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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION,

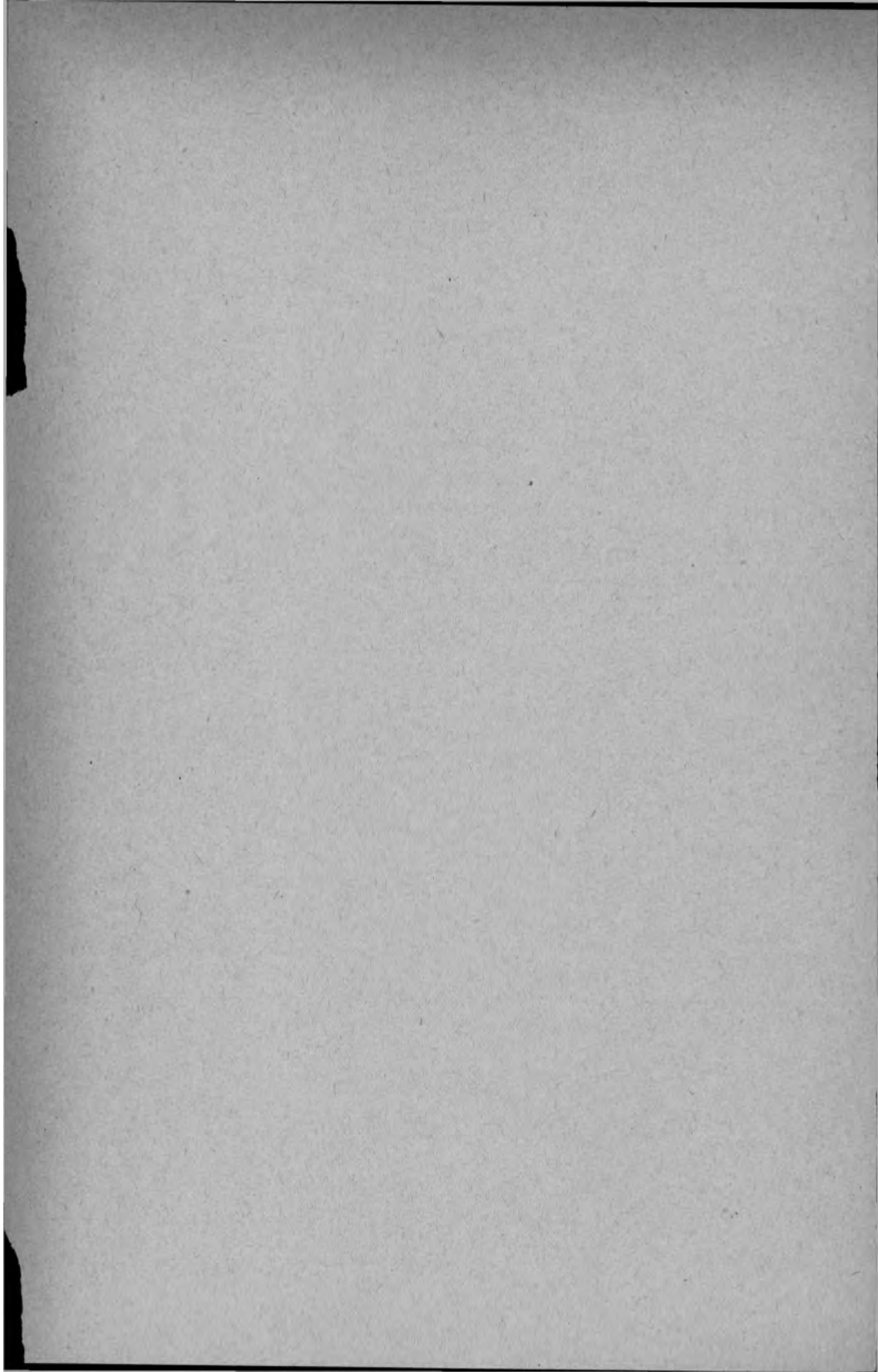
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Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama
Seventy-Fifth Annual Convocation

HELD AT
MONTGOMERY DECEMBER 2D AND 3D, 1901, A. I. 2431.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama met in
Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, in Mont-
gomery, December 2d, at 10 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT

GEORGE F. MOORE... Montgomery.. M. E. G. H. Priest
CHARLES R. BRICKEN.. Luverne..... M. E. D. G. H. Priest
GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP... Montgomery.. R. E. Grand King
BASIL M. HILL..... Springville.... R. E. Grand Scribe
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY.. Montgomery.. R. E. G. Treasurer
LEW LAZARUS..... Birmingham.. R. E. G. Secretary
STEWART MCQUEEN... Montgomery.. R. E. G. Chaplain
J. P. MCQUEEN..... Eutaw..... R. E. G. C. of Host
JAMES ESDALE..... Birmingham.. E. G. P. Sojourner
FRANCIS H. BATES.... Marion..... E. G. R. A. Captain
R. W. SOUTHERLAND.. Mobile..... E. G. M. of 3rd Veil
J. B. CHRISTIAN..... Uniontown.... E. G. M. of 2nd Veil
S. C. HENDERSON..... Brewton..... E. G. M. of 1st Veil
CHARLES A. ALLEN.... Montgomery.. E. Grand Sentinel

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM W. SCREWS.....M.: E.: Grand High Priest
JOHN G. HARRIS.....M.: E.: Grand High Priest
JOHN G. SMITHM.: E.: Grand High Priest
JOSIAH JERNIGAN.....M.: E.: Grand High Priest
EDWARD S. GATCHEL.....M.: E.: Grand High Priest

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

Basil M. Hill.....Arkansas.
John B. Christian.....Colorado.
William Y. Titcomb.....Connecticut.
George F. Moore.....Illinois.
Thomas P. Whitby.....Indiana.
Josiah Jernigan.....Indian Territory,
John G. Harris.....Kansas.
Edward S. Gatchell.....Kentucky.
H. G. Earnest.....Maryland.
Walter Smith.....Minnesota.
John G. Smith.....Nebraska.
Charles R. Bricken.....Nevada.
John G. Smith.....Ohio.
George A. Beauchamp.....Oregon.
James O. Bailey.....South Carolina.
William W. Screws.....Tennessee.
George P. Harrison.....Texas.

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

No. 1.	Tuscaloosa	{	W. E. Bingham.....H. P.
		{	W. J. Cronier*.....K.
			Francis M. Purifoy*.....S.
" 5.	Eunomia		L. R. Wellman.....K.
" 12.	Marion	{	James O. Bailey.....H. P.
		{	F. H. Bates*.....K.
" 19.	Mt. Moriah		J. P. McQueen.....H. P.
" 21.	Mobile	{	J. D. Bloch.....H. P.
		{	P. B. Dixon*.....S.
			R. W. Southerland.....K.
" 22.	Montgomery	{	Robert S. Teague.....H. P.
		{	Bog S. Maultsby.....K.
			Gustave F. Mertins.....S.

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No. 23.	Talladega.....	Wm H. Sindlinger*	H. P.
" 24.	Eufaula.....	{ Geo. A. Beauchamp.....	H. P.
		{ Zachariah A. Barnes.....	K.
" 23.	Courtland.....	R. B. Porter.....	H. P.
" 26.	Union.....	John B. Christian.....	H. P.
" 28.	St. Johns.....	{ T. P. Whitby.....	H. P.
		{ E. S. Garrett*.....	K.
		{ F. M. Stillwell*.....	S.
" 34.	Hermon.....	{ James B. Hunter.....	H. P.
		{ Louis M. Moseley.....	
" 38.	Decatur.....	{ W. E. Porie*.....	H. P.
		{ John B. Graham*.....	K.
" 54.	Tyrian.....	Josiah Jernigan*.....	H. P.
" 71.	Landmark.....	L. W. Kolb*.....	H. P.
" 80.	Myles J. Greene...	J. B. Lyons.....	H. P.
" 81.	Jefferson.....	L. Cornish.....	H. P.
" 88.	Springville.....	{ W. T. Smith*.....	H. P.
		{ B. M. Hill*.....	K.
		{ James T. Greene*.....	S.
" 92.	Notasulga.....	{ F. M. Bryant.....	H. P.
		{ G. W. Hardy*.....	K.
		{ W. F. Scribe.....	S.
" 96.	Daniel Pratt.....	{ Geo. L. Smith.....	H. P.
		{ W. L. Ellis.....	K.
" 99.	Thos. M Bragg....	{ C. R. Br cken.....	H. P.
		{ J. R. Horn.....	K.
		{ F. M. T. Tankersley.....	S.
" 101.	Mineral City.....	{ J. A. Downey.....	H. P.
		{ James Esdale*.....	K.
		{ Lew Lazarus*.....	S.
" 108.	Pratt City.....	{ C. H. Mandy.....	H. P.
		{ Samuel Brodie*.....	K.
		{ S. H. Edwards*.....	S.
" 109.	Blocton.....	G. B. Bainbridge.....	
" 110.	Bessemer.....	Samuel Stein.....	S.
" 111.	Piedmont.....	{ Samuel D. Savage*.....	H. P.
		{ A. Sharpe Stewart.....	K.
		{ Marion Hardin*.....	S.
" 112.	Brewton.....	{ S. C. Henderson.....	H. P.
		{ E. T. Parker.....	K.
		{ Fenwick L. Leavitt.....	S.
" 115.	Thomasville.....	{ J. A. Gilmore*.....	H. P.
		{ W. A. Carter*.....	K.
" 116.	Clanton.....	{ J. P. VanDerveer.....	H. P.
		{ Guy Higgins.....	K.
		{ Willie H. Sartor.....	S.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

" 117. Beauchamp.....	{	H. H. Patterson.....	H. P.
		J. E. McCoy.....	S.
		W. L. Morgan.....	K.
" 118. Jasper.....	{	J. M. Miller.....	H. P.
		E. W. King*.....	K.

*Proxies.

OPENED.

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

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

When one year ago you elevated me to the highest office in the Grand Chapter, life did not wear the sombre hue under which it now appears to my eyes. Since that time it has fallen to my lot not only physical suffering, which was long continued and intense, but the supremest sorrow that can come to any man. While I was sick, my wife, who had been for twenty-five years the joy and sunshine of my life and her home, was also sick, and on the second day of November, after two months of suffering, she passed on to that realm of light and life to which I hope to follow her. The sympathy of my Masonic Brethren, which was given me, was indeed very precious to me. You will, I trust, pardon these few words which are of such a personal nature, for it seems to be my duty to speak them. If I have fallen below the standard set by my predecessors, it is due in part to these circumstances which were beyond my control.

We have met for the purpose of holding the Seventy-fifth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama. Our country is at peace with all mankind, and its influence has been felt in all the great movements which have taken place among the nations of the earth. We have had not only peace, but prosperity, and Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction has, like all else, been benefitted by these conditions. But

before we consider aught else let us first remember those of our Companions who have "passed within the vails" and have received their reward.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Soon after our last Annual Grand Convocation our circle of Grand Officers lost its most important member. Past Grand High Priest, Henry Clay Armstrong, who was our Grand Secretary, departed from this life on the evening of December 17th, 1900. He left Montgomery at 6:20 in the evening to go to his home in Auburn, apparently in health, but in less than three hours the death call had sounded and he was no more. I attended the solemn and impressive funeral services which were held at Auburn by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, acting as Deputy Grand Master, and caused to be inserted in the volume of our Proceedings a brief sketch of his life and career, which was as follows:—

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters:

This page of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter is dedicated to the memory of our beloved Companion,

HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG,

*Past Grand High Priest, and R. E. Grand Secretary of the
Grand Chapter of Alabama.*

On December 17, 1900, at his home in Auburn, Alabama, there passed out from the shadows and sorrows of this nether world, into the realm of light and life eternal, one who was a bright example of all the Masonic virtues—Companion Henry Clay Armstrong. He was born June 1, 1840, at Lafayette, Ga., but came to Alabama when a boy eighteen years of age, and located at Garland, Ala. The civil war came on shortly afterwards and he entered the army as a Captain, and was assigned to Gen. J. T. Holtzclaw's brigade. He was promoted for conspicuous gallantry in the battles around Atlanta, Ga., and became a Major in General Ross' cavalry brigade. Brave and true as a soldier, he was ever reticent about his services in the army, and never referred to the war or its incidents unless interrogated about it. He became as true and loyal a citizen of the United States as he had been of the Confederacy. He located after the war in Ma-

con county, Alabama, and was successively elected County Superintendent of Education, State Superintendent of Education, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. He was appointed by President Cleveland Consul General at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, and for four years filled that office, receiving the highest praise for the manner in which he discharged his duties as the representative of our Government. In all these positions he served his people with the greatest fidelity.

His career as a Mason was no less distinguished. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. It was as the Chairman of the Committee on Work in this Chapter, and in his active work in conferring the Capitular degrees, that he endeared himself to his Companions and secured their individual affection and esteem. His magnificent presence and impressive delivery gave a charm to his rendition of our ritual seldom equalled and never excelled.

We have lost the brightest Masonic jewel of our Grand Jurisdiction! May we all imitate his Masonic virtues and zeal. This memorial will take the place of the notices usually sent to the subordinate Chapters on such occasions, and it is hereby ordered that it be read in each subordinate Chapter, on the receipt of the Proceedings.

Our sorrow will not need such "seeming reminders," but it is further ordered that the altars be draped in mourning for thirty days as a tribute of respect for the memory of our deceased Companion.

GEORGE FLEMING MOORE,
Grand High Priest.

Many of our sister Jurisdictions have been called to mourn the passing away of officers of their respective Grand Chapters.

M. E. Companion Theodore Sutton Parvin, Past Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, who died at his home in Cedar Rapids, June 28th, 1901, aged 84 years.

M. E. Companion N. B. Hyatt, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, who died at his home in Webster City, on the 25th day of August, 1901.

M. E. Companion Henry C. Burr, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, who died in the City of Atlanta, on March 15th, 1901.

R. E. Companion John Logan Power, Grand Secretary

Grand Chapter of Mississippi, who died at his home in Jackson, September 24th, 1901, aged 67 years.

R. . E. . Companion Edward Carroll Parmelee, Grand Secretary Grand Chapter of Colorado, who died at his home in Denver, on the 10th day of May, 1901, aged 66 years.

M. . E. . Companion Charles H. Chesebro., Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, who died at his home in Putnam, on April 18th, 1901, aged 69 years.

M. . E. . Companion Moses Sawin Adams, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, who died at his home in Canon City, Colorado, December 25th, 1900, aged 74 years.

R. . E. . Companion James Lee Wallar, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, who died at his home in Centralia, December 15th, 1900, aged 83 years.

M. . E. . Companion Haswell Cordis Clarke, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, who died at his home in Kankakee, January 16th, 1901, aged 58 years.

M. . E. . Companion Mortimer Nye, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, who died on July 6th, 1901, aged 63 years.

M. . E. . Companion Thomas Russell Ercanbrack, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, who died at Dubuque, Iowa, on the 4th day of August, 1901, aged 69 years.

M. . E. . Companion William L. Webber, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, who died on October 15th, 1901, aged 76 years.

M. . E. . Companion James A. Tulleys, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, who died at his home in Red Cloud, January 21st, 1901, aged 60 years.

M. . E. . Companion James Wasson Moore, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, who died at his home in Washington, D. C., August 2d, 1901, aged 70 years.

Companion William McKinley, President of the United States, who died in the City of Buffalo, N. Y., September 14th, 1901, aged 58 years.

M. . E. . Companion James R. Bayley, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, who died at his home in Newport, May 24th, 1901.

M. . E. . Companion Samuel J. Coyne, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, who died on the 22nd day of January, 1901.

M. E. Companion Ernst Louis Ide, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, who died at his home at Stanton, February 4th, 1901, aged 66 years.

M. E. Companion John Howard Wayt, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, who died at his home at Stanton, February 13th, 1901, aged 56 years.

M. E. Companion Sylvester Stanbury Munger, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, who died at his home in Mantasas, on March 26th, 1901, aged 81 years.

Many of these Companions were distinguished Masons, and among them were two warm personal friends of mine.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

It will be a matter of sincere regret to all that six of our Chapters have gone out of existence. But this loss has been overbalanced by the establishment of three new Chapters and the reorganization of three Chapters, which had ceased to exist. Practically we have established six new Chapters, during the Masonic year, which has just passed.

NEW CHAPTERS.

On April 11, 1901, I issued dispensation to E. Companion J. P. VanDerveer and eight other Companions to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Clanton, Ala., to be known as Clanton Chapter, No. 116.

On May 15, 1901, I issued dispensation to E. Companion Harry H. Patterson and eight other Companions to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Atmore, Ala., to be known as Beauchamp Chapter, No. 117.

On September 30, 1901, I issued dispensation to Excellent Companion John M. Miller and thirteen other Companions to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Jasper, Ala., to be known as Jasper Chapter, No. 118.

CHAPTERS REORGANIZED.

On June 11, 1901, I issued dispensation to reorganize Sylacauga Chapter, No. 104, on the petition of E. Companion M. E. Conaway and ten others.

On July 2, 1901, I issued dispensation to E. Companion James B. Hunter and nine other Companions to reorganize Hermon Chapter, No. 34, at Union Springs, Ala.

On September 23, 1901, I issued dispensation to E. Companion L. Cornish and eight other Companions to reorganize Jefferson Chapter, No. 81, at Demopolis, Ala.

The credit for establishing three new Chapters and reorganizing the old ones is due primarily to our R. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, who at my request will read you his report of the work done by him and other zealous Companions. I appointed Companion Beauchamp Chairman of the Committee on Work to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion H. Clay Armstrong, and his labors to build up the Chapters have been not only untiring but efficient. You will find that I have issued many special dispensations, but in every case it was done on the advice of the Chairman of the Committee on Work, who, in nearly every case, had personal knowledge of the facts and deemed each one necessary for the advancement of the cause. They are as follows:

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

January 25th, to St. John's Chapter No. 26, to receive and ballot on the petition of Brother S. L. Cutting for the Chapter degrees and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On January 25th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Bessemer Chapter No. 110, to receive and ballot on the petition of Brother C. B. Willis for the Chapter degrees, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On February 2d, 1901, I granted a special dispensation to Central Chapter No. 64, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers J. P. VanDerveer, A. C. Smith, Guy Higgins, W. I. Mullins, W. T. Aldridge, E. A. Matthews, C. J. Stewart, W. H. Sorter, O. M. Wiseheart and J. R. Hill, and if elected to confer the degrees at once; the said petitioners residing at Clanton, Ala., and being desirous of organizing a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at that place.

On February 13, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, to receive and ballot on the petitions of several applicants for the Chapter degrees, and if elected to proceed to confer the work at once.

On February 20th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Tusculum Chapter No. 10, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers Charles King, William Mead, Robert Dorcer, Philip Olin, William Martin, Robert C. Johnson and William White.

On March 12th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Montgomery Chapter No. 22, to receive and ballot on the petition of Brother James M. Bowdoin, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once, for good reasons shown.

On March 13th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Piedmont Chapter No. 111, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers Ira J. Davis and J. C. Nabors, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On March 21st, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80, to receive and ballot on the petition of Brother E. C. Doughtie, and if elected, to confer the work at once.

On April 6th, 1901, I granted a special dispensation to Montgomery Chapter No. 22, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers John L. Anderson and George W. Jones, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On April 12th, 1901, I granted a special dispensation to Brewton Chapter No. 112, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers J. E. McCoy, W. L. Morgan and Harry H. Patterson, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On May 4th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Mineral City Chapter No. 101, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers Coffee Edward Jackson, Willis Adams, William McKinley Alexander and Oscar Petit, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On May 6th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Piedmont Chapter No. 111, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers Edward D. O. Bryant and Franklin D. Fornby.

On May 16th, 1901, I granted a special dispensation to Beauchamp Chapter No. 117, to receive and ballot on the petitions of several brethren, they being desirous of joining said Chapter, which was being organized on that date, and Companion George A. Beauchamp, Chairman of Committee on Work, being present to assist in the work and instruct the Chapter.

On May 21st, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Pratt City Chapter No. 108, to receive and ballot on the petitions of several brethren, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On June 4th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Beauchamp Chapter No. 117, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers Robert S. Cruik, Jesse Thomas Efferson, Virgil M. Ef-

erson, James T. Voltz, Joseph W. Brewton, M. O. Baggett and James Clayton Campbell.

On June 6th, 1901, I granted a special dispensation to Mineral City Chapter No. 101, to receive and ballot on the petition of Brother Edward A. Schmidt, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On June 8th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Eunomia Chapter No. 5, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Companions William I. Wellman, Tracy W. Pratt, James B. Laughlin and Edward D. Greenleaf for affiliation, and ballot out of statutory time on same. Also to receive the petitions of Brother Henry C. Pollard, Samuel H. Lowry, A. M. P. Dunn and Alvah D. Hessbrook.

On June 10th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Montgomery Chapter No. 22, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers Benj. S. Chapman and H. H. Fitts, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On June 11th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Sylacauga Chapter No. 104, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers Earnest A. Hammett, John J. Hightower, Jr., and Wilson McV. Howard, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On June 15th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, to elect and install officers, they having failed to do so at the constitutional time.

On June 24th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Courtland Chapter No. 25, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers Samuel E. Baker and William J. Lee, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On July 2d, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Hermon Chapter No. 34, to receive and ballot on the petitions of several brethren, said Chapter being re-organized on that date, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On August 1st, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers A. M. Jenkins, Sydney J. Leach and G. W. Robertson, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On August 8th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Thomas M. Bragg Chapter No. 99, to elect and install officers, they having failed to do so at the constitutional time.

On August 10th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Eunomia Chapter No. 5, to receive and ballot on the petitions of

Brothers O. J. Brooks, L. C. Sugg and James D. Harrison, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once. Also to receive the petition of Companion A. F. Evans and ballot on same out of statutory time.

On September 19th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Thomasville Chapter No. 115, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers D. P. Chapman, W. T. Jarvis, J. W. Tucker, C. W. Terry, A. F. Loftin, W. A. Parker, J. T. Lanford, E. F. Jackson, T. S. Pickens, A. Mahone, E. L. Hestle, T. B. McFarland, W. H. Turner, S. G. Boyd, S. G. Stone, F. A. Tate, M. H. Robinson and J. D. Carmichael, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once.

On October 9th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Jasper Chapter No. 118, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers Moses Newberger, R. Y. Long, R. W. Long, J. H. Bankhead, Jr., Geo. S. Gilder and George H. Shaw, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once, they being desirous of joining said Chapter, which was being organized on that date, and Companion George A. Beauchamp being present to assist in the work and instruct the Chapter.

On October 15th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Jefferson Chapter No. 81, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers John M. Neely, Lennie T. Spragins, Lewis Mayer Louis Kaufman, Jacob Bley, Thomas E. McKinley, Samuel P. Hand and William Morris, for the Chapter degrees, and if elected, to confer the degrees at once; and also to ballot on the petition of Companion Samuel G. Woolf for affiliation without waiting the statutory time, said Chapter being re-organized on that date.

On November 8th, 1901, I granted special dispensation to Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, to receive and ballot on the petitions of Brothers H. B. Wilkins, H. B. Upchurch and A. M. Russell, and is elected, to confer the degrees at once.

APPOINTMENTS.

On January 13th, 1901, I appointed Companion George A. Beauchamp, High Priest of Eufaula Chapter, No. 24, and R. E. Grand King, Chairman of the Committee on Work to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Past Grand High Priest H. Clay Armstrong. Companion Beauchamp was the second member in seniority on the Committee, had reported some of the degrees

in our hearing and is perhaps more thoroughly equipped for the position than any one among us.

On January 20th, 1901, I appointed Companion Lew Lazarus, Past High Priest of Mineral City Chapter (Birmingham) No. 101, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Grand Secretary H. Clay Armstrong. The duties of the office, however, have, with the full knowledge and consent of Companion Lazarus, been discharged by Companion George A. Beauchamp whose position of R. E. Grand King in the Grand Chapter alone prevented me from appointing him Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, after his appointment as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. In my opinion, the fraternity will get better service if the position of Grand Secretary of the four Masonic Grand Bodies of the State are held by the same person. Companion Beauchamp is now Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and Recorder of the Grand Commandery.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The value of the system of Grand Representatives has been much discussed. By some it is considered useless, but as long as it is kept up in our sister States we should exchange representatives with them. The list of Representatives of Grand Chapters near our Grand Chapter, and the list of our Representatives near other Grand Chapters needs revision because of vacancies caused by death or suspension. I think it would be wise to limit the time of service of Grand Representatives, indeed, I think it might be well if at this Convocation the Grand Chapter should revoke all commissions held by Grand Representatives issued more than three years ago, thus following the precedent set in other Masonic Grand Bodies. I have made and recommended the following appointments:

On April 22d, 1901, I appointed J. W. F. Washburn of Montpelier, Vt., Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near that of Vermont.

On August 9th, 1901, I appointed Thomas H. Jeffries of Atlanta, Ga., Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

On May 4th, 1901, I recommended for and had notice of the appointment of James E. Cobb of Tuskegee as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Vermont near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

We have had no Chapter Code published since 1891, a period of ten years. Our Constitution and Code of By-Laws as they appear in the printed pamphlet are neither complete nor consistent. There have been many changes made in them and they should be thoroughly revised, amended, and then following the custom in other jurisdictions, printed in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter. When this is done the law will be easily accessible to the officers of the Chapters and it will not materially increase the cost of printing the volume of proceedings of the Grand Conventions. I could give you many instances of striking defects in our present laws but will content myself with calling your attention verbally to two or three which I have marked. I had partially drawn a code of By-Laws to submit to you at this Convocation but the causes to which I alluded at the beginning of this address prevented its completion. I have called your attention to the facts in order that you may take such action as you deem necessary.

INTER-STATE RELATIONS.

The letter which will be found on page 20 of the Proceedings of the last Convocation was on motion referred to me for such action as I might deem proper in the premises.

FORT GAINES, GA., March 3, 1900.

DR. C. L. C. ATKESON, Columbia, Ala.:

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION—Replying to yours of February 28th. Your information is correct; we have conferred the Chapter degrees on several "Alabamians". I know of no authority for this other than that Masonry recognizes no North, South, East or West, and of course no State lines.

Yours fraternally,

[Signed]

E. A. GRAHAM,

H. P. LaFayette Chapter, No. 12.

I find in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the year 1870 on page 9, the following:

"There is no edict of this Grand Chapter which forbids the receiving and acting on a petition from a Master Mason residing in another State; 'and,' by consent of the subordinate Chapter, even of another State, in whose jurisdiction a party resided, his

petition for the degrees might be entertained by a Chapter of this jurisdiction."

In view of the fact that this seems to authorize our Chapters to receive and act on petitions for the Chapter degrees presented by residents of Georgia, I have preferred to have the Grand Chapter, through the proper committee, consider the question. We cannot consistently complain that Chapters in Georgia have received and acted on petitions for the Chapter degrees by residents of Alabama when our own laws, by implication permit our Chapters to receive and act on petitions presented by residents of Georgia, Mississippi or New York.

THE RITUAL.

The Chairman of the Committee on Work will report to you verbally the progress that has been made in the preparation and distribution of the work.

The writer's active Masonic experience has now extended beyond a quarter of a century and the result of his observation throughout that period convinces him that for the future growth and usefulness of every branch of Masonry two things are essential: first, knowledge of the work by officers and members, and second, discharging the practical duties of the Fraternity.

Officers who do not know the work of the Chapter, or who have no notion of the manner in which it should be rendered, will not attend the Convocations. When they learn the work, however, they not only attend but frequently become zealous and intelligent Masons. Let us remember that it is not every man who has been admitted to a Lodge or Chapter who is a Mason. The real Masonic jewels to be worn by us are the three of which we learn in the degree of Fellow of the Craft. We can in a measure supply this desideratum, knowledge of the work, by putting it into the hands of the officers of the Chapter as the resolution adopted last year contemplated. But how can we supply the other essential to future prosperity? How can we deal with that Companion who is unmindful of his obligations? What shall we say of that Royal Arch Mason to whom his Companion Royal Arch Mason is no more than any other man—no more than any stranger? "A man beholds his face in a glass and straightway forgets what manner of man he is," and so some men assume obligations and straightway forget

them! Let us ask ourselves do we live up to the lessons of companionship taught in the Royal Arch obligations? Is the Mason any more to us than a stranger? These are questions which will have no audible answer but all will recognize the need of making our Masonry real, practical and true. Knowledge of the work and of our mutual ties, will assist in strengthening the bonds of brotherhood, as will attendance on the Lodges and the various social meetings which some Lodges and Chapters employ with such great advantage. But it is neither the "time nor the place" to write a disquisition on Masonry, and having given you a report of my actions as your presiding officer, and made such suggestions as seemed proper, I extend to you fraternal greetings and hope that our Heavenly Father may direct our course here and through life, and that He may have us ever in His Holy keeping.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE FLEMING MOORE,

Grand High Priest.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of M. E. Companion Charles R. Bricken, the Grand High Priest's Address was referred to a Committee of three Past Grand High Priests, as follows: William W. Screws, Josiah Jernigan and Edward S. Gatchell.

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:

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

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WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, GRAND TREASURER.

In Account with Grand Chapter of Alabama.

1900.	DR.		
Dec. 3.	To Balance.....		\$697 58
	“ Grand Secretary Armstrong..	\$378 00	
1901.			
Nov. 15.	“ Grand Secretary Lazarus ...	526 10	
“ 30.	“ “ “ “	275 90—	1,180 00
			1,877 58

1900.	CR.		
Dec. 5.	By Committee on Work.....	\$ 10 00	
“ “	“ Com. on Correspondence...	75 00	
“ “	“ Record Book, W.W.Haygood	9 00	
“ “	“ Grand Sentinel.....	15 00	
“ “	“ “ “ servant hire, &c.	3 70	
“ “	“ Contingent Fund.....	150 00	
“ “	“ Past Grand H. P. Jewels,		
	C. L. Ruth... ..	75 00	
“ “	“ Grand Treasurer.....	75 00	
“ “	“ Overpaid Contingent Fund,		
	H. C. Armstrong.....	41 35	
“ “	“ Grand Secretary, 1 month's		
	salary, Armstrong.....	33 33	
“ “	“ Grand Secretary, 11 month's		
	salary, Lazarus.....	366 67—	854 05
	Balance.....		\$1,023 53

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

EXHIBIT A.

LEW LAZARUS, GRAND SECRETARY.

In Account with Grand Chapter of Alabama.

GENERAL FUND.

1900.

DR.

Dec. 15. To Dues since last report—collected
by H. Clay Armstrong, late Grand
Secretary \$338 00

1901.

Nov. 30. Dues to date.... 469 00

Four Dispensations to New

Chapters..... 360 00

	Thomasville Chapter No. 115	
{	Clanton	" " 116
	Beauchamp	" " 117
	Jasper	" " 118

Three dispensations to reorganizing

Chapters, to-wit:

Sylacauga Chapter No. 104..... 16 50

Hermon " " 34..... 15 00

Jefferson " " 81..... 13 50

Grand Chapter Certificates..... 18 00— \$1,230 00

1900.

CR.

Nov. 22. By amount paid Grand Treasurer }
by H. Clay Armstrong, late }
Grand Secretary..... } 50 00

1901.

Nov. 15 By amount paid Grand Treasurer. 378 00

" " " " " " " 526 10

30 " " " " " " " 275 90— \$1,230 00

EXHIBIT B.

LEW LAZARUS, GRAND SECRETARY.

In Account with Grand Chapter of Alabama.

CR.

By Printing and Stationery..... \$145 90

" Postage and express..... 31 78— \$177 68

DR.

To Contingent Fund 1900-1901..... 150 00— 150 00

Overpaid by Grand Secretary \$27 68

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Wm. Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his Annual Report, and it was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.—(See Appendix.)

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

Companion Wm. Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, offered the following resolution, and on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Alabama, the following Preamble and Resolutions are respectfully submitted.

Whereas, The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Florida did, at its last Convocation, adopt the following resolution, to wit:

“*Resolved*, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Most Excellent Grand Chapters of Alabama and Georgia, of all material residing at or near the boundary line between Florida and either of said States, whereby a petition of one residing in such locality may be presented in his nearest Chapter,” therefore:

Resolved, 1st, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Alabama, reciprocating the fraternal sentiments embodied in the foregoing resolution, hereby recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida, of all material residing at or near the boundary line between Alabama and Florida, whereby a petition of one residing in such locality may be presented in his nearest Chapter. Further,

Resolved, 2nd, That the Grand Chapter of Alabama recognizes similar concurrent jurisdiction with the Grand Chapters of Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi, to become operative upon the passage, by said Grand Chapters, of resolutions of like import.

And your committee recommends the adoption of these resolutions.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

COMMITTEES.

The M.: E.: Grand H.: P.: announced the following Committees:

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 1.

Jas. O. Bailey,	W. E. Bingham,
J. D. Bloch,	Wm. H. Sindlinger.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 2.

Percy B. Dixon,	John B. Lyons,
J. H. Edwards,	James A. Downey.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

Thomas P. Whitby,	S. C. Henderson,
A. S. Stewart.	

ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

Robert S. Teague,	John B. Christian,
J. A. Gillmore.	

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Joseph P. McQueen,	J. B. Christian,
James T. Green.	

ON FINANCE.

F. H. Bates,	Edward S. Gatchell,
Robert S. Teague.	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, and on motion it was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom, at the last annual convocation, was referred the following resolution, found on pages 21 and 22 of the proceedings of year 1900, to-wit:

“Resolved, That a resolution adopted in 1878, and appearing on page 20 of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, as follows:

Resolved, That hereafter any Royal Arch Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction having a less number of candidates for Ex-

altation than is required by the Ritual, may substitute from its membership a sufficiency to make up the number,"

And which was adopted and furthermore appears in the Edicts, be and the same is hereby repealed,

Beg leave to report that we report adversely on said resolution.

Respectfully submitted, this December 2nd, 1901.

J. P. McQUEEN,
J. B. CHRISTIAN,
JAMES T. GREENE.

CONDITION OF THE ROYAL CRAFT.

R.: E.: Companion Geo. A. Beauchamp, Chairman of the Committee on Work, submitted the following report as to the Condition of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, which was received and ordered printed with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

I beg to submit the following report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction, and of the field work done by myself during the past year. I am happy to state that Royal Arch Masonry has shown a healthy revival of interest this year, but regret exceedingly having to report that in some sections of our State interest in the sublime and Royal Art appears to be declining. The following Chapters are delinquent for failure to make returns or for failure to pay dues:

Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10; no returns for 1901; no dues paid for 1900 and 1901

Fulton Chapter No. 32; no returns for 1901; no dues paid for 1901.

Tyrian Chapter No. 54; no returns for 1900 or 1901; no dues paid for 1900 or 1901.

Zerubbabel Chapter No. 56; no returns for 1900 or 1901; no dues paid for 1900 or 1901.

Central Chapter No. 64; no dues paid for 1900.

Hillabee Chapter No. 79; no returns for 1900 or 1901; no dues paid for 1900 or 1901.

Columbus Chapter No. 93; no returns for 1900 or 1901; no dues paid for 1900 or 1901.

Anniston Chapter No. 105; no returns for 1901; no dues paid for 1900 or 1901.

H. Clay Armstrong Chapter No. 114; no returns for 1901; no dues paid for 1901.

We have lost from our roll during the past year for failure to make returns or pay dues for two successive years the following Chapters:

Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10.

Tyrian Chapter No. 54.

Zerubbabel Chapter No. 56

Hillabee Chapter No. 79.

Columbus Chapter No. 93.

Anniston Chapter No. 105.

It will therefore be seen that we have lost six Chapters from our roll, with an aggregate membership (as shown by last returns to this Grand Chapter) of 140, or an average membership of about 23; the smallest membership being that of Anniston Chapter No. 105—12 members—the largest being that of Tyrian Chapter No. 54—51 members. I am truly sorry that the Companions of the above named Chapters have allowed their charters to become forfeited, and it is with great regret that I have to make this report. I am delighted, however, to be able to report a genuine revival of interest in other sections of our Grand Jurisdiction. We have reorganized three dormant Chapters and organized three new Chapters during the past year. The reorganized Chapters are Hermon Chapter No. 34, at Union Springs; Jefferson Chapter No. 81, at Demopolis; and Sylacauga Chapter No. 104, at Sylacauga. The new Chapters are Clanton Chapter No. 116, at Clanton; Beauchamp Chapter No. 117, at Atmore; and Jasper Chapter No. 118, at Jasper. While we have lost 140 members, we have gained from the last named Chapters 154, and from the great interest manifested by the members of these last named six Chapters (all of which I visited in person and organized) I cannot believe that they will ever "fall by the way-side." On January 16th, 1901, I visited Bessemer Chapter No. 110 at Bessemer, and conferred the Chapter degrees on three candidates, after which an elegant banquet was served. The members of this Chapter are very enthusiastic and anxious to learn the work. I again visited this Chapter on February 7th and con-

ferred the Chapter degrees, with the valued assistance of Companion James Esdale, of Mineral City Chapter No. 101, Birmingham, who is one of the brightest workers in capitular Masonry in the State. The members of this Chapter are nothing if not hospitable, and again "sat us down" to a sumptuous repast.

On February 9th I visited Piedmont Chapter No. 111, at Piedmont, and conferred the Chapter degrees on three candidates. On June 28th I again visited Piedmont and publicly installed the officers of Piedmont Chapter. This was a grand occasion. The officers of six Lodges were publicly installed by R. W. Brother Ben M. Jacobs, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama. A very eloquent and entertaining address was delivered by Brother W. B. Phillips, of Birmingham, and short talks were made by myself and others. Hundreds of Masons were present with their families and friends. After the speaking an elegant dinner was spread on the grounds, enough for that vast crowd and to spare. Altogether it was an occasion never to be forgotten. That night I assisted in conferring the Chapter degrees on three candidates. Companion H. G. Earnest, the H. P., and Companion A. G. Stewart, the P. S., ably assisted me in the work. This Chapter, under the guidance of Companion Earnest, has rapidly forged to the front and is now one of the most flourishing Chapters in the State.

On February 22nd I visited Brewton Chapter No. 112, and assisted in conferring the Chapter degrees on three candidates. I again visited this Chapter on April 16th, and assisted in conferring the Chapter degrees on three candidates, after which a bountiful repast was served. I again visited this Chapter on October 22nd and assisted in conferring the Chapter degrees on three candidates. This is a new Chapter, its charter having been granted only one year ago, but it is exceedingly fortunate in having for H. P., King and Scribe, such bright Masons as Companions Henderson, Parker and Leavitt. They are exceedingly well versed in the work and have made the Chapter one of the most prosperous in the entire State.

On March 2d I visited Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80, at Opelika, and conferred the Mark Master's degree; and again on April 2nd and conferred the Chapter degrees, after which we repaired to the banquet hall where elegant refreshments were served. On June 4th I again visited this Chapter and assisted in conferring the Chapter degrees. Companion John B. Lyons

the H. P. of this Chapter, is one of the brightest and most enthusiastic Masons to be found anywhere, and to whom the success of the Chapter is entirely to be attributed. I am very grateful to him for kind attentions shown during my stay there.

On April 11th, 1901, on the petition of Excellent Companion J. P. VanDerveer and eight others I organized a new Chapter known as Clanton Chapter No. 116 and installed the officers of said Chapter. On August 20th, 1901, I again visited this Chapter, and conferred the Chapter degrees on nine candidates, after which we repaired to the magnificent home of Companion VanDerveer and partook of a most bountiful repast, which was rendered all the more enjoyable by the presence of the fair hostess and several other ladies. Under the efficient leadership of Companion VanDerveer, this Chapter cannot otherwise than succeed.

On May 2nd, 1901, I visited Pratt City Chapter No. 108, and assisted in conferring the Chapter degrees on six candidates. I was aided in the work by Companion James Esdale, of Mineral City Chapter No. 101, Birmingham, to whom I am greatly indebted for valuable assistance rendered. I was entertained at the hospitable home of Companion Pat Felton, and to him and his good wife I am deeply indebted for numerous kindnesses extended me during my stay with them.

On May 16th I organized a new Chapter at Atmore, known as Beauchamp Chapter No. 117, with E. Companion Harry H. Patterson as H. P. and eight other members. I installed the officers of the said Chapter and during my stay conferred the degrees upon eighteen candidates. I was aided in the work by Companion Robert L. Douglass, H. P. Mobile Chapter No. 21, to whom I am very grateful for the very efficient assistance afforded. I remained several days with the members of this Chapter, instructing them in the work, and never have I seen greater zeal displayed than by the members of this young Chapter. This Chapter starts out under very favorable auspices and I am convinced that it will prosper and succeed. I again visited this Chapter on July 22d and conferred the Chapter degrees on nine candidates, and again on October 23rd, and conferred the Chapter degrees on three candidates. I was pleasantly and most hospitably entertained during my stay at the elegant home of Companion Harry H. Patterson, to whom

and his good wife I am deeply indebted for many kind and courteous attentions shown me. Companion Patterson takes great interest in the work, so much so that although he has only been a Royal Arch Mason for a few short months, he is fully competent to confer the several Chapter degrees.

On the petition of eleven of the former members of Sylacauga Chapter No. 104, and on the payment of the required dues to the Grand Chapter, I reorganized said Chapter on June 11th, 1901, and installed the officers thereof. During my stay I conferred the Chapter degrees on six candidates. On July 18th 1901, I again visited this Chapter and conferred the Chapter degrees on three candidates. I was assisted on both occasions in the work by Companion A. J. Nunnely, the H. P. of Talladega Chapter No. 23, to whom I am very much indebted for efficient and indispensable assistance rendered. Companion M. E. Conway, H. P. of this Chapter, is indefatigable in his efforts to obtain Masonic light and knowledge and dispense the same to his uninformed brethren. This Chapter I am satisfied will be a fixture hereafter.

On June 20th I visited Thomasville Chapter No. 115, and conferred the Chapter degrees on three candidates. On September 19th, accompanied by Companion Robert S. Teague, member of the Committee on Work of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and H. P. of Montgomery Chapter No. 22, I again visited this Chapter and with his valuable assistance conferred the Chapter degrees on fourteen candidates. On both these visitations I was entertained in the most hospitable manner by Companions W. A. Carter and W. B. Jackson and their estimable families. This Chapter, under the administration of Companion T. L. Bedsole, the H. P., aided by the untiring efforts of Companion W. B. Jackson, the very efficient Secretary, is meeting with phenomenal success.

On the petition of ten of the former members of Hermon Chapter No. 34 of Union Springs, and on the payment of the required amount of dues to the Grand Chapter, I visited and reorganized said Chapter, and during my stay, assisted in conferring the Chapter degrees on six candidates, and installed the officers of the Chapter. I was ably aided in this work by Companion Robert S. Teague, a member of the Committee on Work of the Grand Chapter. His thorough knowledge of the Chapter work rendered his assistance peculiarly valuable and I am

indebted to him. I spent several days with the companions of this Chapter instructing them in the work. Many of them are very bright and all of them very enthusiastic Masons, and I venture to predict that this chapter will not again forfeit its charter. On October 3d I again visited this Chapter, accompanied by Companion R. S. Teague and assisted in conferring the Chapter degrees on three candidates.

On July 10th, 1901, I visited Land Mark Chapter No. 71, at Ozark and remained several days exemplifying the Chapter degrees and imparting instructions in the work. Companion W. A. Arnold, the H. P. of this Chapter, is an authority in the Lodge work and will, I think, soon be one also on the Chapter work. He is very zealous, takes great interest in the work and learns very readily.

On July 31st, 1901, I visited H. Clay Armstrong Chapter No. 114, at Fayette, and remained three days instructing the Companions in the work and exemplifying the Chapter degrees. The members of this Chapter are very zealous in the cause and I am satisfied they will successfully maintain their Chapter. To Companion John T. Sanford, H. P. of this Chapter, I am especially indebted for many kind and courteous attentions shown me.

On October 9th, 1901, I organized a new Chapter at Jasper, known as Jasper Chapter No. 118, with E. Companion John M. Miller as H. P., and thirteen other members. I installed the officers of said Chapter and conferred the Chapter degrees on six candidates, after which we partook of delicious refreshments. I am especially indebted to Companion L. B. Musgrove for numerous kindnesses and courtesies extended me. Companion John M. Miller, the H. P. of this Chapter, is already proficient in the Chapter work, and under his administration this Chapter bids fair to meet with great success.

On October 14, 1901, on the petition of E. Companion Leonard Cornish and eight other former members of Jefferson Chapter No. 81, at Demopolis, I reorganized said Chapter, they having paid the required amount of dues to the Grand Chapter. I installed the officers of said Chapter and during my stay conferred the Chapter degrees upon nine candidates. This Chapter will undoubtedly become one of the most prosperous Chapters in the State, and from the great interest manifested by the members, and their intense desire to learn the work, I hope and believe

that we will never again be called upon to restore its charter.

Having been highly honored by our Grand High Priest in the appointment as Chairman of the Committee on Work of the Grand Chapter to succeed the most distinguished Mason in the State, our lamented Companion H. Clay Armstrong, I, while fully realizing my utter inability to replace him, have discharged the duties of the office to the best of my ability. H. Clay Armstrong was my friend and preceptor; what I know of the Chapter I learned from him; his work is my work and I felt to him an affection akin to that a son feels to his father. His loss has been a great blow to the craft, and I felt it incumbent on me to bend all my energies and what talents I possessed to promote and upbuild the interest of the craft in all its branches. While I have not been as successful as I wished, I feel that I have accomplished some good, and I hope next year will be even more fruitful of good results than this.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Chairman of the Committee on Work.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY WITH GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

R. E. Companion Stewart McQueen offered the following resolution, and on motion it was unanimously adopted:

Inasmuch as since the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons death has invaded the home of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, George F. Moore, and taken from him the companion and helpmeet of his life and the mother of his children,

Be it resolved, That we herewith assure him our sincere sympathy, and commend him to the God of all comfort, and may He lift up His countenance upon him and give him peace both now and evermore.

TYRIAN CHAPTER NO. 54 GRANTED NINETY DAYS TIME.

M. E. Companion Josiah Jernigan offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That Tyrian Chapter No. 54 be allowed 90 days to file reports for the last two years and pay their dues.

On motion of Companion Teague, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 this p. m.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, December 2, 1901.

The M.: E.: Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 o'clock.

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

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT ON WORK.

Companion Robert S. Teague, from the Committee on Work, made report on M.: M.: Degree and it was adopted.

Companion Geo. A. Beachamp, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on P.: M.: Degree and the report was adopted.

On motion of Companion Gatchell the further report of the Committee on Work was made the Special Order for 9 o'clock this evening.

ENDORISING WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME.

M.: E.: Companion Edward S. Gatchell offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama, hereby pledges its support to the M. W. G. Lodge of the State of Alabama in its efforts to establish and maintain a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home in this State.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to present this action to the Grand Lodge and to co-operate with any committee the Grand Lodge may raise.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY WITH DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

R.. E.. Companion Stewart McQueen offered the following resolution, and on motion it was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, during the period which has intervened since the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter, death has entered the home and broken the family circle of our Brother and Companion Charles R. Bricken, Most Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, by robbing him of his wife and bearing her soul to the Paradise of God—

Resolved, That we take this opportunity of expressing to him our heartfelt sympathy and affectionate regard, with the prayer that the blessing of our Heavenly Father, the Giver of all good gifts, may be with him now and always.

RELATING TO RITUAL.

M.. E.. Companion Edward S. Gatchell offered the following resolution, which on motion was made special order for 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning:

Resolved, 1. That it shall be the duty of the Custodian of the Work, upon application made to him by any Chapter in the Jurisdiction, to furnish to said Chapter the work of any or all of the degrees conferred in the Chapter, but such work must not be furnished except upon the following condition, viz:

2. That such work shall be written in cipher, the key to which shall be disclosed only to the High Priest of the Chapter securing such manuscript work.

3. That when such work is furnished to a Chapter the High Priest shall sign a written pledge that he will not permit said manuscript work to be used by reading from it in conferring the work; that he will permit no copy of it to be made; that he will deliver the work to his successor in office on his election, requiring from him before doing so a written pledge, such as he himself has given, and that in the event the Charter of his Chapter

is forfeited he will immediately send the manuscript to the Custodian of the work.

4. That each Chapter shall not be allowed more than three copies of said Ritual, said copies to be signed for by the H. P. of said Chapter. The price to be \$3.00 each.

5. That each Past Grand High Priest of the M.: E.: Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama be furnished one copy on the payment of the above named price.

On motion of Companion J. P. McQueen the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock this p. m.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

MONDAY EVENING, December 2d, 1901.

The M.: E.: Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Prayer by the R.: E.: and Rev. Grand Chaplain. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

M.: E.: Companion W. W. Screws, from the Special Committee on the Grand H.: P.:s Address, submitted the following report, and it was adopted.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Alabama:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, beg leave to report.

We were deeply touched by the tender references to the great loss sustained by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in the death of his wife—his best and truest friend—and we tender sincere sympathy.

The address, in its thoughtful remembrance of the deceased Companions of our own and sister Jurisdictions, reminds us that the dread summons is likely to fall, when least expected, upon any one of us, and that we should so conduct ourselves here on earth, as to be ready for the fatal command when it may come.

While attention is called to the fact that six of our Chapters went out of existence, during the past year, it is gratifying to note that their places were supplied by three new and three re-organized Chapters, showing a considerable increase in membership.

We have no comment to make on dispensations granted during the past year, except by way of congratulation that they were for the purpose of organizing new Chapters, reorganizing old ones and allowing steps to be taken that would add to membership and further efficiency of subordinate Chapters.

We heartily commend the suggestions as to so arranging the system of Grand Representatives, that there will be a fixed time for expiration of commissions, and with a view to carrying out said suggestions submit herewith a resolution, marked No. 1.

The suggestions as to revision of the code of laws and Constitution are timely, and we present herewith a resolution looking to the carrying out of the same.

As the Committee on Jurisprudence has before it one matter relating to Interstate Relations, we respectfully refer that portion of the address, bearing on that subject, to said Committee.

WILLIAM W. SCREWS,
JOSIAH JERNIGAN,
EDWARD S. GATCHELL.

RESOLUTION, NO 1, OF M.: E.: COMPANION WILLIAM W.
SCREWS, RELATING TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M.: E.: Companion William W. Screws, offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That all commissions to Representatives of this Grand Chapter, now in existence, of longer date than three years, near the Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions, be revoked, and other commissions be issued to expire with the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That all commissions to Grand Representatives expire with the meeting of the next General Grand Chapter, and that new commissions issued to expire with the meetings of the General Grand Chapter.

RESOLUTION, NO. 2, OF M. E. COMPANION WILLIAM W. SCREWS, RELATIVE TO REVISION OF CODE.

M. E. Companion William W. Screws offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be authorized to appoint a committee of three, of which he shall be chairman, to amend and revise the constitution and by-laws, and report to the next Grand Convocation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE ON RESOLUTION OF COMPANION WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB, RELATIVE TO CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

R. E. Companion Joseph P. McQueen, Chairman of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following report, and on motion it was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Alabama:

We your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution offered by W. Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave to report that this committee recommends that said resolution be amended as follows:

Amend the first resolution by striking out the following portion thereof: "at or near the boundary line between Alabama and Florida, whereby a petition of one, residing in such locality, may be presented in his nearest Chapter," and inserting in lieu thereof, after the words "of all material residing," the following words—within five miles of the boundary or State line between Alabama and Florida, provided the applicant, who resides with-

in five miles of said State line, does not reside within ten miles of an organized Chapter in Alabama.

Further amend said resolution by striking out the second resolution contained therein.

Respectfully submitted this December 2nd, 1901.

J. P. MCQUEEN,
J. B. CHRISTIAN,
JAMES T. GREENE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS, NO. 2.

Companion Percy B. Dixon, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, submitted 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 as follows:

CORRECT.

Marion.....No. 12	Myles J. Green.....No. 80
Springville.....No. 88	Thomas M. Bragg.....No. 99
Mineral City.....No. 101	Pratt City.....No. 108
Blocton.....No. 109	Brewton.....No. 112

INCORRECT.

Notasulga, No. 92, failed to give Christian names or affix seal.
Thomasville, No. 115, " " " " " " " "
Dothan, No. 118, " " " " " "
Daniel Pratt, No. 96, " " " " " " dates of Con-
vocation and Postoffice address.

Fraternally submitted,

PERCY B. DIXON, Chairman,
J. H. EDWARDS,
JOHN B. LYONS,
JAMES H. DOWNEY,

Committee on Chartered Chapters, No. 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

Companion Thomas P. Whitby, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, submitted the following

report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand R. A. Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations beg leave respectfully to report that they have examined the Minutes of Hermon Chapter, No. 34, of Union Springs; Jefferson Chapter, No. 81, of Demopolis; Sylacauga Chapter, No. 104, of Sylacauga; Clanton Chapter, No. 116, of Clanton; Beauchamp Chapter, No. 117, of Atmore; Jasper Chapter, No. 118, of Jasper; working under dispensations and finding that the same are neatly and correctly kept, we recommend that Charters be granted for the same.

THOS. P. WHITBY,
S. C. HENDERSON,
A. SHARPE STEWART.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The hour having arrived for the further report of the Committee on Work, Companion George A. Beauchamp, made report on the M. E. Master's Degree, and the report was adopted.

On motion of Companion Francis M. Purifoy the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 3, 1901.

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 OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M.: E.: Companion Edward S. Gatchell, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report and it was adopted.

To the M.: E.: G.: 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 had on hand at last Grand Convocation a balance of..... \$ 697 58
Received from Grand Treasurer since last report..... 1180 00

Total.....\$1877 58

He has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Committee on Work.....	10 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	\$ 75 00
Grand Sentinel.....	15 00
Record book (W. W. Haygood).....	9 00
Grand Sentinel, servant hire, etc.....	3 70
Contingent Fund.....	150 00
3 Past Grand H. P. Jewels (C. L. Ruth)	75 00
Grand Treasurer.....	75 00
Overpaid on Contingent Fund by H. C. A.....	41 35
Grand Secretary, 1 month's salary, H. C. A... ..	33 33
Grand Secretary, 11 month's salary, L. Lazarus	366 67

Total.....\$854 05

Balance on hand.....—\$1023 53

We find that the Grand Secretary has collected since his last settlement with the Grand Treasurer \$245 45, which added to amount in hands of Grand Treasurer makes a total of cash on hand \$1268 98.

Your Committee finds that it has been the custom of the Grand Treasurer to deposit the funds of this Grand Chapter in the Merchants' and Planters' National Bank of the City of Montgomery, to his credit as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. We recommend that the Treasurer be required to deposit the funds belonging to this Grand Chapter in a bank to the credit of The

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama by ———, Treasurer. Thereby keeping the Grand Chapter's funds separate from those of the Grand Lodge and all other Bodies.

Fraternally submitted,

E. S. GATCHELL,
F. H. BATES,
R. S. TEAGUE.

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

We find that the Grand Secretary has expended the following amounts:

By Printing and Stationery.....	\$145 90
Postage and Express.....	31 78

Total.....	\$177 68
To Contingent Fund, 1901.....	150 00

Overpaid by Grand Secretary.....	\$27 68
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We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing Masonic year:

Grand Treasurer (payable quarterly).....	\$100 00
Foreign Correspondence (payable quarterly).....	100 00
Grand Sentinel (to cover all expenses).....	16 00
Contingent Fund.....	200 00
Grand Secretary (payable quarterly).....	400 00
To Grand Secretary overpaid on contingent fund, 1901..	27 68

\$843 68

RELATING TO OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES OF
GRAND CHAPTER.

R.. E.. Companion J. P. McQueen offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That the present Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Committee on Work of this Grand Chapter be empowered and are hereby authorized to prepare proper work to be used in the opening and closing ceremonies of this Grand Chapter, and to report said work to the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. I.

Companion James O. Bailey, Chairman of Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch 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.

Eunomia.....	No. 5	St. Johns.....	No. 28
Tuscaloosa.....	No. 1	Decatur.....	No. 38
Courtland.....	No. 25	Union.....	No. 26
Mt. Moriah.....	No. 19	Eufaula.....	No. 24
Talladega.....	No. 23	Mobile.....	No. 21

INCORRECT.

Landmark.....	No. 71, No Seal.
Montgomery.....	No. 22, No Seal.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES O. BAILEY, Chairman.

J. D. BLOCH.

W. E. BINGHAM.

WM. H. SINDLINGER.

SPECIAL ORDER.

This hour having been made the special order for the consideration of the resolutions of M. E. Companion Edward S. Gatchell, relating to the Ritual, the Grand Chapter went into consideration of same.

R. E. Companion Joseph P. McQueen offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That the question of adopting a Ritual for this Grand Chapter be divided as follows:

1st. To consider and decide whether a Ritual shall be adopted for this Grand Chapter, and if so what, and how it shall be prepared and at what expense.

2nd. Then, if this Grand Chapter adopts a Ritual to consider and decide how, to whom, under what restrictions, in what manner, and at what expense, copies of said Ritual shall be furnished to subordinate chapters of Royal Arch Masons in this Jurisdiction.

Companion A. S. Stewart offered the following resolution as an amendment to the resolution offered by M.: E.: Companion Edward S. Gatchell yesterday afternoon, as follows:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter adopt the work as reported by the Committee on Work at this Grand Convocation, and that the Committee on Work be instructed to furnish the Ritual to the subordinate chapters, in accordance with the resolution of Companion Edward S. Gatchell, and that the Grand Chapter appropriate a sum, not to exceed \$250.00, to defray the expense of publishing the same.

Whereupon, after due discussion, the resolution of Companion Gatchell, as amended by Companion Stewart, was adopted.

TO PURCHASE APRONS AND JEWELS.

Companion F. H. Bates offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter is hereby authorized and instructed to purchase suitable Aprons and Jewels for this Grand Chapter, and to draw his warrant on the Treasurer therefor, not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars, or so much as is necessary, and a sufficient amount in the treasury is hereby appropriated to pay for same.

RELATING TO JEWELS OF MC KINLEY CHAPTER NO. 48.

M.: E.: Companion Edward S. Gatchell offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for and in the name of this Grand Chapter is hereby authorized and instructed to call upon whoever has in his possession the Jewels now belonging to this Grand Chapter, which Jewels formerly belonged to McKinley Chapter No. 48, at McKinley, Marengo County, Ala., the Charter of which last named Chapter has been forfeited, and to make demand for and in the name of this Grand Chapter and to take such action as is necessary to obtain possession of said Jewels, and when possession thereof is obtained, to hold same subject to the action of this Grand Chapter.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

George F. Moore.....M.: E.: Grand High Priest.
 Charles R. Bricken.....M.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest.
 Basil M. Hill.....R.: E.: Grand King.
 Joseph P. McQueen.....R.: E.: Grand Scribe.
 William H. Dingley.....R.: E.: Grand Treasurer.
 George A. Beauchamp.....R.: E.: Grand Secretary.
 Stewart McQueen.....R.: E.: Grand Chaplain.
 James EsdaleR.: E.: Grand C. of Host.

The Grand High Priest subsequently appointed the following:

Lew Lazarus.....E.: Grand Principal Sojourner.
 Francis H. Bates.....E.: Grand R. A. Captain.
 Robert W. Southerland....E.: Grand M. of 3d Veil.
 J. B. Christian.....E.: Grand M. of 2d Veil.
 Stephen C. Henderson.....E.: Grand M. of 1st Veil.
 Charles A. Allen.....E.: Grand Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand officers were duly installed by P.: G.: H.: P.: W. W. Screws, Comp. Robt. S. Teague, acting as Grand Marshal.

RELATING TO RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

R.: E.: Companion Stewart McQueen offered the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved (1), That hereafter Subordinate Chapters be required, when reporting to this Grand Chapter Companions who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, whether in the Blue Lodge or Chapter, to set forth that fact in the report by affixing to the name of each member thus suspended the words (or their equivalent), "Suspended for non-payment of dues."

(2), That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate this action to each Subordinate Chapter at least thirty days preceding the making of each annual report to the Grand Secretary.

M.: E.: Companion Edward S. Gatchell, in eloquent and appropriate remarks, expressed his thanks for Jewel presented him by the Grand Chapter.

R.: E.: Companion J. P. McQueen explained the unavoidable absence of Companion William Smaw, the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

M.: E.: Companion George F. Moore presented the Grand Chapter with a beautiful copy of his admirable work:

"The souvenir of the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Establishment of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America."

On motion of R.: E.: Companion Stewart McQueen the Grand Chapter accepted the book and expressed its thanks to M.: E.: Companion Moore for the valuable donation.

The Grand High Priest then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.....Anniston

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....Montgomery

ROBERT S. TEAGUE.....Montgomery

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

JOSEPH P. MCQUEEN.....Eutaw.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....Uniontown

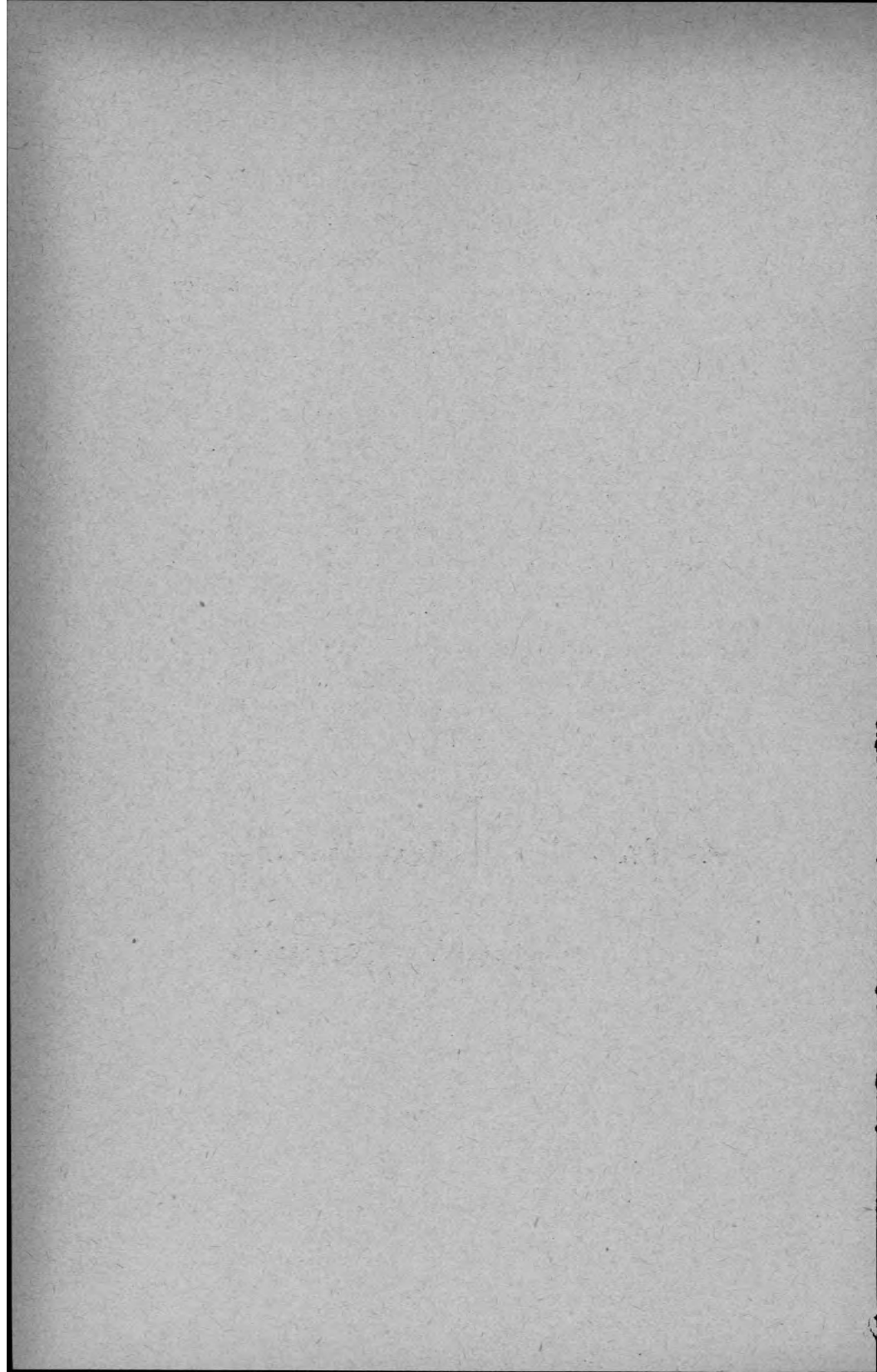
JAMES T. GREENE.....Springville

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

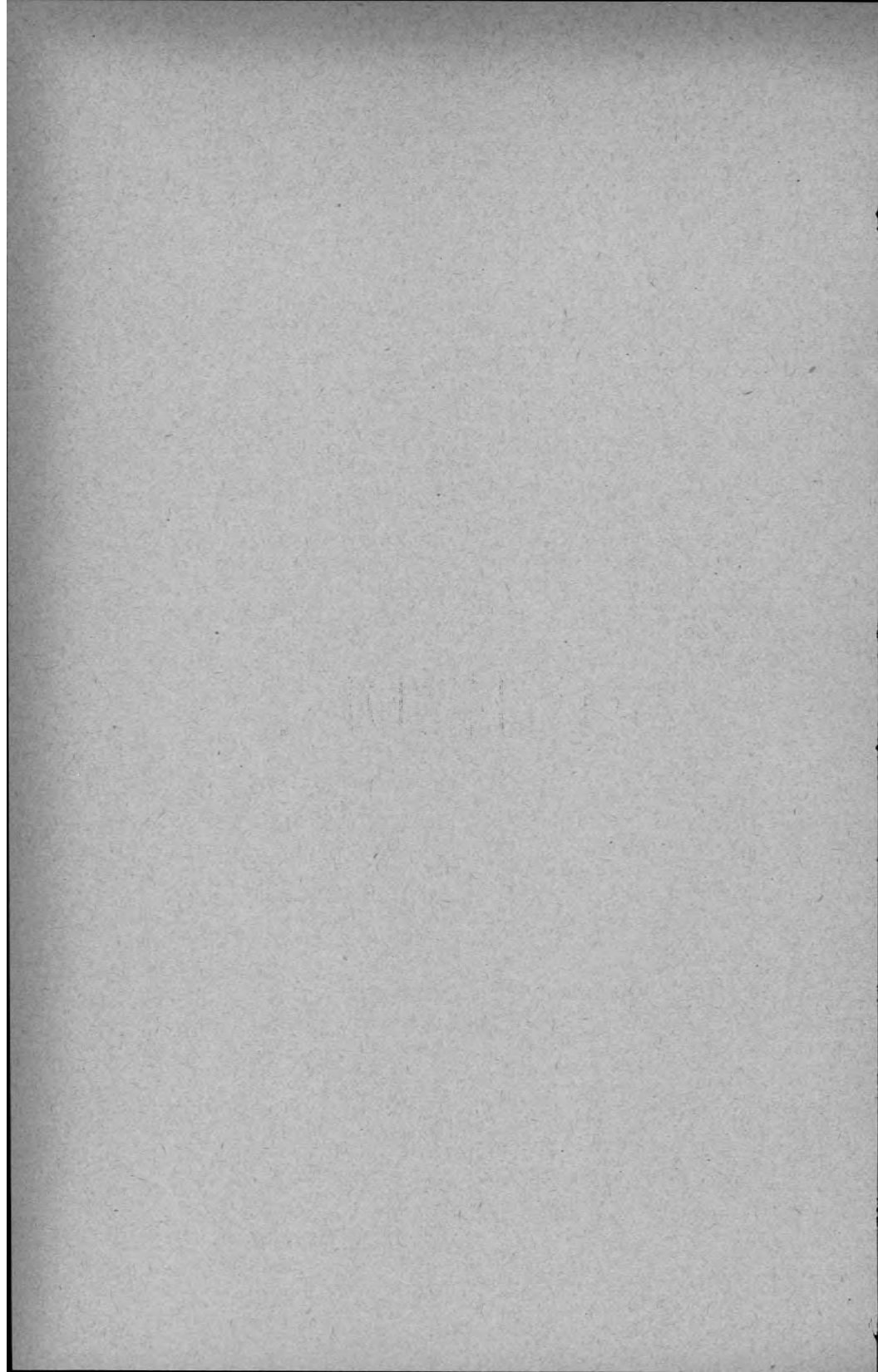
CLOSED.

After solemn prayer 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.

Geo. A. Beauchamp
Grand Secretary.



APPENDIX.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

—BY—

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter

of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Alabama.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the following report:

The list of Grand Chapters herewith presented comprises all that have come to us for review. It is as follows:

Arkansas.....	1900	Nebraska.....	1900
California.....	1901	Nevada.....	1901
Canada.....	1901	New Brunswick.....	1900
Colorado.....	1900	New Jersey.....	1901
Connecticut.....	1901	New Mexico.....	1900
Delaware.....	1901	New South Wales.....	1900
District of Columbia.....	1900	New York.....	1901
England.....	1901	North Carolina.....	1901
Florida.....	1901	Nova Scotia.....	1900
Illinois.....	1900	Ohio.....	1900
Indiana.....	1900	Oregon.....	1901
Indian Territory.....	1901	Pennsylvania.....	1900
Iowa.....	1900-1901	Quebec.....	1901
Kentucky.....	1900	South Australia.....	1901
Louisiana.....	1901	South Dakota.....	1901
Maine.....	1900	Tennessee.....	1901
Maryland.....	1900	Texas.....	1900
Massachusetts.....	1900	Vermont.....	1901
Michigan.....	1901	Victoria.....	1900
Minnesota.....	1900	Virginia.....	1900
Mississippi.....	1901	West Virginia.....	1900
Missouri.....	1901	Wisconsin.....	1901
Montana.....	1900		
Triennial of the General Grand Chapter.....	1900		

[We learn that British Columbia, North Dakota, Georgia and Kansas are on the way—hope they will come in time for a brief notice.]

ARKANSAS—51ST ANNUAL, LITTLE ROCK, NOVEMBER, 1900.

Active Chapters, 54; membership, 1,975.

M. E. J. S. Westfield, Grand High Priest.

Ten Past Grand High Priests were present at the Convocation.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a well written paper, submitting a faithful account of his administration.

He, with his Companions, mourned the loss, by death, of the two Past Grand High Priests, Samuel S. Williams and W. H. Gee, Masons whose ability, zeal and loyalty were so conspicuous.

He reported two decisions, as follows:

Decision No. 1—"A Chapter failing to elect and install officers at the time fixed by By Laws, can do so at the first stated meeting thereafter without a dispensation.

Decision No. 2—On appeal from the decisions of the High Priest of one of our Chapters, I ruled as follows:

"A motion to place in the hands of the Captain of the Host the sum of \$20.00 to be used at his discretion for charitable purposes, but the real object being to return to a recently exalted Companion so much of his \$25.00 fee for the degrees, would not be in order, and the High Priest did not err in so deciding."

The Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Chapter sustained both decisions as conformable to the laws of the Jurisdiction.

He granted a dispensation for organizing a new Chapter, also twelve special dispensations, of which six were for receiving and balloting on petitions within the required time. He exacted urgent reasons for asking him to exercise his dispensing power, in each case.

His few visitations were both pleasant and profitable.

We cull from the Grand Secretary's report the following:

"——Chapter, No. —, reports and pays dues for 1899 and 1900, but there is no report for 1898 on file, nor do the records show the dues were paid for 1898. They claim that the Grand Chapter, session of 1898, remitted the dues for that year. The records show no such action, and the matter is referred to this Grand Chapter for adjustment.

The Grand Chapter took the matter into consideration, and adjusted it by remitting said dues for 1898. The best thing, no doubt to do.

Grand Secretary's Financial Statement puts total assets at \$2,793.34. Total cash, after all disbursements, \$1,081.11.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had a good time, no cases of appeal or grievance being before it for examination. An empty docket always delights the *Grand Jury* Committee.

The Committee on Memorials made a most appropriate report on the death of M. E. Companions Samuel S. Williams and W. H. Gee, and the forty-eight Companions of the Jurisdiction of Arkansas, who have passed away during the year.

A charter was granted to Joppa Chapter U. D., in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, and a dispensation to form a Chapter at DeQueen. Also, the charter of a defunct Chapter was restored, conditioned on its compliance with the McCullough resolution, attached to the committee's report, but not before us.

Past Grand High Priest, "Reuben J. Laughlin, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made no report, but promised a table of statistics to appear in the Appendix. The Grand High Priest continued Companion Laughlin on said committee." For that statistical table we have looked in vain.

In the Synopsis of Returns we note what appears to us a very encouraging fact, viz: that one Chapter whose dues for 1900 were \$8.50, paid up \$20.50; a second, whose dues for same year were \$7.50, paid \$10.00; a third, whose dues were \$7.50, paid \$34.50; a fourth, whose dues were \$7.50, paid \$34.00; a fifth Chapter, whose dues were \$20.50, paid \$33.50; while a sixth, whose dues were, for the same time, \$16.50, paid \$34.00.

This wiping out of old scores must have gladdened the heart of the Grand Secretary.

M. E. Thos. H. Jones, Grand High Priest.

M. E. John C. Bone, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA—47TH ANNUAL, SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL, 1901.

Active Chapters (by our count) 71. Total of affiliated R. A. Masons, as per returns to January 31, 1902, 6232—net gain 397. Total receipts for the year, as per Grand Secretary's report, \$6,494.07.

Bro. Davies says:

"It is with much pleasure that I state to Grand Chapter that all the Chapters have made returns, and all dues have been paid."

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, April 16, 1901, \$4,365.63.
 Net assets of Grand Chapter, \$34,365.63.

M.: E.: Edward R. Hedges, Grand High Priest, whose portrait appears as frontispiece to this neat volume of Proceedings.

When the Grand Chapter was opened it was ascertained that there were present seventeen Past Grand High Priests and Grand Representatives of thirty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest, in the opening of his address, said:

"The Royal Craft has made unusual progress during the year past, and our beloved Order, I am pleased to say to you, is in a healthy prosperous condition; increased activity, renewed interest, and, with one exception, the largest accession in membership since the organization of the Grand Chapter. Let us hope that there has been a corresponding increase in moral force, which, rather than numbers, constitutes the most essential elements of our stability and character as an institution; that the work passed up by the overseers has been good work, square work—such work as is wanted in the temple of life and that will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's unerring square of truth."

"Capitular Masonry is a grand brotherhood, and could every member live up truly to its elevating character-building teachings and inculcations, we could justly claim to be one of the great moral powers, whose mission it is to teach man how to live in this world and to aid him in his preparation for the next."

Before reciting his official acts, he paid loving tribute to the memory of Companions deceased, especially two Past Grand High Priests, Companions William Thomas Reynolds and Thomas H. Caswell, the latter of whom served the Grand Chapter as its Grand Secretary twenty-one years.

Among his dispensations were several to ballot without the usual delay. Two were granted to form new Chapters, and two Chapters were constituted—one in person, the other by proxy.

Under decisions he thus answered the question, "was the action of ——— Chapter, No. —, which had ordered the dues of A. and B. to "be remitted for all time to come," illegal?

The H. P. who put the question, and other Companions, claimed said action to have been illegal, and that A. and B. could be held liable for all past arrearages.

The Grand High Priest answered that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter was silent on the subject of life membership and that there was no decision concerning it. In the absence of law in regard to this matter, he would not decide said action illegal,

but referred the whole subject to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Some of the members of Grand Chapter favored, others, others of them opposed life memberships. Indeed said he, "the Royal Craft is much divided on the subject."

The other question submitted to the Grand High Priest was as to the lawfulness of the H. P.'s ruling in a certain Chapter, that all members not in arrears for dues six months, were entitled to vote, said ruling having been made at the annual meeting for election of officers. The By-laws provide that "No member, who, at the annual meeting, shall be in arrears for dues, shall be allowed to vote or be eligible for any office."

While he did not question the right of any Chapter under the Constitution, to make such provision, he did question the justice of depriving any Companion for financial reasons, of any of the rights and privileges of masonry until he is liable to suspension for non-payment of dues. * * If the exact letter of the law was enforced, he thought, probably one-third of the members would be deprived of a vote, for one day would place them in arrears—hardly the object, in his opinion, of the framers of the law. In consideration of what he conceived to be the spirit and intent, and reasonable construction, rather than the extreme letter of the law, he could not decide the said ruling unlawful.

But, doubtless the law committee will settle the matter; so we pass on.

Charters were granted to the two Chapters U. D. (These two were included in our count of the Chapters.)

The Grand Lecturer, in his report, highly commended the District Deputies for their faithful, efficient work.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported, on the question of a member's right to vote, that the Grand High Priest's decision was erroneous under the law, but fully agreed with him and Past Grand High Priest Blackmer that the law was unnecessarily harsh, and offered an amendment to the Constitution and recommended its adoption. The amendment was as follows :

"Amend Section 3 of Article IV, Part II of that instrument, so that it will read as follows:

"SEC. 3. All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any election and be eligible to any office in the Chapter."

"And we further recommend the amendment of Section 3 of Article VI of the Uniform Code of By-laws by striking out the words, and no member shall be eligible to office or be permitted

to vote while in arrears for dues," so that the section, when amended, will read as follows:

Sec. 3. The dues of each member of this Chapter shall be — per month."

The amendment to the Constitution was carried—180 ayes, 24 noes. The amendment to the Code of By-Laws was carried unanimously.

The Jurisprudence Committee to which was referred the matter of "remitting dues for all time to come," reported that such action was "illegal and void. Dues of Companions may be remitted after such dues have accrued, for charitable reasons only, but cannot be remitted for a future time or period."

The Committee on Grievances having before it a complaint charging a High Priest with an abuse of his power, deeming the subject a question of law, asked its reference to the Jurisprudence Committee; the latter reported that such a complaint must be signed by five Royal Arch Masons in good standing, (Const. Sec. 1, Art. II, Part III,) but for information of the Companions, gave its views on the duties of a High Priest of a Chapter and upon the disposition of the funds of a Chapter—that is on the right of a Chapter to do as it pleases with its funds.

The Committee intimated that the action of the High Priest could not be questioned or discussed by the Chapter, but the action of the High Priest is reviewable in the manner and by the tribunal provided for in the section of the Constitution referred to above." * * In the Committee's opinion "the Chapter is only in the position of trustee in charge of its funds. It has no power to expend any portion thereof for any purpose except such as is warranted by Masonic law and custom." Briefly the disposition of Chapter funds "consists in the payment of the ordinary expenses of the Chapter, and in the dispensation of charity and other strictly Masonic purposes."

The Committee recommended the dismissal of these proceedings.

"After much discussion Grand Chapter voted to receive the report and refer the entire subject matter to the Grand High Priest elect."

"At first blush" the views of the Committee on "disposition of Chapter funds," seem to be rather too sweeping.

Before entering the report of the Committee on the Pay of Delegates in the copy for publication, the Grand Secretary

paused to pay a tribute of respect to the deceased Companion Theodore Edward Smith, who only ten days since wrote the report of that Committee, and who had been its Chairman for very many years.

Those Companions who have been called to everlasting refreshment, are fittingly remembered in the memorial pages of these Proceedings.

The Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood received thirteen new members.

The Special Committee on Memorials made a feeling report on the death of six beloved Companions, but before the ink on its pen was dry had one more to add to the list of the departed—Theodore Edward Smith, Recorder of the Grand Convention.

M. : E. : Samuel Hopkins Wagener, Grand High Priest.

R. : E. : Willam Abraham Davies, Grand Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Within the compass of 104 pages Companion William Abram Davies, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presents us with an admirable synopsis of the proceedings of all the sister Grand Chapters with which fraternal relations are held, except three whose proceedings were too late in arriving for publication in this volume.

It is a pleasure to read Companion Davies' reports, to which we feel like applying several laudatory adjectives, but forbear, keeping in mind what an old teacher once said to us:

"You are too free in the use of adjectives."

Our Companion's review of Alabama—1900, is courteous and brotherly, presenting the salient points of our proceedings.

Of our report on correspondence, he says:

"This report is again made by Companion William T. Titcomb," (*William Y.* if you please, Companion,) "Chairman, and is a most excellent digest of the doings of fifty Grand Capitular Bodies."

Thanks for your encouraging words, Companion.

He beautifully closes his notice of this Grand Chapter with the following tribute to the memory of our late Grand Secretary, M. : E. : Companion, Henry Clay Armstrong:

"We close our notice of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, to express our sympathy with the jurisdiction in the death of the eminent and faithful Mason, Henry Clay Armstrong. It seems hard to realize that, at a Convocation of that Grand Body, held on the third and fourth of December, the fatal mandate should have been so near the active, busy Grand Secretary that on the 17th of the same month he should close his eyes and fold his hands in the embrace of death. Our first thought was, 'what will the Fraternity in Alabama do without him?' And the very question itself brings to mind the consoling truth—'The workman dies, but the work goes on.' We will remember Brother Armstrong as 'The Good Knight,' and repeat with his fraters in Alabama the lines:

"The Good Knight sleeps where the daisies nod,
And the clover hangs his head,
Where the wild bird comes and the wild bees hum,
Above his lonely bed.
He fought the fight—he kept the faith,
His fame shines bright and clear,
And his memory lives in loving hearts,
Which will hold it ever dear.
The Good Knight sleeps.

Dominus vobiscum, dear brother."

Under Illinois, 1900, Companion Davies frankly admits himself *aetat.* 73, (at this writing 74). Dear Companion we are just eight days older than yourself.

Under Michigan, he pertinently says:

"We think the following an undeserved reflection upon a committee that has, by its unselfish labors, built up the reputation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan:" then quotes as follows:

"Your Committee would recommend the payment of fifty dollars to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for services rendered, and that, in view of the fact that there is seemingly but little benefit derived from their labors, we recommend that future reports of the Committee be abolished. And it was so ordered."

Under South Carolina, he says of Companion Barron, who was reviewing California:

"He notes first the absence of their representative, Companion W. T. S., saying, 'Absent as usual,' which raises the question with us, why not try another one, Companion Barron?"

At sight of the unreviewed Proceedings on our table we desist from further notice of California at this time.

CANADA—43D ANNUAL, TORONTO, JANUARY, 1901.

Chapters, 100; members, 6,215; net gain, 345.

M.: E.: Comp. W. G. Reid, Grand Z., in the chair.

The Convocation was opened in the presence of a constitutional number of delegates from Constituent Chapters, nine Grand Superintendents, and Grand Representatives of twenty-four sister Jurisdictions, Alabama not included.

The Grand Z., in his address, gave utterance to the deep sorrow experienced by the Craft, as well as by the whole nation, on account of the death of Queen Victoria, who was idolized by her subjects. His opening remarks were imbued with the spirit of true patriotism. On the subject of "Condition of the Royal Craft," he said:

"From personal observation as well as from information imparted by our zealous Superintendents, I am prepared to announce that at no period in our history has the condition of this Grand Chapter been better nor its prospects brighter. Your Grand Scribe E., who has been in close and constant touch with those Chapters which for long have been, on account of apathy, considered a blot on our fair record, makes gratifying announcement that of the five reported as about dead last year by the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, four are again in active working order and may not be heard of again as drones in the hive. The fifth is, I fear, past recall, but of these you will hear in detail from the committee referred to."

The Grand High Priest, for the faithful, intelligent work of the Grand Superintendents, has naught but praise.

The Chapters of British Columbia receive especial mention for their zeal and efficiency.

"But the achievement of the year," declares our M.: E.: Companion, "and one for which I cannot personally take one particle of credit, has been the action of the Companions of Keystone Chapter No. 235, under the Grand Registry of Scotland, and located at Nanaimo for many years, although long time dormant. * * * * *

"The following is a copy of the resolution forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. by R.: E.: Companion Chipman, Grand Superintendent, sealed and certified by the Z., and acting S. E. of the Chapter:

"At an Emergency Convocation of Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 235, G. R. S., held in Chapter Hall, Masonic Hall, Nanaimo, B. C., on Friday, the 9th day of November, A. D., 1900, the following resolution, moved by Companion ———, and seconded by Companion ———, was unanimously carried:

"That Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 235, G. R. S., Nanaimo, B. C., surrender its present charter, granted by and held under, the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and make application for affiliation with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada."

"Seal. (Sgd.)

".....Z.

".....Actg. Scribe E."

Now the Scottish Chapter at Victoria is the only one in British Columbia not affiliated with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents, and the examination of those reports by the Committee on Condition of the Craft, show, for much the greater part, a healthy condition throughout most of the Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Benevolence recommended grants of relief in the aggregate \$675.00. Adopted.

The Committee on Grievances was sustained by the Grand Chapter, when it submitted its brief report.

An effort was made to raise the minimum fee, \$10.00, to its former amount, \$20.00.

The effort met with failure.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of three new Chapters.

A Warrant of Affiliation was granted to Keystone Chapter (235) at Nanaimo, B. C.

Four Chapters U. D. received Charters. One of these, located at New Westminster, B. C., had been working under dispensation fifteen months, in first-rate style. One Chapter was continued under dispensation, as it had not forwarded an account of work done, it being of tender age capitular.

An address of condolence, coupled with assurance of loyalty and devotion, was sent to King Edward VII, of England.

At the last Annual Convocation a number of Chapters had requested that the Grand Council take into consideration the restoration of the M. E. M. Degree in its entirety; that request met with the approval of the Grand Chapter; accordingly, on Nov. 23, 1900, Grand Council held a meeting to consider the matter, and, it having been discussed at length, resolved,

"That the present work, as authorized by the Grand Chapter, be continued without change."

The report of the Grand Council *re* the M. E. M. Degree was received and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett again presents us with one of his admirable reports on Correspondence, in which he reviews (102 pp) the proceedings of forty-two Grand Chapters—one for 2 years—most happily.

Companion Bennett possesses the desirable faculty of pursuing the trail on which he hunts without deviating to right or left, and at the same time missing no chance to "let fly" at any game which may bob up within the range of his keen sight, and too, he never forgets to be courteous.

His notice of Alabama is of the administration of M. E. Edward S. Gatchell, whom he quotes on condition of the craft, and alludes to as paying "touching tribute to the noble qualities exhibited in life by two Companions, who, in the interval had been called to the celestial Sanhedrim, viz.: P. G. H. P., Comp. Wm. Story Foster, and Grand Chaplain, the Rev. W. C. Cleveland."

He says that Alabama, like many other Grand Chapters, is making a supreme effort to systematize the recording of Marks.

The reviewer, generously accords the writer about a page of his notice. After a brief comment on our introduction to the report, 1899, he says:

"His review of Canada for 1899 is as generous as those given to closer neighbors, and to ourselves he is flattering;" then quotes us.

We did not mean to flatter; we thought he merited the praise we bestowed. But we also ventured to intimate that vinegar wouldn't catch flies; whereupon Companion Bennett cleverly rejoins:

"True, but we are not in the fly catching industry, and if we were, it would be difficult to discover any on Alabama's latest contribution to the Guild. Remember too,

'Variety alone gives joy;

The sweetest meats the soonest cloy.'

"We gladly welcome Companion Titcomb and trust he may be spared many years, a worthy successor to him whose loss all deplore."

Our Companion may rest assured that his kind words of welcome are appreciated very highly indeed.

Several passages in this excellent paper have been noted for reference, but the merest glance will have to suffice this time.

Under Colorado his quotation of what the able Correspondent, Comp. Le Neve Foster, says under Canada, 1899, is an honor to both himself and Comp. Foster; it will bear repeating.

"Among the disbursements it is with considerable pleasure we notice the charitable use of funds; everything is not eaten up by salaries, mileage and per diem, fine jewels, and other expenses, as is so often the case in jurisdictions on this side of the line. There was a grant of \$1,000.00 for the hospital for sick children, and \$410.00 for benevolence."

Companion Bennett would have non-affiliates elected to membership without the payment of a fee. So would we.

He agrees with Comp. Duncan, of Louisiana, that an objection to an elected applicant is not equivalent to a blackball.

Under Nebraska, he comments on the following decision of the Grand High Priest:

"I decided that when a brother had taken the degree of Mark Master and been absent for five years on business, a new ballot was not necessary; it would, however, be necessary for the brother to be examined as to his proficiency, and a ballot taken thereon," and says:

"After a careful survey of the above from all positions, we reluctantly come to the conclusion to 'give it up.' The committee, to which it was referred, were in similar perplexity apparently, for they struck out the last five words."

With due deference to the G. H. P. of Nebraska and his Law Committee, we would respectfully suggest as an amendment, to said decision, the following: Strike out the last three words and substitute the following: *viva voce* vote be taken thereon.

We unite with Companion Bennett in admiration of scholarly and thoughtful productions of Companion Rugg, of Rhode Island.

M. . . E. . . Comp. Wm. Gibson, Grand Z.

R. . . E. . . Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E.

COLORADO, 26TH ANNUAL.—DENVER, SEPTEMBER, 1900.

Active Chapters, 32 (all making returns and all represented); present membership, 2,626; net gain, 52.

M. . . E. . . Marshall H. Dean, Grand High Priest.

This volume of Proceedings is beautifully prepared and contains handsome portraits of Companions, Geo. W. Roe, G. H. P., Ernest Le Neve Foster, P. G. H. P., Alphonse A. Reynolds,

P. G. H. P., Geo. T. Cooper, P. G. H. P., Marshall H. Dean, P. G. H. P., and Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary.

There were present at the opening ten Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of twenty-nine sister Jurisdictions, Comp. Tyler D. Heiskell "holding down Alabama's chair.

In greeting his companions of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest aptly quoted from the collections of pithy sayings, by Confucius, as follows:

"The master said, 'Is it not pleasant to have friends coming from distant quarters?' Also, 'There are three friendships which are advantageous and three which are injurious. Friendship with the upright, friendship with the sincere, and friendship with the man of much observation; these are advantageous. Friendship with the man of specious airs, friendship with the insinuatingly soft, and friendship with the glib-tongued; these are injurious.' He also said, 'No virtue is higher than love for all men, and there is no loftier aim in government than to profit all men.'"

He had caused to be issued a standing memorial in memory of the late Grand Sentinel, Companion Thomas Linton, who had faithfully guarded the door of the Grand Chapter a quarter of a century.

But few dispensations had been granted.

Among those issued was one for forming a new Chapter. Most of them, however, were for installing officers out of the regular time. He peremptorily refused a dispensation for public installation of officers. He trusted that his successor in office would refuse to grant dispensation for that object, or, better still, that the Grand Chapter would pass a resolution refusing to permit such installations. He did not believe that public installations were right.

In our opinion no harm would be likely to result from such installation, but, on the other hand, some good might accrue therefrom.

He submitted only one decision, viz:

"The degrees of the Chapter cannot be conferred on a brother who is engaged in the saloon business."—Grand Chapter By-Law No. 65.

His decision will, no doubt, meet general approval.

The nine visitations he was enabled to make, without doubt, were not without profit to the Royal Craft.

That "elegant trout supper" which "rounded up" the Leadville visit, though the last, was not the least interesting subject claiming attention, we imagine.

The Jurisprudence Committee to which were referred certain portions of the Grand High Priest's address, reported approval of his official acts in the matter of approving By-Laws and granting special dispensations; also all of his decisions. It approved of his refusal to grant a dispensation to hold public installation; but in regard to his recommendation of adoption of a resolution by the Grand Chapter prohibiting such installations, the committee was of the opinion that it would be unwise for the Grand Chapter to take action by legislation, or otherwise restricting in any way the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest. Report of the committee adopted.

The Grand High Priest appointed a Special Committee on Galveston Sufferers.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash balance and receipts, \$4,292.76. After all disbursements, balance September 20, 1900, \$2,197.96.

For the last three years, perhaps longer, the Committee on Appeals and Grievances has happily been "out of a job."

Special committee on the Galveston sufferers made report, and it was unanimously adopted. The committee reported that the Grand Lodge of Colorado had fully considered this sad subject and authorized the Grand Master to correspond with the Grand Master of Texas, to determine what the Grand Lodge may deem best to do under the circumstances; therefore the committee advised that the Grand High Priest be authorized to co-operate with the Grand Master and to act as in his judgment he may deem best.

The report on Necrology presented by Companion Lawrence N. Greenleaf for the committee pays fitting tribute to the memory of the late Grand Sentinel, Companion Thomas Linton also commemorates the departed Companions of Colorado, and of sister Jurisdictions. Alluding to the latter the committee says:

"The sad memorials from other Grand Chapters that have been placed in our hands are mournful evidence of the busy hand of death. From their rolls are missing the names of distinguished Companions, whose work will live after them, for

'Were a star quenched on high,
 For ages would its light,
 Still traveling downward from the sky,
 Shine on our mortal sight.
 So when a great man dies,
 For years beyond our ken,
 The light he leaves behind him lies
 Upon the paths of men.' "

CORRESPONDENCE.

Again Past Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster presents one of his first rate reports, in which he reviews the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Chapters (52 pamphlets) in unexceptionable manner.

Alabama—1899 receives courteous and fraternal notice (2 pp-nearly). He notes that Grand High Priest Ed. S. Gatchell found it unnecessary to make any decisions.

He quotes from Grand Secretary Armstrong's report on the condition of the Craft, noting his recommendation that the R. A. Degree be not conferred until the candidate has chosen and recorded his mark, mentioning also resolutions adopted making it obligatory for candidates to so choose and record their marks.

He says: "The Committee on Work made report as to the M. E. Master and R. A. degrees."

If Companion Foster will refer to the Alabama Proceedings 1899, again, he will discover that he overlooked the minutes on page 18. The committee reported on the M. M. degree and the P. M. degree, on the morning of December 4th, whereupon a Companion moved a report on the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees be made special order for 8 p. m. same day. It was accordingly so, done; the four degrees were rehearsed in full—two in the morning and two in the evening. No charge for the correction.

That the cordial welcome to the "Round Table," by Companion Foster, is very highly appreciated by this scribe, goes without saying.

He quotes the writer on the following subjects: free admission of ministers of the Gospel, dependent membership, and elimination of the P. M. degree.

On the first and third we are "open to conviction," but on the second topic we seem to ourselves to be in about the same frame of mind that we suppose "Old Hickory" was in when about to pronounce upon the fate of a certain Spaniard at Pensacola, whom his men had captured when he took that town from the Spanish. Upon being begged to be just to the desperado, the General replied: "He shall have justice, but—he shall hang."

Under Mississippi, having quoted Companion Savary on the subject of "slow advancement," Companion Foster gives utterance to the following:

"We largely agree with the above, but our contention is that the candidates are urged too much, and made to believe that the summit of Masonry is a Maltese cross, or even a tiger's claws and crescent, the latter of which has no more to do with Masonry than theatricals have with preaching. We want to see a candidate have time to understand and appreciate what he has received before he goes further, and the very best of men can well afford to wait a few months before progressing; then, if they still desire it, let them proceed. An appreciation of Masonry is the desirable qualification, not a desire for show and feathers."

The foregoing observation we regard as eminently just:

Under Texas, referring to Companion Terrell's criticism of Companion Harrison's (Delaware) remark that he thought Grand High Priest Jernigan (Alabama) made "a sound and logical decision" on "physical qualifications," the said criticism being as follows:

"To our mind it is peculiar reasoning, especially from a Masonic standpoint, that one man is not disqualified who has an artificial leg of a certain pattern, while another who is unable to buy such pattern, but can procure a peg-leg, or perhaps a crutch, must be denied the same privilege, though, in truth, he may be a much better man."

Companion Foster says:

"Yet, Companion Terrell, why is it such peculiar reasoning? In one case he can conform to the forms and ceremonies, whilst in the other he cannot."

On the same line, under Rhode Island, he says of Companion Henry W. Rugg:

"Regarding physical perfection he is exceedingly broad, and hails with delight the Alabama cork leg decision."

We have noted several passages in this highly interesting report, for reference, but fancy we hear the bell calling us down;

therefore will only add that under Vermont—1900 he quotes the lecture. Companion Perkins was kind enough to read us of Alabama, on the subject of free admission of the clergy. As we made what reply we could in our last report, (Ala. Proc. 1900), "here we rest." Hold!—just a minute. What our Companion says (Maine) about Lodges attending divine worship is well worthy of consideration. As to this matter of worship, we should all concede to others what we claim for ourselves—conscientious freedom of choice. The Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, &c., may worship according to the dictates of their own consciences, while we ourselves kneel and recite the solemn, beautiful litany, in the Episcopal church; but we are all united in worship and adoration of the S. A. O. T. U.

Nevertheless, we recognize, in communities where religious views are not diverse, as a fit expression of the beauty of Masonry the attendance of Grand Lodge, in a body, at church to offer up praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, before proceeding to the transaction of business.

M. E. Geo. W. Rae, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

M. E. Companion John L. Hill, Grand High Priest.

We have received advanced sheets of the address of Grand High Priest, Companion Hill, at the 103d Annual of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; also, of the report of the Deputy Grand High Priest, and that of the Grand King, as well as Past Grand High Priest, John H. Barlow's Report on Correspondence, but the Proceedings have not yet shown up.

The Grand High Priest had issued but few (6) dispensations; three of these for waiving time in receiving and acting upon petitions for the degrees.

He submitted no decisions.

He performed the sad duty of announcing the death of two members of the Grand Chapter—M. E. Companion Charles H. Cheseboro, P. G. H. P., and E. Companion Edward S. Linsley, of the Committee on By-Laws.

His visit to the General Grand Chapter at Cincinnati, had been one of much pleasure, although what of business there

was had not been conducted with such dispatch as that of the Convocation immediately preceding it.

All but four of the States were represented.

The M. E. thought that High Priests and other officers of their Chapters should make themselves a little more familiar with the General Regulations. Art. 25, Miscellaneous Regulations, requires Secretaries of Chapters, within ten days after the annual election of officers, to transmit to the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary the names of the officers elected.

Out of thirty-nine Chapters in the Jurisdiction, he had received such report from only twelve.

He tendered his earnest thanks to the Excellent Grand Secretary, for his aid and assistance during the year, which has been saddened by death in Companion McCormick's family.

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand King show the Royal Craft in Connecticut to be in healthy condition.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion John H. Barlow, may be always relied on to furnish a first-class Report on Correspondence. His present report, the 24th, a review (96 pp) of the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Chapters, in point of ability falls not one whit below his former excellent efforts.

His notice of Alabama, 1900, is truly kind and fraternal.

He refers to a resolution offered at our last Convocation, and which lies over until our next Annual, the purpose of said resolution being the repeal of a regulation, allowing the use of substitutes in conferring the R. A. Degree, and says:

"This is allowed in most Jurisdictions, and in the few where it is prohibited, the Companions are working for its repeal; we believe they will be better satisfied to let the regulation remain."

The writer would express his grateful acknowledgments to Companion Barlow for complimentary reference to the last Alabama Report on Correspondence.

Our Companion in Connecticut deeply sympathizes with us in the loss by death of Grand Secretary H. Clay Armstrong.

Under Delaware, we are pleased to note that Companion Barlow does not look with favor upon the idea of making the Chapter a mere stepping stone to something else, and that he does

not approve the taking candidates through the degrees by the "limited express."

Alluding to the candidate, who fancies he is swiftly climbing to the top of the ladder, he quotes Grand High Priest Galbraith's forceful remarks on the same line, and says:

"Yes, and he soon thinks he is too high a Mason to pay any attention to the Lodge, and next we hear of his being struck from the roll, or suspended for non-payment of dues; thanks to the General Grand Encampment for their action in that direction; we trust that it will be rigidly enforced."—Amen!

On the same line, under Illinois, he observes:

"Companion Pearson seems to call dependent membership a "modern fad." True the necessity for dues may in a sense be called modern, but we think it has been clearly demonstrated that we must have them, and all, if able, should pay, and not be allowed to play the shirk in the Lodge and Chapter, to parade in the showy garb of the Commandery."

Companion Barlow, as well as Companion Pearson and others, is in full agreement with us as to the propriety of making Masons of liquor dealers, but prefers to express his belief through the ballot box, rather than special legislation. And we are not sure that he has not the right side of the argument.

Companion Barlow is as straight as a plumb line on dependent membership, as we again find, under Maine. Companion Drummond had said that but for a modern innovation a non-affiliate Master Mason is in good standing, if that is all there is against him; but he would submit to Companion Barlow the question, which he had frequently asked, but to which he had never yet received an answer: If a Companion is financially unable to pay his dues in all the bodies, ought he not to be allowed to select the one to which he will pay dues, or must he give up the Commandery first and the Chapter next? To which Companion Barlow replies as follows:

"We are willing to admit that discipline for non-payment of dues is modern, as the necessity for dues did not exist among our ancient brethren, but, at the present day, Lodges can not well be supported without them; as to the question of Brother Drummond, we would say, most emphatically, give up the so-called higher degrees first; if the Brother can pay dues in only one body, let it be the Lodge—that is the foundation—and no structure can long be sustained without such firm support."

While penning the foregoing, we had a waking dream: We saw before us an edifice of vast and beautiful proportions. Far as the eye could reach its battlemented walls extended on either hand, while its turrets and towers stood out in bold relief against the upper air, and from the topmost towers streamed a banner whose ample folds bore the motto, "Friendship, Love and Truth." It was a picture of marvelous beauty and magnificence.

By some subtle agency the massive foundations of this huge structure became disintegrated; the vast fabric fell with a crash that made the earth to quake.

That proud Temple—the wonder of the world—was now a scene of wreck and ruin.

Verbum sat.

Under Vermont he quotes Companion Perkins on Alabama's practice of admitting ministers free of charge (a matter which we have noticed elsewhere, therefore will not repeat) and says:

"It is not allowed in Connecticut."

He thinks with Companion Perkins that conferring the Capitular degrees at sight is not a prerogative of the Grand High Priest; further that the conferring of them thus on Rear Admiral Schley savored of "toadyism."

But, much as it would please us to tarry longer with you, Companion Barlow, nevertheless must hasten on.

Below we append Companion Barlow's Table of Statistics:

STATISTICS.

Dimitted.	Suspended or Struck from Roll for N. P. D.	Expelled.	Died.	Increase of Members.	Decrease of Members.	Increase of Chapters.	Decrease of Chapters.	Average Members in Chapters.	COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.	RESIDENCE.
18	28	1	18	..	18	..	3	33	William Y. Titcomb.....	Anniston....
36	91	..	47	..	19	12	..	31	Reuben J. Laughlin.....	Bentonville..
10	7	..	3	38	..	1	..	43	Charles D. Belden.....	Phoenix.....
121	121	..	108	52	..	1	..	85	William A. Davis.....	San Francis..
35	71	3	38	52	..	1	..	79	Ernest LeNeve Foster.....	Denver.....
18	120	1	105	241	..	..	..	155	John H. Barlow.....	Hartford.....
2	1	..	8	34	..	..	..	185	V. V. Harrison.....	Wilmington..
24	36	..	31	131	..	..	..	223	Arvine W. Johnson.....	Washington..
27	13	1	12	42	..	..	..	41	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
98	67	..	59	..	17	..	8	33	A. M. Lambdin.....	Barnesville..
357	422	2	260	329	..	2	..	92	John M. Pearson	Godfrey.....
113	92	7	112	403	..	1	..	75	Simeon S. Johnson.....	Jeff rsonville.
17	18	..	7	55	..	1	..	38	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.....
149	116	2	103	304	..	..	..	64	Thomas R. Ercanbrack..	Annamosa....
129	114	1	54	..	1	..	..	63	William M. Shaver..	Topeka.....
101	108	1	58	143	..	5	..	44	James W. Staton.....	Brooksville..
20	28	..	21	176	..	2	..	57	Herman C. Duncan.....	Alexandria...
62	30	..	120	216	..	..	..	116	Josiah H. Drummond...	Portland.....
32	28	1	27	34	..	1	..	98	Edward T. Schultz.....	Baltimore....
167	265	..	254	552	..	1	..	214	J. Gilman Waite.....	Boston.....
150	165	1	205	312	..	3	..	164	Clarence H. Leonard....	Detroit.....
87	79	..	41	259	..	2	..	83	Thomas Montgomery....	St. Paul.....
60	29	1	43	171	..	3	..	35	P. M. Savery.....	Tupelo.....
160	206	4	83	..	..	..	..	72	William H. Mayo.....	St. Louis....
16	14	..	13	34	..	..	..	58	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.....
61	98	1	45	51	..	1	..	56	Charles J. Phelps.....	Schuyler.....
5	7	..	4	..	16	..	1	41	A. D. Bird.....	Reno.....
24	12	..	57	78	..	..	..	146	A. D. Waite.....	Newport.....
58	108	1	65	110	..	..	..	93	Charles Belcher.....	Newark.....
20	3	..	4	28	..	1	..	43	W. H. Seamon.....	El Paso.....
261	553	..	329	663	..	..	..	113	George J. Gardner.....	Syracuse....
5	20	5	10	76	..	..	..	41	James Southgate.....	Durham.....
27	15	..	5	80	..	..	..	77	No Committee.....	..
134	445	1	211	716	..	..	..	109	S. Stacker Williams.....	Newark.....
12	1	1	17	89	..	1	..	56	J. M. Hodson.....	Portland.....
205	338	..	375	960	..	..	..	150	Matthias H. Henderson..	Philadelphia.
4	17	..	42	3	..	..	..	265	Henry W. Ruggs.....	Providence...
11	33	..	13	..	5	..	..	34	Jacob T. Barron.....	Columbia....
37	48	..	9	73	..	2	..	63	Louis C. Leroy.....	Webster.....
103	106	1	38	77	..	3	..	40	Henry H. Ingersoll.....	Knoxville...
202	120	3	97	526	..	11	..	45	John L. Terrell.....	Terrell.....
19	16	..	38	250	..	1	..	112	Marsh O. Perkins.....	Windsor.....
74	36	..	37	198	..	3	..	77	C. A. Nesbitt.....	Richmond....
19	18	..	17	64	..	1	..	65	Yancey C Blalock.....	Walla Walla
34	32	1	20	198	..	1	..	75	Hugh Sterling.....	Wheeling....
111	83	2	109	62	..	..	..	83	William C. Swain.....	Milwaukee...
434	4423	42	3376	8010	76	51	22			

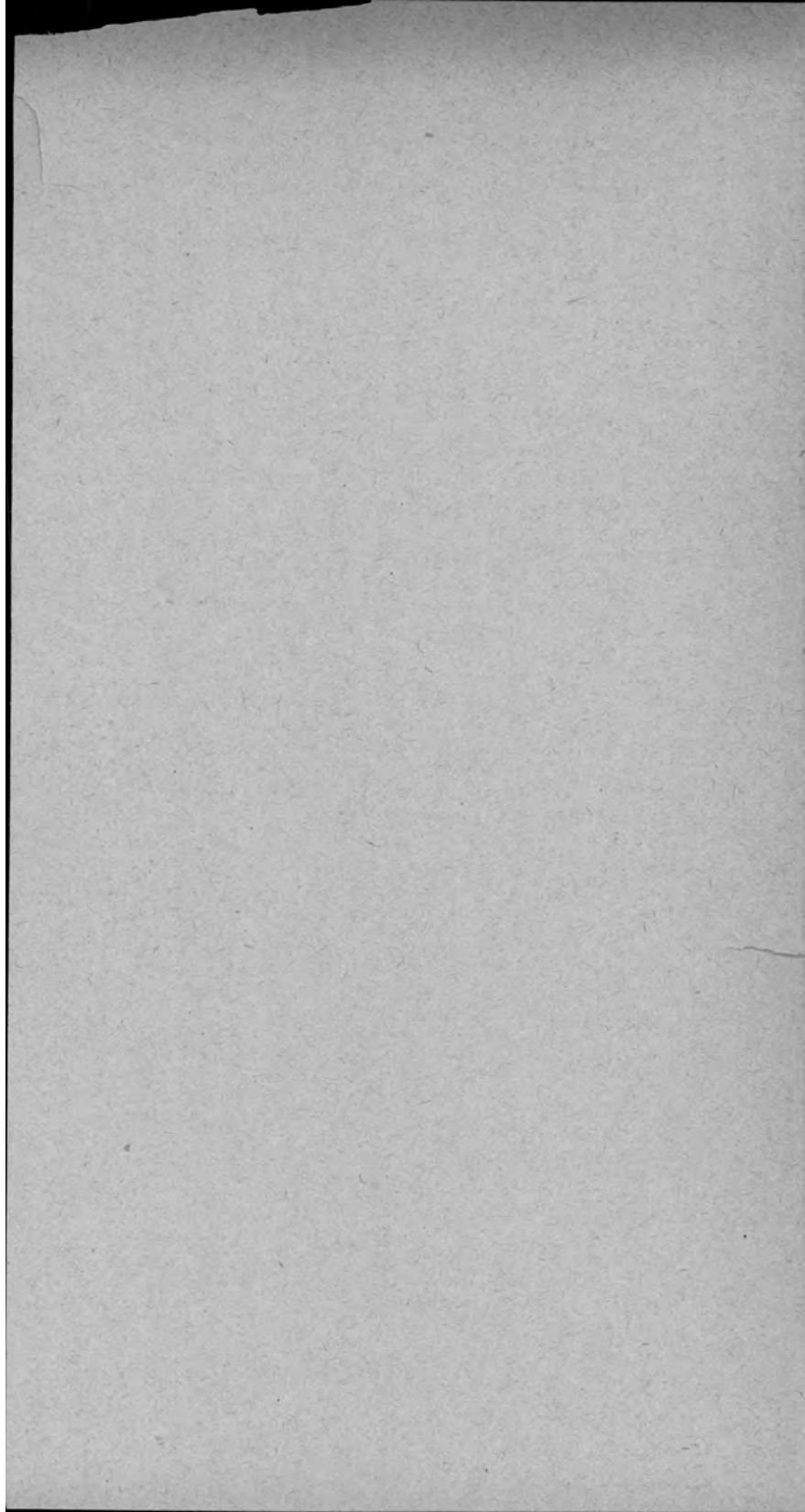
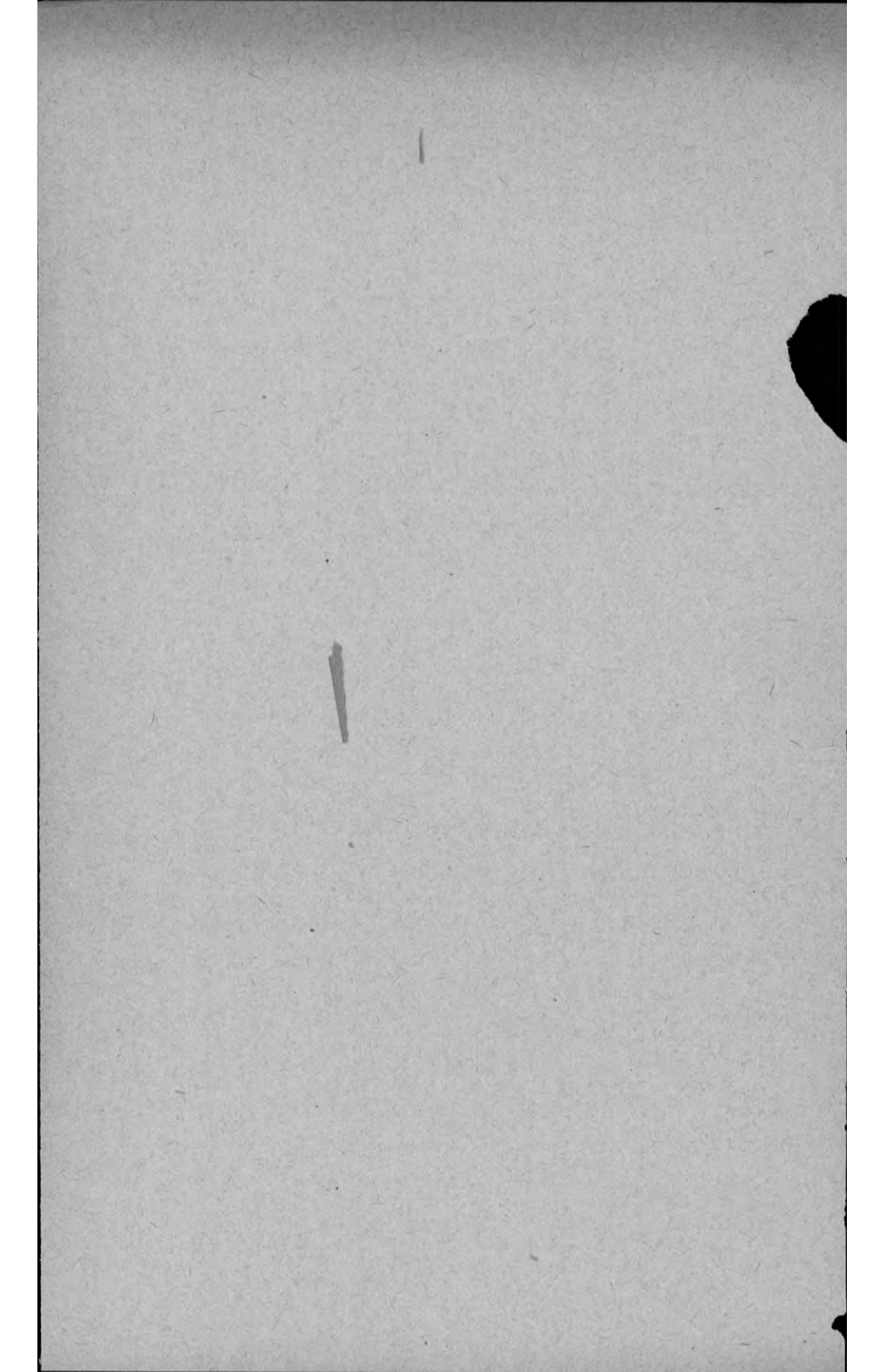


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GRAND CHAPTERS.	Date of Organization.	TIME OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION.	No. of Chapters.	Members.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Reinstated.
Alabama.....	1827	Mond'y before 1st Tues. Dec...	26	856	112	8	14
Arkansas.....	1851	3d Wednesday, November.....	64	1975	63	24	20
Arizona.....	1890	2d Tuesday, November.....	7	301	41	4	
California.....	1854	3d Tuesday, April.....	69	5835	474	108	33
Colorado.....	1875	4th Saturday, September.....	33	2626	139	44	15
Connecticut.....	1798	2d Tuesday, May.....	39	6027	291	11	7
Delaware.....	1869	3d Wednesday, January.....	4	738	40	3	
Dist. Columbia.	1867	2d Wednesday, December.....	11	2451	156	43	23
Florida.....	1847	2d Wednesday, May.....	17	693	73	15	6
Georgia.....	1822	Last Wednesday, April.....	100	3338	284	53	42
Illinois.....	1856	4th Thursday, October.....	187	17324	1017	207	116
Indiana.....	1845	Wed suc'ding 3d Monday Oct..	96	7218	481	164	48
Indian Territory	1890	4th Tuesday, April.....	26	977	70	8	6
Iowa.....	1854	1st Tuesday, June.....	123	7911	538	102	33
Kansas.....	1865	3d Monday, February.....	81	5139	312	71	17
Kentucky.....	1817	3d Tuesday, October.....	78	3412	342	40	32
Louisiana.....	1815	Tuesday after 2d Monday, Feb.	22	1243	131	21	3
Maine.....	1821	1st Tuesday, May.....	56	6502	354	20	8
Maryland.....	1798	2d Tuesday, November.....	20	1961	107	15	3
Massachusetts...	1798	2d Tuesday, December.....	75	16079	902	1022	
Michigan.....	1848	3d Tuesday, January.....	135	13983	676	112	31
Minnesota.....	1859	2d Tuesday, October.....	63	5255	362	85	20
Mississippi.....	1846	Last Tuesday, February.....	46	1621	208	29	12
Missouri.....	1846	4th Thursday, April.....	96	6924	448	90	39
Montana.....	1891	3d Tuesday, September.....	15	866	55	14	
Nebraska.....	1857	2d Wednesday, December.....	53	2951	157	44	55
Nevada.....	1873	Mon. preceeding 2d Tues. June	7	292	10	26	1
New Hampshire	1819	2d Wednesday, May.....	25	3646	134	8	3
New Jersey.....	1856	2d Wednesday, May.....	38	3483	234	44	16
New Mexico.....	1898	4th Tuesday, October.....	10	433	39	4	2
New York.....	1798	1st Tuesday, February.....	188	21223	1442	207	152
North Carolina	1822	2d Tuesday, May.....	19	787	91	81	
North Dakota...	1890	Thurs. after 3d Tuesday, June.	13	1004	112	11	3
Ohio.....	1816	4th Wednesday, September...	149	16228	1206	107	178
Oregon.....	1860	Mon. prec'ing 2d Wed., June...	25	1401	136	27	4
*Pennsylvania...	1795	St. John's Day, December.....	123	18419	1115	140	33
Rhode Island...	1797	2d Tuesday, March.....	10	2647	106	4	4
South Carolina.	1822	2d Tuesday, February.....	19	649	64	8	3
South Dakota...	1890	2d Thursday, June.....	25	1565	106	25	8
Tennessee.....	1826	4th Monday, January.....	68	2721	213	34	18
Texas.....	1850	1st Tuesday, December.....	157	7020	594	184	46
Vermont.....	1804	2d Friday, June.....	27	2987	162	12	
Virginia.....	1808	2d Tuesday, November.....	38	2935	257	75	13
Washington.....	1865	1st Friday, June.....	19	1235	72	27	8
West Virginia...	1871	2d Monday, November.....	27	2024	218	55	12
Wisconsin.....	1876	3d Tuesday, February.....	74	6145	275	41	28
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*Also 3 Mark Master Lodges, 875 Members.



CONNECTICUT—103D ANNUAL, NEW HAVEN, MAY, 1901.

No. of Chapters on roll, 36; No. of members, 6,049; net gain (by No. reported, no returns from 1 Chapter,) 22.

M. E. John L. Hill, Grand High Priest, whose portrait forms the frontispiece of this handsome volume of Proceedings.

There were present at the opening of the Grand Convocation ten Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Representatives of twenty one sister Jurisdictions, including Alabama.

The address of Grand High Priest, J. L. Hill, having been already noticed, also the report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. John H. Barlow, it only remains to observe the rest of the proceedings, which, having been read over, call for no special comment.

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King, and the Grand Scribe, all betoken healthy condition of the Royal Craft in Connecticut.

The Grand Treasurer exhibited a balance on hand, May 13, 1901, in the sum of \$2,236.00.

In Grand Secretary McCormick's report the increase in membership is stated as 130.

We have put the net gain, for the year, 22, according to "Recapitulation" in the appendix, the number of R. A. Masons reported last year having been 6,027, and for this year, 6,049.

Perhaps we have misapprehended the real import of "Increase in membership, 130."

The Committee on Grievances reported that no business had come up for its consideration. The report was accepted.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported to the same effect. Also accepted.

Committee on Appropriations recommended the following payments:

Masonic Charity Foundation.....	\$750 00
Committee on Correspondence.....	100 00
For use of Masonic Hall.....	15 00
Grand Chaplain	10 00
Grand Tyler.....	10 00

Total.....	\$885 00
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Adopted.

On recommendation of Committee on Charters, a charter was granted to one new Chapter.

M. E. John H. Barlow reported the unanimous opinion of the Committee on Ritual, that no change was necessary or desirable in the Standard Ritual—that adopted in 1864—and, also, recommended that “a judicious discretion be allowed the High Priest in omitting or abbreviating portions of the historic lecture, provided it be given in full at least once a year.”

M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow also presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

That portion of the Grand High Priest's address which treated of the subject of perpetual jurisdiction, was reported on as follows:

“By the regulation of our Grand Chapter, an applicant having been elected by a Chapter cannot receive his degrees in any other Chapter without its permission. If rejected by a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction he would be subject to the regulations of that Grand Chapter.”

It would seem that there should be some time limitations to that subjection, when the rejected applicant had removed to a Grand Jurisdiction which does not adhere to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction.

After transaction of some business of local interest, the Committee on Memorials made a short but feeling report.

The portraits of Past Grand High Priests Charles H. Chesebro and Asa Smith, also, adorn this volume.

The Grand Council received new members to the number of fifteen.

M. E. James Callan, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James McCormick, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE—33D ANNUAL, WILMINGTON, JANUARY, 1901.

Chapters, 4; members, 738; net gain, 34.

M. E. Harry Galbraith, Grand High Priest.

Besides the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives, there were present thirty-nine Permanent Members and Representatives of nineteen other Grand Chapters, no one responding for Alabama.

After humble recognition of dependence on the great “I Am,”

the Grand High Priest announced the demise, during the year just closed, of distinguished Companions in other Jurisdictions.

In no uncertain tones he expressed his disapproval of the practice of transporting candidates through the degrees by the "limited express."

He made the following recommendations:

First—"That no subordinate Chapter shall receive and act upon a petition for the capitular degrees unless the applicant has resided within the jurisdiction of said Chapter six months."

Second—"That all commissions issued to Companions to represent this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, as well as those issued to Companions to represent other Grand Chapters near this, be limited in each case to the close of the succeeding Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, U. S. A."

Third—"That the Constitution be published in the Annual Proceedings."

Fourth—"That there be appointed a standing committee of three, to be styled, 'Committee on Memorials.'"

The desirability of such a committee is manifest at what time soever a report on necrology has to be based on extremely inadequate data.

No decisions were submitted.

The Committee on Finance found the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer O. K., with a balance of \$57.56 in the latter officer's hands, and \$473.00 in the hands of the Grand Secretary. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Address, approving the suggestions and recommendations of the Grand High Priest, was concurred in.

The following Committees had nothing to do, viz.:

Committee on Jurisprudence,

" " Warrants and Dispensations,

" " Work,

" " By-Laws,

" " P. G. H. P.'s Jewel, (incumbent having been re-elected.)

We note, among the "standing resolutions" published, that one of them, adopted Jan. 21, 1891, is as follows:

"Resolved, That Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters notify the different Chapters when petitions are pending in their respective Chapters for initiation and membership."

Possibly, by such means, serious mistakes might, sometimes, be averted.

Those Companions, who had the matter in hand, did the Royal Craft in Delaware substantial service when they secured and published from the original records the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter from the year 1817 to the year 1868.

The Grand Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood received four new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Virginius V. Harrison, Chairman of the F. C. Committee, again presents one of his admirable reports, (66 pp.) revising the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, including Alabama, 1899.

That his page-and-a-half notice of our Grand Chapter is courteous and brotherly, goes without saying. He quotes without comment the Alabama resolution which requires Companions petitioning for a dispensation to form a new Chapter, to be equipped with certificates from their former Chapters.

He thus forcibly endorses our law making it compulsory on candidates to select and record their Marks before receiving the Royal Arch Degree:

"This is good work; true work; square work. Keep it up."

Companion Harrison will please accept our acknowledgment of his complimentary reference to our own first effort at reporting on capitular proceedings. Such kind words stimulate one to greater exertion.

M. E. Joseph Row, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Jas. H. Price, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—34TH ANNUAL, WASHINGTON, DECEMBER, 1900.

Chapters, 11; present membership, 2,451; gain 131.

M. E. William Barnum, Grand High Priest.

There were present at the Convocation under notice ten Past Grand High Priests and Grand Representatives of twenty-three sister Jurisdictions Alabama in the number.

Two Special Convocations had been held for burial of the dead—one, Dec. 31, 1899, for burying with Masonic rites Past

Grand High Priest, Isaac LaRue Johnson, the other, Oct. 4, 1900, for performing like ceremony at the grave of Past Grand High Priest Jeremiah C. Allen.

A Special was held, April 5th, for the purpose of exemplifying the degrees.

At the Annual Convocation, held Dec. 12, 1900, some routine business disposed of, the M. . E. . Grand High Priest delivered his address, an excellent report covering a little more than eight pages. He said:

"The year has been one of quiet prosperity. All of the constituent Chapters but one report a healthy growth, and in that single case the loss has been very slight, and the Chapter is so harmonious and enthusiastic that greater success is sure to come in the near future."

The total membership was never before so great as it now is.

The M. . E. . made touching reference to the demise of those two Past Grand High Priests, the late Companions, Johnson and Allen.

He had granted four dispensations for conferring the degrees in less than the required time, for reasons deemed sufficient.

In detailing his official acts he mentioned the appointment of E. . Companion Louis J. Wright, of Alabama, Nov. 8th, as representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The Grand High Priest's regular annual visitations to the several constituent Chapters "have constantly increased in interest and importance, and have become to be looked upon as in the nature of family re-unions."

Wherever visitations by the official head are confidently expected, and the anticipated visits materialize, as a rule, enthusiasm is bound to grow, bud, blossom and yield rich fruit.

M. . E. . Companion Barnum deprecates railroading through the degrees.

We gather from his remarks that he does not favor the use of substitutes in conferring the R. A. Degree.

We have been feeling a little lonesome in our opposition to the employment of substitutes; hence we, with alacrity, come to the conclusion that at least *one* Companion agrees with us on that matter. (Up to this writing we have not noticed "Stand. Resolution Nov. 8, 1869." noted by us last year.)

"That learned and accomplished Companion, Wm. R. Singleton, had been forced by protracted sickness to lay aside the pen

which, as Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, he has many years wielded so effectively, and had recently requested Companion A. W. Johnston to prepare the report on Correspondence, which, the latter stated, would be completed in time for publication with the Proceedings. And it was ordered to be printed therewith when completed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that the applications of the Grand Chapters of New Zealand and Victoria for recognition, which had been referred to itself, be accepted, and that said Grand Chapters be recognized and that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to place them on his list of correspondents. Report adopted and ordered spread upon the Proceedings.

The Grand Treasurer's statement reported balance on hand as per last report, and total receipts as \$3,123.55; total expenditures as \$2,030.28, leaving, at date of report, balance on hand, \$1,093.27. Total assets, \$4,443.27; and liabilities, \$300.00.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer reported the dates of all his visits to all the Chapters. He had made seventy-two visits in all, averaging six and five-tenths—plus, visits to each of the eleven Chapters—good work. He says:

"In my visits to the Chapters I found the officers working earnestly for the good of the craft, and endeavoring to render the work and lectures in an impressive manner."

"A goodly number of worthy men have been added to the Order and the prospect of Royal Arch Masonry in the Jurisdiction is bright."

"No discord, no contention—I have heard only the merry workmen in the quarries, and their work speaks in their praise."

Memorial reports from special committees were made in honor of the late Past Grand High Priests, Isaac LaRue Johnson and Jeremiah C. Allen; also in memory of E. Comp. Andrew Woods, P. H. P. of Washington Naval R. A. Chapter No. 6.

The following resolution was presented by one of the Chapters:

"*Resolved*, By ——— Chapter, No. —, that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter be requested to repeal its standing resolution of November, 8, 1869, which reads as follows:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter disapproves the use of substitutes in conferring any of the degrees of Capitular Masonry, and hereby prohibits its practice in this Jurisdiction—

"So as to permit the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree, if desired.

"Adopted by the Chapter at its stated convocation, March 26, 1900."

After brief consideration the whole subject was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report at the next Annual.

The Special Committee to which was referred the address of the Grand High Priest, concurred in the same, and found it "very comprehensive and instructive, and recommended its careful perusal by every member of this Jurisdiction."

In the District of Columbia, "when an officer of" the "Grand Chapter or of a constituent Chapter succeeds himself in an elective or appointive office he need not be installed."—Standing Resolution of December 10, 1890.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As heretofore intimated, the report on Foreign Correspondence is the work of Comp. A. W. Johnston, who, like ourselves, finds himself under the embarrassment of succeeding a writer eminent for his great learning and scholarly attainments, but it needs not that we attempt to praise his effort—it commends itself, and we frankly confess that our glasses are not strong enough to enable us "to detect the 'prentice hand" in the pages before us.

As one of those sitting on the back benches of the Guild we extend the welcoming hand to Companion Johnston, who presents us with sixty-two pages of first-class reading in a review of fifty-one Grand Chapters, Alabama, 1899, included.

His notice of Alabama is kind and companionable—about a page, of which he gives this scribe half. Referring to our observation in regard to the free admission of the clergy, he says:

"They" (the ministers) "are in no danger of becoming pestiferous by pertinacity in their attendance at convocations in this Jurisdiction, which extends to them that courtesy."

Quoting our remark, *in re* cork legs, that the "perfect youth theory would be more applicable to operative than to speculative Masonry," he says:

"Some men go to such extremes." (Are we not discussing *extremists*?) "The Companion would probably prefer wooden

legs to wooden heads, and even that an applicant's legs should be false rather than his morals."

Companion, shake.

To tarry awhile with Companion Johnston, would be a pleasure, nevertheless we must hasten on.

M. E. Robert Armour, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary.

The Convention of High Priests held a meeting, March 27, 1900, when three Companions received the Order of High Priesthood. At the Annual meeting January 9, 1901, four Companions were elected members of the Order of High Priesthood.

Since the completion of this report we have learned of the great loss to Masonry by the death of that eminent Companion, R. E. William Reynolds Singleton.

ENGLAND—QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON, MAY, 1901.

M. E. Comp. Wm. Wither Bramston Beach, as Grand Z.

The Grand Secretary announced the list of Grand Officers declared and appointed for the ensuing year. His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K. G., &c., &c., is now Grand Z.

The Board of General Purposes reported examination of accounts for the quarter ending 16th April, 1901, showing balances on deposit amounting to about \$2,702.73.

The Board had received petitions for four new Chapters, also memorials for permission for removal, from five Chapters.

Pursuant to the recommendations of Committee of General Purposes, charters were granted to the four new Chapters, and the five were permitted to change their quarters.

A rather novel case of appeal was presented, by the Grand Registrar, for consideration by the Grand Chapter. It was an appeal by Comp. Caton, Scribe E. of LaCrosse Chapter (590), Jersey, against a decision of the acting Provincial Grand Chapter of the Province of Jersey.

It appears that, "on the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Comp. Caton consulted the principals and other members

of his Chapter, and sent a telegram to His Majesty the King, through the Home Secretary, in these words:

"The Companions of Cesaree Chapter, 590, Royal Arch Masons, most respectfully beg to tender their heartfelt sympathy and condolence to His Majesty the King, Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of England "

The Provincial Grand Superintendent required Comp. Caton and the First Principal of said Chapter to appear before him to answer for the foregoing message to the King. This, with promptness, Comp. Caton did, and assumed the whole responsibility in the premises.

The Past Provincial Grand H., acting for the Grand Supt., decided that Comp. Caton's action was an infraction of Rule 218, Book of Constitutions. The Companions were admonished and ordered to insert the fact of such admonition, and the reason for the same, in the minutes of said Chapter.

"Rule 218" reads as follows:

"The Grand Master (the Rule applied equally in Arch Masonry, in the opinion of the Grand Registrar) shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, except through the Grand Secretary."

Grand Registrar Strachan made it plain that in this matter there was no infraction of Rule 218, and moved that Comp. Caton's appeal be sustained and the admonition removed. "The motion was carried and the appeal allowed."

The Board of General Purposes was appointed and elected for the ensuing twelve months.

"All business being concluded, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ancient and Solemn form."

The rest of the pamphlet is taken up by detailed statement of the contributions (covering 18 pages) of the several Chapters on account of the Grand Chapter, for the year ending April 16, 1901.

Total receipts, \$8,758 97. Balance on hand after disbursements, \$1,569.60.

M. . E. . H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathean, &c.,
Grand Z.

E. . Comp. Edward Letchworth, Grand Scribe E.

MARK MASTER--MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

M. . W. . The Earl of Euston, Pro. Grand Master.

Opening this very neatly printed volume we find that it embraces the Proceedings of four Quarterly Communications, viz.: Sept., 1900; Dec., 1900; Mar., 1901; June, 1901; and a Special Communication, Feb. 19, 1901.

At the September Quarterly, the Pro Grand Master alluding to the death of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, moved that Grand Lodge record on its minutes the most respectful and fraternal sympathy and condolence with the M. . W. . Grand Master H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, on the loss he has sustained by the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Grand Master. This was accordingly done, all the Brethren standing, and the vote being unanimous.

The statement was made, showing that the Thirty second Annual Festival yielded as result \$25,500 00, and over, for purposes of benevolence.

The routine business of this Communication would not be of any special interest to the Alabama Brethren.

At the December Quarterly H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, was duly chosen, for the seventeenth time, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

A special communication was held Feb. 19, 1901, for the purpose of adopting an address to His Majesty, King Edward VII, expressive of heartfelt sympathy and deep grief at the loss the King, the royal family, and the nation had sustained in the death of Queen Victoria, also declaring continued loyalty and unfailing devotion to the throne, and praying earnestly that the Great Overseer of the Universe may grant His Majesty a long, glorious and a prosperous reign.

The address was adopted by a rising, silent vote.

The Duke of Connaught was chosen M. . W. . Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The King's reply to that address was read at the Quarterly, March, 1901, and placed on the records.

The business transacted at the before mentioned communication, as well as that of the June Quarterly, was of local interest.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, according to custom, proclaimed as M. . W. . Grand Master H. R. H., Prince Arthur

William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

Financial statements, receipts, in detail, and statistics take up 79 pages of this volume.

Under the head of General Fund, the cash account of the Grand Treasurer foots up, March 30, 1901. Receipts \$19,212 43, and expenditures \$16,393.82, and Fund of Benevolence receipts were \$26,962.20.

M. W. The Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master.

R. W. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA—55TH ANNUAL, JACKSONVILLE, MAY, 1901.

20 Chapters; 781 members, gain over last year 35.

M. E. Elmer E. Haskell, Grand High Priest.

In the shadow of the desolation, left by the late fearful conflagration at Jacksonville, the Grand Chapter, saddened yet hopeful, began its labors for the 55th Annual Convocation. There were present nine Past Grand High Priests and Grand Representatives of twenty-five sister jurisdictions, Alabama's not being reported present.

In his address, the Grand High Priest, alluding to the late destructive fire, said:

"Amid this scene of ruin and loss there is much to be grateful for in that a kind Providence permitted this awful event to happen at a time when the best things possible to be done under such adverse circumstances could be performed in the light of day, in a great part, and that no greater loss of life ensued. My Companions, in the midst of life we are in death. Joy and sorrow are brothers. 'Tis often dark, oh! so dark—then the day, and the sun shines again. Courage, Companions, in this your adversity. This dispensation so grievous, must and can be borne, and out of these ashes of your troubles and sufferings will rise 'Phoenix-like,' new and nobler aims and ambitions, loftier purposes, and grander and greater achievements than ever were realized in the past" * * * * * "Peace and harmony prevail everywhere in our jurisdiction, and Capitular Masonry is awakening from its slumbers, and unmistakable evidences of activity are plainly to be seen."

The Fraternal Dead were suitably remembered.

Oct. 27, 1900, E. Comp. James B. Rankin, of Brewton, was appointed Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Eleven dispensations were reported—five of these were for waiving time in acting on petitions for the degrees.

Upon the request of a Past High Priest, the M. E. ruled as follows:

“That in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter, the Junior Past High Priest present, may open the Chapter and preside. This to apply to a stated or special convocation legally called.”

One Chapter was duly constituted on June 11, 1900. One dormant Chapter had been revived and was now asking for restoration of its charter; he trusted this petition would receive favorable consideration.

The Grand High Priest justly attaches great importance to official visitations.

By a regulation passed at the last annual, it was made the duty of the four principal officers of the Grand Chapter to make such visitations, at least once a year, to such assignments as might be made by the Grand High Priest.

On the subject of visitations, our M. E. Companion's remarks are so pertinent and well expressed that we copy the following paragraph:

“We may all profit something from intercourse and companionship, sometimes exquisitely enhanced by the pleasure of greeting some companion upon whose brow have fallen the laurel leaves of our beautiful and beneficent order. The mind broadens, the fraternal sympathies grow nearer and dearer, and brotherly love and tenderness are more apparent. ‘As one loveth, so is he loved.’ With the friendly spirit beaming in the face, felt in the hand clasp, and lived in the daily life and practice of each of us, there cannot long be withstood our efforts for good to our fellow-men.”

It had come to his knowledge that “some of the Companions had countenanced the practice of balloting on more than one petition at the same time, ‘to save time,’ and in the event of a dark ballot, then ballot over separately.”

He strongly recommended regulations prohibiting such action under any circumstances.

In the course of his report the Grand Secretary says:

“Believing it to be for the best interest of the Craft to have a mutual agreement between our Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Georgia and Alabama, in regard to material living near the borders of our respective States, I have taken the mat-

ter up with them, with the result that the Grand Chapter of Georgia passed the following resolution at its last Convocation on April 24th last:

"*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Florida of all material residing at or near the boundary line between said States. This resolution to become operative upon the passing of a similar resolution by the Grand Chapter of Florida."

"I would earnestly recommend that the Grand Chapter take similar action at this convocation both as to Georgia and Alabama, as I have assurance from the latter that the matter will receive consideration at their next meeting."

That such will be the case at our next convocation, our Florida Companions need not entertain a doubt.

The Grand Secretary says:

"I had the entire appendix of our proceedings for this year made up and in type at the printers, all of which has been destroyed by the fire, and will have to be made up again from the returns."

We tender our regret that all this extra trouble is entailed upon you, Companion Webster.

All the Chapters had made returns for 1900, and all but three had paid their dues.

The Grand Treasurer had received \$1,702.07 and had paid out \$656.18. Cash balance in bank \$1,045.89.

The application for restoration of its charter to a Chapter which had been for some time dormant was granted, and prosperity for said Chapter is in sight.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the dispensations of the Grand High Priest permitting certain chapters to receive and act on petitions for the degrees in less time than that prescribed by law.

The committee approved the ruling of the Grand High Priest that it was unlawful to ballot on more than one petition at the same time. "We hold it to be unmasonic to do so," says the committee

The ruling of the Grand High Priest, that in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside, met the committee's disapprobation. The Constitution provides that the High Priest

shall preside, and in his absence the King, and Scribe, and no other, shall in order of rank succeed him. (Sec. 38, Art. 2).

In regard to the Grand Secretary's recommendation as to concurrent jurisdiction with Alabama and Georgia, the committee offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida recognizes concurrent jurisdiction with the Most Excellent Grand Chapters of Alabama and Georgia of all material residing at or near the boundary line between Florida and either of said States, whereby a petition of one residing in such locality may be presented in his nearest chapter."

"Fraternally submitted,

ANGUS PATERSON,
MARCUS ENDEL,
JAMES W. BOYD,
SILAS B. WRIGHT,
WM. M. MCINTOSH,
WM. H. JEWELL,
WARREN TYLER,
JAMES CARNELL,
"Committee."

Adopted.

That this exhibition of comity on the part of the Grand Chapter of Florida will be, at the earliest opportunity, reciprocated by the Grand Chapter of Alabama, we do not permit ourselves to doubt for a moment.

The Committee on Grievances had a holiday.

The Committee on Memorials made a very judicious report on the demise of eighteen Floridian Companions, and of loyal craftsmen in other jurisdictions.

No report on Correspondence.

Grand Council received four new members.

M. . E. . Alonzo M. Cushman, Grand High Priest.

R . E. . Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS—FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL—CHICAGO, OCTOBER, 1900.

Active Chapters, 187; Members, 17,324; Net gain, 299.

M. . E. . Comp. Nathaniel Bowditch, Grand High Priest.

At the opening of Grand Chapter there were present, besides the incumbent Grand Officers, twenty Past Grand High Priests, Representatives of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions (M. . E. . Comp. P. W. Barclay responding for Alabama) and a large

number of distinguished visitors to this, the Semi-Centennial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. The addresses of welcome to these eminent Companions, as well as their felicitous responses well befitted the grand occasion.

Opening his annual address the Grand High Priest, after words of welcome said:

"A retrospective view carries us back to fifty years ago, when the little band, the fathers of this great Grand Chapter, first met in the city of Springfield."

"But 'they builded wiser than they knew.' The infant that day born soon became a lusty youth and has, for many years, been enjoying a vigorous manhood."

He did not fail to pay due respect to the memories of those Companions who have crossed over the Great Divide between mortal life and immortality.

He submitted three decisions which are sound to the core. By the first he ruled that the *open* presence of the Three Great Lights is indispensable, in the opening of a Chapter or doing business on the Royal Arch Degree, or its appendant Lodges, and can under no circumstances be omitted.

The second declares that a High Priest once installed cannot resign. In the event of his refusal to discharge the duties of his office, the E. K. at once becomes possessed of all the powers and prerogatives of H. P., and assumes, at the same time, all of his responsibilities.

The third is as follows:

"A Royal Arch Mason who by reason of physical infirmities is unable to conform literally to all or any of the requirements of the ritual may be excused from such performance by the High Priest. Such inability will in no way affect his standing in the Chapter or his right of visitation."

The Grand High Priest earnestly appealed to the liberality of the Grand Chapter in behalf of the Masonic Orphans' Home and the Masonic Home for the Aged.

Eight dispensations had been granted, only one of the eight giving permission to ballot out of time.

Nineteen visitations were made during the year. Those visits by the official head of the Royal Craft warm up the Companions and secure renewed interest in Capitular Masonry.

The reports of the District Officers were brief, but to the point as far as they went.

From the report of one of the three Grand Lecturers it appears that there was considerable unrest in some of the Chapters on account of the adoption of the "new ritual," the impression prevailing to some extent that the succeeding Grand Chapter would in all probability restore the old work, but many Chapters had gone to work, in earnest, to post themselves thoroughly in the new work.

The Grand Treasurer's statement shows that the balance on hand and receipts for the year amounted to \$27,713.53. Total paid out \$10,893.44, leaving balance cash on hand at date of Convocation-1900, \$16,820.14. In addition to the foregoing the Grand Chapter owns \$7,000.00 in Chicago, and Cook county 4 per cent. bonds.

The Committee on Accounts approved the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, finding the books, accounts and vouchers of those most efficient, painstaking officers correct.

Among the items embraced in the report of this committee appear two which should be interesting to every true Mason one is the committee's approval of the Grand High Priest's recommendation that some appropriation be made for the use of the Masonic Orphans' Home; the other was the committee's recommendation that the Grand Secretary draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for \$1,000.00 in behalf of the Masonic Home's permanent fund.

The committee disapproved the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that an appropriation be made for the Masonic Home for the Aged. Report adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence made a report favoring recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico. Concurred in.

We cull the following items from the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

Eight Chapters had failed to hold the number of meetings required by the Constitution. The committee recommended that the Grand High Priest investigate the condition of those Chapters, and take, with reference to them, such steps as he shall deem fit and right.

The 1st, was the banner district in respect of gain in the number of members, while the 7th went to foot to the tune of—3.

Ninety-six Chapters show a gain, sixty-three a loss, twenty-two remain stationary. Report adopted.

Committee on Obituary made a painstaking report of 11 pp.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended approval of the decisions of the Grand High Priest. Report concurred in.

In the proposed New Code, to be acted on at next Grand Convocation, appear the following provisions:

"A petitioner for membership is not required to be an *affiliated* Master Mason." (Section 10, By-Laws).

"Any Royal Arch Mason in good standing in a Chapter is eligible to the office of High Priest of that Chapter, regardless of whether he has ever held the office of King or Scribe." (Section 25, By-Laws.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

The conspicuous ability of the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, Past Grand High Priest, Companion John M. Pearson, is conceded by all. In his first class report, covering ninety-four pages, he reviews the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Bodies (five of them for two years, one for three years.)

His notice of Alabama-1899 is courteous and fraternal. Referring to the action of our Grand Chapter on the subject of "Marks," he says:

"We all agree to the above, but our observation shows that attempts to enforce such selection have been but partially successful."

He says (Thanks for these words of encouragement):

"Comp. William Y. Titcomb presented the Report on Correspondence—the record says so—but the Committee on Credentials didn't get him. Maybe there was so much committee."

"At any rate we got a first rate report, reviewing forty-two Grand Chapters, four of them for two years, and covering eighty-seven pages."

Alluding to our repeated condemnation of cipher ritual, Comp. Pearson says:

"Will Comp. Titcomb kindly inform us of what the Grand High Priest of his Grand Chapter was made, *ex-officio*, the custodian?"

Evidently this query is regarded as a poser. Well! having felt our head to find out whether or not it was in its proper place despite this crushing blow, we will give the first answer to

our Companion's question, that occurs to us, viz: The Grand High Priest is, we suppose, the custodian of the capitular *tradition*.

We had noted some passages in this report for reference, but, as there are so many volumes of proceedings demanding attention, must desist.

M. E. Grand High Priest—George W. Warnelle.

R. E. Grand Secretary—Gilbert W. Barnard.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood received thirty-six accessions, an unusually large number.

INDIANA—55TH ANNUAL, INDIANAPOLIS, OCTOBER, 1900.

96 Chapters; 7,218 members; net gain, 403.

M. E. Thos. R. Marshall, Grand High Priest.

At this Grand Convocation there were fifteen Past Grand High Priests present, and also representatives of twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions. Companion Thos. P. Whitby is Indiana's Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, but the list of Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Indiana shows a blank space opposite "Alabama."

The Grand High Priest alluding, under the head of Necrology, to the death, July 2d, 1900, of that eminent Mason, Comp. Thomas B. Long, P. G. H. P. and late Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, after reciting the Masonic and civil history of the deceased, said:

"Who may recall in-fitting terms the treasured knowledge of this good man gone, his devotion to our Royal Craft, his intense humanity yet divine charity to his fellow-men, his genial intercourse with his brethren, but, above all, those awful nights which came to him, as they come to us all, when in the Gethsemanes of life, flesh and spirit strive until the blood sweat comes, over the great problem of human life! How many lose themselves in the wilderness of thought, and oh! how many there be who come therefrom along the Via Dolorosa to the Golgotha of all human hopes. May Jehovah, our covenant-keeping God, give rest to the ashes, peace to the soul, and the sweet savor of incense to the memory of our illustrious Companion; and may his untimely taking off give us all a firmer hold on the Infinite and upon His eternal good purposes for us, and may we learn under every stress of circumstances that

“The hero is not fed on sweets;
Daily his own heart he eats;
Chambers of the great are jails,
And head winds right for royal dails.”

The M. . E. . imparts the pleasing information that the long correspondence between himself and the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of Kentucky touching invasion of jurisdiction of an Indiana Chapter by two Kentucky Chapters, has been closed by a satisfactory adjustment of the matter in dispute. The Indiana Chapter is satisfied and all is serene.

He had issued two dispensations for forming new Chapters, but one, by his order, was held back till this Convocation, the requirements not having yet been complied with by the Companions desiring to form said new Chapter.

For reasons which seemed good and sufficient he had granted special dispensations to five Chapters to elect and install officers out of time.

His rulings all commended themselves as good law.

One charter had been restored in accordance with the orders of Grand Chapter.

He very properly recommended reimbursement to the Grand Secretary, Comp. Wm. H. Smythe, of the amount he had paid out of his own pocket to meet the excess of expenditure for publication of F. C. Report over what the law of Grand Chapter allows, (one hundred pages of said report being the limit.)

In that connection the M. . E. . took occasion to extol the Grand Secretary, who deserved all the applause which could be bestowed upon him.

He recommended appointment, by the incoming Grand High Priest, of a standing committee on Necrology.

The Grand High Priest appointed a special committee on the death of Comp. Samuel B. Richardson, a special committee on the death of Comp. Thomas B. Long, and one on other Fraternal Dead

The Grand Treasurer, in his report for the year ending Oct. 13th, 1900, stated that total receipts, including balance, amounted to \$6,791.94.

The Committee on Dispensations recommended that a charter be granted to E. . . Chapter, U. D., also that the Grand High Priest issue a dispensation for the organization of a new Chapter at N. **.

Adopted.

The Committee on Charters "sat down" heavily on a delinquent Chapter. If said Chapter did not pay up on or before Jan. 1st, 1901, its charter to be arrested. Concurred in.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals was so happy at being able to report, "No business for its consideration" that it regaled the nostrils of the Grand Chapter with the perfume of the following bouquet:

"The incense of peace and harmony burns continuously upon our altar, while the malodorous lamp of discord and hatred burned so low that love with its downy wing has put out the flame." Adopted.

The Committee on Claims recommended that the Grand Secretary be reimbursed for the amount, \$27 55, which he had advanced to pay for printing extra pages of the F. C. Report; further the committee recommended that, his health being broken down, he be given a long vacation in which to recuperate, and that as a mark of esteem, and to enable him to take said vacation with some degree of comfort and peace, \$150.00 be allowed him.

The report of the committee was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made report endorsing the rulings of the Grand High Priest, and the report was concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

The special committee on the death of P. G. H. P. Comp. Samuel B. Richardson, the special committee on the death of P. G. H. P., Comp. Thomas B. Long, and the special committee on "Other Fraternal Dead," all made touchingly eloquent reports, which were unanimously adopted by rising vote.

The Council of High Priests elected and consecrated twenty Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Henry W. Mordhurst. In a review covering fifty-eight pages he entertainingly notices the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama, 1899

Quoting Grand High Priest Gatchell as saying that in some portions of the State (Alabama) Capitular Masonry is flourishing, while in others it is lying dormant, and in others still it is retro-

grading, also Companion Gatchell's suggestion that it would be the duty of the Grand Chapter to inquire diligently into the cause of the decline, and devise some means to instill new life and energy, Comp. Mordhurst proceeds to say:

"It seems that it would have been more to the point if the M. E. Companion had done his own instilling of life and energy. He had a year to devote to this, while the Grand Chapter had only two days."

To our thinking, the reviewer does Companion Gatchell injustice in the foregoing observation; it is unwittingly so no doubt. The fact is that, while Comp. Gatchell was Grand High Priest, he was in the service of a firm in a distant city; consequently his time was not his own. He could not give constant attention to the Royal Craft, as might Companion Mordhurst, whom, in the address of the Grand High Priest of Indiana, we find referred to as follows:

"After the death of Comp. Thos. B. Long, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, I ascertained that the report had not been prepared for this year. I discovered that Henry W. Mordhurst had nothing to do except to read Masonic literature, and I consequently appointed him Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence."

Gentlemen of elegant leisure are not as plentiful as blackberries down in these "low grounds," the Gulf States.

He thus "goes for" this Correspondent:

"Our good Companion Long was, as is generally known, a stickler for physical perfection. In other words, he held that the 'perfect youth' theory applied to the Chapter as fully as it is said to apply to the Entered Apprentice degree, and he in a manner, claimed that his arguments thereto had never been successfully controverted. Hence he marked for comment several passages of Companion Titcomb's writings, and had Companion Long lived, Alabama's reviewer would certainly have received some of that criticism which he invites in his introductory; that is, if the vigorous expressions found on the margins of their Proceedings may serve as an index."

Comp. Mordhurst can hardly regret more than we do that the "criticism" referred to failed to materialize. We were "in cold earnest" when we extended to our brethren an invitation to show error on our part whensoever they might think they could do so. If our utterances were erroneous we desire to know the fact; if, on the other hand, they come out of the critic's crucible

not even singed, we should be gratified, as well, to learn that fact.

At all events, our Companions of the Guild will pardon us for a degree of complacency at the thought of being held worthy of assault by so redoubted a knight of the quill as the lamented Companion Long.

Comp. Mordhurst also indulges in the somewhat vinegary remark that "business is conducted in a loose manner in Alabama."

Is it kind to make such an assertion without intimating how we might *tighten up* that business?

In his conclusion our Companion affirms that he shall write no more reports on Capitular Correspondence, as the coming year he "returns to his first love, the Grand Council Correspondence."

The loss of so able and devoted a Masonic writer as the late Thomas B. Long is everywhere deplored.

Intense must have been his mental or physical anguish when it caused him to die by his own hand. Peace to his ashes!

M. E. Grand High Priest, Renwick W. Crockett.

R. E. Grand Secretary, Wm. H. Smythe.

INDIAN TERRITORY—12TH ANNUAL, MUSCOGEE, APRIL, 1901.

Chartered Chapters, 27; Chapters, U. D. 5; Members 1133; net gain, 156. The Chartered Chapters all sent in returns and dues.

M. E. Jonas A. Lee, Grand High Priest, whose portrait embellishes the initial page of these Proceedings.

Six permanent members manifested by their presence the interest they felt in Capitular Masonry. Whether or not Alabama's Representative was present, we are unable to determine, having failed to find a list of the Grand Chapters represented at this Convocation.

The address of Grand High Priest J. A. Lee shows him to have been a faithful and vigilant executive officer.

He had, in person, and by proxy, constituted two chapters, and instituted four. These four new Chapters have very bright prospects.

"For only good and sufficient reasons" he issued five Special Dispensations permitting certain Chapters to receive and act on petitions for the degrees in less time than that prescribed by law

He also granted three dispensations for installing officers out of time; but refused one to suspend By-Laws for ninety days and to permit a Chapter to receive less than the minimum for the degrees. "Cheap degrees naturally make cheap Masons."

He submitted only one decision. The correctness of the same is obvious.

The Grand Deputy announced the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Benjamin E. Binns of Oklahoma City. The Grand Secretary was instructed to dedicate a memorial page, in the Proceedings, to the deceased Companion.

A communication from Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of New York, was read and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

The annual report of Grand Secretary Murrow is full and complete.

The Grand Treasurer's balance in hand, February 2, 1901, was \$1,798.35—an increase, over balance last year, of \$369.22, which evinces a healthy financial condition.

The Grand Secretary's salary was increased to \$400.00. It should be twice as much.

Charters were granted to four Chapters U. D.

On motion of Companion E. Hamilton, \$500.00 were donated, out of the funds of the Grand Chapter, to the Orphans' Home.

The Grand High Priest's decision and dispensations were approved.

Companion H. L. Jarbol, Jr., had been for years a faithful attendant at annual convocation, but, this time, sent the following excuse for absence: "I have married a wife, and therefore I can not come." The Grand Body instructed the Grand Secretary to convey to the Companion its congratulations; this Companion Murrow did, no doubt, in the choicest phrases of felicitation.

The Grand Council—Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood—received five new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The fact that M. E. Companion Joseph Samuel Murrow, Chairman of the F. C. Committee, presented the report on Correspondence, is ample guaranty that said report is first class in quality.

Within the space of sixty three pages he reviews the proceed-

ings of forty eight Grand Jurisdictions. It is excellent reading from beginning to end.

Companion Murrow's notice of Alabama is truly kind and brotherly. Quoting from the address of Grand High Priest, Gatchell he says it "is interesting and encouraging." He will please accept our grateful recognition of his complimentary reference to the Alabama report on Correspondence.

M. : E. : Wm. L. Eagleton, Grand High Priest.

M. : E. : Joseph S. Murrow, Grand Secretary.

IOWA—47TH ANNUAL, DES MOINES, OCTOBER, 1906.

Chapters Enrolled, 123; Represented, 110; Members, 7,911; net increase, 304.

This handsome volume of Proceedings is embellished with a frontispiece displaying the manly features of Grand High Priest' Companion B. F. Parker.

R. : E. : Companion N. B. Hyatt was acting Grand High Priest at the Convocation under review.

There were ten Past Grand High Priests, and one Past Grand Scribe present, also Grand Representatives of nineteen Grand Chapters, including Alabama's spokesman, Past Grand High Priest, Companion William Wilbraham.

Last March circumstances necessitated the removal of Grand High Priest Parker from the Jurisdiction, devolving the administration of his high office on the Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion N. B. Hyatt.

In his address the Acting Grand High Priest expressed his sincere regret on account of the loss Grand Chapter had sustained by the departure of M. : E. : Companion B. F. Parker. He trusted that the Committee on Jurisprudence would be able to present a feasible method by which the rights of a P. G. H. P. of Iowa might be accorded to Companion B. F. Parker.

Under the head of necrology, he mentioned the death of three Past Grand High Priests, Louis S. Swafford, Horace S. Winslow and Edward A. Guilbert, also of one hundred three Companions whose names would be read by the Grand Secretary.

On the condition of the Royal Craft he spoke most encouragingly, and thought the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa had reason to congratulate themselves on the progress made during the last

twelve months, 538 had been exalted in the several Chapters, 102 admitted by card, 33 re-instated, and one new Chapter added to the roll. The year's work showed a net gain of 304.

One Chapter to which a Charter was granted in 1899, he had constituted, installing its officers and setting it to work under most favorable auspices.

He had refused several dispensations to institute new chapters because the reasons offered in their behalf were not strong enough. But he had granted a number of permissions to ballot on candidates out of time, the reasons therefor being deemed sufficient.

For good cause shown he had arrested the Jewel worn by the H. P. of — Chapter No. —, and had instructed the E. K. to assume said officer's duties, and to arrest the Secretary's Jewel and appoint some Companion to fill his place until further orders.

The Grand High Priest thought that the Code of Laws, might, perhaps, be so amended as to cover such cases as the following :

"A case arose last summer where a brother Master Mason petitioned for the degrees in a Chapter where he had resided but two months. Although for several years a resident of the State, yet he had not resided within the territorial Jurisdiction of any one Chapter long enough for it to acquire Jurisdiction over him. Upon inquiry I find a number of brothers within this Grand Jurisdiction who are worthy and otherwise eligible to membership in the Chapter but cannot, by reason of 'the provisions of the Code' petition any Chapter. Telegraph operators, R. R. employes, &c., who are shifted about from place to place."

It had been reported to him that all the officers and nearly all the members of the Chapter, in a certain locality, held dimits from the Blue Lodge.

New York "has met the evil by providing that if any Companion shall become unaffiliated with his Lodge N. P. D., or upon one year after the date of a voluntary dimitt from his Lodge, upon proof of that fact filed with the Secretary of the Chapter his membership in his Chapter shall be suspended until such unaffiliation shall cease or his dues to his Lodge be paid."

The M. E. alludes to the fact that, all over the United States, by voluntary non-affiliation with Chapter or Blue Lodge for six months, standing in the Commandery—K. T.—is lost. He believed that some such requirement as New York's should be adopted in Iowa.

For the honor of symbolic masonry, universal acceptance of

the doctrine of Dependent Membership is a consummation devoutly to be wished for.

The Committee on Grand High Priest's Address expressed its deep regret that business interests required the departure of M. E. Companion B. F. Parker from the Jurisdiction, and also gave utterance to the highest commendation of the Acting Grand High Priest for his faithfulness and conspicuous ability in the discharge of onerous duties.

We note in the report of this Committee that it especially set the seal of its approval on the Grand High Priest's action in arresting the Jewel of a certain H. P. and recommended that portion of his address for reference to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. The Committee's entire report was adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, whose report was adopted, recommended approval of the action of the Grand High Priest in arresting the Jewel of an offending H. P., and ordering the arrest of his Secretary's Jewel of office.

While the Committee would most severely condemn the infraction of the law, it realized that in all cases there are times when Masonic charity should be extended —when justice should be "tempered with mercy;" therefore it recommended that the Grand High Priest be authorized to rescind the order of arrest if in his judgment the same should become proper; but that the orders heretofore made continue until expiration of the offender's terms of office unless the Grand High Priest make further order, as herein authorized.

The Board of Trustees, Grand Chapter Charity Fund reported total fund as \$11,119.78.

The Jurisprudence Committee, "to which were referred certain recommendations of the Grand High Priest in reference to change in the Code which requires twelve months' residence before making application for membership in the Chapter, and also that dimitted Blue Lodge members should not hold membership in the Chapter, would report that they advise that these matters be continued in the hands of the Committee until next regular Convocation. Report concurred in.

Next Convocation will be held at Davenport.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion T. R. Ercanbrack, Chair-

man of the F. C. Committee, is a most entertaining writer, often spicing his words of wisdom with sallies of wit, but always doing even handed justice to all who come under review by his facile pen. What he thinks, he speaks in no uncertain tone—the very opposite of “Dubious” in one of his favorite poets, Cowper:

“Dubious is such a scrupulous, good man—
Yes, you may catch him tripping if you can;
He would not in unhesitating tone
Declare the nose upon his face his own.”

Our quotation, from memory, is possibly inexact.

Companion Ercanbrack has a whole arsenal of apt, poetical quotations which he fires with the greatest accuracy at his companions of the Guild. His ninety-seven pages of reviews (of 46 volumes) are well worth reading more than once.

Alabama—1899 receives courteous and fraternal notice. Hearty acknowledgement of his kind reference to our F. C. Report is hereby tendered. We regret our failure to receive “Iowa” for 1898.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood in its Convention of Anointed High Priests, gained twenty-four accessions to its number of members.

The memorial pages in this volume of proceedings are very artistic.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion N. B. Hyatt.

R. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Alf. Wingate.

IOWA—48TH ANNUAL, DAVENPORT, SEPTEMBER, 1901.

Number of Chapters 123; represented 110; members 8,238, net gain 327.

R. E. Thomas B. Lacey, D. G. H. P., as Grand High Priest.

There were seven Past Grand High Priests present at the Grand Convocation under review, as well as Grand Representatives of twenty-seven sister jurisdictions, Past Grand High Priest, Companion William Wilbraham, appearing for Alabama.

As was to be expected, this volume of proceedings comes to us in well executed, clear typography, and handsome appearance, including in its embellishments a portrait of Grand High

Priest, Companion N. B. Hyatt, and one of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Thomas Russell Ercanbrack, Committee on Correspondence.

After a well expressed, pithy address of welcome, by Companion C. W. Neal, of Davenport, the acting Grand High Priest performed the sad duty of announcing the death, August 25th, 1901, of his Chief, M. E., Companion N. B. Hyatt, after which he proceeded to read the address of Grand High Priest Hyatt, which the latter had "written, corrected and returned to the printers, as his '*Report of My Doings as Your Grand High Priest*,' just a few days previous to his passing away, and which I now present to you as his last message to us."

Grand High Priest, Companion Hyatt, had granted dispensations for two new Chapters, well satisfied that in fitness the applicants were first-class.

It appears that a large number of Chapters in Iowa regulate the time of their meetings by the phase of the moon: in consequence those Chapters held no meeting in the month of November last. Some seventy of them asked and received permission to elect officers in December, or at special meeting in November.

He had granted a large number of dispensations to ballot out of time, the reasons therefor being deemed "amply sufficient," but had refused quite a large number, which included requests for permission to receive petitions at special meetings, the law conferring on him no dispensing power for that object.

Under "Decisions" he considered it wholly unnecessary to report them, with perhaps one exception:

"I was asked by a High Priest if, under section 136, a candidate for the degrees, having been rejected, could again petition therefor at the next regular meeting of the Chapter."

The M. E. said that the provisions of said section were too plain to be misunderstood, and yet it was not surprising that any member of the Order should have doubts as to its correctness, as in other branches of Masonry a rejected applicant must wait six months before re petitioning. He called attention to this matter that the law might be better understood.

Under "Appointive Officers of the Grand Chapter," he affirmed that, "The offices of this Grand Chapter have been held during the last twenty years, by members of less than thirty Chapters out of the one hundred and twenty-four. He intimated

that devoted members had attended the Grand Chapter every year, whose Chapters had never received the recognition implied by the bestowal of a grand office.

Appended to the address are two circular letters, announcing—one, the death of Past Grand High Priest, Theodore Sutton Parvin, the other, that of Past Grand High Priest, Thomas Russell Ercanbrack.

What a greivous loss to Iowa Masonry. But those well known words oft occur:

"The workman dies; the work goes on."

The report of the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address, which report was adopted, recommended that a special memorial page be set apart for each of the deceased Past Grand High Priests, and that memorial pages be inscribed for the other dead.

The committee recommended that Chapters be instructed to so change their by-laws as to cause their Stated Convocations to be held on a certain day of each month, regardless of the changes of the moon.

It approved the dispensations of the Grand High Priest, permitting Chapters asking them to confer degrees out of time.

One passage in the report of the committee strikes us with so much force as to cause us to italicise the same. It is as follows:

"There is nothing so pernicious or baneful to the prosperity of our entire Masonic system as the existence of political methods that would shame the average ward politician."

In a second report the same committee says:

"We congratulate the Companions that, through the efforts and good work of the Grand Secretary, he is able to report that every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction has made full and complete returns for the past year. This speaks volumes for the deep interest that exists in Capitular Masonry throughout the entire jurisdiction."

Companion J. C. W. Coxe, Committee on Necrology, presented a touchingly beautiful report on the death of Past Grand High Priest, Companion N. B. Hyatt, Past Grand High Priest, Companion Thomas Russell Ercanbrack, and Past Grand High Priest, Companion Theodore Sutton Parvin:

"Companion Hyatt was a man of rugged honesty of purpose, of sterling integrity of character, devoted to noble ideals of duty, loyal in his friendships and worthily aspiring in his ambitions."

"Serene to his final rest he passed,
While the soft memory of his virtue yet
Lingers, like the sunlight rays of that orb when set."

Of Companion Ercanbrack it is well said:

"He has fallen in life's struggle, full knightly, with his armor on, prepared for knightly deeds."

Referring to the conspicuously great work of Companion Parvin's Masonic life, extending through nearly 66 years, the Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids, Comp. Coxe, appositely quotes the inscription on Bro. Sir Christopher Wren's tomb in the Crypt of St. Paul's, London—"Si quaeris monumentum, circumspice."

If the visitor to that grand library would behold a monument to the unflagging energy, persistent effort and enlightened zeal of Companion Parvin, he has but to look around him.

In this part of his report Companion Coxe pertinently says:

"Holy Writ bids us 'mark the perfect man.' Were that our sole or chief occupation, many of us would have ample time on our hands. Companion Parvin would never have made that claim for himself. His nearly two-thirds of a century of Masonic activity scouts the 'perfect youth' theory. Had the master and members of Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati, laid more stress on legs than on brains, the world of Masonry would have suffered incomparable loss." Report adopted by rising vote.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa having arrived, just as the Grand Secretary is urging the transmission of our reports to the printer, we must beg pardon for the necessary haste which marks the preparation of this paper. If practicable, please let us have your proceedings a few days earlier, Companions, when next sent.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected twenty-two new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence is headed by the following note :

"A Voice from the Grave.

"[Most Excellent Companion T. R. Ercanbrack, the writer of this report, had finished his labors in the same happy vein with which he had sent forth previous reports, without premonition of the approaching end, but alas! he passed away without warning, on Sunday, August 4th, after the copy had been placed in the hands of the printer.]"

So suddenly comes this intelligence of the decease of the gifted, genial Correspondent for the Grand Chapter of Iowa, that we forbear any comment on his report save mentioning the fact of his having reviewed with his wonted, unfailing courtesy the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Chapters, including a fraternal notice of Alabama, 1900.

Quoting from his own introduction, we may truthfully say he has left behind him "on the sands of time" such

"Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
Some forlorn, shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, may take heart again."

Peace to his ashes!

M. : E. : Thomas B. Lacey, Grand High Priest.

R. : E. : Alf. Wingate, Grand Secretary.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. William F. Cleveland, was appointed Committee on Correspondence.

KENTUCKY—ANNUAL CONVOCATION, LOUISVILLE, OCTOBER, 1900.

No. of Chapters, 78; membership, 3,412.

M. : E. : Hal. T. Jefferson, (Grand King) Acting Grand High Priest.

Present, besides the constitutional quorum of delegates, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, and Grand Representatives of twenty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions, including P. G. H. P., Comp. William Ryan, for Alabama.

In consequence of the death of the M. : E. : Grand High Priest

Companion John Speed Smith, who passed away Feb. 8, 1900, and owing to the departure, from the State, of the Deputy Grand High Priest, in September, about three weeks before convocation, the Grand King, Companion Hal. T. Jefferson, was requested by the D. G. H. P. to temporarily fill the Grand High Priest's chair. He says, in his brief address, that neither the late Grand High Priest, nor the D. G. H. P., informed him of their official acts, nor did he come into possession of the papers relating to the same until a few short days prior to this Convocation—too late to make any examination of them; hence the impossibility of reporting just what has been done by those high officials.

He had requested the Grand Secretary to embody in his report such matters as demanded attention at the Convocation just opened.

During the three weeks in which he had acted in the capacity of Grand High Priest, no official matter had come before him except the requests of several Chapters for dispensations to act on petitions out of time, or to elect officers at other times than that prescribed by law. These dispensations he had granted.

He recommended that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Grand High Priest John Speed Smith.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance cash on hand and receipts, as \$7,250.20, disbursements \$1,299.57, leaving cash on hand, at opening of Grand Chapter, \$5,950.63, and total resources \$6,790.63.

The Grand Secretary announced, in his report, the death of M. E. Comp. John Speed Smith, Grand High Priest, and that of P. G. H. P., Comp. Henry Ranshaw, and recommended suitable action on the part of the Grand Chapter.

As to the complaint of an Indiana Chapter against two Kentucky Chapters, for invasion of jurisdiction, he stated that the matter had been happily adjusted, and "the incident closed."

Four Chapters had been authorized to resume work; the charter of one Chapter had been surrendered; two new Chapters had been authorized and set to work, and another Chapter, erstwhile dormant, had been put on its feet again.

The Grand Chapter ordered publication, of the articles of incorporation, with the proceedings.

On the evening of the first day the officers of K. S. Chapter No. 5 were introduced, the Grand Officers vacated their stations

and places for them, and the R. A. Degree was exemplified in a first-class manner. At next annual the M. E. M. Degree will be exemplified in full.

The Committee on Necrology fitly commemorated the virtues of the late M. E. Grand High Priest, J. Speed Smith, and, also, those of Past Grand High Priest Henry Ranshaw.

The committee offered a resolution directing the Grand Secretary to prepare and cause to be printed memorial pages, for each of the beloved Companions, in the proceedings.

This the Grand Secretary did in an excellent manner.

The Committee on Chapters U. D. recommended that charters be granted to the two Chapters U. D., and that the action of the Grand High Priest authorizing four certain Chapters to resume labor, and restoring their charters, be approved. Concurred in.

The Jurisprudence Committee rejoiced that the members of the Grand Chapter were so well versed in the laws of Capitular Masonry as to supercede the necessity of consideration of any question by said committee.

Report of the committee was adopted.

At the final roll-call two P. G. H. P.s failed to answer to their names. Did they feel that they were privileged characters, and might as well as not leave work to "the boys" while they themselves should be promenading around town? Those in high positions should set the pace for their younger Companions, and make that pace right along the line of capitular duty.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence was submitted by Past Grand Priest, Comp. James W. Staton, Chairman of the F. C. Committee, in a review (91 pp) of forty-nine Grand Chapters, (seven of them for 2 years, and one for 3 years) conspicuous for its elevated tone, its perfect fairness, and its discrimination.

Alabama, 1899, is accorded a little over a page of fraternal notice. He calls the address of Grand High Priest, Comp. E. S. Gatchell, "a plain but sensible address."

Alluding to our adoption of a resolution making it obligatory on a candidate to choose his mark and have it recorded in the "Book of Marks" before he can be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, he says:

"If High Priests do not find a way to get around the law enacted, we will be greatly mistaken, at least we have found it so

in Kentucky, for Kentucky law is stringent enough for any use if lived up to."

Companion Staton has, for the writer, a very kind word which, he may rest assured, is highly appreciated; he styles our work, "an excellent epitome."

He says:

"Kentucky for 1899 seems to have lost connection, which we regret. We suppose the lateness of the appearance of our proceedings caused the missing. However, we have been interested in the perusal of his other reviews."

Yes, Companion, your proceedings did not reach us until after the close of our Convocation of 1899; Kentucky, 1899, appeared, however, in our report of 1900

Had we not been so "long winded" in our reviews of some other jurisdictions, we might have given more space to the "Dark and Bloody Ground," which, all the same, is one of the garden spots of America.

We close with the remark, that we are glad our Companion is a steadfast friend of Dependent Membership.

M. E. Hal. Thomas Jefferson, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA—54TH ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS, FEB., 1901.

Chapters, 22; Affiliated R. A. Masons, 1,244. Gain, 72.

M. E. J. F. Pierson, Grand High Priest.

Convocation opened in the presence of eleven Past Grand Officers, and Grand Representatives of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions, leaving out Alabama.

In his address the Grand High Priest well says:

"Masonry, in its influences and principles, belongs to no sect, creed or race of mankind. It is confined to no political creed or form of temporal government. Its principles are as broad as the canopy of heaven itself; its influences are as constant, as permanent as the period of time, which marks the outlines of animated nature. No man can be exalted above the sphere of its potency, nor oppressed beyond the sphere of its ennobling precepts."

Some time since, while reviewing the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, we had the presumption to criticise the General Grand High Priest upon an utterance in which that

high officer discussed political events. But, to our encouragement, we find that the Grand High Priest of Louisiana thinks as we do about Masonry's sphere being separate and apart from the political arena.

On the representations and requests of High Priests of Chapters he had granted several dispensations to receive and act upon petitions for the degrees in less time than that prescribed by law.

He fittingly alluded to the death of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. William Robson.

His single decision that a M. E. High Priest cannot dimit during his term of office, none will gainsay.

Circumstances had prevented him from making as many visits as he had desired. Those made, however, were most pleasant.

Two Chapters had been organized—prospects of both of them exceedingly bright.

Grand Chapter had sent \$500.00 to aid the suffering Companions of Galveston.

The Grand Treasurer's financial statement exhibited amount on hand, and receipts for the year, as \$4,506.13, and after all expenditures a balance of \$2,762.32.

We note in the Grand Secretary's report that Comp. Robert L. Douglas was commissioned as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, vice Comp. P. J. Pillans deceased; also that of the twenty-two Chapters in the State, twenty had made returns with promptitude.

The Finance Committee estimated expenses for 1901 at \$1,495.00, and receipts at \$950.00.

In view of financial conditions the committee recommended that the *per capita* tax for 1901 be fixed at 50 cents, and that Chapters pay to Grand Chapter \$1.00 for each degree conferred.

The committee also recommended donation of \$150.00 to Comp. William Tell, and contribution of \$50.00 to aid in erecting the Fellows Monument.

The report of the committee was adopted.

A controversy between two chapters as to jurisdiction over a certain locality, was disposed of, on the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, by giving the two chapters concurrent jurisdiction at that point.

In Louisiana a P. H. P. does not lose his personal vote as a member of Grand Chapter because of representing his chapter

as present H. P. and casting one or more of the three votes of his chapter.

The Committee on Necrology made a short but most fit report.

The Order of High Priesthood had three accessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We can give but a glance at Companion Herman C. Duncan's able report (29 pp.) as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion Duncan does not, in this report, review in detail the Proceedings of each Grand Chapter, but with fine discrimination makes selection of topics, presenting the views of others and adding his own comments.

His views in regard to sovereignty on the part of the General Grand Chapter, or of a General Grand Council of Anointed High Priests, or of a Grand Lodge, strike us forcibly. We agree with him that if there is a cession of sovereignty to be considered, it should begin with the Grand Lodges, symbolic Masonry being the substratum and main support of the entire superstructure, but that the Grand Lodges will ever yield their sovereignty to a National Grand Body we have not the faintest idea.

He approves the requirement as to recording marks before the R. A. Degree is conferred, but doubts the possibility, even the usefulness of the requirement that the marks shall all be recorded in the Grand Secretary's office.

We are not so sure that Companion Duncan's view of that matter is incorrect.

As to the controversy between Companions Duncan and Drummond, we have only this to say, viz: that each of them is very much better able to take care of himself than we are to care for him, and that we trust each will, in future, studiously avoid all harsh expressions so incompatible with true companionship.

M. E. J. F. Pierson, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary.

MAINE—75TH ANNUAL, PORTLAND, MAY, 1900.

Active Chapters, 56; Members, 6,502; net gain 216.

M. E. Winfield S. Hinckley, Grand High Priest.

Forty-seven of the fifty-six Chapters were represented at this Convocation. There were present eighteen permanent members, and Grand Representatives of thirty-five sister Jurisdictions, including Companion James M. Nevens for Alabama.

We note that four Grand Chapters were represented by Companion Drummond. Well, no doubt, those four, having a first class article in possession already, feel no anxiety to make a change.

In opening his annual address the Grand High Priest expressed his great satisfaction at the continuance of that peace and prosperity which, for so many years, have prevailed throughout the Royal Craft of Maine.

He announced with profound sorrow the death, during the year, of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Seward S. Stearns, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, (also Past Grand Master) Companion Hiram Chase, and Past Grand Treasurer, Rufus H. Hinkley, giving a brief sketch of the life of each of those three eminent Companions.

He had constituted two new Chapters, and, authorized by Grand Chapter, had decided upon the consolidation of two old Chapters, good reasons being shown for the same. The event justified that act.

For various purposes eight dispensations had been granted, three of them being for receiving and balloting on applications in less than the required time.

No decisions were submitted, all questions having been answered by reference to the digest.

The Grand High Priest announced that "The Grand Council, as required by our regulations, held its annual meeting in Portland, in August."

We do not presume to discuss the question whether or not the Cryptic degrees ought to be under the control of the Grand Chapter; therefore merely state the foregoing fact.

The M. E. congratulated the Royal Craft throughout the jurisdiction on the general prosperity of Capitular Masonry in Maine. The membership was steadily increasing. It was not "a boom," but a healthy growth.

The several reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King, Grand Scribe, and of the three District Deputies give assurance of great interest and general proficiency in Capitular ritual, on the part of the various Chapters visited. No small degree of enthusiasm was every where manifested.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows balance cash and receipts for the year amounting to \$5,312.85. May 2, 1900, the Charity Fund stood \$4,830.00.

The term of commissions of Grand Representatives was fixed at six years.

The Committee on amendments to the Constitution recommended that Art. V, Sec. 34 of that instrument be amended by the following addition:

"Chapter membership may be terminated in either of the following methods:

I. Upon application at any stated Convocation, the Chapter may vote a dimit at once, either in the form of an honorable discharge from membership, or with a recommendation as it may see fit.

II. Or a member may give notice at a stated convocation, that at the next he shall apply for a dimit, and at such next stated meeting, if no charges have been filed, and his dues are paid to that time, it is the Secretary's duty to give him a certificate of honorable discharge from membership. The Chapter may vote him such recommendation as it sees fit. The Secretary shall note on his record the giving of the notice and the issuing of the dimit.

III. Or a member may apply to another Chapter for membership, in which he shall state in his petition that he is still a member of ——— Chapter (naming it); then, if accepted, he may secure his dimit in either of the methods above stated, file it with the other Chapter at any time within six months, sign the by-laws thereof, and thereby become a member."

The report was accepted—the recommendation adopted.

Grand Council accepted sixteen new Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, and Past General Grand High Priest, Companion Josiah H. Drummond, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence did what he has done for thirty years and more, viz: presented an admirable and most instructive report (155 pp.) reviewing the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama—1899, included.

Our Jurisdiction is generously accorded a most courteous and

fraternal notice covering three pages in which nothing of general interest in our proceedings is overlooked.

He kindly and with brotherly feeling comments on the fact that eight Chapters had failed to make returns for two successive years, but that two dormant Chapters had been resuscitated, and refers to the few visitations our Grand High Priest had been able to make, saying:

"He had visited other Chapters and spent time with them, and we venture to suggest that if this same kind of medicine could have been given to the Chapters which had failed to make returns, the result would have been extremely gratifying, and it is a source of great regret that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter does not allow this to be done generally throughout the Jurisdiction."

This is undoubtedly true, but, as we have elsewhere intimated on behalf of P. G. H. P. Companion Gatchell, he was not possessed of the power of ubiquity, and his business obligations precluded much Capitular work on his part. No doubt, ability to make visitations, should be deemed an important consideration in electing a Grand High Priest. We are satisfied that Companion Drummond's utterance on the matter in question was impelled by genuine, brotherly interest in our welfare.

He copies Grand Secretary Armstrong's resolutions on the subject of Marks, and says:

"We commend this to our own Grand Chapter and to the officers of our Chapters generally. The lesson of the Mark degree is a very impressive one and its impressiveness and value are intended to be perpetuated by each Companion's having a mark. There is too great a disposition to wear Masonic insignia as decorations, but the mark of a Companion is very rarely seen in the decoration worn. If this evil must exist, we wish that the sentiment of making more of the mark of each companion could be increased, and we should be quite content to have every Companion have his mark in metallic form always in his possession."

Again, he says:

"The Committee on Work reported in the different degrees, and their report was accepted. We presume the report was a rehearsal of the lectures, or at least a partial exemplification, although this is not stated."

For the information of our Companion, we will state the fact that it was a first class rehearsal.

Again, he expresses pleasure at learning that the Committee on Returns reported the returns of one Chapter "incorrect" because the names of the Companions were not given in full.

Companion Drummond honors this writer by according a full page of notice to the Alabama report on correspondence.

Extracting that portion of our introductory remarks in which we intimated that all strictures on our work would be received as meekly as any luckless urchin ever took a whipping at school, he says:

"This is really the true view, although we deprecate the use of the word "meekly," as if criticism was punishment; but we have no doubt that our good Companion really meant that criticisms would be received in a fraternal spirit, as those made in a fraternal manner always ought to be."

Perhaps "fraternally" would have been better, but our distinguished Companion of Maine will, no doubt, pardon us for undertaking to affirm that the word "meekly" was a fit word to employ in that connection.

If "meek" means "mild of temper," "not proud," "not easily provoked," &c., where's the harm in employing it? to quote Scripture:

"Blessed are the *meek* for they shall inherit the earth."—Matt. v. 5. "Now the man Moses was very *meek*," &c.—Numbers xii, 3. In *meekness* instructing those that oppose themselves;" &c.—II Timothy ii, 25, *et al.*

So great is our admiration for Companion Drummond that we cannot refrain from copying the following very kind expressions from his pen, concerning our first effort at reporting:

"The Report is a very excellent and complete abstract of the more important matters in the Jurisdiction, with occasional judicious comment."

He quotes the writer approvingly in a few instances, but adds the following (for which we thank him, as we desire to know the truth, and know of no one better qualified to instruct us than Companion Drummond):

"He expresses opinion that the English custom of attaching every Chapter to a Craft Lodge is a wise practice, because the bodies attached, being thus united, are likely to entertain higher respect for each other than they otherwise would do."

"Such a result would undoubtedly follow, but in this country the practice would be quite impossible, for very few Lodges furnish sufficient material to maintain a Chapter. This usage is

undoubtedly the cause of the dying out of so many Chapters in England." * * *

At our earliest convenience we will make the comparison our Companion suggests. Can those Chapters receive no material from sources outside of the Lodges to which they are attached?

Our profoundest bow is made in acknowledgement of Companion Drummond's concluding words under "Alabama—1899":

"We congratulate the Grand Chapter of Alabama upon having ing so able a successor to our lamented Companion Pillans, as it has. Its high reputation for the valuable and fraternal character of this report will be maintained."

Under Canada, 1900, he makes an extract from Companion Bennett's remarks on Canada's former reduction of the minimum fee, made for the benefit of the rural Chapters, in which Companion Bennett said that "Hasty and thoughtless as Canada's action was at that time, and the acknowledgment is freely made, the 'ground floor' legislation of Alabama in favor of a certain section of the community is to our thinking fraught with much greater risk, for it is a distinct violation of the great principle of equality which is one of the basic features of fraternity. We are compelled thus to regard the above amendment as an ugly blot upon the beautiful symbolism of the level which it is hoped Alabama will reconsider and utterly erase."

Commenting on the foregoing Comp. Drummond says:

"The last part of it referred to ministers of the Gospel, and we must refer him to our quotation in our review of Alabama." (Alluding to our own endeavor to vindicate the action of our Grand Chapter giving ministers the degrees gratuitously.)

Companion Drummond continues:

"The practice is a very old one in a good many jurisdictions, and so far as we have observed, no harm has ever come from it, and, certainly, in the earlier days great good came from it. At the same time, under the present state of things, in a good many places we should hold the exemption to be wrong, but in some places, as shown by our Companions of Alabama, there are very good reasons for continuing it."

Under Colorado, Companion Drummond says, on the subject of rotation in office:

"The ironclad rule of 'promotion in line' has gained in practice, to the injury of the Craft. More complaints come to us from the different jurisdictions in relation to this than from

almost any other cause, and the complaints are not confined to subordinate bodies, but include the Grand bodies. In our Grand Lodge we have broken up that practice. It is almost impossible to break it up in a particular case, if generally followed. Our Grand Lodge, therefore, went to the root of the matter by making a Grand Warden ineligible to re-election as either Junior or Senior Grand Warden. It is true, however, that we never elect a man Deputy Grand Master whom we do not intend to elect Grand Master, in order that he may have notice of what will be expected of him, and give his attention to special preparation for the duties of the office."

Under Kentucky he intimates that he is "confirmed in the belief heretofore expressed, that no instance will be found in which an American Grand Lodge has issued a *distinctive warrant* for a Chapter. For the purpose of illustrating the practice when the Chapter degrees were conferred under the authority of a Lodge warrant, he gives us a copy of a Royal Arch diploma issued in 1797, by a Chapter working under the charter of St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston, by its permission.

We have not the space to spare for the interesting letter of P. G. H. P., J. Soule Smith, of Kentucky, to Companion Drummond, nor for the instructive remarks of the latter, who invites Companions to interpret initials on the sides of a triangle represented on the left-hand top corner of said diploma. The initials are "H—T—TL." How would the following fit? "H" for HOLINESS—"T" for TO—"TL" for the Lord?

There is so much in this whole report well worth transcribing, that we give up in despair of doing it anything like justice.

M. . E. . Winfield S. Hinckley, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND—103D ANNUAL, BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER, 1900.

Chapters, 20; members, 1,961; net gain, 37.

M. . E. . Daniel T. Ordeman, Grand High Priest.

Present—the incumbent Grand Officers, quorum of representatives of constituent Chapters, eleven Past Grand High Priests, and Grand Representatives of twenty two sister Jurisdictions, including Alabama.

The Grand High Priest, in his address; suitably commemorated the virtues of Past Grand High Priest William H. Clark, who died June 18, 1900, in the city of Baltimore.

The M. E. had granted nine dispensations, of which one only was for waiver of time in balloting on a petition for the degrees.

Under the head of decisions we find the following:

"Replying to an inquiry from a Subornate Chapter as to the status of two Companions, who had affiliated with said Chapter, but who had not signed the By-Laws, I decided that the said Companions became members by virtue of their election, and should pay dues from that date."

In our opinion, a righteous decision.

The fact that only one decision of the Grand High Priest was submitted, is a healthy indication. When all Chapters familiarize themselves with the laws, rules and regulations of R. A. Masonry, there will ensue a regular picnic for Grand High Priests.

The M. E. did not make many visitations. It was, early in the term, concluded that mere ceremonies, official visits, with no work to be done, might be dispensed with, how pleasant soever those visits might be, especially in view of the monthly reports on the condition of the Chapters visited, made by the Grand Lecturer.

Under "Standing Resolution No. 26" the terms of all Grand Representatives expired at the date of the 31st Triennial of the General Grand Chapter. A good rule, for if a Grand Representative prove to be of no more use than a left-hand cipher, he may, in three years, be removed from his pedestal, and some one else be tried.

Under said resolution, we note the appointment of Comp Hezariah G. Earnest to represent Maryland near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The Grand High Priest made due acknowledgment of the compliment paid Maryland by the election of P. G. H. P. John M. Carter to be General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter, at the Cincinnati Triennial.

From his conclusion we extract the following:

"Soon we shall have completed the Nineteenth Century and the query very naturally arises: What of the future? We predict the future largely by the past; and what a glorious past; what material progress has been made since 1800! Then we had but a few Chapters upon whose Altars burned the incense of

Royal Arch Masonry. Our membership was small but zealous. And a third of a century had passed ere circumstances arose which had for their object the destruction of the Royal Arch and the Pillars upon which it rested. Parties were organized having for their basic principle, or rather, design, the overthrow of our structure of benevolence. But the veil of ignorance and superstition was rent in twain and torn asunder, and the Great I Am, He Who had led His children aforetime through the desert, once more asserted His Power, and Truth, invincible and immortal, was again triumphant. The smouldering embers upon our Altars blazed forth to illumine and revivify our land; since which time we have grown in numerical strength and influence, and have reached a point in history, no longer despised, but, a recognized, potential factor in all that pertains to the elevation of humanity in the higher attributes of Civilization, Truth and Love."

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction during the year ending Nov. 1st

He stated that with one exception the Chapters were in excellent condition.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his statement of cash on hand and receipts, \$2,116.46, and expenditures amounting to \$1,514.74.

A charter was granted to Zeredathah Chapter U. D., which, in equipment and otherwise, has a bright prospect.

A resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter, duly certified, conveyed the request that the Grand Chapter of Maryland would, at its convenience, install Comp. John M. Carter, a P. G. H. P. of its Jurisdiction, into the office of General Grand Treasurer, to which office he had been duly elected by the General Grand Chapter at its Triennial in Cincinnati.

Accordingly, introduced by Past General Grand High Priest, Comp. Geo. L. McCahan, Comp. John M. Carter was duly installed to said office by M. E. Daniel T. Ordeman, Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported "no business." Accepted.

The Committee on Grievances reported to the same effect. Likewise accepted,

On recommendation of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, the decision submitted by the Grand High Priest was, adopted as "just and right," and his appointments were approved.

No doubt the "*novel and interesting accessories recently introduced*" (italics ours) and displayed by Concordia Chapter No. 1,

in the exemplification of the M. . E. . M. . degree, were very taking, but it seems to us that those spectacular and theatrical exhibitions tend toward making the work of the degree degenerate into a mere show.

If, however, our ideas on the subject are not only crude, but erroneous also, we would gladly receive enlightenment.

At its 76th Annual the Council of M. . E. . High Priests had eight accessions to its membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

That Companion Edward T. Schultz continues to preside over the Correspondence department of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, is a source of unaffected pleasure, not only to his personal friends, but also to those who merely know him through the medium of his written thoughts.

Since the death of our lamented predecessor, Palmer J. Pilans, Companions Edward T. Schultz of Maryland, Henry Robertson of Canada, and Josiah H. Drummond of Maine, have been the only survivors of the reportorial corps of 1875.

May those three bright lights shine for years to come, to illumine the minds of those of us who are less informed.

In the report before us Companion Schultz reviews the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Chapters, (6 of them for 2 years and 1 for 3 years,) filling seventy-seven pages with choice reading.

Alabama, 1899, receives about a page and a half of courteous notice. His allusion to the report of Grand Secretary H. Clay Armstrong, instigates us to say that we feel fully assured of Companion Schultz's sympathy in our great loss by the death of Companion Armstrong, as also, of that sympathy on the part of all who knew our late Grand Secretary.

Our Companion may rest assured that his copying of the introduction to our report is regarded by ourselves as one of the greatest compliments that could be bestowed on our feeble efforts.

M. . E. . David C. Avery, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . Geo. L. McCahan, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The volume of Proceedings before us, though destitute of ornament, is a beautiful piece of printer's work, with clear type and most orderly arrangement, for all of which we are, no doubt, indebted to the R. V. E. V. Grand Secretary.

The transactions of three Quarterly Convocations—March, June and September—are here recorded, but we have discovered in them no matters which would be of special interest to our readers.

On October 19, 1900, a Special Convocation was held at Winthrop, Mass., for the purpose of constituting Winthrop Royal Arch Chapter, and installing its officers.

Elaborate and impressive exercises took place on this occasion, succeeded by a well prepared banquet, which all enjoyed.

102D ANNUAL—BOSTON, DECEMBER, 1900.

Chapters, 75; Members, 16,079. Gain, 336.

Comp. Warren B. Ellis, M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest. Twenty-one Permanent Members were present to respond at roll call, also Grand Representatives of thirty-one sister jurisdictions.

The Committee on Returns reported a greater degree of accuracy on the part of secretaries of constituent chapters than in any previous year of the committee's service. This improvement was attributed, not only to the watchful care of the officers who supervised the preparation of the returns, but also to the greater attention given by Chapters to the selection of suitable Companions for Secretaries.

Whatever the cause, this manifest improvement must have done Grand Secretary Waite's heart good.

A memorial on the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest for the Second Capitular District, Comp. John Nicolas Pike (a kinsman, we believe, of that distinguished Masonic writer Comp. Albert Pike), having been presented and read, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The annual report of the Committee on Finance was received, accepted and ordered spread on the minutes. As shown by said report, the total receipts, with balance cash on hand, amounted to \$9,492.32, total expenditures \$5,860.40, leaving in the treasury a balance of \$3,631.92. The total funds of the Grand Chapter amounted to \$13,211.76.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest was short, but excellent. In a few well chosen words it imparted all needful information as to his administration of Capitular affairs, and expressed the lofty sentiments of a true Masonic heart.

The Grand High Priest, in alluding to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Cincinnati, mentioned with satisfaction the first act of that Convocation, as illustrative of the great principle on which the Masonic institution is founded—that act was an appropriation, without a dissenting voice, of two thousand dollars for the relief of the sufferers by the Galveston flood.

The Grand Chapter having voted to comply with the request of certain petitioners for a dispensation to form a new Chapter, he accordingly had issued, on Sept. 11, 1900, his dispensation to that effect, the new Chapter being designated as Bancroft Royal Arch Chapter.

Oct. 19, 1900, he constituted Winthrop Royal Arch Chapter, under most favorable auspices.

The Grand Secretary certified to the anointing and consecrating of eighteen Companions as members of the Order of High Priesthood since last Annual Convocation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. J. Gilman Waite, Grand Secretary as well as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, again submits the F. C. Report in an excellent paper (106 pp.), reviewing the Proceedings of forty-six Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama, 1899, included. His notice of Alabama is of the administration of Grand High Priest, Edward S. Gatchell, and it is marked by high-toned courtesy and brotherly consideration.

He says Grand High Priest Gatchell's "appeal to the Companions to keep in mind the responsibilities of their position and to weigh with care the grave and serious questions having reference to the best interest of the rite, was earnest and forceful." He further says:

"The absence of decisions and the limited number of dispensations bespeak the regularity and good order that must prevail."

Alluding to a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter of Alabama *re* the recording of the "marks" of Mark Master Masons, he says:

"We are a little slow to appreciate the great benefit to be derived from the filing of the copy in the Grand Secretary's office."

Companion Waite is so kind as to style the introduction to our first Capitular Report (1899) "graceful," and to make a liberal extract therefrom.

Yes! Companion, your surmise that we favor dependent membership is fully warranted by the fact, notwithstanding that some entertain opposite opinions, and term it "the 'depend membership' craze." (Illinois 1899.)

Despise symbolic Masonry and treat it with cold neglect, and you open a yawning chasm right at the feet of the Genius of our noble institution.

He quotes our disapproval of cipher ritual, and styles it "a vigorous denunciation."

To linger with Companion Waite would be a real pleasure, but many volumes of Proceedings await our attention; therefore, for the time, we must bid him adieu.

Comp. Warren B. Ellis, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. Gilman Waite, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN—53D ANNUAL, DETROIT, JANUARY, 1901.

Active Chapters, 135; Members, 13,988; net gain, 841.

M. E. Reuben C. Webb, Grand High Priest.

At this Convocation one hundred twenty-nine Chapters were represented, and there was a goodly number (17) of Past Grand High Priests present. Total attendance three hundred seven.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a thoughtful, well prepared paper of a little over eighteen pages, in which he detailed his official acts, reported his decisions—such as it was worth while to report—and made such suggestions as seemed judicious and helpful.

He had, on September 21, 1900, directed the Grand Secretary to issue and forward a warrant for \$100.00 to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas; in aid of our Texas Companions.

Before concluding he paid tribute to that invaluable Grand Secretary, Jefferson S. Conover.

His six submitted decisions received the unqualified endorsement of the Committee on Jurisprudence, also the approval of the Grand Chapter.

One of those decisions, No. 4, we quote because there might be dissent in some quarter. The decision was in answer to the following question:

“Question.—A Companion Royal Arch Mason, having applied for admission to membership by dimit, the petition having been referred to a committee and brought up for ballot at the proper time, the Secretary having read a written objection, from a Companion member, to the applicant's admission; and the ballot having been passed and found clear; should the applicant be declared rejected?”

“Answer.—I have made a careful examination into the question submitted, and failed to find any law whatever which gives to an objection to membership, the force and effect of a black-ball. The only way in which the admission of a Companion to membership can be prevented is through the ballot-box, a written objection has no effect, and the ballot being clear should be so declared.”

The Grand Secretary reported receipts for the year to have been \$7,922.50. All paid over to the Grand Treasurer and receipted therefor.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance of last year, together with the foregoing receipts from the Grand Secretary amounted to \$1,142.43; disbursements \$7,831.92; leaving balance \$3,310.50—it being \$141.05 more than balance of previous year.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, giving an account in detail, of his schools of instruction, and of his official visits, was for the most part a very pleasing picture of the condition of the Craft.

From the report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home it is learned that:

Receipts for the year, including Grand Lodge *per capita* tax of \$4,072.40, and sundry donations, were \$6,885.67. Expenses for the year \$6,478.15, which, with deficit from last year amounted to \$7,040.06. Deducting receipts \$6,885.67, there remains the present deficit, \$154.39.

Number of beneficiaries December 1, 1900, was 45.

Weekly cost, *per capita*, of maintenance 2.91.

The Grand High Priest had suggested the consideration, by Grand Chapter of an amendment to the Constitution to cover such a rare case as had been brought to his attention, viz: the removal from the Chapter Jurisdiction of High Priest, King and Scribe. The subject having been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration and report, that Committee

offered an amendment to Art. viii, Sec. 15 of the Constitution by adding to said section the following:

"And in case a vacancy shall occur in the office of High Priest, King and Scribe; the Grand High Priest shall convene said Chapter and hold an election and fill the vacancies."

Ordered printed and laid over until next year, under the rules. Committee on Obituaries made suitable report.

Finance Committee included the \$100.00 sent to Galveston in its report. And the report was adopted.

The same Committee recommended that future reports on Foreign Correspondence be abolished. Adopted.

In our humble opinion such action was unwise.

The Grand Council received six new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companions Clarence H. Leonard and Charles E. Sweet submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence which covers thirty nine pages, and reviews forty-one Jurisdictions. It is a concise, courteous synopsis of the Proceedings of the several Grand Bodies noticed.

Alabama is kindly accorded a full page.

M. E. William F. Denfeld, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA—39TH ANNUAL—ST. PAUL, OCTOBER, 1900.

No. of Chartered Chapters, 61; U. D., 2; Members, 5,255; Gain, 259.

M. E. Josiah A. Peck, Grand High Priest.

These neat Proceedings came embellished with a frontispiece presenting the manly features of M. E. Josiah A. Peck.

At the opening of the Convocation there were present, besides the actual Grand Officers and a quorum of members, eleven Grand High Priests, three Past Deputy Grand High Priests, and two Past Grand Kings. Grand Representatives of thirty-two sister Grand Jurisdictions were also on hand, Comp. W. F. Dickinson, of the Jurisprudence Committee, representing Alabama.

The address of the Grand High Priest was strictly business. He had made five visitations, which were greatly appreciated by

the Chapters thus favored. Could these official visits be more extensive in all the jurisdictions, it would not, certainly, be without profit to the Royal Craft.

He submitted but one decision, which declares that a High Priest has no right to withhold the ballot on a petition for the degrees after investigating committee has reported thereon. Correct.

He had granted dispensations for two new Chapters, and had issued five special dispensations—one of them being for receiving and balloting on a petition at the same meeting, the applicant being about to leave home for an absence of six months on business; but he refused a request for permission to ballot on the petitions of three candidates at a special meeting to be held three days after their petitions were received.

The M. E. stated that only eight of the fifteen District Visitors had made reports to him. Some had not even acknowledged the receipt of their commissions. He trusted that his successor would be more fortunate in his selections. The eight reports received represented the chapters visited as in a prosperous condition, with one exception, Chapter No. — had not held a meeting since Feb. 1896, consequently had forfeited its charter.

The Grand Treasurer reported that balance on hand and receipts for the year made a total of \$10,895.09; paid out total of \$3,584.80.

The two Chapters U. D. made it so manifest that they were meritorious that charters were granted to them.

The Committee on Grievances rejoiced in the ability to report that no cause of grievance had been brought to its attention. Adopted.

A special committee, appointed to consider and report upon that portion of the address which related to District Visitors, submitted the following report:

"Your Committee on District Visitors, after careful consideration, respectfully recommend that the District Visitors be allowed mileage and per diem for attending the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, provided they have faithfully performed the duties of their office, and that they do not draw the same by virtue of being members of the Grand Chapter."

A Companion moved to amend by abolishing the office, and requiring the duties of said office to be performed by the Grand High Priest. That amendment was lost. Much discussion ensued, after which, on motion, the report was laid on the table.

In our humble judgment the report of the committee "hit the nail on the head," but, no doubt, the wiser members thought the difficulties of the case might be obviated by judicious appointment of District Visitors.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended approval of the decision and the special dispensations of the Grand High Priest. Concurred in.

The same committee recommended the indefinite postponement of a resolution amending the Code which lay over from the Grand Chapter convocation of the previous year. Adopted.

The Committee on Deceased Companions, at the close of its report, recommended that a memorial page be prepared, and printed with the proceedings, said page to be inscribed with the names and chapters of those deceased companions. The recommendation was adopted, as well as the report.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, Comp. Thos. Montgomery, also chairman of the F. C. Committee, submitted his report on Correspondence, covering sixty pages. Courtesy and discrimination are conspicuous throughout this review, which we have read with lively interest.

He leads off, as usual, with Alabama-1899, in a truly fraternal notice of a little more than half a page.

He says our Grand High Priest's "address is brief and chiefly of a business character."

He remarks that our late Companions, Grand Chaplain The Rev. Wm. C. Cleveland and P. G. H. P. Wm. S. Foster were both highly eulogized."

He refers to the special report of P. G. H. P. and Grand Secretary H. Clay Armstrong on the condition of the Royal Craft and on the "field work done by him," with evident approval. Alas! our beloved Companion Armstrong is gone forever.

Comp. Montgomery has our acknowledgments of his kindness manifested in the following:

"Companion Wm. J. '(Wm. Y.) Titcomb wrote the report on Correspondence—his first—in which, in eighty-seven pages, he ably reviews all the proceedings that reached him. We have no criticisms to offer, Comp. T.; are sorry our proceedings did not reach you in time, and welcome you to the Guild."

We find much in this report which commands our assent.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests received nine accessions to its members.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Andrew P. Swanstrom.

R. E. Grand Secretary, Thomas Montgomery.

MISSISSIPPI—53D ANNUAL, OXFORD, FEBRUARY, 1901.

Number of Chapters, 60; members, 2,083; gain of Chapters, this year, 16; gain of members, 462.

M. E. Nolan Stewart, Grand High Priest.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests participated in the ceremonies and business of this Convocation. There were present also the Grand Representatives of fifteen sister Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama, represented by Grand Secretary, Comp. J. L. Power.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in his address paid a tender loving tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest John Knox McLeod, "who passed the Fourth Vail into the presence of the Supreme Council in the Tabernacle above" last August; and incorporated in his report the eloquent memorial, by Comp. Frederic Speed, on the death of Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council, Past President of the Order of High Priesthood and Past Grand Commander of Templars, William Starling.

Pursuant to previous order, charters were issued to ten new Chapters. One of these he himself instituted, and installed its officers; the other nine were instituted and the officers installed by the Grand Lecturer acting as his special deputy, he being unable to be present.

The Grand Chapter having authorized the establishment of a Chapter at Ocean Springs, he had accordingly issued his dispensation in accordance therewith, and Ocean Springs Chapter, U. D., was duly organized.

He had also issued dispensations for the revival of seven dormant Chapters, making use of their old names and numbers. All these Chapters "give promise of becoming active workers," and he recommended that charters be granted to them, giving them their old numbers if practicable.

He had issued thirty-one special dispensations—twenty-two of these, to ballot out of time.

In all such cases, he had invariably stated that Paragraph F., Sec. 29, of the Statutes should be observed. (Requiring, we suppose, due and timely notice thereof to all the members.)

No sufficient reasons for granting certain other applications being apparent, dispensations for the same were refused.

The Grand High Priest had been able to make only four visitations. On each occasion he was cordially received and his visits were most agreeable.

He thought the salary paid the efficient Grand Lecturer, who so zealously, patiently and perseveringly performs his work, insufficient, and that his pay should be increased if the finances of the Grand Chapter would bear it.

Alluding to the Galveston disaster, he stated that, at the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, he had authorized that officer to wire \$50.00 to the sufferers as a Grand Chapter contribution, and had sent out an appeal for aid to the Chapters: many had responded, but he was not able to say how much had been contributed by the various Chapters.

But few decisions had been called for, and, as the law was very plain, it was necessary only to refer to the sections governing the points in question.

In two instances he was asked to decide whether or not a minister of the Gospel could receive the Capitular Degrees gratis.

He replied that he could not so receive them, under Section 32 of the Regulations, in his opinion.

He also decided that an officer of a Chapter could not dimitt during his term of office.

Also he decided that a petitioner who had been elected to take the degrees, but who had failed to take them within the time prescribed by law, must present a new petition, and proceedings must be had in all respects as if no action had already been taken—Regulations, Sec. 47.

From what the Grand High Priest says on the State of the Craft, it appears that most of the Chapters are not well equipped for work—no robes or paraphernalia for the officers.

He learns that very few Chapters have members who can render the work—confer the degrees and give the lectures.

This he thinks undoubtedly accounts for the lethargic state of Capitular Masonry, so long prevalent in Mississippi, and he counsels vigorous measures for the education of the Royal Craft in the ritual.

He says it would be best to adopt the work of the General Grand Chapter, with, perhaps, such slight modifications as would adapt it to the Mississippi Jurisdiction. He says:

"I commend this subject to your earnest consideration."

The faithful and efficient Grand Secretary, Comp. J. L. Power, submitted his thirty-first annual report, which does not claim particular attention of outsiders, save that it presents a list of Chapters which contributed to the relief of Galveston, the sums of their contributions being \$163.50.

Grand Chapter receipts for year ending Dec. 27, 1899, were \$1,812.85.

The Grand Treasurer's statement gives balance cash on hand and receipts for the year as \$2,319.22. Paid warrants to the amount of \$1,694.30, leaving on hand, Feb. 27, 1901, \$624.92.

The Grand Lecturer's report shows that officer to have been a faithful laborer in the vineyard. During the year he had exalted 85 classes—most of the work having been done in revived Chapters and those instituted.

He strongly favored adoption of the General Grand Chapter work, except so far as it conflicts with the Blue Lodge work in Mississippi.

We notice two of the questions submitted to the Committee on Capitular Law during the year, and the committee's answers thereto:

"Question 1—Is a member of a defunct Chapter entitled to visit a Chapter if he has paid all dues to the defunct Chapter, but is without the Grand Secretary's certificate or a dimit?"

"Answer—No; Section 70 of the Regulations is peremptory and a member of a defunct Chapter must have the Grand Secretary's certificate which has the force and effect of a dimit."

And the committee explains the status of members of defunct Chapters.

"Question 2—What course can a candidate, who is rejected in a Chapter, pursue to vindicate his good name as a Master Mason? Is he not entitled to an investigation either in the Lodge or Chapter, that he may clear himself before the brethren?"

To give the committee's answer in short, it was: No, the secrecy of the ballot cannot be violated. Entire report adopted.

Comp. Frederic Speed made an eloquent, instructive, masterly report on General Grand Chapter, notwithstanding the fact that

some of us may demur to his opinion that the General Grand Chapter work "is now the only lawful work in these United States."

He forcibly argues moral obligation to conform to the teachings of the General Grand Chapter.

His tribute to Theodore Sutton Parvin (who has now gone to his rest) was full of pathos and beauty.

The Joint Committee of Grand Chapter and Grand Council recommended payment, after March 1st, 1901, to the Grand Lecturer, of \$100.00 per month and expenses, to be paid monthly, on submission of his monthly report. The requirements to which he must conform are set forth. He must visit every Chapter and Council, do missionary work where no Chapter or Council exists, give his entire time to the work, &c.

In regard to the recommendation of the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer as to the adoption of the work of the Grand Chapter, the committee recommended that the General Grand Chapter work be adopted as the work of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

The report was adopted by a nearly unanimous vote.

The Committee on Finance reported the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to be all correct.

The Committee on Subordinate Chapters approved all the proceedings of the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer in the revival and reorganization of dormant Chapters.

Upon recommendation of said committee two Chapters, named, were consolidated.

A new Chapter was permitted an organization at Laurel, Jones Co., without the usual probation of working U. D., and a charter ordered to be granted forthwith.

The charter, with name and number, was restored to another dormant Chapter—(Ward Chapter, 73).

The Committee on Complaints and Appeals made report, on the single case before it, that the charge had been withdrawn. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was brief but most appropriate.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. P. M. Savery, Chairman of the F. C. Committee, submitted his report, an able and discriminat-

ing review of the proceedings of forty-three Grand Chapters, (two of them for 2 years) and taking up forty-eight pages.

Alabama, 1899, is accorded nearly one-fourth of a page of courteous notice.

Twenty Companions were elected to the Order of High Priesthood.

M. E. John S. Cobb, Grand High Priest.

R. E. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI—55TH ANNUAL, ST. LOUIS, APRIL, 1891

M. E. Arthur M. Hough, Grand High Priest.

This neat volume of proceedings, on its initial page, presents the striking features of Grand High Priest Hough. The typographical execution of the proceedings is a credit to Grand Secretary Mayo as well as to the printer.

All the Grand Officers, except the Grand Captain of the Host (deceased) were present at the opening, as well as fifteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-six Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama. Eighty-seven of the ninety seven Chartered Chapters were represented, as was one Chapter U. D.

Ninety-six Chapters made returns. The total of members reported and estimated, December 31, 1900, was 7,518, net gain 389. Total amount due and estimated from Chapters for 1900 was \$8,398.00. Total paid by Chapters for same time was \$8,344.00.

Few Grand Chapters can make a better showing than the foregoing.

In his address the Grand High Priest said:

"With praise to the giver of all good gifts, and with peace at home and abroad, I welcome you to our Fifty-fifth Annual Grand Convocation."

He mourned the loss, by death, of M. E. Companion Erwin T. Ellis, Grand High Priest, 1882, M. E. Companion William B. Wilson, Grand High Priest, 1888, E. Companion Benjamin F. Nelson, Grand Captain of the Host, at the time of his death, which occurred on November 21, 1900, and thirteen Past High Priests of the Masonic Jurisdiction.

He congratulated the Grand Chapter that it had been unnecessary for him to submit any decisions.

He had granted ten dispensations, five to elect officers, four to move quarters and one for formation of a new Chapter.

For reasons held to be good and sufficient, he had refused three petitions for dispensation. Needless to particularize.

The Missouri law says that "in case of the death of the High Priest, the Grand Secretary shall immediately secure the Cipher Ritual and return it to the custody of the Grand Chapter. It makes no provision for reissuing it to the King, who succeeds to the duties of the High Priest."

On a favorable report, after investigation, he had directed the Grand Secretary to issue Cipher Rituals to two Chapters to supply the places of lost ones. (In this connection we merely rise to repeat that a Mason's obligation makes no provision for, but forbids the printing of any such thing as a "C. R.")

The M. E. had, by proxy, constituted and dedicated and installed the officers of one Chapter U. C., and instituted one Chapter U. D.

The Grand Chapter having, last year, appropriated \$3,000.00 for a substantial fire-proof building, to be erected for the purpose of comfortably and safely housing old and infirm persons, said sum to be paid when the building was assured, the Grand High Priest, having received information that the building was an assured fact, on January 19, 1901, directed the Grand Secretary to draw his warrant in favor of the Masonic Home Board, for the said sum of \$3,000.00. He said he knew of no way in which to better expend the surplus funds of the Grand Bodies.

A suspended H. P. had been cited to appear before the Grand Chapter to answer charges and specifications. The papers in said case he returned to Grand Chapter for its consideration.

The reports of the President, Masonic Home, the Superintendent of the same, the Secretary and the Treasurer were ordered printed with the proceedings for information, and referred to Committee on Home.

Those reports were very gratifying, showing good financial condition, peace and harmony in the Institution, the prevalence of good health among the inmates, and removal of all doubt respecting completion of the new building for the aged and infirm.

That building will cost about \$21,000.00. Already \$15,000 00

have been paid in, and, as the Knights Templar did not have the opportunity of contributing, at their last Conclave, to this most laudable undertaking, they will doubtless aid handsomely in raising the \$6,000.00 still needed.

There are now in the Home seventy-five children and thirty-eight old people.

The Superintendent reports "that peace and harmony have constantly prevailed, and that there is great improvement in the spirit manifest in the Home family, and the children especially are doing well, almost without exception and in every respect."

The report of the Treasurer of the Home for the period extending from October 1, 1900 to April 1, 1901, exhibits balance on hand and receipts in the sum of \$47,493.19, and, after all disbursements, balance, April 1, 1901, of \$25,432.91.

Statement of cash and securities held for account of Knight Templars Endowment Fund, gives total as \$50,000.

The Treasurer also holds notes whose face value is \$19,620.00 in the aggregate.

The Committee on Necrology made a full and suitable report. Of our late Companion and Grand Secretary, H. Clay Armstrong, the Committee says:

"Probably he was the most distinguished and widely known Mason of his State, and unequaled as an exemplifier of Masonic work."

From the report of the Grand Lecturer it would appear that that Cipher Ritual business may become quite troublesome, wherever it obtains.

The Committee on Accounts, having examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, found the same correct, exhibiting a balance cash on hand to next year in the sum of \$12,399.73. Report adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Home, at the close of its report, highly commending the management of that Institution, said:

"The building for the old people is rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready for occupation about the 1st of July, and will accommodate about one hundred of those whom we delight to honor. And *they* may well say: 'He is good, for 'His mercy endureth forever.''" The report was adopted.

The Special Committee appointed to examine the cause pend-

ing against a certain H. P., made its report thereon. In said complaint there were six specifications of alleged misconduct. On the report and recommendation of the Committee, the Grand Chapter dismissed five of the six specifications for want of jurisdiction to hear and try the same, and decided that in the remaining specification the charge was not sustained by the evidence.

In our humble opinion, the decision reached was just and right.

The following amendment to the By-Laws was adopted:

"Before the ballot is spread for the election of any Grand Officer, the names of all Companions, proposed for such office, shall be placed on the desk of the Grand Secretary, and by him announced to the Grand Chapter."

With us here in Alabama, nominations for office are prohibited.

The revised Constitution and By-Laws were unanimously adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee to which were referred the remarks of the Grand High Priest, concerning Rituals, recommended that in case of the death or disability of the High Priest of a Chapter, the Ritual should be called in by the Grand Secretary, and reissued to said H. P.'s successor in office, for which a proper receipt should be required.

It is enough to say of the Committee on Grievances that it was happy.

A Charter was granted to Webb City Chapter U. D.

The Grand Council received seven accessions to its membership.

Next Annual Convocation will be at Jefferson City.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented for the twenty-second time, by the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, Companion William H. Mayo, Grand Secretary.

In the space of ninety-one pages, Companion Mayo furnishes us a vast amount of choice reading. Our Companions of the great State of Missouri will do themselves great injustice if they fail to give his report attentive perusal.

In his two page notice of Alabama, 1900, he says:

"The Grand High Priest" (Companion Edward S. Gatchell) "was quite eloquent in his opening remarks, from which we quote the following paragraphs:"

Then follow his extracts from the address.

He feelingly refers to the death of our lamented Companion, H. Clay Armstrong, "one of Alabama's most trusted and beloved Royal Arch Masons."

Most kind and courteous is his treatment of our Grand Chapter.

Rest assured, Companion, that your reference to the writer is greatly appreciated.

M. E. Thurston B. Duncan, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William H. Mayo, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA—11TH ANNUAL, GREAT FALLS, SEPTEMBER, 1900.

Chartered Chapters, 15—All making returns and paying dues. Membership 866, a net gain of 34. (More than 21 per cent. of the Master Masons in Montana, are also Capitular Masons.)

M. E. Alfred Balmforth, Grand High Priest.

A fine picture of the manly face of the retiring Grand High Priest graces this volume of Proceedings.

His "In Memoriam" records the death of thirteen Companions in the Montana Jurisdiction during the year.

His nine visitations, made during the year, illustrate the importance of those functions.

The single decision submitted related to a written notice to the H. P. in the following words:

"I shall object to Brother A, advancing this evening." Duly signed. And the question asked was, "Does the objection hold good beyond the evening it was presented?"

"Answer.—The objection does not extend beyond the written words of the objector, and by its own terms expired with the evening when made. If it has not been renewed there is no objection pending, and the Chapter can go on and confer the degrees."

The foregoing decision, approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted.

The D. G. H. P. reported Hiram Chapter, just chartered as very promising.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, in respect of demanding the fees for the several degrees when the application

is made, failing to secure the necessary two thirds of the votes cast, was lost.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, on presentation of a report upon the same by the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, who offered for adoption the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we greet with pleasure the entrance of our sister Jurisdiction of New Mexico into the growing family of Grand Chapters, where each child thinks itself greater than its mother"

Fraternally submitted,

CORNELIUS HEDGES."

The Grand Secretary is entitled to great credit for his zealous labors in behalf of the Library.

The report of the Grand Treasurer exhibits cash balance on hand and receipts in the sum of \$2,404.92, and total disbursements, leaving balance in the treasury, September 11, 1900, of \$1 148.88.

Total Masonic Home Fund \$646.72.

The Standing resolution adopted at last Convocation providing for setting apart ten per cent. of the net receipts for Home Endowment Fund, was amended by striking out the words, net receipts, and inserting the words "amount received from constituent Chapters."

Nothing small about our Companions in Montana—unless it be the disbursement of money by the Grand Council, which, while receiving \$24.50, recklessly spent 70 cents.

The Grand Chapter voted \$100.00 to the Galveston sufferers.

Convocation of 1901 will be held in Helena.

Grand Council received eight new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Before we took up the report on Correspondence we knew it would be of the best quality, because prepared by Companion Cornelius Hedges, who could write no other sort, tried he ever so hard.

This review (90 pp*) fully sustains his reputation already very high.

In his introduction he delivers himself thus concerning Capitular Masonry, with special reference to the General Grand Chapter:

"It is a month later than last year that we come to enter upon

this department of review work. It is a quiet department of Masonry, a sort of half-way house between Lodge and Commandery, where the active and ambitious Masons do not expect to tarry long. It has a national head, but it is almost a "*caput mortuum*," very respectable but not backed by very much real power, except over Chapters that have not yet been organized into Grand Chapters. The General Grand Chapter depends for its influence upon the high character of its officials and the influence they may exert by the wisdom of their acts and words, and perhaps even more by refraining from acts and speech. It will hold its Triennial Convocation this year at Cincinnati, one week later than our annual, where a pleasant time may be anticipated and the officers advanced one step toward the front." * *

His notice of Alabama—1899 is truly fraternal, opening in a vein of facetiousness, but brim full of a kindly spirit.

He says:

"Alabama is first to answer the roll-call, and comes up smiling with the record of its Seventy-third Annual Convocation held at Montgomery, December 4—5, 1899, * * * * *

He further says:

"We are glad to welcome Brother and Companion William Y. Titcomb to the broad and fruitful field of Correspondence so long filled by the lamented Pillans. He brings to this field of labor experience, acumen, and industry. In his friendly notice of Montana he thinks us "optimistic" and so we are both by inclination and conviction. And our optimism extends to Alabama with its great iron and coal resources, its cotton fields and cotton mills with cotton booming and the world's markets crying for more. *It has some great men too like Senator Morgan and General Wheeler, whose broad statesmanship and patriotism are an honor to the whole country.*" (Italics ours.) "We only wish we were fifty years younger to see accomplished the great designs on our national trestle-board. Whether iron or cotton, is to be king Alabama is sure to be on the top of the wave of prosperity that is rising to overflow the whole country. Our lofty position on the crest of the Rocky Mountains enables us to see the great incoming tide from every point of the compass. Everything we have acquired in the way of territory has proved a mine of wealth sooner or later. No one who reads history can fail to be an optimist."

His kind reference to this scribe is gratefully acknowledged, but we especially thank him for his noble tribute to our peerless Senator Morgan and General Wheeler.

Companion Hedges, while ever ready with solid chunks of hard sense for the discussion of grave or knotty questions, sometimes indulges in harmless pleasantry. Look at the following under "Delaware":

"Companion Harrison is the architect of the Correspondence Report, for which some blocks were short, but Montana is in it considerably. * * * With perspiration wiped and his breathing eased, we will explain to him in few words the meaning of "Chinook," it is nothing more than a moist, warm wind that comes to us frequently in mid-winter from the Pacific, melts our snow, relaxes the grip of winter and makes us think 'spring-time has come gentle Annie.' The wind gets its name from a tribe of Indians on the Pacific coast. Not that they are supposed to raise the wind, or it would hardly be so balmy and odoriferous. Probably the Japan current is more responsible. It is as grateful as 'the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.' This wind is freighted with moisture and in contact with our mountain summits parts with its moisture, and the snow product is piled up to await the return of spring and summer suns. Thence the great rivers of our continent are fed. We hope our Companion has recovered his breath for a permanent loss of that kind sometimes proves fatal."

What he says under "Indiana," on the subject of "physical perfection" is so pertinent and forceful that a little extract therefrom will be pardoned. We dive in *medias res* and bring up the following:

"In Masonry there is no place for the 'perfect youth,' for Masonry only takes those who have passed their youth and reached manhood. Besides, perfection of a physical nature does not consist of externals alone. It is as necessary that the internal organs should be diagnosed as carefully as the external. Weak or diseased lungs, stomach, liver, kidneys, &c., are as much imperfections physical as the absence of a finger, toe, ear or eye."

Under "Maine" Companion Hedges expresses his unbounded admiration of Companion Josiah H. Drummond. He says of that veteran jurist and writer, that "the General Grand Chapter has in him an Achilles and Agamemnon combined." Amen!

Under "New Hampshire" he agrees with Companion Wait on the subject of the actual presence of the Charter and thinks his (W's) position unanswerable.

High as we deem such authority as that of Companions Wait and Hedges, we are "of the opinion still" that the actual presence of the warrant is necessary.

Much as we appreciate Companion Hedges' racy and pithy remarks, we must, for the present, desist from further reference thereto.

M.: E.: W. E. Chamberlain, Grand High Priest.

R.: E.: Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA—34TH ANNUAL—OMAHA, Dec., 1900.

No. of Chapters on roll, 53; No. Royal Arch Masons, 2,951.

No. last year reported, 2,900.

M. E. James Dinsmore, Grand High Priest.

This handsome volume of Proceedings contains a portrait of M. E. Jas. Dinsmore.

There were eleven Past Grand High Priests, one P. D. G. H. P., and three Life Members reported present, as well as seventeen Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions, Alabama not included. (What was the matter with Companion Westberg, the Grand Convocation being held in Omaha, his home?)

Under the head of Necrology the Grand High Priest commemorates the virtues of the late Comp. Robert H. Henry, P. G. H. P., and forty-five other companions whose names are listed in the address. Lincoln Chapter No. 6 was the most sorely afflicted, 4 deaths, and Gayle No. 16 the next greatest sufferer, 3 deaths.

He had requested the Grand Secretary to transmit \$50.00 to the Galveston sufferers, and it was accordingly done.

Among his seven special dispensations, we observe that none were for conferring degrees out of time.

Three decisions were submitted. The first was elicited by the following statement made by the Grand Secretary:

"One of our Chapters, about nine or ten years ago, reported a member as having been stricken from the rolls; in calling the attention of the Chapter to this fact, citing the law, and asking where they received authority for their action, they reported that the Companion's name was stricken from the roll by his Lodge in the State of New York, and that on receipt of this information, the High Priest ordered his name dropped from the Chapter's roll. The Chapter now asks me what steps are necessary and how to correct the error."

"Answer: The Companion is a suspended member of the Chapter, his suspension dating from the date of the order by the High Priest that his name be dropped from the roll of the Chapter. The High Priest should announce in open Chapter that the action of the former High Priest in dropping the Companion's name from the roll of the Chapter was without authority of law. The High Priest should then declare the Companion to be a suspended member of the Chapter, and direct the Secretary to place his name on the roll of the Chapter as a suspended member, fixing the date of his suspension at the date his name was dropped from the roll. The Secretary should make full report

of the doings of the High Priest and Chapter, in the premises, in next annual return to the Grand Chapter."

The second decision was to the following effect:

"In case a member of a Chapter is suspended by the Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues, and there is no action taken by the Chapter, and he should pay his dues in the Blue Lodge, and not pay them in the Chapter, he is also reinstated in the Chapter, the Chapter taking no action on him."

The third was as follows:

"Companion ———, A royal Arch Mason in good and regular standing, dimits from his Master Mason Lodge, moves out of the jurisdiction, afterwards moves back to the jurisdiction of his old Lodge, deposits his dimit for membership and is repeatedly rejected. He is *ipso facto* suspended from his Chapter, from which he was never dimitted, when he has tried to comply with the law relating to membership in petitioning to gain membership in a Lodge of Master Masons, six months from the date of his dimit from his Masonic Lodge having expired."

Among his recommendations which are chiefly of local interest, it is noted that he suggested such change in the law be made as would fix the term of Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters so as to end at the close of the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter.

He also recommended that Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska be required to attend the annual convocations and report to the Committee on Credentials. Failing to do this they shall lose their heads representative.

The decisions of the Grand High Priest, his special dispensations and recommendations were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, save that the committee seemed to have "pigeon-holed" his recommendation with regard to term of Representatives near other Grand Chapters, and the decapitating of those who fail to attend and report.

The Grand Lecturer made an earnest report, which merits the careful consideration of all concerned.

It appears from the report of the Committee on Returns that all but three Chapters had their returns and funds in the hands of the Grand Secretary in ample time to earn the maximum rebate credit. The rebates recommended in this report amounted to \$706.29. Some of the returns are "models of excellence, while others could be better, but could not be worse." The entire report of the committee was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Accounts, whose report was adopted, found Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's various accounts correct.

Amount on hand as per last report, and receipts from all sources, \$4,538.79; expenditures for the year, \$2,321.42, leaving amount on hand, as per Grand Secretary's books, \$2,217.37. Grand Treasurer has a balance on hand of \$2,267.37.

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended appropriation for the ensuing year of \$1,607.00, and, further, that the *per diem* of Grand Lecturer be increased to \$4.00 a day and expenses. Adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

This very able Report on Correspondence was presented by P. G. H. P. Companion Charles J. Phelps, Chairman of the F. C. Committee, in a review (88 pp) of the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters whose sayings and doings were subjects of his notice. This report merits careful attention. We find much in it commanding our assent, and where we presume to differ it is with diffidence that we do so.

In opening he forcefully "takes up the cudgels" on behalf of the Order of High Priesthood.

His notice of Alabama is courteous and brotherly. He alludes with manifest commendation to the earnest and efficient labors, in capital work, of P. G. H. P. and Grand Secretary, our late beloved Companion H. Clay Armstrong.

He treats the writer with kind consideration, but intimates that we were in error in supposing that he advocated increase in the number of Masonic degrees when he wrote, "It is progressive in the multiplication of genuine degrees and of Masonic bodies, each, however, preserving a strict adherence to the landmarks of the Order," while discussing "Masonry as a Progressive Science."

When we read the remark quoted, the question confronted us, "If that doesn't mean making more degrees, what does it mean?" But we thank our Companion heartily for disabusing our mind of an erroneous impression.

We are glad to note that Companion Phelps joins Companion

Hodson, of Oregon, in approval of the "Alabama-cork-leg decision."

Thirteen accessions were gained by the convention of the Order of High Priesthood.

M. . E. . John S. Harman, Grand High Priest.

M. . E. . Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—28TH ANNUAL, CARSON CITY, JUNE, 1901.

Active Chapters, 7; members, 304; amount of dues to Grand Chapter, \$642.50.

M. . E. . M. A. Murphy, Grand High Priest.

Present at this Convocation, besides the present Grand Officers and a quorum of representatives from the constituent Chapters, eleven Past Grand Officers and Past Grand Representatives of nineteen sister Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama's mouthpiece, Companion Wm. McMillan, did not respond to roll-call.

In his address the Grand High Priest appropriately said:

"We have assembled here today for the purpose of re-entering the quarries and reviewing the facts and incidents which led up to the building and completing of the Temple; and first to see if our own lives and conduct have been such as to stand the test of the Grand Master's square, and if, on such examination, we reach the conclusion that we have stood the test, then to endeavor to enact regulations to carry into effect those fundamental principles which were consummated in the placing of the cap stone and dedication of the Temple. But before entering upon our duties, let us be impressed with a feeling of devout thankfulness to the great I Am of the universe for the guidance which has brought us safely to the close of another year, and that no member of the Grand Chapter has been called to answer the final summons to appear in the Great Beyond."

From the constituent Chapters six Companions had passed away during the year.

The Fraternal Dead of other Jurisdictions were fitly mentioned. It seems that official notice of the death of P. G. H. P. and Grand Secretary H. Clay Armstrong, of Alabama, had not yet reached Nevada.

No decisions were submitted.

There had been no grievances or appeals.

The Grand High Priest expressed his high appreciation of the valuable aid rendered him by Grand Secretary Noteware.

Grand Treasurer reported cash on hand, after disbursements of \$533.31, and at date June 10, 1901, as \$182.87.

Finance Committee found books and accounts of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary O. K.

The committee was of the opinion that it was unnecessary to levy an assessment for the coming year. Report adopted.

We felicitate our Nevada Companions on this healthy state of their affairs.

The Committee on Returns reported that the Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction had made returns in due form, and that the same were correct. Adopted.

The Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood had six accessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Figuratively speaking, (writing rather,) we are glad to again behold the smiling countenance of Comp. Bird, as he sits in the Reporter's chair. We did fear that, like riches, he had taken wings and flown away.

Companion, are you surfeited with play upon your surname? Well; may our ink dry up if we repeat the offense! (We now use the "Koh-i noor" indelible *pencil*.) In token of our sincerity we crave for you what the name of your postoffice suggests, a cane as valuable as that one which Smithson gave, with his valuable museum, to the United States government, the head of which was fashioned out of solid *topaz* as big as a walnut with the husk on. (Clio is whispering in our ear, that the said Smithsonian article, though not a headless cane, was in fact a caneless *head*.)

But, hold!—Companion Bird will please pardon this small talk, and rest assured that we have found pleasure in reading his fine report; a review of the Proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters (one for 2 years), and that his courteous notice of Alabama, 1900, and of its F. C. Report, is greatly appreciated.

M. E. Wm. Sutherland, Grand High Priest.

R. E. C. N. Noteware, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK—13TH ANNUAL, ST. JOHN, AUGUST, 1900

Chapters, 8; members, 458, Dec. 31st, 1899.

M. E. John A. Watson, Grand High Priest.

Although this is one of the smaller Grand Chapters, it stands well in the Capitular world for its sound Masonry and its business-like methods. In all of its transactions it illustrates the old maxim, "Order is Heaven's first law."

In opening his annual address the Grand High Priest, after due recognition of the goodness and mercy of the Supreme Grand High Priest, and of our dependence upon Him, proceeded to state that no break had occurred in the active membership of Grand Chapter during the year; and that there had been a fair measure of prosperity, also that peace and harmony had reigned without interruption.

He said this was the first time that the Royal Craft in New Brunswick had been called upon to mourn for those who have given up their lives for their country, and he paid feeling tribute to the memory of Companion Charles F. Harrison, who "fell June 10th, fighting for Queen and country on the burning sands of the South African veldt."

One dispensation had been granted for formation of a new Chapter, and two dispensations permitting Chapters to elect and install officers at other time than that prescribed by law.

The Grand Z. called attention to a resolution adopted at the formation of the Grand Chapter, but which had been side-tracked because one Chapter had hitherto refused to come into the new organization, but all the Chapters being now united in allegiance to this Grand Chapter, it was thought advisable to put said resolution in force.

The following is the resolution referred to:

"Resolved, That the numbers and status of Subordinate Chapters, acting in the organization of this Grand Chapter, be according to seniority in date of their charter from the Grand Chapters, respectively, under which they were first erected."

This is a subject—holding numbers and position originally held, when becoming members of a new organization—about which some learned Companions have differed, but the foregoing resolution seems to be right and proper.

The annual report of the Grand Treasurer showed balance on hand, and receipts for the year, to amount to \$528.28.

The Audit Committee reported the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, "kept in a methodical and satisfactory manner."

It was ordered that a warrant be issued to the Chapter U. D. referred to under the head of "Dispensations Granted."

Ten Companions were appointed members of a Ritual Committee, to report at next Convocation.

Three Companions were appointed on a Library Committee.

Most assuredly a step in the right direction.

The Grand Z.'s suggestion as to Chapters retaining their Nos. and status, by original warrant concurred in.

All business having been disposed of, the M. E. Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons in New Brunswick was closed in ample form.

The Grand Council elected four H. Ps. members of the Order of High Priesthood.

M. E. John A. Watson, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William B. Wallace, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY—45TH ANNUAL—TRENTON, MAY, 1901.

Chapters, 38; Present Membership, 3,559 R. A. M.

Returns received from all the Chapters.

Receipts for the year, \$1,811.50.

Total present funds credited to Grand Chapter, \$2,858.67.

M. E. Comp. George C. Woolson, Grand High Priest.

The first page of this well executed volume of Proceedings is adorned with a portrait of Grand Secretary, Comp. George B. Edwards, from whose features shine out both dignity and geniality.

The Grand Chapter was opened IN FORM at 10 a. m., May 15th. Present, the Deputy Grand High Priest Comp. Wm. H. Grosscup acting Grand High Priest, and the other Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Officers, and Grand Representatives of twenty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama.

In the unavoidable absence of M. E. Comp. Woolson, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. Grosscup read his annual address.

But few dispensations had been granted, none of them for conferring degrees out of time.

Nine waivers of jurisdiction had been asked for by certain

Chapters and granted. The requests of two Chapters for the same privilege were denied for reasons deemed good and sufficient.

The M. E. made touching reference to the Galveston flood, and to the generous contributions sent to the sufferers in that terrible disaster, by the New Jersey Masons.

The several reports of the D. G. H. P., the G. K., and the G. S., were of a most cheering nature.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed balance on hand and receipts for the year, amounting to \$3,687.97, and balance in the treasury, after all disbursements, amounting to \$1,884.39.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers made a very satisfactory report. The committee said:

"We sincerely unite with the Grand High Priest in his congratulations to the Royal Craft upon the maintenance of peace and harmony within our own borders, and the continued amity and good will existing between sister jurisdictions and our own."

"Without peace, love cannot abide, and without love Masonry is an empty name."

The committee was of the opinion that the limit of time between the rejection of an application for membership and a renewal of the same, should be left to the subordinate Chapters.

The several dispensations of the Grand High Priest were approved.

It recommended continuance of the custom of appointing Grand Representatives near other Grand chapters.

It also rejoiced at the exemplification of Masonic love and charity shown by the Grand Chapter of New Jersey and other like Grand Bodies, in hastening to the relief of the Companions at Galveston after the frightful calamity of Sept. 8, 1900. Report (including also some other matters) adopted.

The following committees reported "no business," viz:

Committee on Appeals and Grievances,

" " Charity,

" " Warrants and Dispensations,

" " Unfinished Business.

All concurred in.

Committee on Constitutions made a brief report which was approved.

From the reports of the Grand King and Grand Scribe it is learned that our Companions in "Peach Orchard" encounter diffi-

culty, as well as do other jurisdictions, in securing record of marks.

Companion Geo. B. Edwards manifested his love for the Craft when he donated to the Grand Chapter that "Loving Cup," hereafter to be styled, "The Royal Arch Loving Cup of New Jersey."

Memorial pages, and a portrait of Comp. Theo. H. Radway, Grand High Priest, 1872, grace this volume.

The Grand Council received sixteen accessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

When we began to read the Report on Foreign Correspondence presented by M. E. Companion Charles Belcher, Chairman of the F. C. Committee, we did so with high expectations of perusing an instructive and entertaining paper. Our expectations have not been disappointed.

This review of the Proceedings of fifty-two Grand Chapters (two for two years), 131 pp., repays richly the attentive reader.

Alabama receives kind treatment in a courteous notice covering a little more than two pages.

The author styles the address of Grand High Priest Edward S. Gatchell, "an able though concise paper," and quotes from it a couple of paragraphs asserting "the stability, permanence and inestimable value of our teachings."

He offers fraternal sympathy on account of our loss by the death of the late Grand Secretary, Companion H. Clay Armstrong.

Referring to the dispensations for conferring degrees out of time, he entertains "serious doubts whether 'the hurry up' method is of lasting or practical value." So do we.

Alluding to the last report of the writer, he says it "occupied one hundred and twenty pages, on which are given a clear and concise synopsis of all that is interesting in the proceedings coming under his watchful eye." * * *, and adds:

"He also notes what the writer had to say about his maiden effort, and courteously retorts. Have no fear, Companion Titcomb, we have no desire to enter the lists against you, either singly or in company with Companion Hodson, but, like the Irishman, 'we like to hit a head when we see it;' still, our eyesight is poor, hence we are not dangerous. More anon."

But, Companion, if you have such "poor eyesight," your shillalah may come down on the wrong head.

There is much that we would like to extract from this able report, but if we begin where shall we end? So we stop, and merely ask if, under Illinois, the "bubble water" is "extra dry."

M.: E.: Wm. H. Grosseup, Grand High Priest.

R.: E.: George B. Edwards, Grand Secretary

NEW MEXICO—3D ANNUAL, ALBUQUERQUE, OCTOBER, 1900.

No. of Chapters, 10; members, August, 1900, 433; gain, 28.

M.: E.: John W. Poe, Grand High Priest.

A very neat volume places the proceedings of this young Grand Chapter before us for review.

All but three of the constituent Chapters were represented. Four Past Grand Officers evinced their interest in the Royal Craft by their presence at the Convocation.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, did not fail to remember those Companions who have passed within the Veil.

On the subject of Condition of the Craft he said:

"Harmony and peace seem to prevail in our Jurisdiction, and so far as I am able to judge from information at hand the Royal Craft of New Mexico is making healthy progress, and as time passes, is becoming more and more firmly established."

He had issued his dispensation for formation of one new Chapter—Washington Chapter U. D.

He intimates that the prospects of said new Chapter are very flattering, and he commends it to favorable consideration on the part of the Grand Body.

For reasons deemed good and sufficient he had granted three special dispensations to ballot without delay on petitions for the degrees and for affiliation.

A dispensation to authorize a certain Chapter to reduce the fees for the degrees from \$50.00 to \$25.00, for the ensuing twelve months, was refused as being in violation of the Grand Chapter By-Laws.

One decision was submitted, viz.:

"Held that one substitute can be used to complete a class of three in conferring the Royal Arch Degree whenever the necessities of the work require it."

From the recapitulation of the Grand Secretary it appears that the balance in hands of the Grand Treasurer at the first of the

year was \$349.95. Total receipts, 1899-1900, were \$433.50—\$783.45. Total expenditures, 1899-1900, \$290.43, leaving in the Treasury a balance of \$493.02.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. W. H. Seamon made a brief report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which he is chairman, and in the course of his remarks said:

"I have not deemed it advisable to make any extended review of the few proceedings at hand, and at the conclusion of this report I only make extracts from those where our existence is noted in any way. As the new comer into the bright gathering of the sisterhood of the Grand Chapters, we pause at the threshold, quietly waiting for a welcome from our older sisters, without which we cannot help but feel a little out of place; the welcome is slow in coming but no doubt its heartiness will be doubly increased by the delay." * * * * *

Report adopted

A charter was granted to Washington Chapter U. D.

An amendment to Grand Chapter By-Laws, making the minimum fees \$25.00 instead of \$50.00 as at present, but requiring that at least \$15.00 accompany the petition and that the further sum of \$10.00 be paid before the R. A. Degree is conferred—all to be spot cash—was offered by a Companion and referred to the Finance Committee.

A majority of the committee favored the amendment, while a minority report opposed it; the minority report was adopted.

Subsequently Companion Seamon offered a resolution to permit two certain Chapters to confer the degrees for \$25.00 until August 31st, 1901. Adopted.

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address made report, which was adopted, sustaining his dispensations, decision and recommendations.

The following resolution was adopted.

"Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to place one hundred dollars on interest in one of the banking institutions of the Territory, account of the Charity Fund."

The Grand Secretary had the pleasure of being able to state that all the Chapters had made returns and paid their dues.

We sincerely hope that Companion Seamon will have his

heart gladdened by general recognition of his Grand Chapter at a very early day.

M. . E. . E. Cosgrove, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We have before us a pamphlet containing the proceedings of two Quarterly Convocations, February and August, 1900, no mention being made of the May meeting.

At the February Convocation merely routine business was transacted.

The August Convocation was enlivened by the reading, reception and adoption of a special report, from the Committee of General Purposes, on a report of the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Scottish Royal Arch Masonry *re* the formation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in New South Wales. The P. G. S.'s report alleged to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland that the said formation was not conformable to law.

In the report of the Committees of G. P. the subject is exhaustively treated, in the compass of thirteen and a half pages, antagonizing the allegations of the P. G. S., with a history of the facts in the case.

With that report of the Provincial Grand Superintendent as a basis of its action, the Grand Chapter of Scotland had declined to extend recognition to the Grand Chapter of N. S. W.

It is to be hoped that this matter will be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Committee of G. P. affirmed that, outside the Grand Chapter of N. S. W., there were 56 Grand Chapters in the world, including the General Grand Chapter of the United States. All these, with one exception—the Grand Chapter of Scotland—have granted fraternal recognition to Grand Chapter of New South Wales.

Finally the Committee said:

“In conclusion, we regret the feeling which pervades the report to Scotland, and the inaccuracies therein contained. We further regret that friendly overtures, made at various times by this Supreme Grand Chapter, have not been received in a more fraternal spirit. We trust that fuller knowledge may induce

wiser counsels, and that no action may be taken in the future, that might lower the dignity of the Royal Craft in this Colony, in the great family of Grand Chapters all over the world."

M. E. Companion H. B. Howe, Grand Z.

E. Companion Alf. J. Burbidge, Grand Scribe E.

NEW YORK—104TH ANNUAL, ALBANY, FEBRUARY, 1901.

Chapters, 190; Affiliated Royal Arch Masons, 23,187; net increase, 948.

M. E. Joseph A. Crane, Grand High Priest.

Of the 190 Chapters, 189 were represented at the Convocation under review.

Twelve Permanent Members—eleven of them Past Grand High Priests, the twelfth a Past Grand King—answered to their names, and Grand Representatives of twenty-nine sister Jurisdictions responded for their respective Grand Chapters. Alabama's spokesman was not reported present.

In his excellent address the Grand High Priest paid loving tribute to the memory of those two exemplars of true Masonry, the late Richard H. Huntington and David Fisher Day, Past Grand High Priests.

The fourteen pages of the address devoted to the subject Necrology make manifest how busy, during the year, has been the hand of the "Grim Reaper."

The M. E. Companion's visitations did not in number come up to his desires in that regard, but nearly every invitation was complied with.

He bore testimony to the great value of the efforts, for the instruction of the Royal Craft, made by Grand Lecturer McGown, and to the efficiency of the officers of the various Chapters taught by him.

Two Chapters were constituted—one on March 8th and the other on March 16th.

In New York, when a High Priest has been elected and installed, he should, at once, petition for admission to the Order of High Priesthood, accordingly, in the case of each of the two Chapters thus constituted, a Council of Anointed High Priests was convened, and each of the H. Ps. just inducted into office, was duly anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Order.

Grand High Priest, Comp. Crane, had organized two Chapters Under Dispensation.

Eighteen dispensations were granted—all strictly within Constitutional lines, as also were three special dispensations.

We have no objections to make to any one of his few decisions submitted.

Grand High Priest Crane, like many others in the same station, would rejoice to see the Companions, generally, educating themselves on the laws, rules and regulations of the Royal Craft.

The report of the Deputy Grand High Priest shows that he officially visited thirty-four Chapters, and had visited informally all the rest of the Chapters in the Metropolitan District.

January 31, 1901, he convened a Grand Council of Anointed High Priests in the City of New York and, with the aid of his associates, received twenty-eight new members into the Order of High Priesthood.

The report of the Grand Treasurer exhibited cash on hand and receipts amounting to \$21,543.05, and expenditures in the sum of \$12,074.85, leaving on hand, Feb. 5, 1901, the sum of \$9,468.20, which, with twenty shares of bank stock, make total of funds on hand, \$11,468.20.

Grand Secretary Christopher G. Fox, presented a careful, detailed report. We can give but a glance at his valuable statement.

It is learned from his statistics that the smallest Chapter has 21 members, the largest, 816. "Forty-seven Chapters have a membership of 50 or less; 61 have from 50 to 100; 40 from 100 to 150; 18 from 150 to 200; 9 from 200 to 250; 3 from 250 to 300; 4 from 300 to 350; 2 from 350 to 400; 3 from 400 to 450; 1 has 584 and 1 has 816."

The average membership, then, is 116.7 members. Companion Fox says:

(His) "Tables of statistics furnish indubitable proof of the substantial growth of the Royal Craft, and that the conditions affecting the Chapters generally in this Jurisdiction are steadily improving."

The Grand Lecturer's report presents a cheering picture of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the State of New York.

All Grand Representatives present were fittingly received and welcomed with the usual honors.

A resolution proposing fraternal recognition of the Grand

Chapter of New Mexico, was presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, approved by the latter committee, and adopted.

On the 5th of February, pursuant to notice the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests, an adjunct of the Grand Chapter, duly received forty-eight High Priests into the Order of High Priesthood.

The following report of the committee herein indicated was received and approved:

"To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

"Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully report: That through the superhuman exertions of the entire committee all matters brought before them have been amicably and satisfactorily settled.

"All of which is respectfully submitted."

Signed by the committee of five.

The foregoing is, we imagine, a facetious way of putting it, that the chairman of the committee had done nothing and the other members had helped him do it.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the adoption of the following:

"*Resolved*, That the decisions of M. E. Joseph A. Crane, Grand High Priest, as contained in his address to the Grand Chapter, be, and they are hereby in all things confirmed."

And the report of the committee was adopted.

On the recommendation of the committee on charters, warrants were granted to the two Chapters U. D. mentioned in the Grand High Priest's address.

An interesting incident was the presentation of a volume—the history of Jerusalem Chapter's 100 years of life.

The Committee on Ritual extolled the work of the accomplished Grand Lecturer, and so did the Grand Chapter, but the committee made a recommendation which the Grand Chapter very properly refused to concur in, viz.:

"That the Grand Lecturer be requested to prepare a form of ceremonial for the opening of the annual convocations of the Grand Chapter, as a legislative body, distinct in character, and avoiding, as far as possible, any of the ritual now used in the opening of a Subordinate Chapter.

That committee was like those Athenians who were eager to hear 'something new.'

The report of the Committee on Memorials of the Dead, pure in diction, lofty in thought, and inspired by the conspicuously noble traits of the departed Companions, doubtless touched every heart.

The address of the Grand Orator, Comp. James B. Murray, R. E. Grand Chaplain, on the subject of "Free Masonry, a Structure of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty," was a masterpiece of Masonic discourse. On the subject of Natural Religion, the gifted speaker said:

'While it cannot take the place of revealed religion with its blessings and promises of endless life, yet it must be followed to show that He Who swung the most brilliant constellations into space, made the little pebble which rolls upon the beach; that He Who made the majestic oak formed the smallest flower; that He Who made this earth on which we tread, made man and gifted him with powers to descend to the profoundest depths in his investigations, or to rise to the sublimest heights in order that every faculty of the mind might shine with the splendors of the knowledge he could so acquire.'

"The study of nature will be a culture not alone for philosophy or science, but for all the departments of human intellect. It will inspire a nobler literature; it will direct the spirit and hand of the artist to a closer likeness of the landscape or the firmament and sea. It will catch the voices of the winds as through mountain gorges or boughs of trees they breathe their strange, wild songs, and tone the chanted melodies of human song. There will be suggestions of glory and sublimity, the simplicity and richness which vesture, as it were, the scenes which environ man for the development of all his mental powers."

Elsewhere in his oration Companion Murray poetically styles the Sacred Word, "star dusts from the Almighty's thoughts."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion George J. Gardner, Chairman of F. C. Committee, presented as his report, a review of the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Chapters, covering 139 pages.

That Companion Gardner has performed his task most acceptably, goes without saying. The ease and grace, at the same time total absence of apparent effort in his sentences, make it a real pleasure to read them.

Alabama, 1899, is generously accorded a little over two pages of courteous notice.

He highly commends the utterances of Grand High Priest Edward S. Gatchell in the opening of his address, and says:

"Referring to the fraternal dead of their own Jurisdiction, we find this beautifully tender tribute to their late Grand Chaplain, whose place in the list of Grand Officers we find marked with a mourning dash."

(Then he copies Comp. Catchell's touching remarks on the death of Companion Wm. C. Cleveland.)

When reviewing Alabama he paid considerable attention to Grand Secretary H. Clay Armstrong in terms of high commendation; he did not dream then, nor did we, how near, alas! were the footsteps of the Death Angel.

Comp. Gardner will please accept our thanks for his cordial welcome to the "charmed circle" of the Guild, also our acknowledgment of the compliment implied by his copying bodily the introduction to our 1899 report.

Companion, we set a high valuation on your approval.

M. E. J. Harris Balston, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.—53D ANNUAL, GREENSBORO, MAY, 1901.

M. E. James K. Norfleet, Grand High Priest.

This well printed volume, with its handsome cover, presents as frontispiece the pleasing, youthful looking features of Grand High Priest Norfleet.

The Abstract of Returns for year ending April 1, 1901, shows that there are nineteen Active Chapters with present membership of 797, exclusive of one Chapter only which did not send in returns. Without estimating the number of members belonging to said Chapter, the net gain was thirty-three.

When the Grand Convocation was opened it appeared that seven Past Grand Officers were present as well as fourteen Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters. Companion J. J. Whitaker, Alabama's spokesman was not included in the list of Representatives present.

In his address the Grand High Priest paid feeling tribute to the memory of Grand Secretary, Companion Horace H. Munson, P. G. H. P., who died September 9, 1900, and to the sixteen Companions who had gone to their reward.

He had granted thirteen dispensations—ten of these gave permission to waive Constitutional time in receiving and acting on petitions for the degrees.

He refused a petition for dispensation to allow the election of a Companion, "from the floor," to the office of High Priest.

He hails the revival of a dormant Chapter, and the exaltation of eighty Companions, as gratifying evidences of Capitular growth in North Carolina.

He was glad to be able to report that the increased *per capita* dues and the fees for dispensations had produced enough revenue to meet all expenses of the Grand Chapter, which is now out of debt.

In the same connection he called attention to the fact that, for nearly twenty-five years M. E. Companion James Southgate had furnished the valuable and interesting reports on Correspondence without the hope of fee or reward, and he recommended an annual appropriation of at least \$25.00 for this service. Said recommendation having been referred to the Committee on Finance, was reported on favorably and the Committee's report was adopted.

No doubt, when the cash balance in the treasury shall have materially increased, the appropriation for the Chairman of the F. C. Committee will be made more nearly commensurate with the value of his services.

We may as well as not state now that, on May 11, 1901, the Grand Treasurer had in his hands a balance of \$461.59.

Our statement of the number of Chapters in North Carolina, was based on the "Abstract of Returns" (p 38); but on page 39 appears a list of the names and numbers of twenty-two Chapters on the roll: the Grand Secretary, also, states in his financial report that there are twenty-two Chapters on the roll, and that all but four had made returns and paid their dues—so then, there is no discrepancy between our remark that all but one of nineteen Chapters had made returns, and Companion Munds' assertion that all but four of twenty-two Chapters had done the same. The list on page thirty-nine must have been made from data obtained after the "Abstract of Returns" had been made out.

It is learned, also, from the Grand Secretary's report that the sum of \$150.75 had been contributed by a number of the subordinate Chapters for the relief of the Galveston Companions.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is entitled to the careful consideration of the Companions. Its teachings are wholesome.

The Committee on Returns found the same correct. Adopted.

The Committee on Necrology made fitting report.

The Jurisprudence Committee objected to nothing in the Address of the Grand High Priest. Adopted.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations approved the action of the Grand High Priest in restoring the Charter of Maye Chapter (53).

Adopted.

Next Grand Chapter will be held in Winston, June 10, 1902.

The portraits of M. E. William F. Randolph, G. H. P. 1899, and M. E. M. S. Willard, G. H. P. 1898, grace these pages.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again the excellent handiwork of M. E. Companion James Southgate, Chairman of the F. C. Committee, it being a review of the Proceedings of fifty-four Grand Capitular Bodies, and covering 155 pages.

His fraternal notice of Alabama--1900, takes up nearly two pages. He says of M. E. Edward S. Gatchell's address:

"The address of the Grand High Priest (6 pp) is a well written paper and the opening is a fine eulogy upon Masonry."

Referring to the only decision submitted, he gives his assent thereto, adding that "no elected and installed officer can resign."

Quoting the Fort Gaines letter which ignored State lines in Masonry, he says, "it seems to be rather out of the usual course and we presume (the writer of said letter not recognizing any North, South, East or West in Masonry) that before the matter is settled there will be a line drawn between the North and South."

Have no fears Companion: the matter having been referred to the incoming Grand High Priest for such action as he might deem proper in the premises, it will, without doubt, be summarily and satisfactorily disposed of:

He says:

"The Report on Correspondence (120 pp) is a capital epitome of the transactions of fifty Grand Bodies and some of these for two years, and is submitted by Companion William Yates Titcomb. He gives all that is done that is of general interest, but he has very few comments, which shows that he is easily satisfied with what was done, and like the fellow who slept through the sermon, 'said, 'he could trust the preacher and there was no use to pay any attention to the sermon.'" North Carolina receives two and a half pages of kindly mention. We trust that as this

Companion has recently begun the work of reporting, he will pitch into some of us so that we can find what he is made of. Though when anything pleases him he is very apt to say so. We thank the Companion for his kind mention of our report."

Hey! day! And so it would seem that the Companion was spoiling for a fight. Would he have us rush recklessly at him that he might have the satisfaction of "squelching" us? We can almost hear Companion Southgate saying, in view of such a contingency, as Tom Morrissy said to the dapper little fellow at Saratoga, who sought notoriety by trying to pick a quarrel with him, "I don't want a fuss with you or anybody else, but if you hit me, *and I find it out*, I'll hurt you."

But, casting badinage aside, we find ourselves in accord with Companion Southgate on so many points, and differing with him on so few that to "pitch into" him is not the easiest matter in the world. In this connection we can say for him that he does not shrink from encounter with the doughtiest knight of the quill.

Seriously Companion, we thank you for your favorable mention of our report.

We *do* differ with you on the subject of the *actual presence of the Charter necessary*, but having already "spun our yarn" so long must defer discussing the same until another opportunity offers itself.

M. . E. . Dewitt E. Allen, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . James C. Munds, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA—12TH ANNUAL—FARGO, JUNE, 1901.

Number of Chapters, 13; Members, 1,025; a gain of 21.

M. . E. . DeWitt C. Moore, Grand High Priest.

At the opening of this Grand Convocation there were present, besides the Grand Officers and a quorum of Chapters represented, six Past Grand High Priests and twenty-three Grand Representatives, Alabama not being represented. A Past Grand High Priest of South Dakota was present as a visitor.

The address of the M. . E. . Grand High Priest was short (nearly six pages), but clear and comprehensive.

In the department of Necrology he announced the death of M. . E. . Comp. H. Clay Armstrong, also that of Com. Thos T.

Rowland, Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of North Dakota, near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Oct. 30, 1900, he appointed Comp. Geo. Y. Malone Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, *vice* Comp. Rowland deceased.

He had issued only three dispensations during the year, all strictly within legal requirements.

He had refused a dispensation to permit the use of two substitutes in conferring the R. A. Degree, no reason being urged for the granting of the same, as in his judgment "such a dispensation should not be issued except under the most extraordinary circumstances, if at all." Good!

No decisions were submitted.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand and receipts for the year, as \$2,834.52, and balance on hand June 20, 1901, \$1,403.44.

At the conclusion of his annual report the Grand Secretary indulges in a Jeremiad over "complaints everywhere of lack of interest in Capitular Masonry."

But, courage, Companion. Here in Alabama we are hugging the confidence that capitular work is taking on new life amongst us, and we devoutly hope it will so prove to be in North Dakota.

The Grand Lecturer "found the Chapters in general fairly proficient in their reading of the ritual," &c. He had visited all the Chapters save one.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

No annual report on Correspondence was made.

The Convention of the Order of High Priests received three new members.

M. . E. . Fred. D. Alpin, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA—31ST ANNUAL—HALIFAX, JUNE, 1900.

No. of Chapters, 14; Membership, 695; Net Loss, 21.

M. . E. . John M. Dorill, Grand High Priest.

At this convocation twenty-nine P. G. O's were present, also Representatives of eighteen sister Grand Chapters, Alabama not being of the number.

The Grand High Priest says:

"Although our Chapters are all meeting and working (no dormant Chapter appearing on our roll), yet a goodly number have not brought up any material for the "building." However, the indications all along the line are that the Chapters are taking on new life and energy, and that the coming year will be one of more than ordinary prosperity. The Grand Secretary's report will show that while the year just passed has been more prosperous than the one preceding, yet, as far as new members are concerned, the number is more than balanced by suspensions and dismissions."

During the year he had visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction either in person or by proxy.

He had granted but three dispensations, no one of them overriding the law in respect of conferring degrees within less than required time.

He gave considerable attention to the subject of non-payment of dues.

He earnestly requested a division of the Jurisdiction into three districts, each district to be in charge of one of the three principal officers. The committee which reported on said suggestion warmly recommended the same; and it was adopted.

The only decision submitted was the following:

"It is necessary, under the Constitution, to demand the full amount of \$20 00 before conferring any of the degrees."

He suggested that some modification of this regulation would be desirable. The committee to which it was referred, by implication favored the suggestion, but made no recommendation concerning the same.

The Grand High Priest thought more space given to the report on Correspondence would not be without profit to the Craft.

The Grand Treasurer reported receipts as \$440.00.

The Board of General Purposes reported the appointment of a committee of seven on Foreign Correspondence.

The Board also made recommendation as to the kind of apron to be worn in Grand Convocation.

Also, a recommendation in regard to qualifications for the office of High Priest.

Report accepted and recommendations adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence, prepared by a committee of

which Comp. T. A. Cossman was chairman, consisted of a review (35 pp.) of the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters, including Alabama-1899, in a fraternal notice covering one-fourth of a page.

We note that, under Washington, the reviewer asks the pertinent question, "If it is wrong to use two ('substitutes'), is it not equally wrong to use one? And if wrong, can a dispensation make it right?"

We also would like to see the reasons assigned for the impropriety of two, but the propriety of one.

M. E. A. G. McLean, Grand High Priest.

E. D. H. Campbell, Grand Secretary.

OHIO—84TH ANNUAL, COLUMBUS, OCTOBER, 1900.

Chapters 148; members 16,228, a net gain of 716.

M. E. O. P. Spevra, Grand High Priest.

All the living Past Grand High Priests, twelve in number, were present at this Convocation.

In the opening of his address, the Grand High Priest called attention to the unprecedented increase in membership, during the year just closed, and to the prosperous financial condition of Capitular Masonry in Ohio; said he:

"Again, we are inspired with the knowledge that, in many prosperous communities, where Capitular Masonry had become dormant and almost wholly inoperative, new life and zeal have been infused, the cobwebs and dust cleared away, and a healthy growth has succeeded the rust and decay."

He did not fail to pay due respect to the memory of those Companions, who have "passed through the inner veil."

Dispensations had been granted to establish two new Chapters, also dispensations to two Chapters in the city of Columbus, to remove their quarters into the new Masonic Temple.

His nine decisions are, no doubt, conformable to Masonic law, at least so thought the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose opinion was sustained by the Grand Chapter.

Among those decisions was the following:

"A verbal objection" (to advancement) "made to the High Priest is insufficient."

We are "open to conviction," but are not satisfied that the foregoing is the correct view.

He had been asked to decide a question, which arose at a Masonic trial, in the Blue Lodge, in which one of the charges preferred consisted of a misstatement of facts in a session of the Grand Chapter, and, in which, when a witness was placed upon the stand to testify to the fact, objection was made that he had no right to divulge, to a committee of Master Masons, at the trial of a Master Mason, on charges preferred in a Blue Lodge, anything that had occurred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. His reply was that a Companion may, and perhaps should decline to state, to a committee of a Master Mason Lodge, what had been said in his hearing, by a Companion, to the Grand Chapter of the State, in proceedings brought in a Lodge to discipline the party, in part because of such statement made in the Grand Chapter.

He had visited many of the Chapters during the year, and he thought nothing more conducive to good work, and to the cultivation of fraternal feeling, in the Royal Craft than such visitations, and recommended continuance of the contingent fund, set apart to the Grand High Priest for this purpose.

It appears from his report that the Grand King had been indefinitely suspended by his Lodge; upon receipt of official information as to that fact, he "forthwith" directed said Grand King to send him the jewel of his office, and declared the office vacant.

The trustees of the Masonic Home, in presenting their annual report, stated the number of inmates as, "Men, 62; women, 29; boys, 24; girls 23; total—138.

The report of the Superintendent and Secretary of the Home shows total receipts, from the start to July 31, 1900, \$243,874.74

Deducting \$214,463.36, the total of receipts, up to July 31, 1899, the receipts for last year are found to have been \$29,411.38. Orders issued during the year amounted to \$24,894.34. Average monthly disbursements for maintenance \$1,583.51.

Aggregate of contributions by the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, session of 1899, reached the figures that follow: \$24,021.80.

The details of this report evince high class attention to the physical, social, moral and intellectual needs of those children, gathered under the wing of that splendid Home. It is no easy matter to estimate adequately the blessings dispensed by such

an Institution, well regulated and amply supported. It brings to mind the old illustration, true, though trite, of the pebble thrown upon the bosom of the placid lake.

We call from the report of the Committee on Accounts and Finance the following:

Balance on hand, and receipts from all sources....	\$20,835.74
Disbursements.....	9,646.68

On hand at close of the year.....	\$11,189.06
Appropriations and estimated expenses.....	9,635.87

Balance cash on hand to close current year.....	\$ 1,553.19
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The per capita tax for Masonic Home, collected, was \$3,858.75.

The St. Nicholas Hotel banquet to the General Grand Chapter, at the close of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, cost the neat sum of \$1,037.00. The entire expense of entertaining those distinguished guests was \$1,539.32. The Grand Chapter of Ohio, on that occasion, dispensed a generous and elegant hospitality. The report of the Finance Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Necrology did well its sad duty, and lovingly embalmed the memories of the departed Companions.

The Committee on Charity made a forcible and eloquent presentation of the subjects of its report. Referring to the Galveston disaster of September 8th, the Committee said:

"The Home is still an object for your charitable consideration, and in addition there has come before us another claim for charity. In a moment, a beautiful city in the southland was swept away, and the active, bustling seaport of Galveston, Texas, with its thousands of people, was crushed. Its people were made homeless, while thousands met their death. Wives were made widows and children made orphans almost at a single stroke of the pendulum."

"In that field of desolation, there is a new opportunity for practical charity; there is need of a Mason's help and a brother's support. Can you not from your abundance send help to the Grand Chapter of Texas, to assist and succor the needy there? They have not asked it, but we should not wait for the asking. We never have made the recipient of our help "pledge his mark," and this Grand Chapter of Ohio will not in this instance do so." (Noble words).

"Your committee therefore beg to recommend that these claims upon our charity, viz: of the Ohio Masonic Home, and those of the city of Galveston, be referred to the Committee on

Accounts and Finance, with the fraternal request that it recommend an appropriation in each case."

On motion the foregoing report was received, approved and referred to the Committee on accounts and Finance, which committee subsequently recommended an appropriation of \$500.00 each, for the Home and for the Galveston sufferers. And the recommendation of the committee was adopted unanimously.

Grand Representatives of thirty sister Jurisdictions were received with the customary honors. Alabama was not "in it."

CORRESPONDENCE.

With his wonted conspicuous ability, Companion S. Stacker Williams again prepared the annual Report on Correspondence, reviewing, in a paper of 163 pages, the proceedings of 43 U. S. Grand Chapters (four of them for two years) and eight foreign ones, besides two Grand Lodges of M. M. M.'s.

Alabama, 1899, is courteously treated in a notice covering a little more than three pages.

Alluding to a resolution, adopted by our Grand Chapter, prohibiting recommendation by any Chapter of a dispensation for a new Chapter, until the recommending Chapter is satisfied that each one of the petitioners for a new Chapter has a certificate from the Chapter of which he was formerly a member, he says:

"We think the Ohio method a better one. With us the petitioners, who are members of the recommending or consenting Chapters, retain their membership in their former Chapters, until a Charter is granted, the granting of a Charter transferring their membership to the new Chapter."

We have not given this matter much thought, but, "at first blush," we like the Ohio plan pretty well.

He generously extracts a portion of the introduction to Alabama's Report on Correspondence, and proceeds to say:

"He, however is not a novice at the work, as the records of his Grand Lodge will testify, and the mantle of the lamented Pillans has fallen on worthy shoulders."

These kind expressions are highly valued by ourselves; they are a spur to effort. But pardon us, Companion, if we demur to the observation that we are "no novice at the work," for until appointed to succeed Brother, and Companion Pillans, we

had never filled a like position in any Body—the position of correspondent we mean.

Under Delaware, Companion Williams says:

“He” (Companion Harrison) “thinks we in Ohio have laws not to be found elsewhere, in reference to suspension or expulsion for n. p. d., and he volunteers the suggestion that expulsion is a ‘little severe for as light an offense as n. p. d.

For his benefit we will say that a suspended member *may* not “shall” be expelled, and we do not consider n. p. d. a “light offense.” Under our Code of Jurisprudence, there is no difference of Masonic standing of a suspended and expelled Mason. Both are cut off from all Masonic intercourse, but a suspended member may regain his membership and standing more readily, than an expelled Mason. Suspension n. p. d. ceases when arrearages are paid, without *action by the Chapters*.

M. E. Wm. M. Cunningham, Grand High Priest.

E. Edwin Hagenbuch, Grand Secretary.

The proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood of Ohio, for the years 1898, 1899 and 1900, are before us under separate cover.

An artistic portrait of Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, Chas. C. Keifer, appears in this volume, and receives a touching tribute to his worth.

The group of Grand Council officers, pictured in these proceedings, adds much to the attractiveness of the volume. Since 1897, one hundred and two new members have been received.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion G. M. Acklin, presented an interesting paper on the history of the Order. As to its age “Records in Massachusetts show that it was conferred in 1789, which may be evidence of previous existence, but where or how the Order originated seems to be an unsolved problem.”

In the list of Councils and Conventions, Alabama is dated December 8th, 1869—1st President, Geo. D. Norris, 1st Recorder, Daniel Sayre.

OREGON—41ST ANNUAL—PORTLAND, JUNE, 1901.

25 Chapters; Members in good standing, 1,509; Net Gain during the year, 108.

There is a short sentence of a very pleasing character in the report of the Grand Secretary, it reads thus:

"All Chapters have made returns and paid dues."

At the Convocation under review M. E. Orlando Orville Hodson was Grand High Priest. His portrait adorns the initial page of these Proceedings.

The address of the Grand High Priest was very short, but business like. No matters requiring grave attention had demanded his consideration.

He reported the death of the Senior Past Grand High Priest, Dr. James R. Bayley, and twenty-one other Companions, all of Oregon, and presented a list of the distinguished dead in other Grand Jurisdictions, of which he had received official notice.

His decisions submitted were but three:

First. "Under Oregon usage Royal Arch Masons, known to be in good standing, may be counted in making up a quorum, provided either the High Priest, King or Scribe is present to preside."

Second. "Regarding the reception of the petition of a saloon-keeper: I know of no law in this Grand Jurisdiction upon this subject, but I am of the opinion that there should be, as I do not see how any Mason can keep a saloon and retain his good standing in any Lodge in Oregon, as the Grand Lodge has ruled against it, and it should be enforced."

Third. "A High Priest should not permit a Companion to sit in the Chapter after he has been expelled by his Lodge, even if official notice has not been received, when the High Priest knows that said Companion has been so expelled."

"For good reasons assigned in each case, and believing the interests of Royal Arch Masonry would be promoted thereby," he had granted ten special dispensations, of which six were for conferring degrees out of time.

Business and pleasure having necessitated his absence from the jurisdiction for about two months and a half, he had, for the period of said absence, placed the Royal Craft in charge of R. E. Henry B. Thielson, Deputy Grand High Priest, who had reported his official acts during said period.

The Grand Treasurer reported receipts and disbursements, leaving balance in the treasury in the sum of \$2,142.85.

The Committee on Finance approved the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Report of Committee adopted.

The following committees, viz : Committee on Unfinished Business, Committee on Charters and Dispensations, Committee on Grievances, all reported that no business was before them for consideration. These several reports were adopted.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead paid a feeling tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest, James R. Bayley.

The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence recommended approval of the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest as in accordance with Masonic law and the usages of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

The committee was of the opinion that the theory hinted at by the second decision should be emphasized and made the general rule of the Grand Chapter, and it offered for adoption the following resolution:

“Resolved, That upon all questions of Masonic law and usage when the Grand Chapter has no direct legislation, the Masonic law and usage of the Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction applicable to such case shall govern.”

The foregoing seems to us a wise disposition of the matter.

Twelve Companions were received into the Grand Council.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, John M. Hodson, as was expected, presented the report on Correspondence, in which within the compass of one hundred and three pages, he reviewed the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters—two for two years—and those of the General Grand Chapter-1900.

It is a real pleasure to read Companion Hodson's able and racy reports. When he expresses an opinion no need is there to guess at his meaning; it is all fair, square and above board.

He generously accords Alabama-1900 a notice unfailingly courteous and brotherly, two and a half pages long. He says:

“The address of Companion E. S. Gatchell, Grand High Priest, was brief, but covered the labors performed. In his introduction he says several nice things about Masonry in general. We clip one thought.

Whereupon he extracts a paragraph from Comp. Gatchell's opening remarks.

Animadverting on the single decision submitted by the Grand High Priest, viz: “That in the case of removal from the Juris-

diction of the Chapter by the King, that officer could not resign," he says:

"That is probably the law, but it is absurd all the same."

Well, Companion, we will, for our part, drop that matter, for, according to our Digest, "An office duly filled by election and installation, is vacated only by removal from this Jurisdiction or death." (Digest, 1891, p. 34). So you perceive the removal of one of the principal officers in an Alabama Chapter to Oregon might vacate his office here.

We agree with Companion H., in regard to styling candidates for exaltation "a team:" we do not know what would be the best name, but believe that of "class" would be better.

He refers to a proposition made in our Grand Chapter to repeal the law of 1878, allowing substitutes, upon which committee will report next Annual Convocation.

On another topic he says:

"The table of reports is well enough arranged, but contains too many blanks for one to catch on as to how many Royal Arch Masons are in Alabama."

Then, having done a little arithmetic on said tables, pungently adds:

"Statistics not a success."

We beg pardon for the following, because it introduces a bit of criticism on our own report:

"Companion William Yates Titcomb comes to the center with a report on Correspondence which makes up for any fault we might find with the proceedings. He's all right, even if he is a little off on a few 'pints.' Oregon-1900 is pleasantly reviewed."

He gets the special dispensation business of our Grand High Priest slightly mixed, saying:

"We note that, of the eleven dispensations reported five were to confer degrees upon one candidate.

"Well! if there may be one substitute, why not two? According to our crude way of thinking, it is just a little farcical to have any substitute in capitular work."

Then Companion Hodson proceeds to defend the use of substitutes. We must frankly confess that our use of the word "degrees" in the foregoing was misleading and erroneous, but we had reference to the Royal Arch Degree. We apologize, but hold to our view as to substitutes in the R. A. Degree. Again:

"He kindly compliments our reportorial efforts. Thanks. But as to any intended 'irony,' we are not guilty. for long before we had finished reading this report we were satisfied that Titcomb was amply able to take care of himself, and the fellow who gets away with him must have the advantage of being on the right side of the question."

"Hodges had said: 'No American citizen worthy of the name can be an anti expansionist.' Titcomb asks: 'Does not that savor just a little of bringing politics into Masonry?' Well, we should say not; for men of all shades of political opinion are expansionists. Men of no political opinion are."

Somewhat paradoxical, Companion. Again: "He is sound in believing in the actual presence of the Charter in open Chapter."

But we must cut short our remarks, for space is not left in which to copy a few of Companion Hodson's forcible and pertinent observations which we had marked for notice.

Under Connecticut, on the subject of dependent membership, he notes the adherence of Companions Barlow and Foster to the doctrine of d. p.

Finding ourselves in line with such Companions as Barlow, Foster and Hodson, as to said doctrine, we do not feel a bit lonesome, notwithstanding that the other side claims all the "brainy fellows."

Under Indiana, Comp. H. justly observes that if one or more of the elementary constituents of a Lodge be absent (Holy Bible, square and compass, warrant and duly congregated assemblage of Masons) "work done in such absence is just as lame as the attempt to communicate the grief of E. A. to a man with both hands off above the elbows. It is too thin. The assemblage of Masons, even after they have the great lights, must have the warrant before they can legally open, let alone do any work."

Under New Hampshire, he well states the case (we had harped on that string time and again):

"If, in addition to all other essentials the charter is present, the situation is perfect; the removal of any one of the elements renders the situation imperfect, and work done under imperfect conditions is necessarily imperfect work. See? Two and two make four, not three nor five."

Reluctantly we leave unmentioned several passages in this review, marked for extract.

M. E. Henry B. Thielson, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

 PENNSYLVANIA.

The proceedings of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania came to us in excellent shape; the volume is a beauty.

We shall give merely a glimpse of the Quarterly "Communications" of March 8th, June 7th, September 6th and December 6th, as being mostly of local interest.

At the March meeting the Grand High Priest gave a brief but interesting chronicle of events in the life of the late Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Thos. B. Angell, D. D.

The Committee on Finance reported balance on hand and receipts for first quarter as \$7,385.43; expenditures \$1,901.45, leaving on hand, Feb. 28, 1900, \$5,483.98.

The same committee reported at the June Quarterly, balance and receipts, \$6,332.72, and expenditures \$1,210.05, so that Grand Treasurer had on hand, May 31st, \$5,122.67.

The twelve living Past Grand High Priests of Pennsylvania now wear on their sacerdotal breasts beautiful jewels, adopted as standard, and the dozen costing \$1,200.00.

September Quarterly—Finance Committee reported final balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands, as \$5,118.10.

The Grand Secretary's Annual Report, submitted in September, shows membership, Dec. 27, 1899, as 18,419, a net gain of 370; number of Chapters, 123. Membership of Mark Lodges, same date, 786. No. of Mark Lodges, 3.

An interesting letter from Companion William James Hughs, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Mark Lodge of England, was read at this Quarterly. In that letter we find the following statement:

"Since I wrote the letter (1883) to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, the record of the R. A. Degree being worked in Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1753, has been discovered and made known. *This is the earliest record preserved of the ceremony being conferred, not only for America, but for anywhere.* It is, however, found noted in print in 1743-4, and was once announced as in Minute Book of Stirling, Scotland, 1743, but, unfortunately, the volume has been long missing."

The Jurisprudence Committee, at the December Quarterly, reported that no questions had come up for consideration by the committee.

The Quarterly report of the Finance Committee exhibited a balance on hand of \$3,438.18.

The Annual Report of the same committee showed total receipts to be \$10,907.12, expenditures \$7,468.94. The bonds held for Grand Chapter foot up \$20,000.00.

At this meeting, a touching and eloquent memorial on the death of Companion J. Simpson Africa, was read.

The Annual Grand Communication was held in Philadelphia, December 27, 1900, with M. : E. : Michael William Jacobs, Grand High Priest, in the chair.

Nine Past Grand High Priests were present, also Grand Representatives of twenty seven sister Jurisdictions, Companion Edward J. James answering every roll call for Alabama at the Quarterlies and Annual.

The Grand High Priest, adverting to undue haste in conferring degrees, expressed the hope that the day was not far distant when the requirement of a month's delay between the conferring of the several degrees should be written in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

He had granted five dispensations, good reasons appearing for the granting of the same—one being for the formation of a new Chapter under favorable conditions—but refused a dispensation to confer the degrees on a candidate who had let six months slip by, after the approval of his petition, before presenting himself. He also refused several petitions for permission to confer the degrees in short time.

The Grand High Priest reported but a very few decisions—one of them related to the "Ark," and was as follows:

"The Ark used in the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason being a representation of the Ark of the Covenant described in Exodus, xxxvii, must be gilded within and without, with gilded rings and staves, and can not be white."

M. : E. : Companion Jacobs makes it perfectly clear that he lends no countenance to the practice of rail-roading candidates through the degrees, on the limited express plan. "Under no circumstances," says he, "should the Chapter be made a mere stepping-stone to the Commandery."

Grand High Priest Jacobs' administration, marked by unswerving loyalty to the principles of Masonry, and by eminent conservatism must have assured to him the unqualified approval of his Companions.

The incoming Grand High Priest, according to the custom in Pennsylvania, before taking up the gavel of authority delivered

an address, which, in our opinion, was earnest and forceful, evincing a high conception of individual obligation and of the mission of Masonry.

The Grand High Priest elect was installed in a Convention of High Priests, all others having retired. No independent Grand Council in Pennsylvania.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In Pennsylvania the Committee on Correspondence consists of five members, among whom the proceedings to be reviewed are about equally divided. The chairman of the committee is Past Grand High Priest, Matthias H. Henderson. The number of volumes for review this time was fifty-four.

On account of the death of Comp. J. Simpson Africa of the committee, his section of the proceedings to be reviewed, was divided among Companions Bates, Syte and Coddling. Alabama was in the list assigned to Comp. Matthias H. Henderson, who also penned the able and well written Introduction.

Companion Henderson's notice of our Grand Chapter is high toned and courteous, covering nearly three pages.

Having referred to the adoption of resolutions by the Alabama Grand Chapter, making it the duty of the High Priest, whenever a candidate is announced for the Royal Arch Degree, to ascertain from the Secretary if such candidate has chosen a Mark and had it recorded in the Book of Marks, and declaring that the Royal Arch Degree shall not be conferred upon any candidate until such record is made, Comp. Henderson says:

"The foregoing meets with our entire approval. We believe such a regulation should be a Royal Arch Landmark."

The Companion generously accords the report on Correspondence, by the writer, a little over a page and a half of fraternal notice. He says:

"Companion Titcomb gives us an interesting review of forty-six Grand Chapters and the manner in which he handles his material leads us to believe that the mantle of his predecessor has fallen upon one worthy to wear it."

Companion, we make our most profound bow to that very high compliment. Again:

"He is sound on the question of dependent membership, saying that Companions should never turn up their noses at the

"Blue," as the Chapter was cradled therein and, so to speak, raised by the Lodge."

"On a correspondent who asserts that Masonry is progressive in the multiplication of genuine degrees and Masonic bodies, he comments as follows:"

Reproducing what we had said about said "multiplication," and about innovations. We had said that we have the Royal Craft, and that we should keep it; it is all right, but for Masonry's sake let us construct no more degrees. We have enough.

Thereupon he continues:

"We agree. We have enough degrees, and if we keep pure what we have, we will have done Masonry a better service than any multiplication of degrees would."

We had deprecated the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, affirming that their employment constituted a sham.

Companion Henderson asks:

"Will he please tell us why? We are anxious to be enlightened. If he has read our introduction he knows how we stand on this question."

Jack Falstaff said that if reasons were as "plenty" as blackberries, he would not give a reason on compulsion. We differ with Jack; compelled or not, such reason as we have is freely given, especially in reply to a polite request, as in the present instance.

Yes! we have read your introduction attentively, especially your views on the use of substitutes, and we frankly admit that there is force in your reasoning, at least in part of it, but pardon us if we demur to the complaint that Companions may be so derelict to duty and to the welfare of the Royal Craft as to admit candidates, in their anxiety to make up a class, when they know nothing, or hardly anything of the worthiness of those candidates.

But our Companion asks, "Why?"

Our answer shall be short: The law says that no Chapter shall exalt less than three candidates at the same time. Now, when one substitute is used, how many are really exalted? Two. But the law requires no more and *no less* than three.

If two substitutes are employed, how many are exalted? One. But the law requires no more, no less than three.

That is all of it; we have no objection outside the foregoing, save that a false impression is made.

In Pennsylvania a Mark Master Mason may select any device he fancies for his Mark

Again, Companion Henderson says:

"Companion Titcomb asks the question," (as to the Past Master's degree) "'But where does it belong?' If he will acknowledge that he does not know where it belongs and that his query is solely for the purpose of gaining information we will answer him in our next report. Concerning the degree he expresses his own opinion that in the Chapter it seems an utter misfit, that it looks lonesome like a cat in a strange garret. Yet he asks where it belongs."

While we have an opinion on the subject, still we do not *know* where the degree belongs, and make the acknowledgment with cheerfulness, and that we would like information, at least as to the opinion of others as to its *locum tenens*. Our individual opinion, what that may be worth soever, is that it belongs to Symbolic Masonry. There would seem to be an intimate relation between the Past Master's degree and the "Blue" chair. In reflecting upon this point we are drawn toward the inquiry: "Past Master in what?" Obviously, it seems, the answer should be, "Past Master in Symbolic Masonry."

The report under review will, throughout, repay the attentive reader.

M. : E. : Grand High Priest, Edward B. Spencer.

M. : E. : Grand Secretary, Charles Cary.

QUEBEC—24TH ANNUAL, MONTREAL, JANUARY, 1901.

10 Chapters; 590 Members; net increase 65.

Receipts for the year \$619.50, to which add \$28.50, paid up after close of session.

M. : E. : Companion H. L. Fuller, Grand 1st Principal.

Present—Quorum of representatives of Chapters, twenty-four P. G. O's and Grand Representatives of twenty-three sister Jurisdictions, Alabama's dignity being upheld by R. : E. : Companion C. P. O'Connor.

The Grand Z., in his address, congratulated his Companions upon the steady though slow advance of the Royal Craft.

The address, brief indeed, was yet sufficiently comprehensive—its spirit that of the true Mason.

Among the fraternal dead the late M. E. Companion Frank Edgar was feelingly remembered.

He reminded his brothers that during the past century Masonry has made wonderful progress both as regarded its extension and membership, and he extolled the Fraternity for its great Charity and Benevolence.

The Grand Z. thinks now is the time for retrospection and serious introspection.

He rejoices that peace and harmony have prevailed in the Fraternity at home and abroad.

Most loyal and appropriate were the Grand Z's remarks on the death of Queen Victoria and on the relations of King Edward VII to the Fraternity.

The following, we might venture to pronounce unique, and perhaps worthy the attention of Committees on Ritual:

"I granted permission to the 1st Principal of Carnarvon Chapter to exemplify some of the various Capitular Degrees as worked some forty or more years ago. * * I felt it was a good opportunity to study the differences or changes in Work during the latter half of this century."

As there is so much that may be said on the subject of Tradition, we will content ourselves with saying nothing.

A few dispensations, clearly within the law, were granted - no decisions were submitted.

The Grand Superintendents of Districts, made on the whole, cheering reports.

We note that one of those officers had witnessed that old Nova Scotia work in the M. E. M. Degree at Carnarvon Chapter, to which allusion has already been made, and he had this to say about it:

"If such work was carried on regularly it would do more to advance Capitular Masonry in this Province than anything I know of."

The Grand Scribe E. congratulated with one exception, the several Scribe E's on their promptitude in sending in their annual returns.

The Grand Treasurer's statement showed balance on hand and receipts \$1,180.07, disbursements \$446.00, leaving \$734.07 with which to begin another year.

Memorial pages were set apart for departed Companions.

In the report of the Committee on Finance and Benevolence it

appears that \$200.00 were added to the Benevolent Fund, making the latter amount to \$1,180.95.

The Grand Chapter adopted the report of a Special Committee expressive of profound grief at the demise of Queen Victoria, and of esteem and loyalty to King Edward.

CORRESPONDENCE.

P. G. Z. Companion E. T. D. Chambers, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents, as he always does, a very able report (65 p) in which he reviews proceedings of the whole circle of Grand Chapters.

He gives Alabama—1900 a very courteous notice of a little more than a page.

We freely pardon him for spelling our surname with an initial "F" instead of the right initial T.

With great kindness he styles our last report:

"A very comprehensive review of Foreign Correspondence, which ranks very high amongst the work brought up for inspection during the year by members of the Guild."

Off goes our beaver, Companion Chambers, and profound is our bow at this generous compliment, [notwithstanding that, in the apartment where we are now writing the Fah. thermometer registers 98, though sheltered from the sunshine.

M. : E. : Companion Geo. O. Stanton, Grand Z.

M. : E. : Companion Will H. White, Grand Scribe E.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year ending April 17, 1901, come to us with paste board covers and in neat appearance as well as business like form.

The whole number of Lodges is 43; Members 2,594; net gain over last year 109.

M. : W. : the Right Hon. Sir S. G. Way, Bart., &c, Grand Master.

A half yearly Communication was held, April 17th, 1901, with the Deputy Grand Master, Brother the Hon. J. G. Jenkins as Grand Master in the Chair.

There is little to detain the reader, concerning the half-yearly meeting under review, save that Alabama's representative was

reported present, and that the Board of General Purposes reported that, during the half year petitioners had received relief from the available Benevolent Fund to the amount of \$528.90. At the present time there are three brothers and ten widows who receive periodical aid. This involves an expenditure of about \$800.00 a year. The Board hopes for subscriptions and donations from Lodges and brethren in aid of the Fund, the income of which is considerably exceeded by the amount of Charity bestowed.

The Annual Communication was held in Adelaide, April 17, 1901.

M. W. Grand Master Sir S. J. Way in the Chair.

The Grand Master reported that he had, on occasion of the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, sent to England a telegram of sympathy which had been duly responded to.

Upon motion a congratulatory address was forwarded to the King of England upon his accession to the Throne.

An address of congratulation was also ordered sent to the new Grand Master of England H. R. H., the Duke of Connaught.

In the report of the Board of General Purposes it appears that the balance to the credit of the General Fund is \$2,023.97, Available Benevolent Fund \$4,210.87, and Permanent Benevolent Fund \$4,801.77, while the total worth of Grand Lodge Funds is \$91,160.42.

Twelve meetings of the Board had been held during the year ending April 3, 1901; and Brother G. L. Young, Alabama's representative was the only member who attended every meeting of the Board.

The Grand Inspector of Lodges made a gratifying report.

M. W. Sir S. J. Way, Grand Master.

V. W. J. H. Cunningham, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA—12TH ANNUAL, SIOUX FALLS, JUNE, 1901.

Chartered Chapters 27; one Chapter U. D.; members 1637; net gain 72.

M. E. Martin G. Carlisle, Grand High Priest.

At the opening of this Convocation four Past Grand High Priests responded at roll call, also Grand Representatives of

eighteen Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama being of the number reported as present, in the person of Companion Frank A. Brown.

The Grand High Priest's Address was brief, but to the point. Heavy business cares, on other lines, had prevented his giving the duties of his office such attention as he had desired to give those duties.

He had granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter, and two special dispensations—one to install, and one to elect and install officers after the Constitutional period.

He had no official visitations to report.

No decisions were submitted to the judgment of the Grand Chapter.

He recommended "the further appropriation of a sufficient sum to enable the Grand Lecturer to continue the work so well begun and to visit all Chapters in need of instruction, or so many as his time will permit."

The greater part of the contingent fund for the Grand High Priest remained unexpended; he recommended that it be turned into the treasury.

The Grand Secretary says in his report that the net gain in members is 80, but the "Synopsis of Returns," page 131, gives the number of members reported for last year as 1,565 and the number for this year as 1,637. It beats our arithmetic to make the difference 80.

Companion Pettigrew states his total receipts as \$1,113.78.

The Grand Treasurer says balance on hand and receipts from Grand Secretary make a total of \$2,190.81 and after all disbursements, he had on hand, June 13, 1901, a balance of \$1,128.06.

The Committee on Ritual complimented Grand Lecturer Ives on his excellent work and recommended appropriation of a sum sufficient to enable him to continue his labors during the ensuing year. Concurred in.

Said sum the Finance Committee placed at \$100.00; also concurred in.

The Obituary Committee paid its tribute to the exceptionable ability and merits of the late Past Grand High Priest, Companion Samuel J. Coyne. That Committee also recommended memorial pages in the Proceedings for the departed Companions and that marked copies be sent to the relatives of the deceased, and to Grand Secretaries whose Jurisdictions reciprocated such favors.

It is pleasant to record the fact that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals had nothing to do save exchanging compliments and discussing current topics. Its report was concurred in.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the special dispensations of the Grand High Priest and his other official acts referred to it. Report adopted.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters recommended that a Charter be granted to the Chapter U. D. which was knocking at the door for admission into the body of Chartered Chapters. Concurred in.

The report of a Special Committee consisting of four P. G. H. P.'s and the Grand Secretary, recommending the sending of a message of affection and sympathy to Companion Theodore Sutton Parvin of Iowa, who was gradually sinking into the embrace of Death, was concurred in.

The body of this touchingly impressive report shows the strong hold Companion Parvin had upon the Masonic heartstrings in the Jurisdiction of South Dakota.

The Grand Council of High Priesthood held its sixth annual annual meeting, and elected three new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Companion Louis G. Levay, Committee on Correspondence, submitted another of his first-rate reports embracing a review (84 pp) of the Proceedings of forty-seven Grand Chapters, including a fraternal notice of Alabama—1900—1901. He styles Grand High Priest, E. S. Gatchell's address as "short but neat."

Alluding to "a breezy communication from a Georgia Chapter admitting that they had conferred the degrees upon several "Alabamians" on the authority that "Masonry recognizes no North, South, East or West, &c," he says:

"Well, we reckon that Chapter will find out that they are recognized in a way that won't sit well. At least, they would if it was this Jurisdiction that was violated in this high-handed manner."

He calls our last review, "a neat and well written report" and says:

"It covers 120 pages of live matter calculated to interest those who read it."

"Without doubt the mantle of Companion Pillans has fallen on worthy shoulders, and if his Companions will but read, they cannot help being informed on Capitular Masonry and its success on this Continent."

He welcomes us not only to the round table, but also to the number of those who believe in the sound doctrine of "dependent membership."

To which we would subjoin an expression of our pleasure at learning that the General Grand Commandery, K. T. at its Triennial Conclave, in Louisville, gave potential vitality to that doctrine.

Companion Levay, many thanks go to you for your kind words in respect of our humble efforts to serve the Royal Craft acceptably. We would be glad to linger with you, but the cry, "Hasten on," is ringing in our ears. So, God be with you!

M. E. Samuel J. Moore, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE—72ND ANNUAL, NASHVILLE, JANUARY, 1901.

Chapters 68; members, 2,721.

M. E. Angel S. Myers, Grand High Priest.

When the Grand Chapter had been opened, it appeared that there were fifteen Past Grand High Priests present to grace the occasion and contribute to its success.

We find no reference in the proceedings to the presence of any Grand Representatives.

The address of the Grand High Priest was short, about six and a half pages, but long enough to give a clear account of his official acts, and to convey the elevated sentiments of one thoroughly imbued with the true Masonic spirit.

He had commissioned a P. G. H. P. to institute a Chapter at Coal Creek. The commission was executed, and, the next evening, a class exalted, which elicited his thanks with the ejaculation, "The right man in the right place."

He had granted some fifteen dispensations, most of them to elect and install officers. One dispensation was to form a Chapter at Covington, everything being regular.

His several visitations were pleasant, and no doubt profitable. In respect of one of these, the Grand High Priest said that the address of the day, by Companion H. H. Ingersoll, P. G. M.,

"was choice in diction, eloquent in delivery, soul inspiring and and captivating."

From five of the Grand Visitors, of which there were ten, one for each Congressional District, he had received reports, but had heard nothing from the others. Some of those reporting had made several visitations, and, he trusted, had accomplished some good. He thought it no fault of the Visitors that results were no better. The Chapters do not seem to wish the Visitors to come to see them. The Grand High Priest thought it might be well to dispense with the system of visitation.

He had been asked the question, "Would it be legal to forward a second class, after the first being obligated?"

Answer. "It would not. Each class would have to advance to the Chart Work and then proceed jointly."

Glancing over the report of the Committee on accounts, we find that total receipts amounted to \$5,667.84, and disbursements amounted to \$2,111.44, leaving a comfortable balance in the treasury of \$3,556.40.

The Committee on Dispensations recommended a Charter for one Chapter U. D., but with regard to another, recommended that a Charter be not granted; but that it be continued under dispensation another year, owing to its small membership (14), and that the officers might perfect themselves in the work. Report adopted.

The Grand High Priest's address, having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, that committee made report, recommending all appointments made, and commissions issued by him.

The committee joined with the Grand High Priest in recommending a memorial page in the proceedings, in memory of the deceased of sister Jurisdictions.

The example of the Grand High Priest in making visitations, was commended to his successor in office as worthy of emulation.

The committee approved all his dispensations, except two, for permission to elect and install officers, the Charters of said Chapters being under forfeiture, and one giving permission to elect and install officers at special meeting, four days prior to annual meeting; while no harm seemed to be done, it was con-

sidered a dangerous precedent. The committee said, with reference to the Grand Visitors:

"With reference to the Grand Visitors, we recommend that the system be dispensed with, as we believe they have outlived their usefulness."

The committee further said:

"We recommend the approval of all other official acts of the Grand High Priest, in discharge of the duties of the exalted position he has so ably and faithfully filled." Report concurred in.

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended, in view of the surplus in the treasury, that the *per capita* tax be reduced from 75 to 60 cents.

The Committee on Appeals reported, "No business."

Photograph likenesses of the outgoing and incoming Grand High Priests embellish this volume of proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion H. H. Ingersoll, P. G. M., Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, submits his report, covering ninety-one pages, with wonted ease, and grace of diction. He reviews the proceedings of forty-six domestic and eleven foreign Grand Chapters, as well as the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter of U. S., including in his list Alabama, 1899.

He quotes from Grand High Priest, Edward S. Gatchell's address with evident approval, and justly styles that officer's tribute to the late Grand Chaplain, the Rev. W. C. Cleveland, as "eloquent," reproducing the same in his review.

Alluding to our numerical losses of the previous year, he says:

"It is not pleasant to this correspondent to report such losses in the ranks of our agreeable neighbor to the south, and we sincerely trust that this is the last year we shall be called upon to chronicle such unpleasant facts. Promise of improvement surely is given in the following resolution, which met the approval of the Grand Chapter," quoting the resolution in regard to recording marks, before taking the R. A. Degree.

Companion Ingersoll may rest assured that the following kind words are greatly valued by this writer:"

"The place of the departed veteran, Pillans, in correspondence is well filled by Companion William Yates Titcomb, who, in 85 pages, carefully reviews forty-six volumes of proceedings, in-

cluding Tennessee, 1899. We hope to hear more from this new member of the Guild."

At the 37th Annual Convocation of the Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, nineteen new members were received.

M. E. Wm. S. Findlay, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Wm. A. Clendenning, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS—51ST ANNUAL, HOUSTON, DECEMBER, 1900.

Number of Chapters 157; present membership 7,020; net gain 526.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion W. L. Bardette.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present to give aid and counsel when desired. From the report of the Committee on Credentials it appears that twenty-seven Grand Jurisdictions were represented—Alabama included, Companion W. V. R. Watson being our G. R.

In his address the Grand High Priest said:

"The past year has been an eventful one in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Texas. While we are standing on the brink of the nineteenth century, a terrible and grievous calamity has befallen the Craft and the people generally, on the coast of our beloved State, and many thousands of her inhabitants have, without a moment's warning, been ushered into the presence of the Great Artificer of the Universe, and their homes and fireside altars have been swept out of existence; but thanks to a generous people throughout this country, and many in foreign lands, especially the Masonic brotherhood throughout the United States, the wants and necessities of those left behind have, in a great degree, been supplied, and we sincerely hope that the coast country of Texas will again blossom as the rose, and that the altars of Masonry, which have been so ruthlessly swept away, will again be raised grander and brighter than ever."

His sixteen decisions were all approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, except No's. 2 and 5; No. 2 was in effect as follows:

"An appointed officer cannot, after having been installed, dimitt before the expiration of his term of office."

In support of this decision the Grand High Priest said:

"The installation and not the appointment, makes him an

officer, and when he is installed he assumes an obligation he cannot set aside at his pleasure."

Commenting on this the Committee cites Article 69, which is the following:

"An officer who has been elected and installed cannot dimit during his term of office," and Article 74, which is as follows:

"Elective officers of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of Texas must be installed in person and not by proxy, and until they are so installed the old officers hold over."

The Committee goes on to say:

"Under our ceremony of installation, the elective officers of a Chapter take an oath (or obligation) to serve the Chapter for the term for which elected, &c."

"Further an elective officer can only be installed in person, each must personally take the oath."

"Appointed officers do not take an oath of office, and, further, an appointed officer may be installed by proxy, * * *"

"Further, the only installation ceremony connected with an appointed officer, is to read to him a short definition or instruction as to the duties of the office to which he has been appointed."

"We do not think that, under our law as it now is, the right of dimit is taken from an appointed officer."

Decision No. 5 had reference to Article 2, Section 2 of the Constitution, which Section 2 is in the following words.

"Section 2.—The election of officers in the Subordinate Chapters shall be by ballot, and shall take place on the last stated Convocation preceding the 24th day of June, in each year, and the installation as soon thereafter as convenient."

Decision No. 5 was in answer to the following question as to the proper construction to be put on said Article 2, Section 2, of the Constitution.

"Does the word, 'thereafter' refer to the 24th of June, or to the day of the election, and can they install before June 24th?"

"Answer it refers to June 24th. You cannot install officers before that date. Upon reflection I am satisfied that above ruling as to 24th June is wrong."

Now, dear Companions, it might, in many instances, be perfectly "convenient" for a Chapter to install *before* the 24th of June, but says the Grand High Priest:

"You cannot install before the 24th of June": hence as it appears to us, the rational conclusion is, that the intent of Section

2 was to refer to St. John's Day by using the word "thereafter," not to the date of the election.

In decision No. 9 the Grand High Priest decided that "a dispensation was not necessary in order to receive a petition for the degrees, and ballot upon it the same night; the committee could report instantan, and the ballot be spread by unanimous vote of the Chapter."

The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Alabama requires that the petition lie over until the next stated Convocation before action can be taken upon it—it meantime being in the hands of an investigating committee.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand and receipts for the year, as \$10,390.08; paid out \$3,229.07, leaving balance cash in hand \$4,161.01. Referred to Finance Committee.

The Grand Secretary reported receipt of contributions for benefit of the Galveston sufferers, from Grand and Subordinate Chapters outside of Texas, and from Chapters in Texas, \$5,969.25. Report accepted and referred to Finance Committee.

The Committee on Work made a verbal report, of very encouraging character, in reference to its six days' meeting, which was largely attended by visitors and delegates.

The Finance Committee found the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary "correct in every particular." The Committee recommended that the dues of the two Chapters—No. 1 and No. 34—be remitted and refunded on account of the storm disaster of September 8th; also it recommended that \$1,000.00 be contributed to aid the suffering Companions on the coast. The Committee further recommended that \$500.00 be contributed to the Widows' and Orphans' Home. Report concurred in and the recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Obituary made a touchingly sympathetic report on the losses by death, sustained, in other Jurisdictions, and by the seventy nine Chapters in Texas, paying especial attention to the demise of P. G. H. P. Frank B. Sexton, who was a bright particular star in the Masonic firmament, and who was beloved and revered, but is regretted by all.

The Grand Chapter is now duly incorporated under the style of "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas," thanks to the able Committee, charged, last year, with the duty of preparing Articles of Incorporation to incorporate the Grand Chapter under the general laws of the State.

The presentation, in verse, of a jewel to the retiring Grand High Priest, was happily made, the rhymes jingling "all right."

The Grand Council admitted twenty-four new members to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

For just discrimination, fair treatment of others, and unfailing courtesy to all, the reports of Companion John L. Terrell, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence are unsurpassed.

In the present paper (112 pp) he most ably reviews the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Chapters, including a truly fraternal notice of Alabama—1899.

He calls the annual of Grand High Priest E. S. Gatchell a "well prepared address," and extracts his opening remarks.

He alludes to the fact that the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Work, Grand Secretary Armstrong, brought forth the adoption of a resolution that the R. A. Degree should not be conferred on a brother until he had selected and recorded a mark; * * *.

After quoting the introduction to our first report on Correspondence, he greatly honors us by saying:

"While it is a difficult task to follow good Companion Pillans, yet, evidently from this report, his mantle has fallen on worthy shoulders fully capable of caring for and properly representing the first State in the alphabetical list."

It gives us great confidence in our own views to find that Companion Terrell and ourselves are "in hearty accord" on so many questions.

Our Companion is "sound as a dollar" on "secrecy of the ballot." (I. T. 1900.)

Having copied our introduction, Companion Terrell will, surely not take exception to our presenting the reader with his "conclusion:

"Again we have received the proceedings of the various Grand Bodies that have come to hand at this date, later than usual, and the work has been one of pleasure and intellectual profit, though at times the shaded electric globe has shed its light upon us at the silent hour of low twelve in our home library as we gathered the choicest thoughts of our learned Companions of the Guild, even from Drummond of Maine to Davies of California, and from Hedges of blizzard swept Montana to Duncan of

the genial clime and ocean wave shores of Louisiana; while occasionally we ventured a remark from the humble scribe of Texas."

"The Royal Craft throughout the land is at peace, and nature has this year added to our general happiness, unless perchance the man was right when he recently said he voted for Bryan four years ago because they told him if he did so we would have prosperity; sure enough prosperity has come, wherefore, with the hope of its continuance, he at the recent election again voted for Bryan."

M. E. : James D. Crenshaw, Grand High Priest.

E. : George Lopas, Jr., Grand Secretary.

VERMONT—84TH ANNUAL, BURLINGTON, JUNE, 1901.

No. Chapters, 27; members, 3,087; net gain, 101.

M. E. : Charles H. Williams, Grand High Priest.

The frontispiece for this neat volume of proceedings is a well executed portrait of the retiring Grand High Priest, Comp. Chas. H. Williams.

When the Grand High Priest's gavel called the assembled Companions to order seven Past Grand High Priests were found to be present, as were two other P. G. Officers. We find no record of Grand Representatives, reported on hand.

The Grand High Priest's address was short, (about six pages) but expressive of true fraternal feeling and of dignified demeanor. The tribute he paid to the character of the late Past Grand Chaplain, Comp. Frederick S. Fisher, was one of which the surviving relatives of the deceased Companion may be justly proud.

He had taken home with him very pleasant reminiscences of the General Grand Chapter at Cincinnati last September.

Under the head of visitations, he reported that he had attended all the District Chapter meetings held during the year.

He had granted several dispensations for holding meetings out of time, conferring degrees, &c., satisfied in each case that his doing so was for the good of Masonry, and that no injustice would be done thereby, and in each instance requiring that proper notice be given.

The M. E. : submitted no decisions.

He recommended that the sum of \$100.00 be paid Grand Lecturer, in view of the prodigious labor of that office in the correction and preparation of the Ritual. He also expressed his high

appreciation of the efforts of the Grand Lecturer and District Deputies on behalf of the Companions of the Jurisdiction, also his thanks to those officers for many personal favors.

The Grand Lecturer's report evinced earnest effort on his own part, and on that of the District Deputies for the upbuilding of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction of Vermont. He expressed his warm desire to find every Chapter requiring of candidates proficiency, in degrees already taken, before advancement.

Grand Secretary Reynolds submitted a carefully prepared, painstaking report.

The Grand Treasurer held, June 14, 1901, a balance of \$8,259.68.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Colorado near the Grand Chapter of Vermont, presented a memorial, accompanied by resolution, of the late Comp. Ed. C. Parmelee (a native of Vermont) which were ordered printed in the proceedings, the resolution being unanimously adopted.

From what he had previously learned concerning Comp. Parmelee, too much could not be said in his praise.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee \$50.00 was voted as compensation of the Grand Lecturer for his extra services in compiling the Ritual.

The Committee on Grievances was jubilant over the absence of any cases of appeal—same last year. At this rate the *Masonic Grand-jury* in Vermont Grand Chapter will be lastingly out of a job.

The reports of the five District Deputies are, on the whole, highly encouraging; some, however, complain that the District meetings are sparsely attended.

We have no fault to find with the "General Regulations and Standing Resolutions;" especially is that the case as to Gen. Reg. Art. 24—"No non-affiliated Master Mason shall receive the Chapter degrees in any Chapter in this State."

The Annual Assembly of the Order of High Priesthood received nine accessions to its number.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents us with another of his excellent reports thereon. We wish we could give our readers a few samples of his terse utterances, but it

now being beyond the eleventh hour, we can only add that in his review of fifty Grand Chapters (98 pp) Alabama, 1900, receives courteous notice. He says M. E. Companion Gatchell's address "has a cheerful tone from beginning to end, and reveals cause for congratulation because of wide-spread, renewed activity in this particular capitular field, as shown by the revival of dormant bodies and the organization of new ones by dispensation of the Grand High Priest." He says of our late Grand Secretary, Comp. H. Clay Armstrong:

"Distinguished as a Mason, he was no less distinguished in the educational and political affairs of his State. Endeared to all, his brethren and Companions mourn him, and in the remembrance of his life will long find an incentive to higher aspirations and Masonic zeal."

The foregoing is a touching tribute to Companion Armstrong's worth, which will be highly appreciated by his Companions in Alabama.

Companion Perkins lets fly one of his pointed arrows at that Georgia H. P. who knew no "Masonic North, South, East or West."

He will please accept our grateful appreciation of the following:

"Companion William Y. Titcomb submits another interesting Report on Correspondence, a painstaking review of fifty Grand Bodies, interspersed with crisp comment and supplemented with the reproduction of Comp. May's statistical tables. Vermont for 1900 receives generous notice, with good abstracts of Comp. Calderwood's address, Comp. Montague's report, and the business transacted by Grand Chapter."

He thus comes back at us on the matter of "free passes" for the clergy:

"Our objection to the Alabama usage is based upon what appears to us the reprehensible and unmasonic recognition of a privileged class in an institution where all are supposed to 'meet on the level.' Such recognition can only have the tendency to bring members within the Lodge and Chapter merely desirous to possess themselves of the privileges of the Fraternity without any expectation or intention of furthering or promoting its interests. With exceptional cases, it can but add to the 'Weary Willies' of Masonic trampdom, when energetic, wide-awake workers are demanded in the quarries and in the forests. It is an open declaration to the equally deserving mechanic, farmer, clerk and other professional classes that they do not stand on a Masonic equality with him who wears the clerical coat. The

question involved is not the cost to the clerical brother." (Then why the suggestion which we presumed to criticize?) "but of the equal rights of all knocking at the door of the Lodge and Chapter. Under the Alabama usage, this is thrown wide open, because of the profession, without the consideration of the probable value of the material, in the future, thus taken through it. In the other case the Lodge knows and makes no distinction. It does not extend the "glad hand" because the new comer is a minister, but because he is a *man*, vouched for by personal friends and acquaintances, manifesting their firm belief that in him will be found the essentials of strength and beauty, vigor and manhood desired for the future development of the work on the Temple. To our mind, the two cases are as far apart as the poles of the earth, the "pass" of the one being the recognition of a favored class; that of the other, the recognition of actual worth in the individual."

If we are on the wrong side of the question, we are not "hide bound," nor are our views of a Procrustean type; furthermore, we are being gradually educated up to the high standard of our associates in the Guild, and we frankly admit that there is force in the argument of Companion Perkins against the "free-pass system." In our last report on Vermont, however, we simply contended that our Companion weakened the force of what he urged, by suggesting that the Companions contribute individually to defray the expense of the degrees to be conferred on a clergyman, asking the following question: 'Now, how much more, pray, will it cost the clerical brother if, instead of the Chapter giving him the degrees for nothing, the Companions 'chip in' and pay his fees for him, or how much will the latter alternative increase his self-respect? It is a 'free pass' in either case.' That was all of it; we did not touch the main question. And we thought our point well taken.

We merely add that, until our Grand Chapter shall, in its wisdom, repeal its resolution on this subject, we, of course, acquiesce therein.

It is gratifying to find ourselves in accord with our M. E. Companion on several matters now in dispute. Knowledge of this fact enhances our confidence in the correctness of our own views concerning those matters—P. Q., D. M., &c.

M. E. Daniel S. Danforth, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA.

The proceedings of four Quarterly Convocations, held respectively on Sept. 19th, 1899, Jan. 17th, 1900, April 18th, 1900, and July 18th, 1900, are on our table.

Upon examination of the same we conclude that the Royal Craft is in excellent shape in Victoria.

During the year dispensations for three new Chapters were granted.

At the July Convocation the Grand Treasurer stated that the balance to credit of Grand Chapter was \$569.29.

In the minutes of the last named convocation we note that the "Report of Annual Convocation," Grand Chapter of Alabama-1899 had been received.

The business transacted at these several convocations was of local interest.

Grand Chapter was closed in "Ancient and Solemn Form."

M.: E.: Comp. Thomas Ford, P. G. J., as Grand Z.

E.: Comp. Thomas P. Derham, Grand Register.

V.: E.: Companion John Braim, P. G. J., Grand Scribe E.

VIRGINIA—93D ANNUAL—RICHMOND, NOVEMBER, 1900.

No. of Chapters, 39; Membership, 2,935; Gain, 198.

M.: E.: Fred Greenwood, Grand High Priest.

This volume of Proceedings, not only in respect of paper and typographical execution, but also in neatness and arrangement, reflects great credit upon Grand Secretary, Comp. James B. Blanks, and the printer.

At the Convocation under review six Past Grand High Priests were present, as well as Representatives of eighteen Grand Jurisdictions, P. G. H. P. Companion Alfred S. Lee, upholding the dignity of Alabama.

The Grand High Priest, in the beginning of his address, said:

"In assembling about our sacred altar let us invite the presence and inspiration of the great I AM to direct us in all our efforts, to further us with His continual help, that our deliberations and doings may redound to the well being of the Royal Craft, and His great glory."

Those words fitly spoken breathe the true Masonic spirit.

From his remarks under the heading of Necrology, we learn

that not one of the past or present Grand Officers has died within the period reaching back nearly five years; this he deems cause for profound gratitude to God.

He had granted a number of dispensations permitting waiver of time in receiving and acting on petitions for the degrees, but, believing that it is often the case that what is easily obtained is little valued, he in every instance considered well the reasons assigned, and when he granted such dispensation felt assured that the well being of the Craft would be advanced thereby.

By visitation the Grand High Priest was enabled to testify to the great value of Schools of Instruction to the Craft. The marked success of these schools, under the able and untiring efforts of the Grand Lecturer, Assistant Grand Lecturer, District Deputies, and their helpers has resulted in great revival of interest in Capitular Masonry. Let the good work go on.

He earnestly commended the Masonic Home to the fostering care of the Virginia Chapters.

No decisions were reported, the very few questions submitted to him being covered by the laws contained in the Methodical Digest.

In his report the Grand Secretary presented a comparative table, showing that the past year had been the most prosperous in seven consecutive years, the net gain of 198 exceeding by 26 the net gain of any previous year in the seven.

The Grand Secretary extols the generous act of Norfolk United R. A. Chapter No. 1, which sent, Oct. 5th, a cheque for \$50.00 to the Companions in Galveston who were sufferers by the terrible disaster of Sept. 8th. All honor to our Norfolk Companions.

The Grand Treasurer reported receipts as \$1,811.57. All honor to our Norfolk Companions.

The Grand Treasurer reported receipts as \$1,811.57; all of which was disbursed save \$41.83.

The report of the Grand Lecturer shows him to be a faithful and efficient teacher of the Royal Craft, as well as a tireless worker in the interest of Masonry.

In his report the Assistant Grand Lecturer exhorts every Chapter to send representatives to the Schools of Instruction. He thinks the organization of those schools the best movement, in the interests of R. A. Masonry made in Grand Chapter for the past quarter of a century.

The reports of the District Deputies, ten in number, are, taken as a whole, very encouraging.

The report of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address was adopted and ordered to record. It included approval of his dispensations and his decision with regard to R—— Chapter, No. —, which had been declared extinct in 1898. (The former Secretary of said Chapter had requested that it be revived and set to work). Deciding that since it had been declared extinct, it was not his province to restore its charter; he, however, recommended to the Companions at R—— to apply for a dispensation as for a new Chapter. This they did, in due time, and a dispensation for a Chapter U. D. was issued, and the Chapter properly set to work, with gratifying results.

The committee was in accord with the Grand High Priest on the subject of the Masonic Home, and bespoke for that noble charity the sympathy and benevolence of the Companions. It also endorsed the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that commissions of Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Virginia should terminate at each Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and recommended its adoption, to take immediate effect.

It is unnecessary to record the details of the business transacted in the Grand Committee of the Whole, but we call the earnest attention of our readers to Companion Albert S. Lee's resolution, adopted in Committee of the Whole.

“Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the High Priest of each Subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction to order the Captain of the Host to see that the degrees in their respective Chapters are conferred with the dignity and decorum which are appropriate to the respective degrees; and any disregard of this resolution by Officers or Companions shall be deemed un-Masonic conduct, and treated accordingly.”

“Resolved, That the above resolution must be read aloud by the High Priest of each Royal Arch Chapter, in open Chapter, at the first stated convocation after receiving the printed minutes of this session of the Grand Chapter, and at each convocation previous to the conferring of any of the degrees.”

A Charter was granted to said R—— Chapter U. D.

An appropriation of \$75.00 each was made for the “South-western R. A. School of Virginia,” and the “Valley R. A. School of Instruction.”

The Grand Council received seven new members. The M. Ex President reported having conferred the Holy Order of High

Priesthood on twelve Companions during the year, at special conventions of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Charles A. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a pleasing and instructive report (100 pp) reviewing, ably, the proceedings of forty-two (by our count, not being listed,) Grand Jurisdictions. He gives Alabama a courteous and brotherly notice, covering a page and a third, generously extracting several paragraphs of Grand High Priest E. S. Gatchell's well written address.

He thus graciously welcomes the "undersigned" to the guild of correspondents:

"Companion William Y. Titcomb presents a very readable report (his first) on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews forty-six Jurisdictions very ably. We would like to linger longer with you, Companions, but time's up. Virginia received very flattering notice at his hands."

Under Oregon, in reference to Companion Hodson's criticism of the action of the Grand Chapter of Alabama in admitting ministers free, he says:

"Comp. Hodson states our views on this subject exactly, and we are glad to know that he is with us on this frequently discussed question."

In our report, 1900, we have noticed, under Wisconsin, Comp. Swain's query as to "what kind of clergymen they have in Alabama, who will accept such donation;" hence it is unnecessary to repeat our remark.

Companion Nesbitt is a ready writer, whom we would like to quote freely, but the number of volumes on our table awaiting attention admonishes us to "call a halt."

M. E. J. E. Alexander, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James B. Blanks, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON—17TH ANNUAL, TACOMA, JUNE, 1901.

Chartered Chapters, 19; Chapters U. D., 4; members, 1,403; net gain 168.

M. E. S. Harry Rush, Grand High Priest.

There were present, besides the Grand officers and the consti-

tutional number of members, seven Past Grand High Priests, lending dignity to the occasion by their presence.

We find no list of Grand Representatives. No doubt our Companions of Washington regard those gentlemen as not useful, merely ornamental, hence superfluous.

In his address, under the head of Necrology, the Grand High Priest commemorates the names of fourteen Companions of the Jurisdiction, who had passed away, and the distinguished of other Jurisdictions, whose deaths had been reported to him.

He had constituted one Chapter, and had issued dispensations for three new Chapters.

In answer to the question, whether or not a Chapter invited to attend divine service with a Commandery, on Easter Sunday, could properly do so, the Grand High Priest decided that the laws of the Grand Chapter being silent on that subject, and it being usual for the Grand Chapter to conform in such cases to the laws of the Grand Lodge, it would not be proper for the Chapter, as a Chapter, and in regalia, to participate in said Easter service with the Commandery.

A few special dispensations were issued, all of them conformable to law.

His recommendations were three in number, viz: 1st. "That a regulation be adopted by this Grand Chapter, making membership in a Chapter co existent with membership in a Blue Lodge, that when a Companion dimits from his Blue Lodge, and does not affiliate for one year (through no fault of his) he forfeits his membership in the Chapter of which he is a member. The Lodge is the foundation of all Masonry. I believe it to be the duty of every Companion to retain his membership in the Blue Lodge, and give it his unqualified support on all occasions."

2nd. "To appropriate annually to the Chapter, entertaining the Grand Chapter, \$25.00, to aid in defraying expenses of such entertainment.

3d. "That this Grand Chapter collect from each member in this Jurisdiction, through his Chapter, the sum of ten cents, or more, annually, to be set aside as the nucleus of a fund for a Masonic Home, to be used when that charitable institution becomes a settled fact."

On recommendation by the committees, to which said recommendations were referred, (Finance and Jurisprudence) the Grand Chapter voted approval of the same.

Three Chapters U. D. were granted Charters.

The dispensations granted and those refused were approved.

The Grand Orator's address on the subject of Royal Arch Masonry was short and good.

We are pleased to see that the Committee on Grievances had nothing to do.

A "Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Edicts," as amended by the Jurisprudence Committee, was taken up *seriatim* and adopted. Obituary Committee made fitting report.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood received eleven accessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The R. : E. : Grand Secretary, Companion Yancey C. Blalock, Committee on Correspondence, submitted his annual report, reviewing the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters, within the compass of one hundred and nineteen pages.

Companion Blalock is modest but does his work well.

Alabama, 1899-1900, was accorded a courteous notice of over three pages.

M. : E. : Andrew Nilsson, Grand High Priest.

R. : E. : Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA—30TH ANNUAL, PARKERSBURG, NOVEMBER, 1900.

Chartered Chapters, 26; U. D. 1; members, 2,024; gain 198.

M. : E. : Walling W. Van Winkle, Grand High Priest.

There were present at this Convocation five Past Grand High Priests. Seventeen Grand Representatives, including Companion James A. Bryan for Alabama, were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

The address of the Grand High Priest evinced faithful discharge, on his part, of the duties and responsibilities of his high office.

Charters having been voted for two new Chapters U. D., those Chapters were duly constituted. One dispensation for formation of a new Chapter. Said Chapter having sent up work fit for inspection, the M. : E. : recommended that its application for a Charter be granted.

Three special dispensations had been issued, two for balloting

on petitions, in less than the time required by law, one for election of officers at other time than that legally prescribed.

He had refused several dispensations, asked for various purposes, not deeming the requests therein contained to be proper.

On the condition of the Royal Craft, as learned through reports, the Grand High Priest states that he could not give full information, as not more than half the Chapters had reported within the time required by the rule laid down by the Grand Chapter. This omission he thinks to be without excuse, and advises the enforcement of the rule at this time.

Nevertheless he sees indication of growing interest in the increased membership.

He mentions the fact that twenty-three chartered bodies and one U. D. are shown to have \$17,350.00 in property, \$6,737.64 cash in the treasury, and amounts due them figuring up \$5,138.18, "exhibiting the comfortable assets in the aggregate of \$29,227.82. In this total, ——— Chapter, No. ——— with \$7,781.70, and ——— Chapter, No. ——— with \$6,400.00 assets, lead." He says the equipment for work is generally good, and, in most Chapters excellent, while proficiency in Ritual, is only fair, with exceptional instances of very good.

He suggests that the Ritual should have better attention, and that the constituent Chapters call in the Grand Lecturer and his deputies, and post themselves on the work.

The Grand Treasurer's balance and receipts amounted to \$3,989.40, expenditures, \$548.40, leaving the handsome balance on hand of \$3,441.00.

The Grand Lecturer, P. G. H. P., stated in his report but two calls, during the year, for instruction in the Ritual. He reminded Grand Chapter that it was necessary to take such action as would provide better means for disseminating the Ritual among the Chapters, so that the work would be uniform, and done in an intelligent manner throughout the Jurisdiction. Referred to Committee on Work.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals was very pleased to report that no business had come up for consideration. Adopted.

Likewise, the Committee on Jurisprudence. Also adopted.

A Charter was granted to Sistersville Chapter U. D.

We find no report from the Committee on Work, to which the Grand Lecturer's report had been referred.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Hugh Sterling, R. E. Grand Treasurer, and Chairman of the F. C. Committee, presented, with a modest introduction, his first report on correspondence, a review of sister Jurisdictions, covering thirty-three pages, embracing salient points of interest in each, with occasional judicious extracts.

Though comparatively new to this kind of work ourselves, we, nevertheless, bid Companion Sterling a cordial welcome to the Guild.

The Grand Council of High Priests received five new members.

Portraits of the incoming and outgoing Grand High Priests, Past Grand High Priest, S. N. Meyers, and President Hiram R. Howard, of the Order of High Priesthood, grace this volume.

M. E. John M. McConihay, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Robert C. Dunnington, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN—51ST ANNUAL, MILWAUKEE, FEBRUARY, 1901.

Chapters, 75; Present membership, 6,328; net gain, 183.

M. E. Edwin F. Gibbs, Grand High Priest.

Of Permanent Members there were thirteen present, as well as Grand Representatives of thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions, Companion Wm. C. Swain upholding the dignity of Alabama.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest shows him to have been a faithful, zealous and highly intelligent administrator of affairs for the Royal Craft.

Under the head of Necrology he especially mentioned the great loss, by death, of Comp. John W. Laffin, Grand Secretary 17 years, and of Comp. Joseph Moran, Jr., R. E. and Rev. Grand Chaplain

He had appointed and commissioned Comp. Nathaniel L. Mewhinney, of Birmingham, as representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

He had suspended the H. P. of a Chapter for unmasonic and rebellious conduct. Said action on his part was, as the proceedings show, sustained by the Grand Chapter.

He called particular attention to the shrinkage in the treasury, and intimated the advisability of raising the *per capita* tax from forty to fifty cents.

By resolution Grand Chapter fixed the tax at 50 cents till further orders.

The number of dispensations granted was small.

His decisions, nine in number, were, all but two, conformable to the laws of the jurisdiction. To those two we will presently allude, first noting one or two recommendations. The Grand High Priest said:

"I am informed there are a number of Chapters that hold their annual election of officers at the second instead of the first regular convocation in December. This is, undoubtedly, accounted for by the fact that prior to the adoption of the new Constitution, February, 1899, Chapters held their annual convocations either at the first or second meeting in December. I believe the attention of the suborlinate Chapters should be called to this part of the Constitution—Sec. 2, Art. VII. Also, to Sec. 3, same Art., which says:

"All officers of a Chapter (whether re-elected or not,) must be regularly installed each year."

"Art. IX, Sec. 3, says:

"Providing no candidate shall be exalted to the Royal Arch degree until he shall have passed an examination as to his proficiency in the three preceding degrees, &c."

"Sec. 12, of same Art., says: 'No brother shall be exalted to the Royal Arch degree until he shall have selected and recorded his Mark in a book kept for that purpose.'"

The Grand High Priest recommended that some provision be made for an annual report from all constituent Chapters as to compliance or non-compliance with the foregoing provisions of the Constitution.

He again called attention to the too frequent violations of the edicts and resolves of the Grand Chapter and of its regulations in respect to innovations in the work, animadverting with some severity on "the introduction of practices foreign to the Ritual and contrary to the spirit of Masonry."

He recommended the adoption of a resolution prohibiting all such innovations and practices, and taking steps to render its requirements peremptory.

His suggested amendment to the Constitution not being sustained by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, and the report of that committee having been adopted, we pass them without further notice.

The two decisions referred to in the foregoing, are as follows:

"No. 6. If a Chapter has failed to hold election at the first regular convocation in December, it can hold it at its next regular convocation according to its by-laws, but such Chapter is admonished to see that its by-laws are amended so as to comply with the requirements of the Grand Chapter."

No. 3 was in answer to the following question:

"Can a Companion who has dimitted from a Chapter stop a candidate from advancement?"

"Answer—An objection made by a dimitted R. A. Mason to the advancement of a candidate after receiving the Mark Master's degree should have the same consideration as though made by a member of the Chapter.—Constitution, Art. XI, Sec. 3."

As to No. 6, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended non-concurrence, being of the opinion that the Constitution explicitly declares that said election must take place on the first Convocation in December; that a dispensation is necessary in order to hold it at a later day.

In regard to No. 3, a majority of the committee disapproved, holding that a dimitted R. A. Mason has no standing to make an objection.

The minority was of the opinion that, as neither the dimitted Companion nor the member of the Chapter can stop the advancement of the brother who has received the Mark degree unless he can obtain the negative votes of more than one-fourth of the members present, and as he must state his objections and as the decision only states that the objection must be considered, the decision is correct.

After some discussion the majority report on decision 3 was adopted, and the entire report concurred in.

Justly, in our opinion, was the matter decided: if the objection of a dimitted R. A. Mason is to be entertained by the Chapter, he is thus accorded an important influence in the body which he does nothing to maintain and support.

An interesting episode in the proceedings at this convocation was the presentation of a portrait of M. E. Companion Dwight F. Lawton, first Grand High Priest. The presentation address was justly styled "a model of eloquence," while the Grand King's speech of acceptance was itself a brilliant of the "first water."

The report of the Grand Lecturer emphasized the need of

strenuous efforts on the part of many Chapters to perfect themselves in the work. He bewails the fact that practices foreign to the work and Ritual and in violation of edicts and regulations, are indulged in to a very hurtful extent. He also reports "harmony and the best of feeling in the Chapters visited, and among the Companions." He says the records are generally well kept, while some are models of excellence.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Charity \$50.00 was appropriated to the widow of one Companion, and \$150.00 to the widow of another Companion who had faithfully wrought in the quarries for years until death stilled his hands. To make this latter appropriation valid a like sum must be given by the Grand Lodge; \$300.00 will secure her a permanent home.

Committee on Obituary made fitting report. Adopted.

The trustees found from the reports of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand High Priest that the disbursements for the year exceeded the cash receipts by \$1,159.04. Of this about \$700.00 was for unusual expenses. That sum being left out, the annual expenses exceeded the annual income about \$450.00, and the trustees found no indication of extravagance. They therefore endorsed the recommendation of the Grand High Priest which suggested a per capita tax of 50 instead of 40 cents, already noted by us as adopted by Grand Chapter.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood gained nine new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We have found Comp. Wm. C. Swain's able report on Correspondence full of interest which never flags from the beginning to the ending of his review.

We have marked a dozen or more passages which we would like to refer to, if space could be spared for the same.

His notice of Alabama, 1899, is of the administration of Grand High Priest Edward S. Gatchell, and is fraternal in all respects. He refers to the forfeiture of their charters by eight of our Chapters, and hopes that interest may revive and said Chapters come to life again.

It goes without saying that in that hope we heartily sympathize. He notices, also, our resolution making it obligatory on candidates to choose and record their Marks before being invested with the Royal Arch degree.

The remainder of his review of Alabama—a page—is devoted to this scribe.

After quoting our introductory remarks inviting criticism whensoever opening is given for the same, he proceeds to pounce upon us as a hawk swoops down upon a half-fledged chicken, thus:

"We welcome him to the Guild, and promise to give him a gentle friendly rap on the knuckles if we find an opening:

"And here is the opening:" (extracting our paragraph in regard to the gratuitous admission of clergymen)

Then our Companion continues as follows:

"A self-respecting preacher does not like to be placed in the category with recipients of charity, and one who is not self-respecting we do not want. If the preacher cannot command sufficient salary to afford the degrees, if he desires them, he has mistaken his vocation, and had better retire."

Well! now,—that is "a gentle rap"—our knuckles don't *begin* to ache under it as they used to do when, as a boy, we played 'knucks' with marbles, (the game was cal'ed, 'roll-y hole-y,') and have to hold a marble between our knuckles for the other boys to shoot at. Did you ever play that game, Companion?

Companions Swain of Wisconsin, Perkins of Vermont, Henderson of Pennsylvania, Bennett of Canada, and a few others, have essayed to "make it warm" for the Grand Chapter of Alabama, about that resolution admitting ministers free: when we are convinced that they hold the correct view, we will "own up like a little man." Candor compels us to admit there is force in what they urge, but while the law remains on our Capitular statute book—we shall remain loyal thereto.

Companion Swain will please permit us to lift our hat for the following:

"Companion Titcomb makes a good report, with occasional sprinklings of spice."

So we were mistaken about Grand Chapter of Wisconsin not confirming G. H. P. Jackson's decision. Well; no harm done, we trust.

M. E. Wm. B. Andrews, Grand High Priest.

R. E. W. W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, U. S. A.

31ST TRIENNIAL, CINCINNATI, SEPTEMBER, 1900.

G.: G.: H.: P.: Companion Reuben C. Lemmon.

Thirty-five Grand Chapters were represented at this Triennial Convocation, Alabama being present in the person of P.: G.: H.: P.: Companion H. Clay Armstrong, and also sixteen Subordinate Chapters. Seventy-three P.: G.: H.: P.:s answered to their names at roll-call.

There were three Past General Grand officers present at the opening of the distinguished Body,

In the eloquent exordium of his address, the General Grand High Priest, after reference to recent changes in the map of the world, says:

"Companions need not fear that we are contemplating political discussion—the discussion of matters of fundamental right and duty as they concern or come near us—is not getting down into politics, but rather going up to the consideration of duty. There is much in that word—without it our language would be poor indeed. Let me approach the questions at once—*what shall we do with Cuba, Porto Rico, the Ladrões, and with the Phillipine Islands and their numerous inhabitants?* I may say, in a general way, that the subjects are so profoundly important as to claim from us earnest and full consideration. We must decide. When the human soul is presented with conditions involving questions of right and duty, it seldom halts, the movement begins, develops harmony in action, the expression of a people proclaiming by rhythmic movement the inspiration of a nation as it goes forward to discharge the duty, proclaiming in unfolding action the high purpose which animates, energises and directs. Wholly aside from partisan expression, we may assume that as sovereign citizens charged with responsibilities so grave, we will consider the subjects presented and so act as to well express our highest and best conception of the duty which conditions seem to require; remembering that the generations who will succeed to the obligations we now bear, will be influenced, if not controlled by our determination."

And, at some length, he proceeds with remarks which are imbued with the spirit of patriotism and a high sense of Masonic obligation, but which we cannot venture to transcribe for want of space to spare.

However, when we read the question which we ourselves have italicized, the reflection forced itself upon our mind that we as *Masons* have nothing on earth to do with that question. True the General Grand High Priest disavows any purpose to engage

in political discussion, but while there is diversity of opinion in the minds of men as to what public policy should be as to having or not having Colonial possessions, and while the status of those islands is still unsettled, to discuss those matters is foreign to the principles and objects of Masonry. Further, it is morally impossible to prevent political sentiment from infusing itself into the consideration of such subjects. One cannot touch pitch without having some of it stick to his fingers.—We have “said our say” and we feel better.

The G. G. H. P. submitted eight decisions, of which the first four, the sixth and the seventh, were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, while the fifth was approved with an amendment.

The said decision No. 5, was to the following effect:

It would be a violation of Chapter usage and law to grant a dispensation to those named in the dispensation for a new Chapter to receive petitions and vote and ballot thereon before the Companions are assembled as a Chapter. The Companions named in the dispensation should assemble at a time and place, agreed upon, adopt By-Laws, obtain proper books of Record, and do what is required by well-known usages; this done they may then proceed to receive and consider petitions, &c.

The Committee amended this decision by striking out the words, “adopt By-Laws ”

The adoption of By-Laws, might, obviously be deferred to a subsequent meeting.

The Committee did not concur with the General Grand High Priest as to the eighth decision, being of the opinion that it was not within the province of the Committee or the General Grand Chapter to consider the subject of physical competency of candidates for the degrees.

The report of the Law Committee was adopted.

The General Grand High Priest having proposed a uniform Code of By-Laws for Chapters under the General Grand Chapters the Jurisprudence Committee to which the subject had been referred, recommended approval of said Code as altered and amended by the Committee. Adopted.

On the following day the question arose as to any conflict that might be found between the provision of the Code just adopted and any laws previously enacted, and the matter having been

referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for investigation, said Committee reported as follows:

"To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the resolution directing them to enquire and report whether any portion of the By-Laws adopted on yesterday is in conflict with previous laws and decisions of the General Grand Chapter, are of the opinion that the latest adopted law suspends all laws and decisions inconsistent with it, in so far as they are inconsistent therewith, and that, therefore, no previously enacted law or previous decision inconsistent with said Code of By-Laws is any longer of binding force or effect."

Adopted.

To our limited comprehension it seems that the vision of Companions in general would have been cleared by the addition of a repealing clause to said newly adopted Code, and that the necessity of an investigation by the Committee would have been obviated thereby.

The report of the General Grand Treasurer puts the total receipts as \$15,213.53; total disbursements, as \$6,258.26. The balance cash on hand and in banks, \$8,955.27, together with registered U. S. 4 per cent. bonds makes amount of funds held by the General Grand Chapter equal to \$15,705.27

The report of the General Grand Secretary is a monument to the care and painstaking of that faithful official. Thirty-eight Grand Chapters had made report and paid dues for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899. Alabama is one of that number.

October 3, 1898, the Grand Chapter of New Mexico was duly formed and constituted, and the Companions chosen as officers were duly installed by the proxy of the General Grand High Priest.

In 1897 quite a correspondence, regarding some property of the General Grand Chapter, supposed to be in the possession of Richard E. Chism, H. P. of the late Chepultepec Chapter of the City and Republic of Mexico, took place between the General Grand Secretary, Companion Christopher G. Fox and the said Richard E. Chism. The correspondence is too voluminous to have place in this review. Suffice it to say that under the order of the General Grand Chapter—1897, the General Grand Secretary used every means in his power to secure for the rightful owner possession of the effects and records of the late Chepultepec Chapter, but all of no avail. Chism would not do his sworn duty.

The matter was laid before the General Grand Chapter, which referred it to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which Committee reported that in its opinion, such Richard E. Chism was guilty of contumacious and rebellious conduct, in refusing to obey the former order of the General Grand Chapter to return to proper custody the Charter and property of the General Grand Chapter, now in his possession. The Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That said Richard E. Chism be, and he is hereby expelled from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Royal Arch Masonry."

Signed by the Committee. And the report was adopted.

The General Grand Chapter unanimously adopted resolutions of sympathy for the sufferers by the terrible disaster at Galveston, Texas, and voted a contribution of \$2,000.00 for the relief of Companions in that City.

Appointed Chairman of a Committee to prepare suitable memorials on the death of Companion John Quincy Adams Fellows, G. G. S. 1865-1868, and other distinguished Craftsmen, M. E. Companion Frederic Speed, of Mississippi, read a masterly memorial of the life and character of Companion Fellows, and on other illustrious dead, including Companions Palmer Job Pillans and William Story Foster, both of Alabama. He also read memoirs of Companions David Fisher Day, G. G. H. P., 1889-1891, and Companion Daniel Streker, G. G. Treasurer, 1891-1898, prepared by other Companions.

On motion of the General Grand Secretary it was

"Resolved, That the sincere and earnest thanks of the General Grand Chapter be tendered to Companion Speed for his eloquent productions in memory of the illustrious dead, and for his masterly reading of the same and of the like productions of Companions Clinton and Heaton."

We cannot touch upon the various eloquent addresses delivered at the banquet in the Cathedral (not yet consecrated, of course.)

The assembled Companions, in number 182: were treated right royally by the City and State Companions and their friends, especially those of the fair sex, without whose aid any social function is tedious to an extreme.

The General Grand Council will determine upon the place where next Triennial will be held.

General Grand High Priest, Companion James W. Taylor, of Georgia.

General Grand Secretary, Companion Christopher G. Fox, of New York.

CONCLUSION.

Many years since we were on the list of visitors present at a meeting of the Young Men's Debating Society. As usual, in some of the speeches made at that meeting there was much stammering or hesitation—perspiring anxiety for a word—or thought.

At the conclusion of the discussion an old Doctor, one of the auditors, rose and said:

“Young gentlemen, allow me to give you a piece of advice—when you have nothing to say, don't say anything.”

Making a personal (to ourselves) application of the foregoing sage recommendation, we are constrained to remind our Companions that our leading writers in the Royal Craft have, with their intellectual flails thrashed out the questions which have been with us so long; then, too, we must inform them that, if, like those ancient Athenians, they desire “to hear some new thing,” we shall plead inability to furnish them anything new in the caputular world. This being the case, perhaps we shall be pardoned for indulging in a reflection or two on the history of the Craft.

The genius of Freemasonry has stood all through the vicissitudes of the ages, calmly surveying the scenes which have surrounded her, invulnerable to the tremendous assaults of human malice and to the mighty changes which have swept less potent institutions from the face of the earth. Why? The simple answer is: Because her foundations are firmly imbedded in the Rock of Truth. Never, until she ceases to reverence God and His Holy Word, and to exemplify those noble tenets which she professes to believe, and conformity to which she puts into practice, will she fall.

The outlook for the whole Body of Masonry is full of encouragement and bright promise.

Capitular Masonry was never in a more hopeful condition, and

we may count the day as not very distant when, with a single exception, the world of *profanes* will recognize its beneficent influence on human life. The one exception, the Church of Rome, persists in her refusal to see any good in Freemasonry. May her eyes be opened to the truth.

We are unwilling to close this report without saying how deeply we sympathize with those of our Companions who have sustained such heavy loss by the departure of their beloved ones who have "crossed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees." Their loss seems irreparable, as did ours; but again we repeat, "The workman dies; the work goes on."

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB, 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, 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, N.P.D.	Reinstated.	Expelled
1	Tuscaloosa.....	51	\$38 25	13	13	13	13	2	1	1	..	..	..
5	Eunomia (2 yrs)...	24	28 25	7	7	7	7	5	2	2	..	..	..
12	Marion.....	26	19 50	4	4	4	4	3	1	1	..	..	..
19	Mt. Moriah.....	30	22 50	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	..	..
21	Mobile.....	48	33 00	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	..	..	..
22	Montgomery.....	53	39 75	9	9	9	9	3	3	3	..	..	..
23	Talladega.....	25	18 75	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..
24	Eufaula.....	37	27 75	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
25	Courtland.....	17	13 50	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..
26	Union (2 yrs).....	27	44 25	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..
28	St. Johns.....	30	22 50	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	..
32	Fulton.....	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
34	Herman (U. D.)....	22	..	9	9	9	9	4	..	..	..	..	..
38	Decatur.....	61	45 75	6	6	6	6	1	2	1	2	..	..
54	Tyrian (2 yrs)....	31	46 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..
64	Central.....	17	9 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
71	Landmark.....	25	12 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..
80	Myles J. Greene..	19	14 25	3	3	3	3	..	3	6	..	..	..
81	Jefferson (U. D.)..	20	..	9	9	9	9	1	..	1	..	..	..
88	Springville.....	20	15 00	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
92	Notasulga.....	15	11 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
96	Daniel Pratt.....	13	9 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
99	Thos.M.Bragg(2ys)	20	31 50	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
101	Mineral City.....	157	117 75	18	18	15	15	10	3	2	16	4	..
104	Sylacauga (U. D.)..	34	..	6	6	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
108	Pratt City.....	67	50 25	12	12	15	15	3	..	1	..	..	..
109	Blocton.....	31	23 25	3	3	3	6	1	..	5	1	..	..
110	Bessemer.....	53	39 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
111	Piedmont.....	40	30 00	11	11	11	11	2	..	1	..	..	..
112	Brewton.....	38	28 50	11	11	11	11	1	11	..	..	..	..
113	Dothan.....	33	25 00	..	..	2	2	3	..	1	..	..	..
114	H. Clay Armstrong	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
115	Thomasville.....	43	17 00	15	15	14	12	2	..	..	..	..	..
116	Clanton (U. D.)...	19	..	10	9	9	9	..	1	..	..	..	..
117	Beauchamp (U. D.)	39	..	34	34	30	30	9	..	..	..	..	..
118	Jasper (U. D.).....	20	..	6	6	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
		1232	\$835 75	194	193	190	191	47	34	24	55	20	..

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

- Marion, No. 12: Jno. Thomas.
Mt. Moriah, No. 19: Jno. S. Wood.
Mobile, No. 21: Antony Marquess.
Talladega, No. 23: H. G. Sims, R. J. Cunningham.
Eufaula, No. 24: Robert L. Vining.
Union, No. 26: Stephen J. Anderson, Jno. W. Bush, Thos. H. Long.
St. John, No. 28: Francis L. Pettus.
Tyrian, No. 54: Walter S. Coleman, William A. Cowart, William B. Duke, Robert B. Chapman, M. S. Davis, Thomas E. Hill, William J. Hilliard, Robert L. Harmon, James J. Johnson, Louis H. Jeter, William H. Jolly, Frederick Phoenix, George W. Smith, Sherod W. Shirley, Simeon A. Williams, Oliver C. Wiley, John C. Watkins.
Myles J. Greene, No. 80: H. Clay Armstrong, Jr., Wm. H. Bedell, J. B. Collier, E. Herndon Glenn, Samuel P. Greer, Clifford L. Hair.
Mineral City, No. 101: Frank J. Barnes, Ripley F. Beasley, Dan'l E. Dugger, Chas. C. Fleming, Jas. T. Garretson, Jas. Hillhouse, Sr., Jas. D. Hillhouse, Jr., M. P. Gentry Hillman, Wm. R. Hill, Julius L. Lockwood, Jas. P. Lynch, Glover Moore, Wm. Penhale, J. N. Ross, Jno. J. Shannon, Jno. H. Thorpe.
Blocton, No. 109: Jas. W. Bass, Ambrose B. Little, William B. Martin, Martin W. Robinson, Eli Shortridge.
Piedmont, No. 111: John M. Yeatman.

DIMITTED.

- Marion, No. 12: Jessie B. Lovelace, Jas. M. P. Otts, Jno. Moore.
Mt. Moriah, No. 19: John G. Apsey, Wm. Kahn.
Mobile, No. 21: Wm. A. Alexander, Oscar J. Cohen.
Montgomery, No. 22: Robt. J. Joyner, Francis M. Purifoy.
Eufaula, No. 24: George T. Marsh.
Courtland, No. 25: Jos. Wheeler.
St. John, No. 28: Horner L. Denal.
Decatur, No. 38: Jno. A. Hesse, A. B. Falkner.
Springfield, No. 88: David F. Crawford.
Mineral City, No. 101: Frank Barrett Nichols, Jno. B. Hughes
Jackson S. Moore.
Pratt City, No. 108: Wm. G. Davis, Jno. Monasco, Ed. W. King.
Blocton, No. 109: James F. Vance.
Brewton, No. 112: Dixon B. Armstrong, Henry H. Green, Jas.
B. Stanley, Wm. J. Holland, Ezekiel P. Loveless,
Sam'l B. Parker, Harry H. Patterson, W. L. Morgan,
Walker J. Walker, Levi P. Weaver, Jesse E.
McCoy.

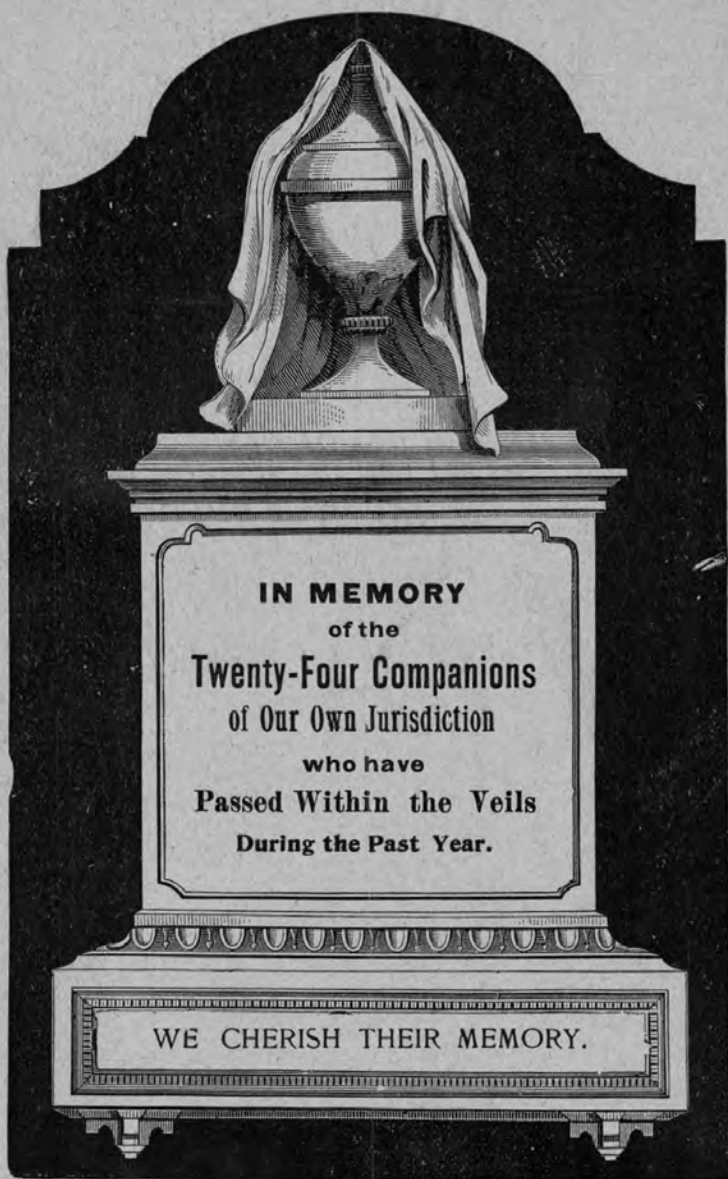
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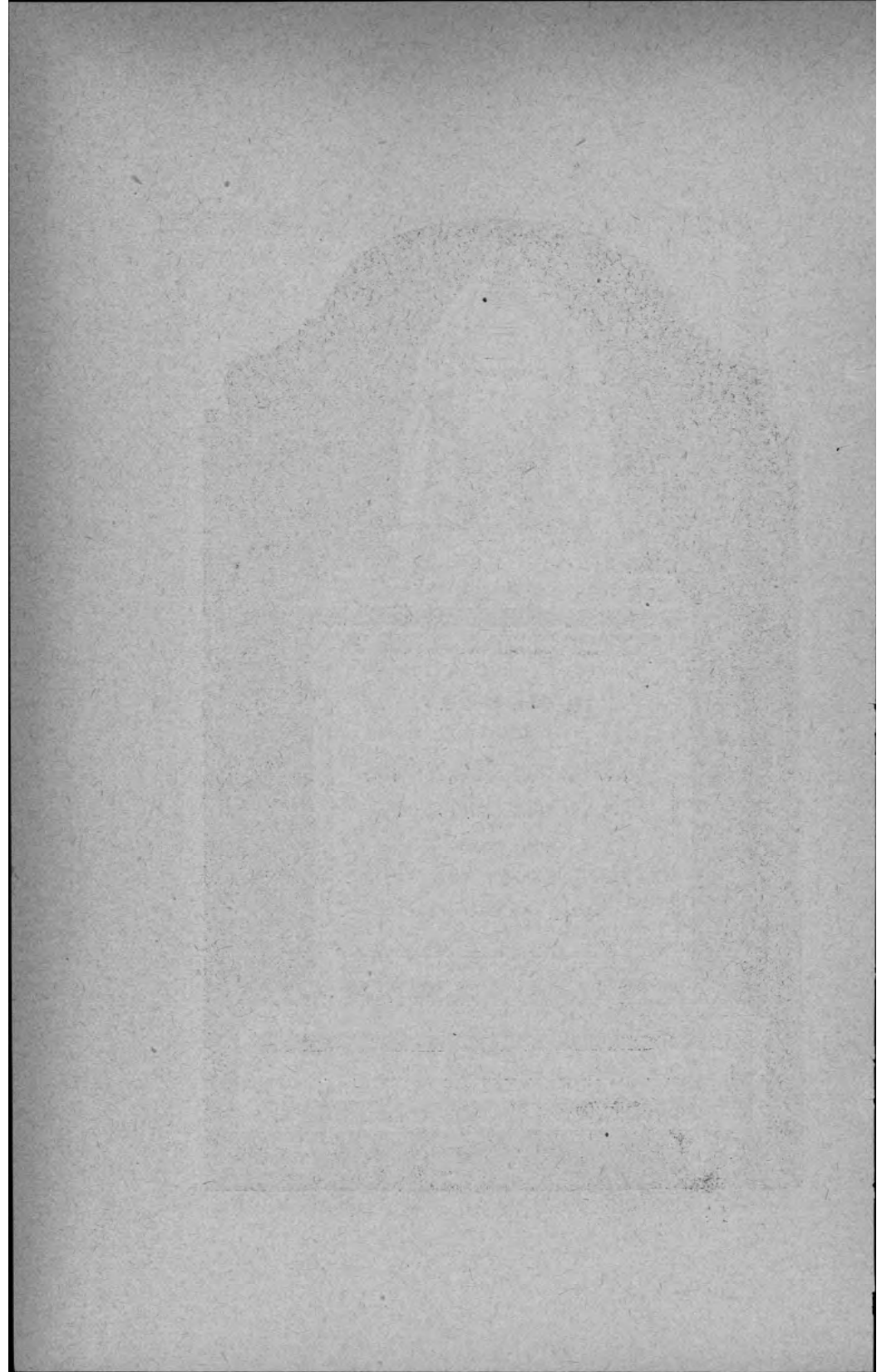
REINSTATED.

Mt. Moriah, No. 19: Sam'l J. Carpenter, Jno. R. Hill.
 Montgomery, No. 22: William J. Orum, Francis M. Purifoy,
 Cadwallader H. Beale.
 Eufaula, No. 24: Thos. A. Shipp, Jr.
 St. Johns, No. 28: Chas. E. Wallin.
 Decatur, No. 38: Frank Turpin, N. B. Crocker.
 Landmark, No. 71: T. T. Campbell, D. L. Lindsay, J. W.
 Mathewson.
 Jefferson, No. 81: Bryan W. Whitfield.
 Springfield, No. 88: David F. Crawford.
 Mineral City, No. 101: Jno. G. Bradley, W. Burton Dowell,
 J. B. Hughes, McGovern.
 Pratt City, No. 108: Wm. G. Davis.
 Blocton, No. 109: Wm. B. Martin.

AFFILIATIONS.

Tuscaloosa, No. 1: F. M. Purifoy, Wm. G. Robertson.
 Ennomia, No. 5: Wm. I. Wellman, Tracy W. Pratt, James B,
 Laughlin, Edward W. Greenleaf, A. F. Evans.
 Mobile, No. 21: Albert Hershfield, Abram G. Levy.
 Montgomery, No. 22: Sam'l M. Hogan, Dallam W. Crawford.
 Eufaula, No. 24: Seth Mabry.
 St. Johns, No. 28: Daniel B. Edward, Sam'l V. Horn.
 Hermon, No. 34: Louis M. Moseley, Mealing E. Pruett, Wm. H.
 Thomas, Thomas H. Jones.
 Decatur, No. 38: Chas. Bassett.
 Jefferson, No. 81: Sam'l G. Woolf.
 Mineral City, No. 101: Smith Cullom, Michael J. Land, Joseph
 Dixon Maddox, J. H. Mitchell, Geo. W. Morgan,
 Frank Force Snedcor, Abram Stein, G. R. Trafford,
 Jas. Francis Vance, Wade Wood.
 Brewton, No. 112: Thos. J. Miller.
 Piedmont, No. 111: Chas. Cooke, Wilson P. Howell.
 Dothan, No. 113: Wm. Williams, C. L. C. Atkinson, Henry Green.
 Thomasville, No. 115: George Watson, Robert G. Southall.
 Beauchamp, No. 117: Walker J. Walker, Samel B. Parker, Wm.
 J. Holland, Wm. J. McCants, Levi P. Weaver, Ezek-
 iel P. Lovelace, Jesse E. McCoy, Harry H. Patter-
 son, Willie L. Morgan.





OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Thomas A. Clements.

Eunomia, No. 5: John M. Humphrey, Oct. 27, 1900, aged 78; Albert A. Baker, July 21, 1901, aged 73.

Mt. Moriah, No. 19: Walter F. Eatman, April 7, 1901, aged 53; John R. Hill, May 20, 1901; W. Ransom, Sept. 9, 1901.

Mobile, No. 21: Gabriel B. Dantzler; Theo. L. Eastburne.

Talladega, No. 23: E. C. Homes, Aug. 17, aged 50.

Courtland, No. 25: Edwin H. Pipper, Oct. 4, 1901, aged 69.

Union, No. 26: John C. Welch, Nov. 20, 1900, aged 55; John H. White, March 3, 1901, aged 53.

St. John, No. 28: John E. Scarf, June 6, 1901, aged 72.

Decatur, No. 38: Jas. M. Brundidge, March 13, 1901, aged 89.

Landmark, No. 71: Shelly D. Dowling, May 25, 1901, aged 28.

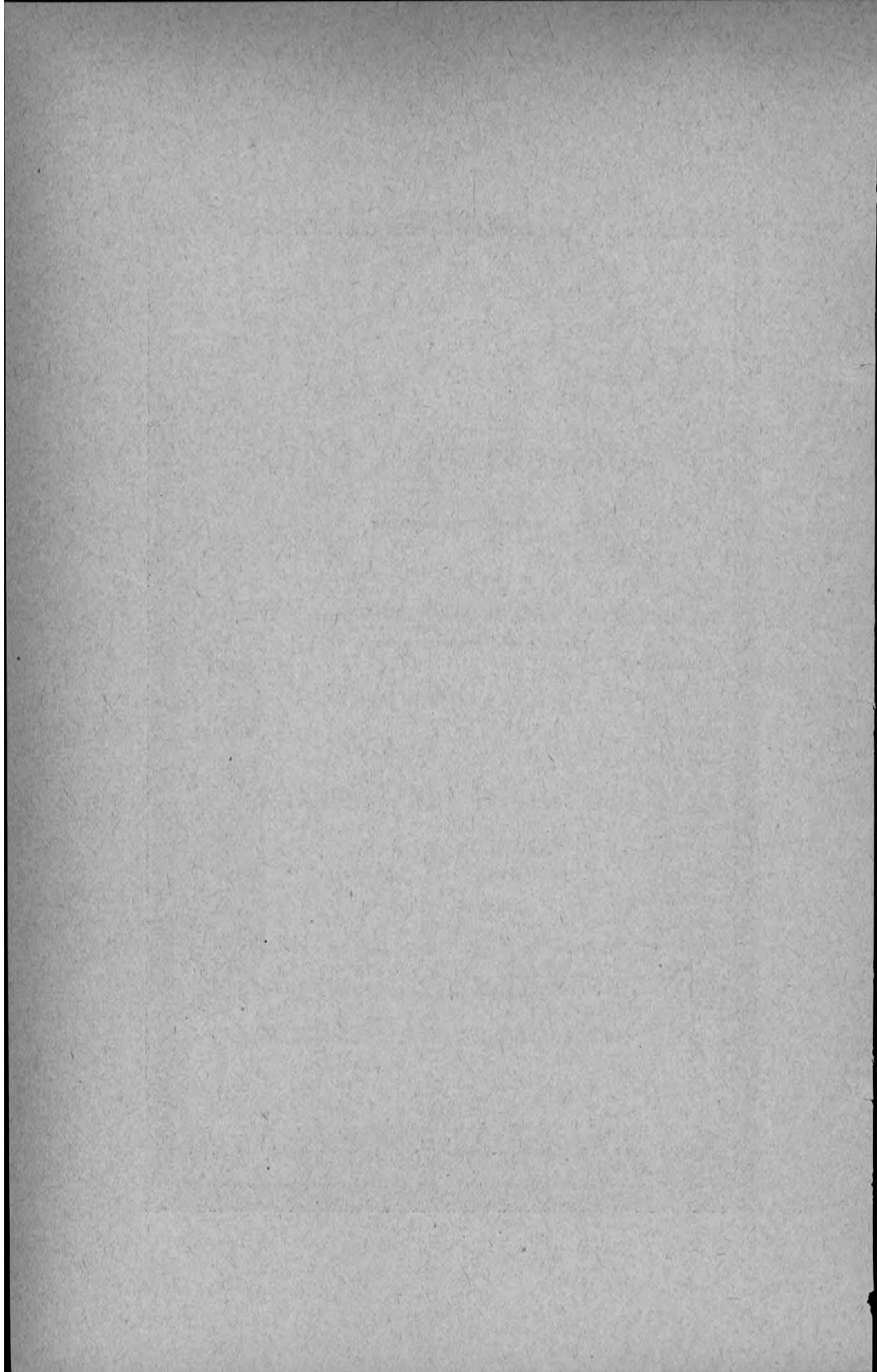
Myles J. Greene, No. 80: H. Clay Armstrong, Dec. 17, 1900, aged 60; Wiley W. Broodworth, June 27, 1900; John J. Wall, Dec. 5, 1900.

Thomas M. Bragg, No. 99: Timothious L. Crosby, Aug., 1901, aged 35; Hamilton S. Hawkins, Oct., 1900, aged 55.

Mineral City, No. 101: Edward P. Bishop, Jr., May 13, 1901; John B. Webb, July 11, 1901.

Dothan, No. 113: N. F. Hawley, June 3, 1900.

Clanton, No. 116: John Cooper Sims, July 30, 1901, aged 36.





IN MEMORIAM

December 17, 1900,

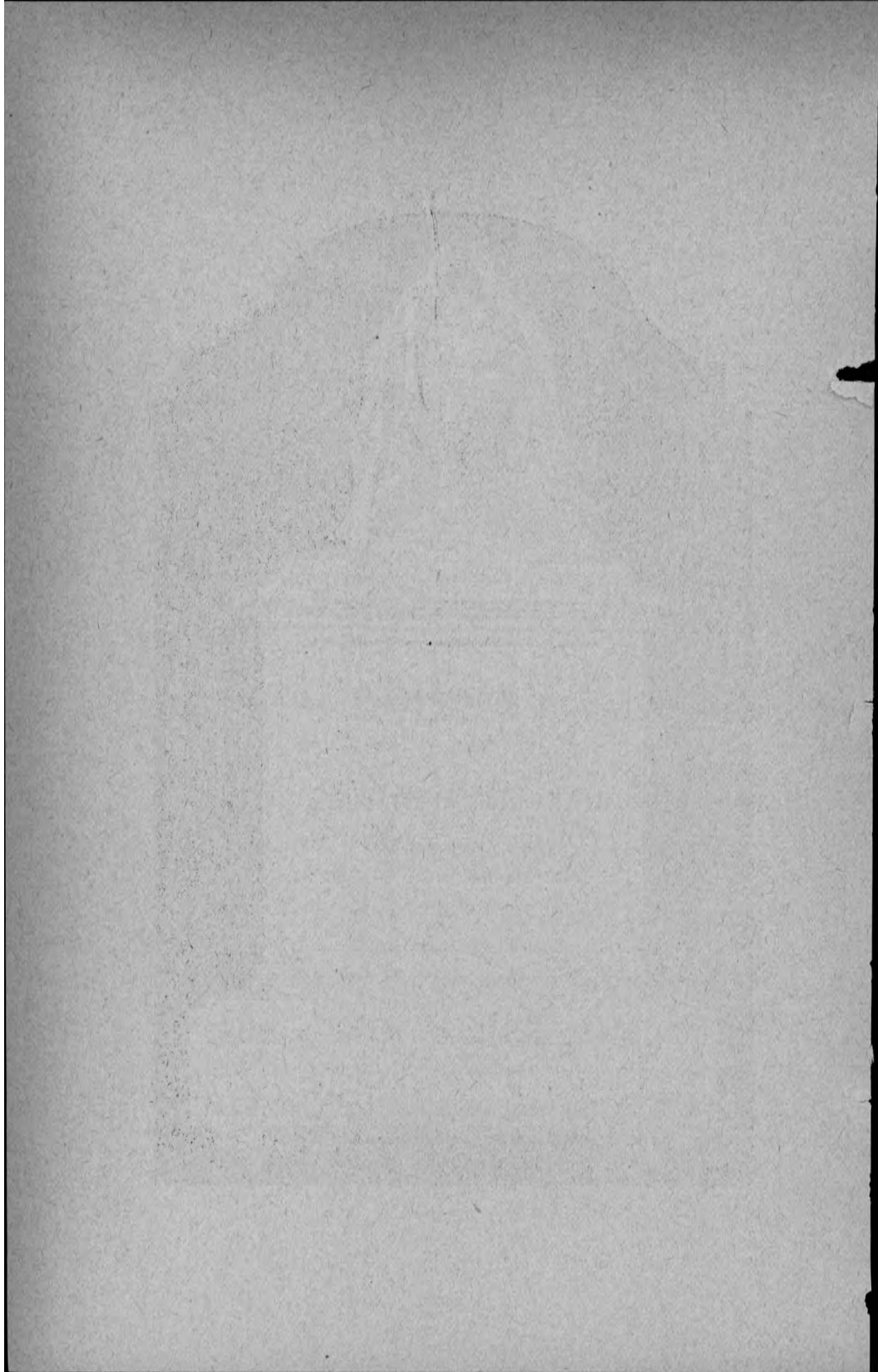
HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG,

GRAND SECRETARY.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

AGED 60 YEARS.

He was one of the brightest jewels in Masonry, beloved, honored and respected, possessed of high intellectual and moral attainments. We shall not soon look on his like again



CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING
RETURNS AND PAYING DUES.

Fulton, No. 32.

H. Clay Armstrong, 114.

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING
RETURNS.

Central, No. 64.

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING
DUES.

Central, No. 64. (Still owe for 1900.)

CHARTERS FORFEITED.

Tuscumbia, No. 10. No returns made for 1901. No dues paid for two years.

Zerubbabel, No. 56. No returns made for two years. No dues paid for two years.

Hillabee, No. 79. No returns made for two years. No dues paid for two years.

Columbus, No. 93. No returns made for two years. No dues paid for two years.

Anniston, No. 105. No returns made for 1901. No dues paid for two years.

CHAPTERS REINSTATED.

Hermon, No. 34.
 Jefferson, No. 81.
 Sylacauga, No. 104.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Clanton, No. 116, December, 1901.
 Beauchamp, No. 117, December, 1901.
 Jasper, No. 118, December, 1901.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters represented.....	31
Number of Chapters making returns.....	32
Number of Chapters paying dues.....	27
Number of Chapters chartered, 1901.....	3
Number of Chapters reorganized, 1901.....	3
Number of Chapters on roll 1901.....	36
Number of members.....	1,232
Amount of dues	\$835.75
Received for dispensations.....	\$405.00

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Advanced	194
Presided.....	193
Received and accepted.....	190
Exalted	191
Affiliated.....	47
Dimitted	34
Died	24
Suspended for non payment of dues.....	55
Reinstated	20

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

NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	CONVOCACTION.
1 Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	W. E. Bingham	Chas. trickland	2d Wednesday
5 Eun-mia	Huntsville	Madison	Huntsville	Bernard F. Ludwig	Isaac H. Wise	1st Tuesday
12 Marion	Marion	Perry	Marion	Jos. O. Bailey	Gustave F. Schulze	2d Tuesday
19 Mt. Moriah	Eutaw	Greene	Eutaw	Jos. P. McQueen	Geo. W. Harrison, Jr	2d Friday
21 Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Jacob D. Bloch	Chas. E. Pearce	2d and 4th Friday
22 Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Robt. S. Teague	Wm. H. Dingley	2d Tuesday
23 Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Wm. D. Link	Louis J. Wright	2d Friday
24 Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	Eufaula	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Jas. P. Hill	1st and 3d Thursday
25 Courtland	Courtland	Lawrence	Courtland	Reese B. Porter	Wm. T. Simmons	3d Tuesday
26 Union	Uniontown	Perry	Uniontown	Jno. B. Christian	Junie Harwood	1st Thursday
28 St. Johns	Selma	Dallas	Selma	Thos P. Whitby	Elbert S. Starr	4th Monday
32 Fulton	Orville	Bullock	Orville	Jas. B. Hunter	George Williams	1st and 3d Friday
34 Hermon	Union Springs	Morgan	Union Springs	Thos. A. Kenyon	Chas. F. Tuttle	4th Tuesday
38 Decatur	New Decatur	Pike	New Decatur	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
54 Tyrian	Troy	Shelby	Troy	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
64 Central	Aldrich	Dale	Aldrich	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
71 Landmark	Ozark	Dale	Ozark	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
80 Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	Opelika	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
81 Jeffers on	Demopolis	Marengo	Demopolis	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
88 Springville	Springville	St. Clair	Springville	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
92 Natchez	Natchez	Macon	Natchez	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
96 Daniel Pratt	Prattville	Attala	Prattville	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
99 Thos. M. Bragg	Laverne	Creighton	Laverne	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
101 Mineral City	Eirmingham	Jefferson	Eirmingham	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
104 Syacanga	Syacanga	Talladega	Syacanga	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
108 Pratt City	Pratt City	Bibb	Pratt City	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
109 Blocton	Blocton	Jefferson	Blocton	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
110 Bessemer	Bessemer	Falcons	Bessemer	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
111 Piedmont	Piedmont	Escambia	Piedmont	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
112 Brewton	Brewton	Henry	Brewton	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
113 Dothan	Dothan	Fayette	Dothan	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
114 H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette	Fayette	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
115 Thomasville	Thomasville	Clarke	Thomasville	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
116 Clanton	Clanton	Chilton	Clanton	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
117 Beauchamp	Beauchamp	E-cambia	Beauchamp	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday
118 Jasper	Jasper	Walker	Jasper	Chas. F. White	Chas. F. Tuttle	2d and 4th Saturday

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

Arkansas.....	Basil M. Hill.....	Springville.
Canada.....	Lew Lazarus.....	Birmingham.
Colorado.....	John B. Christian.....	Uniontown.
Connecticut.....	Wm. Y. Titcomb.....	Anniston.
Dis't of Columbia...	Louis J. Wright.....	Talladega.
Florida.....	James B. Rankin.....	Brewton.
Georgia.....	Edward F. King.....	Gainesville.
Illinois.....	George F. Moore.....	Montgomery.
Indiana.....	Thomas P. Whitby.....	Selma.
Indian Territory....	Josiah Jernigan.....	Troy.
Iowa.....	William Smaw.....	Eataw.
Kansas.....	John G. Harris.....	Montgomery.
Kentucky.....	Edward S. Gatchell.....	Selma.
Louisiana.....	Robert L. Douglass.....	Mobile.
Maine.....	Robert F. Lovelady.....	Pratt City.
Maryland.....	H. G. Earnest.....	Piedmont.
Massachusetts.....	Geo. A. Joiner.....	Talladega.
Minnesota.....	Walter Smith.....	Tuscaloosa.
Mississippi.....	Joseph A. Groves.....	Orrville.
Missouri.....	Newton N. Polk.....	Birmingham.
Nebraska.....	John G. Smith.....	Birmingham.
New Jersey.....	John R. Barr.....	Enfaula.
New York.....	John W. Bush.....	Birmingham.
Nevada.....	Chas. R. Bricken.....	Luverne.
North Carolina....	Wm. G. Cochrane.....	Tuscaloosa.
Nova Scotia.....	Louis J. Adler.....	Uniontown.
North Dakota.....	Geo. T. Malone.....	Dothan.
Ohio.....	John G. Smith.....	Birmingham.
Oregon.....	Geo. A. Beauchamp.....	Enfaula.
Quebec.....	Henry H. Matthews.....	Montgomery.
Rhode Island.....	James T. Beck.....	Camden.
South Carolina....	James O. Bailey.....	Marion.
South Dakota.....	Simon Klotz.....	Birmingham.
Tennessee.....	William W. Screws.....	Montgomery.
Texas.....	Geo. P. Harrison.....	Opelika.
Vermont.....	James E. Cobb.....	Tuskegee.
Victoria.....	Thomas T. Rowland.....	Tuscumbia.
Virginia.....	Philip C. Candidus.....	Mobile.
Wisconsin.....	Nathaniel L. Mewhinney..	Birmingham.

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

R. M. Smith.....	Hot Springs.....	Arkansas.
Wm. B. McArthur.....	Ottawa.....	Canada.
Tyler D. Heiskell.....	Fort Morgan.....	Colorado.
Isaac Baker, Jr.....	Hartford.....	Connecticut.
Charles W. Hancock.....	Washington.....	Dis. of Columbia
George S. Hallmark.....	Warrington.....	Florida.
Thomas H. Jeffries.....	Atlanta.....	Georgia.
Philander W. Barclay....	Cairo.....	Illinois.
Nicholas R. Buckle.....	Indianapolis.....	Indiana.
Louis I. Byrd.....	Muldrew.....	Indian Territory
William Walbraham.....	Creosa.....	Iowa.
H. L. Millard.....	Sterling.....	Kansas.
William Ryan.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.
William Robson.....	Robson's.....	Louisiana.
James M. Nevins.....	Bucksport.....	Maine.
Gustav A. Eitel.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.
William B. Lawrence....	Medford.....	Massachusetts.
William F. Dickinson....	Redwood Falls.....	Minnesota.
Robert L. Saunders.....	Jackson.....	Mississippi.
Thomas E. Garrett.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri.
John N. Westburg.....	Omaha.....	Nebraska.
Frederick G. Weise.....	Bordentown.....	New Jersey.
J. J. Whitaker.....	Enfield.....	North Carolina.
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