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ALABAMA



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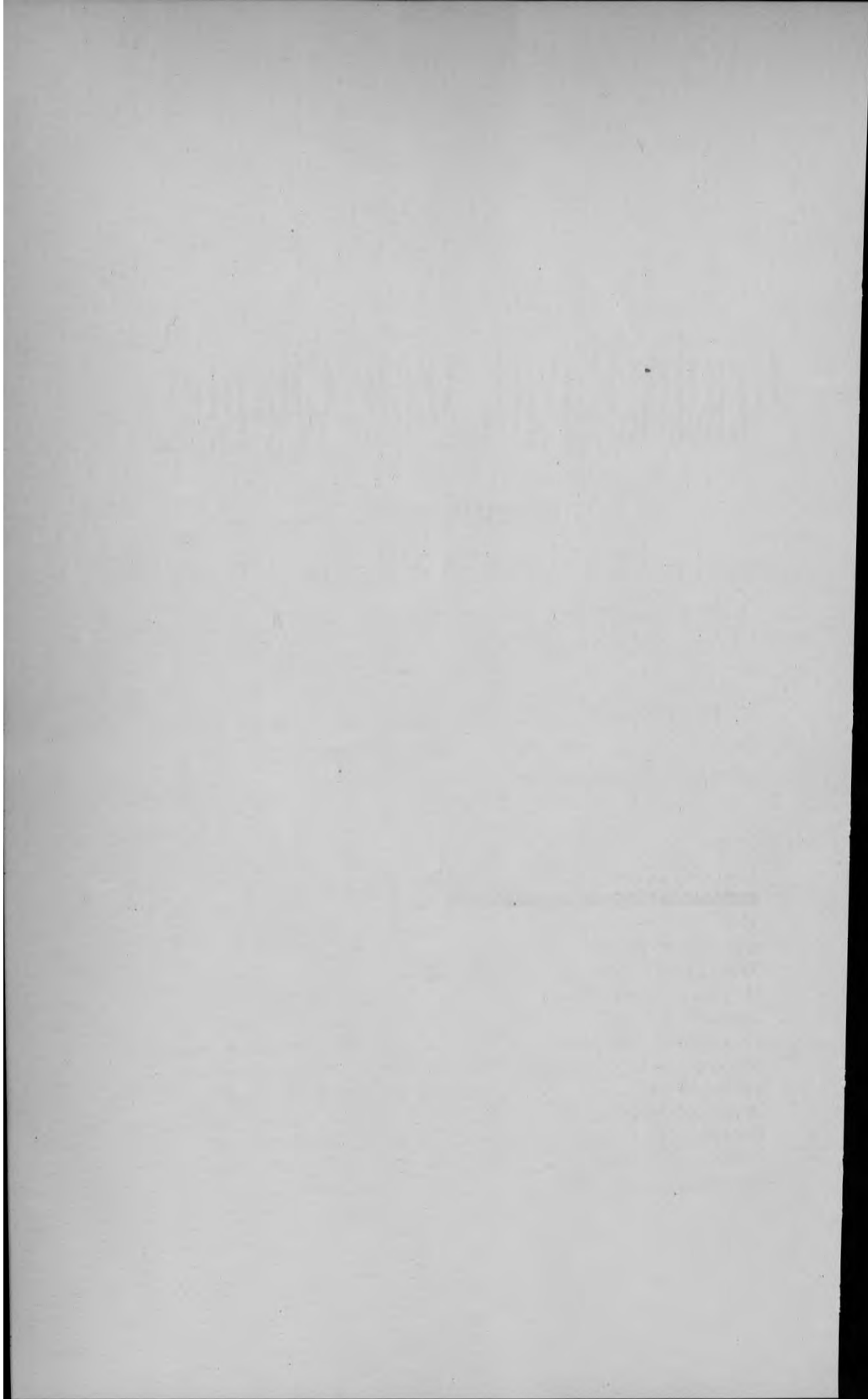
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Royal Arch Chapter
OF
ALABAMA.
SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION,
HELD IN THE
City of Montgomery,
BEGINNING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th,
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OF THE
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama
Seventy-Second Annual Convocation

HELD AT
MONTGOMERY, DECEMBER 5TH-6TH, 1898, A. I. 2428.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama met in Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, in Montgomery, December 5th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT.

JOSIAH JERNIGAN.....M.: E.: Grand H. Priest.
.....M.: E.: Dep. Grand H. Priest.
EDWARD S. GATCHELL.....R.: E.: Grand King.
GEORGE F. MOORE.....R.: E.: Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.....R.: E.: Grand Treasurer.
H. CLAY ARMSTRONG.....R.: E.: Grand Secretary.
JOHN G. APSEY.....as.....R.: E.: Grand Chaplain.
CHARLES R. BRICKEN.....R.: E.: Grand Capt. of Host.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....E.: Grand P. Sojourner.
BASIL M. HILL.....E.: Grand R. A. Captain.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY.....E.: Grand M. of 3rd Vail.
CHARLES F. WHITE.....E.: Grand M. of 2nd Vail.
WILLIAM L. MILLER.....E.: Grand M. of 1st Vail.
CHARLES A. ALLEN.....E.: Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
JAMES E. COBB.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
WILLIAM W. SCREWS.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
JOHN G. HARRIS.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
JOHN G. SMITH.....	M. E. Grand H. Priest.
JAMES M. BRUNDIDGE.....	R. E. Grand King.

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

Newell M. Thornton	Arkansas.
John B. Christian.....	Colorado.
Josiah Jernigan.....	Indian Territory.
William Smaw.....	Iowa.
John G. Harris.....	Kansas.
Edward S. Gatchell.....	Kentucky.
William S. Foster.....	Maryland.
Newton N. Polk.....	Missouri.
Charles R. Bricken.....	Nevada.
William E. Oakley.....	Ohio.
George A. Beauchamp.....	Oregon.
Henry H. Matthews.....	Quebec.
James O. Bailey.....	South Carolina.
George P. Harrison.....	Texas.
William W. Screws.....	Tennessee.
James E. Cobb.....	Vermont.

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

No. 12	Marion	{ James O. Bailey.....H. P.
		{ Francis H. Bates*.....K.
		{ Belton Mickle*.....S.
" 19	Mt. Moriah	{ Joseph P. McQueen.....H. P.
		{ John G. Apsey*.....K.
		{ William S. Foster*.....H. P.
" 21	Mobile	{ Robert L. Douglass.....K.
		{ C. L. Merkel*.....S.
		{ Geo. F. Moore.....H. P.
" 22	Montgomery.....	{ Henry H. Matthews*.....K.
		{ Donald C. Hanson.....S.

*Proxies.

No. 23	Talladega	{ Louis J. Wright..... H. P.
		{ Frank P. McConnell..... K.
" 24	Eufaula	{ Geo. A. Beauchamp..... H. P.
		{ George T. Marsh*..... K.
" 25	Courtland	{ Reese C. Porter..... H. P.
		{ John A. Gilchrist..... K.
" 26	Uniontown	{ John B. Christian..... H. P.
		{ Harmon Benton*..... K.
" 28	Selma	{ Thomas P. Whitby..... H. P.
" 38	Decatur	{ William E. Oakley*..... H. P.
		{ Robert H. Adams*..... K.
" 40	Camden	{ Sol. D. Bloch*..... H. P.
" 54	Troy	{ Charles F. White..... H. P.
		{ Charles Henderson..... K.
" 63	Clayton.....	{ William H. Robertson..... H. P.
		{ Benj. S. Warren*..... K.
" 71	Landmark	{ William A. Arnold..... H. P.
		{ William Garner*..... K.
" 79	Hillabee	{ A. J. Nolen..... H. P.
		{ Jas. M. Pearson*..... K.
" 80	Myles J. Greene.....	{ H. Clay Armstrong..... H. P.
" 88	Springville	{ Basil M. Hill..... H. P.
		{ William T. Duke..... H. P.
" 92	Notasulga	{ John C. Cameron..... K.
		{ Benjamin H. May*..... S.
" 96	Daniel Pratt.....	{ W. L. Ellis..... K.
		{ Charles H. Edwards..... S.
" 99	Thos. M. Bragg.....	{ Chas. R. Bricken..... H. P.
		{ David B. Dismuke*..... K.
		{ Joseph Brower..... H. P.
" 101	Mineral City.....	{ James Esdale*..... K.
		{ Thos. Y. Cain*..... S.
" 106	Graham	{ Thos. J. Thomason..... H. P.
		{ J. W. Thomason*..... K.
" 107	Fort Payne	{ William T. Fuller*..... H. P.
		{ Charles H. Mandy..... H. P.
" 108	Pratt City	{ Robert L. Lovelady..... K.
		{ John E. Fraser*..... S.
		{ J. Richard Weaver..... H. P.
" 109	Blocton.....	{ James F. Vance*..... K.
		{ Willard L. Clark..... S.

*Proxies.

OPENED.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

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

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address and it was referred to a Special Committee.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

W. W. SCREWS,

WILLIAM S. FOSTER,

JOHN G. SMITH.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER :

It is a great pleasure to greet you again, assembled in Grand Convocation. Annually, for more than three score and ten years the Royal Arch Masons of Alabama have assembled by their Representatives in Grand Chapter to report and discuss their work of the preceding year and to plan and deliberate upon that for the future. May our hearts be full of thankfulness to the Giver of all good gifts, that our Institution has not only survived but flourished during all these years, varied as their sunshine has been with seasons of storm and stress.

We have withstood every shock of opposition because our principles are correct, because our foundations are laid deep and broad upon the rock of indestructible truth. Those principles it becomes every one of us to study and to absorb and assimilate. They are a strong and proper pabulum for the development of a high order of manhood. No man who squares his life by the teachings of Masonry can be other than a good man, from whatever point of view he may be considered. The year that closes with our meeting has been one pregnant with great events the world over, especially with our own country. It will be a year of marked importance in history hundreds of years hence.

The tocsin of war rang through the land last spring and the tramp of armed men was heard on every hand. The conflict on our part was waged in the interest of human freedom. The struggle was short and decisive. It was characterized by a series of rapid victories for American arms unexampled for their brilliancy and completeness. The result promises to be a most happy one, vouchsafing to many millions of fellow-creatures hitherto oppressed by tyranny, the blessings of freedom and enlightenment. May we not see in this a manifestation of the power of the God of nations working out the high and brilliant destiny He has decreed for man.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

While we have many things for which we should be grateful, our hearts are bowed down with sorrow when we contemplate the havoc that the grim archer, death, has made in our ranks since last we met. Some of our strongest and best have been laid low. First among the more prominent deaths is that of our venerable and distinguished Companion Palmer Job Pillans, of Mobile, Past R. . E. . Grand Scribe, and for a long time and up to the time of his death the very capable chairman of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence. His demise occurred June 22d, 1898. He was in his 83d year, having been born January 30th, 1816. He was a native of South Carolina and was a graduate of Charleston College. After graduation he studied law and was admitted to practice, but soon afterward became a member of an army surveying corps and saw much service in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. He afterwards became a civil engineer for a time, but upon breaking out of the Seminole war he volunteered and served as a Lieutenant. At the close of this war he went to Texas, then an independent Republic, and took military service there, becoming a Major in the Texan army. After a successful career in Texas he went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1849, where after a residence of three years he was appointed Chief Justice. Soon after, however, he decided to return to the States and made his home at Mobile, where he remained the rest of his long life. He held several positions of honor and trust and was ever recognized as a capable and useful citizen. During the war between the States he served as a Lieutenant-Colonel of Infantry and afterwards as Constructing Engineer in the field works around Mobile.

The Masonic history of Companion Pillans is full of interest. He was a member of the Grand Lodge for forty years and was always a recognized power in its councils. He was Grand Master two terms, 1875-'77. One has well said of him: "No Grand Master ever better upheld the dignity of the office, nor was more jealous of any infringement of its prerogatives. In the Grand Lodge he was especially loved by all. Of a genial and sunny nature, earnest and ardent in whatever he professed, never afraid to express and maintain his own views, yet so courteous his demeanor, so honest his arguments that all men loved him even in friendly opposition, and no Mason ever spoke his name except in terms of tender affection."

I recommend that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Grand Chapter on the death of Companion Pillans and that the report of said committee be spread upon the Minutes of this Grand Convocation and printed in the proceedings.

Another Past Grand Master and most distinguished Mason was called to refreshment during the year. Companion Henry Clay Tompkins died on the 12th day of September, 1898. He was still in the meridian of his life and usefulness when the summons came and the intelligence that went over the State that he was dead shocked and grieved the hearts of thousands.

He was born in Essex county, Virginia, September 14th, 1842, was educated in the schools of his native State, and served as a Lieutenant of cavalry in the Civil War on the Southern side. He came to Alabama in 1866 and engaged in teaching school in Montgomery county. In 1869 he was admitted to practice law, and in a short time rose to be one of the leading lawyers of the State. He became Attorney General of Alabama and served for three successive terms, evincing great ability.

The Masonic history of Companion Tompkins begins when he was a very young man. He was a member of the Grand Lodge 28 years and during all the time missed only one meeting, and then on account of illness. He held successively the high offices of Grand Senior Warden, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master, being elected to the last in 1878 and serving the Constitutional time of two years. For many years he served as Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. His character is beautifully and justly summed up by a distinguished Brother Mason in these words:

"Brother Tompkins was a strong man from whatever point of view regarded; he was one whom nature had fitted for leadership; wherever fate or his own action might have placed him, he would have been first; he was a man of powerful intellect, broadminded, a lawyer of great ability, a steadfast friend, a wise counsellor, a loyal devoted Mason."

The insatiate archer not content with two shining marks from our ranks struck down another in the very sanctuary itself. Our Most Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest William James Rhodes.

When the sorrowful tidings reached me I issued the following communication:

THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

FROM THE EAST IN THE SANCTUARY,
TROY, ALA., OCT. A. D. 1898, A. I. 2428.

To the High Priest, Officers and Members of our Grand Jurisdiction and to the Companions in Correspondence with us:

It becomes my sad duty to communicate to you the sorrowful intelligence of the death of our beloved Most Excellent Companion William James Rhodes, Deputy Grand High Priest, who departed this life at his home, in the City of Talladega on August 26th, 1898, in the 67th year of his age.

Companion Rhodes was born in Mobile, Ala., on November 11th, 1831. When a child his parents moved to Talladega, where he continued to reside until "called up higher."

At the breaking out of the war he entered the Confederate army as a Lieutenant in the Thirty-first regiment Alabama Volunteers, and at its conclusion he was the Captain of his Company. He never sought political preferment, but his merits and ability being appreciated by those who knew him best, he was twice elected Mayor of Talladega, and was serving his second term at the time of his death. In all matters that tended to promote the welfare of his City, he was active and prominent, and will be greatly missed by the entire community.

Companion Rhodes received the Symbolic Degrees in Talladega Lodge No. 261, in 1862; and was its W. M. Master in 1881, 1892 and 1893. He received the Capitular Degrees in Talladega Chapter No. 23, in 1888, and was its High Priest in 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897.

He received the order of High Priesthood in the Grand Council of High Priesthood of Alabama in 1895.

He was elected Grand Captain of the Host in 1893; Grand Scribe in 1894; Grand King in 1895, and Deputy Grand High Priest in 1896 and 1897.

Companion Rhodes was quiet, modest and unassuming in his nature, strong in his friendships, of lovely disposition—almost womanly in its tenderness—yet firm and steadfast in his convictions; he never sacrificed a principle nor shirked a duty. In all the relations of life, in home, Lodge, Chapter and business, he was kind, genial, faithful, honest and true; in disposition, he was generous and sincere; in judgment he was candid and just. His death cannot but be regarded as a great loss to our entire Fraternity.

As a mark of respect and esteem, it is hereby ordered that this communication be read in open chapter at the first regular Convocation after its receipt, and due record be made of the same; also, that the Altar and Jewels be draped in mourning for the period of sixty days.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter on the date above written,

JOSIAH JERNIGAN,

Attest :

Grand High Priest.

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,

Grand Secretary.

I would also recommend that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Grand Chapter on the death of Companion Rhodes, and that the report of said committee be spread upon the Minutes of this Grand Convocation and printed in the proceedings.

In Sister Jurisdictions the following illustrious and beloved Companions have gone to their final repose since our last Convocation :

M. E. : Henry Clay Cook, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, died at Kirksville, Missouri, June 19th, 1898, aged 55 years.

M. E. : Joseph Frey Hinds, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, died August 16th, 1898, aged 65 years.

M. E. : Oscar Leroy Cutter, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, died suddenly at his home at Anoka, September 4th, 1898, aged 52 years.

M. E. : William A. McLean, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, died at Jacksonville, August 22nd, 1898, aged 67 years.

R. E. : William T. Price, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, died July 22nd, 1898, aged 64 years.

M. E. : Samuel Peet, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, died on September 7th, 1898, aged 64 years.

M. E. : John Moses Price, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, died October 19th, 1898, aged 69 years.

M. E. : Archelaus M. Hughes, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, died at Columbia, October 27th, 1898, aged 87.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

On May 25th, 1898, I granted a Special Dispensation to Marion Chapter No. 12, to receive and ballot on the petitions of two applicants for the Degrees, and if elected to confer the Degrees at once.

On June 28th, 1898, I granted a Special Dispensation to the following Chapters to elect officers, said Chapters for good cause shown having failed to elect officers at the time prescribed by law: Tusculumbia Chapter No. 10, Columbus Chapter No. 93, Daniel Pratt Chapter No. 96.

On August 1st, 1898, I granted a Special Dispensation to Courtland Chapter No. 25, to receive and ballot upon the petitions of three candidates at the same Convocation.

On August 13th, 1898, I granted a Special Dispensation to Tyrian Chapter No. 54, to receive and ballot on the petition of one candidate for the Chapter Degrees at the same Convocation.

On August 26th, 1898, I granted a Special Dispensation to Hillabee Chapter No. 79, to receive and ballot upon the petition of three applicants for the Degrees, and if elected to confer the Degrees at once.

On September 22nd, 1898, I granted a Special Dispensation to Central Chapter No. 64, to elect officers, they for good reasons having failed to elect officers at the time prescribed by law.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

On February 15th, 1898, I issued a Commission appointing E. Companion Tyler D. Heiskell, of Fort Morgan, as our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

On March 9th, 1898, I issued a Commission appointing E. Companion R. M. Smith, of Hot Springs, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

On April 9th, 1898, I issued a Commission appointing E. Companion Frank A. Brown, of Aberdeen, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

On March 21st, 1898, I issued a Commission appointing E. Companion Wm. S. Mathews our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

On April 12th, 1898, I issued a Commission appointing E. Companion J. J. Whitaker, of Enfield, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

On July 7th, 1898, I issued a Commission appointing E. Companion William B. Lawrence, of Medford, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
ALABAMA.

I have recommended the following Companions as Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter :

Colorado—E. Companion John B. Christian, Uniontown.

Tennessee—M. E. Companion William W. Screws, Montgomery.

South Carolina—E. Companion Jos. O. Bailey, Marion.

Kentucky—R. E. Companion Edward S. Gatchel, Selma.

DECISIONS.

There has been but one question submitted to me for a ruling during the year, in which I held : That after a Petition has been received by a Chapter, a committee appointed, and the committee makes its report to the Chapter, said Petition cannot be withdrawn, but must take the usual course.

CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, having served the time allotted by the Constitution as your M. E. Grand High Priest, I am ready to surrender the emblem of authority into other hands.

I desire to tender you my sincere thanks for your kind consideration in elevating me to this responsible position. While it has been an honor that I have enjoyed with the keenest pleasure, yet I have realized my inability to fulfill the duties of it to my own, or possibly to your satisfaction. But I trust that you, realizing "that man in his best estate is liable to frailties and errors, will cover my fault and imperfections with the broad mantle of charity and brotherly love." Wishing you a pleasant and profitable session and a safe return to your homes and loved ones, I declare the Grand Chapter of Alabama open for business.

JOSIAH JERNIGAN,
Grand High Priest.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Grand Treasurer, William H. Dingley, submitted the following as his Annual Report, and moved its reference to the Committee on Finance, and it was so ordered :

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER,

In Account with Grand Chapter R. V. A. V. Masons.

1897	DR.	
Dec.	To Balance	\$ 28 02
1898		
Oct. 28	Grand Secretary.....	707 00
Nov. 16	Grand Secretary.....	80 25—\$815 27
1897	CR.	
Dec.	By Grand Treasurer for 1897	\$ 50 00
"	Committee on Work—Beauchamp....	10 00
"	Committee on Correspondence.....	75 00
"	Grand Sentinel.....	20 70
"	Grand Secretary—Salary	400 00
"	Grand Secretary—Contingent Fund..	150 00
"	Grand Treasurer, for 1898	50 00—\$755 70
	Balance	59 57
		815 27

WM. H. DINGLEY,

Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

H. Clay Armstrong, Grand Secretary, submitted his Annual Report, and moved its reference to the Committee on Finance, and it was so ordered.

EXHIBIT B.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, GRAND SECRETARY,

In Account with Grand Chapter of Alabama:

GENERAL FUND.

1898	DR.	
Oct. 28	To dues collected since last report	\$707 00
Nov. 16	“ “ to date	80 25—\$787 25
	CR.	
Oct. 28	By amount paid Grand Treasurer	707 00
Nov. 16	“ “ “	80 25—\$787 25

EXHIBIT C.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, GRAND SECRETARY,

In Account with Grand Chapter of Alabama:

DR.

To Contingent Fund:	
Balance on hand	\$ 14 50
Contingent Fund, 1897-98	150 00—\$164 50
	CR.

By Printing and stationery	109 75
Postage, telegrams and express	32 65
Servant hire	4 75
Fuel	10 00
Sundries	25—\$157 40

Balance..... 7 10
\$164 50

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT ON WORK.

Companion Wm. S. Foster, from the Committee on Work, made Report on the M.: M.: Degree, and the Report was adopted.

Companion Geo. A. Beauchamp, from the Committee on Work, made Report on the P.: M.: and M.: E.: M.: Degrees, and the Report was adopted.

On motion of Companion B. M. Hill, the further Report of the Committee on Work was temporarily dispensed with, and made the Special Order for 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

PETITIONS FOR AND AGAINST THE REMOVAL OF DECATUR
CHAPTER NO. 38.

R.: E.: Grand Secretary Armstrong presented and read to the Grand Chapter the following petitions for and against the removal of Decatur Chapter, No. 38, from its present location at Decatur to New Decatur, Alabama, and on motion the Petitions were referred to the Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.

*To the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions
of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:*

The undersigned members of Decatur Chapter, No. 38, do most respectfully petition the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama to permit the removal of Decatur Chapter, No. 38, from Decatur to *New Decatur*, for the following reasons, viz:—

A majority of the active members of said Chapter are residents of New Decatur, and the present location makes it almost impossible for their regular attendance, on account of the distance from their respective homes and the uncertainty of transportation at night to and from the Chapter.

We also consider the removal necessary from the fact that a majority of the applications for membership will be received from New Decatur.

Also, the present place of meeting is in the Knights of Pythias' hall, which has a public reading-room through which all members or candidates have to pass before entering the Chapter; making the Chapter work, to a great extent, open to eyes of the public.

Also, on account of the interior arrangement of said hall it is practically impossible to do the secret work in a proper manner.

We further believe that under the present circumstances the life and maintenance of Decatur Chapter, No. 38, depends upon its removal from Decatur to New Decatur, Ala.

T. A. KENYON, H. P.
 T. H. MATTOCKS, M. 1st V.
 F. M. SHILCER, S.
 W. E. OAKLEY, JR.,
 THOS. TURNER,
 JAS. R. WHEELER, C. H.,
 ALFRED LAW, K.,
 W. A. CRAWFORD,
 R. H. WOLCOTT,
 R. H. ADAMS,
 IKE RHEER,
 W. D. ROFF,
 S. H. ROBERTSON,
 S. M. BAILEY,
 W. E. OAKLEY,
 H. B. CROCKER,
 M. W. BROWN,
 A. B. FALKNER,
 F. TURPIN,
 J. S. WACHTER,
 A. A. ODEN,
 JOHN E. EYSTER.



To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, King, Scribe and Companion of the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama:—

We the undersigned members of Decatur Chapter, No. 38, are reliably informed that a petition will be presented to the Grand Chapter, asking that Decatur Chapter, No. 38, be removed from Decatur to New Decatur, Alabama.

We therefore most earnestly and sincerely protest and remonstrate against the proposed removal, because for many years Decatur has been the home of the Chapter. Its hall, paraphernalia and all belongings are already settled here, and for the further reason that to remove the Chapter to New Decatur,

would be in direct violation of a mutual moral agreement heretofore made, agreed upon, and fully understood, between the members of Masonic fraternity of the two Decatur, that New Decatur should have a Lodge in New Decatur and also the Commandery, and that Decatur should have a Lodge and the Chapter. And further, that the proposed removal if carried out would be an injustice to the older members who sustained the Chapter in its infancy, and that no good to the order could or would be subserved by the proposed removal.

Yours fraternally,

J. E. BANKS,
J. T. WACHTER,
JOHN D. WYKIES,
E. LYONS,
JOHN T. BANKS,
S. H. ROBERTSON,
T. F. TURLEY,
P. J. EDWARDS,
CALVIN BROWN,
S. M. BAILEY,
J. B. TURLEY, JR.,

COMMITTEES.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following Committees :

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 1.

William E. Oakley,	W. L. Ellis,
J. W. Thomason,	J. F. Vance,
W. L. Clark.	

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 2.

B. M. Hill,	L. J. Wright,
Belton Mickle,	A. J. Nolen,
Charles F. White.	

ON DISPENSATIONS.

Sol. D. Bloch, J. R. Weaver,
R. W. Southerland.

ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

James O. Bailey, Francis H. Bates,
T. J. Thomason.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Joseph P. McQueen, Charles R. Bricken,
John B. Christian.

ON FINANCE.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Benj. F. Pope,
Thos. P. Whitby.

On motion of Companion Hill the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 6, 1898.

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

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

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT ON WORK.

The hour having arrived for the further Report of the Committee on Work, under Special Order, Companion H. Clay Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee, made Report on Royal Arch Degree, and the Report was adopted.

Companion Charles R. Bricken called up, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider his proposition:

TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Resolved, That Article IV., Section 5, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter be amended so as to read as follows:

No Chapter shall charge a less fee than thirty dollars for the Chapter Degrees, which fees shall, in all cases, accompany the petition; and in no case shall credit be given, nor shall any part thereof be refunded to any candidate unless his petition be rejected; Provided, That all regularly ordained Ministers of the Gospel who are actively engaged in the exercise of their minis-

terial functions and in good standing in their respective Lodges, may be entitled, upon application and election thereto, to receive said Degrees gratuitously.

And the Grand Chapter adopted the Amendment.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

M. E. Companion W. W. Screws, from the Special Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, submitted the following Report, and it was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Alabama:

The Special committee to whom was referred the Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, derived much comfort and pleasure from its reassuring words. The outlook seems to be brighter in every way for Capitular Masonry.

It is gratifying to learn from the Address that there are no questions to agitate our councils and that only one decision has been rendered, and that on a matter which can in no wise create division or discussion.

The beautiful tributes paid to deceased Alabama companions fully cover every point that could be touched on by Memorial resolutions. We recommend therefore, that in place of appointment of a Committee, as suggested in the Address, that the remarks of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be adopted as the sentiments of the Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary transmit to their families those portions of the Address referring to them.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. W. SCREWS,

W. S. FOSTER,

JOHN G. SMITH,

Committee.

CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 1.

Companion William E. Oakley, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 1, made the following Report, which was adopted:

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

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

CORRECT.

Mt. Moriah.....	No. 19	Enfanla.....	No. 24
Mobile.....	No. 21	Union.....	No. 26
Montgomery.....	No. 22	Sts. John.....	No. 22
Springville.....	No. 88		

INCORRECT.

Talladega, No. 23. Recapitulation shows at date of last Report thirty members. It should show thirty-two; the Report fails to show name and date of reinstatement of a member, but recapitulation shows one to have been reinstated.

Amount due Grand Chapter, \$1.50.

Marion Chapter, No. 12. The Recapitulation, at date of last Report, should show twenty instead of nineteen members. In the body of Report it is shown that one member died, but he was not accounted for in the Recapitulation.

Courtland Chapter, No. 25. The Recapitulation should show at date of last Report, thirteen instead of twelve members.

Due Grand Chapter, \$.75.

Fulton Chapter, No. 32. The Recapitulation at date of last Report, should show twenty-two instead of twenty-one members.

Due Grand Chapter, \$.75.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. OAKLEY,

J. F. VANCE,

W. L. CLARK,

J. W. THOMASON,

W. L. ELLIS,

Committee.

CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 2.

Companion B. M. Hill, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, made the following Report which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, respectfully report that they have examined the Returns submitted to them and find the following:

CORRECT.

Tyrian.....	No. 54	Myles J. Greene....	No. 80
Clayton.....	No. 63	Mineral City.....	No. 101
Central.....	No. 64	Blocton.....	No. 109
Fort Payne.....	No. 107		

INCORRECT.

Decatur No. 38. Report shows an excess in membership of four over the number returned last year for whom they do not account in the Recapitulation.

Due Grand Chapter \$3.00.

(This amount was subsequently paid Grand Secretary.)

Landmark Chapter No. 71. Report shows an excess in membership of one over the number returned last year for which no explanation is made.

Due Grand Chapter \$.75.

Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 56. Report shows a loss of one member unaccounted for.

Hillabee Chapter, No. 79. No seal.

Notasulga, No. 92. Repeated irregularities in failing to apply Chapter Seal to returns; date of installation of officers not given.

Pratt City Chapter, No. 108. Return shows one member suspended for non payment of dues in April.

Fraternally submitted,

B. M. HILL,
L. J. WRIGHT,
BELTON MICKLE,
A. J. NOLEN,
CHARLES F. WHITE,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Companion Geo. A. Beauchamp, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

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

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have carefully examined the same and find them correct,

We find the Grand Treasurer has on hand a balance of \$ 28 02

Received from the Grand Secretary..... 787 25

\$815 27

He has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Foreign Correspondence.....\$ 75 00

Committee on Work.....10 00

Grand Sentinel.....20 70

Grand Treasurer for 1897.....50 00

Grand Treasurer for 1898.....50 00

Grand Secretary.....400 00

Contingent Fund.....150 00

Balance on hand.....59 57

Total.....\$815 27

We find that the Grand Secretary has expended the following amounts from the Contingent Fund:

Printing and Stationery.....\$109 75

Postage, telegrams and express.....32 65

Miscellaneous.....15 00

Balance on hand.....7 10

Total.....\$164 50

We recommend the following appropriations for the following Masonic year:

Grand Treasurer.....\$ 50 00

Foreign Correspondence.....75 00

Committee on Work.....10 00

Grand Sentinel.....12 00

Contingent Fund.....150 00

Grand Secretary.....400 00

Total.....\$697 00

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,

BENJ. F. POPE,

THOS. P. WHITBY,

Committee.

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

Companion James O. Bailey, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals submitted the following Report and Resolution, and the report was concurred in and the resolution adopted.

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

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

In the matter of the petition of John B. Graham, William E. Oakley, Richard H. Adams and other Companions of Decatur Chapter, No. 38, praying for the removal of said Chapter from Decatur to New Decatur, and the counter petition of John T. Banks, S. H. Robertson and other Companions, we respectfully recommend that the said petition be granted. Upon hearing and carefully considering the statements made to the Committee it appeared that a large majority of the Companions composing the said Chapter were desirous of said removal and that the best interests of the said Subordinate Chapter and Capitular Masonry will be greatly promoted thereby, and to this end we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to issue an order for the removal of Decatur Chapter, No. 38, of Royal Arch Masons from Decatur, its present location in the county of Morgan to New Decatur in the same county, in compliance with the petition in the premises granted by this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

J. O. BAILEY,
F. H. BATES,
Committee.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

Companion Sol. D. Bloch, from the Committee on Dispensations made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Dispensations beg leave to report that no chapters having worked under dispensation during the past year, nothing has been submitted to our consideration.

Faternally submitted,

SOL. D. BLOCH,
J. R. WEAVER,
R. W. SOUTHERLAND,
Committee.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Companion J. P. McQueen, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence respectfully report that no matter has been referred to this committee requiring the consideration of this committee during the session of the Grand Chapter.

Faternally submitted,

J. P. MCQUEEN,
J. B. CHRISTIAN,
C. R. BRICKEN,
Committee.

TUSCALOOSA CHAPTER, NO. 1, AND COOSA CHAPTER, NO. 86.

Companion William S. Foster offered the following resolution relative to Tuscaloosa, No. 1, and Coosa Chapter, No. 86, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Tuscaloosa Chapter, No. 1, and Coosa Chapter, No. 86, be allowed ninety days in which to file returns with and pay dues to the Grand Secretary, and that the representatives of said Chapters be admitted to seats in this Grand Chapter.

BOOK OF MARKS.

Companion J. B. Christian, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, That the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters under this Grand Jurisdiction be and are hereby instructed to file in the office of the Grand Secretary as early as may be convenient a copy of their "Book of Marks."

R. E. AND REV. W. C. CLEVELAND, GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Companion J. G. Harris offered the following resolution which was *unanimously* adopted:

Resolved, That it is with sadness we hear of the affliction of our dearly beloved Grand Chaplain the Rev. W. C. Cleveland, D. D., whose illness at his home in the city of Talladega prevents his presence at our present convocation and whose absence becomes more conspicuous by his long and faithful attendance at our sessions;

That we extend to him our deepest sympathy and sincerely trust that he may soon be restored to his usual good health and to us; and

That the Grand Secretary be requested to forward a copy of this resolution under the Seal of the Grand Chapter to our R. E. Grand Chaplain, W. C. Cleveland.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers with the following result:

Edward S. Gatchell.....	M. E. Grand High Priest.
George F. Moore.....	M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.
Charles R. Bricken	R. E. Grand King.
George A. Beauchamp.....	R. E. Grand Scribe.
William H. Dingley.....	R. E. Grand Treasurer.
H. Clay Armstrong	R. E. Grand Secretary.
William C. Cleveland.....	R. E. Grand Chaplain.
Basil M. Hill	R. E. Grand C. of Host.

The Grand High Priest subsequently appointed the following:

William E. Oakley.....	E. Grand P. Sojourner.
Joseph P. McQueen.....	E. Grand R. A. Captain.
James Esdale.....	E. Grand M. of 3rd Vail.
Francis M. Bates.....	E. Grand M. of 2d Vail.
Robert W. Southerland.....	E. Grand M. of 1st Vail.
Charles A. Allen.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand officers were duly installed by P. G. H. P. John G. Harris, E. Companion Charles F. White acting as Grand Marshal.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. E. Companion John G. Harris introduced the Grand Representatives as follows:

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....	Grand Chapter of Colorado.
WILLIAM W. SCREWS.....	Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
JAMES O. BAILEY.....	Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
EDWARD S. GATCHELL.....	Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

The M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest duly received and recognized them in a manner becoming their official stations.

The Grand High Priest then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.....	Anniston.
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ON WORK.

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG.....	Montgomery.
WILLIAM S. FOSTER.....	Mobile
GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Enfaula.

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK, *ex officio*.

EDWARD S. GATCHELL....Grand High Priest....Selma.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

JOSEPH P. MCQUEEN.....Eutaw.

JOHN B. CHRISTIANUniontown.

JOSEPH BROWER.....Birmingham.

TESTIMONIAL FOR PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST, JOSIAH
JERNIGAN.

Companion Charles R. Bricken offered the following Resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three Past Grand High Priests be appointed to procure a suitable Testimonial to be presented to our retiring M. E. Grand High Priest, Josiah Jernigan in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered Capitular Masonry, during his term of office as Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

Thereupon the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Committee:

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,

WILLIAM W. SCREWS,

WILLIAM S. FOSTER.

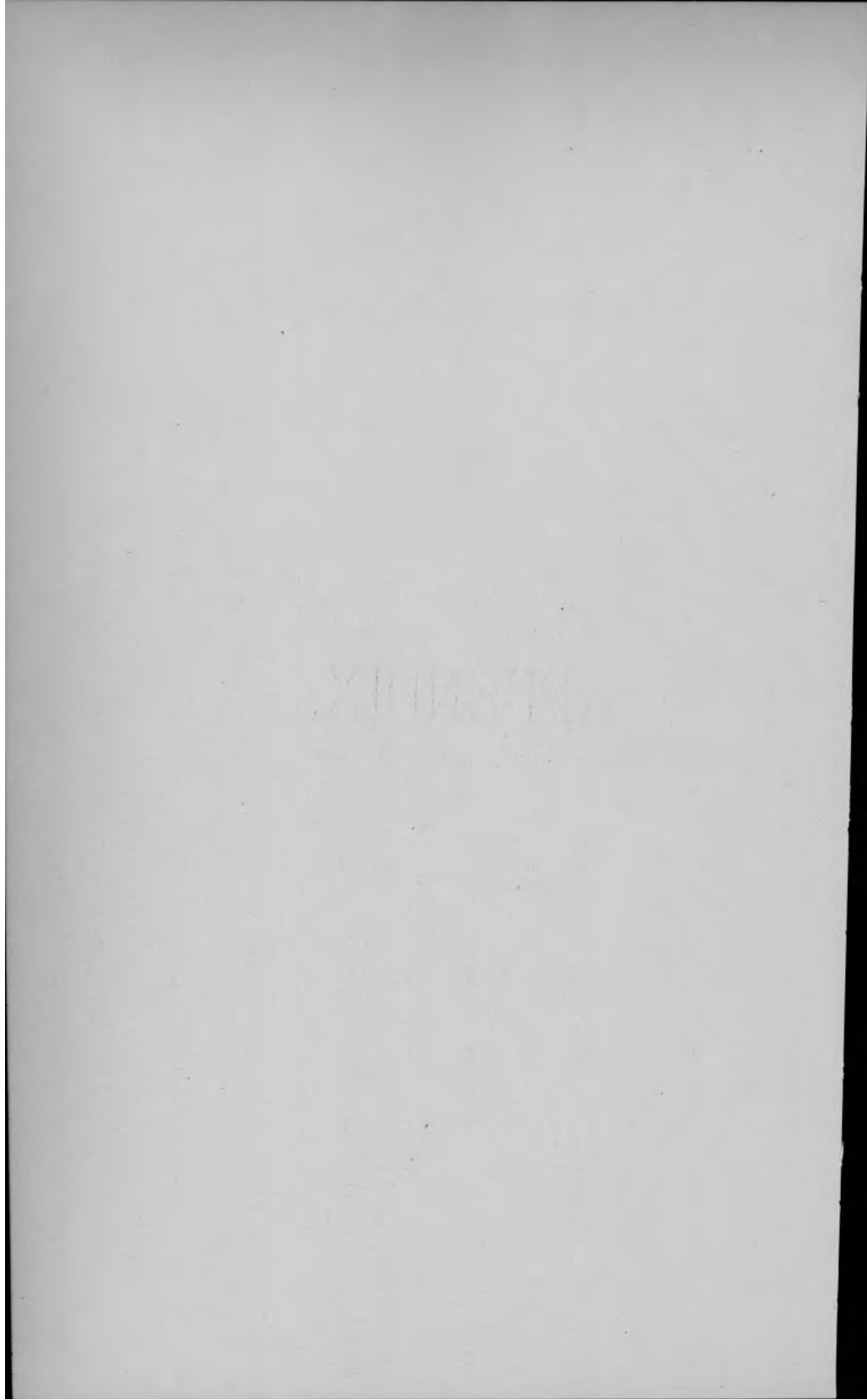
There being no further business to come before the Grand Chapter, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

After solemn prayed to the Throne of Grace, by the R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,
GRAND SECRETARY.

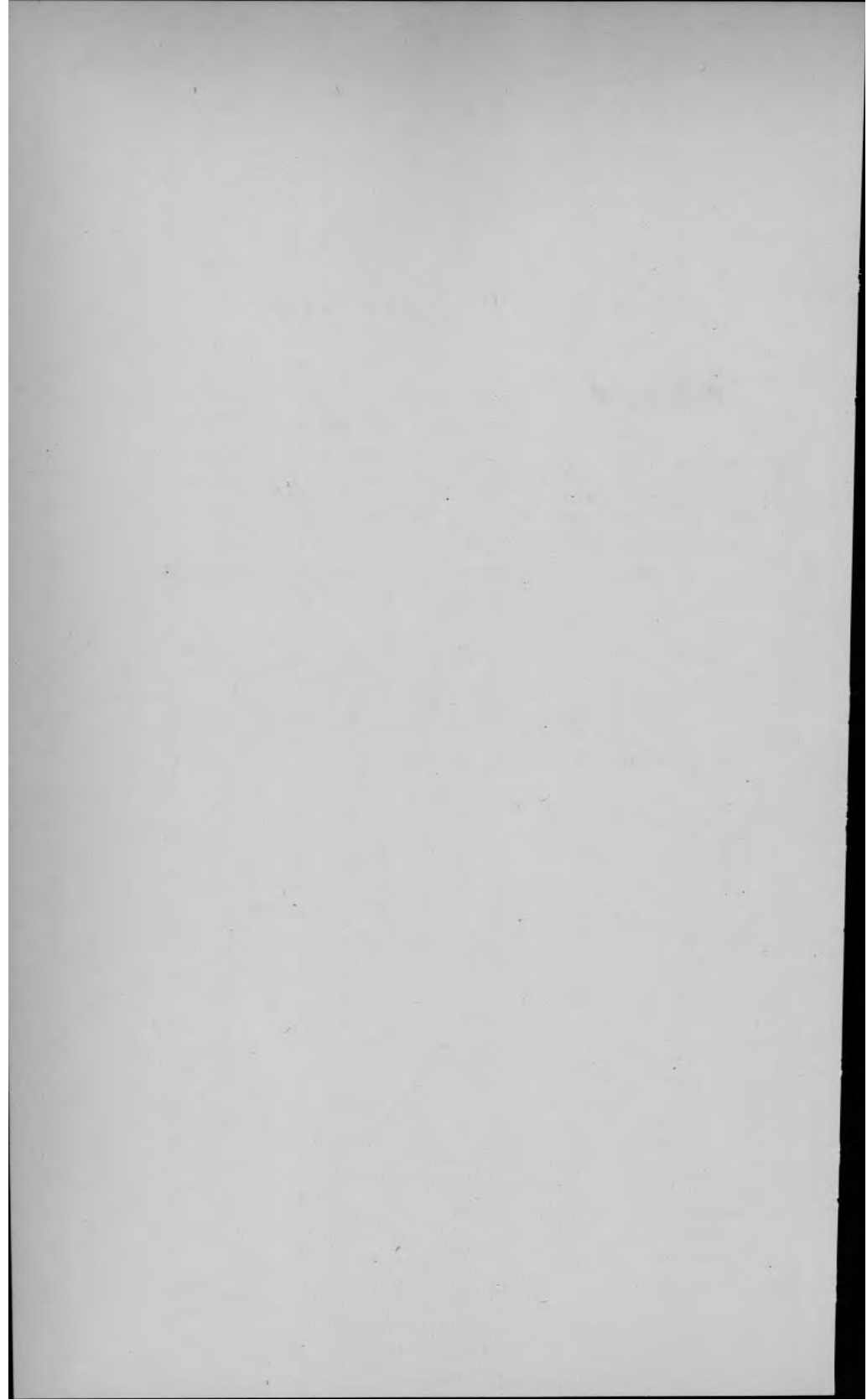
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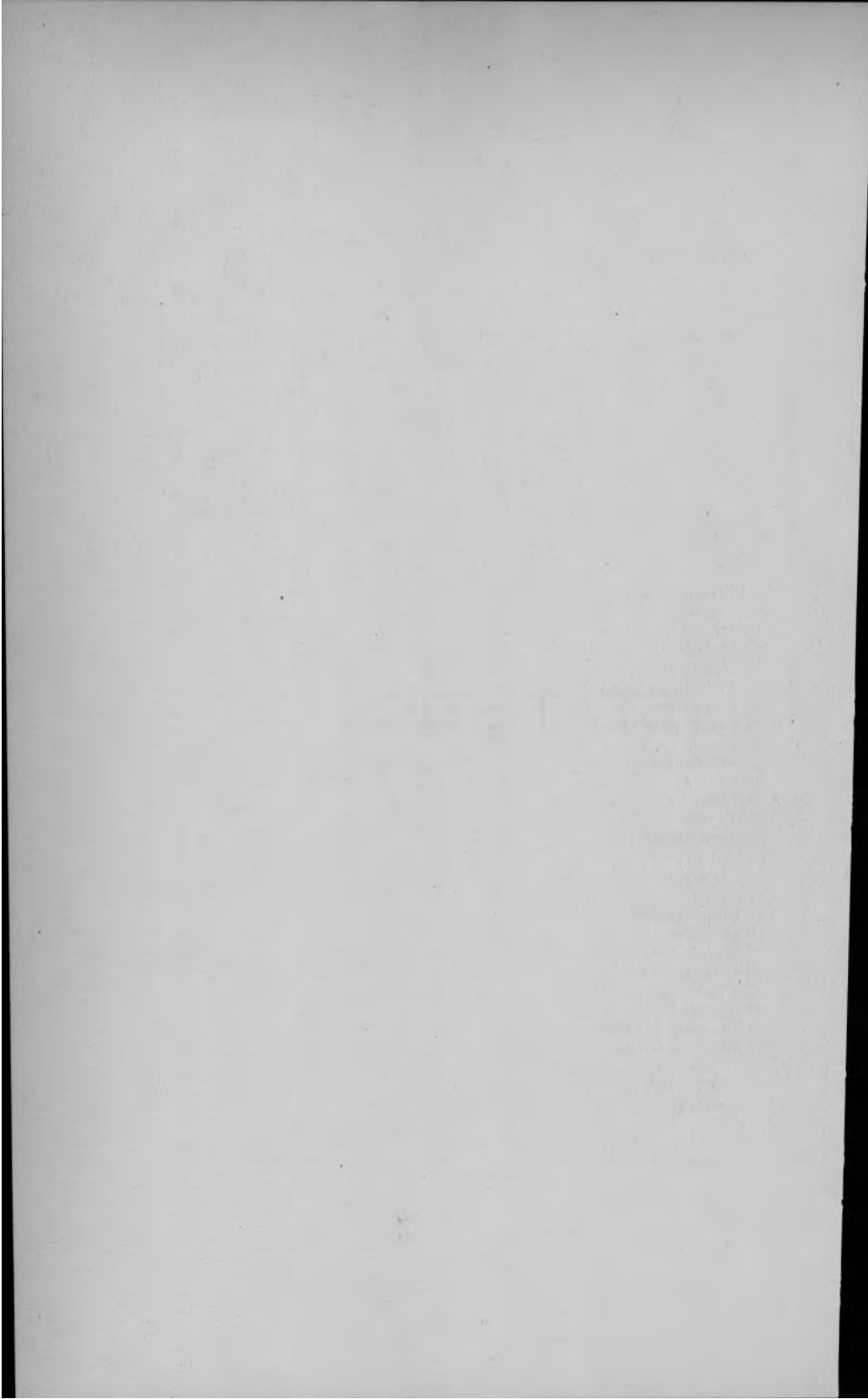
CORRESPONDENCE.

Our greatly beloved and deeply lamented R. : E. : Companion Palmer J. Pillans Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and who for thirty-one consecutive years has made Report for said Committee, having been summoned to pass through the inner Vail of the Upper Sanctuary, before a Report had been prepared, and no one having been appointed to the work; no Report on Correspondence appears in our proceedings this year.

GRAND SECRETARY.



STATISTICS.



APPENDIX

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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, Dimitted, Died, Suspended, and Reinstated, since last return.

Number.	NAME.	No. of Members.	Amount of Dues Received.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd and Accep'd	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Dimitted.	Died	Suspended.	Reinstated.	Expelled.
10	Tuscumbia	25	\$						1	1			
12	Marion	23	17 25	5	5	5	5		1	1			
19	Mt. Moriah	28	21 00	1	2	2	2		1		6	1	
21	Mobile	45	33 75	5	5	5	4	1		1	2		
22	Montgomery	45	33 75					1	1	2	1		
23	Talladega	21	15 75							1	11		
24	Eufaula	39	29 25						4	2	1		
25	Courtland	13	10 25							1		1	
26	Union	34	25 50	3	3	3	3						
28	St. Johns	33	24 75	1	1	1	1		1		11	1	
32	Fulton	20	15 00								2		
38	Decatur	31	26 25						1		3		
54	Tyrian	53	39 75	1	1	1	1		2		6		1
56	Zerubbabel	13	9 75										
57	Collinsville	15											
63	Clayton	24	18 00						2		3		
64	Central	15	11 25								2		
71	Landmark	32	12 00	3	3	3	3			2	5		1
79	Hillabee	35	25 50	3	3	3	3				1		
80	Myles J. Greene	20	15 00						1	1	2		
88	Springville	15	11 25							1	1		
92	Notasulga	13	9 75	2	2	2	2		1		3	1	
96	Daniel Pratt	15	11 25							2			
99	Thomas M. Bragg	32								1			
101	Mineral City	146	109 50	19	19	19	19	3	3	2	17		
107	Fort Payne	21	15 75						1		1		
108	Pratt City	49	32 25	1	1	1	1				6		
109	Blocton	25	18 75	8	8	8	7				1	1	
		880	\$592 25	52	53	53	51	5	20	18	85	5	2

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

- Mt. Moriah, No. 19—George L. Brugh, S. Cramer, John R. Hill,
William W. Holly, Julius Cohen.
- Mobile, No. 21—J. A. Carter, W. S. Ryan.
- Montgomery, No. 22—Emmet B. Tullis.
- Talladega, No. 23—John T. Adams, George R. Burton, Frank
H. Crain, J. M. Jackson, William E. Mynett, J. S.
McCants, Thomas S. Plowman, Joel T. Sturdivant,
Samuel C. Oliver, John R. Warwick, Joseph
Mitchell.
- Eufaula, No. 24—J. H. Pruett.
- St. Johns, No. 28—William N. Compton, Thomas K. Gatchell,
John P. Howard, Newel A. Hungerford, Albert
Hertzfeld, Charles E. Keathley, Louis P. Peiro,
John D. Riggs, William A. Stone, Samuel Sterne,
Washington L. Ward.
- Fulton, No. 32—James E. Kennedy, Isaac M. Rogers.
- Decatur, No. 38—John T. Banks, W. W. Turner, Joseph P.
Clark.
- Tyrian, No. 54—Cephus J. Knox, Hansford D. Boyd, W. W.
Faulkner, Samuel J. Townsend, J. M. Hickman,
A. J. Briggs.
- Clayton No. 63—W. S. Wade, Monroe Warren, Jere N. Williams.
- Central, No. 64—B. J. Holcomb, J. R. Pratt.
- Landmark, No. 71—Nelson Stucky, Charles A. Loftin, O. M.
Hill, Angus G. Bowen, Albert Bowen.
- Hillabee, No. 79—Francis M. Taut.
- Myles J. Green, No. 80—Hugh M. Wilson, George M. Willis.
- Springville, No. 88—John O. Turner.
- Notasulga, No. 92—Thomas B. Wallace, William M. Robinson,
Thomas W. Duke.
- Mineral City, No. 101—William A. Bird, John G. Bradley, John
Bradley, J. T. Camp, Benjamin J. Driver, Charles
F. Douthit, Joseph Frank, Paul Gilardoni, John
F. Graham, J. B. Hughes, John D. Jones, Samuel
F. Lacy, Michael McGovern, Ernest Prochaska,
Elbridge J. Stephens, Robert D. Taylor, Horace
C. Wilkinson.
- Fort Payne, No. 107—James E. Franklin.

Pratt City, No. 108.—F. M. Connell, William H. Davis, Marcus
T. C. Scott, J. E. Weaver, John H. Miller, William
Harrell.
Blocton, No. 109.—William B. Martin.

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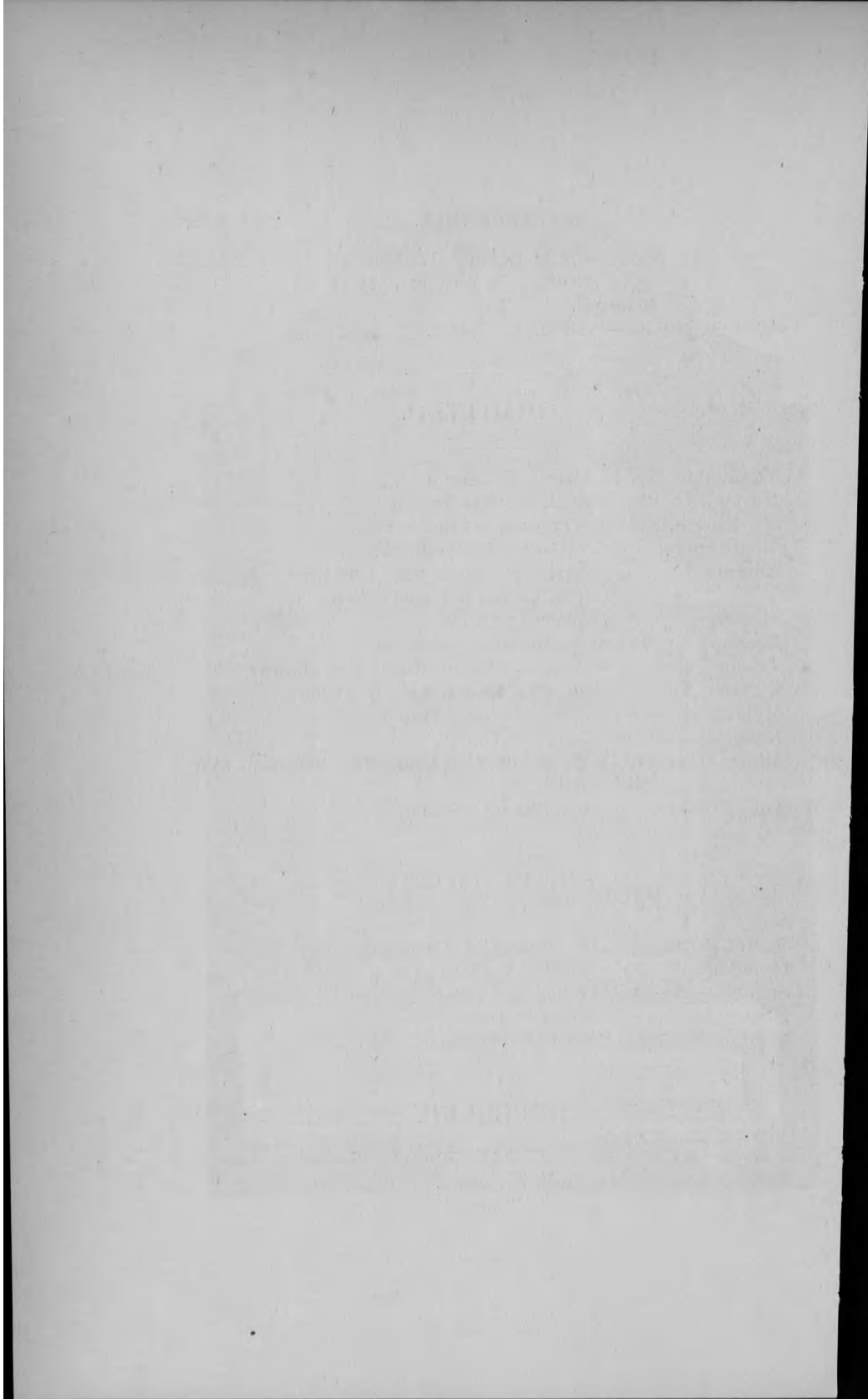
Tuscumbia, No. 1.—George L. Jenkins.
Marion, No. 12.—John M. P. Otts, Jr.
Mt. Moriah, No. 19.—Thomas W. Roberts.
Montgomery, No. 22.—George B. Shellhorn.
Eufaula, No. 24.—Charles B. Goetchius, Charles C. Hanson,
Clifford A. Locke, Berthold Scheur.
St. Johns, No. 28.—Robert D. Craig.
Decatur, No. 38.—A. A. Martin.
Tyrian, No. 54.—William J. Pitman, Rufus F. Galloway.
Clayton, No. 63.—George W. Poach, Nat. H. Miller.
Myles J. Greene, No. 86.—James I. Bedell.
Notasulga, No. 92.—James P. Toney.
Mineral City, No. 101.—Milo A. Copeland, Peter Patterson, Wil-
liam Snyder.
Fort Payne, No. 107.—William C. Stoner.

RE-INSTATED.

Mount Moriah, No. 19.—Samuel J. Carpenter.
Courtland, No. 25.—William V. Chardavoyne.
St. Johns, No. 28.—Francis L. Pettus.
Notasulga, No. 92.—James P. Toney.
Blocton, No. 109.—Francis M. Woods.

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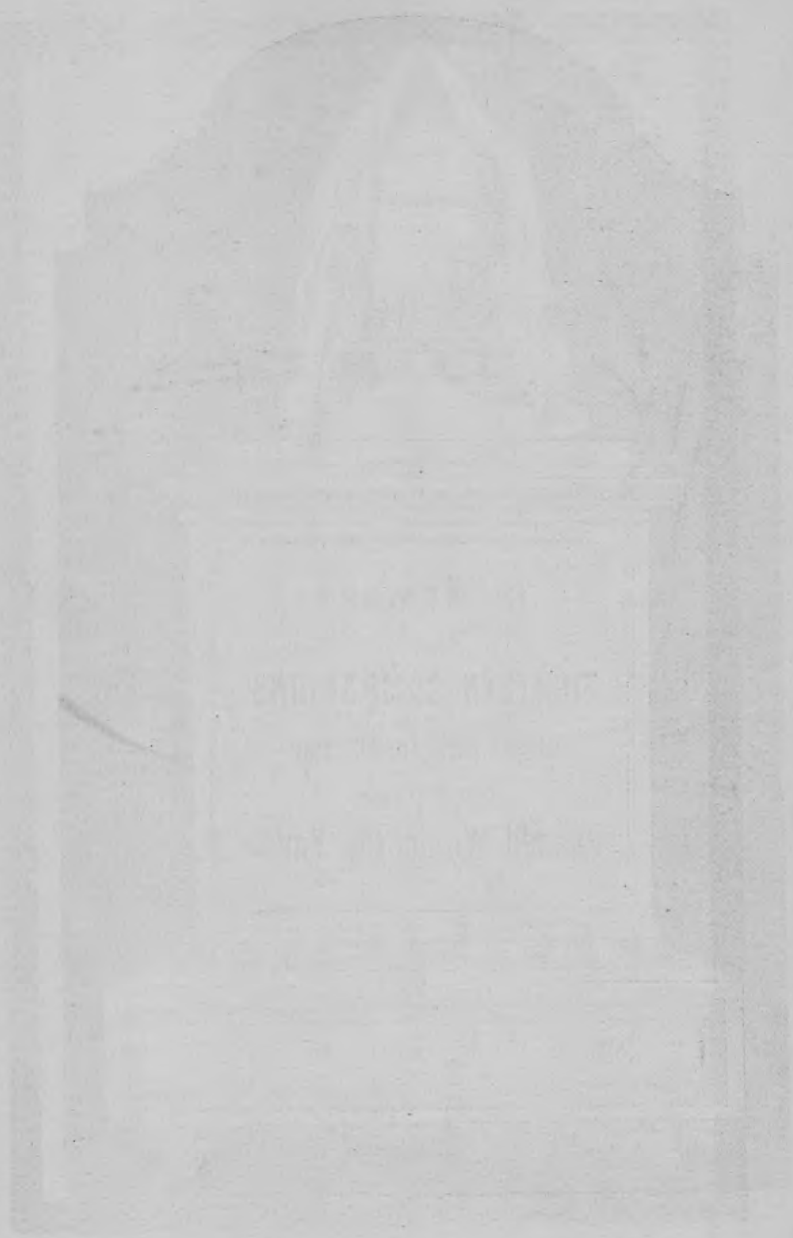
Tyrian, No. 54.—Marion F. Anderson.
Landmark, No. 71.—Jesse W. Barnes.





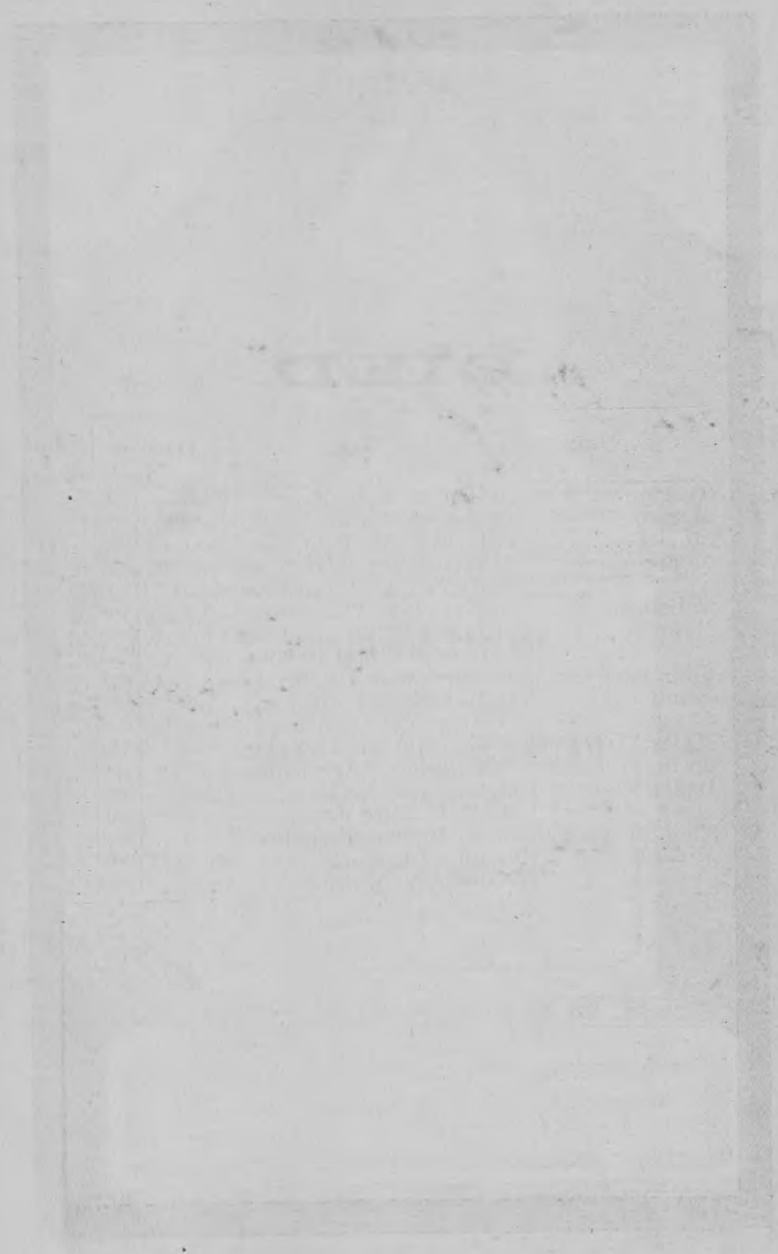
IN MEMORY
of the
EIGHTEEN COMPANIONS
Of our own Jurisdiction
who have
Passed Within the Vails.

WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY.



DIED.

CHAPTER.	NO.	NAME.	DATE.	AGE.
Tuscumbia.....	10	George Rodenburg ...	—, 1898	..
Marion	12	Marion F. Ford	July 15, 1898	72
Mobile	21	PALMER J. PILLANS.	June 22, 1898	..
Montgomery ...	22	Woodley C. Campbell	Nov. 25, 1897	..
“	22	HENRY C. TOMPKINS	Sep. 12, 1898	..
Talladega	23	WILLIAM J. RHODES	Aug. 26, 1898	67
Eufaula.....	24	James Miller	June 19, 1898	68
“	24	George Albert Roberts	Feb. 3, 1898	72
Courtland	25	Malcolm J. Gilchrist	Apr. 14, 1898	77
Landmark	71	Marcellus E. Milligan	June 25, 1898	32
“	71	George M. Calhoun...	Aug. 18, 1898	35
Myles J. Greene	80	Winfield S. J. Lampkin	—, 1897	..
Springville.....	88	William O. Armstrong	May 26, 1898	..
Daniel Pratt ..	96	James H. Booth.....	Jan. 1898	..
“	96	W. L. Ellis, Jr	Oct. 1898	..
Thos. M. Bragg.	99	W. Hinson Reynolds.	—, 1898	..
Mineral City ...	101	John Blackman	May 14, 1898	..
“	101	John W. Mullin	July, 1898	..





IN MEMORIAM

June 22, 1898,

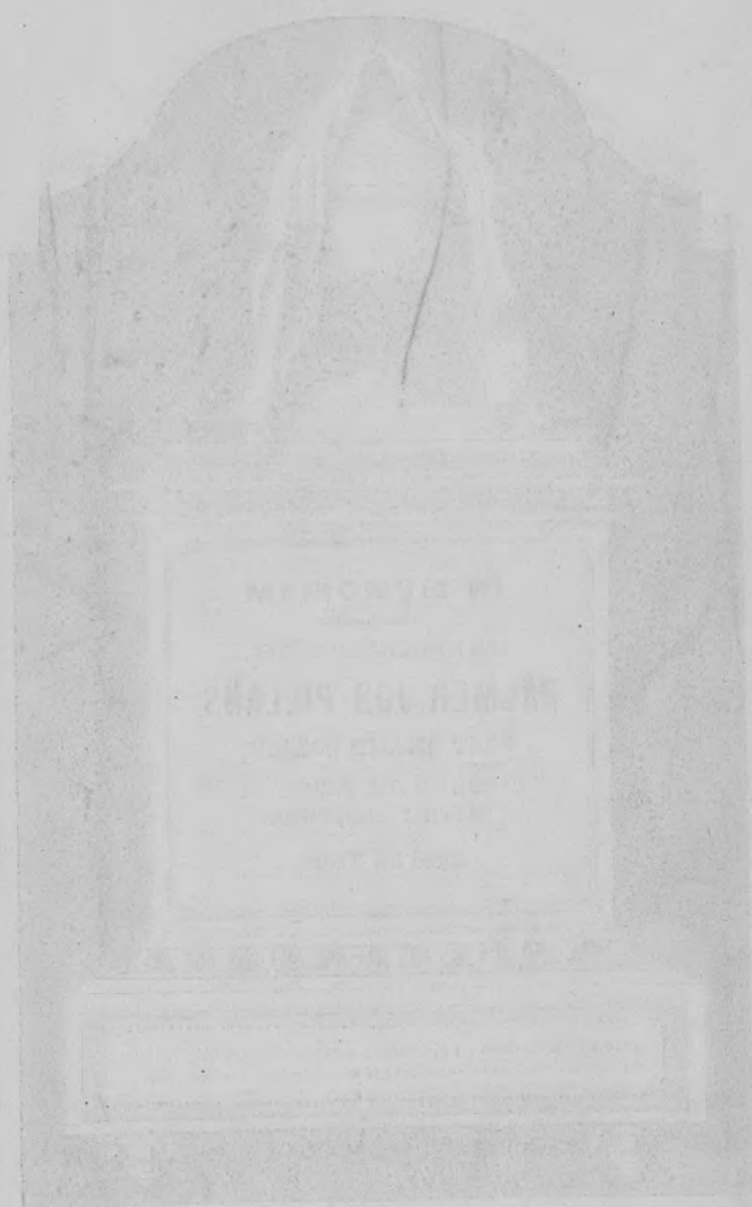
PALMER JOB PILLANS,

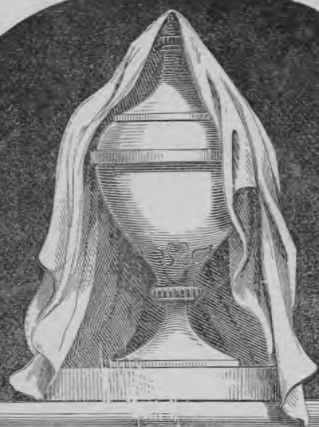
PAST GRAND SCRIBE,

And for Thirty-one Years Chairman Committee
on Foreign Correspondence.

Aged 82 Years.

He was a veteran in Masonry; a man any one might trust
and be safe; his heart was warm and his hand ever open.





IN MEMORIAM

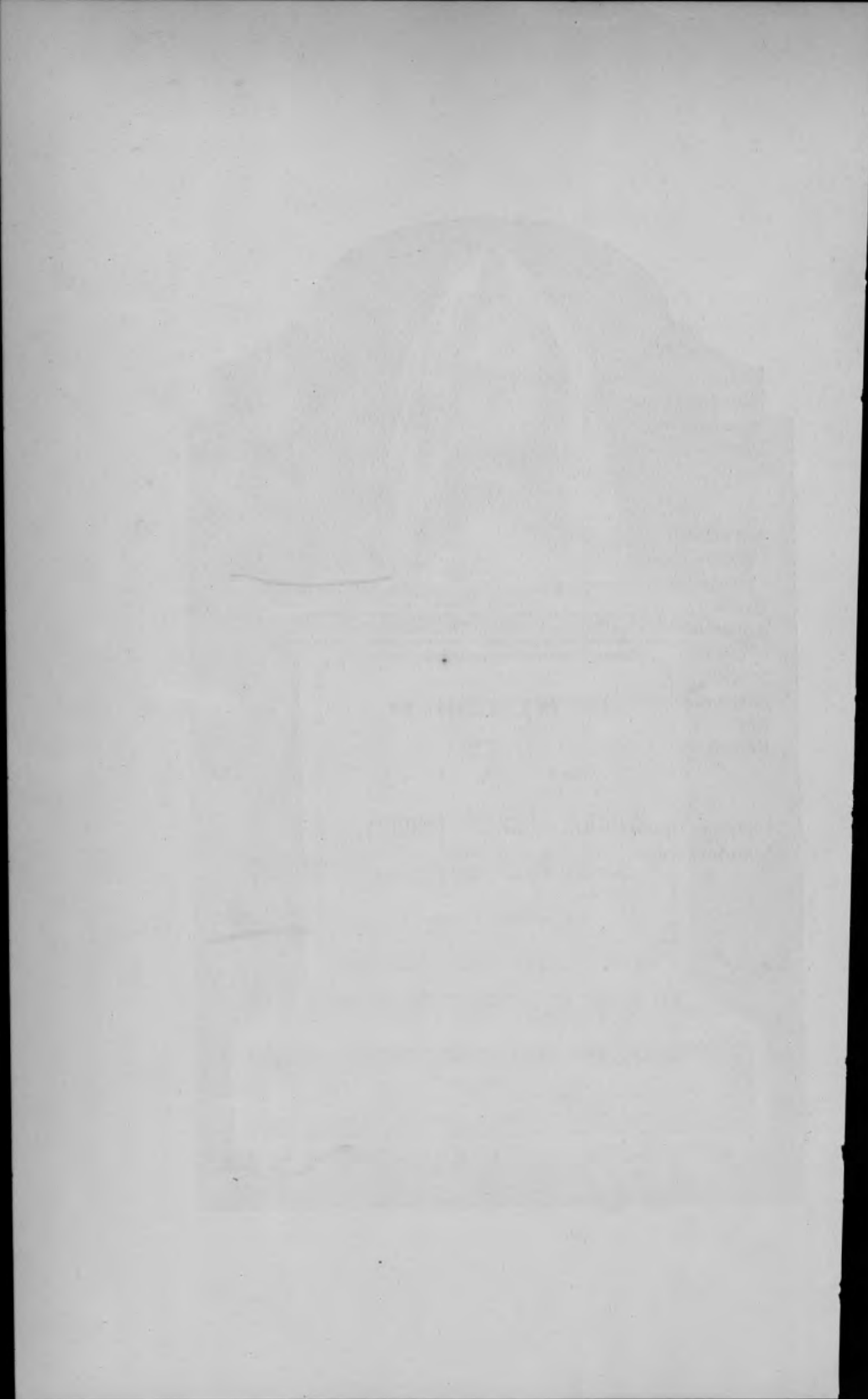
August 26, 1898,

William James Rhodes,

Deputy Grand High Priest.

Aged 67 Years.

Honored, loved and lamented; faithful and true,
how sweet his rest.



RECAPITULATION.

Chapters that made returns.....	28
Chapters that paid dues.....	25
Chapters that were represented.....	25
Number of members present.....	80
Members reported at this Convocation.....	880
Dues received at this Grand Convocation.....	\$592.25

WORK FOR THE YEAR.

Advanced.....	52
Presided.....	53
Received and Accepted.....	53
Exalted.....	51
Affiliated.....	5
Dimitted.....	20
Died.....	18
Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.....	85
Expelled.....	2
Reinstated.....	5

STATE OF THE CHAPTERS.

Chapters square on the books.....	25
Chapters delinquent in making returns and paying dues. . . .	8

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

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	CONVOCATION.
10	Tuscumbia.....	Tuscumbia	Colbert.	Tuscumbia	W. J. Witherspoon	Amos L. Moody	Monday aft 2d Sat.
12	Marion.....	Marion	Perry	Marion	Jas O. Bailey	Gains R. Johnson	1st Tuesday
19	Mt. Moriah	Etowah	Greene	Etowah	Joseph P. McQueen	James P. Barclay	2d Friday
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Oscar J. Cohen	Charles E. Pearce	1st and 3d Monday
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	George F. Moore	William H. Dingley	2d Tuesday
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Louis J. Wright	William J. Rhodes	2d Friday
24	Etowah	Etowah	Barbour	Etowah	George A. Beauchamp	Henry C. Holleman	1st and 3d Thursday
25	Courtland	Courtland	Lawrence	Courtland	Reese B. Porter	Julie Harwood	3d Tuesday
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	Uniontown	John B. Christian	Eugene M. Marshall	1st Thursday
28	St. Johns	Selma	Dallas	Selma	Thomas P. Whitby	Elbert S. Starr	4th Monday
32	Fulton	Orrville	Dallas	Orrville	Joseph A. Groves	John E. Graham	3d Friday
38	Decatur	Decatur	Morgan	Decatur	Thomas A. Kenyon	Joel D. Murphee	4th Tuesday
40	Camden	Camden	Wilcox	Camden	Charles F. White	Thomas A. Shepherd	2d and 4th Saturday
54	Tyrian	Troy	Pike	Troy	Cyrus A. Cowart	John B. Appleton	4th Saturday
56	Zerubbabel	Camp Hill	Tallapoosa	Camp Hill	George W. Robert, Sr.	Thos D. Grubbs	4th Friday
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Collinsville	Wm H. Robertson	Thomas J. Hoskins	1st and 3d Monday
63	Clayton	Clayton	Barbour	Clayton	William F. Aldrich	Berry P. Garner	2d Saturday
64	Central	Aldrich	Shelby	Aldrich	William A. Arnold	John M. Allen	3d Saturday
71	Landmark	Ozark	Dale	Ozark	A. J. Nolen	T. Dwight P. wever	Friday bef 4th Sunday
76	Elyton	Elyton	Peterson	Elyton	H. Clay Armstrong	Calvin J. Patterson	1st Tuesday
78	Hillabee	Alexander City	Tallapoosa	Alexander City	Basil M. Hill	James H. Williams	Saturday bef 3d Sunday
80	Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	Opelika	William T. Duke	Joseph B. Bell	2d and 4th Saturday
83	Gaston	Desotoville	Choctaw	Desotoville	George L. Smith	Thomas W. Coston	4th Tuesday
86	Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah	Gadsden	Charles R. Bricken	James T. Meade	2d and 4th Thursday
88	Springville	Springville	St. Clair	Springville	George L. Smith	William T. Fuller	2d Friday
92	Notasulga	Notasulga	Macon	Notasulga	Charles H. Mandy	James M. Donaldson	1st and 3d Tuesday
93	Columbus	Newton	Dale	Newton	Joseph Brower	Samuel Hartley	2d Monday
96	Daniel Pratt	Prattville	Autauga	Prattville	John L. White		
99	Thos. M. Bragg	Luverne	Crenshaw	Luverne	Charles H. Mandy		
100	Rock Mills	Rock Mills	Randolph	Rock Mills	John L. White		
101	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	Birmingham	Charles H. Mandy		
106	Graham	Graham	DeKalb	Graham	John L. White		
107	Fort Payne	Fort Payne	Randolph	Fort Payne	Charles H. Mandy		
108	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	Pratt City	John L. White		
109	Blocton	Blocton	Bibb	Blocton	Charles H. Mandy		

MEMORANDA.

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

Arkansas.....	Newell M. Thornton.....	Abbeville.
Canada.....		
Colorado.....	Jno. B. Christian.....	Uniontown.
Connecticut.....		
Dis't of Columbia.....	Oscar J. Cohen.....	Mobile.
Florida.....	Benjamin F. Pope.....	Gadsden.
Georgia.....	Edward F. King.....	Gainesville.
Illinois.....	George F. Moore.....	Montgomery.
Indiana.....	John A. McKinnon.....	Selma.
Indian Territory.....	Josiah Jernigan.....	Troy.
Iowa.....	William Smaw.....	Eutaw.
Kansas.....	John G. Harris.....	Montgomery.
Kentucky.....	Edward S. Gatchell.....	Selma.
Louisiana.....		
Maine.....		
Maryland.....	William S. Foster.....	Mobile.
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