, that we were proud to be recognized as nearer to him, even, than friends, and delighted to call him "Father Pierson." To me, individually, the bereavement seems unusually sad, for he was my friend with all the name implies, as well as a trusted confident counselor and guide in all matters pertaining to this fraternity. No pupil ever lent a more willing ear than I to this silvery haired Gamaliel of Masonry, in whose character was blended the wisdom of the sage with the light-hearted exuberance of youth. Reposing the fullest faith in his ability and integrity, his counsel gave confidence, while his cheery smile encouraged, dissipating every thought of failure. We who cherish his memory so fondly can not realize that he is dead. But yesterday he moved among us, an active, sentient being; a potent force imbued with life, carrying sunshine and joy to all. To-day no thunder tone can break his sleep,—he is immortal. Our country's greatest orator, while denying the lessons of inspiration, asserted that "immortality is born of human affection." Whatever our different religious views may be, we feel convinced that such spirits as that of Father Pierson are not born to die. They seem to leave the earth, but ere the last good-bye is said we recognize

on every side some noble trait of sturdy growth sprung from a germ implanted by a hand in touch with the Divine, as though the very souls of our beloved in myriad parts have gone out to supply the lack in vacant human forms. So their influence survives, and so shall Father Pierson still among earth's people live. But we who knew him best shall still believe that one so dear in all the relations of life is waiting somewhere on the further shore to guide our feet to that Grand Chapter presided over by the Great High Priest, who doeth all things well.

For faith will hope and love will trust,
 Since he who knows our needs are just,
 That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.

Versed in Masonic erudition while in vigorous manhood, he had few peers and no rivals. Unflinching in his loyalty to the principles of our beloved institution, he stood for many years as the mighty oak in earth's tempestuous storms, but when the climate cleared he was again vine and flower, tender as a woman, ingenuous as a child. To do good was a leading characteristic of Father Pierson's life. To make each hour rich in benevolence, and by each loving, noble act, form another round in the ladder by which to ascend to his God, seemed his highest ambition; and if to-day each one whose troubled heart has felt the oil of gladness poured from our deceased companions generous hand, could bring an immortelle to his peaceful grave, he would sleep under a mountain of nature's loveliest mementoes.

But I must not dwell longer on this theme. Language must ever prove inadequate to express the heart's deepest emotions. Father Pierson's life and character are his best eulogy. Let us say to our beloved companion, counselor and friend, Farewell until we meet again.

Though cold be the clay where thou pillowest thy head,
 In the dark, silent mansions of sorrow,
 The spring shall return to thy low, narrow bed
 Like the beam of the day star to-morrow.

My friend, thou art gone to the home of thy rest,
 Where suffering no longer can harm ye,
 Where the songs of the good, where the hymns of the blest
 Through an endless existence shall charm thee.

The Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota and of the Indian Territory were severally fraternally welcomed.

There are 52 Chapters; 3,522 R. A. Masons—the increase having been 141.

A. Brandenburg, Fergus Falls, Grand High Priest.

Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Companion Irving Tood took up the mantle that fell from the shoulders of Companion Pierson and right worthily does he wear it. He introduces his report on Correspondence, after this fashion:

Our chief desire is to lay before the companions of Minnesota a summary of what is being done in other jurisdictions, with selected extracts from the addresses of Grand High Priests and the writings of other eminent companions, especially the writers on Correspondence. We do not deem it becoming at this time to thrust forward many of our own views, and yet we have not hesitated to express them when occasion required.

He notices Alabama for 1889, and approvingly quotes the closing paragraphs of Grand High Priest Harris' address.

MISSISSIPPI—42D ANNUAL, FEBRUARY 1890.

We failed to receive the proceedings of this Grand Chapter last year and are greatly grieved at finding that Grand High Priest, A. D. Bailey, entertains so gloomy a view of Capitular Masonry there as is contained in the following:

This has been a year of much interest to our Order, and there has been much activity manifested in some of our Chapters, but I regret very much that I cannot report Royal Arch Masonry in a more flourishing condition in this State than it is at present. There seems to be a lethargy in most of the Chapters, the cause of which I am unable to account for. I had the hope when I assumed the duties of Grand High Priest that I would be able to report at this time a revival of most of the dormant Chapters in the State, by reason of a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter at its last Convocation granting the defunct Chapters six months in which to have their charters restored, and be exempt from dues up to the date of reorganization.

And the Grand Secretary says:

The receipts of the year amounted to \$1,021.79—\$47.52 less than the preceding year. The present financial condition of the Grand Chapter may be briefly stated thus: All demands paid, except 222.43 due the Grand Secretary.

He also adds:

It would be a great satisfaction to your Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to be able to report even a small balance in the Treasury.

We in Alabama have experienced all this, and know how, and do, sincerely sympathize with our Mississippi companions. We have also learned by sad experience that there is nothing so depressing as debt, whether to individuals or corporations. But take heart Companions, for it is said that the darkest hour is just before day.

Grand High Priest recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales and exchange of representatives, but Grand Chapter took no action thereon. He urged the establishment of an Masonic Home, and a special committee to whom it was referred made the following report which was adopted unanimously:

The following resolutions are most respectfully submitted for your fraternal consideration and adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter appoint a committee to act jointly with committees appointed by the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, which joint committee shall consider the advisability of establishing a Masonic Home in the State of Mississippi, for the relief and maintenance of aged, infirm, indigent Masons, their wives and children, and the widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons, and report to the Grand Lodge, at its approaching annual Grand Communication, to be held in the city of Greenville, Mississippi, the second Thursday in February, 1890.

In the event the report of the joint committee is favorable to the scheme proposed, and its recommendation is adopted by the Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, By the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, That a Masonic Home for the purposes aforementioned be established, which institution shall be under the joint control, care and oversight of the several Grand Bodies above enumerated.

Resolved, That said joint committee shall take legal advice as to whether the act incorporating the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, approved April 10, 1871, is sufficiently broad in its provisions, Sec. 2 of said act, as to embrace such an institution and its purposes; and should the committee become satisfied that this is true, then and in that case the said joint committee be and the same is hereby empowered (should it be deemed advisable) to apply to the Legislature now in session in the city of Jackson, to amend Sec. 2, in last line, by adding after the word "institution," the following: "*All of which shall be exempt from taxation.*"

But should said joint committee, after full investigation had, ascertain that the provisions of the act as found in Section 2, do not contemplate such an institution as this paper proposes shall be erected and controlled by the Masonic Grand Bodies of the State of Mississippi, then, and in that event, said joint committee be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to procure

from the Legislature, at its present sitting, the passage of an act incorporating said institution, under the name and style of the "Masonic Home," for the relief and maintenance of aged, infirm, indigent Masons, their wives and children, and the widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons; said Home, with all its appurtenances, lands and tenements, together with all bequests and donations made to it, for carrying into effect the purposes intended by the erection of such an institution, to be exempt from taxation.

Resolved, That said joint committee shall prepare a constitution for said Home, and submit the same to the Grand High Priest, the M. W. Grand Master, the Most Illustrious Master, and Grand Commander of Knights Templar, for their inspection and approval.

Resolved, That the Constitution, having been approved by a majority vote, and having obtained the act of incorporation (should such be necessary), the Grand Officers above named, shall, under the act of incorporation and by authority of the Constitution, appoint a Board of Trustees, which shall take charge of and control the affairs of the Home, and report annually to the Masonic Grand Bodies of the State, above named.

Resolved, That said Board of Trustees be, and the same are hereby authorized to take and receive bequests, or donations and solicit contributions from individual Masons, and citizens of the State, who are not masons, the Chapters, Lodges, Councils, and Commanderies, subordinate to the several Grand Bodies already enumerated, and benevolent organizations friendly to the enterprise, for the express purpose of securing the necessary funds for establishing and maintaining said Home, as hereinbefore mentioned.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees, as soon as practicable after their appointment, shall elect a Treasurer, into whose hands all monies shall be paid, which monies shall be by him invested, as rapidly as they are received, in interest-bearing securities, and the said Treasurer shall give bond in a sum double the amount entrusted to his keeping.

Resolved, That in the event of the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, by the several Grand Bodies above named, the Grand Chapter will annually set apart from the dues received the sum of twenty cents per capita, toward the support of the Masonic Home, which sum shall be paid over by the Grand Treasurer to the Home.

W. R. Trigg, Greenville, Grand High Priest.

J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Companion P. M. Savery, P. D. G. H. P., made the report on correspondence, it being his twelfth and in it he expresses regret at the absence of Alabama. It is needless to say that it is a good one but necessarily circumscribed.

MISSOURI.—44TH ANNUAL, APRIL, 1891.

M. E. Grand High Priest, James B. Austin, declared that the Craft are working in peace and harmony; also that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter demands serious consideration of the committee to whom this was referred, recommended the limitation of representation of a Chapter to one with an allowance of three cents per mile and per diem, but Grand Chapter, though agreeing with the latter, refused the limitation. We find that the cash balance this year is greater than last by nearly \$500, and do not see the necessity for the limitation.

In this jurisdiction non-affiliation with a Lodge for twelve months forfeits the privileges of the Chapter.

Of the Home he says:

Every Mason's heart should throb with delight when he knows that we have a hearthstone around which our fathers and mothers and the little ones who seek our protection can cluster in safety. The home was opened July 12th, 1889. At our last Convocation there were fourteen inmates and to-day thirty-one enjoy our bounty. Four are from the city and twenty-seven from the country.

The assets of the Home reach nearly \$109,000.

The Committee on Ritual, most aptly say:

We do not believe in constant tinkering with work, and therefore, being of the opinion that the work as revised and adopted at this session will continue in use in this jurisdiction for many years, we thought it best even at the cost of some pains and labor to our Companions that such portions as we conceived to be blemishes in our work, should now be corrected at once and for the future.

Ira V. McMillan, Margarett, Grand High Priest.

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

Companion Mayo made the report on Correspondence, giving fraternal notice to the Proceedings of Alabama for 1890.

We can afford space to only one extract and that from his conclusion because we desire to appropriate another of our Companions most excellent tables. This time we will give the list of the largest Chapters in each State. We however, give you what he says of Capitular Masonry.

The Royal Craft like the rest of mankind the world over is improving and getting better year by year; we are becoming better

acquainted with each other, owing to rapid and cheap transit, the different sections and States are losing their sectionalisms, self-conceit, arrogance, and pride, as they visit around, become broader-minded, more liberal and better educated, and as we run across States and continents we find in rubbing up against men whom we had never seen or heard of before that they too have ideas of their own, and know how to express them legally, logically, masonically and convincingly. The grand old commonwealths of Maine, Massachusetts and other old Grand Jurisdictions have learned that it will not do to make Masons and send them out into the world as orphans, or worse still without father or mother, home or place to lay their weary heads. Also that when a Mason by negligence, carelessness, willfulness or sheer cussedness allows himself to be suspended for non-payment of dues in his Lodge, that deprives him of all masonic rights and benefits and *ipso facto* suspends him in all other masonic bodies, and this penalty rests upon him until at least he pays his delinquency.

MONTANA.

Before us lies a pamphlet which conveys to us the welcome intelligence that on 25th of June, 1891, with the sanction of the G. G. Chapter there sprang into existence, Minerva-like, a Grand Chapter of no mean proportions but strong in numbers and hearty and fitted to cope with the difficulties to be encountered. It consisted of ten Chapters, and 567 Companions.

In the name of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, we most heartily welcome the advent of this youngest sister into the community of Grand Chapters

NEBRASKA.—24TH ANNUAL, DECEMBER, 1890.

In consequence of the enforced absence of the Grand High Priest, Milton J. Hull, whose portrait adorns these Proceedings, the Grand Chapter was opened and presided over by the P. G. High Priest, Frank H. Young. The address of the High Priest was read by the Grand Secretary. It detailed his acts until he was compelled to turn the superintendence of the Craft to the Deputy. This latter reported that the Committee on Work had performed the duties required of them and that he now had "the work in hand for dissemination" to the Chapters. This leads to the inference that it is in cipher and this again reminds us of what Companion Bowen in his report on Correspondence under Illinois says of ciphers:

He [i. e. Companion Pearson, Chairman Committee on Correspondence] thinks the Illinois ritual is a safe one, but our experience is that there is no cipher than cannot be deciphered by experts.

He would have the law requiring proficiency in each degree before advancement, rigidly enforced. Of the Chapters visited, more than half, he says "While their records, as a rule, are in good condition, their attendance is poor and their work vague."

There are 47 Chapters, 2,519 Royal Arch Masons, and the increase was 116.

The Grand Secretary suggested, as a means of having the Proceedings read, the printing of some 1,000 or 1,500 extra copies in cheap form, leaving out all matter save the proceedings and report on Correspondence, for distribution among the Companions. This would doubtless prove far more effectual than the plan proposed in Illinois of issuing them in monthly or bi-monthly parts. The consideration of Companion Bowen's plan was postponed until the next annual.

A committee was appointed to look into the distress of Masons in a part of the State because of the drouth, but we don't suppose that gathering information alone would prove efficient in relieving, and we find nothing more done.

Frank H. Young, Custer, Grand High Priest.

Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

Alabama, 1889-63-26-27-725, appears in Companion Bowen's, admirable report. He explained the figures attached, and if you could recollect his explanation, you would have the whole history of the Grand Chapter of Alabama before you. We wont explain, but will leave you to study it out for yourselves. It is better than a puzzle, because after you shall have discovered what they mean, you will be in possession of much valuable information—So now try.

He coincides with the Grand High Priest as to the necessity of proficiency, and thinks that each degree should be obtained only after one year's probation in the preceding one; thinks dues cannot be remitted, because remission is in effect an amendment to the by-laws, which cannot be amended by a resolution; that the same vote required for admission should also be required for dismission; is greatly pleased at the table published by District of Columbia, showing amount received and expended by each Chapter, and how much was expended for relief; is opposed to

the limitation of tenure of office of Grand Representative; is adverse to the use of substitutes; thinks the different Grand Bodies should meet at different times and places in the State, as tending to stimulate the Brethren and awaken an interest.

Suspension for non-payment of dues in Nebraska has the same effect as is given to it by our Grand Lodge—it is suspension so long as the Brother choses to let it last, nothing more, nothing less.

Companion Mayo, of Missouri, having spoken of the "vast improvement" that had taken place in Capitular Masonry led to the following well conceived thoughts:

We have folded our hands and thought the above sentence over for half an hour, and can't make out the "vast improvement;" some minor matters have improved, no doubt, such as the printing and binding of proceedings, and the dissemination of information; but wherein have we made real, unquestionable improvement? *We don't know!* Are there more Freemasons, in proportion to population, than in 1870? are there fewer non-affiliates, in proportion to our membership? are our members better, wiser and happier, than in 'seventy? are our aims higher, or nearer reached? are we more closely welded together, or more influential, or (last and least) more highly esteemed by the world now than then? We have been an active Freemason for nearly thirty years, and while we think radical improvement is at hand, may be close at hand, we can't say that it's come; but we shouldn't wonder if our strength, influence, integrity, and possibly our existence, will be tried within the next decade; the world moves, and we move with it, swayed, retarded, or stimulated by it, without resistance or insistence on our part. The church concedes that we "receive and entertain the sojourner," as it used to do, and should do now—but the church has but faint praise for Freemasonry. The state (we speak not of our own country alone) is not devoid of suspicion of the purposes of our meetings. The bench permits challenge of a juror because he is a Freemason. The press is friendly when it can get our news, and the reverse when it can't. Altogether we are not clear as to the correctness of the claim of our esteemed Companion Mayo, and are inclined to think it is merely the outcropping of that rare good fellowship for which he is celebrated. We are inclined to a notion quite the reverse of his, that Freemasonry would be vastly better for a return to its status (numbers excepted) of a century or two ago, when every Mason was the member of some lodge, when the ties of our brotherhood were stronger because more needed, and when our affairs were less frequently of gossip in the newspapers. Like enough we're all wrong about this, but it cogs in with another notion of ours that the boasted progress of the nineteenth century is, after all, but

the uncovering of what has heretofore existed on this mundane sphere; were not telephones in the Garden of Eden, wasn't the Angel at the Exit Gate armed with an electrical-flamed sword, and isn't there a phonograph taking down for future reference the utterance of each one of us, the brain recording even our thoughts? Surely electricity was the great light that existed before the sun, moon and stars, and Solomon tells of it in his Song.

At this we must halt, for we have already exceeded our limits.

NEVADA—18TH ANNUAL, JUNE, 1891.

The address of Grand High Priest John H. Hubbs is short and pertaining to the business of the Grand Chapter solely, save a tribute to the fraternal dead of other jurisdictions. The jurisdiction comprises 8 Chapters and 301 R. A. Masons, with the loss of 11. In addition to this we find that the balance in hands of the Grand Treasurer was less than the year before. We hope for a better state next report.

In the address the Grand High Priest notified Grand Chapter that twenty dollars had been expended for rent of office for Grand Secretary, for which no appropriation had been made, and he asked that the same be allowed. Of this no notice seems to have been taken.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona was heartily and fraternally welcomed.

C. W. Hinchcliffe, Austin, Grand High Priest.

C. N. Noteware, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

Companion Noteware prepared the report on Correspondence, and regretted that the limited space prevented "a more extended review." Alabama for 1890, however, finds its fitting place.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—73D ANNUAL, MAY, 1891.

There was held a Special Convocation of this Grand Chapter for the purpose of exemplifying the several degrees to which, and to which alone the entire day and evening were devoted. In the exemplification the music pertaining to the several degrees was "finely rendered by the Temple Quartette of Boston." Grand High Priest Nathan P. Hunt believes "that these Special Convocations are doing much towards producing uniformity of work." He visited nearly all the Chapters, and of them says:

It gives me pleasure to report that as a whole I found the various Chapters in good, healthy condition, and fairly prosperous; their records correctly kept, and the officers well versed in the ritual. Nearly all the Chapters have added to their membership, none have any indebtedness, and most of them have a considerable fund in the treasury. The utmost harmony and fraternal feeling has prevailed within their sanctuaries, and no complaint or discord has been heard throughout the jurisdiction.

Application was made to him for authority to open another new Chapter which, however, because of some irregularity, was not granted. This led him to express the following opinion:

It is a question, however, if any more Chapters should be established in the jurisdiction, when so many find difficulty in obtaining work sufficient to maintain the interest of members in the Chapters.

There are 21 Chapters, 2,798 members, the gain having been 117.

The finances are in good shape.

It appears that one of the Chapters had passed resolutions severely criticising the Grand High Priest for some of his appointments, which had been seen by Grand High Priest on his visitation and reported by him, whereupon Grand Chapter adopted this, as its comment thereon:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that North Star-Chapter, in passing resolutions of censure upon the action of the Grand High Priest, in making the selection for the appointed officers of the Grand Chapter at the last annual convocation, was guilty of a violation of masonic courtesy and an attempted interference with the rights and prerogatives of the Grand High Priest unwarranted by masonic law and wholly inexcusable, and that their action merits and receives the disapproval of the Grand Chapter.

Horace Ames Brown, Concord, Grand High Priest.

George P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Secretary.

Companion A. S. Wait, P. G. High Priest, prepared and presented one of his excellent reports on correspondence, in which we find our proceedings for 1890. We gave his views against the necessity of the actual presence of the charter, because we like our companions to be familiar with what may be urged against their own position on any question as well as what may be uttered in favor of it, and we uttered no sentiment because this

question was before our Grand Chapter many years ago when we expressed freely our own views. At that time as far back as 1879 the Grand Chapter of Alabama declared that to constitute a legal Chapter the charter must be actually present, and that if not, the acts of the Chapter would be irregular and void.

Companions Drummond and Wait, both very able writers, differ on many questions, and Companion Caswell of California, holding that subordinate Chapters are the *creatures* of the Grand Chapter, Companion Wait uses this argument:

We are not convinced by this reasoning. It is quite true that, as the capitular craft is now organized, the legislative power is vested in the Grand Chapter, but that is a power conferred upon it by the craft acting through their authorized representatives at its formation. If we are rightly informed, Chapters existed and exercised all the functions of capitular masonry before Grand Chapter were thought of. The Grand Chapters were created by the particular Chapters, and to the latter they owe all their powers. Neither the existence nor the powers of the Grand Chapters are inherent, or necessary to the continued existence of capitular masonry. The Grand Chapters might dissolve without affecting in the least the life of the particular Chapters. If the Grand Chapters possess the power to create Chapters and to destroy them, it is because such powers have been delegated to them by the craft, and not because they are inherent or necessary. That the Grand Chapter could not exist without the particular Chapters, while latter can and have existed without the Grand Chapter, seems to us conclusive of the whole question. However at the present day the question is more a theoretical than a practical one, and we do not think the craft will be likely to suffer greatly from such diversity of theory upon it as different Companions may hold.

He believes in the inherent powers of Grand Masters, but takes the very position taken on that subject by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, when he says:

We do not here assert that it is not in the power of the craft by express constitutional provision to deprive the Grand Master of his ancient prerogative; but we are satisfied that it cannot be done short of express legislation therefor. In the absence of such legislation the presumption is that whatever is ancient in masonry still remains.

In reference to Companion Love's [of Georgia] proposition to review the Proceedings of all the legitimately recognized Masonic Grand Bodies, he says:

To require the Committees on Foreign Correspondence of each body, however, to review the proceedings of all the others, seems to us to be at least of questionable expediency, and of doubtful practicability as well. The voluminousness of such reports, if made on anything like the present plan, would be, as we at present look at it, an insuperable difficulty in the way of a practical adoption of the proposal. However, coming from the source it does entitles it to fair treatment and candid consideration.

There is much valuable information in this report which might be given to you my dear Companions, were it not that we are still reminded by the meagerness of the cash balance to be careful.

NEW JERSEY—35TH ANNUAL, MAY, 1891.

Companion Wm. H. Sebring, Grand High Priest, presided at this Convocation. He decided that a petition could be received from an unaffiliated, and Grand Chapter sustained him notwithstanding the G. G. Chapter had ruled otherwise, and made this declaration:

A resolution subsequently adopted by the General Grand Chapter, prescribing a rule for the future as to membership of non-affiliated Master Masons in its subordinates, can have no application, under the Constitution of the General Grand Body, to the case reported by the Grand High Priest as supposed by him. This Grand Chapter has the right to adopt such regulations on this subject as it may deem expedient.

There are 36 Chapters here; R. A. Masons, 2,854, showing a gain of 112.

The Treasurer shows a good balance. The business was of local interest only.

Robert A. Simpson, Jersey City, Grand High Priest.

George B. Edwards, Jersey City, Grand Secretary.

Companion Rev. Henry Vehslage, made the Correspondence report, reviewing the Proceedings of 40 Grand Chapters. Alabama for 1890 being of the number. He well presented "a summary of the chief matters of interest.

NEW YORK.—94TH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY, 1891.

We learn from the Grand High Priest that the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction is in a very prosperous and harmonious condition. There are 185 Chapters with a membership of 16,182, the gain having been 535.

He issued a dispensation for the organizing a new Chapter and the Committee on Warrants recommended that a charter be granted, which was adopted; but the committee take occasion to say that they find that "annual dues of its members is fixed at so small a sum as to warrant the belief that the Chapter cannot maintain a healthy existence with so small an income from that particular source." We are pleased to find Grand Chapter taking notice of what appears to us an essential particular, and recommending an increase. We wish that our Grand Lodge Committee would be as careful.

He thinks that visitations of Chapters by Grand Officers essential to the prosperity of Chapters, and says:

My experience as an officer of this body, is that, as a rule, the most prosperous Chapters are those which are in the habit of receiving occasional visits from a Grand Officer. I am sorry to be compelled to say that some consider that their duties commence with, and end at, our annual convocations.

Number of Chapters, 180; membership, 16,145; increase, 533.

In respect to the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, the Grand Chapter thought that more complete proofs were necessary before the Grand Chapter of New York would be authorized to act.

A committee was appointed "to take into consideration the Constitution, General Regulations, and Decisions of the Grand Chapter, with reference to harmonizing the same."

There was an admirable address by Rev. James Byron Murray G. C. on the life and labors of Saint John the Baptist.

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

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence is, we presume, the production of Companion George J. Gardner, chairman of the committee. We hope he will pardon our appropriation of a large part of his introduction but it so excellently represents our ideas of what this committee is expected, and ought to do that we feel justified in using it.

We have been urged by several of our co-laborers in the reportorial field, to express our views more fully, or rather to act the part of a critic or censor over the acts of the different bodies coming under our observation. We have not deemed ourselves at liberty to do so. Ours, we consider a mere perfunctory duty. We are simply a committee, as we understand it, to collate the

acts and doings of sister bodies; to analyze, digest, and select from irrelevant matter, that which is of interest and which will be instructive to the Craft generally; to record important official acts established as precedents, either local or general, of the executive of the body itself; to cull here and there a beautiful flower of rhetoric, or like the honey bee, to extract the sweets from many a charming bit of eloquence often "born to blush unseen"; occasionally to lay a chaplet upon the graves of the fraternal dead; in short, to present that to the reader which shall be a focus of information brought from many distant lands.

Is it not arrogance for a simple committee, possessing no official functions, to set up its *ipse dixit* as against the combined wisdom of the respective Grand Bodies, the acts of which they (the committee) are authorized only to skeletonize, to condense, to solidify? We have no relish for the *argumentum ad hominem* in which some of our coreporters indulge. When a decision has been rendered by an executive officer possessing power to adjudicate upon mooted questions, after a thorough investigation of the matter and consultation with and examination of standard authorities, and the result has been referred to a Committee on Jurisprudence, selected for their well known ability and usually, from among those who have passed the highest official chair and their report has been endorsed by the Grand Body itself, are such decisions or acts open to criticism by a non-official body even for an expression? We wot not. We know that for this "new departure" we shall open up an issue with the old war-horse of some of the correspondence committees, who have kept their swords whetted and their pens filled with gall, who are always restless unless embroiled in controversy, "but as General Jackson said, in the old United States Bank warfare" "We take the responsibility." We feel at all times, the liberty to express our views, where practices differ, as they do sometimes, in various jurisdictions, and to point out those differences, but we shall avoid argument on the subject, for we are in duty bound to respect action as established by local authority, until modified or annulled by a higher power. We might ask ourselves, *cui bono*? Why engage in a controversy of a non-authoritative character and the result of which cannot possibly be in the least beneficial? It would prove a war of words only.

Alabama for 1889 receives fraternal notice, and it is a complete synopsis of what our Grand Chapter did.

NORTH CAROLINA.—42ND ANNUAL, JUNE, 1890.

In this jurisdiction we find 16 Chapters, reporting with a membership of 584, the gain during the year having been 12.

The Grand High Priest Morris M. Katz, in consequence of severe illness could not be present, and the Grand Chapter was opened and ruled by the D. G. High Priest Francis M. Moore.

The Grand Secretary read the address of the Grand High Priest, which was necessarily short and confined to the actual matter performed by him.

Grand Secretary, however, tells us that his efforts to revive dormant Chapters proved successful in three cases. There seems, however, to be an advance movement in Capitular Masonry here

A resolution to the effect that a member who shall be "dropped" by the Lodge for any cause, shall be similarly affected in his Chapter, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence—and we must look to the next annual Proceedings for the action of Grand Chapter.

Benj. F. Briggs, Wilson, Grand High Priest.

Donald W. Bain, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

Companion James Southgate, P. G. High Priest, made the report on Correspondence, giving Alabama for 1889, favorable notice. There are few positions taken by Companion Southgate with which we find ourselves compelled to disagree and these are generally of minor importance. Indeed, there is general concurrence of sentiment on almost all of the greater questions. Different local circumstances and local laws will necessarily vary the medium through which they are looked at and diversity of sentiment will result. For this reason, while engaged at these reports we much prefer to let our Companions hear from others than from Pillans. We nevertheless thank the good Companion for the implied compliment when he says, "If you must be short, make it sweet with More Pillans." We believe this is the first of twenty-four reports in which we have ever copied what another may have said of us complimentary and of this even we entertain a doubt.

We find him greatly opposed to the remission of dues of members because of any age, and tells of a Chapter visited by him whose membership was fifteen, of whom nine were over seventy years of age. He opposes the doctrine of the necessity for the actual presence of the charter, and thinks it only an authority which may or may not be present. We refer him to Companion Drummond and leave him in his hands. He feels confident that "a thorough knowledge of the ritual makes good masons." We so far agree with him as to believe it makes active and zealous ones. He does not think that the signing of the by-laws are nec-

essary to constitute membership. But enough, or we shall be too voluminous for our Treasury.

NORTH DAKOTA.—2ND ANNUAL, 1891.

A very neat little pamphlet containing these Proceedings lies before us. It tells how Grand High Priest Leonard A. Rose presided; how, that he might lay before the Grand Chapter all desirable information, he addressed a circular requesting answers to questions propounded, showing the strength of each Chapter, the work done, the financial condition, what objects of charity are in its jurisdiction, what deaths of members may have taken place and the proficiency of its officers in the work and lectures.

In his address we find him saying:

As Royal Arch Masons we have reached the submit of Ancient Craft Masonry, and I submit to the proposition that as such we should represent the intelligence, skill, and virtue, and benevolence, that are everywhere so prominently apparent in the design, scope, and literature of our sublime order. Let us then, eschewing profanity, intemperance, and excess, by lives of moderation, virtue, usefulness and honor, demonstrate to the outside world that Royal Arch Masonry ranks high among the potent educating institutions of the world, in addition to constituting a bond that unites its membership throughout the world into one great and helpful fraternity.

The tabular statement shows that there are 7 Chapters, 411 members, and a gain of 62.

This Grand Chapter requires that each M. M. Mason shall "select a mark and have it entered in the book of marks before being exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason."

The business of necessity was little and local in its character.

Francis Ingalls, Jamestown, Grand High Priest.

Thomas J. Wilder, Casselton, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.—30TH ANNUAL, JUNE, 1890.

These Proceedings should have been received for our report last year, but we suppose that the old adage is verified of "better late than never." We are writing now on the very eve of the Convocation of our Grand Chapter and really ought also to have 1891 also. However Grand High Priest Donald Mackay gives us the glad tidings that—

The year just ended has in a measure been to the craft an uneventful one. From every Chapter in the jurisdiction comes tidings of concord and harmony among the companions, and of the prosperity of our people. No matter of grievance or difference has been reported to me during the year. If there has been any difference among the companions, they have been reconciled, or have submitted to the discipline of the Chapter.

An awakened interest is observed among the companions, from which we take much encouragement for the future welfare of the Royal Craft, in our young and vigorous commonwealth, and I congratulate you, companions, upon the pleasant prospect.

He declined to issue a dispensation for a new Chapter, and referred the papers to the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Chapter holds:

That the matter of granting dispensations is a prerogative of the Grand High Priest, and should be exercised by him alone. Your committee would recommend that the matter be referred to the Grand High Priest elect for his action.

This was adopted.

Grand Chapter contributed one hundred dollars towards the Washington Memorial Temple at Fredericksburg, Va.

Cash on hand, \$916.

Chapters 21; members 913; gain 59.

Seth L. Pope, Portland, Grand High Priest.

R. P. Earhart, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Companion Earhart made the report on Correspondence reviewing in it our Proceedings for 1889. He wishes Grand Secretary Greene to note that his residence and post office address is Portland and not Salem, as published in our Proceedings. We take this method of also notifying our good Companion Grand Secretary. He observes:

While there is a very large portion of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in every jurisdiction that are alive and building up, there are some that are standing still, and, may be, receding from their earlier moorings. To overcome this apathy, and infuse new life into these stagnant bodies, seems to be one of the important problems of the day. How shall it be done? Visitations of Grand officers are proposed as a remedy, and it would be a good one, if carried out. Much depends on the officers of Chapters. If they are live men, Chapters will partake of their influence. It is plain to us that a knowledge of the preceding degrees should be a qualification for further advancement. Were this the rule, there would be an increased attendance at Chapter meetings; compan-

ions would be better qualified to assist in the work and present it in a manner that would give it new life, beauty, and greater effectiveness.

PENNSYLVANIA—96TH ANNUAL, DECEMBER, 1890.

There are quarterly convocations held by this Grand Chapter, at two of which two petitions for new Chapters were presented, and in each case the matter was referred "to the Grand Officers, with power to act." At each quarterly communication one of the degrees of the Capitular Masonry was exemplified.

There are 111 Chapters, with a membership of near 13,000—strong Chapters, capable of much good each, and very far better than twice or thrice the number of weaker Chapters.

One of the decisions of the retiring Grand High Priest was in conformity to the rule which governs membership here in our jurisdiction.

2. In the case of the suspension and taking up of the warrant of a Lodge by order of the Grand Master, I decided that as the Master Masons were suspended, the members of the Chapter who were members of the suspended Lodge were suspended in their rights as Royal Arch Masons.

Grand High Priest Alexander H. Morgan, upon installation, in the course of his address, made some most excellent and exceedingly practical remarks on the duties of officers and members of Chapters, from which we extract only this:

Companions should not forget that a regular attendance at the meetings of the Chapter is as imperative as that of any other Masonic body. What can be more discouraging to the officer who, diligent and faithful to his obligations, zealous and correct in his rendition of the work, finds that his exertions are viewed with indifference by those to whom he has a right to look for assistance and support, while the result naturally follows that the Chapter declines and falls into decay.

Companions, if you desire to make your Chapters foremost among the Capitular bodies, you should by all means second the efforts of your officers, and like them be active in the work, and vigilant in your duties as Royal Arch Masons. If these suggestions were generally observed there would be less complaints of the inefficiency of officers and the decadence of Chapters. The Companions will remember that in touching upon these questions, in which they are reminded of certain things incumbent upon them as members of a great Fraternity, that I am but following that line of duty which we are all equally bound to pursue.

Alexander H. Morgan, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

Chas. E. Mayer, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Companion M. Arnold presented the report on Correspondence, the joint product of himself and Companion Stockton Bates. The introduction is no less interesting than the special reviews, and this Grand Chapter not acknowledging any allegiance to the G. G. Chapter may well be amused at the positions taken by some Grand Chapters as below :

Some Grand Chapters have digests of laws which declare that no appeal shall be taken from Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter. Wherefore we ask, which is sovereign and which is subordinate? In one Grand Chapter it was decided that when the laws of that Grand Chapter conflict with those of the General Grand Chapter, the laws of the former must be followed. Yet we read that the General Grand Chapter is called the Supreme Legislature of the Royal Craft. All of which causes us to rejoice that Pennsylvania has kept out of the diet.

We are decidedly pleased with the following extract, because it exactly coincides with our own frequently expressed views with which we have heretofore been unable to find others to agree with us.

We regret to notice the use of the words "higher degrees" and "lower degrees" in dealing with Masonic questions. As there are neither higher nor lower degrees, this is a mis-use of terms in describing Masonic bodies. There are various and different associations composed of Masons, but there is nothing higher in Masonry than a plain and pure Master Mason. He is the complete unit in Freemasonry, and while he may be aggregated with others to form some new combination calling itself Masonic, it should never be forgotten that the foundation higher degree claimants always are careful to call themselves Masonic, is sufficient proof that the arithmetical progression of figures, while very important in measuring personal wealth, do not in Masonry indicate superiority in any respect.

Alabama, for 1890, receives very courteous and fraternal notice.

QUEBEC—14TH ANNUAL, JANUARY, 1891.

The Grand Zerubbabel David Seath thus speaks of the Craft at home. The outlook is not hopeful nor the prospects flattering, which to some extent is explained by him. Nevertheless we wish abundant success may yet crown the efforts of the handful of faithful, zealous Companions there:

During the year just closed the harmony and fraternal feeling which has always been the characteristic of the members of our Subordinate Chapters continued to prevail; no appeals have been made to me, no grievances presented, and no decisions asked for.

Our membership remains about the same, and although we have added to our roll the names of workmen from the quarries who have come up to assist us in the building of the temple, the deaths and withdrawals have been as numerous.

Owing to the composition of the population in this jurisdiction, the majority of whom are taught not to participate in our mysteries, and having in our midst Lodges and Chapters that still adhere to another Grand Body, we can not for the present at least look for any large increase in membership. For these reasons we should carefully guard our portals so that none but good men and true may obtain admittance, ever remembering that a few true and trusty companions will do more to promote the welfare of our beloved Order than a larger number, some of whom might prove unworthy of the honor conferred upon them.

Chapters number 10; members, 432, the same as in 1889. Finances in fair condition and showing a good nucleus for charitable account.

David Seath, Montreal, Grand Zerubbabel.

Joseph Mitchell, Grand Secretary Ezra.

Companion E. T. D. Chambers again brought forward the review of proceedings, and in his introduction he expresses himself as being more and more convinced "that none but well skilled companions should be installed into office."

Alabama, for 1890, meets with kind treatment at his hands.

He is an advocate of the necessity of the actual presence of the charter for a Lodge or Chapter to be legally held.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—18TH ANNUAL, FEBRUARY, 1891.

Carolina mourns the death of her Grand High Priest A. Doty, and sincerely we mourn with her. In consequence, the D. G. High Priest presided and delivered his address. He says that peace and harmony prevails and that although there has been no decided advance made by the Craft, no backward steps have been taken.

He recommends the division of the territory into convenient districts, allotting one to the supervision of each Grand Officer, requiring a visit or visits to be made to every Chapter in the district. He looks upon "visitations as the life of the Institution."

Chapters, 17; membership, 587; increased, 88; a fair per centum of increase.

W. H. Witherow, Winnsboro, Grand High Priest.

J. E. Burke, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

No report on Correspondence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—2ND ANNUAL, JUNE, 1891.

The Returns of the subordinate Chapters show a very vigorous condition and very fair growth. There are 1,200 active members within the jurisdiction, the Chapters numbering 24, while the increase in membership was 99.

Alluding to the opening ceremony Grand High Priest Park Davis makes these happy remarks:

Who shall estimate its influence for good upon the lives and characters of our members. Every one, who lays aside all worldly matters and humbles himself, with due veneration, before his Maker, is benefitted by the act; and, by uniting with each other in supplication, heart will go out to heart in fraternal regard, and thus will be strengthened the ties of brotherly love. And as the heart is expanded towards our brethren it is also enlarged and broadened toward the whole brotherhood of mankind. Thus is exemplified our broad Masonic Creed—our belief in the universal Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of Man.

And in the conclusion of his address is a very beautiful allusion to the symbolism of the R. A. degree.

W. J. McMakin, Terraville, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandean, Grand Secretary.

In the report of the Committee on Correspondence we find Alabama, 1890, in its accustomed place. The report is a concise, yet excellent statement of events transpiring and opinions uttered of interest to the Companions of South Dakota from other jurisdictions.

TENNESSEE.—62ND ANNUAL, JANUARY, 1891.

No better method could we adopt to show the condition of the Craft here than by quoting the words of Grand High Priest Thomas O. Morris, in introducing his address:

It affords me much pleasure to report that harmony and peace prevails within our borders, and I take pleasure in reporting that

an increased interest in Capitular Masonry has been manifested. No knotted problem of Masonic law has presented itself that required the burning of the mid-night oil. On the contrary, my official acts are embraced in official visitations, granting dispensations and issuing commissions.

59 Chapters return 2,202 members and show an increase during the year of 108.

There is no statement published showing the financial condition of the Grand Chapter, but there is an indication that funds are not scarce, in the appropriation of \$200 to the Widows and Orphans' Home of Tennessee.

Alex. C. Robeson, Athens, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Clendening, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

To this latter position, Companion John Frizzell, who had so long and acceptably filled the position, was duly elected, but "asked to be excused from further service and declined the position."

TEXAS.—41ST ANNUAL, DECEMBER, 1890.

M. E. Companion Rufus Price, opened and presided over this Convocation. He asserts that "the year just past has been uneventful. Nothing has transpired to disturb the harmony of the Craft; a forward movement is apparent along our Royal line; new Chapters organized, dormant Chapters revived, and many are seeking for Royal light." He issued dispensations for three new Chapters, two of which received warrants at this Convocation, and charters were granted to two others, while seven Chapters were revived.

Number of Chapters, 104; members, 4,580, the increase being 254.

One of the Grand visitors made the following observation in his report which is doubtless true of every jurisdiction.

I am fully convinced by observation and experience that if the law of our Grand Chapter could be changed and Grand Visitors required to visit every Chapter in their district it would be better for the Royal Craft. As it is now, Grand Visitors are not expected to visit any Chapter that does not invite them, and, as a rule, those Chapters that never invite a Grand Visitor need them more than any other.

The following we copy to show the rule for quorum as used in this State:

We think it clear that in applications for degrees any member in good standing of a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction is entitled to vote in any Chapter, but he cannot vote on petitions for affiliation. A Chapter may be opened when nine regular Royal Arch Masons are present, but when purely local business, such as the election of officers and all other matters, except petitions for degrees, are to be considered, visitors cannot vote, and as to these matters there is not a quorum present for the transaction of business unless nine members of the Chapter are present. It is clear that no business can be transacted unless nine are present. In balloting on applications for degrees the nine may include visitors in good standing from other Chapters in the jurisdiction. In all other matters the nine must all be members of the Chapter.

This is from report of a committee which was adopted:

John P. Bell, Bellville, Grand High Priest.

Robert Brewster, Houston, Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Companion J. C. Kidd, and is written in a free and lively style inviting to a thorough reading. He pleasantly notices Alabama for 1889.

Colorado having a written copy of the work, of this he well says:

So long as Grand Chapters deliberately publish the "work" and offer it for sale, it will become more and more difficult to get companions to learn the same so as to reproduce it from "the storehouse of memory." Of all farcical proceedings we have ever seen commend us to one where an officer holds a book in his hand and "reads" what he ought to "say" when conferring a degree.

And in explanation of the lines that occur without names in the list of the past officers of the Grand Chapter.

Companion Foster asks the meaning of the simple line, that occurs in several places in the list of our Past Grand Officers. Well, companion, we are taught *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*, and some are dead while yet living. So of them we say nothing.

He will allow us to republish his views on the proposition of Companion Love of Georgia, to have the Committee on Correspondence review the Proceedings of all other masonic bodies in addition to those of Grand Chapters, as we think the reasons given supreme.

The first immediate result, it strikes us, would have to be a "Pan-Committee on Foreign Correspondence." A few years

since the chairman of the committee of our Grand Lodge was a Master Mason and nothing else. He made a splendid report, but what he would have done with the proceedings of a Grand Commandery we are at a loss to know. Of course he could have given a lot of extracts, and they would have been as intelligible as a German book in English letters to an American. For ourself, we would feel, if appointed on such a committee, "that we had bitten off more than we could chew." As a Royal Arch Mason, we of course could understand and read between the lines of the proceedings of a Grand Lodge, but as a Royal Arch Mason, the proceedings of a Commandery would rather be beyond us, and to discuss a point at law or equity with a Scottish Rite Mason of any jurisdiction, from a Royal Arch Chapter standpoint, would be like going into a "Tipperary fair fight without a shillalah." *Ne sutor ultra crepidam* is good advice in other lines than sculpture. Like Companion Love, the accomplish Chairman of Correspondence who introduced the resolutions, we are not a member of any Masonic rite other than the "Ancient York," and we do not believe in mixing in other folks' quarrels or difficulties.

VERMONT—74TH ANNUAL, JUNE, 1891.

This jurisdiction has within it 25 Chapters, with a membership of 2320, and the returns show a gain of 90; and Grand High Priest Edwin O. Hibbard, speaking of the Craft, holds this language:

I am pleased to be able to say that the past year has been prosperous; one of the most prosperous for many years, as the returns from the several Chapters will show. Our financial condition is most excellent.

Which is very gratifying to all R. A. Masons.

A petition for a new Chapter was presented to Grand Chapter, and the Committee to whom it was referred recommended that a dispensation be granted. This was adopted by Grand Chapter. George W. Wing, Montpelier, Grand High Priest.

Warren C. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

The business was local in character and all transacted on the first day of the convocation, when Grand Chapter closed.

Our Rev. Companion Frederick Shubard Fisher again made the report on Correspondence, noticing pleasantly Alabama for 1889. From it we clip:

As prosperity reigns and numbers increase, it becomes necessary to know who are their own members in Grand Chapter, so the idea of a committee on credentials was adopted. It is proper

in royal society to be classical; therefore we read that the Grand High Priest is custodian of the work, "*Virtuti officii.*" We have spoken of the correspondence.

We don't know exactly what is meant or where to look for explanation, unless it be the miss-spelling of a word in the latin quotation. If this is found anywhere in the proceedings then my good Companion lay the blame on the printer—his shoulders are broad and we don't use a type-writer.

We regret to learn that from this Companion we will not hear again in the same capacity as will be seen from his adieu, which we give entire:

VALE.

Our task is done; we have passed the veils for the year. And our labors as the Capitular Correspondent of Vermont are also ended. Sad are the separations in this world of partings? We have removed from the jurisdiction of Vermont, and are separated from our companions of the Grand Chapter, but while memory lasts, we shall always recall with pleasure and profit the dignified, cordial assemblies at our Grand Convocations. May peace and prosperity ever be within thy walls! Separated likewise from those with whom we have entered into familiar associations, as we have followed their words and ways so many years. In the East—DRUMMOND, the light of ancient ways. In the West—CASWELL, advocate of the absolute rule of his State over the craftsmen. In the North—WAIT, clear, calm. In the South—PILANS, writing of the prosperity of his State.

Joining these in good will and zeal—BARLOW, ever conservative; INNES, GRAND and RAPIDS, LOVE, building up a vast system of correspondence; BROWN, on his farm; MAYO, at the Masonic Home. Do we leave out any? Not in fraternity,—and never SWAIN, sweet singer of Wisconsin; nor VARNUM, defender of Iowa; PEARSON, too, and LONG; HORNER, who sometimes hits; SCHULTZ; BOWEN; VERSLAGE, who can not read our name, nor we speak his; SAVERY; ACKLIN and ISAAC and SOUTHGATE, who must not write so much fun and frolic. Companions all, may your work continue many years!

And from these our thoughts turn and linger on the names and memory of those whose labors were crowned so recently. The signet of death has admitted them to the Rest Eternal,—CORTRELL, HARPER, OGDEN, PIERSON, DADMUN! Their works live and they live crowned with peace! In vain have been the labors of the living and the dead, if their words have not lifted the thoughts of their companions higher and to the Highest, in the service of "*Holiness to the Lord.*"

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK SHUBARD FISHER.

VIRGINIA—83D ANNUAL, OCTOBER, 1890.

The jurisdiction of this venerable Grand Chapter embraces thirty-one Chapters, which return fifteen hundred and seventy-seven members, with an increase during the year of 94.

Grand High Priest John T. Parham issued dispensations for two additional Chapters, which were found worthy to receive charters at this convocation.

He informs us that no grievance had been reported.

He is troubled at the lack of uniformity in the work and thinks it would be well to establish and hold schools of instruction as is done in some other of the States.

Grand Chapter appropriated \$350 to the endowment fund of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

J. Howard Wyatt, Staunton, Grand High Priest.

Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

There was no report on Correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA—19TH ANNUAL, NOVEMBER, 1889.

20TH ANNUAL, NOVEMBER, 1890.

These proceedings come in one pamphlet, as this Grand Chapter only publishes its proceedings every two years. The returns for 19th Convocation, 1889, shows 732 members, those for 20th, shows 806—Chapters reporting in 1889 being 15, and in 1890, 18.

We regret to see in the address of Grand High Priest Frank Rex language attributed to a M. E., although a Past, for "falsehood," "barefaced falsehood," &c., by some one of his Companions. We think a thought of the jewel usually displayed upon the altar would have taught some restraint.

At the Convocation of 1889 a Charter was issued to a new Chapter.

George Davis was elected Grand High Priest and John W. Morris Grand Secretary.

M. E. Companion George Davis issued dispensations for two new Chapters, to one of which a charter was granted, while the other was continued under dispensation.

The Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota were duly recognized and fraternally greeted.

Mason Evans, Middleway, Grand High Priest.

John W. Morris, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

No report on Correspondence.

WISCONSIN—41ST ANNUAL, FEBRUARY, 1891.

Grand High Priest Rock J. Flint speaks in flattering terms of the condition, growth and prosperity of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. He is sustained also by the returns which, from 64 Chapters, show a membership of 4,584, and an increase of 145.

He thinks, and perhaps correctly, that the publication annually, with the proceedings of the edicts and approved decisions, would lessen the correspondence of the Grand High Priest. We say perhaps, because we very much doubt whether "the game would prove to be worth the candle."

As the finances are now in a most excellent condition, he recommended a diminution of the per capita tax, and the Grand Chapter agreed with him and reduced it to fifty cents.

He decided that it was not necessary to confer the P. M. degree on an actual Past Master, but the Grand Chapter most properly promulgated the following rule:

No. 9. All Chapters conferring the Capitular degrees upon Actual Past Masters shall confer the degree of Past Master in full form, without reference to any preparation for presiding over a Master's Lodge.

Horace E. Mann, Marinette, Grand High Priest.

John W. Laffin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Companion Wm. C. Swain, P. G. H. P., and an interesting and lively writer, made the report on Correspondence, and we are pleased to find that, although Alabama for 1890 was not present to occupy her accustomed place, yet she is to be found in it. Of Companion Love's proposition to establish "a system of foreign and domestic correspondence," heretofore noticed, he thus delivers himself, with reason:

Each Grand Body now has its own reviewer, which makes a fair division of the work. Each member of a Chapter is also a member of a Lodge, and does not need to go to the Grand Chapter proceedings to get a Lodge review, when he can get it at home. We do not think the plan will succeed and are sorry to be obliged to condole with Companion Love, in advance, on its failure.

Nor is he better pleased with the plan of Companion Barnard's plan for the publication of the proceedings in numbers, like a serial, running through the greater part of the year.

Here is his opinion of the second degree in the Chapter.

Perhaps it is sufficient to say that the Chapter itself does not have a high opinion of the symbolism of the degree as a part of its ritual, as it is continually endeavoring to confine the ceremonial within the smallest possible limits, and in the exoteric portion of the ritual itself we inform the candidate that the degree is conferred to obviate the old law that only a Past Master was eligible for the Royal Arch. The degree has its lessons for an actual Past Master; but it seems a mockery when conferred upon one of whom the very idea of his presiding over any body or gathering would raise a smile.

We call attention to the aptness and truth contained in the last sentence.

He does not think the question so warmly discussed by Companions Wait and Drummond, whether our expelled or suspended is "Masonically dead," an important one, but asserts that:

When a Mason is expelled he generally stinks in the nostrils of those who remain, and that would indicate that he is sufficiently dead for all practical purposes, though the act of restoration deodorizes him so that he ceases to be offensive.

Our limits forbid further notice, though we part with this interesting report with reluctance.

LARGEST AND SMALLEST CHAPTERS IN EACH STATE

WITH EXALTATIONS.

FROM RETURNS OF 1890,

COMPILED BY W. H. MAYO, GRAND SECRETARY.

STATE.	Number.	NAME.	LOCATION.	No. Exalted.	No. Members
Alabama.....	101	Mineral City.....	Birmingham.....	16	93
	13	Gainesville.....	Gainesville.....	3	11
Arkansas.....	7	Lafayette.....	Pine Bluff.....	11	95
	77	Atkins.....	Atkins.....	2	13
California.....	4	California.....	San Francisco.....	28	448
	21	Lafayette.....	Camptonville.....	20	
Colorado.....	2	Denver.....	Denver.....	6	427
	9	Lake City.....	Lake City.....	22	
Connecticut.....	17	Pythagoras.....	Hartford.....	24	419
	44	Halleck.....	Guilford.....	2	22
Delaware.....	4	St. John's.....	Wilmington.....	19	194
	1	Washingt'n & Lafay- ette	Wilmington.....	9	54
District Columbia.	1	Columbia.....	Washington.....	38	340
	6	Washington Naval	Washington.....	6	80
Florida.....	12	Jacksonville.....	Jacksonville.....	7	58
	10	Eustis.....	Eustis.....	4	15
Georgia.....	3	Georgia.....	Savannah.....	11	130
	51	Mystic.....	Barnesville.....	11	
Illinois.....	43	Washington.....	Chicago.....	27	620
	198	Blue Mound.....	Blue Mound.....	18	
Indian Territory..	5	Tahlequah.....	Tahlequah.....	5	35
	3	Muskogee.....	Muskogee.....	5	20
Indiana.....	11	Terre Haute.....	Terre Haute.....	10	257
	47	Chester.....	N. Manchester.....	17	
Iowa.....	38	Signet.....	Marshalltown.....	3	181
	116	Bethel.....	Garner.....	6	17
Kansas.....	5	Topeka.....	Topeka.....	12	208
	66	Kirwin.....	Kirwin.....	18	
Kentucky.....	18	King Solomon.....	Louisville.....	5	177
	36	Greensburg.....	Greensburg.....	12	
Louisiana.....	1	Orleans Delta.....	New Orleans.....	9	201
	12	Coushatta.....	Coushatta.....	14	

LARGEST AND SMALLEST CHAPTERS IN EACH STATE—CONTINUED.

STATE.	Number.	NAME.	LOCATION.	No. Exalted.	No. Members.
Maine.....	13	Greenleaf	Portland	27	344
	41	Turner	Turner	1	29
Maryland.....	19	St. John's.....	Baltimore	26	293
	27	Ithiel.....	Hagenstown....		15
Massachusetts....	51	St. Paul's.....	Boston.....	55	638
	27	Miller.....	Franklin		38
Michigan.....	16	Peninsular	Detroit.....	31	493
	75	Decatur	Decatur		17
Minnesota.....	9	St. John's.....	Minneapolis....	45	513
	53	Shekinah.....	Anoka	19	22
Mississippi.....	1	Natchez.....	Natchez	7	51
	114	Hattiesburg.....	Hattiesburg	3	12
Missouri.....	8	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	20	287
	1	Missouri	St. Louis.....	54	211
	102	Orient.....	Kansas City....	42	210
	77	Russell.....	Stewartsville ..		18
Nebraska.....	1	Omaha.....	Omaha.....	4	194
	50	Doric.....	Ord	6	18
Nevada.....	1	Lewis.....	Carson.....	3	77
	6	Keystone.....	Pioche.....		11
New Hampshire...	11	Mt. Horeb.....	Manchester.....	27	302
	12	Peterborough.....	Peterborough....	2	55
New Jersey.....	7	Union.....	Newark	25	322
	14	Delta.....	Keyport.....	5	21
New York.....	62	Hamilton.....	Rochester.....	29	586
	144	Darius.....	Camden.....	3	18
North Carolina..	10	Raleigh.....	Raleigh.....	3	67
	20	Sallsbury.....	Sallsbury.....		15
North Dakota....	5	Keystone.....	Fargo	15	91
	4	Cheyenne.....	Valley City....	6	27
Ohio.....	14	Webb.....	Cleveland.....	14	481
	85	Woodsfield.....	Woodsfield.....		21
Oregon.....	3	Portland.....	Portland.....	12	119
	22	Arago.....	Marshfield.....		17
Rhode Island....	1	Providence.....	Providence.....	39	875
	9	Aquidneck.....	Portsmouth.....		27
South Carolina...	25	Beulah	Sumter.....	5	39
	2	Winnsboro	Winnsboro.....		11
South Dakota....	2	Sioux Falls.....	Sioux Falls....	14	146
	30	Faulkton	Faulkton.....	3	16

LARGEST AND SMALLEST CHAPTERS IN
EACH STATE—CONTINUED.

STATE.	Number.	NAME.	LOCATION.	No. Exalted.	No. Members.
Tennessee	1	Cumberland.....	Nashville.	9	119
	132	Union City.....	Union City.....		10
Texas.....	1	San Felipe de Au'n	Galveston	3	99
	60	St. John's.	White Sulph.Sp. .		14
Vermont	11	Haswell.....	St. Johnsbury ..	11	228
	4	Lafayette.	Enosburgh Falls ..	1	23
Virginia.....	43	La Fayette.....	Richmond.....	7	167
	25	Rockbridge.....	Lexington		13
Washington.....	3	Seattle	Seattle	12	91
	12	Bellingham Bay...	Whatcom.....		17
Wisconsin.....	7	Wisconsin.....	Milwaukee	12	240
	48	Waupun.....	Waupun.....	3	23
Gen. G. Chapter..	2	Helena.....	Helena, Mont. . .		96
	1	Keystone.	Shanghai, China ..	3	23

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

MYLES J. GREENE, GRAND SECRETARY,

In account with GRAND CHAPTER :

1890-91

Dr.

Dec. 4.	To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 25 35
	Contingent Fund	150 00
	Dues collected during session...	547 75
Nov. 25.	Dues collected since last session.	233 00
	Codes and Digests sold.	22 60
	1 Dispensation for new Chapter.	90 00
	Certificates	24 75—\$1,093 45

1891.

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By cash paid Brown Printing Co , Voucher 1	\$117 40
Cash paid Dues to G. G. Chapter, " 2.	7 75
Cash paid Brown Printing Co., " 3.	8 50
Cash paid postage.....	16 60
Cash paid Grand Treasurer, Voucher 1-6.	918 10
Cash to balance.....	25 10—\$1,093 45

MYLES J. GREENE,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with GRAND CHAPTER :

1890.

Dr.

Dec. 1.	To balance on hand.....	\$ 488 37
4.	Received from Grand Secretary..	\$547 75
19.	" " " " ..	96 50
Feb. 10.	" " " " ..	54 75
April 2.	" " " " ..	29 75
Sep. 22.	" " " " ..	44 60
Nov. 24.	" " " " ..	144 75—\$ 918 10
Total.....		\$1,406 47

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Dec. 1.	By J. H. Johnson.....	No. 17..	\$ 15 00
3.	W. S. Foster.....	" 18..	23 00
	H. C. Armstrong	" 19..	25 00
	P. J. Pillans.....	" 20..	75 00
12.	Grand Secretary.....	" 21..	300 00
	Contingent Fund.....	" 22..	150 00
	Grand Sentinel.....	" 23..	29 50
May 16.	Brown Printing Co....	" 24..	67 75—\$ 685 25
Nov. 30.	Balance on hand.....		721 22
Total.....			\$1,406 47

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.

Nov. 30, 1891.

Grand Treasurer.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama :

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

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

For Dues to November 25th, 1891.....	\$ 780 75
Contingent Fund.....	150 00
Codes and Digests.....	22 60
One Dispensation for new Chapter.....	90 00
Certificates.....	24 75
Balance on hand at last report.....	25 35
Total receipts.....	\$1,093 45

He paid out during the year the following amounts:

For Postage	\$ 16 60
Dues to G. G. Chapter.....	7 75

For Printing.....	\$ 125 90
Amount paid Grand Treasurer.....	918 10
Leaving balance on hand.....	25 10
Total.....	\$1,093 45
At your last regular Convocation the R. Ex.	
Grand Treasurer had on hand.....	\$ 488 37
And has received from the Grand Secretary....	918 10
Total.....	\$1,406 47
Of this had paid out the following amounts:	
To Committee on Correspondence.....	\$ 75 00
Committee on Work.....	63 00
Grand Secretary.....	300 00
Grand Sentinel Salary and Aprons.....	29 50
For Contingent Fund	150 00
Printing Digests.....	67 75
Total.....	\$ 685 25
Leaving a balance on hand.....	\$ 721 22
Dues at this Convocation.....	500 00
Total.	\$1,221 72
We recommend the following appropriations:	
To the Grand Secretary for his services the past	
year.....	\$ 400 00
For Committee on Work.....	75 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence....	75 00
Grand Sentinel.....	25 00
Contingent Fund.....	150 00
P. J. Pillans for compiling Digests.....	75 00
Grand Secretary, for issuing one charter,	
new Chapter.....	10 00
Leaving balance on hand.	411 72
Total.....	\$1,221 72

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY C. WILEY,
Chairman.

NAME AND NUMBER 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 Number	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							
5	Eunomia.	21	15 75							
10	Tuscumbia.	35	24 75	20	20	20	20	5		1
13	Gainesville.	13	9 75		2					
19	Mt. Moriah.	33	25 50	16	15	15	12	2		
20	Livingston.	14	10 50							
21	Mobile.	40	30 00	4	4	4	4			1
22	Montgomery.	48	36 00	4	6	6	6			
23	Talladega.	53	39 25	9	9	9	9			3
26	Union.	25	18 75							
28	St. Johns.	47	35 25	5	6	6	6	2		1
32	Fulton.	19	14 25							1
38	Decatur.	30	22 50	4	4	4	4	3		
40	Camden.	15	11 25							
48	McKinley.	23	17 25							
54	Tyrian.	46	34 50	3	3	2	3	1	1	2
56	Zerubbabel.	19	14 25	7	7	7	7			1
57	Collinsville.	20	15 00	3	4	6	6			13
62	Rockford.	17	12 75			1	1	2		
63	Clayton.	25	19 50	7	7	7	6			1
64	Central.	25	18 75	7	5	5	3	4		1
71	Landmark.	13	9 25					3		
73	Gordon.	15	11 25	1						
76	Elyton.	18	13 50	1	1					2
80	Myles J. Greene.	15	11 50							
83	Bell.	12	9 00	1	1					
85	Gaston.	28	21 00	3	4	4	3			
86	Coosa.	42	21 50	5	5	5	8		1	1
88	Springville.	22	17 25	3	3	3	3			1
92	Notasulga.	13	9 75	4	4	4	4			4
96	Daniel Pratt.	13	9 75							
99	Thomas M. Bragg.	24	18 00	10	10	9	9	1		
100	Rock Mills.	20	15 00							
101	Mineral City.	113	84 75	33	25	25	24	5	3	4
102	Cross Plains.	19	14 25							
104	Sylacanga.	21	15 75							
105	Anniston.	27	20 25	6	6	6	6	2		2
106	Graham.	24	18 00	4	4	4	4	2		2
107	Ft. Payne.	25		3	3	3	3	4	2	
Total.		1060	776 50	153	158	155	148	36	7	39

AT REST.

Monroe No. 4, Phillip Bradley.
 Eunomia No. 5, Jefferson J. Dement.
 Mt. Moriah No. 19, Thomas C. Clark.
 Livingston No. 20, Josiah L. Scruggs.
 Mobile No. 21, Robert Adams.
 Montgomery No. 22, Walter L. Bragg, Stephen Hutchings, William D. Wadsworth.
 Talladega No. 23, Frederick A. Franks.
 St. Johns No. 28, Noadiah Woodruff.
 Fulton No. 32, Frederick H. Smith.
 Zerubbabel No. 56, Albert A. F. McGarrett.
 Collinsville No. 57, William C. McCoy.
 Rockford No. 62, Wash L. Smith.
 Gordon No. 73, W. Rooch.
 Elyton No. 76, Samuel Thompson, Robert A. Terrell.
 Coosa No. 86, Meredith S. Bazemore.
 Daniel Pratt No. 96, Samuel P. Smith.
 Thomas M. Bragg No. 99, John A. Padgett.
 Mineral City No. 101, John Rush, Robert Knauff, Lewis S. Frier-
 son, A. G. Francis.
 Cross Plains No. 102, James M. Amberson.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Mobile.....No. 21	{	Jasper J. Batter.
		Thomas P. Bremer.
		Henry T. Goodloe.
		Pleasant M. Potter.
		Louis P. Waganer.
	{	W. W. Harralson.
		R. M. Henderson.
Talladega.....No. 23		John B. Huey.
		D. B. Oden.
		J. Morgan Smith.
	{	S. M. Jemison.
St. JohnsNo. 28		William M. Campbell.
		Marshall L. Howell.

Decatur	No. 38	{ William H. Smith. John T. Banks. John L. Krone. Burt D. Crane.
Zerubbabel	No. 56	{ John W. Fleming. Robert H. Appleton. Moses C. Newman.
Collinsville.	No. 57	{ Marshall A. Nickolson. Joel Chitwood. James R. Johnson. Isaac N. Ryan.
Elyton	No. 76	{ James L. Morgan. Edward Walton. William Watkins.
Coosa	No. 86	{ Robert A. Timmons. John T. Barnett.
Daniel Pratt.	No. 96	{ George W. Word. John S. Benson.
Mineral City	No. 101	{ Nath. T. Greene. Joshua S. Bone. Rona B. Dobson.
Sylacauga	No. 104	{ William R. Phillips. John J. Hightower. Joshua D. Martin. Benjamin Stewart. Kinion J. Thomas.

REINSTATED.

Montgomery No. 22, William D. Wadsworth.
 St. Johns No. 28, Phillip Millhouse.
 Decatur No. 38, Henry C. Sanders, Thomas F. Turley.
 Camden No. 40, John S. Hunter.
 Tyrian No. 54, William H. Murphree.
 Clayton No. 63, A. L. Oliver.
 Mineral City No. 101, William A. Jones.

REJECTED.

Tyrian No. 54, Frank L. Zimmerman.
 Coosa No. 86, Herman Mendell.
 Mineral City No. 101, Frank J. Barnes, Newton N. Polk, Oscar
 A. Pinkard.
 Fort Payne No. 107, Robert Vance, Edwin Maxwell.

EXPELLED.

Tyrian No. 54, John T. Stephenson.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Sylacauga No. 104, William E. Guice.

RECAPITULATION.

Embracing reports for the two years 1890 and 1891.

	1890	1891
Chapters that made returns.....	28	39
Chapters that paid Dues.....	29	38
Chapters that were represented	29	35
Number of representatives present.....	46	63
Number of members reported.....	776	1060
Dues reported.....	\$570 00	\$776 00

WORK.

Advanced.....	84	153
Presided.....	81	158
Received and Accepted.....	84	155
Exalted	55	148
Affiliated.....	16	36
Rejected.....	1	7
Dimitted.....	16	39
Suspended N. P. D.....	22	39
Reinstated.....	5	8
Chapters square upon the Books.....	38	41
Number of deaths.....	11	35

MEMORANDA.

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

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1	Tuscaloosa.	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	William B. Phillips	Leon F. Burks.	3 Wednesday
4	Monroe.	Perdue Hill.	Monroe.	Perdue Hill.	John A. Savage.	William J. McCants.	1 Thursday
5	Eunomia.	Huntsville.	Madison.	Huntsville.	Milton C. Baldridge	Isaac H. Wise	1 Tuesday
10	Tuscumbia.	Tuscumbia	Colbert.	Tuscumbia.	Thomas F. Rowland.	J. E. Keenan.	1 Mon af 2 Sat
13	Gainesville.	Gainesville.	Sumter.	Gainesville.	E. N. Kring	Isaac Stern.	Thurs af f m
19	Mt. Moriah.	Eutaw.	Greene.	Eutaw.	William Smaw.	Robert E. Watkins.	2 Friday
20	Livingston.	Livingston.	Sumter.	Livingston.	Samuel H. Sprott.	George C. Gowdy.	3 Friday
21	Mobile.	Mobile.	Mobile.	Mobile.	E. L. Merkel	R. B. Dumont	2 and 4 Fri
22	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	John M. DeCotts.	Edmund R. Hastings	2 Tuesday
23	Talladega.	Talladega	Talladega.	Talladega	Andrew J. Nunnally.	George A. Joiner.	2 Friday
26	Union.	Uniontown.	Perry	Uniontown.	B. F. Harwood	Junie Harwood.	1 Thursday
28	St. Johns.	Selma	Dallas	Selma	Edward S. Gatchell.	Adolph Jacobson.	4 Monday
32	Fulton.	Orrville	Dallas	Orrville	Joseph A. Groves.	Alfred Blann.	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. Spurlen.	Fri bf f m
48	McKinley	McKinley	Marengo.	McKinley	William K. Chapman	Lawrence M. Wood.	1 Wednesday
54	Tryan.	Troy.	Pike.	Troy.	Henry C. Wiley.	Lewis H. Jeter.	2 and 4 Sat
56	Zerubbabel.	Camp Hill.	Tallapoosa.	Camp Hill	M. A. Trimble	Raleigh R. Spinks	2 and 4 Sat
57	Collinsville.	Collinsville.	DeKalb	Collinsville.	George W. Roberts	John B. Appleton.	4 Friday
62	Rockford	Rockford.	Coosa.	Rockford.	William L. Johnson.	Thomas J. Pennington	Fri bf 3 Sun
63	Clayton	Clayton.	Barbour.	Clayton	W. H. Robertson.	Lawrence H. Lee.	1 Monday
64	Central	Aldrich.	Shelby.	Aldrich.	William F. Aldrich	James M. Hinalf.	Monday
71	Landmark	Ozark.	Dale.	Skipperville.	Ransom Deal.	George H. Thomas.	3 Saturday
73	Gordon	Abbeville.	Henry.	Abbeville.	Newell M. Thornton.	James W. Stokes.	Fri bf 1 Sat

76	Elyton.	Jefferson.	Birmingham.	Horace J. Salter.	George W. Harrell.	2 and 4 Mon
79	Hillabee.	Alex'nd'r City	Alex'nd'r City	George W. Porter.	Robert M. Templeton.	Sat bf 4 Sun
80	Myles J. Greene	Lee	Opelika	H. Clay Armstrong.	James B. Collier.	1 and 3 Tues
83	Bell.	Clay	Lineville.	Robert D. Evans.	George W. Bartlett.	4 Saturday
85	Gaston.	Choctaw	DeSotoville.	Charles C. McCall	John C. Christopher.	2 Thursday
86	Coosa.	Etowah	Gadsden	Myron E. Lane.	Marcus L. Hicks.	1 Monday
88	Springville.	St. Clair	Springville.	Terry C. Tarrant.	Allen Reaves, jr.	Sat bf 3 Sun
92	Notasulga.	Macon.	Notasulga.	George W. Arbery	John E. Cameron.	2 and 4 Sat
96	Daniel Pratt	Autauga	Prattville.	George L. Smith	George C. Spigener.	1 Mon af f m
99	Thos. M. Bragg.	Crenshaw	Rutledge.	Charles R. Bricken	Francis M. Cody.	4 Saturday
100	Rock Mills	Randolph	Rock Mills	Richard J. Breed.	James P. Mooty.	1 and 3 Sat
101	Mineral City.	Jefferson.	Birmingham.	John G. Smith	Adalbert E. Smith.	2 and 4 Thurs
102	Cross Plains	Calhoun	Piedmont.	Alex. McCollister.	Martin T. Ledbetter.	1 Saturday
104	Sylacauga	Talladega.	Sylacauga.	John A. Edwards.	James M. Lanning.	Fri bf 3 Sat
105	Anniston.	Calhoun	Anniston.	John M. Caldwell.	Richard B. Kelley.	1 Thursday
106	Graham	Randolph	Graham.	Anderson W. Duke	Joseph B. Merrill.	1 Saturday
107	Fort Payne.	DeKalb.	Fort Payne.	John L. White	William W. Harralson.	2 Friday

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2	Arkansas.....	James A. Henry.....	Little Rock.
3	California.....	Thomas Hubbard Caswell.....	San Francisco.
4	Canada.....	David McLellan.....	Hamilton, Ont.
5	Colorado.....	Edward Carroll Parmelee.....	Pueblo.
6	Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
7	Dist. of Columbia.....	Lewis Guillman Stephens.....	Washington.
8	Delaware.....	James H. Price.....	Wilmington.
9	Florida.....	DeWitt Clinton Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
10	Georgia.....	Andrew Martin Wolihin.....	Macon.
11	Illinois.....	Gilbert W. Barnard.....	Chicago.
12	Indiana.....	William H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
13	Indian Territory.....	Lee E. Bennett.....	Muskogee.
14	Iowa.....	Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines.
15	Kansas.....	John Henry Brown.....	Kansas City.
16	Kentucky.....	Joseph H. Branham.....	Louisville.
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22	Minnesota.....	Thomas Montgomery.....	Saint Paul.
23	Mississippi.....	John Logan Power.....	Jackson.
24	Missouri.....	William H. Mayo.....	Saint Louis.
25	Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
26	Nebraska.....	William Robert Bowen.....	Omaha.
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28	New Brunswick.....	T. Nisbet Robertson.....	Saint John.
29	New Hampshire.....	George Perley Cleaves.....	Concord.
30	New Jersey.....	George B. Edwards.....	Jersey City.
31	New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
32	North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
33	North Dakota.....	Thomas J. Wilder.....	Fargo.
34	Nova Scotia.....	George T. Smithers.....	Halifax.

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47 West Virginia...John W. Morris....Wheeling.
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