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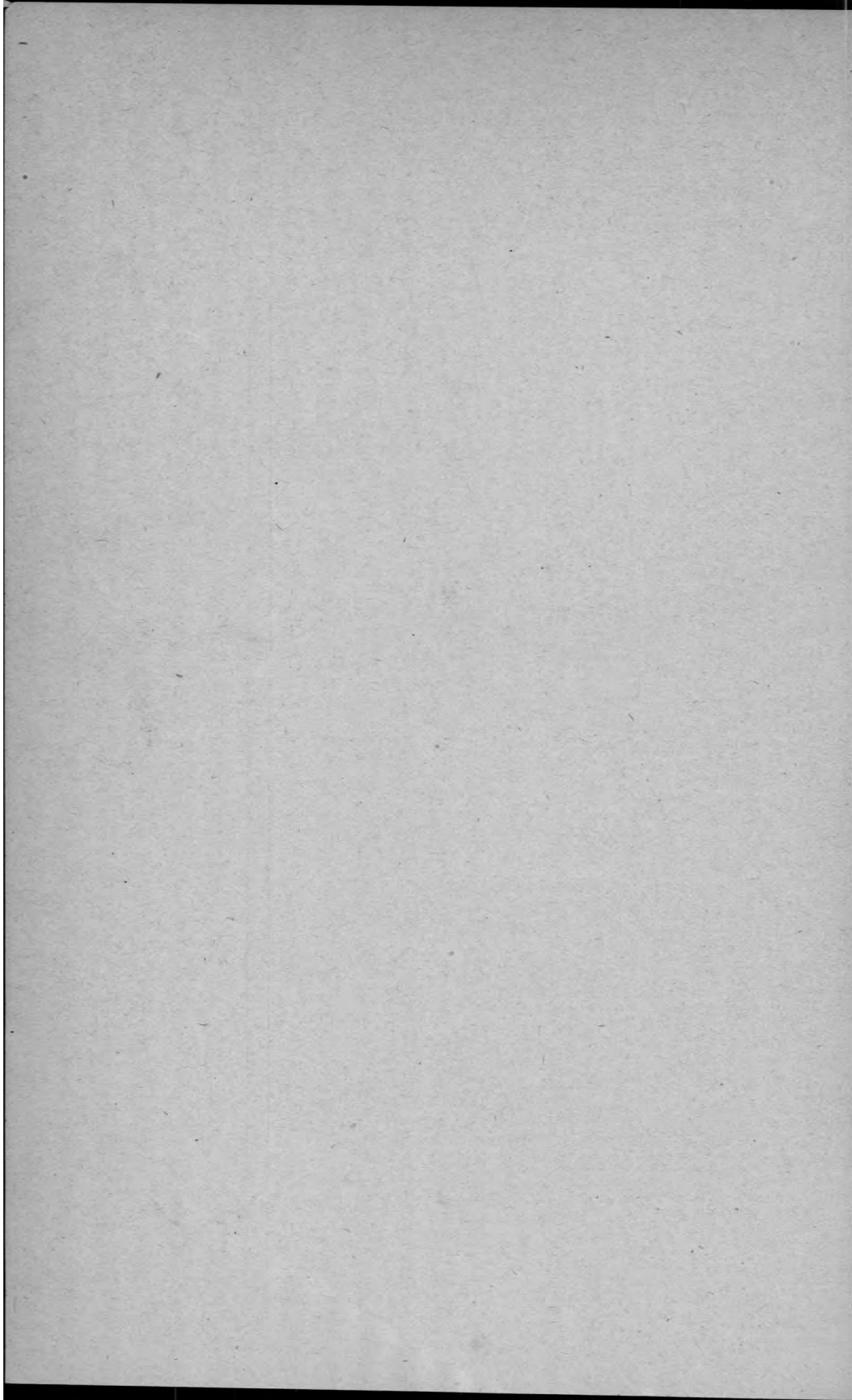
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OF THE
Grand Royal Arch Chapter
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HELD AT

Montgomery, December 5th and 6th, 1904, A. I. 2434

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

PRESENT.

CHARLES R. BRICKEN..Luverne.....M.: E.: G. H. Priest.
BASIL M. HILL.....Springville..M.: E.: D. G. H. Priest.
EDWARD S. GATCHELL..Selma.....as R.: E.: Grand King.
FRANCIS H. BATES.....Hamburg...R.: E.: Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY..Montgomery R.: E.: G. Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.Montgomery.R.: E.: G. Secretary.
STEWART MCQUEEN....Montgomery.R.: E.: G. Chaplain.
ROB'T S. TEAGUEMontgomery.R.: E.: G. C. of Host.
LEW LAZARUS.....Birmingham.E.: G. P. Sojourner.
ROB'T W. SOUTHERLAND.Mobile.....E.: G.: R. A. Captain.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....Uniontown..E.: G. M. of 3d Veil.
JOHN B. LYONS.....Opelika.....as E.: G. M. of 2d Veil.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.....Gadsden.....as E.: G. M. of 1st Veil.
CHARLES A. ALLENMontgomery.E.: G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM W. SCREWS.....M.: E.: Grand High Priest
EDWARD S. GATCHELL.....M.: E.: Grand High Priest

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

Arizona.....	George W. Coggin.....	Fayette.
Arkansas.....	Basil M. Hill.....	Springville.
Canada.....	Lew Lazarus.....	Birmingham.
Colorado.....	John B. Christian.....	Uniontown.
Connecticut.....	William Y. Titcomb.....	Anniston.
Georgia.....	Robert S. Teague.....	Montgomery.
Kentucky.....	Edward S. Gatchell.....	Selma.
Maine.....	William H. Dingley.....	Montgomery.
Maryland.....	Hezekiah G. Earnest.....	Piedmont.
Minnesota.....	Walter Smith.....	Tuscaloosa.
Nebraska.....	James B. Hunter.....	Union Springs.
Nevada.....	Charles R. Bricken.....	Luverne.
New Brunswick.....	John M. Miller.....	Cordova.
New Hampshire.....	Joseph P. VanDerveer.....	Clanton.
New Mexico.....	David Adams, Jr.....	Jackson.
New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Gadsden.
North Carolina.....	Robert W. Southerland.....	Mobile.
North Dakota.....	Magnus E. Conoway.....	Sylacauga.
Nova Scotia.....	A. E. Garner.....	Dothan.
Oregon.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
South Carolina.....	Francis H. Bates.....	Hamburg.
Tennessee.....	William W. Screws.....	Montgomery.
Texas.....	John B. Lyons.....	Opelika.
Vermont.....	Leonard Cornish.....	Demopolis.
West Virginia.....	Robert F. Lovelady.....	Pratt City.

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

No.	1	Tuscaloosa.....	{	Walter Smith.....	H. P.
			{	J. T. Garner.....	K.
			{	W. E. Bingham*.....	S.
	5	Eunomia.....		A. F. Evans*.....	S.
	12	Marion.....	{	F. H. Bates.....	H. P.
			{	W. H. Mason.....	K.
	19	Mt. Moriah.....		Bernard Harwood.....	H. P.
	21	Mobile.....	{	Ralph N. Hudson.....	H. P.
			{	J. D. Bloch*.....	K.
			{	R. L. Douglass*.....	S.

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No. 22	Montgomery	{ John W. Terry.....	H. P.
		{ John M. Riley.....	K.
		{ Phil McRae.....	S.
23	Talladege	{ Marion H. Sims.....	H. P.
		{ Louis J. Wright*.....	K.
24	Eufaula	George A. Beauchamp.....	H. P.
26	Union	J. B. Christian.....	H. P.
28	St. Johns	Edward S. Gatchell*.....	K.
34	Hermon	{ James B. Hunter.....	H. P.
		{ James W. Dykes*.....	K.
		{ D. A. Caylor.....	S.
38	Decatur	E. O. Rollings*.....	H. P.
40	Camden	J. C. Benson.....	H. P.
54	Tyrian	{ Charles F. White*.....	H. P.
		{ Stephen A. Pilley.....	K.
56	Dadeville	William C. Roeck.....	H. P.
57	Collinsville	T. A. Nowlin*.....	H. P.
64	Central	W. F. Aldrich.....	H. P.
80	Myles J. Greene	{ J. B. Lyons.....	H. P.
		{ T. D. Power.....	S.
81	Jefferson	L. Cornish*.....	H. P.
86	Coosa	{ Lawrence H. Lee.....	H. P.
		{ H. B. Myers*.....	K.
		{ B. Pope Hammond.....	S.
88	Springville	B. M. Hill.....	K.
92	Notasulga	{ William T. Duke.....	H. P.
		{ J. H. Williams.....	K.
		{ H. P. Merritt*.....	S.
99	Tho's M. Bragg	{ Charles R. Bricken.....	H. P.
		{ Stephen Hicks*.....	K.
101	Mineral City	{ Fred S. Vance.....	H. P.
		{ Edwin Burchell.....	K.
		{ J. D. Matlock*.....	S.
104	Sylacanga	{ Magnus E. Conaway.....	H. P.
		{ E. A. Hammett.....	K.
		{ W. J. McLeod*.....	L.
105	Anniston	James T. Greene.....	K.
107	Ft. Payne	{ Wm. T. Fuller*.....	H. P.
		{ James N. Kerby*.....	K.
108	Pratt City	{ R. F. Lovelady.....	H. P.
		{ C. D. Comstock.....	K.
		{ E. J. Hudnall*.....	S.
109	Blocton	{ C. P. Martin*.....	H. P.
		{ Geo. W. Randall.....	K.
110	Bessemer	Samuel Stein.....	H. P.

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No. 111 Piedmont.....	{	A. Sharpe Stewart.....	H. P.
		Oliver L. Stewart*.....	K.
		Wm. Siglin*.....	S.
112 Brewton	{	W. C. Griggs*.....	H. P.
113 Dothan.....	{	M. B. Behrman*.....	H. P.
		A. F. Pace.....	K.
		A. E. Garner*.....	S.
114 H. C. Armstrong.....	{	George W. Coggin	H. P.
115 Thomasville	{	J. J. Bozeman*.....	H. P.
		C. W. Terry*.....	K.
		W. K. Jarvis*.....	S.
116 Clanton.....	{	Joseph P. VanDerveer.....	H. P.
		William T. Wilson*.....	K.
		James A. Skaggs*.....	S.
117 Beauchamp.....	{	J. E. McCoy.....	H. P.
		J. D. Emmons*.....	K.
118 Jasper	{	J. M. Miller*.....	H. P.
		E. W. King.....	K.
		N. S. Daniel*.....	S.
119 Jackson.....	{	D. Adams, Jr.....	H. P.
		C. L. Warner.....	S.
120 Cunningham.....	{	J. H. Edwards*.....	H. P.
121 Phoenix.....	{	J. D. Hamilton*.....	H. P.
		John A. Straiton*.....	K.
122 Monroe	{	S. H. Dailey	H. P.
		W. G. McCorvey*.....	K.
		Claude Hardy*.....	S.
125 F. M. Jackson..	{	M. M. Kuffner*.....	H. P.
		H. A. Weaver*.....	K.
126 Tallassee.....	{	A. W. Hearen.....	H. P.
		S. P. Storrs*.....	K.
127 Evergreen.....	{	G. W. Salter, Sr.....	H. P.
		P. M. Bruner.....	K.
		J. B. Beard*.....	S.
128 Heflin.....	{	C. C. Slaton.....	H. P.
		S. L. B. Blacke.....	K.
		W. L. Black*.....	S.

*Proxy.

OPENED.

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

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

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GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

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

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter

Royal Arch Masons of the State of Alabama:

Companions—The seventy-eighth Convocation of this Grand Chapter finds Royal Arch Masonry in a most prosperous condition.

We have enjoyed a steady and healthy growth during the past twelve months, and from all sections of the State reports come which indicate that much interest is being manifested by the membership; not only in gaining desirable accessions to the fraternity, but also in the manner of conferring the degrees and attending to the business affairs of the several subordinate Chapters. A spirit of perfect harmony prevails amongst the Craft, as evidenced by the fact that during the whole capitular year just past I have been called upon in but three instances to make official rulings, which were as follows:

OFFICIAL RULINGS.

1. A Subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction may receive and act upon a petition of a brother Master Mason in good standing in his home Lodge, even though said Lodge may be in a foreign country.

2. A brother Master Mason residing in this State, but who resides more contiguous to a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in an adjoining Grand Jurisdiction, and who desires to make petition for the Capitular Degrees of Masonry to the Chapter nearest his place of residence, may do so upon first obtaining permission from the Subordinate Chapter in this State having jurisdiction over him, and by securing from said Chapter a waiver of its jurisdiction.

3. In construing the decision contained in the Grand Royal Arch Digest, page 29, as to a candidate whose application for the degrees has been rejected, the inquiry being, whether or not it is applicable to a Companion Royal Arch Mason whose petition for affiliation has been rejected by a Chapter. That is, must a Companion wait twelve months before he can renew his petition

for affiliation; I held that said decision has no reference what ever to a Companion Royal Arch Mason who simply makes a petition for affiliation. And I held that a Companion Royal Arch Mason, whose petition for affiliation has been rejected by a subordinate Chapter, may renew his petition at any subsequent convocation of the Chapter, and may continue to apply as long as he chooses. Each petition must, however, take the same course as the original petition. This I held to be the law in the absence of a by-law of the Subordinate Chapter to the contrary.

4. A subordinate Chapter has a right to make a by-law fixing the time which must elapse before one rejected for affiliation may renew his petition. But in the absence of such by-law it may be renewed at any time.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is replete with matters of great interest to the Craft. And I again urge every Royal Arch Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction to read carefully and at length these reports.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Under this subdivision, no predecessor of your present Grand High Priest has ever been called upon to announce with greater sadness the untimely death of one of our number, the irreparable loss of one of our brightest jewels, the loss that appeals to us all as a personal affliction, when I announce to you the death of our much beloved and highly honored Right Excellent Joseph Pickens McQueen, Grand King of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter. Shortly after this sad intelligence reached me I issued and had promulgated the following announcement, to-wit:

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS }
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA. }
GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S OFFICE, LUVERNE, ALA.,
March 1, 1904.

To the High Priests, Kings, Scribes, and Companions of all Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction:

Companions:—Again we are called upon to mourn the loss of one of our best beloved and most active members, the sweetness and fragrance of whose memory and example will linger with us while life shall last.

R. . E. . Joseph Pickens McQueen, Grand King of this Grand Chapter, departed this life, at his home in Eutaw, Alabama, Wednesday morning, January 20, 1904. He

was born in Greene county, Alabama, June 22, 1854 and received his education in North and South Carolina and after the death of his father removed with his mother to Eutaw, in Greene county. He took up the study of law under Chancellor James B. Clarke, and continued with the firm of Clark & Coleman, a famous law firm in that section of the State for years. He was admitted to the bar in 1875, since which time he kept steadily at his profession. He was always a staunch Democrat in politics and represented Greene county in the Legislature of Alabama in the session of 1884-85. He has been a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee for years, and was six years at the head of the Greene county Democratic executive committee. He has managed extensive land and great stock interests, and owned a large plantation in the vicinity of Livingston. He was married in 1875 to Miss Roberta Kirksey, a native of Marengo county. He leaves five children. He was an earnest worker in the Episcopal Church and lent all efforts to that organization. His Masonic record is as follows:

He was initiated February 3, passed March 3, and raised April 7, 1890, in Amity Lodge, No. 54, at Eutaw, Alabama. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 19, at Eutaw, Alabama, December 12, 1890, and served that Chapter as High Priest from 1897 to the time of his death. He was appointed Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in 1898, and again in 1899. He was elected Grand Captain of the Host in 1900, Grand Scribe in 1901, and Grand King in 1902 and also in 1903, serving as such at the time of his death, and if he had lived would undoubtedly have been elected Grand High Priest.

Truly a good man and noble Mason has fallen. He was true and faithful in all his relations to his fellow men, and set before his brethren and companions the bright example of a just and upright man.

Our hearts go out in tender sympathy to his bereaved widow and children, and while we join with them in lamenting his passing away in the midst of a busy and useful life, let us commend them to the loving care of Him, who doeth all things well, who soothes our every sorrow and tempers the afflictions of this life, by His almighty love and kindness.

As a tribute to the memory of our deceased Companion, it is my order that this memorial be read in open Chapter at the first regular convocation after its reception; that it be spread upon the Chapter book of records, and that the altar and jewels be draped in mourning for sixty days thereafter.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES R. BRICKEN,
Grand High Priest.

Attest: GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

"How long man lives, not years but actions tell;
That man lives twice who lives his first life well."

Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have been called upon to mourn the loss of many of their Officers and Past Grand Officers, which reminds us that

"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

It also reminds us that

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returneth,
Was not spoken of the soul."

So with sorrow too profound for expression, I hereby make mention of these departed Companions in the order in which I have been officially notified.

M. . E. . Companion Thomas Flint, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, who died in San Juan, Cal., June 20, 1904, aged 80 years.

M. . E. . Companion George T. Cooper, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, who died in Denver, Col., June 20th, 1904, aged 59 years.

M. . E. . Companion William M. McIntosh, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, who died in Tallahassee, Fla., April 16th, 1904, aged 78 years.

M. . E. . Companion Warren Tyler, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, who died in Bartow, Fla., December 21st, 1903, aged 43 years.

M. . E. . Companion William A. Graham, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, who died in Fort Gaines, Ga., February 24th, 1904.

M. . E. . Companion Israel P. Wilson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, who died in Burlington, Iowa, on March 9, 1904, aged 67 years.

M. . E. . Companion Trenmor Coffin, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada, who died in Carson City, Nevada, August 26, 1904, aged 56 years.

M. . E. . Companion Charles Belcher, Past Grand High Priest, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, who died in Newark, N. J., February 20, 1904.

E. . E. . Companion Ferdinand Ulrich, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, who died in Baltimore, Md., August, 7th, 1904, aged 52 years.

M. . E. . Companion Charles John McDonald, Past Grand

High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, who died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 12, 1903, aged 62 years.

M. E. Companion Joseph Alvah Locke, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine, who died in Portland, Maine, April 21, 1904, aged 61 years.

R. E. Companion William A. Wentz, Past Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, who died in Baltimore, Md., March 29, 1904, aged 75 years.

M. E. Companion Charles F. Achey, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, who died in Baltimore, May 29, 1904, aged 73 years.

R. E. Companion Jacob H. Medairy, Past Grand King and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, who died in Baltimore, Md., February 3, 1904, aged 82 years.

M. E. Companion John L. Mitchell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, who died in Jackson, Mich., July 10th, 1904, aged 81 years.

M. E. Companion David C. Spaulding, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, who died in Lyons, Mich., July 14, 1904, aged 70 years.

E. Companion Samuel Irvin Givin, Past Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, who died in Roxborough, Pa., April 17, 1904, aged 71 years.

M. E. Companion Richard M. Johnson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, who died August 16, 1904, aged 68 years.

M. E. Companion John Marshall Nye, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, who died in Phenix, R. I., April 20, 1904.

R. E. Companion Charles V. Taylor, Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, who died in Morristown, Tenn., April 22, 1904, aged 44 years.

M. E. Companion Angel S. Myers, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, who died in Memphis, Tenn., February 9, 1904, aged 76 years.

M. E. Companion John Adriance, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, who died in Columbia, Texas, December 7, 1903, aged 88 years.

M. E. Companion Robert M. Harkness Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, who died March 30, 1904, aged 67 years.

M. E. Companion Rufus Osgood Rounsavall, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, who died in Waco, Texas, July 20, 1904, aged 53 years.

M. E. Companion William Henry Harrison Flick, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, who died in Martinsburg, W. Va., June 7, 1904, aged 63 years.

R. E. Companion Robert Carter Dunnington, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, who died in Fairmont, W. Va., February 10, 1904, aged 66 years.

COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Words of commendation have reached me from every section of the State with reference to the present manner of reporting the work of this Grand Chapter. With the ritual, which we have adopted as the work of this Grand Chapter, at hand; and the opportunity now afforded to see the several degrees properly conferred at every convocation of this Grand Chapter, there is no reason why every subordinate Chapter should not in a very short time be enabled to properly and impressively confer all of these degrees upon those duly elected to receive them in their respective Chapters. This condition of affairs will add new life, vigor and interest in every Chapter and the resultant effect will be manifestly beneficial.

NEW CHAPTERS.

On August 22, 1904, I issued a dispensation to E. Companion Charles C. Slaton and eight other Companions to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Heflin, Cleburne county, to be known as Heflin Chapter No. 128.

CHAPTERS REORGANIZED.

On June 21, 1904, I issued a dispensation to E. Companion William J. Roberts and ten other companions to reorganize Collinsville Chapter No. 57 at Collinsville, DeKalb county, said chapter having paid the required amount of dues to the Grand Chapter.

On August 12, 1904, I issued a dispensation to E. Companion Neill McArthur and ten other companions to reorganize Camden Chapter No. 40 at Camden, Wilcox county, said chapter having paid the required amount of dues to the Grand Chapter.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

On December 24, 1903, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Tallassee Chapter No. 126 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of J. E. Howard, L. D. Howard and William G. Henderson.

On January 9, 1904, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of James Isbell, William Wilson, William Brinkley, Edward Moriarty, Leonard Aushbacker and Thomas Troxell.

On April 30, 1904, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 19 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petition of Robert Wilson.

On May 12, 1904, for good cause shown I granted a dispensation to Mineral City Chapter No. 101 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of Robert Hardaway Wright, Morris Newfield, James William Hughes, George James Hunt, Austin Plummer Sims, William Thompson Berry, Samuel Williamson Hawkins and Thomas McLaughlin.

On June 1, 1904, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Mineral City Chapter No. 101 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petition of Freeland Howard Parsons.

On June 1, 1904, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Sylacauga Chapter No. 104 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petition of M. H. Jackson.

On June 2, 1904, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Dothan Chapter No. 113 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petition of J. Y. Palmer.

On June 14, 1904, I granted a special dispensation to Eunomia Chapter No. 5 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On June 16, 1904, I granted a special dispensation to H. Clay Armstrong Chapter No. 114 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On June 16, 1904, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Dothan Chapter No. 113 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of A. E. Pace and E. J. Buntin.

On June 27, 1904, I granted a special dispensation to Tallassee Chapter No. 126 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On July 12, 1904, I granted a special dispensation to Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On July 12, 1904, I granted a special dispensation to Phoenix Chapter No. 121 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On October 29, 1904, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Coosa Chapter No. 86 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petition of Isaac W. Hill.

On November 1, 1904, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Anniston Chapter No. 105 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of Charles A. Wilkerson, Benjamin W. Ingersoll, Julian F. Spearman, Herman F. Buckholz, Rudolph Hertz and Thomas G. Bush, Jr.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following Companions as the representatives of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapters mentioned:

- Grand Chapter of Arizona—Daniel Francis Mitchell, Prescott.
- Grand Chapter of Arkansas—H. A. Butler, Malvern.
- Grand Chapter of California—Robert Ash.
- Grand Chapter of Canada—W. B. McArthur, Ottawa.
- Grand Chapter of Colorado—Tyler D. Heiskell, Fort Morgan.
- Grand Chapter of Connecticut—Eugene A. Hall, Meriden.
- Grand Chapter of Delaware—J. Harner Rile, Wilmington.
- Grand Chapter of District of Columbia—Charles W. Hancock, Washington.
- Grand Chapter of Florida—George S. Hallmark, Jacksonville.
- Grand Chapter of Georgia—Thomas H. Jeffries, Atlanta.
- Grand Chapter of Illinois—Philander W. Barclay, Cairo.
- Grand Chapter of Indiana—Alvin G. Tillotson, Michigan City.
- Grand Chapter of Iowa—William Wilbraham, Cresco.
- Grand Chapter of Indian Territory—William Henry Essex, South McAlester.
- Grand Chapter of Kansas—Haman L. Millard, Topeka.
- Grand Chapter of Kentucky—William Ryan, Louisville.
- Grand Chapter of Maine—James M. Nevins, Bucksport.
- Grand Chapter of Maryland—Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore.
- Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—William D. Lawrence, Medford.

Grand Chapter of Minnesota—James Kelly, Duluth.

Grand Chapter of Nebraska—Frederick J. Schaufelberger, Hastings.

Grand Chapter of Nevada—William McMillan.

Grand Chapter of New Brunswick—Allison B. Connell, Woodstock.

Grand Chapter of New Hampshire—Henry P. Glidden, Dover.

Grand Chapter of New Jersey—Fred. G. Weise, Bordentown.

Grand Chapter of New Mexico—C. H. Sporleder, Las Vegas.

Grand Chapter of New York—A. Marcellus Lampher, Lowville.

Grand Chapter of New Zealand—James McGregor, Invercargill.

Grand Chapter of North Carolina—W. B. McKoy, Wilmington.

Grand Chapter of North Dakota—Halley V. Hicks, Oakes.

Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia—David Small, Charlottetown.

Grand Chapter of Ohio—George W. Fels, Cincinnati.

Grand Chapter of Oregon—Jay Tuttle, Astoria.

Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania—Walter D. Clark, New Castle.

Grand Chapter of Quebec—Charles P. O'Connor, Montreal.

Grand Chapter of South Carolina—J. B. Park, Greenwood.

Grand Chapter of South Dakota—Frank A. Brown, Aberdeen.

Grand Chapter of Texas—W. V. R. Watson, Houston.

Grand Chapter of Vermont—Jesse W. Arms, Waterbury.

Grand Chapter of Victoria—Henry J. Scott.

Grand Chapter of West Virginia—James A. Bryan, Parkersburg.

Grand Chapter of Wisconsin—William Chester Swain Milwaukee.

I have recommended for and had notice of the appointment of the following Companions as the representatives of the several Grand Chapters named near the Grand Chapter of Alabama :

Grand Chapter of Arizona—George W. Coggin, Fayette.

Grand Chapter of Arkansas—Basil M. Hill, Springville.

Grand Chapter of California—Harry H. Patterson, Atmore.

Grand Chapter of Canada—Lew Lazarus, Birmingham.

Grand Chapter of Colorado—John B. Christian, Uniontown.

Grand Chapter of Connecticut—William Y. Titcomb, Anniston.

- Grand Chapter of Delaware—Charles H. Mandy, Easley.
Grand Chapter of District of Columbia—Ephraim S. Garrett, Selma.
Grand Chapter of Florida—Stephen C. Henderson, Brewton.
Grand Chapter of Georgia—Robert S. Teague, Montgomery.
Grand Chapter of Illinois—George F. Moore, Montgomery.
Grand Chapter of Indiana—Thomas P. Whitby, Selma.
Grand Chapter of Iowa—William Smaw, Greensboro.
Grand Chapter of Indian Territory, Josiah Jernigan, Troy.
Grand Chapter of Kansas—John G. Harris, Montgomery.
Grand Chapter of Kentucky—Edward S. Gatchell, Selma.
Grand Chapter of Maine—William H. Dingley, Montgomery.
Grand Chapter of Maryland—Hezekiah G. Earnest, Piedmont.
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—George A. Joiner, Talladega.
Grand Chapter of Minnesota—Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa.
Grand Chapter of Nebraska—James B. Hunter, Union Springs.
Grand Chapter of Nevada—Charles R. Bricken, Luverne.
Grand Chapter of New Brunswick—John M. Miller, Cordova.
Grand Chapter of New Hampshire—Joseph P. Van Derveer, Canton.
Grand Chapter of New Jersey—John R. Barr, Eufaula.
Grand Chapter of New Mexico—David Adams, Jr., Jackson.
Grand Chapter of New York—Lawrence H. Lee, Gadsden.
Grand Chapter of New Zealand—John M. P. Otts, Jr., Greensboro.
Grand Chapter of North Carolina—Robert W. Southerland, Mobile.
Grand Chapter of North Dakota—Magnus E. Conaway, Sylacauga.
Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia—A. E. Garner, Dothan.
Grand Chapter of Ohio—John G. Smith, Birmingham.
Grand Chapter of Oregon—Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.
Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania—Robert M. Hearin, Bladon Springs.
Grand Chapter of Quebec—Henry H. Matthews, Montgomery.
Grand Chapter of South Carolina—Francis H. Bates, Hamburg.
Grand Chapter of South Dakota—Obe Lee, New Decatur.

Grand Chapter of Texas—John B. Lyons, Opelika.

Grand Chapter of Vermont—Leonard Cornish, Demopolis.

Grand Chapter of Victoria—Edward W. Gilfillan, Sheffield.

Grand Chapter of West Virginia—Robert F. Lovelady, Pratt City.

Grand Chapter of Wisconsin—Nathaniel L. Mewhinney, Birmingham.

And now, my Companions, having given an account of all my official acts, I beg to say in conclusion that my efforts in behalf of our time-honored Craft have been to me, in every sense of the word, a labor of love. During the whole two terms of my office, it delights me to say that not one single incident has occurred to mar the great pleasure which my service for the Craft has afforded me.

And though now I relinquish the reigns of government, and return to you the gavel of authority, yet in my heart there still burns, and forever will burn, the bright flame of love and devotion for the Craft which has permeated my whole being every moment of my life since I attained the degrees that made of me a Royal Arch Mason. And I retire from my office bearing in my heart for every one of you, and for every Companion Royal Arch Mason, that kind, cordial, fraternal and brotherly feeling peculiarly characteristic of the members of our ancient and noble Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES R. BRICKEN,

Grand High Priest.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of R. E. Companion Robert S. Teague, the Grand High Priest's address was referred to a committee of two Past Grand High Priests, as follows: William W. Screws and Edward S. Gatchell, except the part relating to the rulings of the Grand High Priest, which on motion of E. Companion John B. Lyons was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion William H. Dingley, submitted the following as his Annual Report, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer,

In Account with the

GRAND CHAPTER R. A. MASONS OF ALABAMA.

1903.		DR.	
Nov.	30	To balance.....	\$1873 15
1904.			
Aug.	16	Received from Grand Secretary...	\$ 580 50
Nov.	15	" " " " " " ...	876 50
			1457 00
			3330 15

CR.	
By Grand Sentinel.....	25 00
Contingent Fund overpaid in 1903.....	18 19
Contingent Fund.....	300 00
Charters issued.....	40 00
Jewel Hangers, Lilley & Co.....	10 05
P. G. H. P. Jewels, Harris, Moore and Beauchamp.....	75 00
Binding Books.....	99 75
Plating Jewels, C. L. Ruth.....	19 50
Committee on Correspondence.....	100 00
Grand Secretary.....	600 00
Grand Treasurer.....	100 00
Balance	1387 49
	1942 66
	3330 15

REPORTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary, M.: E.: Companion George A. Beauchamp, submitted the following reports which

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were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

I beg to submit the following reports for the year ending November 15, 1904 :

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1903.

Nov. 18	Myles J. Greene	No. 80	1903	\$18 75
	Cunningham	120	1903	25 50
	Mt. Moriah	19	1903	24 00
19	Courtland	25	1903	12 75
21	Eufaula	24	1903	27 00
23	Hermon	34	1903	27 50
26	Marion	12	1903	16 50
	Talladega	23	1903 (bal.)	8 25
27	H. Clay Armstrong	114	1903	14 25
28	St. Johns	28	1903	32 25
30	Union	26	1903	17 25
	Beauchamp	117	1903 (bal.)	1 50
	Springville	88	1903	16 50
	Hermon	34	1903 (bal.)	1 00
	Tuscaloosa	1	1903	40 50
	Bessemer	110	1903	49 50
Dec. 1	Tuscumbia	10	1902	21 00
	Thomasville	115	1903	31 50
	Thomas M. Bragg	99	1903	13 50
	Brewton	112	1903	30 75
	Sylacauga	104	1903	18 75
	Mobile	21	1903	48 00

1904.

Oct. 8	Cunningham	120	1904	30 75
10	Jefferson	81	1904	24 75
15	Montgomery	22	1904	51 75
17	Blocton	109	1904	30 00
18	Mineral City	101	1904	165 75

Amount carried forward.....\$ 799 50

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

DUES—CONTINUED.

1904.	Amount brought forward.....		\$ 799 50
Oct. 21	Tyrian	No. 54.....	1904. 45 75
22	Clanton.....	113.....	1904. 23 25
25	Monroe.....	122.....	1904. 36 75
28	Mt. Moriah.....	19.....	1904. 26 25
	Decatur.....	38.....	1904. 44 25
31	Beauchamp.....	117.....	1904. 33 75
Nov. 2	Pratt City.....	108.....	1904. 27 75
3	Anniston.....	105.....	1904. 25 50
9	Bladon Springs.....	124.....	1904. 48 00
	Mobile.....	21.....	1904. 59 25
12	Jasper.....	118.....	1904. 30 00
14	Talladega.....	23.....	1904. 24 75
15	Coosa	86.....	1904. 38 25
			\$1,263 00

CERTIFICATES.

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DISPENSATIONS.

1904.

June 21	Dispensation issued Willim J. Roberts and ten other Companions to re-organize Collinsville Chapter No. 57.....	22 50
Aug. 12	Dispensation issued Neill McArthur and ten other Companions to reorganize Camden Chapter No. 40.....	18 00
22	Dispensation issued Charles C. Seaton and eight other Companions to form and organize Heflin Chapter No. 128.....	90 00
		130 50

RITUALS.

1903.

Nov. 28	Nos. 60, 61 and 62 sold Marion Chapter No. 12...	9 00
30	No. 84 " Zerubbabel "	56... 3 00
Dec. 17	No. 86 " Fort Payne "	107... 3 00

1904.

March 10	Nos. 88, 89 and 90 sold Evergreen "	127... 9 00
April 30	No. 91 " F.M. Jackson "	125... 3 00
Sept. 1	Nos. 93 and 94 " Heflin "	128... 6 00
Oct. 24	No. 95 " Camden "	40... 3 00
July 6	No. 92 " Collinsville "	57... 3 00
		39 00

RECAPITULATION.

1904.

Nov. 15	Dues collected since last report.....	1263 00
	Certificates issued " " ".....	24 50
	Dispensations issued " " ".....	130 50
	Rituals sold " " ".....	39 00
		1457 00

1904.

Aug. 16	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	580 50
Nov. 15	" " ".....	876 50
		1457 00

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STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,
In Account with the

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

1903.

Dec. 1 To Contingent Fund..... \$300 00

1904.

Nov. 15 By Printing and Stationery..... \$263 70

Sundries..... 4 75

Postage and Express..... 62 45

Coal..... 18 50

General Grand Chapter Dues..... 17 32

366 72Amount overdrawn.....

66 72

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

E.. Companion William 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.)

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

E.. Companion William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following special report, which on motion was adopted :

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

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the following special report.

To this committee has been referred the communication which follows:

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF WESTERN
 AUSTRALIA.

Perth, Western Australia, 7th September, 1904.

Dear Sir and M.. E.. Companion : I have the honor to re-

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request you to notify your Most Excellent Grand Principals and Grand Chapter that on the 15th June, 1904, in pursuance of previous notice, the representatives of a majority of the Royal Arch Chapters working in this State met together and declared the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia duly formed and constituted, and elected M. E. Companion, Michael Samson, P. Z., the First Grand Principal.

On the 30th August last the first Grand Convocation of the new body was held, and after the resolution of the delegates had been adopted by the Chapters taking part in the new movement, the First Grand Principal was installed and the other Grand Principals and Grand Office Bearers were also duly elected and installed.

There are nine duly constituted Chapters working in this State—one under the Grand Chapter of England, and eight under the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Of these all but two of the Scottish Chapters have joined the new Grand Body.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia has assumed the control in this State of the Degrees of Mark Master, Excellent Master, and Royal Arch; the Installation Degrees of the three Principals Z., H., and J.; Installed Master in the Mark Degree, and the Ark Mariner and Red Cross Degrees.

By direction of the M. E. First Grand Principal; I have also the honor to inform you that this Grand Chapter solicits from your Grand Chapter official and fraternal recognition.

Should this be granted, as we trust that it will, and an Excellent Member of your Grand Chapter appointed to represent us in your assembly, the necessary commission will be prepared and forwarded forthwith.

I may add that my Grand Chapter would be pleased to add the name of your Grand Chapter to the list of those with whom it is in correspondence, and to exchange reports, etc. And I have also to request the favor of a copy of your Book of Constitution and of your Ritual.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir and M. E. Companion,
Yours Fraternally,

HORACE B. JOSEPH, G. S. E.

HENRY C. ARMSTRONG, ESQ., Grand Scribe E., Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, U. S. A.

Since through the authorized letter of R. E. Companion Horace B. Joseph, Grand Scribe E., the fact is communicated that a majority of all the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Western Australia have united to form a Grand Chapter, your committee recommends that the Grand Chapter of Alabama extend cordial recognition to the said Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and propose an interchange of Representatives. Further, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate

this action of the Grand Chapter of Alabama to that of Western Australia.

Fraternally Submitted,

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB, Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of Companion J. D. Matlock, as a member of the Committee on Work, vice Companion Charles H. Mandy, resigned.

RESOLUTION ALLOWING UNION CHAPTER NO. 26 THIRTY DAYS IN WHICH TO PAY DUES AND MAKE RETURN.

E.. Companion John B. Christian offered the following resolution, which on motion of R.. E.. Companion Robert S. Teague was adopted :

Resolved, That Union Chapter No. 26 be granted thirty days in which to make their return and pay their dues to this Grand Chapter for the past Masonic year.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE RECONSIDERED.

R.. E.. Companion Robert S. Teague moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting special report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence relative to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia, and upon motion of E.. Companion John B. Christian said report was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

COMMITTEES.

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

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ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

John B. Lyons,	Joseph H. Edwards,
William W. Ransom,	James B. Hunter.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Leonard Cornish,	Marion H. Sims,
William J. Renfro,	Robert L. Douglass.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

A. Sharpe Stewart,	Geo. W. Coggin,
Charles R. Westcott.	

ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS

John B. Christian,	Jesse E. McCoy,
W. C. Griggs.	

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES IN
COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Owing to the death of R. E. Companion Joseph P. McQueen since the last annual Convocation and the absence from this Convocation of Companion Henry F. Reese, the Grand High Priest named the following as the Committee

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

James T. Greene,	Bernard Harwood,
Lawrence H. Lee.	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Mobile Chapter No. 21, Coosa Chapter No. 86 and Mineral City Chapter No. 101, severally requested the Grand Chapter to confer upon Brothers J. K. Semmes, for Mobile Chapter 21, Isaac W. Hill, for Coosa, Chapter No. 86, John Patton Abbott and Charles Augustus Ellis, for Mineral City Chapter No. 101, the several degrees of the Chapter in exemplifying the

work by the Committee on Work, they having been duly elected to receive same by said Chapters.

The Grand Chapter having acceded to their request, the brethren named were brought forward and separately received and advanced to the degree of Mark Master, by the Committee on Work, in due form.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 4 o'clock this p. m.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, December 5th, 1904.

The M. E. Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 4 o'clock. M. E. Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken presiding, and other Grand officers at their respective stations.

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

E. Companion William E. Bingham, Grand Master of the 2d Veil, who was unavoidably absent at the morning session, arrived and occupied his station.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

M. E. Companion William W. Screws, from the Committee on the Grand High Priest'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 annual address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, beg leave to report :

The cheering words of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in the opening sentence of his address, "The 78th Convocation of this Grand Chapter finds Royal Arch Masonry in a most prosperous condition," seem to be in accord with that hopefulness which now animates all the companions of this jurisdiction.

The information that not only is great interest displayed in the membership and gaining of desirable accessions, but that more attention is given to the proper conferring of degrees and to the business affairs of subordinate chapters, is a note of encouragement which ought to bring still better results during the ensuing year. It will be noted that the official rulings relate to questions involving no contention among companions or chapters, but solely as to increase of membership and right to confer degrees.

We most heartily commend that portion of the address which relates to the foreign correspondence. There is much of abiding interest and of real instruction to be found in the report which is annually submitted.

We mourn with our sister jurisdictions the losses they have sustained by death of active and Grand officers, and especially commend the tribute paid in the address to our beloved Grand King, Joseph Pickens McQueen, whose seat in our annual convocation is vacant for the first time in many years. We recommend that a page of our annual journal be devoted to his memory. In addition to what is said in the address in commendation of the work of the Committee on Work, we trust it will not be considered beyond our province to recommend to each subordinate chapter the securing, if possible, during the year, of an official visit from such of the members of the committee as can find it convenient to attend. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. SCREWS,
EDWARD S. GATCHELL,
Committee.

RESOLUTION TO ISSUE NEW CHARTER TO PHOENIX CHAPTER
NO. 121.

M. E. Companion Edward S. Gatchell offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That Phoenix Chapter No. 121, be granted a new Charter free of cost, their Charter having been lost or misplaced.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TIME IN WHICH A REJECTED
CANDIDATE MAY PETITION AGAIN.

E. Companion Samuel Stein offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Resolved, That Edict on page 29 of the Code, which reads "twelve months before his petition can be received after being rejected," be changed to six months.

RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO AMENDMENT OF SECTION 8,
ARTICLE 3, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

E. Companion Samuel Stein offered the following resolution which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Be it Resolved, That Section eight (8), Article three (3) of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "Except where an applicant resides on or within one mile of a transportation line then he shall be permitted to apply to the first Chapter in either direction on said line."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on work then proceeded to exemplify the work and conferred the degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master on Brothers J. K.

Semmes, Isaac W. Hill, John Patton Abbott and Charles Augustus Ellis.

REPORT ON BINDING.

The Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, rendered the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings:
To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

I beg to report that the following Proceedings have been bound during the year and placed in the Library of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama.

General Grand Chapter U. S. 1856 to 71, 74 to 80, 83 to 89, 91 to 94, 97 to 1900.....	5 vols
Alabama 1823 to 58, 59 to 68, 69 to 73, 74 to 78, 79 to 84, 85 to 91, 92 to 96, 97 to 1901.....	8 vols
Arkansas 1893 to 96, 97 to 1900.....	2 vols
California 1872 to 75, 76 to 78, 82 to 84, 85 to 87, 91 to 93, 94 to 96, 1900 to 1902.....	7 vols
Canada 1866 to 70, 75 to 79, 84 to 86, 87 to 89, 90 to 94, 95 to 97, 98 to 1900, 1901 to 1903.....	8 vols
Colorado 1875 to 81, 82 to 86, 87 to 90, 91 to 93, 94 to 96, 97 to 99, 1900 to 1902.....	7 vols
Connecticut 1874 to 76, 77 to 81, 82 to 86, 87 to 91, 92 to 96, 97 to 99, 1900 to 1903.....	7 vols
Delaware 1839 to 82, 92 to 95, 96 to 99, 1900 to 1903.....	4 vols
District of Columbia 1867 to 73, 74 to 79, 85 to 90, 96 to 1900.....	4 vols
Illinois 1875 to 79, 80 to 82, 83 to 85, 86 to 88, 89 to 91, 92 to 94, 95 to 97.....	7 vols
Indiana 1873 to 77, 78 to 82, 83 to 86, 87 to 90, 91 to 93, 94 to 95, 96 to 99, 1900 to 1903.....	8 vols
Indian Territory 1890 to 96 97 to 1900, 1901 to 1904.....	3 vols
Kansas 1875 to 82, 83 to 88, 89 to 92, 93 to 97, 98 to 1902..	5 vols
Kentucky 1867 to 70, 71 to 73, 80 to 82, 83 to 85, 89 to 91, 96 to 99, 1900 to 1903.....	7 vols
Louisiana 1857 to 66, 67 to 71, 72 to 77, 78 to 82, 83 to 90, 97 to 1902.....	6 vols
Maryland 1870 to 74, 75 to 77, 78 to 81, 82 to 85, 86 to 88, 89 to 91, 95 to 97, 98 to 1900, 1901 to 1903.....	9 vols

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Massachusetts Reprint 1798 to 1860, 71 to 73, 74 to 76, 77 to 79, 80 to 82, 83 to 85, 86 to 88, 89 to 91, 92 to 94, 95 to 97, 98 to 1900, 1901 to 1903.....	12 vols
Michigan 1876 to 78, 79 to 81, 82 to 84, 85 to 87, 88 and 89, 90 & 91, 94 to 96, 97 & 98, 99 to 1901, 1902 to 1904.	10 vols
Minnesota 1876 to 79, 80 to 84 85 to 88, 89 to 92, 93 to 95, 96 to 1900	6 vols
Montana 1891 to 95, 96 to 99, 1900 to 1903.....	3 vols
Vermont 1873 to 80, 81 to 86, 92 to 96, 97 to 99, 1900 to 1903.	5 vols

In all, 133 volumes were bound in red morocco at a cost of seventy-five cents per volume, or \$99.75 for the lot, thus practically exhausting the appropriation of \$100.00 made at our last annual convocation.

There are many missing numbers in the proceedings of several of the States, which I will make strong efforts to procure during the coming year.

Faternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.

After prayer by the R. E. and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

MONDAY EVENING, December 5, 1904.

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

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

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK,

Anniston Chapter No. 105 notified the Grand Chapter that Brother Thomas G. Bush, Jr. had been duly elected to receive the several degrees of the Chapter by said Chapter: that the degrees from Mark Master to Most Excellent Master inclusive had been conferred upon him by said Chapter, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degree of Royal Arch upon said Brother Thomas G. Bush, Jr.

On motion the Grand Chapter acceded to said request.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to exemplify the work and conferred the Royal Arch Degree on Brothers J. K. Semmes, Isaac W. Hill and John Patton Abbott.

The Committee then further exemplified the work by conferring the Royal Arch Degree on Brother Charles Augustus Ellis and Thomas G. Bush, Jr., using one substitute to complete the "team."

After prayer by the R. E. and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

NOTE.—To correct a misapprehension which we observe exists in other jurisdictions, it is proper to state that the Companions on whom these degrees were conferred, are *not* non-affiliates, but that the conferring of the degrees upon them by the Grand Chapter constitutes them members of the several Chapters which elected them to receive same.

GRAND SECRETARY.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 6, 1904.

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

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

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Secretary, by direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest, called the roll of Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and the following responded:

George W. Coggin.....	Arizona
Basil M. Hill.....	Arkansas
Lew Lazarns.....	Canada
John B. Christian.....	Colorado
William Y. Titcomb.....	Connecticut
Robert S. Teague.....	Georgia
Edward S. Gatchell.....	Kentucky
William H. Dingley.....	Maine
Hezekiah G. Earnest.....	Maryland
Walter Smith.....	Minnesota
James B. Hunter.....	Nebraska
Charles R. Bricken.....	Nevada
John M. Miller.....	New Brunswick
Joseph P. VanDerveer.....	New Hampshire
David Adams, Jr.....	New Mexico
Lawrence H. Lee.....	New York
Robert W. Southerland.....	North Carolina
Magnus E. Conoway.....	North Dakota
A. E. Garner.....	Nova Scotia
George A. Beauchamp.....	Oregon
Francis H. Bates.....	South Carolina

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William W. Screws.....	Tennessee
John B. Lyons.....	Texas
Leonard Cornish.....	Vermont
Robert F. Lovelady.....	West Virginia

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

E. Companion James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following reports, which were severally read and adopted:

ON RULINGS OF M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the rulings numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, set out in the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest beg leave to report that we find them in accord with the spirit of the Constitution, by-laws and edicts of this Grand Chapter and therefore we recommend the approval and adoption of the same by this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,
LAWRENCE H. LEE,
BERNARD HARWOOD,

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

ON CHARGES AGAINST CENTRAL CHAPTER NO. 64.

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

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the charges preferred by Blocton Chapter No. 109 against Central Chapter No. 64 for exceeding its jurisdiction in conferring the degrees on J. F. Jenkins, John P. Melvin, Joseph D. Echols and William A. Monsey, whose fixed place of abode was within the jurisdiction of Blocton Chapter No. 109, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and heard the evidence pro and con.

We find that while the evidence establishes the truth of the

charges there was no intentional wrong doing on the part of Central Chapter.

Your committee therefore recommend that on the payment of the amount of fees received by Central Chapter to Blocton Chapter that no further action be taken against Central Chapter and that Central Chapter be directed to pay the same and the Grand Secretary notify Central Chapter of the action here taken.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,

BERNARD HARWOOD,

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

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

E. Companion John B. Christian, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, submitted the following reports and on motion they were severally adopted.

ON BY-LAWS OF EVERGREEN CHAPTER NO. 127.

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

Your Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals to whom was referred the By-Laws of Evergreen Chapter No. 127 would respectfully report that after a careful examination of said By-Laws :

1st, That we disapprove of that part of Section 1 of Article 1, that provides that regular convocations of said chapter shall be held on the Anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist in addition to the dates of regular convocations as provided in the first part of said Section and suggest that this part of said Section be stricken out.

2nd, We disapprove all of Section 2 of Article 1—as that section limits the power of the H. P. as to calling special convocations of said Chapter, as the Section is in direct conflict with Section 6 of Article 3, of the Grand Chapter Constitution. The High Priest of a Chapter has unlimited power to convene his Chapter at his will.

3rd, Section 1 of Article 2, should be amended as follows.

to-wit: After the word "ballot" in line 7—as numbered in pencil add the words "at the regular convocation immediately preceding St. John the Baptist's day and"

4th, Section 2 of Article 5 provides for "trials" and is very imperfect. We suggest that this Section be stricken out, and that Section 11 of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, governing this subject and which is full and complete in every respect be adopted by said Chapter in lieu of said Section.

5th, There are a number of other objections to said By-Laws but your committee were fortunate in having with us the High Priest of this Chapter and we have erased and interlined in pencil where changes were necessary to be made in order to make the same correspond with the Constitution, By-Laws and Edicts of the Grand Chapter and with these interlineations and erasures made in pencil being incorporated into the said By-Laws we approve the same.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JESSE E. MCCOY,

W. C. GRIGGS,

Committee.

ON BY-LAWS OF HEFLIN CHAPTER NO. 128.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, to whom was referred the By Laws of Heflin Chapter No. 128, R. A. M. beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same, and finding the same in accordance with the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of this Grand Chapter and do therefore approve the same.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JESSE E. MCCOY,

W. C. GRIGGS,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

E. Companion Léonard Cornish, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, submitted the following report which was adopted :

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

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

CORRECT, VIZ:

Blocton.....	No. 109	Piedmont.....	No. 111
Thomas M. Bragg.....	No. 99	Beauchamp.....	No. 117
Bladon Springs.....	No. 124	Courtland.....	No. 25
Camden.....	No. 40	Central.....	No. 64
Tuscaloosa.....	No. 1	Springville.....	No. 88
Montgomery.....	No. 22	Marion.....	No. 12
Evergreen.....	No. 127	Sylacanga.....	No. 104

INCORRECT.

Thomasville, No. 115, Christian names of members omitted.

Jackson, No. 119, Christian names of members omitted.

Tallassee, No. 126, Christian names of members omitted.

Phoenix, No. 121, No seal, Christian names omitted, H. P. failed to sign

Dothan No. 113, Christian names omitted.

Fort Payne No. 107, Error in recapitulation.

Dadeville, No. 56, Error in amount of dues, Christian names omitted.

Hermon No. 34, Fails to give date of degrees conferred on one member.

Mobile No. 21, Error in amount dues remitted.

Fraternally submitted,

L. CORNISH,

W. J. RENFROE,

MARION H. SIMS,

R. L. DOUGLASS,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

E. Companion John B. Lyons, Chairman of the 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 examined the returns submitted to them and find the following

CORRECT, VIZ :

H. Clay Armstrong, No. 114.
 Clanton, No. 116.
 Monroe, No. 122.
 Mineral City, No. 101.
 St. Johns, No. 28.
 Decatur, No. 38.
 Tyrian, No. 54.
 Jefferson, No. 81.
 Myles J. Greene, No. 80.
 Eunomia, No. 5.
 Mt. Moriah, No. 19.
 Talladega, No. 23.
 Enfaula, No. 24.
 Heflin, No. 128.

INCORRECT.

Brewton Chapter, No. 112, fails to give at least part of full Christian name.

F. M. Jackson, No. 125, fails to give names in full.

Jasper, No. 118, fails to give Christian name of members, also fails to state when one member took degrees.

Cunningham, No. 120, fails to state when one man was exalted, also does not give Christian names of members.

Pratt City, No. 108, fails to put name of Thos. H. McNamee on list of members. Return shows he was reinstated.

We respectfully recommend that the officers and members of Chapters present call attention of their secretaries to the importance of giving at least one of the christian names of each member. For instance, there might be a report from a subordinate chapter with three men with same initials: J. B. Smith (James Buchanan); J. B. Smith (John Benjamin); J. B. Smith (Jacob Brewster). In after years some might wish to trace their masonic genealogy, and the records would show one of the Smiths suspended, the other expelled and one in good standing.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN B. LYONS,
 WILLIAM W. RANSOM,
 JOSEPH H. EDWARDS,
 JAMES B. HUNTER.

Committee.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

E. Companion A. Sharpe Stewart, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, submitted the following report which was adopted :

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

We, your Committee on Dispensations, to whom was referred the Minute Books of Collinsville Chapter, No. 57, Evergreen Chapter, No. 127, and and Heflin Chapter, No. 128, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined said Minute Books and find them neatly and correctly kept, and would recommend that a Charter be granted to each of above named Chapters. We would further recommend that the Charter be restored to Camden Chapter, No. 40, when said Chapter shall have delivered its Dispensation to the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

A. SHARPE STEWART,
GEO. W. COGGIN,
CHAS. R. WESTCOTT.
Committee.

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S
JEWEL.

E. Companion Walter Smith offered the following resolution which was put immediately on its passage and duly carried :

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp, be instructed to purchase and present to Past Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken, a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel as a token of the high esteem and good will of this Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

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

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, report that we have examined same, and find them neatly and correctly kept.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand from last report....	\$1,873 15
August 16—Received from Grand Secretary.....	580 50
November 15—" " " "	876 50
	\$3,330 15

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Sentinel.....	25 00
Grand Secretary, overdraft on contingent fund....	18 19
Contingent fund.....	300 00
To Grand Secretary for four charters issued.....	40 00
Jewel Hangers.....	10 05
3 P. G. H. P. Jewels.....	75 00
Binding Books.....	99 75
Plating Jewels.....	19 50
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Salary....	100 00
Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	100 00
Grand Secretary, Salary.....	600 00
	1,387 49

Balance on hand and in bank.....	\$1,942 66
The M. E. Grand Secretary has collected and has in hand, since his last settlement with Grand Treasurer	
November 15th.....	618 25

Total cash on hand.....	
	\$2,560 91

We find that the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15, 1904:

Dues collected.....	\$1,263 00
Certificates issued.....	24 50
Dispensations issued.....	130 50
Rituals sold.....	39 00
	\$1,457 00

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer as shown by proper vouchers.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.

Amount appropriated 1903 Session Grand Chapter.....\$300 00

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By Printing and Stationery.....	\$263 70
" Sundries.....	4 75
" Postage and Express.....	62 45
" Coal.....	18 50
Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	17 32
	366 72
Balance due Grand Secretary.....	\$66 72

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Contingent Fund.....	\$400 00
Grand Treasurer (payable quarterly).....	100 00
Grand Secretary (payable quarterly).....	600 00
Grand Sentinel.....	25 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence (payable quarterly).....	100 00
P. G. H. P. Jewel for Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken, as per resolution adopted.....	25 00
Expenses R. . E. . Grand Chaplain attending funeral of R. . E. . Grand King (Joseph P. McQueen).....	11 25
Binding other Grand Chapter Proceedings.....	100 00
Grand Secretary, overdraft on contingent fund.....	66 72
Book Cases for Bound Proceedings.....	25 00
	\$1,452 97

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution requesting the Grand Chapter to issue new Charter to Phoenix Chapter, No. 121, free of cost, their charter having been lost, recommend that same be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

E. S. GACHELL,
F. H. BATES,
R. S. TEAGUE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

E. . Companion James T. Greene, Chairman of the

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

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Companion Samuel Stein to amend section 8, article 3, of the by-laws, by adding after the words "first had obtained" the words "except where an applicant resides on or within one mile of a transportation line, then he shall be permitted to apply to the first chapter in either direction on said line," have carefully considered the same and beg leave to report thereon adversely, and recommend that the same be not adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,
LAWRENCE H. LEE,
BERNARD HARWOOD,
Committee

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

E. Companion John B. Christian, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on By-Laws, Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Collinsville Chapter No. 57, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the said By-Laws and approve the same.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JESSE E. MCCOY,
W. C. GRIGGS,
Committee.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, with result as follows:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

BASIL M. HILL	M. E. Grand High Priest.
FRANCIS H. BATES	M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE	R. E. Grand King.
LEW LAZARUS	R. E. Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY	R. E. Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP	R. E. Grand Secretary.
STEWART MCQUEEN	R. E. Grand Chaplain.
ROBERT W. SOUTHERLAND	R. E. Grand Captain of the Host.

The Grand High Priest subsequently appointed the following:

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN	E. Grand Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
LAWRENCE H. LEE	E. Grand Master 3d Veil.
JOHN B. LYONS	E. Grand Master 2d Veil.
ALBERT E. PACE	E. Grand Master 1st Veil.
CHARLES A. ALLEN	E. Grand Sentinel.

COMMITTEE ON CODE.

Upon motion of E. Companion John B. Christian the Committee on Code was granted further time, but were requested to submit a report at the next Annual Convocation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

E. Companion James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia, dated September 7th, 1904, soliciting from this Grand Chapter official and fraternal recognition beg leave to report the same back with the recommendation that the same be re-referred (at the request

of the Chairman) to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence with instructions to correspond with the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland and with the General Grand Chapter to ascertain as to the regularity of the said Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,
LAWRENCE H. LEE,
BERNARD HARWOOD,
Committee.

RESOLUTION CONTINUING DISPENSATION OF COVINGTON
CHAPTER NO. 123.

R.. E.. Companion Francis H. Bates offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved That the dispensation of Covington Chapter No 123, be continued until the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

E.. Companion James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, made the following report, and the report was not adopted :

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred a resolution introduced at the last annual convocation as follows :

"That a Royal Arch Mason who dimitts from a Master Mason's Lodge and remains unaffiliated of his own volition for more than one year, stands suspended as a Royal Arch Mason," beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the same and report adversely thereon.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,
BERNARD HARWOOD,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO DIMITTED MASTER MASONS.

The following resolution was then put upon its passage and resulted in 77 votes for the resolution and 48 against it. There not being a two-thirds majority in favor of the resolution it was declared lost.

Be it Resolved, That a Royal Arch Mason who dimitts from a Master Mason's Lodge and remains unaffiliated of his own volition for more than one year, stands suspended as a Royal Arch Mason.

RESOLUTION RESCINDING INSTRUCTION TO GRAND SECRETARY
CONTAINED ON PAGE 39 OF 1903 PROCEEDINGS.

M.: E.: Companion Edward S. Gatchell offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the last Annual Convocation requiring the printing of the names of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing in Subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter be and is hereby rescinded.

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE APRONS.

M.: E.: Companion Edward S. Gatchell, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby empowered to buy a sufficient number of new aprons for the use of the Grand officers and members of the Grand Chapter, and pay for same out of the contingent fund.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were duly installed by M.: E.: Companion Charles R. Bricken, M.: E.: Companion Edward S. Gatchell acting as Grand Marshal.

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STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

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

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.....Anniston.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

JAMES T. GREENE.....Anniston.

HENRY F. REESE.....Selma.

BERNARD HARWOOD.....Eutaw.

ON FINANCE.

EDWARD S. GATCHELL.....Selma.

ROBERT S. TEAGUE.....Montgomery.

RALPH N. HUDSON.....Mobile.

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....Montgomery.

ROBERT S. TEAGUE.....Montgomery.

JOHN B. LYONS.....Opelika.

ROBERT W. SOUTHERLAND.....Mobile.

WILLIAM J. RENFROE.....Dothan.

WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....Birmingham.

LAWRENCE H. LEE.....Gadsden.

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....Birmingham.

WILLIAM J. MCLEOD.....Sylacauga.

THANKS TO RAILROADS.

M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to Mr. Joseph Richardson, Chairman of the Southeastern Passenger Association, and the Railroads belonging to the said Association, which he so efficiently represents, for their generosity in transporting the delegates to this Convocation of the Grand Chapter at reduced rates.

MINUTES READ.

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 Reverend Grand Chaplain, the M.: E.: Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in ample form.

Geo. A. O'Connell

Grand Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

STATE OF ALABAMA.

The Thirty-Third Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama, was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, December 6th, 1904.

PRESENT.

George A. Beauchamp.....	M.: E.: President.
Robert F. Lovelady.....	E.: Vice President.
Edward S. Gatchell.....	E.: Chaplain.
William H. Dingley.....	E.: Treasurer.
Basil M. Hill.....	E.: Recorder.
William E. Bingham.....	as E.: Master of Ceremonies.
Walter Smith.....	as E.: Conductor.
David Adams, Jr.....	as E.: Herald.
Robert W. Southerland.....	as E.: Steward.

And numerous other companions.

The Council was opened in ample form.

PETITIONS.

The petitions of the following eight Companions for the Order of High Priesthood were presented, and, on motion, were referred to a committee consisting of Companions Edward S. Gatchell, Robert W. Southerland and Walter Smith, for investigation :

Robert L. Douglass.....	Mobile.....	Chapter No	21
Ralph N. Hudson.....	Mobile.....	"	" 21
John Wilson Terry.....	Montgomery	"	" 22

Louis J. Wright.....	Talladega Chapter	No. 28
Samuel F. Vance.....	Mineral City	" " 101
Magnus E. Conaway.....	Sylacauga	" " 104
Joseph P. VanDerveer.....	Clanton	" " 116
Charles C. Slaton.....	Heflin	" " 128

The Committee to whom the above petitions were referred for investigation having reported, and a ballot being taken, all of the applicants were declared elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

The eight Companions who had been duly elected were then separately admitted, set apart, anointed and solemnly consecrated to the Holy Order of Priesthood.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with result as follows:

George A. Beauchamp.....	M. E. President.
Robert F. Lovelady.....	E. Vice-President.
William E. Bingham.....	E. Chaplain.
William H. Dingley.....	E. Treasurer.
Basil M. Hill.....	E. Recorder.
Edward S. Gatchell.....	E. Master of Ceremonies.
William W. Ransom.....	E. Conductor.
Robert W. Southerland.....	E. Herald.
John W. Terry.....	E. Steward.

The minutes were read and approved.

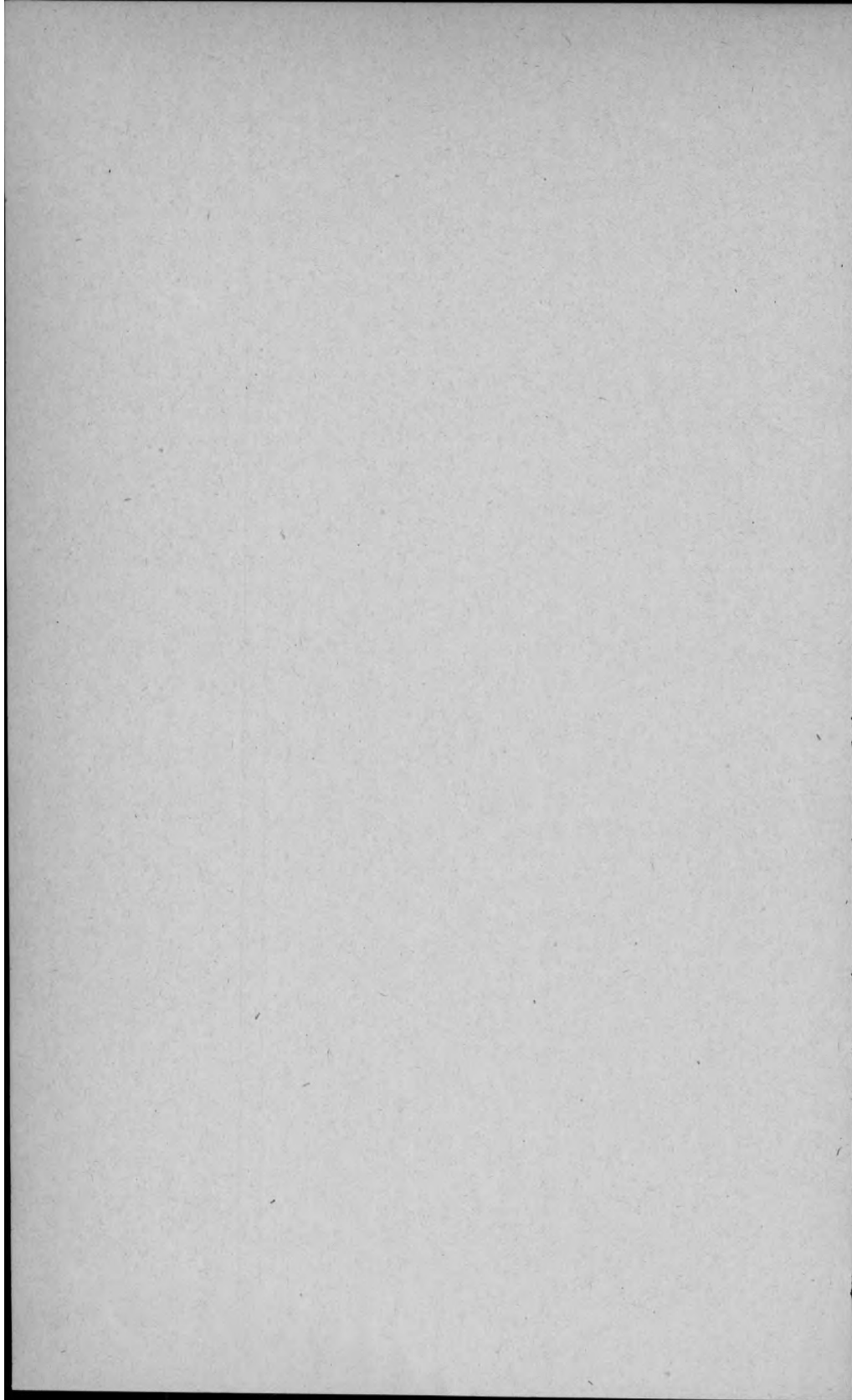
There being no further business to come before the Council, it was closed in Ample Form.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
President.

Attest:

BASIL M. HILL,
Recorder.

APPENDIX.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

— B Y —

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:

Your Committee has reviewed all the "Proceedings" which have come to hand, as follows:

Arizona	1903	Nebraska	1903
Arkansas	1903	Nevada	1904
California	1904	New Brunswick.....	1903
Canada	1904	New Hampshire.....	1904
Colorado	1903	New Jersey.....	1904
Connecticut.....	1904	New Mexico.....	1903
Delaware.....	1904	New York	1904
District of Columbia.....	1904	North Carolina	1904
England.....	1903-1904	North Dakota.....	1904
Florida	1904	Nova Scotia.....	1903
Georgia.....	1904	Ohio	1903
Illinois.....	1903	Oregon.....	1904
Indiana	1903	Pennsylvania.....	1903
Iowa.....	1903	Quebec.....	1904
Kansas.....	1904	Rhode Island.....	1904
Kentucky.....	1903	South Carolina.....	1903
Louisiana.....	1904	South Dakota.....	1904
Maine.....	1904	Tennessee.....	1904
Maryland.....	1903	Texas.....	1903
Massachusetts	1903	Vermont.....	1904
Michigan.....	1904	Virginia.....	1903
Minnesota.....	1903	Washington.....	1903-1904
Mississippi.....	1904	West Virginia.....	1903
Missouri.....	1904	Wisconsin.....	1904
Montana.....	1903		

ARIZONA.

14TH ANNUAL, TUCSON, NOVEMBER, 1903.

Chartered Chapters 6; U. D. 1; Members 419, gain 51.

M. E. Chas. D. Belden, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Grand High Priest being unavoidably absent, the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. Anthony A. Johns, presided as Acting Grand High Priest.

After report by the Committee on Credentials, showing a quorum of Chapters represented, five Past Grand High Priests, and eighteen Grand Representatives (Alabama's not included) present, a cordial welcome was extended to the Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from M. E. Grand High Priest, Chas. D. Belden, expressive of his great regret at his inability to attend convocations, and invoking the endowment of the companions with wisdom from On High and the care of the great I AM.

The Acting Grand High Priest then read the Annual Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

That document is a thoughtful and scholarly paper covering about seventeen pages. In it we find an apt quotation which illustrates helpful association. It is as follows:

"It is related by Saadi that 'One day as I was in the bath, a friend put into my hand a piece of scented clay. I took it and said to it, 'Art thou musk or ambergris, for I am charmed with thy perfume.' It answered, 'I was a despicable piece of clay; but I was sometimes in the company of the rose, and the quality of my smart companions was communicated to me; otherwise I should only be a bit of clay as I appear to be.'"

Fitting tribute was paid by the Grand High Priest, and by the appropriate Committee to the worth of two Past Grand High Priests—the late Frederick A. Sweet, and George W. Cheney, one of whom died on the 15th of April, and the other on the 14th of August, 1903. Appropriate circulars had been sent to all the Chapters on receipt of the sad intelligence of the departure of those two beloved Companions. Their portraits grace this volume.

A Charter was granted to the Chapter under dispensation.

On recommendation of a special Committee the ritual of the General Grand Chapter was adopted.

It is hard to unlearn the old and learn the new, but if the companions set their faces in this direction, they will, no doubt, after "much tribulation" accomplish their object.

A report on Foreign Correspondence from the facile pen and fertile brain of Companion Belden, would have been a valuable contribution to Masonic literature, but none appears in these proceedings.

M. E. Anthony A. Johns, Grand High Priest.

R. E. George J. Roskrue, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

54TH ANNUAL, LITTLE ROCK, NOVEMBER, 1903.

M. E. J. B. Baker, Grand High Priest.

Chapters in good standing 72; 57 had reported, and 51 had paid dues; Members 2,260, net gain 265.

Credentials Committee reported 15 Grand Officers, 48 delegates, and eight Past Grand High Priests as present at this convocation.

Portraits—Comp. Gaylord J. Klock, Grand High Priest elect; Comp. George Thornburgh, P. G. H. P., and Editor Masonic Trowel; Comp. J. B. Baker, Retiring Grand High Priest, and Comp. John C. Bone, Grand Secretary.

Pursuant to call, a Special Convocation was held at Little Rock, October 6, 1903, for the purpose of receiving and welcoming the officers and members of the M. E. General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the U. S. Eloquent addresses and responses marked the occasion. The reception was open-handed and open-hearted.

When the Grand Annual had been opened, November 18th the roll-call of Grand Representatives revealed the fact that the Representatives of Alabama and twenty-six other Jurisdictions were in attendance. These were welcomed and received with the Grand Honors.

In his business-like address the Grand High Priest gratefully referred to the unbroken official ranks in his own Jurisdiction, and made record of the death notices from other Jurisdictions, recommending that a memorial page be set apart in their honor.

We note that in this necrological list, he credited our own lamented Past Grand High Priest, Companion James E. Cobb,

to New Mexico. The mistake was pardonable, for M. E. Companion Cobb died in New Mexico, whither he had gone in search of health. We again note that he had commissioned Comp. Basil M. Hill as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and had recommended Comp. M. A. Butler as Alabama's Representative near Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

The Grand High Priest stated that he had granted many special dispensations to elect officers, and to confer degrees. He was "not a strong believer in the power vested in the G. H. P. to grant special dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions at the same meeting," yet he realized "the necessity might arise, especially in rural Chapters, where quorums are difficult to secure."

He had granted dispensations for four new Chapters, but had refused a fifth, recommending that said fifth petition be presented to Grand Chapter for consideration. The Charter of a Chapter located at the place whence said fifth petition came, had been arrested in 1877.

Two decisions were submitted by the Grand High Priest. As to the first he was asked if a Master Mason, who is a member of an organization which boycotts and expels such of its members as join the State Militia, it appearing that such Master Mason had carried out or would carry out such obligation to boycott, should be received into the Chapter. His answer was the negative. His answer was approved.

Decision No. 2 held that an objection to advancement, presented to or filed with the High Priest of the Chapter, in the interim between two Stated Convocations, was legal.

With said decision the Jurisprudence Committee did not concur. After a spirited discussion, the decision of the Grand High Priest was sustained by Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary J. P. Bone made a painstaking report, which marks him as a No. 1 Grand Secretary. By the way, the Grand High Priest paid Companion Bone a handsome and well deserved tribute, intimating that to the Grand Secretary more than to any one else was due the present prosperity of the Royal Craft.

The balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands, November 17, 1903, was the sum of \$6772.80.

In answer to a question put to the Grand High Priest "in open

Chapter," he ruled that a member of a subordinate Chapter being present at a Convocation of Grand Chapter, the High Priest, King and Scribe of his Chapter not being present, either in person or by proxy, could not be seated by vote of the Grand Chapter, as a delegate from such Subordinate Chapter entitled to vote and draw mileage and per diem, and referred his ruling to the Jurisprudence Committee. That Committee sustained said ruling, as also did the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had the pleasure of reporting that no appeals or grievances had been referred to it.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, Charters were granted to three Chapters U. D., and the dispensation of one was continued, with requirement that proper records be presented to next Grand Chapter. Other reports by same Committee are of only local interest.

On motion the salary of the Grand Secretary was raised from \$400 a year to \$600 a year.

Committee on Memorials of the Dead made brief but appropriate report.

No report on Correspondence, but Comp. John B. McCaleb was appointed Chairman of the Correspondence Committee; so next year there will, no doubt, be a review of other Jurisdictions presented to Grand Chapter. We welcome Companion McCaleb in advance.

M. . E. . Gaylord J. Klock, Grand High Priest.

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

CALIFORNIA.

50TH ANNUAL, SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL, 1904.

M. . E. . Charles F. Lott, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 77; Members, 8,084; increase, 804.

The first page of this well prepared volume bears a striking likeness of M. . E. . Chas. F. Lott—"How do you know?" Why, because the representative of such a cast of countenance *must* be true to the original. That's "how."

It is significant of the great interest felt in Capitular Masonry in California, that there were present at this Convocation sixteen Past Grand High Priests.

"The Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions," (29 in

number,) were presented by the Grand Captain of the Host, and extended the best wishes of their respective Jurisdictions through Comp. Robert Ash, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama."

Opening his address the Grand High Priest said:

"Guided and led by the hand of our Omnipotent God, who has brought us together before His holy altar to render thanks for the blessings of the past year, and invoking His assistance in the labors and duties to be performed in this Convocation of our Royal Craft, I take great pleasure in extending to you, my companions, a whole-souled welcome to this, our Fiftieth Anniversary of this Grand Chapter, which now towers as a peer among our most favored Sister Jurisdictions.

"Time rolls on its circle of eternity and makes epochs in the history of nations and empowers us to make a record of those noble men and nations who founded on these golden shores a splendid system of successful Capitular Masonry.

"Fifty years ago three Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, consisting of 'San Francisco, No. 1,' 'Sonora, No. 2,' and 'Sacramento, No. 3,' holding charters from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, applied to the Mother General Grand Chapter for a warrant to form a Grand Chapter in this State, which warrant was duly issued on the first day of April, A D , 1854, and under this authority our present Grand Chapter was formed and organized, and with those able, zealous and self-sacrificing Royal Arch Masons who composed the convention and brought forth this Grand Chapter we today hold grateful communion, and keep green in our memories their lives and labors. Those noble Giblemites, Radcliff, Creigh, Dibble, Traylor, Caswell and Hartley, and a host of others wrought long in the quarry, and executed and brought up work, to the Master Overseer which was received and approved, and laid broad and deep and reared thereon a Grand Royal Arch securely keyed which bids fair to go down through the annals of time the wonder and admiration of the world. * * * * *

"I take great pleasure in reporting to you that our financial condition is most satisfactory, and our revenues are ample for all purposes. Another payment of \$1,000.00 has been made upon our debt, together with \$100.00 interest on the entire indebtedness, leaving only \$1,000.00 on a five per cent. interest to be liquidated.

"Our gross receipts for the year past were \$8,510.25; assets 1,700 shares of Masonic Hall Association Stock, valued at \$30.00 per share, equal to \$51,000.00."

The Grand High Priest had issued dispensations to form four new Chapters. The late completion of their plan of organization prevented the 4th ("San Pedro") from applying for a charter at the present Convocation, and he recommended continuance of its dispensation till next Annual, that it might bring up a speci-

men of its work before receiving a charter, and he expressed his "implicit confidence in the future of San Pedro Chapter."

Two Chapters had been constituted. Six special dispensations had been issued, three of them for waiving constitutional time in balloting and conferring degrees.

Under the head decisions, he ruled that Chapter funds could not be loaned to Companions even on good security, nor to any one. Chapter funds should never be jeopardized in any manner whatever. He decided that said funds could be deposited in an accredited or solvent savings bank, under order of the Chapter and approved of the High Priest. He also ruled that such funds could be invested in stock for Masonic Temples; but, in all cases, enough should be kept in the Treasury for legitimate Masonic purposes and charity. He further ruled that Chapters should not do work on Sundays—should respect the Lord's Day.

He had been able to make but few visitations on account of ill health, but was satisfied that the "good work" of the Grand Lecturer precluded the necessity of other visits.

In his excellent, complete report, the Grand Secretary notes that Comp. Robert Ash, of San Francisco, was commissioned as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama. At the close of his report, he makes the following highly satisfactory statement:

"In conclusion the Grand Secretary wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the returns of all the constituent Chapters in due time, and is pleased to say that all were correct and the amount due promptly paid."

"Respectfully Submitted,

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Secretary."

San Francisco, April 19, 1904.

The Grand Treasurer's balance April, 19, 1904, was \$5,076.98, the net assets, \$38,076.98.

The report of the Grand Lecturer evinces most faithful and efficient work on his part during the year and earnest effort by Chapter Officers to perfect themselves in the ritual. He pays a high compliment to the M. E. Grand High Priest, who was with him on several occasions, and whom he styles "a host in himself." In view of the adoption, by Grand Chapter, of the General Grand Chapter's Ritual, he makes an important suggestion, viz. That the Grand Chapter should have a Grand Lecturer whose entire time, if required, can be devoted to the

special interest of the Subordinate Chapters. (Same as favored by G. H. P.)

The annual report on Correspondence prepared by M. E. Comp. William A. Davies, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, was received and ordered published with the proceedings.

A resolution proposing that the giving of the Lecture at the close of the ritualistic work of each degree shall be optional with the High Priest of each Chapter, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. On this matter the Committee last named, reported that short forms were provided for in the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter (vol. 1, page 23.)

The following resolution: "*Resolved*, That henceforth the use of any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors by Chapters of this Jurisdiction be, and the same is hereby prohibited," was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee with instruction to report thereon at the present session. And it was "accordingly so done," as follows:

"The Committee report the same back to the Grand Chapter with the following endorsement:"

"While we consider the resolution constitutional, your Committee report the same back to the Grand Chapter without recommendation."

Signed by the Committee.

The report of the same Committee on the decisions of the Grand High Priest substantially confirmed his ruling as to disposition of Chapter funds, also approved his decision as to conferring degrees on Sunday. The entire report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted save that portion which recommended amendment of the constitution so as to make Section 3, Article 11, Part 11 read as follows:

"The Ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America adopted in 1880, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the Ritual of this Jurisdiction." After much discussion this portion of the report was passed to the next Annual for consideration, and it was further resolved that the Grand High Priest elect appoint a committee to exemplify the work of the General Grand Chapter at said next Convocation.

The Committee's approval of the dispensations of the Grand High Priest was also concurred in.

On recommendation of the Committee on New Chapters,

Charters were granted to three of said new Chapters, and the dispensation of "San Pedro" was continued until April 1, 1905.

The Committee on Necrology made fitting report.

Grand Chapter seemed to think that the Grand Lecturer and his Deputies were equal to task of instructing the Constituent Chapters, and made no change in the system. On favorable report of the Finance Committee the Grand Lecturer's salary, for the ensuing year, was fixed at \$500.00.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

Within the limits of 172 pages M. E. Companion William A. Davies, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, has again presented a review of the proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions, which, for thoroughness, is unexcelled. It is a model report.

Alabama, 1902-1903, is given the generous space of nearly seven pages of solid print.

The reviewer quotes largely from M. E. Geo. F. Moore's Annual address, with evident approval of the same; he also styles M. E. Chas. R. Bricken's tribute to the departed Companions, "eloquent." He furnishes a first-class summary of our Proceedings.

The sight of the following nearly takes our breath away. Coming from such source, it is esteemed the finest compliment that could be paid the writer, who bows his grateful acknowledgment. Look:

"We have exhausted our privileges, and can but give Comp. Titcomb's report a passing notice. It deserves better treatment, for it bears the work of thorough examination, sound judgment and the faculty of expressing a page of matter in a line of comment."

We lay the following inadvertence, of course, to the charge of the p's. d., whose sins of commission, since we began reporting, have been, in the various Jurisdictions, piled up like Pelion on Ossa:

"The Grand Chapter was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and the Grand *Commander* proceeded to deliver the Annual Address." (Italics ours)

We quote from Comp. Davies' conclusion as follows:

"The year now ending has been a peaceful year, with nothing in the record to interest the Masonic crank, save the always on-hand question of work."

"Now, we don't intend to discuss, in our conclusion, the work question; suffice it to note that the Grand Chapter of California has adopted the work of the General Grand Chapter, which ought to have been done twenty years ago, unless we expected the venerable organizers of Capitular Masonry to come to California to learn Royal Arch Masonry."

We have no doubt the great majority of Royal Arch Masons within the National jurisdiction desire a uniform work, and there is no reason why the ritualistic ceremonies should be one thing in New York, another in New Orleans, and yet another in San Francisco, a condition brought about by the obstinate vanity of a few Companions who imagined they were the original Jacobs or the descendants thereof."

What position soever Comp. Davies takes, he so clearly states his point that there is no mistaking his meaning. We honor directness—straightforwardness wherever it is found.

M. : E. : Charles Lewis Patton, Grand High Priest.

M. : E. : William A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

46TH ANNUAL, TORONTO, JANUARY, 1904.

M. : E. : Comp. Abraham Shaw, Grand Z.

Warranted Chapters 104 Chapters U. D. 4 ———. Total Membership 7,675, Net gain 738.

Alabama was not one of the nineteen Grand Jurisdictions whose Representatives were received and welcomed in the customary manner.

In his address the Grand High Priest presented a brief summary of the Grand Chapters since its organization, about 40 years since. It was as follows:

1863,	22	Chapters,	867	Members,	\$360.60	Receipts.
1873,	54	"	2,492	"	\$1,709.40	"
1883,	78	"	3,537	"	\$2,075.70	"
1893,	87	"	4,023	"	\$2,742.74	"
1902,	103	"	6,938	"	\$4,011.60	"

This is a very good showing. It speaks well for our Canada Companions' system of detailed reports, which acquaints the Craft with the condition and work of each individual Chapter.

The Grand Z. paid feeling tribute to the distinguished Com-

panions, taken by death, during the year, from his own, and from Sister Jurisdictions.

He reported nineteen official visitations; dispensations had been issued for the instituting of four new Chapters. A few special dispensations had been granted to Chapters "for various but necessary purposes." A dispensation to exalt a brother who had been a Master Mason only two months, had been refused, the reason urged in its favor being deemed insufficient.

The Grand Z. most highly commended the Grand Superintendents, and the Grand Scribe E. for their zeal and efficiency.

Comp. George J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., is an accomplished officer. His reports evince vigilant care of all the interests of the Royal Craft.

Balance cash in bank, January 25, 1904, \$2,597.76. Total assets, same date, \$24,082.75.

The tabulated reports of the Grand Superintendents make a complete showing of the work of the year in the several Chapters, as well as of the condition of the Chapters.

Warrants were granted to three of the four Chapters under dispensation, and the fourth was continued U. D. another year.

On recommendation of the Committee on Benevolence grants aggregating \$580.00 were made to certain widows, and Companions, and a Companion's daughter.

The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry report it, on the whole, in a very satisfactory condition. At the same time the Committee recommends improvement of the Statistical tables filled out by the Superintendents, by the addition thereto of charity column to each.

The Committee on Address of Grand Z. heartily congratulated the Craft upon the phenomenal growth in membership, and the improvement in financial standing of the Grand Chapter.

In pursuance of action taken last year, a handsome testimonial, in the shape of a silver service, was presented to Past Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Again Companion George J. Bennett submits a splendid report embracing a review of forty-eight Grand Chapters including Alabama, 1903.

Companion Bennett seems to put himself into the attitude of the boy with a chip on his shoulder when he opens his report thus:

Companions:—"What a fine speech our man gave us on the agricultural question," said the election agent to the apparently absorbed farmer. "Aye," the latter replied, "it was fine, but I'm thinkin' a couple o' days rain would do a sight more good."

Then he intimates, that, on the Capitular Sea—no, the Capitular "continent" "all is fair weather and easy sailing." (Doubtless some men *may* sail on land.) Then he expresses a pardonable regret that occasionally some storm cloud does not appear during the voyage reportorial and break the monotony of a smooth course.

Alabama receives a courteous, spicy notice of two full pages. Companion Bennett makes himself merry over the appearance of an item, of cost of printing ritual, in our finance Committee's report. After quoting what was said about the labor and expense entailed on our Committee on Work in its preparation, he says:

"One cannot but be impressed with the zeal and industry revealed in the above. Moreover the care displayed in distributing the results of this labor of love should command the admiration of all who fear the glance of a profane eye. Sixty-eight type written copies sent out under guard, probably with fixed bayonets, though the record is modestly dumb on that point. But, alas! an ingenuous Finance Committee, which, by some strange oversight, had not been properly safeguarded, discloses among the expenditures: 'Printing ritual, \$250.00.'"

Then Companion Bennett swoops down upon the writer in the following:

"The proceedings proper embrace less than forty of the two hundred and forty-three pages included in the volume, Companion Titcomb monopolizing the balance in an exhaustive and interesting review of forty-eight Grand Chapters. Nothing escapes his eagle eye. Four of his valuable pages are given to Canada, 1902. Our system of inspection appeals to him favorably."

"Under Michigan, he quotes a proposed amendment to the regulations, which provides that 'No member shall be permitted to dimitt from the Chapter of which he is a member until he shall present a certificate from some Chapter that he has petitioned for membership and been elected therein, and adds: 'Whenever such rule prevails, the member may be a Mason all right, but he cannot be a *free* Mason all the same.'"

Then proceeds Companion Bennett thus:

"Yet Companion Titcomb is an ardent advocate of dependent membership, which is a phase of compulsion, that, to his view, does not interfere with the *freedom* of a Mason. Oh! consistency, thou art a jewel."

Companion, take down from your book-shelf Emerson's Essays, and read again what he says about "Consistency."

And is there no such thing as "freedom" under the law? Companion Bennett says dependent membership "is a phase of compulsion." "Compulsion" indeed! It is that sort of compulsion which holds one in the hands of affection for his earliest and best friend. Take away symbolic Masonry, and what becomes of our Fraternity? Kick away the foundation stone, and the super-structure will surely fall.

Companion Bennett's arithmetic is a little "off" when he charges us with "monopolizing" all but 40 pages of the 243 in Alabama 1902 proceedings. If he will discount about 64 pages of that "balances," he will hit it about right.

M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Grand Z.

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

COLORADO.

29TH ANNUAL, DENVER, SEPTEMBER, 1903.

M. E. John Humphries, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapter 34, Members 3,059 for the year 1903. In 1875, the Chapters numbered 7, Members 293. (See Annual Report of Grand Secretary, Wm. D. Todd.)

A portrait of Grand High Priest elect, Comp. Cromwell Tucker, appears on the first page of this well printed volume of proceedings. Portraits of late Companions Byers and Woodbury appear in the body of the volume.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests graced the occasion with their presence, as did forty-four Grand Representatives, including Comp. Tyler D. Heiskell, Alabama's Minister.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and Comp. S. N. Greenleaf fittingly responded for the Representatives.

The address of the Grand High Priest evinces watchful care of Capitular interests during his entire administration.

Two official circulars were sent out, one in March, 1903, announcing the death of Comp. Wm. Newton Byers, first Grand High Priest of the Jurisdiction, the other, in July, giving official intelligence of the death of Past Grand High Priest, Roger Williams Woodbury.

Nearly eight pages of the address, which takes up about eighteen pages are devoted to necrology. Nine special dispensations had been granted.

For what he deemed good and sufficient reasons, the Grand High Priest had refused a dispensation for organizing a new Chapter, and in "one or two instances" had refused permission to waive time in balloting and acting on petitions.

One new Chapter had been constituted, and one dispensation granted for organizing a Chapter U. D.

One decision was submitted, in answer to a question as follows: (in effect)

Does the recent enactment of a law, by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, restricting the number of candidates, to receive the degrees in any one day, to five, apply, under Sec. 101 of Grand Chapter By-Laws, to Capitular Masonry, (The effect of Sec. 101, By-Laws, is that the laws of Grand Lodge shall govern Chapters if not in conflict with Grand Chapter laws and regulations.) Answer—"No, it does not. Grand Lodge laws and regulations govern the Chapter only when the Chapter has no specific law on the matter in question."

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decision, but it did not concur in the modification appended thereto.

March 7th, 1903, the Grand High Priest issued his commission to Comp. John B. Christian, to represent the Grand Chapter of Colorado near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, an honor worthily bestowed.

Among the recommendations of the Grand High Priest, we note the following:

"Most of our Sister Jurisdictions every year appropriate various sums from the treasury for charity and Masonic Homes. This we are hardly able to do, for each year we live "from hand to mouth." Therefore, I would most heartily recommend that from this date the per capita tax be increased from sixty cents to sixty-five cents, and that five cents per capita be set aside and paid over each year to the Benevolent Fund."

He recommended that the last clause of By-Law No. 40 which requires one to have been a Master Mason six months before applying for the Chapter degrees, be stricken out.

He recommended that the law requiring each Chapter, immediately after installation of officers, to report to the Grand High Priest and to the Grand Secretary the names of the three

principal officers elected, be so changed that the Chapters report to the Grand Secretary only.

The subject of "Cipher" seems to have been a troublesome one. While Grand High Priest does not express approval of Cipher ritual, he says:

"However, the cipher is here, and in my opinion, is here to stay, and we must bow to the inevitable." He also says that during the year M. E. Comp. Foster has prepared a complete cipher with historical lectures. Believing that it would be best for the Grand Chapter to have its own ritual, he recommended that a special committee of three be appointed on this matter to report at present convocation.

The Grand Treasurer reported September 17, 1903, balance on hand \$3,027.21.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported orally that no business had come before it for consideration.

A Committee on Codification and Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws was appointed, and requested to prepare its report as early as practicable, and submit the same to the Grand High Priest for his approval, subject to final approval of Grand Chapter at next Annual.

M. E. Comp. S. N. Greenleaf submitted the report on Necrology "which was listened to attentively and ordered printed in the Proceedings."

Could the dear departed read those heartfelt memorials, they would wish no better farewell to mortality.

We recur to the report of Committee on Jurisprudence for the purpose of intimating that said Committee concurred in the Grand High Priest's dispensations granted and those refused, and in all his recommendations, especially that to strike out from By-Laws No. 40, that clause which requires a man to have been a Master Mason six months before he can be admitted into the Chapter. Good! Report adopted.

The Committee on Returns and Work recommended the granting of a Charter to the Chapter U. D. making application for the same. This Chapter organized U. D., Dec. 23, 1902, had held twenty-one Convocations, had advanced twenty-two candidates, inducted twenty-one, received twenty, and exalted eighteen, and records kept in good shape. Recommendation adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster (P. G. H. P.) Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, made his sixteenth annual report, reviewing the Proceedings of 44 Jurisdictions (four of them for 2 years.) Companion Foster's report contains an admirable synopsis of those proceedings. We have marked so many places for reference that our space cannot accomodate them

He generously gives Alabama, 1902, four pages and a half—makes several extracts from the address of M. E. Geo F. Moore, Grand High Priest, and gives the writer nearly two pages of his valuable space.

It is not without considerable elation that we find Companion Foster in accord with us in so many respects. True, once in a while he differs with us, but then he does it with the greatest urbanity and in a kindly spirit. If we did not occasionally disagree, 'twould get monotonous.

As a specimen of instances in which he disagrees, note the following:

"He says we 'rapped him over the knuckles' on the subject of instructing a Companion to cast the vote of Grand Chapter, but guess it did not hurt very badly, for he says 'Perhaps you are right, Companion, and although the practice obtains in Alabama, we may intimate that we are not 'stuck' on its retention; still we fail to see impropriety in causing one Companion to cast the vote of the Grand Chapter when there is a moral certainty that some particular Companion is the choice of all present; when also there is the particular precaution of asking if any objection is raised to said procedure. In such cases there is saving of time without detriment. However, as already intimated, we are not wedded to this practice.'"

After copying our remark, Companion Foster makes merry over it, and says:

"As we have many times answered the reasons set forth in its favor, it is not worth while doing so again, especially as the Companion is not wedded and therefore does not need a divorce."

Under Iowa he gives the reason for placing the record of Proceedings of Order of High Priesthood after the Report on Correspondence. Therein we concur. Again, we concur in what he says about the word, "Catholic."

Under Massachusetts, he is outspoken in his condemnation of

political methods in Lodge or Chapter—canvassing for votes, etc. Shake, Companion.

Under Montana he agrees with Companion Hedges in denouncing "horse play" in connection with the conferring of degrees.

Under Nevada Companion Foster quotes Companion Vanderlieth's comment on our dislike for the term "Order" in the place of "Fraternity," etc., as applied to Free Masonry, and says:

"Now, while we believe with Companion Titcomb and others that the use of certain words is inappropriate for Masonic purposes, though their dictionary definition may fit the case, we give our readers the benefit of his (Vanderlieth's) logic on the subject in his review of Alabama:

"Like many Companions, the word 'Order' in connection with Masonry, grates upon the ear of Companion Titcomb. We are no stickler for the use of the word, but the objections advanced are, in the main, decidedly foolish. Let us glance at good reasons for its use."

Then follows a somewhat elaborate, if not labored disquisition on the use of the word, winding up with the following:

"Order is good, my Companions, 'Good order is the foundation of all things.' Masonry is good order. Masonry is a good thing. Therefore Masonry is the foundation of all good things. Craft, Fraternity, are very proper; Brotherhood, likewise, but 'Order' is as good, if not better than the rest."

With all due respect we must be permitted to say that, in this instance, Companion Vanderlieth's "logic" is remarkable."

We ask our Companion, of Nevada, to point out what "decidedly foolish" thing we may have said about "Order," so that we may profit by the correction.

Companion E. LeN. Foster's report is one of the best of the year.

M. E. Cromwell Tucker, Grand High Priest.
R. E. Wm. D. Todd, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected seventeen new members.

CONNECTICUT.

106TH ANNUAL, HARTFORD, MAY, 1904.

Number of Chapters on the Roll, 40; Number Represented 40; Number of Members this year, 6,725; Net gain, 317; Exaltations, 473; Affiliations, 11; Reinstated, 12; Withdrawn, 31; Struck from the Roll, 35; Died, 125.

M. . E. . Frank W. Beardsley, Grand High Priest.

Portraits—M. . E. . Frank W. Beardsley, M. . E. . Inglesby W. Crawford, and M. . E. . Henry W. Coye.

At the Convocation under review there were present fourteen Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama included.

The Grand High Priest paid, in his address, feeling tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest, William Wallace Lee, who died Sept. 14, 1903.

Among his few decisions submitted we note the following:

"The High Priest would not have authority to withdraw a petition which had been received by the Chapter and referred to a Committee."—Proceedings.

Under Qualifications for Membership, M. . E. . Bro. Beardsley says:

"The brother who ascends our mystic ladder and attains to such a dizzy height that he is unable to recognize the source from which his first light was received is unworthy of the 'noble name of a Mason,' and the following law of dependent membership was adopted as the only effectual means by which that class of high-flyers could be reached:"

"Striking from the roll in the Lodge for non-payment of dues, terminates Chapter membership, the same conditions exist where a brother permits himself to become voluntarily non-affiliated for six months, or in other words, *good standing in a Blue Lodge is absolutely necessary in applying for or retaining membership in our Chapters.*" (Italics ours.)

Out of fourteen requests for dispensations he had, for reasons deemed sufficient, granted seven.

The M. . F. . Grand High Priest gives a roseate picture of his visit to the "General Grand" at Little Rock, Ark., last October. The business of the "Triennial" was merely routine: hence, he was enabled to devote his notice thereof to the social side. In-

deed, as we suppose, these Triennial Convocations are, virtually, high-grade, social functions.

His visitations were very pleasant. To be sure they were; for the "traditional banquet" never failed to "put in an appearance" at the close of each visit.

The Grand King and Grand Scribe reported their respective visitations.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, May 6, 1904, was the amount of \$3,130.49.

The Grand Secretary puts the increase in membership as 309. We had taken his "Recapitulation" as our guide, and put the net increase as 317—"Members at last report, 6,408, reported this year, 6,725." Companion McCormick will pardon us if our arithmetic is faulty.

On recommendation of the Committee on jurispendence, the decisions and dispensations of the Grand High Priest were approved, also his remarks on "Qualifications for Membership," and Secretaries and Chapters were admonished to promptly report all cases of striking from Lodge rolls, to their Chapters when the same come to their knowledge. The Committee (and we infer, the Grand Chapters also; the same inference applying to what precedes in the Committee's report, for the Record is silent as to adoption by Grand Chapter,) the Committee, we say, fully agree with the Grand High Priest as to the propriety of rescinding the resolution which requires that Chapters obtain from the Grand High Priest dispensations in order to hold receptions and balls, the High Priest being responsible for his Chapter.

In our opinion, if the Companions desire to "shake their feet" in a dance, 'twere better to do so elsewhere than in the Masonic Hall, which has been dedicated to the purposes of Masonry.

The special Committee on Memorials made a report which expressed all that was needful to say in just seven lines and one word over.

It would seem that, when such reports are very lengthy, the Committees are mainly exploiting themselves.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To make known that Past Grand High Priest, John H. Barlow is the author of the report on Foreign Correspondence, is sufficient guaranty of its excellence.

His review occupies about 110 pages of printed matter, and is all that one could wish it to be.

Alabama, 1902 and 1903, receive nearly four pages of fraternal notice. Companion Barlow copied, as of interest to Connecticut Masons, that portion of M. E. George F. Moore's address which treats of the first Royal Arch Mason in Alabama, Ephraim Kirby.

He trusted that the resolution, for making the membership in a Chapter dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of A. F. & A. M. in Alabama, would be adopted.

We, personally, regret to inform him that said resolution failed to be adopted at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

He says of the resolution making Companion Geo. A. Beauchamp an Honorary Past Grand High Priest:

"We are sure Companion Beauchamp merits the honor this resolution is intended to confer, but it is actual service that makes the honors, and gives the title."

His very kind and complimentary reference to the writer is highly appreciated. It is with real satisfaction that we find ourselves in accord with Companion Barlow on most of those questions concerning which opinions, in the Guild, are quite diverse.

He says, in response to our remark that we would greatly enjoy a chat and a smoke with him in his sanctum:

"We would very much enjoy a social chat with Companion Titcomb—but he would have to do the smoking—but we would furnish the cigars, genuine Havanas (raised and manufactured in Connecticut)."

Though Companion Barlow is sedate and dignified, he has a keen sense of humor.

Under Illinois we find the following conservative utterance from Companion Barlow:

"We next take up the saloon question. While we think all are unanimous that the saloon keeper is not wanted, nor should be allowed to be made a Mason, there is a wide diversity of opinion as to the mode of keeping them out, whether by legislation, or the black ball—we think the ballot is all that is necessary."

Of the Grand High Priest of Indiana, he says:

"Like nearly all the reporters he disapproves of the regulations

of the Grand Chapter of Alabama which imposes dues upon a Companion during suspension." (N. P. D. of course.)

Personally, we are of the same mind, but acquiesce in the decree of our own Grand Chapter

He quotes Companion Murrow of Indian Territory thus:

"Under Alabama, he says:

"Again do we notice a great deal of time and consideration given to the ritual question. All unnecessary, as we see it, for the General Grand Chapter has wrestled with this problem and solved it more than satisfactorily. But as for ciphers—well, we never saw a good one, for the simple reason they have no right to exist. "Dependent Membership is to be acted upon at the next Annual Convocation. Fall into line, Companions of Alabama." (The Grand Chapter of Alabama, at the 1903 Convocation, refused to so "fall.")

Companion Barlow adds:

"We fully agree on the cipher ritual, and dependent membership question, also on the necessity of the presence of the Charter."—Our own sentiments.

He lays us under obligations by his comment upon a passage in Past Grand High Priest, Wm. F. Cleveland's report to the Grand Chapter of Iowa. It is as follows:

"He compliments Companion Titcomb on his request for the necessity of the actual presence of the Charter, although he differs from his conclusions, our opinions are the same as Companion Titcomb's, and we feel that we could not add to his argument in its favor."

Coming from such a source, the foregoing is high praise.

There has been some little criticism of M. A. E. George F. Moore's and Hon. Thos. M. Owen's presentation in 1902, the matter of placing, in the State Archives, a painting of Ephraim Kirby, the first Royal Arch Mason in Alabama. No where does the date of his coming to this State appear, either in the address or in Director Owen's letter to the Grand High Priest. And the criticism proceeded to assert that no information was given as to where Companion Kirby was buried. In his review of Ohio, Companion Barlow quotes from the report of Companion Graff M. Acklin a passage which throws some light upon the subject, although the date of Companion Kirby's coming to Alabama is still an unknown quantity. Companion Barlow says:

Alluding to Companion Ephraim Kirby, who was the first

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, he "(Comp. Acklin)" says:

"In territorial days there came to Alabama from Connecticut, a Royal Arch Mason whose name was Ephraim Kirby. He was one of the Judges, a man of ability and integrity, and the grand father of the noted Southern general, E. Kirby Smith."

"He was one of the first to raise his hand against the tyranny of Great Britain, and after being wounded thirteen times, he again appeared for duty in the Revolutionary Army, and it is an established fact of history that of the heroes of the American Revolution who was buried on Alabama soil, Judge Kirby holds the highest rank, having been made first lieutenant. He is buried in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, near Mobile, in an unmarked and and undiscovered grave. It may be well said he was the founder of Capitular Masonry in Alabama. So far as history goes, he was the first Royal Arch Mason who set his foot in Alabama, and established the first Chapter in a territory which now comprises a part of the State of Alabama. He compiled and published the first volume of law reports published in America. He took the initiative in another great movement. He wrote the pledge and organized the first temperance society ever formed in America. He was a member of the Rhode Island Society of Cincinnati. The certificate signed by Washington bore the date of July 4, 1786. He was General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. His sword and library are said to be in the Masonic Lodge at Litchfield, of which he was a member. Probably there is no Mason of higher degree whose bones rest in our soil. In his life he honored men, and in his memorial we have a noble heritage."

While the foregoing puzzles us a little as emanating from the State of Ohio instead of from Alabama, all the same, it is a valuable addition to the history of Companion Ephraim Kirby.

Thirteen additions were made to the Membership of the Order of High Priesthood.

(Could Companion Barlow secure, for us, one of those acorns gathered by Companion Boyd from the Charter Oak in 1850?)

M. E. Stephen P. Goodsell, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James McCormick, (P. G. H. P.) Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

36TH ANNUAL. WILMINGTON, JANUARY, 1904.

M. E. J. Paul Lukens, Grand High Priest.

Chapters, 4; Members, 821; Gain, 41. Amount of dues to Grand Chapter, \$597.50, Amount paid, \$555.00.

A portrait of Companion J. Harmer Rile, Grand High Priest elect, and Alabama's Representative, adorns the first page of this volume. (On the cover is printed, "Thirty-sixth Annual;" inside appears, "Thirty-fifth Annual,"—no charge.)

There was a goodly attendance of permanent members at this Convocation, though only four of them were Past Grand High Priests. Twenty-three Grand Representatives answered to their names, Alabama's included.

The address of the Grand High Priest (8 pp.) as was most fit, opened with devout recognition of the protection and blessings vouchsafed by the great I AM to the Delaware Companions during the past year. During that period Grand Chapter had lost none of its members, by death.

The subjects treated in his address were of interest to the home Companions alone. He made two recommendations, viz: 1st, "That when a waiver of Jurisdiction is desired, the consent of the Chapter nearest to which such applicant may reside, shall have Jurisdiction, and such waiver shall not be granted unless said Chapter unanimously consents."

It had come to his knowledge that in some Chapters degrees were conferred with the aid of a book containing the cipher ritual. He recommended 2d, "that the use of the cipher be forbidden in open Chapter."

The Grand High Priest decided that when a dimit had been lost, the Secretary of the Chapter which had issued said dimit, should issue a duplicate dimit.

Again, some fifteen years since, a Chapter in a certain locality "went dead." Some members of a Lodge, at that place, or near by, desired to revive said Chapter under the old Charter, which had not been surrendered, and asked how they should proceed.

He decided that they should at once surrender said old Charter and the paraphernalia; then if they desired to organize a Chapter, they should organize in the usual way, and when prepared, apply for a new Charter.

Some Companions at a certain place asked for a dispensation to organize a Chapter, and they did this without the consent of the nearest Chapter, which consent the law requires. Said nearest Chapter was communicated with, but refused said consent.

The Grand High Priest, of course, refused to issue such dispensation.

The Committee on Address disapproved the first decision, as to last limit and issue of duplicate, because said the Committee: "We believe that the issuing of duplicate limits to be a dangerous proceeding."

Why the Committee so believes, does not "come to the front." However, the Grand Chapter, rightly, in our opinion, overruled the Committee, and sustained the decision. The other decisions and the recommendations of the M. E. G. H. P. were finally adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Chairmen of the following Committees, viz: Jurisprudence, Warrants and Dispensations, Work, By-Laws, Past Grand High Priests' Portraits, and Memorials, "had nothing to offer—nothing having been brought to the attention" of said Committees.

The Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood admitted three new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is a document of high order. Past Grand High Priest, Companion Virginius V. Harrison, Chairman of the Committee, reviews in his wonted able and concise way the proceedings of forty-three Grand Chapters, consuming only eighty-four printed pages and a fraction over.

Alabama, 1902, is kindly treated. The address of M. E. Geo. F. Moore is pronounced a "master piece." For his generous remark about the writer's report we politely "tip our beaver." He will pardon us for calling his attention to a little inadvertence in his own report on Alabama, 1902. We did not say that, in Delaware, poor folks must be "*rara avis*," but "*rarae aves*."

It would be a distinct pleasure to quote largely from Companion Harrison's report, but it is nearly time for our manuscript to "go in," and there are eight volumes of proceedings awaiting our attention. So we will merely add that the Companion's views in respect of Past Master's degree are very much to our liking.

M. E. J. Harmer Rile, Grand High Priest,
R. E. James H. Price, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

37TH ANNUAL, WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY, 1904.

M. V. E. George Clarke Ober, Grand High Priest.

12 Chapters; 3,042 Members; Net gain, 201.

This well executed volume of proceedings is embellished with portraits of the Grand High Priest, Companion G. C. Ober; and the lamented Past Grand High Priest, Companion Noble Danforth Larner.

Two special Convocations had been held during the year—one to constitute Association Chapter No. 12, chartered at last Annual, the other, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Companion Noble D. Larner (P. G. H. P. and P. G. G. H. P.)

The Annual Convocation was held at 7 o'clock p. m., February 7th, M. V. E. Geo. C. Ober presiding, and all the constituent Chapters represented. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present; Comp. Chas W. Hancock, for Alabama, and thirty-five other Grand Representatives were also present.

The Grand High Priest began his address with these earnest words:

"My Companions:

As we assemble around our sacred altar, in the quiet seclusion and restful comfort of this chamber, dedicated to the promulgation of the Divine precept, "Peace on earth—good will to men," the awful cry of battle is heard in the far East, and war, with its attendant horrors, is declared between two nations. Oh! that the beneficent influence of our great fraternity might encircle the globe, so that men of every nation, tongue, and creed might learn to subdue their passions and keep their desires within due bounds."

He paid a touching tribute to the memory of the late Past Grand High Priest, Past General Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master, and Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar, Noble Danforth Larner, "a Nestor in Council, an Ajax when the fight was on." The fraternal dead of other Jurisdictions were not forgotten.

He had been requested to render an informal decision on the following information and question submitted by the Secretary of one of the Constituent Chapters:

"A distinguished Companion of another Jurisdiction, residing

in the District of Columbia for a number of years, and formerly a member of a Chapter which has forfeited its Charter, is without a dimit, but possesses a certificate signed by a Past Grand High Priest and a Past Captain of the Host, stating he was affiliated with, had held several offices in, and "was clear of the books" of said Chapter when he asked for a dimit; also a receipt for ten years' dues in advance from January 1, 1892, to January 1, 1902 inclusive. He presented also a comprehensive history of his former Capitular affiliations and honors."

"*Question:* Can the petition of this Companion be received by a Chapter of this Jurisdiction?"

The Grand High Priest stated that he had found the Capitular history of the Companion as set forth in his statement, substantiated in every particular. Also that he had taken no steps to secure a dimit until after the Charter of his Chapter had been arrested.

The following was the decision in this case:

"My decision was that the petition of the Companion could not be received by any Chapter in this Jurisdiction unless accompanied by a certificate showing that he was a member of his Chapter in good standing at the time of the arrest of its Charter, signed by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Chapter under which said Chapter was holden."

The Grand High Priest had granted three special dispensations, of which one was to pass the ballot upon a petition in less than the statutory time.

Animadverting upon irregularities which he had found to exist in one of the Chapters, he presented a dictum which he had elicited from the Committee on Work. It is as follows:

"The Degree of Mark Master: Any number of candidates may receive this degree together except the first section which must be given to each candidate separately."

"The Degree of Past Master: The number of candidates that may receive this degree to, and following the induction, is not restricted, but each must be separately inducted into the O. C. of K. S."

"The Degree of Most Excellent Master: No part of this degree is required to be conferred upon the candidates separately, all receiving it together without restriction as to number."

"The Degree of Royal Arch: No part of this degree can be conferred upon a greater or less number than three (*bona fide*) candidates at one and the same time." * * *

The Grand High Priest referred to the report of a Committee of La Fayette Lodge, F. & A. M. formulating a plan for perpetuating the memory of M. E. Companion Noble D. Larner, a copy of which report had been transmitted to the Grand Secretary. Said plan is to endow a bed or room in the Children's Hospital in Washington, in his name. The M. E. commends the plan.

Such a memorial would be worth more to humanity than all the effigies, statues, bronze or marble monuments in Christendom.

Visitations were made to all the Chapters during the month of January 1904.

The Committee on Grievances had the pleasure of reporting that no subject had been referred to it for action during the past year. Report received and ordered spread upon Proceedings.

The Annual report of Comp. Johnston, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence the three special dispensations of the Grand High Priest were concurred in—two of them as in accordance with precedent, and warranted, the third, because, although unusual as permitting work, at a Special Convocation, in two degrees, while the call gave notice of but one, the peculiar circumstances of the case justified it.

The informal decision of the Grand High Priest, on recommendation of the same Committee, was approved.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at close of the year \$3,603.93, assets, \$5,153.93.

The E. Grand Visitor and Lecturer had visited all the Chapters several times each, making 82 visits, that is, nearly 7 visits to each Chapter, on an average.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Scholarly, spicy, full of "snap," the report on Foreign Correspondence presented by R. E. Companion Arvine W. Johnston, Chairman of the Committee, is very interesting from beginning to end. Deserving as it is, of extended notice, nevertheless, admonished by the big pile of proceedings that await attention, we must give to our esteemed Companion of Washington City very little space, not even excepting his quotations of those passages in which Companions of the Guild have jumped upon

us with both feet and crushed our reportorial corpus into fragments. However, be it known to the critics that, like the fabled joint-snake, we have, some way, pulled ourselves together again,

and are still on the war path—we should rather say, *peace path*, for as Gen. Sherman said:

“War is—.” Well, it needs needs not to speak what he said it was.

In his review of Alabama, 1902, Companion Johnston says with reference to our printed cipher ritual sent out to the Chapters:

“It seems like a confession of weakness that our Alabama Companions cannot learn the work without a cipher ritual, which is always a source of danger, and liable to fall into improper hands, and how decipherable all ciphers are, we all know.”

With manifest approval he quotes some concluding paragraphs of M. . E. . Geo. F. Moore’s address.

His complimentary reference to the writer’s report on correspondence, is highly valued, and commands our grateful acknowledgement.

With many opinions expressed by Companion Johnston our own coincide; with some they do not. At all events, whether we agree or disagree, Companion A. W. Johnston is in possession of our hearty respect.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred on nine Companions.

M. . E. . Augustus B. Coolidge, Grand High Priest.

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

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION, AUGUST, 1903.

E. . Comp. The Rt. Hon. Thomas F. Halsey, Grand J. as Grand Z.

A report from the Committee of General Purposes was the only matter under consideration at this meeting.

The Committee reported receipts as \$8,029.08, and a balance, after all disbursements, from April 15th to June 30th, 1903, of \$5,968.16. The Committee had received petitions for two new Chapters, and four Memorials for permission to change locations,

and recommended that the prayer of the petitioners, in each instance, be granted; this was done accordingly.

Grand Chapter was then closed in Ancient and Solemn Form.

ENGLAND.

NOVEMBER QUARTERLY, LONDON, 1903.

E. C. Comp. The Rt. Hon. Thos. Frederick Halsey, (M. P., Grand H. as Grand Z.

Committee of General Purposes reported, for the quarter ending Oct. 31, 1903, balance in bank, \$5,663.56. The Committee also reported petitions for four Chapters to be attached—each of the four, to a certain Lodge named. The Committee recommended that the prayers of these petitioners be granted—so done.

Two Charters of Confirmation (or as we are wont to say in this country—duplicate charters) were also recommended to be granted, the original having been burnt up—carried.

The Committee also recommended an appropriation of \$240.00 a year, for the Grand Lodge Library and Museum fund. Unanimously carried.

Grand Chapter was closed in Ancient and Solemn Form.

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION, LONDON, FEBRUARY, 1904.

E. C. Comp. The Rt. Hon. The Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Z.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ancient and Solemn Form. In the transactions of this quarterly nothing unusual in character transpired. The report of the Committee of General Purposes was received and entered on the minutes. The Committee reported reception of eight petitions for Chapters to be attached, each to a certain designated Lodge. Their petitions being regular the Committee recommended that prayers thereof be respectively granted. Eight Memorials of Chapters asking permission for removal were also reported, and the Committee recommended that said removals be sanctioned.

Charters were granted for the eight Chapters to be attached, respectively, to the eight Lodges mentioned.

The eight prayers for permission to remove, were answered

favorably. Also in two instances, "Charters of Confirmation" were granted, original, in one case, having been destroyed by ants, (in Punjab, India,) in the other, a London Chapter, simply lost.

Grand Chapter was then closed in Ancient and Solemn Form.

FLORIDA.

58TH ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—MAY, 1904.

M. E. Thos. G. Hutchinson, Grand High Priest. Number of Chapters 24. Members 1 080. Net gain 158.

From the report of the Committee on Credentials it was shown that a Constitutional number of Chapters was represented; that the Grand High Priest and the other Grand Officers were at their posts, that twelve Past Grand High Priests were present, and that Representatives of thirty-six Grand Chapters, including M. E. Geo. S. Hallmark for Alabama, were also on hand.

Portraits—Thos. G. Hutchinsan (G. H. P., 1903) and Geo. S. Hallmark (G. H. P., 1883) and the late Warren Tyler (P. G. H. P.)—grace this volume, which is well executed, and the cover of which is one of the neatest we have ever seen.

In his businesslike address the Grand High Priest made fitting mention of the decease of Past Grand High Priest, Warren Tyler, and of Past Grand High Priest Wm. M. McIntosh, as well as of twenty-five Florida Companions. He also, as far as notified, called the roll of distinguished dead in Sister Jurisdictions.

We note that, February 12, 1904, he had recommended M. E. Comp. Geo. S. Hallmark as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near that of Florida.

The Grand High Priest's visitations had been "pleasant and profitable." Said he: "All the Chapters that it has been my privilege to visit during the year are in a healthy condition and steadily growing in membership and prosperity."

He had granted dispensations for forming two new Chapters, and had restored its Charter to a Chapter which had been sometime dormant, but now, wide awake and full of bright promise.

Seven special dispensations had been issued—three of them being permissions to waive time in balloting and conferring degrees.

Under the head of Decisions the Grand High Priest made four rulings which, in our opinion, were good law and usage. One of said decisions was drawn out by the following: A candidate had been duly elected to the Chapter degrees, but before any one of the degrees was conferred, several Companions alleged that the candidate was guilty of unmasonic conduct and should not receive the degrees; therefore they requested that the ballot be reconsidered. "1st. Can this be done?" "2d. Will it be necessary to prefer charges in the Lodge of which the candidate is a member?" "3d. Can the advancement of the candidate be arrested in any other way?"

"To which I answered: When objection is made to a candidate after ballot, and the objection stated to the Chapter, the matter should be referred to a committee and, on the report of such committee, decided by the Chapter on a majority vote."

All of the Grand High Priest's decisions were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, and by the Grand Chapter.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution was as follows:

"Article 11, Section 43.—A Chapter shall not confer the degrees upon a candidate who resides nearer some other Chapter, *Provided*, That the M. E. Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Florida, recognizes concurrent Jurisdiction with the M. E. Grand Chapter of Georgia of all material residing at or near the boundary line between Florida and Georgia, whereby a petition of one residing in such locality may be presented in the nearest Chapter; and concurrent Jurisdiction with the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama, over all material residing within five (5) miles of the State line, provided there be no organized Chapter of his own Jurisdiction within ten (10) miles of the petitioner's residence."

"(This amendment was sanctioned and ordered to lie over till the next Annual Convocation for final action.)"

At the Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood, seven applicants, being found eligible, were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E., Louis C. Massey, Grand High Priest.

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, U. S. A.

We have received the Report of General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox for the triennial term ending October 1, 1903. The Proceedings of the General Grand will, doubtless, reach us in the near future.

From this report it is learned that the number of Chapters comprising the Jurisdiction of the General Grand remains the same as per last similar report, viz: forty-four.

R. E. Companion Fox says:

"It is a gratifying fact that all of the Grand Chapters, with the exception of the Grand Chapter of Texas, as before noted, have paid their annual dues for the years 1900, 1901 and 1902, thus for the first time since the inauguration of the present financial system, leaving no open accounts on the books of the General Grand Chapter for the triennial period embraced in the reports, at the beginning of the Triennial Convocation."

The table detailing the payments of annual dues by the Grand Chapters respectively for the years 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903, shows that for 1900, the Grand Chapter of Alabama paid \$8.56; for 1901, \$12.32, and for 1902, \$14.44.

Under the heading, Work and Change of Membership, appears a compilation of matter contained in the Reports of the Grand Chapters, and in the printed Proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Texas, in which we find, for 1900, 200,039 affiliated Companions for 1901 210,339, and for 1902, 219,965. Through the period of 1900, 1901 and 1902, the net gain of affiliated Companions was 26,771. Companion Fox adds: * * * * *

"The reports for the current year (1903) thus far received, are also very encouraging in respect of a marked increase in membership, all tending to prove an abundant prosperity, for the present, at least."

Under Summary of Grand Chapter Reports, we quote as follows:

"The printed Proceedings of the Grand Chapters for the past three years reveal no action of an unusual character, and, in view of their conservative methods, the common characteristic of all Free Masonry, it would be a work of supererogation to attempt the discovery, in their proceedings, of any action derogatory to the institution, but all bear abundant evidence of a

healthful growth, a promising outlook for the immediate future, and of a wise and prudent administration of their affairs, in accordance with the general laws and the common usage of Royal Arch Masonry; and now, as never before, all are successfully engaged in the work of upbuilding the Chapter system of Masonry, and of erecting upon the broad and deep foundations already planted in their respective domains, a moral and fraternal structure of great power and the most salutary efficiency, in the inculcation of the underlying and everlasting principles of Royal Arch Masonry—a structure that shall, for all time, inspire the admiration and love of the Royal Craft, and command the profound respect of mankind, not alone for its beneficent design, but also for its enduring character."

Referring to the Chapters immediately subordinate to the General Grand, he says:

"The Chartered Chapters subordinate to the immediate Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter number twenty-one. Of this number, *seven* are located in Idaho, *three* in Utah, *eight* in Wyoming, and *one* each in Hawaii, the Chinese Empire, and the Republic of Chile."

"All these Chapters made returns and paid dues for 1900, 1901 and 1902."

Borinquen Chapter No. 1., San Juan, Puerto Rico, was organized February 17, 1902, (Borinquen is the Indian name for Puerto Rico) and began its career under very favorable auspices. This Chapter has exalted twenty-one, and obligated three, which with the original petitioners, make a membership of thirty-three. In fees and dues it has paid in to the General Grand a total of \$27.43.

The financial exhibit in this report shows that the total receipts from all sources were \$8,302.43.

A large portion of the report necessarily consists of statistics.

GEORGIA.

82ND ANNUAL, MACON, APRIL, 1904.

M. E. A. M. Lambdin, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 121; Members (100 Chapters reporting) 4,867. Net gain 628.

This Annual Convocation opened with a goodly attendance of Companions. Three Past Grand High Priests were present, as were also Representatives of twenty-six Grand Chapters, including Alabama.

The annual address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. A. M. Lambdin is an admirable production. Unable through lack of time and space to give it entire to our readers, they must, nevertheless, see a brief extract, in part from its exordium and partly from its peroration, as follows:

"Companions: At the end of a long hall in one of the German picture galleries there hangs a painting called 'Cloud-Land.' When you enter the opposite door, and look upon it from the distance, nothing can be seen but a confused mass of color, which is more repulsive than pleasing to the eye. As you draw near, under the subdued light of many windows the bold strokes of the painter's brush become softened and begin to take artistic form and shape; then you stand entranced before an innumerable company of angel faces. They peep out over and behind each other with expressions so varied that you wonder at the genius which gave them form. Thus it is with life. The year that has passed, looms up behind us and appears in the retrospective only as a shapeless aggregation of events, but when we review and study them in detail, the angel faces appear in the manifold mercies showered upon us by our Heavenly Father."

In conclusion he says:

"On reviewing the work of the year, and conning the lessons that have been learned in going in and out among the Companions in various parts of the State, I have become more and more impressed with the need, joy and blessedness of fraternity. Brotherly love! the very words warm the heart and cheer the drooping spirits! The great cry of humanity is for help and comfort. There is a simple story of a little child, who, having been put to bed one night, begged her mother to stay near-by until she fell asleep. 'I can't stay,' said the mother, 'you have your rag doll and God is here. You will soon be asleep.' 'I don't want a rag doll, I don't want God,' was the cry. 'I want a skin face.' And so it is; like the little children, we cry for the 'skin face that means warmth, life and love.' Through the human touch we reach up and grasp the Divine. We owe this duty to each other and in seeking and helping each other, we grow into a higher and holier estate ourselves."

"A Greek sculptor was asked why he bestowed so much labor upon his work. 'Because I am carving for eternity,' he replied. We can truthfully echo these words. We are indeed carving for eternity, shaping our own characters and incidentally helping to mold others. No false stroke can be obliterated and no blemish entirely removed. We cannot discharge our fraternal duties by remaining inactive. The Dead Sea is dead because it is always receiving and never giving out. Whenever you grasp a grand truth, pass it on; whenever a kindly impulse

springs up in your heart follow its leadings and much good to yourself and others will result."

He submitted no decisions. He had issued twenty special dispensations—some of them to waive time in conferring degrees.

His visitations were numerous and attended with both pleasure and profit.

He recommended that the uniformity of the work be made a special and imperative feature for the growth and development of the Royal Craft, and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Lecturers see to the importance of having the Chapters visited, and an exemplification of the work be had. He also suggested revision of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternal greetings were wired by Past Grand High Priest Chas. Wessalowsky to Grand Chapter.

The sympathies of the Grand Chapter were sent by wire to Past Grand High Priests J. W. Oslin and Chas. Wessalowsky, and to Grand Captain of the Host, T. F. Moody, also to Companion Max Meyerhardt, High Priest of Rome Chapter (26). A letter from Companion Meyerhardt to the Grand High Priest had expressed his regret at being unable to attend this Convocation on account of the sickness of a child. (We have learned with pleasure that the child is on the road to convalescence. Congratulations, Companion M.)

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution.

The Committee on Ritual reported its action, which was conformable to the recommendation of the Grand High Priest. Report "adopted, and the committee discharged with thanks."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances made short report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Memorials made fitting report, which was adopted.

The Grand High Priest read a letter of thanks from Miss Lula Mobley, daughter of Past Grand High Priest, Jas. M. Mobley, deceased.

On motion of M. E. James W. Taylor it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to communicate with Miss Mobley, thank her for kind suggestions as to the inscription to be put on her father's monument, and to express profound sympathy on account of the death of her distinguished father.

The committee on the address eulogized Grand High Priest Lambdin in the highest degree. Said the committee:

"We admire the beauty of its diction, we are impressed with the Masonic knowledge of its author, and are profoundly grateful for the labor he has performed in our behalf."

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters, Charters were granted to three Chapters U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence stated that "from the admirable address of the Grand High Priest it" would "be observed that he had not been called upon to make any rulings" during the year, hence no decision was before the committee for review, as usual.

The committee, in answer to a question as to the right of a Companion holding the position of H. P., K., or S., to dimit, was of the opinion that inasmuch as those officers cannot resign during their incumbency of office, it follows that the King, in question, cannot be dimitted. The committee's conclusion was adopted.

The Finance Committee's report shows that the balance cash on hand amounted to \$7,688.43. Among the committee's recommendations was one to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Support Fund of the Georgia Masonic Home. Concurred in.

The address of the Grand High Priest Elect, Comp. Y. A. Wright, on accepting the high office with which he was honored, was excellent in matter, and, no doubt, also excellent in manner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. A. M. Lambdin, Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, again submits his annual report, which consists of about eighty-three pages of as good reading matter as will be found in same number of pages of any man's production.

We admire Companion Lambdin's concise summarizing of the proceedings reviewed.

Alabama—1903—receives courteous attention. Our Companion compliments Grand High Priest, Charles R. Bricken, and declares that his decisions, all six, "were in accordance with good Masonic law." He is pleased at the honorable distinction conferred on Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp.

He will, we trust, accept the writer's thanks for kind reference to Alabama report on Correspondence, and brief extracts therefrom.

Under Oregon, he says:

"Companion Dodson has missed one of the delights of Masonry if he has never gathered together the wives and daughters and sisters and initiated them into some of the mysteries. And besides it serves the double purpose of keeping the dear creatures in a good humor and making them feel more lenient to what they might otherwise view with distrust and suspicion. It means much to a woman to be able to say, 'we Masons.'"

"Watch out," Companion, to hear from our distinguished Oregon contemporary, for calling him, "Dodson" instead of Hodson.

M. E. Y. A. Wright, Grand High Priest.

R. E. W. A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

54TH ANNUAL, CHICAGO, OCTOBER, 1903.

M. E. Alfred A. Whipple, Grand High Priest.

Chapters on the Roll, 186; Membership, 20,298; Net Gain, 1,229.

A portrait of Companion R. L. McKinley, Grand High Priest elect, adorns the fly-leaf of this volume. General Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was introduced, welcomed and received with Grand honors.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a strong paper, thoroughly business-like, and so plainly shows his administration of Grand Chapter affairs that "he who runs may read."

Two new Chapters had been constituted during the year, and twenty dispensations, "to elect an officer or officers" issued, and one to permit a Chapter to waive time in conferring degrees.

Among the new commissions issued to Grand Representatives, the old commissions having expired, we note one, the M. E. Comp. Geo. F. Moore, as representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama. (It will not be improper to state here that, for nearly a year, Comp. Moore has been a resident of New York

city). He had recommended Comp. P. W. Barclay to represent Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Two questions calling for decisions had been put to the Grand High Priest. 1st Question is as follows: "If several teams are to be worked in the Royal Arch Degree at any given meeting, is it permissible to work all of them but one team up to the veils only, or in any other manner in short form?"

"I reply: Each team must receive the entire work as in the ritual."

2d Question: "What is the true status of, and difference in, the standing of one under definite suspension and one under indefinite suspension; particularly, does indefinite suspension of a member deprive him of all the rights of a Royal Arch Mason, or only of his membership in the Chapter suspending him?"

Answer: "Indefinite suspension, whether for non-payment of dues or for any other offense, subjects an offender, during each suspension, to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Royal Arch Masonry to the delinquent and his family, and, for the time being, there is no difference between a Companion definitely suspended and one indefinitely suspended."

The Grand High Priest eloquently remembered the fraternal dead, notably Past Grand High Priests Wiley M. Egan, James Champion McKinley and Edward Coleman Pace. Companion Egan had also been Grand Treasurer for several years, and so satisfactory had his service been that when, in January, 1903, he tendered his resignation on account of failing health, deep regret at his loss of health, and at his retirement from his important office, was universally felt.

The long continued sickness of his wife had prevented the Grand High Priest from making more than a very few official visitations.

Under the heading "Complaint," he says:

"In January of this year I was informed by reliable parties that it was getting to be quite the custom in some Chapters to overdo matters somewhat in their zeal, and issued the following circular letter, which was mailed by the Grand Secretary to the High Priest of each Chapter:

"From the East of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Illinois.

QUINCY, ILL., Jan. 31, 1903.

To the High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions of all Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, Greeting:

It has come to my notice from various and what I believe to

be reliable sources, that in some of the Chapters it has grown to be quite a custom to obligate more than one candidate at a time in the Mark Master's degree. I also learn of a recent case where two candidates were obligated in the M. M. degree at the same time, ten or more were obligated in the P. M. and the M. E. M., and a team taken through the R. A. in one evening.

"As near as I can learn, this kind of work has been going on in several Chapters in Chicago and elsewhere, and is growing worse, as is shown by the above occurrence.

"Fervency and zeal should actuate all Royal Arch Masons, but it should not be that excess of zeal which would abridge the ritual, overlook or disobey the Constitution, By-Laws and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Illinois."

"Now, therefore, I, by virtue of the power in me vested as Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, call your attention to paragraph 'C,' section 18, page 22 of the Code, which is as follows:

"The first and second sections of the Mark Master's degree can only be conferred on one candidate at a time."

"I hereby direct that this communication be read in open Chapter, at the first stated convocation after its reception; that it be spread in full on the records, read at a subsequent convocation when the record is approved and that the Secretary report to the Grand Secretary that it had been read at such time, and was of record."

"Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Chapter, at Quincy, this 31st day of January, A. D. 1903, A. I. 2433."

A. A. WHIPPLE,
Grand High Priest.

"Attest:

(L. S.) GIL W. BARNARD, Grand Secretary."

The Grand High Priest reports the condition of the Royal Craft in Illinois as very good.

"Peace and concord prevail, and in a pre-eminent degree the year has been one of harmony and good will. This happy condition of affairs is rich in hope and promise for future years."

He recommended reduction of the *per capita* tax, from 60 to 50 cents.

The Grand Officers' reports from the respective districts assigned them were quite brief, but encouraging.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, Oct. 22d, 1903, amounted to \$16,363.41.

Report of Committee on Credentials shows that nineteen Past Grand High Priests attended this convocation, and that the Grand Representatives of 48 Sister Jurisdictions did the same, Comp. Philander W. Barclay (P. G. H. P.), for Alabama, included.

The Special Committee on Revision of the Chapter Manual (Comp. Warvelle Chairman,) reported a revised Manual; which was adopted and made part of the Standard Work.

The Committee on Obituaries made an eloquent and carefully prepared report, which was received and adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a short report which was adopted.

The Committee approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest, also approved his recommendation of reduction in the per capita tax (dues) from sixty cents to fifty.

The report of the Committee on Accounts was adopted. Among its items we note the following: the Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer were authorized and directed to invest the sum of \$3,000.00 in some first class interest bearing securities. Also, that the committee reported a diversely on the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the Committee on Accounts are hereby requested to report an appropriation of \$500.00 for the Eastern Star and Masonic Home of Illinois,” and assigned reasons for the same, as follows: 1st, reduction of the per capita tax from 60 to 50 cents, 2d, increased expenses during the past year.

We shall not, probably be thanked for intimating that we do not like that partnership business—that, in our humble opinion, Masonic Homes should be under exclusive Masonic control and management.

(But we recall that prescription for the “prevention of nose-bleed,” viz: “Keep your nose out of other people’s business.”) Really, we didn’t intend to meddle with the affairs of the Illinois Home, so Companion Warvelle be gentle with us, and don’t accuse us of trespass.

It is pleasant to record that the Committee on Grievances had had nothing on its docket.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected, consecrated and set apart forty-five petitioners.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Geo. W. Warvelle presents another of his scholarly and vivacious reports, consisting of a review of the Proceedings of fifty-one Grand Bodies, together with an “Aftermath” embracing tractates learned and

ingenious, on various topics, e. g.: "Border Jurisdiction," "Concerning Dignities," "the Cup that Cheers," "The Breastplate," "Masonic Parliamentary Law," "The Great Lights," "Actual Presence," "Grand Representatives," and "Perfect Youth."

Courteous notice, over a page long, is accorded to Alabama—1902. Companion Warvelle intimates that our "Committee on Work" looks, at a distance, very much like a "Board of Grand Lecturers." So be it; let it look that way; but we have had a committee on work so many years, that change would be violent. He calls the writer's Report on Correspondence, "voluminous."

Probably we *did* 'spin too long a yarn.'

He says: "Brother Titcomb is a firm believer in the 'actual presence,' and hence disagrees with our action in respect to a destroyed charter." Then he quotes our definition of a Lodge, as follows:

"A Lodge, being a congregation of Masons legally constituted and duly assembled, has in its midst the Great Lights and a Charter or Warrant empowering it to work. If any one of these essentials is missing, it is not a lawful Masonic Lodge," and asks:

"How about the Lodges that had no 'great lights,' and there were many of them—were they unlawful? The term 'great lights' does not begin to appear in Masonic nomenclature until Preston's time, *circa* 1770, and it would certainly seem that prior to 1730, Lodges were constituted by the Grand Master without any reference to charters or furniture. In another place he practically repeats the foregoing when he says, in defining the Constitution of a Lodge that it is "A congregation of brethren duly assembled, having the Holy Bible, square and compasses, and a charter or warrant of constitution authorizing them to work." This construction dates back to 1717. Absence of any one of these essentials takes away the character of the whole."

Companion Warvelle then proceeds to annihilate us in the following:

"Evidently Companion Titcomb is in possession of information which I have vainly sought and of authorities that are unknown to the general Masonic student, for he says: "This construction dates back to 1717." If he will kindly cite one *authority* for this remarkable assertion he will confer a lasting boon on the students of both hemispheres. As a matter of fact about all that we know of the revival of 1717, is derived from the sec-

ond edition of Anderson's Constitutions, published in 1738. The oldest; Minutes of the Grand Lodge commence on June 24, 1723."

Our purpose was to show that Lodges were chartered or warranted as far back as 1717.

We should have said, *this chartering or warranting* dates back to 1717, instead of "*this construction*."

Though somewhat antiquated, we are not an antiquarian, but we had read in chapter 11, on Written Law, Mackey's Masonic Jurisprudence, p. 53, under the caption, "The Regulations of 1717," the following:

"Preston informs us that, on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1717, at the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England by the four Lodges in London, the following Regulation was adopted:

"That the privilege of assembling as Masons, which had been hitherto unlimited, should be vested in certain Lodges or assemblies of Masons, convened in certain places; and that every Lodge to be hereafter convened, except the four old Lodges at this time existing, should be legally authorized to act by a warrant from the Grand Master for the time being, granted to certain individuals by petition, with the consent and approbation of the Grand Lodge in communication; and that without such warrant, no Lodge should be deemed regular or constitutional."

In our simplicity we accepted the foregoing "Regulation of 1717," as *authority*.

In his concluding paragraph, Companion Warvelle smoothes our ruffled plumage with the following:

"I find Companion Titcomb a very pleasing writer and his report a model of its kind. I have perused it with interest as I doubt not have the companions for whom it was prepared."

For all of which we make our best bow.

There is much in this report which it would be a pleasure to copy, but we must content ourselves with transcribing the following paragraph instigated by the claim that the Kansas ritual was the most complete ritual of Capitular Masonry of the present day:

"The above will be read with feelings of sadness, possibly of chagrin, by those who see in the Grand Chapter Ritual the quintessence of liturgic perfection. Well, there is just one way to produce and maintain a uniform ritual and that is to take away the liberty of the Grand Chapters and vest a supreme

despotic power in one body. When that shall have been done the dream of the 'uniformists' will be realized—but not before."

M.: E.: Robert L. McKinley, Grand High Priest,
R.: E.: Gilbert W. Barnard, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

58TH ANNUAL—INDIANAPOLIS—OCTOBER 1903.

M.: E.: Alvin G. Tillotson, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 102 (99 represented); Chapters U. D. 5;
Members 8,528; Increase 655.

Frontispiece—the incoming Grand High Priest, Comp. John J. Glendening.

When Grand Chapter assembled sixteen Past Grand High Priests answered roll-call, as also did the Grand Representatives of thirty sister jurisdictions, M.: E.: Alvin G. Tillotson representing Alabama.

In the course of his excellent address the Grand High Priest made the gratifying announcement that there was not a delinquent Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana.

Nine dispensations for organization of new Chapters had been issued. A few special dispensations had been granted—none of these for waiving time in balloting on candidates and conferring degrees.

Nov. 19, 1902, Comp. Thos. B. Whitley had been commissioned to represent the Grand Chapter of Indiana near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

We can find no fault with the decisions submitted by Grand High Priest Tillotson; their conformity to Masonic law and usage is obvious. To copy them seems unnecessary.

When the M.: E.: laid down the gavel of authority he had cause to rest satisfied that his "stewardship" had been most satisfactory to the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows, October 15, 1903, balance in hand, \$8,865.54.

The Grand Chapter concurred in the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, said report showing that unbroken peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction.

\$400.00 were appropriated to defray the expenses of representatives to the General Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions sub-

mitted by the Grand High Priest. Report of the committee concurred in.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations, four Charters for new Chapters were granted, and one Chapter was continued under dispensation another year.

The reports on the fraternal dead of other jurisdictions, and of the home jurisdiction, were highly appropriate, and imbued with the true spirit of our great Brotherhood.

The R. E. Grand Chaplain was surprised by the presentation to himself of a beautiful Jewel.

The Grand Council of High Priests elected twenty-nine new members.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Simeon S. Johnson, again as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a report reviewing the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters, within the space of seventy-two pages of printed matter, and giving the cream of the transactions reviewed. Three of the forty-eight are reported for two years.

Alabama—1902, is treated most kindly.

Referring to the increase of our excellent Grand Secretary's salary, he pokes a little fun at us Alabama Companions in the following:

"Our sincere hope is that he is not carried away and unduly excited over such lavish appropriation."

Now, dear Companion, do not forget that the Companions in Alabama are far from being as rich as are their Companions up in Indiana. With you a dollar fills but a small visual angle, but to us it looks as big as a cart-wheel.

He says:

"Grand Chapter made one ruling for which there was no reason given. A Companion had been suspended in his Chapter for non-payment of dues, petitioned to have Grand Chapter remit dues charged against him *after such suspension*, and that he be permitted to pay dues for which he was suspended and be restored to full membership. This petition was refused. Why, we are not informed, neither are we informed by what rules or right a suspended member can be charged with dues during such suspension. In our opinion such a rule is both unlawful and unjust."

Were Companion Johnson familiar with our statute book, his

surprise at the fact recited, would not have been awakened, for under our rules, dues accrue during the period of suspension N. P. D. While this is so in the Jurisdiction of Alabama, we are free to say that personally we are of the opinion that such charge of dues during suspension, is unjust. For two years the writer has been trying to have a similar law in our Grand Lodge rescinded. Thus far failure has attended our effort, but, at the last meeting of said Grand Body, so respectable a minority sustained our position that we shall try it again next year if we are spared to attend the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge. It is also our purpose to ask Grand Chapter to do away with the same rule.

M. E. John J. Glendening, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

50TH ANNUAL, OSKALOOSA, SEPTEMBER, 1903.

M. E. I. P. Wilson, Grand High Priest.

Chapters reported, 127; Chapters represented, 98. Total Membership, Dec. 31, 1902, 9,040. Net gain, 414.

Owing to the protracted illness of the M. E. Grand High Priest, the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. George R. Turner presided over this Convocation.

Eight Past Grand High Priests were present, also twenty-two Grand Representatives, among the latter, M. E. Comp. William Wilbraham, Alabama's ambassador

Notwithstanding his precarious physical condition, the Grand High Priest had completed his Annual Address, which the Deputy Grand High Priest read to the assembled oCompanions.

In view of the very serious illness of M. E. Companion Wilson, this address is a remarkable document, showing great mental vigor under the weight of bodily infirmity.

Special dispensations had, for what were deemed good and sufficient reasons, been granted to about one-third of the Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction. Many of these were made needful through lack of a quorum in Chapter at the time prescribed for annual elections. Several dispensations were denied because what the petitioners sought would have been violations of law.

No decisions were submitted to Grand Chapter.

Under the head of Grand Representatives, we note that Comp.

William Smaw, on recommendation of Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Beauchamp, was, Jan. 26, 1903, commissioned Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Iowa, near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and that the Grand High Priest of Iowa Grand Chapter re-commissioned M. E. Companion William Wilbraham as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Iowa, notified that this would be acceptable in Alabama.

(Should not the commission issue from the Grand Chapter represented?)

Under the present Code, the Grand High Priest may, in emergent cases, issue dispensation to waive time in balloting on petitions and conferring degrees. It appears that the "spirit of the law" will allow a petition for membership to be placed in the hands of the Secretary as late as twenty-four hours before the petition shall be presented to the Chapter, at which time said petition may be presented, a committee appointed, an investigation had, a report received, a ballot at once taken, and the Mark Master's degree conferred—and all the same evening."

The Grand High Priest was opposed to rushing candidate through by the limited express. He earnestly desired that the Grand Chapter would carefully consider this matter, and trusted that it would be found advisable to so amend the section of the Code referred to as to remove the possibility of making mistakes that are dangerous to the Order.

Such a sentiment merits universal applause.

The Most Excellent deeply regretted that he had been unable to make his intended visitations to the Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer had, Sept. 1, 1903, balance cash on hand \$7,264.04.

Grand Secretary Comp. Alf. Wingate shows, by his annual report, that he fulfils the important office which he holds.

On recommendation of a special committee the Grand Chapter will have an observance of its Semi-Centennial at the Annual Convocation in 1904.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to which the amendment to the Code urged by the Grand High Priest as means of "removing the possibility of making mistakes railroading candidates that are dangerous to the Order," recommended that the section of the Code referred to be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. No ballot shall be taken for the degrees except at a stated convocation other than the one at which the petition was received."

The report of the committee on the proposed amendment to the Constitution was agreed to, and, under the law, was laid over until the next Annual Convocation for action thereon.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico.

We have read with care the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, and did space allow, would like to present it to our readers on account of the novelty of the matter reported on. Suffice it to say that Grand Chapter sustained the committee's report.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual way.

From the report of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund it is learned that said Fund consists of securities to the amount of \$10,000, and cash in hand \$13,314.18. This cash deposited affords a revenue, to be dispensed in charity.

The Relief Fund, made of accrued interest on securities, amounts to \$618.91. \$525 had been dispensed in benevolences.

The Committee on Necrology reported eloquently on the Fraternal Dead. Adopted.

The Finance Committee recommended appropriations aggregating \$4,433.71.

The next convocation (annual) will be held at Templar Park Spirit Lake, July 21, 1904.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected and duly consecrated, anointed and set apart nineteen candidates. M. E., President W. F. Cleveland delivered a short but able address.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion Wm. F. Cleveland, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, submitted his second annual report, in which he reviewed the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, occupying sixty-one pages. Into these pages he has compressed an excellent review, concisely touching upon the

salient points in each record of transactions in the several volumes reviewed.

He treats Alabama-1902 with unfailing courtesies, highly complimenting M. . E. . Geo. F. Moore, Grand High Priest, on his address, and bestowing on the writer's correspondence reports praise beyond what we feel to be our deserts. Among some other things, he says of us:

"To us he seems just a little too fearful that he might hurt somebody's feelings." Well! better so than the opposite, disregard of the feelings of others.

Companion Cleveland's views as to correspondents coincide with our own. As to differences of opinion among them, we would have the spirit of the advice which Polonius gave to Laertes, obtain:

"Beware of entrance to a quarrel,
But, being in, bear it that the opposer
May beware of thee."

The reviewer says:

"Under Kentucky, Companion Titcomb says, in regard to Grand Representatives: 'While we do not care to discuss this subject, we will, however, say that, under suitable regulations, the system may at times be quite useful,' and continues with a mild rebuke for us because we did not express positive advocacy of the system, or opposition thereto, winding up as follows:

"We would rather see a correspondent openly oppose it than be lukewarm, or on the fence."

Probably we were unfortunate in the wording of our remark, for by saying we did not care to discuss the subject, it was not our intention to convey the idea that we held the system in disfavor; on the contrary, we favor it, but did not, then, regard it as a "business question." We are not "lukewarm or on the fence."

He credits us with "a good, strong argument" in favor of the presence of the Charter in the Lodge room," but dissents from our conclusions. By which, from what he says under District of Columbia, we infer that he does not think the "actual presence" of the warrant necessary to legalize the work of the Lodge or Chapter.

Companion Ingersoll, of Tennessee, had said that Symbolic, Capitular and Templar Masonry completed the entire system of American Freemasonry, and we had presumed to affirm that

Symbolic and Capitular Masonry comprised all that is peculiar to the institution of Freemasonry.

Whereupon Companion Cleveland pounces upon us both thus:

"Companions Ingersoll and Titcomb have both entirely overlooked the 'Cryptic Rite. Say, where does the Council come in? and what is Ancient Craft Masonry without it? We have enjoyed Companion Titcomb's entire report."

We would fain reply by, in turn, asking a question, namely Was not Ancient Craft Masonry a recognized institution prior to the inauguration of the Cryptic Rite in the latter part of the 18th century? We leave with reluctance our Companion's fine report, after complimenting his acrostic, under Louisiana, on the letters upon the Keystone.

M. E. Geo. R. Turner, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Alfred Wingate, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

As we open this well executed volume of proceedings the pleasing features of M. E. Frank E. Davis, Grand High Priest, greet our eye. Further on, we find portraits of Past Grand High Priest Bestor J. Brown, Robert E. Nickles, Wm. D. Thompson, also portrait of late Grand Treasurer, Peter J. Freling.

39TH ANNUAL—TOPEKA—FEBRUARY, 1904.

Working Chartered Chapters 81. Members 6,010. Net gain 210.

The Grand High Priest cordially invited all Royal Arch Masons in good standing to attend the sessions of this Convocation.

M. E. Bestor G. Brown, General Grand Master of the 2d Veil of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of U. S. A., was introduced received and welcomed as befitted his exalted station.

Credentials Committee reported present—The M. E. Grand High Priest, all the other Grand Officers, a quorum of members, nine Past Grand High Priests, and thirty-two Grand Representatives, Comp. Herman D. Millard, for Alabama, being in the number last named.

In opening his excellent address the Grand High Priest feelingly referred to the destructive flood which had recently

visited a portion of portion of Kansas, particularly, the Kansas Valley calamity wrought by the surging sea of waters which so devastated that thriving region. He also touchingly mentioned the unexpected death of Past Grand High Priest Wm D. Thompson, and that of R. E. Peter John Freling, for 12 years Grand Treasurer, as well as the demise of other Companions of his own, and of sister Jurisdictions.

During the year he had been appealed to for the usual number of decisions. In all cases save one, it had been only necessary to call attention to existing laws in order to furnish the desired light. The following was the exceptional case:

"This was in the case of a Comp. Royal Arch Mason, a member of a Royal Arch Chapter in the obedience of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, the sovereign governing Body of Capitular Masonry in Scotland, and duly recognized by us as such, whose application for affiliation in one of our Chapters was then pending."

"The application for affiliation was not, however, accompanied by a dimit, and correspondence with the Scottish Chapter revealed the fact that they had no forms of dimission as required by our law."

He therefore held that: "A petitioner for membership must produce the certificate required by Article 111, Section 39, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and such requirement cannot be waived by the Chapter or set aside by special dispensation of the Grand High Priest."

He suggested to the Companions that they forward a blank form of dimit to the Scottish Chapter, together with an explanation of the Kansas law on the subject, and intimated that, doubtless a dimit would be granted, and they could then act on the petition.

He had granted nine special dispensations, only two of which were permissions to waive time in conferring degrees. He had been asked for a dispensation of this kind, the applicant stating that it was an "emergency case," and that "the Chapter was doing well, and had three teams on the road." The applicants said, "a candidate," not specifying whom.

This dispensation was very properly refused.

The Grand High Priest made a very interesting statement of action taken upon receipt of intelligence of the effects of the destructive floods of May and June.

By authority of the Board of Conservators an order was drawn on the Charity Fund for \$1,000.00 in behalf of the sufferers. The generous donations of a Chapter and a Commandery increased this Special Relief Fund to \$1,050.00.

The Special Relief Committee, in its report of the disposition of said fund, showed that, after careful investigation into the situation, only \$40.00 of the fund was required for relief of the unfortunate Companions.

The Special Relief Committee, after having exercised due diligence in discharge of its responsible offices, returned to Grand Chapter \$1,010.00.

He recommended that orders be drawn on the Charity Fund in favor of the Chapter and Commandery mentioned above for \$25.00 each, to reimburse them for their generous act. In this connection he desired to acknowledge the generosity of a Galveston (Texas) Chapter which, August 12th, sent a fraternal letter of sympathy enclosing a draft for \$25.00. He had directed the Grand Secretary to return the draft to "our Companions of the Lone Star State, thanking them in the name of the Grand Chapter."

Some other incidents, like in character evoked his acknowledgements to sympathizers.

All of which, illustrate the "sturdy self-reliance of the Kansas Masons, as well as the beauty of Masonry.

It being apparent that the Charity Fund was much larger than necessary, he recommended that, inasmuch as the said Fund, under the law existing, increases more than \$300.00 a year, while disbursements therefrom seldom reach \$1,000.00 a year, the law be so amended that, in future, the General Fund be charged with all the moneys received from the loan of rituals, and with 95% of moneys received from all other sources on account of revenue, and the Charity Fund, with 5 per cent.

He further recommended that the sum of \$1,000.00 be temporarily transferred from the Charity Fund to the General Fund until such time as the Board of Conservators shall elect to return the same, or any part thereof to the Charity Fund.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made a graphic and interesting report on the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Little Rock, Ark.

The Grand King made a brief annual report which did not require action by Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe made report as Special Auditor to examine into the accounts of the late Grand Treasurer, R. . E. . Peter J. Freling, having been appointed to said examination by the Grand High Priest. He (the Grand Scribe) reported that he found the accounts of Grand Chapter in good condition with a cash balance in bank, of \$2 773.91. On the same page we find a foot-note, as follows: "Owing to an unforeseen contingency this balance was not returned to the Grand Secretary until after the close of the financial accounts of the year. It will appear in next year's receipts —[Grand Secretary.]"

The Recapitulation of Grand Treasurer, Comp. A. H. Committ, states, February 4, 1904, balance in General Fund to be \$1,686.29, in Charity Fund \$1,845.05—total balance in the Treasury \$3,531.34.

The Grand Secretary was "pleased again to be able to report that annual returns and dues have been received from all Chapters on our (their) rolls."

For completeness and painstaking, Grand Secretary Comp. Shaver's annual reports are not excelled.

We were not surprised to learn that, at the Triennial of the General Grand at Little Rock, the General Grand Secretary, Comp. Christopher G. Fox warmly commended Comp. Shaver's work on Committee, and that the Grand Body itself voted its thanks for the same. These commendations were richly deserved.

The reports of the Grand Lecturer and the Assistant Grand Lecturer, were received and referred to Committee on Reports of Grand Officers, and referred by the latter to Committee on Finance and Property.

On the morning of the second day, the Grand Representatives present were welcomed and received with the Grand Honors.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Revision of Laws, did its work well, and presented the result of its labors to Grand Chapter, which unanimously adopted the same by a rising vote.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had not a single case on its docket.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Supreme Grand Chapters of New Zealand.

The report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted,

approved the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, that \$1,000.00 of the Charity Fund be transferred temporarily to the General Fund until such time as the Board of Conservators shall elect to return the amount or any part of it to the Charity Fund.

The committee also approved the Grand High Priest's recommendation in regard to apportionment of Grand Chapter's revenue, and recommended that the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to prepare an amendment to the By-Laws in accordance therewith.

Same committee also recommended that the sum of \$200.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for payment of compensation and necessary traveling expenses of Grand or Assistant Lecturers employed by the Grand High Priest to disseminate the ritualistic work.

In accordance with recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the Jurisprudence Committee reported a amendment to Section 19, Article 11 of the By-Laws, to read as follows: "He shall debit the General Fund with ninety-five per cent. of all moneys received on account of revenue, and the Charity Fund with five per cent."

And the amendment was "adopted by the required vote of more than two-thirds of all the members present and voting."

After the close of the Grand Chapter a special Convocation of Manhattan Chapter No. 14, of Manhattan, Kansas, was held in the Red Room of the Masonic Temple, at Topeka, under a special dispensation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, for the purpose of exemplifying the M. E. Master's Degree, before the Companions of the Grand Chapter, under the invitation of the Grand High Priest. We quote:

"The work was presented in a very elegant, artistic and finished manner, with costumes, processions, and all of the ceremonial features, eliciting words of unqualified praise and congratulation from all present."

No doubt all that display was exceedingly picturesque, but does Masonry need gorgeous robes, stage settings, scenic display, frills and furbelows, to enable her to illustrate the beauty and grandeur of her mission for the uplifting of humanity?

The Order of High Priesthood received eighteen accessions to its membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion Wm. M. Shaver, Grand Secretary as well as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, submitted his fourth Annual report, in which he admirably reviewed the Proceedings of forty-six Grand Chapters. (One of them—Alabama—for two years.)

His review of Alabama (nearly four pages) is for 1902 and 1903. He quotes from M. E. Companion Geo. F. Moore's address the "interesting historical item" in regard to Comp. Ephraim Kirby. He says that M. E. Companion Chas. R. Bricken's address "showed continued prosperity." He notes that both Grand High Priest Moore and Grand High Priest Bricken attributed the great prosperity of Capitular Masonry in Alabama, during the last two years, to the zealous and indefatigable efforts of R. E. Grand Secretary Comp. Geo. A. Beauchamp. He also refers to M. E. Chas. R. Bricken's recommendation that the rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest be conferred upon Companion Beauchamp in recognition of his eminent services. Companion Shaver says:

"Companion Beauchamp's excellent work well deserves recognition." * * * * * "The title is an empty honor." * * * * * "If Alabama desired to confer a *real honor* upon Comp. Beauchamp, why not elect him Grand High Priest for a year and put in some Companion nominally for Grand Secretary while Comp. Beauchamp continued to do the work of the office?"

Personally we fully agree with Comp. Shaver's suggestion that such would have been an excellent plan. We also agree under Illinois, concerning "motion to lay on the table."

His complimentary reference to the writer is greatly valued. His vindication of the "Secretary" politically inclined apparently, is entirely satisfactory.

With reluctance we leave out some passages in this report which we were desirous of quoting.

M. E. Perry M. Harrington, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William M. Shaver, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER, 1903.

No. Chapters 85—Members 4,695—Net gain 508.

M. E. John W. Landrum, Grand High Priest (whose portrait graces the initial page of this volume).

The goodly number of seventeen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance upon the Convocation under review.

The Grand High Priest made, in his address, feeling reference to the death of the late M. E. Companion James W. Staton.

He announced that recommendations had been made to the various Grand Jurisdictions, of names of Companions as Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Under the head of "Decisions" appears the following :

"A candidate is elected to receive all the degrees in a Chapter. After receiving the Mark Master's Degree, a Companion, member of the Chapter, makes objection privately to the High Priest against the further progress of the candidate."

The matter having been referred to the Grand High Priest, he decided as follows :

"Held—The objector can state his reasons privately to the High Priest, King and Scribe, and if in their opinion the reason is deemed sufficient they may withhold the conference of further degrees—provided it is the unanimous conclusion; or they may require that objection be made in open chapter, even should they decide that the reason is sufficient. This to be optional with them."

The Grand High Priest had granted twenty-four dispensations to waive time in acting on petitions for the degrees; four to elect officers, and two for new Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer had balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1903, \$3,472 24.

On the subject of concurrent jurisdiction with bordering States, the Grand Secretary acquaints us with the fact that Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia are agreed on reciprocity, while Indiana and Ohio decline to enter into the proposed arrangement. Missouri had not been heard from. Two dormant Chapters had been authorized to resume work.

Two new Chapters had been organized under dispensation, and one had been granted a charter under special conditions.

The report of the Special Committee on the death of M. E. Companion James W. Staton, was adopted by a rising vote.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispersations, Charters were granted to the two Chapters U. D.

The Committee on Grievances was happy in having nothing to do.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a brief but first-class report, which was adopted. The following is the substance of said report:

"Your committee to whom was referred the only decision of the Grand High Priest in his admirable address, takes pleasure in approving the same."

"Your committee would further report that the objection of a member of a Chapter to the initiation or advancement of a candidate must be respected whenever made known to the High Priest or the Chapter. No degree should ever be conferred upon any one to whom any member of the Chapter shall object."

"If the objection be made to the High Priest personally, or in open Chapter, the fact of the objection shall be noted of record, but not the name of the objector."

The views of the committee, especially in its "further report," commend themselves to our judgment. Some of our writers seem to forget that a Lodge or Chapter is a voluntary association; they also appear to ignore the fact that the unbroken unanimity of those already in the Lodge is of more consequence than the possible shutting out of some desirable new comer.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was allowed an extension of time for completion of its report.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, and present Grand Secretary, Comp. H. B. Grant, submitted the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, a review of proceedings of sister Grand Chapters and embracing more than eighty-seven pages of reading matter of the best quality.

Companion Grant, with his hands full of work already, nevertheless took upon himself this additional task, when it became apparent that Companion Staton's attack of paralysis, last summer, would prove fatal. In the goodness of his heart the Grand Secretary made over the compensation for this work to the daughter of the lamented Staton. All honor to Comp. Grant for this illustration of real Masonry.

Alabama—1902, receives about two pages of fraternal notice at Companion Grant's hands

Referring to Grand High Priest Moore's recommendation as to the portrait of Judge Ephraim Kirby, Companion Grant says:

"That kind of broad-mindedness is worthy of all imitation. With it there would be a cessation of sectional bickerings, and a general feeling of"—good will?

He pays the writer a very handsome compliment in the following: (Wish we fully deserved it). "The correspondence report of 179 pages was made by Comp. Wm. Y. Titcomb, who constitutes the entire committee because he is a host in himself."

It is not *strange* that Companion Grant misapprehended the impelling force causing our ejaculation, "strange." We should have appended a word or two explanatory. We did not regard Grand High Priest Jefferson's decision as strange, but we did think it strange that such a mistake as letting a candidate skip a degree, could occur in a well ordered Chapter.

Under Nevada, the reviewer asks what the use of the Grand Representative "system is anyhow." "Can any one show one really good reason for its existence?"

With Comp. Wait's permission, we will turn that question over to him for answer.

In this report of Companion Grant's there are many passages meriting quotation. We must stop before we begin, because the extracts would cover several pages, although all the Companion's comments are short and crisp.

M. E. Robert B. Burnam, Grand High Priest.

R. E. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

Like Oregon, Vermont, South Dakota, Washington, and a few others, this Jurisdiction puts in an appearance just at the heel of our reviewing—. But we will not waste words; so here goes for an imperfect notice of the same.

57TH ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 1904.

M. E. R. W. Allen, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 24—Members January 1, 1904, 1,725—Net gain during the year 214.

Seven Past Grand High Priests attended the Convocation un-

der review, as well as did one P. D. G. H. P., and two P. G. S.'s. Also Representatives of twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama not of the number. Twenty-one of the twenty-four Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest after having recounted in his address his official acts, accorded to the Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary, the highest meed of praise for their noble devotion to the Craft, and most efficient services.

In his conclusion he well said :

"With this day's proceedings my authority ends. At the final stroke of this gavel I must resign my trust and quietly resume my accustomed place among the Craft. It is well in our economy of government that the leader of to-day must be the follower of to-morrow; it teaches the lesson of unity, of equality, of truthful and loving fraternity, for in every mind that has been illumined by the principles of Masonic truth dwells the power and the knowledge to lead successfully the virtuous craftsmen in the way of all human usefulness. May the blessing of Him, who "makes darkness light before us" be with you ever, and with the spirit of Capitular Masonry as it marches onward and upward, fulfilling its precious mission of love, peace and good will among men."

The Grand Treasurer had a balance in the sum of \$2,919.82.

The report of Grand Secretary Lambert is a thoroughly good one.

The Grand Lecturer in his report shows that Capitular Masonry in Louisiana is in a very promising condition.

The annual Report on Foreign Correspondence was adopted and ordered published with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence had no report to make; neither had the Committee on Work.

By a rising vote the sum of \$1,500.00 was donated to the Widows and Orphans Fund.

The Committee on Necrology made a fitting report, in course of which, the committee endorsed the Grand High Priest's eloquent tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Companion Henry P. Buckley, who died September 15th, 1903. The committee recommended that suitable memorial pages be set apart to the memory of departed Companions—adopted.

The Representatives of sister Grand Chapters present, were received and welcomed, as usual.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion, the Rev. Herman Cape Duncan, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report, a masterly effort, reviewing the Proceedings of forty-seven Grand Chapters, (one for two years.) Should we attempt to do justice to this report, we should utterly fail to command the requisite time and space therefor.

Alabama—1902 is accorded a page and a third of courteous notice. The reviewer quotes approvingly several paragraphs of M. E. Grand High Priest George F. Moore's address. He criticises our reciprocity resolutions affecting contiguous jurisdictions. His strictures in that connection are, no doubt, worthy of thoughtful consideration. He ignores the writer's Report on Correspondence. All the same, Companion Duncan's review is full of information and instruction for the Masonic student.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected two members.

M. E. Graham Surghnor, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

79TH ANNUAL, PORTLAND, MAY, A. I. 2434, A. D. 1904,

M. E. Howard D. Smith, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 59; Chapters U. D., 2; Members, 7,705; Net Gain, 418.

At the Convocation under review fifty-one Chapters were represented, and eleven Past Grand High Priests, two P. D. G. H. P's, three P. G. K's and two P. G. S's were also present. While there were seventeen Grand Representatives on hand, we note that Alabama's spokesman, Comp. James M. Nevens was again absent.

The reading of the address of the Grand High Priest gives evidence of his devotion to the interests of the Royal Craft, as well as his methodical attention to business. Among his official acts we note his appointment, Feb. 15, 1904, of R. E. Companion Wm. H. Dingley as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

He feelingly mentioned the death of Past Grand High Priest Joseph Alvah Locke.

He paid well merited compliment to R. V. E. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

He had granted two dispensations to form new Chapters.

Of his special dispensations three only were permissions to waive time in acting on petitions and conferring degrees.

He submitted but one decision, which, in our opinion, was an eminently proper one, viz:

"That it is not proper to ballot on a lot of candidates for degrees collectively."

Balloting on candidates in a bunch (so to speak) might entail serious consequences; for instance, all the candidates except one might be entirely acceptable. How could the unacceptable one be black-balled without the whole bunch sharing his fate?

The Grand High Priest is a firm believer in the beneficial influence of official visitations. His report of his own visits, and the reports of the other Grand officers to him, are all very full, and must be highly interesting to the Maine Companions, as these reports, instructive and gossipy, no doubt, bring the several Chapters into closer touch with each other, and, consequently, strengthen the ties uniting them.

Just before concluding his address, the M. V. E. Grand High Priest said:

"It is pleasing to know that the growth of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction is the largest for many years, exceeding the splendid showing of last year. Last year the increase was 313, and for the year just ending it is 418; this is a showing of which we may all feel proud. *Our only danger is from the introduction of poor material. Guard well the outer door.*" (Italics ours.)

Committee on Memorials reported, in short but informing paragraphs, the passing away of illustrious Companions from fifteen Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows, April 13, 1904, balance to new account—investments and cash—\$6,215.29.

Invested Charity Fund, \$1,908. Total income of Charity Fund, \$1,124.87.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had holiday.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, warrants were granted to the two Chapters U. D.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommended approval of the decision submitted by the Grand High Priest. The Committee disapproved the Grand Secretary's recommen-

dation, referred to this Committee last year, in regard to issuing certificates to be used in place of charters, and recommend accordingly. The report was accepted and recommendations adopted.

Shortly afterwards the recommendation of the Law Committee in regard to "Certificates of Charter," was reconsidered, and it was voted to refer the matter to the next Annual Convocation.

On motion, "the thanks of the Grand Chapter was tendered to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Howard D. Smith, for his faithful and untiring service."

At the request of the Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Horace H. Burbank submitted a short but touching and scholarly memorial on the life and character of Past Grand High Priest, the late Joseph Alvah Locke, who died in Portland, April 21, 1904. The memorial was accepted.

In the Council of the Order of High Priesthood, twenty-five candidates were received and anointed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We greet with pleasure the portrait of R. E. Comp. Herbert Harris, Grand King, and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, which side heads the opening of this, his second annual report.

An army officer once remarked to a lady friend, while discussing personal characteristics:

"Madam, Nature never tickets a man wrong."

This face before us indicates intellectuality, high sense of honor individuality.

Alabama-1903 receives nearly three pages of courteous notice. Companion Harris doubts not that R. E. Comp. Wm. H. Dingley "well represented" the Grand Chapter of Maine. We will only add, that if all Masons lived up to Companion Dingley's standard, society would be vastly improved.

He compliments M. E. Companion Charles R. Bricken's address by quoting several paragraphs therefrom, and says that "all of his decisions are in accord with General Chapter law; and apparently they were thought to be so obviously correct that no action upon them would be necessary, and none was taken."

He notes that "Comp. John G. Harris, P. G. H. P., had not received the Jewel which had been voted to him, and that it was made the duty of the incoming Grand High Priest to see

that it was procured and presented forthwith. Later, the Grand Secretary was instructed to get him one; and if he gets two now to atone for previous neglect, we shall find no fault; we dislike to see a *Harris* slighted." (Italics ours.)

He says: "The Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Chapter sat down hard upon the resolution making Chapter membership dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge." And he feared they had not taken warning from our "waking dream" of two years before.

He is so generous as to give this writer nearly two pages in his review of Alabama.

He endorses what we had said concerning "malicious black-balling," in which we had intimated that two reflections had crossed our mind in that connection, viz: that malicious or spiteful balloting is a serious offense; and that to attempt an investigation of the secret ballot, is to tread on dangerous ground, but Companion Harris justly adds:

"The offending Companion's action in declaring that 'no one should be elected, &c.,' might well be investigated however."

In the following he "calls us down:"

"We thank him for his complimentary words and his welcome to ourself; but when he compares us to 'Mr. Pleydell,' in 'Guy Mannering,' we are not sure that we can appropriate the remark as a compliment. We recall that, in 'Noctes Ambrosiana,' Mr. Pleydell is said to have been 'strenuously addicted to High Jinks,' whatever that may be."

Well! well! what blunder have we committed? It is a long time since we had the pleasure of reading any part of that rare production "Nights at Ambrose's Tavern," of which our liveliest recollection is concerning "Christopher North," the "Ettrick Shepherd," and "Mr. Buller, of Oxford." At all events it was not any part of our purpose to place the refined and temperate Maine correspondent beside "Mr. Pleydell" when the latter was "in his cups," but it was Mr. P. when soberly engaged with business affairs, Mr. P. the astute counsellor, the man of keen perceptions, of quick wit; withal the "strenuous" advocate of truth and justice, to whom we likened our esteemed contemporary. We trust we stand acquitted of at least of any intended left-hand compliment.

He says of the writer:

"He is generous enough not to ignore Comp. Swain's ingenious vision of the 'Sparrows' in reply to Comp. Titcomb's 'Waking Dreams of Rumbling Foundations,' but quotes it in full, exclaiming:

'Gracious Goodness! How on earth those sparrows inserted their tiny wings under the foundation, utterly passes our comprehension.' "

Comp. Harris continues:

"Just so! It is also hard to see how a lodge is to be strengthened by forcing a few Knights Templar to join it against their will.

"Most of the advocates of dependent membership, however, have apparently abandoned the argument for 'strengthening the foundation,' and are urging the enforcement of the new law, either because its victims 'deserve to be punished,' or because good Knights Templar do not care to associate with them; thus manifesting a sort of 'I-am-holier-than-thou' spirit, which we do not remember to have found in the teachings of Masonry.' "

We are not in a position to know what other advocates of dependent membership think, save through such expressions as we occasionally find in the Correspondence Reports. As for ourselves, we rest on the simple fact that Symbolic Masonry is the massive, solid structure upon which the different orders are built. To change the figure, the Blue Lodge is as a mother who has nourished and brought up her children to maturity. For those children to ignore and practically discard that mother is, to say the least, most unnatural. If it is true that destruction of the tree's roots would entail utter decay upon the limbs and branches—equally, if wiping out Symbolic Masonry would bring ruin upon all the branches thereof, then surely that selfish consideration alone should be a sufficient incentive for devotion to the Symbolic Lodge.

We had said in our review of Wisconsin:

"There is much in Companion Swain's report that we would like to extract had we the requisite space—its spirit is excellent, its ability unquestionable."

"Agreement with him inspires confidence in our own views. We differ from him with diffidence."

Quoting the foregoing, Companion Harris says:

"We have read the whole of Comp. Titcomb's review with much interest, and would apply to it his words concerning that of Comp. Swain."

He does us great honor in these words, and though we cannot see that we merit such high praise as those words convey, all the same Companion Harris' kindly expressions are gratefully appreciated.

We had marked some passages in this bright, crisp review by Companion Harris, but at this late hour quite a number of volumes await our attention; therefore we reluctantly close this review of Maine, with the remark that there is no cause for fear, on Companion Harris' part, that he may be "ruled out of the Guild," for having yielded to persuasion, to allow his portrait to accompany his report.

M. : E. : William N. Howe, Grand High Priest.

R. : E. : Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

106TH YEAR—BALTIMORE—NOVEMBER, 1903.

M. : E. : J. James Foble, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 21—Present members 2,381—Net gain 137.

This volume is embellished with a portrait of M. : E. : Grand High Priest, J. J. Foble, also with a portrait of the late M. : E. : Charles H. Ohr, (G. H. P. 1868, 1869 and 1870.)

The Annual Convocation under inspection was attended by ten Past Grand High Priests and twenty-two Past Grand Representatives, including Alabama.

The Grand High Priest in his address, expressed profound gratitude to the Great I AM, for His mercies, and firm reliance upon Him. Happy is the man who can implicitly and with a contented mind, "trust the Ruler with His skies," amid all the chances and changes of life.

Paying fraternal tribute to all the departed Companions, at home and abroad, he made notable mention of the lately deceased Companions. P. G. H. P. Companion Charles H. Ohr of Maryland, and P. G. H. P. Companion Noble Danforth Larner of Washington City.

Under the head of "Decision," the Grand High Priest said :

"During the year I have been called upon to render but one decision and that was upon a question of residence. I ruled that a legal and a Masonic residence are identical."

He had, for reasons which, in his opinion justified his action,

granted some twelve special dispensations—five of these to waive time in receiving and acting on petitions for the degrees

He reported nine visitations to Chapters in the Jurisdiction, and three to Chapters in the District of Columbia, these last having been in response to cordial invitations.

On "State of the Order," he said:

"It gladdens my heart that I can say that we have had a very prosperous year. With one exception only, the Chapters have progressed in every particular. There have been no dissensions among the Companions the past year. Peace and harmony prevail and prosperity attends them, and they are stimulated to renewed activity."

He bestowed, with thanks for their valuable aid, well merited commendation upon the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Lecturer reported having visited, during the year, every Chapter in the Jurisdiction. He had visited each of the city Chapters (Baltimore) frequently during the year.

On recommendation of the committee on Unfinished Business, the Grand Secretary's annual salary was increased from \$200.00 to \$300.00. A step in the right direction.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash, November 1, 1903, was \$1,708.94.

On recommendation of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, the decision submitted by the Grand High Priest was adopted, as also were his dispensations with one exception, viz: the one giving permission to receive and act upon a petition for the degrees at the same convocation, with a proviso that due notice was to be given. "Practically," said the committee, "this is making a Royal Arch Mason at sight, the prerogative of the Grand High Priest alone."

The committee further said:

"We would not disturb the status of the Companion exalted in this instance, but would recommend that by the adoption of this report the Grand Chapter express its disapprobation of the practice in future."

Probably it is presumption in us—a novice in Masonic law and usage, to raise any question in connection with the foregoing, nevertheless we venture to remark that, though conceding the prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight, as a Landmark (which prerogative 'twere best to keep for ornament—not use) we are not acquainted with any Landmark which

clothes the Grand High Priest with any such authority. The report of the committee is all right with the exception of that prerogative business. But, hold! We are tackling the Grand Chapter of Maryland itself. Well, after the manner of Galileo, we, no doubt, should, in all humility, say: We recant—but, all the same, the Grand High Priest is entitled to no such prerogative.

Under a resolution, offered by Past Grand High Priest, Companion John M. Carter, and unanimously adopted, Companion Edward T. Schultz was elected Honorary Past Grand High Priest. No Mason in America is worthier of the intended honor.

The Committee on Grievance had nothing more serious to do than to report its pleasure at having a holiday.

An excellent memorial of the late Past Grand High Priest, Companion Charles H. Ohr was unanimously adopted.

The Council of M.: E.: High Priests elected seven Companions to membership therein.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With real pleasure we again find that the Report on Correspondence was dictated by Companion Edward T. Schultz. No safer pilot could handle the helm of our great Masonic Craft. Distant be the day when he shall cease to impart to the Companions his counsels of wisdom!

Alabama—1902 is the recipient of courteous notice covering nearly a page and one-half. In a few words he gives the gist of our proceedings.

He condenses admirably. Our thanks go to him for kind reference to the Alabama Report on Correspondence.

Under District of Columbia he quotes Companion A. W. Johnston's strictures on our publication of a cipher ritual, and says:

"Under Alabama we are gratified to see Companion Johnston denounces that abomination 'cipher rituals,' noticing the fact that \$250.00 was appropriated to pay the expenses of publishing a work of that kind he says:" Then follows said quotation.

Companion Schultz never fails to denounce cipher ritual when occasion offers.

Under Kansas he says:

"Companion Shaver falls into the same error as do others who

approve and advocate the enforced membership doctrine that non-affiliates 'claim full rights of visitation and relief as non-affiliates in good standing.' We have said over and over again that non-affiliates, voluntary or involuntary, lose *all* Lodge or Chapter rights and privileges, but their Masonic and Capitular rights cannot be taken from them except for the commission of Masonic offence, and then only after due trial and conviction."

Under Montana he fully concurs in Companion Drummond's disapproval of the use of the stereopticon views of illustrating the degrees of the Chapter. We also agree in such disapproval.

Under Maine, reviewing the lamented Drummond's last report, he says:

"Replying to Brother Titcomb of Alabama, and Brother Barlow of Connecticut, who contend that a Brother who is unable to keep up his membership in all the bodies should leave the higher ones, and continue his membership in the lower, or symbolic department, holding, inferentially that, that being the foundation upon which the superstructure of Free Masonry is erected, and if not preserved the whole fabric would fall, Companion Drummond very pertinently says:

"The only trouble about this is that the foundation is in infinitely less danger than the superstructure. Symbolic Masonry is perfectly able to take care of itself. It is a case in which the foundation needs no aid from the superstructure but the superstructure must have the aid of the foundation."

"We are extremely jealous of any interference with Symbolic Masonry from any other source whatever. It is amply able to take care of itself; but more than all that; if these other bodies are allowed to interfere for what they may deem to be a benefit to it, they may hereafter interfere on the same ground with what Symbolic Masonry itself may not deem to be for its benefit, and therefore it is that we object absolutely to the 'higher bodies' undertaking to do any thing avowedly for the benefit of the Lodge.

"We further object to it because it makes mere pecuniary considerations the controlling feature of our Masonic polity. We regard the prominence now given to those considerations as an immense departure from the original plan of Masonry, a departure in utter conflict with the fundamental principles of the institution. We require the aspirant for our mysteries to declare that he is not influenced by selfish or mercenary motives, but when he once gets in we say to him, 'We want many things of you,' but the only indispensable thing is his money! What wonder that the zeal of many of our initiates soon cool?"

Upon the foregoing, which was one of the "last masonic utterances" of the distinguished and greatly lamented Josiah H. Drummond, we had forbore to make any comment. Since, how-

ever, Companion Schultz has quoted it in full with his approval we may, doubtless, take the liberty of saying a word in reply to our Maryland contemporary.

In the first place we must protest that, in our contention on behalf of the Blue Lodge, we were far—very far from arguing the matter from a money point of view. We were not thinking about revenue. If slang is admissible, the shekles were not “in it.” But we were influenced by a feeling that it was not the part of a true Mason to turn his back upon those sacred precincts within which he received light, and from whose ceremonies he had derived these most impressive lessons. All there is of Ancient Craft Masonry is found in the Blue Lodge.

If a Mason must, under stress, leave some of the Masonic Bodies, surely the Lodge should be the last one to be forsaken.

The trunk of the tree should not be suffered to go to decay, while the branches are nurtured.

With the greatest respect for both the memory of the departed Companion Drummond and for the character and attainments of Companion Schultz, we beg to insist that the foregoing quotation did not answer our contention.

We heartily endorse Companion Schultz's disapproval of the Michigan regulation “that no Companion shall be permitted to dimitt from his Chapter until he shall have applied for and acquired membership in another Chapter.” As we have heretofore observed, such Companion may be a Mason all right, but he is not, to our thinking, a *Free* Mason.

M. . E. . Joseph H. Jackson, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . John H. Miller, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

M. . E. . Samuel F. Hubbard, Grand High Priest.

105TH ANNUAL—BOSTON—DECEMBER, 1903.

Chapters 76—Members 17,530—Net gain 592.

This volume presents records of the transactions at the March Quarterly, June Quarterly, and September Quarterly, and of the Annual, Dec. 8, 1903.

Our review of these records, on account of their late arrival, will necessarily be superficial.

The several Quarterly Convocations were well attended. We

note that Alabama's Representative was always present to respond to roll call. Such Representatives are worth having. The records of those Convocations do not contain anything that would be of especial interest to our Alabama Companions.

The Annual was opened in the Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1903. As usual, there was exemplification of the degrees at this meeting. First-class work too.

Forty-one Permanent Members present, as well as thirty-three Grand Representatives.

The Auditing Committee concluded its report with a statement of the property of the Grand Chapter, aggregating \$20,-418.54. Report received and accepted and recorded.

The Grand High Priest's address was a masterly effort on the line of Grand Oriental deliverances. So much better does the committee on the address summarize that document than we could, that we draw somewhat freely from the committee's report. The M.: E.: head of the Royal Craft congratulated Grand Chapter upon the existence of prosperity and harmony among all the Chapters, and that "the spirit of loyalty, earnestness of purpose, and the desire to carry our standard to the fore, show no abatement."

He tenderly remembered the death of three permanent members of his Grand Chapter.

He paid well merited tribute to the services of the Grand Lecturers.

He inculcated, by his own example, the importance of cultivating the fraternal and social features.

He urged upon his companions that the exclusion of everything "frivolous and undignified,—horse-play," or "ceremonial murder," was an imperative necessity. He favored annual exemplification of the Work in every District.

He does not, by any means, favor railroading candidates through the degrees.

He recommended that the subject of Subordinate Chapter finances be referred to a committee for report.

Under the head of Dispensations, referring to a certain one granted, he said:

"The Chapter, to which this dispensation was given, is required by its By-Laws to meet on 'Saturday on or before the full moon' (a custom which still has value where long drives over dark, uncertain roads are to be avoided), and also to hold its annual meeting in December."

"This year the moon, for reasons which I will not explain, does not see fit to accommodate itself to these requirements, but disposes the Saturdays according to a plan of its own. The full moon in December falls on Friday, Dec. 4th, and the next full moon on Sunday, Jan. 31. Thus it will be seen that there are no Saturdays in this December 'on or before the full moon,' and yet the By-Law states explicitly that the Annual Meeting shall be held in December on the Saturday named. It is the intention, I believe, to have the By-Laws and the moon work harmoniously together in future."

We suggest that each Chapter so amend its By-Laws that, when its stated meeting falls on a legal or accepted holiday, the Chapter may, by vote, change the date to another time.

We take from his "conclusion" the following pertinent remarks:

"Of the stability of Masonry there is no question. We have absolute assurance that the principle of love, which we have accepted as the rule and guide of our actions, will abide through the ages." * * * * "The refining processes of civilization are making a demand for this element of love to adjust conflicting interests in the affairs of life, as never before. So long as we see at home petty jealousies and neighborhood quarrels, selfishness enthroned in places of power, our civic life debauched into private gain, a warring of factions in the industrial market; so long as we see abroad nations vying with each other in the invention of more devilish enginery of murder, piling up armament, multiplying men behind the guns, and exhausting vital energies in the support of the policy, 'in time of peace prepare for war,' just so long will there be need of this panacea of love."

"Were half the force that fills the earth with terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camp and courts
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of arsenals and forts."

"It does not much concern me whether Kilwinning Lodge is older than Mary's Chapel, or whether or not Moses wrote the Pentateuch, but it does concern me to know whether we, who have been entrusted with an alabaster box full of precious ointment are using it for the healing of the nations; whether we, who are an exponent of 'Peace on earth, good will toward men,' are beating our 'swords' into plowshares and our 'spears' into pruning hooks."

The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests reported eighteen Companions, being duly installed as High Priests, as having been, since the last annual Convocation, duly anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

The business of the Convocation having been transacted, a reception was given to the M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of U. S. A., present on that occasion. Many felicitous addresses were delivered, and the function was attended with enthusiasm, the recipient of the honor being also a member of the Massachusetts Grand Chapter. "The Grand Chapter was then closed in A noble Form. The Companions formed in line and repaired to the Banquet Hall, where an hour was passed in social enjoyment." The Grand Chapter has not yet determined to reduce the number of meetings each year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As has been already intimated, the merest glance is all that can be accorded to the Report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by Companion J. Gilman Waite, Chairman of the Committee—a report which is one of the best of the year.

Whenever we find ourselves in agreement with Companion Waite, our conviction of the correctness of our opinion is strengthened thereby.

He says, under New Hampshire:

"We believe in the presence of the Charter in a Masonic Body, and have ever looked upon its presence to be as essential as the 'furniture' of the Lodge. We are aware that to some this may seem to be more of a sentiment than a necessity."

Companion Waite's views as to what makes a dimit meets our approval. Under Wisconsin he says:

"Generally speaking, the paper certificate which is given to the dimitting member, as the evidence of his voluntary action having been accepted and recorded by the body, is treated as the dimit, while, in point of fact, it is the act of severance itself, and not the certificate, which constitutes the dimit." * * *
 "Does any one claim that if the Secretary omitted to send the member this certificate of dimit, by an oversight, that the member could still be held as one of the body? We think not."

He also says:

"It has long been held by able Masonic jurists that, as a Mason entered the Institution of his own free will and accord, so he is at liberty to sever his connection with it at his pleasure, provided, however," that he is in good standing as a Mason.

We concur most emphatically. Companion Waite treats Ala-

bama—1902, with entire courtesy. He has our acknowledgments therefor,

M. . E. Samuel F. Hubbard, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. J. Gilman Waite, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

56TH ANNUAL—LANSING—JANUARY, 1904.

Number of active Chapters 139. Total membership, December 27, 1903, 15,899. Net gain 802. Exalted during the year 1,153

M. . E. Horace S. Maynard, Grand High Priest.

This handsome volume of proceedings is embellished with portraits of Grand High Priest Maynard, Grand Secretary Chas. A. Conover, his lamented father, R. . E. Jefferson S. Conover, and Past Grand High Priest Chas. L. Stevens.

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests graced this Convocation with their attendance.

In his very able address the Grand High Priest indulged in some reflections which, in our opinion are well worthy of repetition. He said:

"Show me the standing of Masonry in any community and I will show you the standing of the Christian civilization in that community. As the first is fostered and highly prosperous, so will the latter be" * * * * *

"Hence I assert that Royal Ach Masonry is representative of the highest citizenship of the State, and this Grand Chapter being made of the representatives from Subordinate Chapters is necessarily of high standard and one of the highest and noblest representative bodies that can convene beneath the skies of heaven."

In respect to the condition of the Craft, he said:

"The returns from our Subordinate Chapters show that the past year has been one of great prosperity. Our numbers are constantly increasing and I believe that the influx has not been at the expense of quality either. Everywhere new temples are being erected, new paraphernalia is being added to the equipments and new energy is being displayed in perfecting the work both from a ritualistic standpoint and the standpoint of studying all the work to understand the spirit and meaning of the allegories, symbols, dramas and lessons of the work so that to be exalted to the R. A. Degree now means much more, in

some Chapters, than it ever did before, in all that goes to elevate the soul."

He made mention, in eloquent terms, of the late Grand Secretary Jefferson S. Conover, and the late Grand Lecturer, Arthur M. Clark, paying touching tribute to the memory of these eminent Companions.

Under the head of Appeals, he says that he received a communication from a certain Chapter (naming said Chapter and its location) "stating that a 'ritual' had been entrusted to a P. S., for him to learn his work from the same, and that said P. S. had put the ritual into the hands of his stenographer—a woman, and a Catholic, and had her to make a copy of the entire ritual, and asked me what to do about the matter. I directed the H. P. to have charges preferred against the P. S. at once." That officer was tried, convicted and expelled. From said offender an appeal comes to the Grand Chapter, and the case would be reported on.

He cautioned the High Priests against carelessness with rituals. Ah! Companion, how much trouble would be avoided by having no printed rituals.

The M. E. Grand, had visited more than forty of the Chapters "very well scattered over the State." So far as his visits had extended, the desire to improve on the part of officers, was universal.

His predecessor had wisely advised that "the visits of the Grand Lecturer should be made to the individual Chapters as far as possible, to the small as well as to the large." The results impelled him to recommend a continuance of the plan. He "touched up" the Officers of Chapters on their lack of familiarity with the "Red Book," which contains the Constitution, By-Laws, and rules of order, penal code, edicts and rulings of the Grand Chapter. This Red Book also contains the Constitution, regulations and decisions of the General Grand Chapter. While the latter have no control or force in Michigan, they might serve as useful precedents to guide the determination of untried or new questions.

"We are the supreme source of the law here."

For reasons deemed good and sufficient he had granted eleven special dispensations.

We can find no fault with the eighteen decisions of the Grand High Priest: they appear to us to be good capitular law.

He had discovered great lack of uniformity in the ceremony of opening and closing of Chapters, he therefore recommended that a committee of three, with the Grand Lecturer as Chairman, be appointed to prepare a ritual for the opening and closing ceremonies, in conformity with that prepared by a special committee last year.

The Masonic Home management received, at his hands, well merited commendation. The report of the Board of Control of the Home was very satisfactory.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was \$7,454.29. This less expenses for 1904 left balance, to commence session of 1905, in the sum of \$5,044.29.

Grand Secretary, Charles A. Conover, proves himself, in all respects, worthy to succeed his lamented father in his responsible position.

As Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Secretary presented his report which was adopted, and his annual review was ordered printed in the proceedings.

The Grand Lecturer reported in detail his visits made, and Schools of Instruction held during the year, the report filling seven and one-half pages in print. He had visited sixty-nine Chapters during the year and from his labors no end of good will, doubtless, result. He, rightly we think, expresses pleasure that the "social side of Masonry" is gaining ground.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Chas. L. Stevens presented the report of the delegates to the "General Grand" convoked at Little Rock, Ark., last October. He went prejudicial against the General Grand Chapter because, three years since, the Michigan delegation received the "cold shoulder," attending the Triennial at Cincinnati, but so cordial was the hospitality of Little Rock, that the Michiganders flopped completely over and fell—not in a state of intoxication—but in love with the General Grand Chapter. The report recommends loyalty and fidelity to its "Alma Maters," and that a metallic badge be procured for use at future Triennials. Report received, ordered printed and the recommendations referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Committee on Obituary fitly commemorated the lives of our departed Companions.

The Jurisprudence Committee endorsed all the decisions of the Grand High Priest. Of decision No. 6 the committee said:

"It shows a deficiency in our law which your committee recommend be remedied by the adoption of the following elict:

"Whenever the Charter of a Subordinate Chapter shall be destroyed through no fault of the Chapter, the Grand High Priest upon receiving satisfactory proof of that fact may authorize the Grand Secretary to prepare a duplicate of the original Charter, bearing the same signature as the original, which duplicate shall be certified to by the Grand High Priest, and attested by the Grand Secretary at the time said duplicate is issued and forward the same to the Chapter having its Charter destroyed, and said duplicate Charter shall have the same force and effect as the original Charter of said Chapter."

In accordance with another recommendation of the Grand High Priest, the committee submitted the following to stand as Section 24, Article VIII of the Constitution:

"When the High Priest of a Chapter is absent, or in case of his inability to act, his powers and prerogatives shall rest in the King and Scribe in succession. In the absence of these officers from a stated or special Convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside."

The report of the committee was adopted.

The Finance Committee to which was referred the report relative to souvenir badges for distribution at General Grand Chapter, thought it would be of no benefit to Grand Chapter to exchange badges with the other delegates to the General Grand, but on the other hand, a useless waste of funds; but recommended that four badges, to cost not more than forty dollars, be procured for the use of the representatives of Grand Chapter each Triennial. The committee also reported favorably on the Grand High Priest's recommendation in relation to revising the ritual. (Opening and closing ceremonial.) Report of the committee adopted.

There were seven accessions to Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

So good is this, the second of R. V. E. Companion Charles A. Conover's reports on Correspondence, that, (to borrow the phraseology of the turf) if he holds his wind and stride, he will distance some of us, including the writer, many lengths in the race for excellence. Well does he merit the compliment paid him by Comp. Harris of Maine, when the latter thought he was

commending Companion Conover's distinguished father. Said our Maine contemporary, speaking of his previous report:

"It is a very complete and valuable document, consisting almost entirely of a 'double distilled extract' of the proceedings of other Jurisdictions. It is a great pleasure to read such a paper."

Alabama—1902 is generously accorded three pages of courteous notice. M. E. Geo. F. Moore's address is quoted from with manifest approval.

He is pleased to characterize our report as "a splendid review." We are very far from assuming that such praise is merited by ourselves; all the same, our grateful thanks go out to Companion Conover for his kind commendation.

On the subject of Michigan's "provision for dimitting and transferring," he says we are "mistaken in the premises," and adds:

"This regulation was adopted to prevent, if possible, so many non-affiliations, and for the same reason that your own Jurisdiction made Chapter co-existent with Lodge membership."

If our opinion as to that matter was in error, we are glad to be corrected, but as to our own Grand Chapter, you yourself, dear Companion are mistaken. In 1902 a resolution proposing dependent membership was offered and referred to our Jurisprudence Committee. In 1903 said committee reported adversely thereon. Companion Conover, we presume, took the resolution, offered and referred, for a resolution adopted.

Under Arizona, his comment, on the opinion of the Finance Committee, "that the honor of being elected G. H. P. should be sufficient honor without any other fee or reward," consists of a wild cachinnation—"Ha! Ha! Ha!"

We gladly welcome Companion Conover to Companionship in opposition to the use of substitutes and in advocacy of the doctrine of "actual presence."

This report written by R. E. Grand Secretary Chas. A. Conover seems to be the work—not of a novitiate, but of a veteran.

M. E. Michael B. McGee, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

42D ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER, 1903.

M. E. Eben E. Corliss, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 62—U. D. 1—Members 5,804—Net gain 238.

By the report of the Committee on Credentials, it appears that besides the constitutional number of representatives from Subordinate Chapters, there were present eleven Past Grand High Priests, four Past Deputy Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Kings, and Grand Representatives of thirty-one Grand Chapters, including Comp. James Kelly for Alabama.

M. E. Comp. Nathan Kingsley, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S., was introduced and welcomed in the usual manner.

In an address of less than seven pages, the Grand High Priest reported in detail his official acts, and presented in compacted volume, all subjects that should be considered by Grand Chapter.

He made the sad announcement of the death of Past Grand High Priest, James N. Castle. He also recommended appointment of a committee to draft memorial resolutions on the fraternal dead both at home and abroad.

Ten special dispensations—six of these to elect and install officers, three to hold stated meetings at other than the prescribed time (two of them including also holding special as well as stated Convocations until meeting of Grand Chapter), and one dispensation to — Chapter No. —, to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree before the members of Grand Chapter, on three of said Chapter's candidates, on the evening Grand Chapter closed.

Under the head of "Decisions," appears the following :

"Can a candidate, who having been elected to receive the degrees in a Chapter, and after such election loses a leg and is unable to have the degrees conferred, receive the degrees? Can they be communicated?"

"Answer: No."

In accordance with said decision, a dispensation was refused to communicate the degrees.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, having under consideration dispensations granted and dispensations refused, and the forego-

ing decision, approved the same. When approving the decision the committee gave utterance to the following :

"While we approve this decision on the fact stated 'that the candidate is unable to have the degrees conferred,' your committee are of the opinion that a Master Mason in good standing who has lost a leg, but who has been supplied with an artificial leg, and who, thereby, is capable of conforming to all the rites and ceremonies of the Chapter, is eligible to receive the degrees conferred therein." Report of the committee adopted.

So the law committee in Minnesota does not wear the P. Q. "straight jacket."

The Grand High Priest expressed a hope that Grand Chapter would provide some remedy for neglect in Chapters to have the "Book of Marks" properly supplied with the names of all M. M. M.'s and with descriptions of their marks.

Balance on hand, October 13, 1903, \$6,960.20. Committee on Obituary made fitting report, which was adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispersations, a Charter was granted to the Chapter U. D. before mentioned.

The Special Committee on Marks, reported as follows :

"We recommend that all High Priests be obliged, under the law, to see that all candidates be required to record their marks before exaltation to the Royal Arch Degree; and we farther recommend that High Priests use their best endeavors to have all Companions whose marks are not yet recorded, attend to that duty at their earliest convenience."

The Order of High Priesthood received fourteen accessions to its membership.

After the close of Grand Chapter, — Chapter No. —, exemplified, in the presence of a large concourse of Companions, and with actual candidates, the Royal Arch Degree, to the eminent satisfaction of all who witnessed the performance of this august ceremony.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Thomas Montgomery, submitted his fourteenth Report on Correspondence, in an able, but very concise review of the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Bodies (Maryland gets but twelve lines). Comp. Montgomery prepared a part of this report during the few days intervening between

the close of the General Grand Chapter and the Convocation of his own Grand Body, therefore some quick work was necessary.

Alabama—1902, was generously accorded nearly two pages of courteous notice. His fraternal reference to the Alabama report on Correspondence is highly appreciated.

We have noted some passages in this report which it would be a pleasure to quote—Here comes that everlasting "but" space is lacking.

M. E. Comp. Montgomery is a forcible writer. His views on current questions are clear-cut in expression. We deem ourselves happy in agreeing with him in opinion to so great an extent.

M. E. John Fishel, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

56TH ANNUAL—GREENVILLE—FEBRUARY, 1904.

M. E. Oliver Lee McKay, Grand High Priest.

Chapters 70. Represented 57. Members 2,660. Net gain 189.

A portrait of Comp. John Foggs Dixon, Grand High Priest Elect graces the initial page of this volume.

Ten Past Grand High Priests and twenty seven Grand Representatives, including Comp. Nolan Stewart (P. G. H. P.) for Alabama, were found to be present.

The address of the Grand High Priest covers only six pages and a little over, but it covers the ground which was to be traversed. In feeling terms he dwelt briefly upon the immeasurable loss sustained by the Grand Chapter by the death of Grand Lecturer, Comp. John Lloyd Spinks, (P. G. M.)

His circular letter to the Subordinate Chapters, occasioned by the sad event, was incorporated in his address. He recommended that a special committee of five be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Companion Spinks.

The Grand High Priest was of the opinion that the most important matter for the Grand Chapter to consider, was the subject of propagating the Work, and the instruction of the Chapters.

He recommended that copies of the General-Grand-Chapter

Work be secured and placed in the hands of the High Priests of the several Chapters, under such limitations as would secure absolute secrecy and safety.

He recommended a continuance of the plan of keeping a Grand Lecturer in the field under salary, in connection with the Grand Council, provided the financial condition of the Grand Chapter would justify the same.

The Grand Secretary said, in his report:

"The death of Companion Spinks was the pivot upon which turned the prosperity of our Chapters during the year. Accustomed to look forward to his visits to enable them to confer Degrees, most of the Chapters had leaned upon him and did not attempt to do any work by themselves and, as a consequence there has been a marked falling off in interest in a number of Chapters, since his death, which has the effect to decrease the number of Exaltations. But aside from this, the Chapters generally, are in a highly prosperous condition and some of them remarkably so. And, although a smaller number of Chapters than usual, have made their returns to date, the net receipts from Chapters up to this time exceeds that of former years for the same period by upwards of \$600.00."

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$1,479.72.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Phineas M. Savery presented his Correspondence Report which was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

The Committee on Complaints and Appeals was justly gratified at being able to report that it had, absolutely, had nothing to do.

The recently appointed Grand Lecturer, Comp. E. L. Grady, in his report, expressed his belief that it was "necessary that this Grand Chapter, together with the Grand Council, should employ a worthy Companion who has energy, tact and skill, and is proficient in the work, and one who can give his entire time to it, as Grand Lecturer, so that what has been already accomplished, may not be lost." He says:

"I feel that I can make this recommendation without the least hesitancy, as my honest opinion and an actual necessity to the Chapters of the State, as I know that I am not suited for the work, and if I were, my business interest would not allow me to accept the position."

On recommendation of the Committee on Subordinate Chap-

ters, a Charter was granted to the one Chapter under dispensation. (This makes the even number of 70 Chapters in the Jurisdiction, which we have heretofore given)

Just before the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, at 12 m., the Grand Secretary, in a few but pertinent words, announced the death, on the Sunday immediately preceding Convocation, of High Priest, Companion George T. Gracy of Summit Chapter, the Companions standing in token of respect.

At the afternoon Convocation, the special committee on the death of Grand Lecturer, Companion John Lloyd Spinks, made report, which was unanimously adopted, the Grand Chapter standing as a mark of respect. In this memorial the committee truly said:

"None of us can fathom the mysteries of life or the purposes of the allwise Architect of the Universe: we cannot know why this one is taken and another left—the loss that Masonry has sustained in the death of this skilled workman cannot be expressed in words—for all branches of Masonry have sustained a loss which cannot be measured."

The Committee on Propagation of the Work submitted its report, which was adopted. The committee recommended "that the mode of disseminating the Work and Lectures, be entrusted to the Grand High Priest with full power to act."

The Finance Committee heartily endorsed the action of the Grand High Priest concerning the Grand Lecturer. The committee regretted that finances of the Grand Chapter were not in such condition as to justify the committee in recommending continuance of the salary of Grand Lecturer, and the compensation of the Grand Lecturer, must therefore, be, for the present at least, met by the subordinate Chapter requiring his services. The committee's report was adopted.

The Committee on Capitular Law recommended approval of the action of the Grand High Priest in appointing Comp. E. L. Grady Grand Lecturer to fill the unexpired portion of the late beloved Companion, John Lloyd Spinks' term; also the committee recommended approval of the dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest—and the committee's report was adopted.

Companion J. L. Power was duly elected as Grand Lecturer.

"On motion, Wednesday preceding the time of holding the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, was chosen

as the time for holding the next Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to be held at the same place."

This volume is enriched by the portraits of Grand Lecturer, Comp. John Lloyd Spinks and Past Grand High Priest, Comp. N. W. Bontor (1888-1889.)

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood received eighteen accessions,

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Preist, Comp. Phineas W. Savery, again presented an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing forty-nine Grand Chapters (2 for 2 years) and the Mark Master's Grand Lodge of England and Wales, (111 pp.)

Alabama--1902, received courteous attention, for which we return acknowledgements. Companion Savery furnishes us the encouraging information that "*There are no back seats in the Guild.*" We quote his well-written "Conclusion":

"Our Annual Review of the Proceedings of the Royal Craft is ended. Upon our table has been placed the casket of forty-nine Grand Chapters, filled to the brim with Capitular Jewels, ablaze with Masonic light, studded with gems of poesy and prose, wreathed around with garlands of fraternal love. Therein we beheld the opinions of Masonic sages that will be preserved to the Fraternity long after those, who gave utterance or inscribed them upon the records, will have passed through the door of Death to Eternal life. We have read, re-read and read again, and voiced Amen to many of the ascriptions of praise to the 'God of our fathers,'—'Our God,' from the weary pilgrim looking forward in faith to a time when trestle boards will be unnecessary and trowels laid aside. A time when our individual labor will be completed and the final inspection made. God grant that all the Royal Craft of earth may wear the title of Sons of God in Heaven."

With humility and fervency we ejaculate, "So be it."

M. E. John Foggs Dixon, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Frederick Speed, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

58TH ANNUAL—ST. LOUIS—APRIL, 1904.

M. E. Robt. E. Bainbridge, Grand High Priest.

This attractive volume is embellished with a portrait of Com-

panion Robert Emmett Bainbridge, Grand High Priest, and with a view of the "Temple of Fraternity, on the World's Fair Grounds," where Grand Convocation was held, April 28, 29, 1904.

Number of Chartered Chapters 99—all making returns. Total amount due from Chartered Chapters for 1903, \$10,365.00; total paid up by same, \$10,354.00—only eleven dollars remaining unpaid; a fine showing.

According to the report of the Committee on Credentials, fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present at the Annual Convocation under review.

Distinguished visitors from the Grand Chapter of Illinois were appropriately introduced and welcomed.

The Grand High Priest's address evinces devotion to the principles of Masonry, together with faithfulness and thoroughness in the discharge of his official duties. We copy a paragraph from its opening lines, as follows :

"Capitular Masonry is making wonderful advancements and keeping pace with the best and uplifting influences of the age. The sentiment and basic principle of its inception are imperishable. And as has been said, 'Unaffected by the tempests of war, the storms of persecution, or the denunciations of fanaticisms, it still stands proudly erect in the sunshine and clear light of heaven, with not a marble fractured nor a pillar fallen. It still stands like some patriarchal monarch of the forest, with its vigorous roots riveted to the soil, and its broad limbs spread in bold outlines against the skys, and in generations yet to come, as in ages past, the sunlight of honor and renown will delight to play amid its venerable branches. And if ever, in the providence of God, lashed by the storm and riven by the lightning, it shall totter to its fall, around its trunk will the ivy of fraternal affection, that has so long clasped it, still cling, and mantle with greenness and verdure its ruin and decay.'"

Under the heading, Fraternal Dead, he mentioned one only, Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Reuben Basney, who died July 16, 1903, and intimated that the Committee on Necrology would make suitable mention of all the Companions whom they mourned.

He had made nine official visits, but had been unable to make as many as he had intended, for reasons beyond his control. He said :

"In this connection I want to say, from observation and from the report of the Chapters that have had no exaltations for the

past year, it is evident that the cipher ritual does not do the work of a Grand Lecturer. There are High Priests all over the State that cannot read the cipher ritual. If we are to grow, as the most commendable secret society of the world should, we must put a Grand Lecturer in the field. One that is not only competent but that has the welfare of the Grand Chapter at heart. I recommend, therefore, that such a Companion be selected and put to work at once, on a salary of not less than \$2,500 00 a year, he to pay his own expenses."

He had granted nine special dispensations, none of them, however, to confer degrees out of time.

His few decisions were all approved; rightfully, in our opinion.

He had constituted one Chapter and installed its officers, and had instituted two Chapters U. D. He earnestly recommended Charters for them.

He said that too much praise could not be accorded to Superintendent Rev. Edward B. Redd and his devoted wife for their earnest and active devotion to the management of the Masonic Home.

His modest conclusion bespeaks his merit.

The reports of the President of the Masonic Home Board, the Superintendent, the Matron, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, are full of valuable information for all who feel interested in the grand work of the Institution. The faithful, earnest Superintendent speaks volumes when he says of the Home children that they are "heartly, healthy and happy." What more could be wished? And, too, the devoted Matron, when she repeats the saying, "There is more joy in giving than in receiving."

The President of the Board asked for an appropriation of \$7,500.00 to enable the Board to make needful, additional accommodation of the aged inmates. Present number of children cared for in the Home, 78; whole number of inmates and family about 145. Receipts and disbursements from September 1, 1903 to April 1, 1904: Receipts \$20,386.82; disbursements \$12,735 62. Total securities belonging to the Endowment Fund of the Home \$105,198.34.

The Treasurer reported cash balance on hand, March 31, 1904, \$15,953.48.

The appropriate and full report of the Committee on Necrology was ordered published with the proceedings.

On recommendation of committee on revising the law as to

Grand Lecturer, the By-Laws were so amended as to give the Work in special charge to the Grand Lecturer. That officer is to receive as compensation \$5.00 per diem and expenses while engaged in his official duties, payable by the Grand Chapter upon order by the Grand High Priest. Also the Deputy Grand Lecturer shall receive as compensation for services \$5.00 a day and expenses. Such services shall be rendered only upon the direction of the Grand Lecturer. Such compensation shall be paid only upon approval of the Grand Lecturer and Grand High Priest, and paid by the Grand Chapter. *Provided*, that the compensation of both the Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturer shall not exceed the sum of \$1,500.00 for any one year.

As has already been intimated, the Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Finance recommended appropriations aggregating \$16,681.35.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand, April 28, 1904, \$20,230.53.

Grand Secretary Wm. H. Mayo deserves great credit for the infinite pains he took for the accommodation of visiting Companions, as well as for the wisdom of his arrangements.

The Grand Secretary was instructed by unanimous resolution to express by letter to the Management of the World's Fair, and to that of the Temple of Fraternity, the thanks of Grand Chapter for signal favors.

Owing to misunderstanding as to the night for which a hall was engaged, the Convention of Anointed High Priests failed to materialize.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, submitted his twenty-fifth annual report (120 pp.) reviewing the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters whose records had reached his table. A perusal of this report shows that it has lost nothing by comparison with its predecessors, or, for that matter, by comparison with the reports from any other jurisdictions. At this late hour (our manuscript is about to start to the printing office), we cannot attempt to skim the cream of his observations, but will say that there are some wholesome truths in the animadversions of his conclusion, which might be heeded, not without profit.

True, some of the errors he criticizes are not of crushing weight, nevertheless, if one way is right, but all others wrong, we should take the one right way.

His strictures on the use of abbreviations and initials are just and timely. (We have occasionally been guilty of such literary misdemeanors). In this connection we mean no manner of offense by asking Companion Mayo: What is the full name represented by "Wm. H. Mayo" in all your signatures?

Alabama--1903, receives a little more than two pages of fraternal notice. He says the address of Grand High Priest, Chas. R. Bricken, "was a well written account of the important trust confided to his keeping."

He quotes the resolutions complimenting our invaluable Grand Secretary, Comp. Geo. A. Beauchamp.

His most flattering comment on the writer's last report on Correspondence, accords praise far beyond our deserts. All the same, we are grateful to Companion Mayo for his kind opinion.

M. . E. . Lewis F. McCoy, Grand High Priest.

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

MONTANA.

14TH ANNUAL--HELENA--SEPTEMBER, 1903.

M. . E. . Emil H. Renisch, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 16; Members 1,031; net gain 74. In the Jurisdiction, 1903, M. M.'s 3780; R. A. M.'s, 1,031; K. T.'s 542.

A chemi-litho-gravure of Grand High Priest Companion Renisch graces the first page while the second, is adorned with a short sketch of his life, by the Grand Secretary.

Again we encounter a "Preliminary Report," from the Grand Secretary, of most satisfactory import, viz: that all the Chartered Chapters had made returns and paid dues for the year just ended.

Eight Past Grand High Priests were reported present by Committee on Credentials.

The Grand High Priest, noticing the death of M. . E. . Josiah H. Drummond of Maine, and that of M. . E. . Noble D. Larnier of the District of Columbia, said:

"The death of two such distinguished Companions in a single year is a calamity of unusual magnitude. It is full of admoni-

ion and encouragement. They succeeded through merit and have left a noble heritage of example in labor, sacrifice and achievement."

Six special dispensations (one of them conditional) had been granted, and one refused.

The latter was sought for the purpose of conferring the Chapter degrees upon a brother at one meeting.

He called the attention of the petitioners to the fact that before exaltation, proficiency in the preceding degrees must be proved, and further, that it is almost a physical impossibility for a candidate to become proficient in any of the lectures of four degrees conferred in one evening.

The Grand High Priest's numerous visitations were hospitably received, and attended, no doubt with good results.

His nine recommendations were of special interest to the Montana Companions alone.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported "good work done," and concluding his report, said:

"In my opinion much of the increasing interest is due to the fact that candidates are compelled to learn the lectures which are passed, as in the Lodge."

Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges prefaced his General Report with some remarks during which he apologized for his severe and long continued illness, during the past year, which delayed publication of the Annual Proceedings. He concluded by saying "he wouldn't be sick again if he could help it." Who would? The apology, if any was due should be from the demon of rheumatism to Companion Hedges for those multitudinous, terrible twinges which our R. E. Companion so bravely endured. Glad are we to learn that his Eastern trip did him so much good.

Opening said report, he said:

"Companions: So far as the work of this office is concerned the past year has been a quiet one though the report of the Grand High Priest will show that it has been one of great prosperity for the jurisdiction at large. There has been more work and fewer suspensions than usual, and some of the Chapters that have been idle for several years previous, seem to have taken a new lease of life and to have been busy for a part of the year at least."

The Grand Treasurer's balance, September 14, 1909, was, in General Fund, \$1767.71.

Amount on hand September 15, 1903, of Masonic Home Endowment Fund was \$1,143 70.

The Finance Committee approved the financial reports of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Secretary, and recommended that "provision be made for lending the Masonic Home Endowment Fund when the Grand Treasurer feels that he does not wish to allow interest on same as heretofore." Report adopted.

This would seem to indicate that the Grand Treasurer has had permission to use said Fund, paying the Grand Chapter interest thereon. But perhaps we are obtuse.

The Committee on Grievances had no case on its docket.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all the dispensations of the Grand High Priest save one, by which, time enough was not left for returns to be made for examination by this Grand Chapter.

The same committee reporting on the nine recommendations of the Grand High Priest, approved No. 2, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, and No. 9. (No. 2 strikes out the word "*Most*" before "Excellent High Priest," and the word "*Grand*" before "Masters of the Vails" (Veils?) The committee disapproved No. 1, changing Constitution Article XVII, Section 4, relating to fees, also No. 3, and No. 4 on the same subject. The committee favored No. 8, but deemed it impracticable. Report, as amended, adopted.

\$150.00 was appropriated to defray expenses of delegates to General Grand Chapter.

There were four accessions to Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We rejoice to find in R. E. Companion, Cornelius Hedges' introduction to his report on correspondence information that he has received "new strength and interest in life."

His two-page review of Alabama—1902 he opens "thusly:"

"Except in the length of Companton Titcomb's correspondence report this volume of Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama at its seventy sixth Annual Convocation very closely resembles that of Montana for the same year. But it was only our Thirteenth Annual Convocation. What we will

be at our seventy-sixth anniversary it makes us dizzy to think. By the time Alabama completes its first century in 1927, Montana will have doubled her age, and it will be interesting to compare statistics then. By that time Alabama, we hope, will have filled the vacancies in its roll of Chapters, and if the rate of growth continues as during Companion Moore's two years of administration, which shows an increase of 588, she will become a powerful body."

Our thanks go out to Companion Hedges for his sympathetic words, and, on our own part, we wish for him, that he may, for long years, look out from his eyrie in the mountains, upon a "smiling scene" of growth and prosperity enjoyed by our Montana Companions.

He says of our doings :

"Much time, labor and expense have been devoted to elaboration of a new ritual and putting it in cipher. Thus about the only use or benefit of a General Grand Chapter in our opinion is removed."

Again he says :

"Companion Titcomb, *though not in attendance*, reported very fully and interestingly on correspondence." * * * Dear Companion, each succeeding year since we first assumed the duties of correspondent, has found us at the Grand Convocation (Foregoing italics ours)

In answer to our expressed hope that he would soon recover his good health, he says:

"We are glad to inform him that we are better of rheumatism, but are no less an 'expansionist' than ever. We are willing to wait for Canada and Mexico till they ask to come, but it is only a question of time, as it is with Cuba and the other West India Islands. We can afford the best navy in the world and it will pay for itself."

If this isn't the quintessence of desire for territorial aggrandizement, what is it?

It seems as though Companion Hedges would have our glorious "American Bird" seize the North Pole with his beak and shelter Cape Horn with his tail feathers, while he expands his mighty wings over both hemispheres.

We have read Companion Hedges report with interest. He treats his subjects with a master hand. If we may say it without violence, he shakes his sieve vigorously and preserves only the wheat.

We admire his style, as well as the tone of his utterances.
 "Long may 'he' wave!"

M. . E. . A. C. Macdonald. Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

37TH ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER, 1903.

M. . E. . Geo. J. Spohn, Grand High Priest.

Working Chapters 53. U. D. 1. Royal Arch Masons 3,321.
 Net gain 205.

When Grand Chapter convened it was found that 34 of the 53 constituent Chapters, and the one Chapter U. D., were represented. The Deputy Grand High Priest presided as Acting Grand High Priest. A letter and a telegram from M. . E. . Comp. Geo. J. Spohn explained that his absence was due to the illness of his wife and his father. A message of fraternal greeting and sympathy was sent to Grand High Priest Spohn.

A portrait of M. . E. . Companion Spohn appears on the first page of this well printed volume of proceedings.

The Acting Grand High Priest, R. . E. . Comp. Berg. F. Thomas (D. G. H. P.), read the Grand High Priest's address. From it we learn that of the few special dispensations granted during the year, only two were for waiving time in balloting and conferring degrees. One new Chapter had been formed. It had exalted fifteen since the granting of its dispensation and had bright prospects for further growth.

The Grand High Priest had submitted two decisions only. Most of the questions asked, had been answered by reference to the Law of R. A. Masonry. The first decision reported was in substance the following:

When a Companion, who is clear of the books and not under charges in his Chapter, but who is found to be under charges in his Lodge, notice thereof having been sent to his Chapter, applies for a dimit, said dimit should be withheld until his Lodge has had time to pass upon the pending charges.

The M. . E. . Companion, correctly, as we think, bases his ruling upon the theory that, while the Chapter is a separate and distinct body having its own laws, "it will not do to say it is entirely independent of Ancient Craft masonry," calling at-

tention, also, to the fact that, in Nebraska, in every case (save one expressly provided for by law) membership in a Royal Arch Chapter is dependent upon membership in a Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

The other decision reported seems to have been elicited by a question relating to morals rather than law. The ruling was, in effect, that a sense of justice would imply that a Chapter should act on a petition within a reasonable time.

The Grand High Priest had found it impossible to make many visitations; those made were highly satisfactory.

"For a number of years," said the M. : E. : Companion, "the question of a Masonic Home in Nebraska has been claiming the attention of the several Masonic Grand Bodies. From time to time efforts have been made to bring about results. Last year, however, the matter took a more active turn, and, as you are aware, the Grand Chapter provided for a Committee on Masonic Home for the ensuing year. The renewed interest has borne fruit, the hopes of that old guard of zealous Companions who had so long maintained the integrity of the Home association have at last been realized and the Nebraska Masonic Home is a fact—a modest Home, perhaps, but nevertheless one with great possibilities for doing good."

A consummation which, with no shadow of doubt, has gladdened the true Masonic hearts of our Nebraska Companions and Brethren.

One item in the first-class report of R. : E. : Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, manifests the zeal of our Brothers of Nebraska. It is as follows:

"The entire furnishing of the Home has been done by Masonic Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Chapters of the O. E. S., and individuals."

December 15, 1903, the following balance was in keeping of the Grand Treasurer:

"\$3,006.01."

The report of the Grand Lecturer evinces faithful attention to his duties, when physically able.

He suggests that Chapters "visit each other and exchange work."

He intimates that, having reached and passed three score and ten years, he "should retire from the active work." Indeed!

Companion, our mortal mile-stone bears on its face two 7's side by side, but we do not wish to "retire from the active work" until we cease to live.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead appropriately discharged its saddening duty.

The report of the Committee on Grievances showed that all its members had to do, was to meet, shake hands and exchange compliments.

On recommendation of Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a Charter was granted to one Chapter U. D.

Written reports from Representatives of sixteen Grand Chapters, including Alabama, were, on motion, received and placed on file. "Verbal reports were made" by Representatives of twelve other Grand Chapters.

In its report the Committee on Masonic Home appealed to the Chapters to keep the fires of interest in the Home burning brightly, and added the fuel of commendable pride in the fact that the revival of interest in the Home enterprise, began in the Chapter.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the Grand High Priest's decisions. So did the Grand Chapter.

Next Grand Convocation will be held in the city of Omaha,

The Convention, Order of High Priests of Nebraska, received twenty accessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Charles J. Phelps, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence furnishes another of his judicious, conservative—in one word, excellent reports. His reviews are models of concise yet sufficiently full synopsis of the proceedings reviewed.

Alabama—1902, is fraternally treated in a two page notice. Companion Phelps may rest assured that his complimentary reference to the Alabama report on correspondence is gratefully perused. Such expressions, coming from so high a source, are greatly valued.

M. E. Benjamin F. Thomas, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

31ST ANNUAL--VIRGINIA CITY--JUNE, 1904.

M.: E.: Joseph A. Miller, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 7; Membership 326.

This volume is embellished with a portrait of Grand High Priest, Comp. Joseph A. Miller, as frontispiece. Four Past-Grand High Priests attested their interest in Capitular Masonry by being present at this Convocation.

The address of the Grand High Priest took up but four pages of the proceedings.

He did not omit to mention the extreme illness of M.: E.: Companion Trenmar Coffin, who had not missed an Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter for ten years, but who now lies on a bed of suffering with a likelihood of decease imminent. The warm sympathy of the Grand Chapter with him and his was feelingly expressed.

He had re-appointed M.: E.: Charles R. Bricken to represent the Grand Chapter of Nevada near that of Alabama, and had recommended the re-appointment of Companion Wm. McMillan, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near that of Nevada. (Induce Comp. McM. to attend occasionally).

He made two recommendations purely local in character. No decisions were submitted, no questions having arisen to call for any ruling by himself.

The Grand Treasurer reported total receipts for year ending June 13, 1904, \$1,013.44; balance on hand same date, after all disbursements, \$468.65.

Grand Secretary C. N. Noteware is a most efficient officer.

The report of the Finance Committee approving the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and submitting estimates for the ensuing year, was adopted, as was the committee's suggestion that it was unnecessary to levy an assessment for the ensuing year.

Upon calling the roll of Grand Representatives, eighteen answered to their names, Alabama's not answering.

There was no further business calling for comment. Memorial pages were set apart sacred to the memory of deceased Companions.

The 32d Annual will be held in Carson City, June 12th, 1905.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again presented by Companion Edward D. Vanderlieth who, with marked ability reviews the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters.

Companion Vanderlieth should not, as he has done in his conclusion, depreciate his own work, for it is square, true and good.

Alabama—1903, is courteously and fraternally accorded not quite three pages of notice. M. E. Chas R. Bricken's address is pronounced "a most excellent one." Companion Vanderlieth says: "His rulings are all sound."

He agrees with Grand High Priest Bricken that a candidate's mark must be recorded before exaltation.

He says that, in the address, the writer was "complimented on his splendid work as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence," and kindly adds:

"We join in these congratulations heartily."

* Thanks, Companion: Your endorsement of that compliment is esteemed a great honor.

He says the rank conferred on Grand Secretary Beauchamp was:

"A most courteous and kindly act, and our Alabama Companions did it up brown, as they always do, for a beautiful Jewel accompanied the creation."

He notes our Jurisprudence Committee's adverse report on the resolution for dependent membership, also, Comp. Edwards' resolution, now pending, viz: "That a Royal Arch Mason who dimits from a Master Mason Lodge and, of his own volition, remains unaffiliated for more than one year, stands suspended as a Royal Arch Mason," and intimates that the original resolution ought to have been adopted. Personally, we concur with Comp. Vanderlieth on that matter. But we must demur to the plea that the pending resolution "is but providing an easy way to save a year's dues in the blue Lodge."

Rest assured, Companion, no such mercenary consideration instigated Comp. Edwards' resolution.

He does us great honor by devoting to our report so large a measure of his valuable space. His remarks on the liquor question are well put. He agrees with the writer in regard to what the Grand High Priest of Colorado had to say in his refusal to

countenance the hurry schedule in conferring degrees. The following we copy in full, because we wish to do our Companion justice :

"Our Companion is a bit forgetful. He says we let severely alone his criticism of two Nevada decisions: One, that it is not a Masonic offense to ask a Companion how he voted on an application; the other, that is a Masonic offense for a Companion to reveal how he voted. We ask our Companion to turn to Nevada proceedings for 1900, and he will find that Companion Bird answered our Companion's criticism and we think, correctly. If the question is asked of a neophyte by an old Master Mason with love in his heart, simply as a test, and, before the young Companion can reply, he is checked with words of warning. Let this be a striking lesson to you, my Companion, no Masonic offense is committed, nor is the moral law broken; but ill malice lurks in the heart of the questioner and there is no intention of checking, then it is a case of tempting a younger Companion to sin, and an offense is committed. It is wholly a question of intent. The first is a case of simple intent, a desire to bring about a certain result for the good of the Companion questioned. The other, of wrong intent. The state of mind has much to do with the case. Masonry is filled with just such simple tests as the question our Companion finds fault with. The request to write is one, the impostor test is another, and the mark pledge still another. In all these the check is applied before wrong is done and a lesson that lingers with the candidate for life is taught, and no Masonic offense or breach of the moral code is committed, for the wrong intention is absent. We trust we have made ourselves clear as to the cause which called forth the ruling complained of. We could with pleasure sit up all night and chat with our worthy Companion, but both of us have other fish to fry. *Au revoir.*"

While our Companion has with force and clearness expressed his views upon the test questions in the erective work, we respectfully and fraternally submit that in our humble opinion, neither himself nor Companion Bird has met our contention that the two Nevada decisions referred to were incongruous. True, we mildly deprecated the use of a certain "demand" in degree work, but that was an entirely independent proposition.

As to those two decisions, they had, in our mind, no earthly connection with the "demand," (request we should say). If we may be pardoned the remark, Companion Vanderlieth has (so to speak) bunched the decisions complained of, with said "test," and argued the case from the standpoint of an impressive lesson to be taught the candidate. Practically, in ninety-nine cases out

of an hundred, when one Companion asks another how he voted, his object is not to put his Companion on his guard in keeping sacred and inviolate the secrecy of the ballot, but, on the other hand, he who asks the question, is actuated by a desire to locate the black ball, or at least, to find out how his Companion stands with reference to the candidate. If it is not Masonic to divulge the secrets of the ballot, it is equally un-Masonic to pry into these secrets.

Could we converse face to face with our good Companion, we should not, doubtless, be found very far apart in our views.

We must close, however reluctantly, our notice of this fine report, but in doing so, will venture to say that we applaud Comp. Vanderlieth's remarks concerning "Catholic" and "Roman Catholic," and further, admit that he makes out a good case for "Order," although we still prefer the term, Fraternity.

M. . E. . Herman Levy, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . Chauncey N. Noteware, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

16TH ANNUAL—SAINT JOHN—AUGUST, 1903.

M. . E. . Alexander Burchill, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 9. Members 488. Net gain 15.

This pamphlet of proceedings, with its illuminated first page, is handsomely executed, and a distinct credit to the jurisdiction.

When the Grand Chapter assembled there were four *pro tems* among the Grand Officers—a rather unusual occurrence at an Annual Convocation.

The M. . E. . Grand High Priest's address was short but "to the point." Of the nine pages in the same, five were taken up for obituary notices.

The civil and Masonic life of the lately deceased Past Grand High Priest, Comp. John A. Watson, was fitly commemorated.

During the M. . E. . 's two years' service as G. H. P., he had visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction—not a very laborious task, since in the two years those visits might have been two-and two-thirds' months apart.

His words of good counsel, if heeded, should be productive of much good.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported briefly but satisfactorily.

The Grand Secretary had received returns from all the Chapters, and all amounts due Grand Chapter had been paid, with the exception of \$30.60 due from — Chapter, No. — for year before last.

Pay up, Companions, for the longer the money is overdue, the harder it is to pay.

After all disbursements the Grand Treasurer had in bank a balance in the sum of \$59.79.

The general condition of Royal Arch Masonry in New Brunswick is excellent.

No report on Correspondence.

M. E. Frank A. Goodroe, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William B. Wallace (K. C.) Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

85TH ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY, 1904.

Number of Chapters 25—all making returns. Total membership, 1904, 3,780. Increase 8.

M. E. Comp. John A. Lang, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Lang's portrait graces the first page of this volume of proceedings. (And praise of the printing under inspection, is entirely superfluous—it is always excellent.)

At the Convocation which was opened on Tuesday, May 17th, there were present—all the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, and thirty-four Grand Representatives, Comp. Henry P. Glidden, for Alabama, not being one of the number present.

The address of the Grand High Priest opens with loyal recognition of dependence upon the protection vouchsafed by the Great I AM. With loving remembrance he mentions the Companions who "have gone before," and extols their shining virtues.

We note that, February 25, 1904, he had reappointed E. Comp. Joseph P. Van Derveer, Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The Grand High Priest reported no decisions.

He had granted a dispensation to a Chapter for the purpose of public installation of its officers.

September 1, 1903, he had assigned, for visitation, to the D. G. H. P., the Grand King, and Grand Scribe, six designated Chapters apiece, and reserved seven, to be visited by himself. His own visitations he reports in detail, showing the Chapters visited to be in good condition, although in some, the Companions were not quite letter perfect in the ritual. The finances generally were in good shape. Quite generally also, the Book of Marks was not entirely neglected. Several Jurisdictions have had to wrestle with this subject of Marks in recent years. As for ourselves, we are unable to say whether or not there are many Chapters in Alabama, supplied with a well filled Book of Marks. Our law requires every candidate, now, to select and record his Mark, before he can be exalted.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, severally made their reports evincing faithful discharge of the duties assigned them respectively. These reports show that Capitular Masonry is in a healthy condition in the "Granite State."

M. E. Companion Wait's Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented and ordered printed with the proceedings.

On motion the sum of \$50.00 annually, was appropriated for the purchase, by the Grand Secretary, of books and publications for the Masonic Library.

That was wise. Nothing conduces more to the uplifting of Masonry than provision for the education of the Brethren and Companions.

(In looking over these proceedings we are "brought up all standing" by the head line, "Dinner."—Well! Masons must eat, as well as other folks.)

An impressive memorial of late Companion John Hatch, accompanied by fitting resolutions, was read and adopted. Companion Hatch had traversed the whole range of Masonic official life. His death occasioned the Fraternity, in N. H., "irreparable loss."

The report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, commended the faithful and assiduous action of the Grand High Priest in his administration of the Grand Chapter affairs during the Masonic year, and approved all his official acts and recommendations.

The committee also recommended that the faithful labors of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, in visitations and inspections, be approved. The committee especially recommended approval of the efforts of all the Grand Officers to secure in the several Chapters conformity with the law respecting the recording of Marks. The report of the committee was accepted and its recommendations concurred in.

The Jurisprudence Committee had no matters before it for consideration.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood received eight accessions to its membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Albert S. Wait, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, again presents an exceptionally fine report. Everything which Comp. Wait puts into his "bushel measure" will stand the most thorough shaking in the sieve of criticism, and—no chaff will appear.

He reviews forty-nine volumes of proceedings, six of them being for 2 years.

Alabama—1903, is accorded a little more than two pages of fraternal notice. He says of M. E. Chas. R. Bricken's address:

"The opening address of the Grand High Priest is an interesting Masonic production, as well as finished literary paper, adapted to local conditions as well as to the present period in Masonic history."

Companion Wait also states that the Grand High Priest urged Grand Chapter to create R. E. Comp. George A. Beauchamp, in recognition of the latter's sacrifice and great services as Grand Secretary, an Honorary Past Grand High Priest, with all the rights, benefits and privileges belonging to those who have been regularly elected Grand High Priests, &c. He states that this was accordingly done.

For so astute and accomplished a writer as Companion Wait, to say such handsome things about this scribe as Comp. Wait has said, almost makes our head swim. Nevertheless he may rest assured of our grateful sense of the kindness therein conveyed.

In a previous report Companion Wait had said that himself and the writer "stood nearly alone together upon the matter of

the Past Master's Degree, upon which we had replied: 'Yes! Companion, the situation does look lonesome; nevertheless, if our breast works are beaten down by worthless assailants, those people will still find us standing by our guns, maintaining that the right to install the Master of a Lodge in actual Past Masters alone.' Whereupon Companion Wait exclaims:-

"And so say we, most heartily and earnestly." There are many passages in this report, which it is desirable to reproduce, but we must content ourselves with the following solid chunk of sound logic furnished by Companion Wait in his reply to Comp. Schultz of Maryland, who had intimated that reception of the Order of High Priesthood is a prerequisite qualification for the office of High Priest of a Chapter, and that the Order may be denied by the Grand Council to a party although elected to the office by his Chapter. In answer thereto Companion Wait says:

"We find it difficult to reconcile this system with our sense of reason. It is undoubtedly a sound maxim that a Companion not qualified to discharge the duties of an office should not be permitted to accede to it. But the question is, who is to be the judge of his qualifications. Should it be the Chapter over which he is to preside, and whose officer he is, or should it be a body having no organized relations with the Chapter, being independent of it, and irresponsible to it? The case is not at all like that of a Grand Lodge, by itself or its committee, interposing and sitting aside the election of a Master of the Lodge. The Lodge is created by the Grand Lodge, is one of its constituents, and is under its supervision, holding its existence, even, at the will of the Grand Lodge; not one of which conditions exists between the Chapter and the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood. It seems to us to savor too much of arbitrary and irresponsible power to commend itself to the highest reason of our day."

M. E. Joshua W. Hunt, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Frank D. Woodbury, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

48TH ANNUAL—TRENTON—MAY, A. D., 1904—A. I., 2434.

M. E. Joseph Mason, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 37, U. D. 1. Members 4,225. Net gain 271.

Portraits—Comp. Edgar L. Brown, Grand High Priest Elect,

Comps. J. C. G. Robertson Thos. O. Ayers, O. M. Compton and A. J. Bale

On roll call there were found to be present—M.: E.: Grand High Priest in the Chair, Comp. Joseph Mason, and the other Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, a quorum of Chapter Representatives, and twenty-seven Grand Representatives including Comp. Frederick G. Weise, (P. G. H. P.) Representative of Alabama.

The Grand Representatives and distinguished visitors present were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

The Grand High Priest, in his businesslike address, announced, under the heading, Fraternal Dead, the death of M.: E.: Comp. Charles Belcher, Grand Secretary, by whose demise a distinct loss was entailed upon, not only his New Jersey Companions but also the entire Royal Craft. That Companion Belcher was a writer polished, forcible, courteous, discriminating, endowed with clear conception, none will deny.

The Grand High Priest says of him:

"M.: E.: Companion Belcher was known among us a true and faithful Companion. His love for Masonry and unswerving fidelity to the principles of our ancient institution makes his Masonic life-work stand forth as an example to those who remain."

But one decision was reported, and that related to a question of territorial Jurisdiction, and the Grand High Priest decided it with an eye single to the good of the Fraternity.

Eleven waivers of Jurisdiction on the part of New Jersey had been granted in favor of the other Jurisdictions, seven had been granted to New Jersey, and five had been refused to other Jurisdictions.

We note that Comp. John R. Barr had been commissioned as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Nine dispensations had been granted for various purposes, among them one to organize a Chapter U. D. The Grand High Priest recommended this Chapter to be chartered as Amboy, No. 41.

He stated that, pursuant to action taken last year, the Grand Secretary had put into use the "Card System."

He had made fourteen official visitations, and had found great pleasure in the same; and doubtless the Chapters visited derived profit therefrom. Such visits, surely tend to arouse enthusiasm.

He made recommendation that the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Chapter be celebrated in 1906, and that a committee of three be appointed to prepare and present at next annual a programme for the same. He also recommended the printing in the proceedings, of decisions and standing resolutions adopted since the issue of the printed Constitution.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, severally reported discharge of the duties assigned them respectively.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash to balance, after all disbursements, \$2,775.86.

The Grand Trustees reported that the deposit of funds of the Grand Chapter now stood at the sum total, to credit of Grand Chapters, of \$3,125.56.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, responding to suggestions of the Grand High Priest, recommended that a fitting memorial be prepared expressive of the sincere sorrow of the Grand Chapter at the decease of M. E. Companion Charles Belcher. Adopted.

The appointment of a temporary Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was approved.

The annual report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The application of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand for recognition, was laid over until next annual Convocation, in order "to give opportunity for some uncertainties now existing concerning it, to be dispelled."

The Committee on Constitutions approved the Grand High Priest's dispensations, and his single decision that "material from the town of Summit shall come under the Jurisdiction of Orange Chapter."

The dispensation to organize Amboy Chapter was approved, and a Charter was granted to said Chapter, on recommendation of the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations.

Special committees were appointed as follows:

- On Revision and Digest of the Laws,
- On Ritual Observances,
- On Semi-Centennial Anniversary.

All the proceedings of the Grand Chapter are marked by dignity and uniform courtesy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

After the death of the greatly lamented Companion, Charles Belcher, Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Henry S. Haines was appointed to complete the Correspondence Report. On taking up the work, Comp. Haines found that the entire report had to be prepared. How well he has accomplished this task, his review of the proceedings of 51 Grand Bodies, unmistakably tells in an excellent summary of the proceedings of each Grand Chapter, with occasional judicious comment. Like Companion Hedges of Montana, he furnishes a report which is all his own. Excerpts from other proceedings are conspicuous by their absence. Companion Haines is evidently a wide-awake reporter, and while seeking no encounter with other "knights of the quill," is fearless in the expression of his opinions. As an humble member of the Guild, we bid him a cordial welcome to the Round Table. From his conclusion we extract a couple of paragraphs as samples of his trend of thought. They are as follows:

"It is true, that with few exceptions, the Jurisdictions in which our investigations have been made are enjoying unwonted numerical and financial prosperity; and a condition of absolute concord is declared to exist both within and without their borders. In some instances, however, this peace has appeared to the writer to result from an undue forbearance, and an acquiescence in doubtful or ill-judged practices, a proper rebuke for which, from those in authority, might, and perhaps ought to somewhat disturb the prevailing harmony, and cause at least a slight ripple to be discernible upon the placid surface so generally witnessed and so delightful to contemplate."

"Gems of thought, aptly and beautifully spoken, have emanated from many gifted sources of Masonic wisdom, and have been the vehicle of priceless precept to receptive Masonic hearts. But these seeds of wisdom have not always fallen upon ground adapted to their healthy growth. This may be attributed in great measure to what might be styled 'up-to date' Masonic husbandry, the application of quickening fertilizers, and the speedy preparation for early and tempting display in the Masonic market."

The foregoing can hardly be termed an optimistic view of existing conditions.

Alabama—1903, receives nearly three pages of courteous notice. M. E. Chas. R. Bricken's address is well summarized. Readily conceding the great merit of our unexcelled Grand Secretary, he yet finds no authority for the conferring honorary past rank,

He is no believer in the propriety of granting dispensations to rush candidates through the degrees on the cannon-ball train.

For Companion Haines' very kind and complimentary reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence, this writer would express his grateful acknowledgements, how unworthy soever, he may feel, of such high praise.

M. E. Edgar L. Brown, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Leonard L. Grear, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

6TH ANNUAL—ALBUQUERQUE—OCTOBER, 1903.

M. E. C. G. Duncan, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 10; Number represented 8; Number of members 539; net gain 38.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a faithful report of his administration. Nearly five pages of the address were devoted to obituary notices.

For reasons deemed sufficient the Grand High Priest had granted two dispensations; but as for decisions, he said:

"No sign of any confusion appears among the workmen, and again the *monotony* of harmony exists. The Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction are to be congratulated upon the fact that they are so well versed in capitular laws, as to render it unnecessary for me to interpret the law or render a decision."

Wonder if M. E. Companion Duncan considers harmony a state of dull uniformity. (*Italics ours.*)

He recommended that candidates for exaltation, be required to select and record their marks, and to pass a creditable examination prior to exaltation. He thought the mark should not be excessively elaborate. The other recommendations were of local interest, merely.

July 14th, 1903, Companion George T. Malone was duly commissioned as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The Grand Treasurer held, of the Charity and General Fund, a balance of total on hand \$1,243.63.

Companion Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary, complimented the secretaries of chapters for their promptness in sending in returns and in paying their dues.

For the present at least, Companion W. H. Leamon Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, dispenses with annual review of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters, and, in so doing, is sustained by the Grand Chapter. The object of such action is to devote what printing such correspondence report would cost, to the accumulation of a Charity Fund. M. E. Companion Leamon, made, however, a brief, interesting report of some of the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, at the last Triennial, which Companion Leamon had the pleasure of attending.

The Finance Committee recommended transfer of \$200.00 from the General Fund to the Charity Fund. Adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported favorably on a resolution to organize a convention of anointed High Priests, recommending its adoption. Adopted.

Later the body was organized, and M. E. Companion W. H. Leamon was elected first President.

We beg to compliment R. E. Companion Alphens A. Keen on the neatness of this volume of Proceedings.

We omitted to state that two Emergent Convocations had been held—one to install the Deputy Grand High Priest elect, the other to install the Grand King.

M. E. E. A. Cahoon, Grand High Priest.

R. E. A. A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

107TH ANNUAL—ALBANY, FEBRUARY, 1904.

M. E. Rollin M. Morgan, Grand High Priest.

A portrait of Grand High Priest Morgan adorns the first page of this volume.

Enrolled Chapters, 196; Membership, 26,659, Dec. 27, 1903.

Of the Enrolled Chapters 190 were represented at the Annual, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1904. There were also present fourteen Past Grand High Priests, and thirty-five Grand Representatives, including R. E. A. Marcellus Lanpher, for Alabama. The Grand High Priest, reporting his official acts during the year, had, by proxy, constituted two Chapters, and with such assistance as was needful admitted their respective High Priests to the Order of High Priesthood.

He had issued dispensations to form and hold two new chapters. So promising were these two infant chapters, that he recommended charter for them.

On the subject of Foreign Relations, he said:

"From every part of the world reports show that prosperity and progress attend the Royal Craft. My relations, through correspondence and personal intercourse with the Grand High Priests of other jurisdictions, have been of the most cordial and agreeable kind."

He had granted twenty-six dispensations to elect and install officers.

He had issued ten special dispensations to hold Special Conventions. None of these, of course, to waive time as to degrees. New York has nothing of that kind. Long may she "wave!"

The Grand High Priest said:

"Our Constitution is an admirable document, and serves to furnish an answer to almost all questions that can arise. The following decisions seem to involve points worthy of submission to you:

"Theresa Chapter, No. 149, asked for an opinion upon the following facts:

"A resident of Clayton, New York, and a member of Clayton Lodge, a native of Scotland, who returned to visit that country in 1900, received there the Mark, Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees from a Royal Arch Chapter in Aberdeen, Scotland, and had a diploma bearing the signature of Comp. R. S. Brown, Grand Scribe E, and the question submitted was:

"Is he entitled to any recognition as a Royal Arch Mason, and had the Aberdeen Chapter any right to confer these degrees upon him without waiver of jurisdiction from the chapter under whose jurisdiction he resided at the time of his visit to Scotland?"

"*Reply:* I understand the Grand Chapter of Scotland, like the grand bodies of other foreign countries, adopts the plan of universal recognition of candidates for the degrees. The Grand Chapter of New York has not at any time taken action in respect to a member going to a foreign country and while sojourning there receiving the degrees, and, upon returning to this jurisdiction, applying for membership."

"The General Grand Chapter of the United States, however, in 1894, adopted the following:

"In the matter of a member residing within the jurisdiction of one of our subordinate chapters who, upon a visit to Scotland, his native land, was there exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason, it is the opinion of your committee that whilst the chapter of his residence may complete his qualifications as a Royal Arch Mason by conferring upon him such intermediate

degrees as are not conferred in the foreign land, yet that the practice of a brother leaving his residence and obtaining exaltation abroad, is one that deserves the strongest disfavor, and that a Royal Arch Mason thus made ought (unless satisfactory reasons to the contrary appear) to be denied the privilege of visitation."

"In my opinion this rule should be applied in the case referred to. If, however, the diploma of the Companion is signed by the Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and he can otherwise prove himself a Royal Arch Mason, it is my opinion that your chapter may complete his qualifications by conferring upon him such degrees as have not been conferred upon him in Scotland, if it, by a vote of its members, elect that it will do so, and it may exact the payment of such fees as it may determine for the conferring of the intermediate degrees."

The other decision submitted was to the effect that an elected and installed officer of a Chapter cannot dimitt during his term of office. (The case in point was that of a Secretary of a Chapter.)

The Grand High Priest devotes over two pages to a case disciplinary, as follows: A certain Chapter had exalted one "who is known as a notorious character in New York City and else where."

He suspended the warrant of said chapter, and took possession of its funds and other property.

Having submitted a statement of his own action, and the facts and information on which it was based, to the Past Grand High Priests of the Metropolitan District, they, without a dissenting voice, approved his course.

In this connection he says:

"One who proposes another for membership in a Lodge or Chapter without accurate knowledge of his character and reputation, and so brings into our fraternity one who is unworthy, commits a Masonic offense not only against the Lodge or Chapter into which he makes it possible for such an one to gain membership, but against our beloved and honored fraternity."

The foregoing case furnishes a peg upon which to hang the remark (more than once repeated) that misuse of the white ball does incalculable more harm to the Fraternity than misuse of the black ball.

The M. E. Chief Executive had made during the year, forty official visitations besides a number of unofficial visits. Such visitations, we again repeat, greatly enlarge the interest of the Companions in their Chapters, creating strong enthusiasm.

He records the attending a number of "Annual Dinners," but discreetly omits to catalogue the bill of fare in the several instances.

On January 16, 1904, -he he had convened a Grand Council of Anointed High Priests at the Masonic Hall, New York city, at which thirty-three qualified Companions were "duly anointed, consecrated and solemnly set apart to the Order of High Priest-hood."

He paid well deserved tribute to Grand Secretary (and G. G. S. of the G. G. C. of R. A. M. of the U. S.) Christopher G. Fox.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made report in detail of his official acts during the year.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance, Feb. 1, 1904, cash on hand \$26,657.28, and statement of funds of the Grand Chapter, as follows: Cash on deposit to credit of the General Fund, \$19,670 54, and cash on deposit to credit of the Permanent Fund \$6,986.74, all making as above, \$26,657.28.

The report of Grand Secretary, Christopher G. Fox, is a model as a business paper—not a superfluous word in it all. He justly compliments M. E. Comp. Greenwood's report on Foreign Correspondence. Under Statistics he gives the number exalted during the year as 2,527; number affiliated as 148; restored 147; total increase 2,822; dimitted 220; suspended N. P. D. 488; suspended U. C. 1; expelled 2; died 373—total decrease 1,084. Net increase 1,738. The one cent per capita paid to the General Grand Chapter as annual dues amounted to \$266.59. In view of increased suspensions for non-payment of dues, he urges Chapters to make diligent effort to collect dues every year, and thus prevent accumulations of back dues, discouraging to the delinquents

The Grand Lecturer reported a number of official functions performed by him during the year, and in addition thereto, a list of thirty-four visitations made during the same period.

The annual report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by M. E. Marvin I. Greenwood, Chairman of the Committee thereon, was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed as usual.

The M. E. Grand High Priest of New Jersey having been announced as in waiting for the purpose of visiting the Grand

Chapter, was introduced, received with the honors due his exalted rank, and heartily welcomed.

It is to be hoped that Grand Chapter *will* find it convenient to have published in book form the Annual Address of the late R. E. Grand Chaplain, Companion James Byron Murray, for it would be a very valuable contribution to Masonic literature.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2d, pursuant to notice, the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests, as adjunct of the Grand Chapter, was convened for the purpose of conferring the Order of High Priesthood upon newly elected and installed High Priests, and sixty-six Companions were received into the Order.

Tuesday night occurred an exemplification of the work under the supervision of Grand Lecturer, George McGown.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the decisions of the Grand High Priest were adopted. Also its recommendation approving a resolution the effect of which is to debar from the rank of Past High Priest any High Priest who neglects to receive the Order of High Priesthood, was concurred in.

On the case of discipline, already referred to, the same committee approved the action taken by the Grand High Priest in the premises, and recommended that the Charter of the offending Chapter be revoked and that its name be forever erased from the Roll of Subordinate Chapters. And the report was adopted.

A proposed amendment to Section 7 of the Constitution, approved at the last Annual Convocation, was taken up for final action, and rejected.

The proposed amendment was as follows: "None but High Priests or Past High Priests shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Chapter, except those of Grand Chaplain and Grand Sentinel."

The following resolution was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Accounts:

"Resolved, That in view of the great amount of labor involved in the preparation of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and of the ability of Grand Chapter to pay for such service, the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated and paid to said committee."

Later the Finance Committee recommended that the sum of \$350.00 be appropriated to M. E. Marvin I. Greenwood of the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence for preparing the Annual Report of that committee. Adopted.

The Committee on Finance found the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary "correct in every particular."

A worthy act was the appropriation of \$1,500.00 to the Grand Secretary to "compensate him for the reduction of his salary, made by Grand Chapter in 1881 and 1882, and as a testimonial for his long and faithful service."

The matter of publishing in book form the Annual Address of the late R. E. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. James B. Murray was deferred for the present.

The report of the Committee on Memoria's, thoughtful and impressive, was unanimously adopted.

The Annual Address by the Grand Chaplain was unassuming yet forceful. His subject, "Some Lessons From Capitular Masonry."

At this late hour we necessarily omit to notice some matters of importance in these proceedings. We must close with a word or two of appreciation in respect of the excellent report on

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presented by Past Grand High Priest, Marvin I. Greenwood, Chairman of the committee. His review of the proceedings of Grand Chapters, which had reached him, covering ninety-three pages, is an instructive summary, carrying out in its execution the admirable spirit of his brief introduction. Companion Greenwood is proving himself a valuable addition to the corps of correspondents. For his kindly notice of Alabama—1902, his evident approval of M. E. Geo. F. Moore's address, and his courteous reference to this writer, he will please accept our hearty thanks.

We shall be pardoned for making one short extract from his report under South Dakota. He says:

"We have always had a very decided opinion that if a Companion could not or would not learn the ritual of the Chapter without the aid of a Cipher Code, he ought not to hold an office of any kind in that body. When a candidate has received his degrees, to have placed in his hands a cipher code, and to be told that he can learn the work and lectures from that, is to give him such an idea of the cheapness of the work that it would of itself go a long way toward making him lose his regard for it. On the other hand, to be taught that it has been handed down from one generation to another with scrupulous exactness, and

can only be learned in the same old way, is to give him a respect and veneration for the work that nothing can efface."

Well said, Companion, but, will many heed it?

M. E. George A. Newell, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

56TH ANNUAL—RALEIGH—JUNE, 1904.

M. E. H. G. Smallbones, Grand High Priest.

No. of Chapters 23—members 1,180. Net gain 202.

This volume of Proceedings, with its handsome cover is further embellished with a portrait of Grand High Priest, H. G. Smallbones, a view of the Masonic Temple at Wilmington, and one of the office and library of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Credentials reported as present—the Grand Officers save three, Representatives of seventeen Chapters, ten Past Grand Officers, and nineteen Grand Representatives. (Where was Companion W. B. McKay, Alabama's envoy?)

The Grand High Priest's address was short—not quite seven pages in length—but comprehensive enough to meet all the requirements of such report. He had granted twenty dispensations, of which twelve were permissions to waive statutory time in conferring degrees.

He called attention to the fact that the General Grand Chapter had commended to its constituent Grand Chapters for favorable consideration the request of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand for fraternal recognition. In view of this action of the General Grand Chapter, he recommended that such recognition be extended to said Supreme Grand Chapter. He especially called attention to the excellent work of Grand Lecturer Maye.

No decisions were submitted for the consideration of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, June 18, 1904, was the sum of \$903.65.

We repeat the hackneyed phrase, "the right man in the right place;" because it's perfectly applicable to Companion James C. Munds, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lecturer's report shows that his heart and soul are in his work, and that wherever he goes his presence is a benediction.

Severe illness prevented Companion James Southgate, to his extreme disappointment, from attending this Convocation of Grand Chapter. But his annual report came in "all the same." By order, the Grand Secretary wired him a message of love and hope for his speedy recovery.

We heartily join in the wish for his speedy restoration to health.

Messages of sympathy were also sent to the absent Grand King and the Grand Chaplain who were also detained at home by sickness.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, we are pleased to note, had holiday.

The short but appropriate report of the Committee on Necrology, was, of course, adopted, although the record does not so state. It is the same thing with the reports of the other committees.

The proper credentials of the Chapter U. D. not being before the committee for recommending a charter, said Chapter was continued under dispensation.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved all of the dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

The next annual Convocation will be held in the city of Asheville. N. C., 3d Tuesday in June, 1905.

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The twenty-first annual report of Companion James Southgate, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, is now before us, and it is enough to say that it has lost none of the many excellencies of its first-class predecessors.

It has been intimated that, although the venerable and distinguished Edward T. Schultz, of Maryland has written more annual reports than any other correspondent, still Companion Southgate's service on Correspondence Committee, antedates that of his Maryland cotemporary: hence he may justly be called Dean of the Guild. The interruptions caused by disturbed conditions in connection with the "civil war," will account for the smaller number of his reports, than the number presented by

Companion Schultz. (Companion Southgate's first report was made in 1874. Comp. Schultz's in 1876.)

Companion Southgate has reviewed fifty Jurisdictions in this report. Alabama—1904 receives about two pages of kindly notice. Referring to the address of the M.: E.: Charles R. Bricken, he says:

"The address of the Grand High Priest (12pp.) is well written and shows the marks of much labor in his office."

He quotes the resolution (adopted by a rising vote) recommended for adoption by the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, and conferring rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest upon our beloved Grand Secretary and says:

"This is a fitting compliment and doubtless greatly valued by the distinguished Companion. It is the first instance of the kind we have ever seen such done."

He is so kind as to give his "heartly assent" to what M.: E.: Companion Bricken said, about the writer, in his address. Therefore we make our profoundest bow.

We are glad to note that Companion Southgate continues as Chairman of Correspondence.

M.: E.: William Anderson, Grand High Priest.

R.: E.: James C. Munds, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

15TH ANNUAL—FARGO—JUNE, 1904.

Chartered Chapters 15. 1 Chapter U. D. Membership 1,334. Net gain (by Synopsis, p. 162, gain is 76) 93, as per grand Secretary's report, p. 146. Doubtless the error is in the figures for last year, in the synopsis.

M.: E.: John Holmes, Grand High Priest.

A portrait of M.: E.: Companion John Holmes adorns the first page of this volume.

The Grand Secretary having announced that a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters were represented, the M.: E.: Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota was opened in ample form. Eight Past Grand High Priests were in attendance, also Representatives of twenty-two

Grand Chapters (Where was Alabama's Representative, Comp. Halley V. Hicks?)

The Grand High Priest, in his address, stated that, of the few dispensations asked for, all were so clearly defined as within the power of the Grand High Priest, he did not deem them important enough to repeat.

He had constituted a newly Chartered Chapter and installed its officers. He had granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter.

He had not been called upon by any Chapter for the assistance of a Grand Lecturer; from this he concluded that the Chapters were so proficient that they did not need the aid of a Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance cash on hand, June 30, 1904—\$3,279.86.

In his able report the Grand Secretary made the satisfactory statement that all annual returns had been promptly sent in. He intimated that, as all business of the Chapter must be transacted at stated meetings, the granting of dimitts should take place only at such meetings.

He recommended a simpler method than the existing one for suspension N. P. D., of members. Of this more anon.

He recommended that Grand Chapter prohibit the use of initials, monograms, or the names whole or in part of the Mark Masters, as Marks.

To his report he appended a graceful "Conclusion." The brief report of the Committee on Obituary was adopted.

A Charter was Granted to the one Chapter U. D.

The Special Committee on Marks reported that the use of initials, monograms, or the names in whole or in part, of a Mark Master Mason, as his Mark, is to be prohibited by the Grand Chapter. And the report was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that at a stated meeting only can a dimit be granted, and that no other construction can be put on Section 16 of the Constitution. (Some had misunderstood the law.)

The same committee reporting on "method of Suspension N. P. D.," recommended an amendment to the Constitution, which makes liberal provision for enabling the delinquent to set himself right, if he desires so to do. The report was unanimously adopted.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Grand Forks.
No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. . E. . Evarts C. Stevans, Grand High Priest.
R. . E. . Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

34TH ANNUAL—HALIFAX—JUNE, 1903.

M. . E. . Comp. James Dempster, Grand High Priest.

Chapters 14. Members 572. Loss 12 (according to "Recapitulation.")

The Grand Convocation having been opened in Ample Form, nineteen Grand Representatives were found to be present, as well as fifteen Past Grand High Priests, six Past Grand Kings and thirteen Past Grand Scribes.

Immediately after opening, the "Regulations for the Government of Grand Chapter during the time of business," were read.

In his address the Grand High Priest was duly mindful of the Fraternal Dead. During the year nine deaths, within the Jurisdiction, had been reported. Among his official acts, we note that he had granted a dispensation to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon one candidate. But we have had "our day" about the use of substitutes; therefore will not repeat. Four visitations had been made.

The M. . E. . Companion closed his address with the following brief ceremonial:

"In closing this report, I realize what slow progress we have made in the past, and how far short of our duty, as Royal Arch Masons, we have come. Capitular Masonry should be in a more flourishing condition in this Jurisdiction than it is, and more especially in the Capital of our Province. Some Chapters do not seem to have life enough left in them to send in their returns, which prevents the Grand Secretary from making a full report of the condition of the Craft in our Jurisdiction."

Grand Secretary read the reports of certain Companions who had been commissioned by the Grand High Priest to visit Subordinate Chapters. From these reports it would appear that all which is needful in Nova Scotia is for the Companions to "wake up" and "get a move on them."

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand at close of Convocation was the sum of \$373.75.

Committee on Grand High Priest's address approved all his official acts. Report adopted.

The Convention of the Order of High Priests received seven new members.

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The report on Correspondence is submitted by a committee of five, and consists of a compact, judicious summary of the proceedings of forty-four Grand Jurisdictions. Alabama—1902, fell to the lot of S. J. W., whom we take to be Grand High Priest Elect, Comp. S. J. Waddell. Alabama is most kindly and courteously treated. Companion "S. J. W." agrees with us that the actual presence of the warrant is necessary, but demurs to our plea that the Grand Body can, in no case, restore a suspended or expelled member of the Lodge or Chapter, to membership without the unanimous consent of the members present at a stated communication of the subordinate body which suspended or expelled him, saying:

"If the restoration by Grand Chapter was an act of grace this is undoubtedly correct, but if, on appeal by the member disciplined, Grand Chapter found that the Subordinate Chapter had acted illegally, and reversed its decision, would its action not place the Companion in the exact position he occupied before any proceedings had been taken, and so restore him to membership in his Chapter?"

We reply that in civil proceedings such would be the case; but Masonry is a peculiar institution. One of its "bed-rock" principles is unanimity. It is a voluntary association—not a compulsory one.

How can harmonious concord subsist when discord is forced into the Lodge from without?

The Nova Scotia report on Foreign Correspondence will well repay its reader. Personally we tender the reviewer our grateful acknowledgement of kind comment upon the Alabama report.

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

R. E. D. H. Campbell, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

87TH ANNUAL—AKRON, OCTOBER, 1903.

Number of Chapters 155, U. D. 4, represented 147; Members, 19,527; Net Gain, 1,315.

M. E. Nelson Williams, Grand High Priest.

Grand High Priest Williams' portrait adorns first page.

At this Convocation all the Grand Officers, a quorum of representatives of the subordinate chapters, eleven Past Grand High Priests, and Grand Representatives of twenty-eight sister jurisdictions, including Alabama, answered roll-call.

The address of the Grand High Priest was unique in one respect—the words of welcome at its opening were expressed in about a page of original, blank verse, very happily conceived. The Grand High Priest of Ohio has surely felt the "divine afflatus." Could we well spare room for this poetic effusion, our readers should certainly have the benefit of it.

In his address he made feeling announcement of the death of Past Grand High Priest Wm. W. Savage, who passed away February 6, 1903.

Having faith in the good effects of Chapter Inspections, he had appointed forty Inspectors, in accordance with the custom of his predecessors. The results justified his conclusion: as to this subject. All but seventeen of those Inspectors made report to him. The failure of those seventeen to report was not without excuse.

He had issued three dispensations for new chapters and would have issued a fourth had there been time enough for the Companions petitioning to make a proper showing before Grand Chapter met.

He had issued thirteen Special Dispensations for various objects—all clearly within his prerogative.

One decision was reported in which he suggested amendment of Approved Decision 306 to make it read as follows:

"The High Priest or Secretary of a Subordinate Chapter has no right to enter up as suspended any Companion who is unaffiliated with a Lodge; a suspension in such case can only be legally made after charges, trial and conviction of the non-affiliate in pursuance of the requirements of the Chapter code.

"Held further, that a subsequent compliance with the requirements of Resolution 8 will restore him to active membership in

the Chapter, provided he shall pay to the Chapter all arrearages of dues for the time he was not affiliated."

This decision having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, said committee, in order to make the language of Decision No 306 more definite, recommended that it be amended, in accordance with the suggestion of the M. E. Grand High Priest, so that Decision 306 shall read as follows:

"Dec. 306. The High Priest or Secretary of a Subordinate Chapter has no right to enter up as suspended any Companion who is at the time in good standing in his Chapter, but is unaffiliated with a Lodge of Master Masons; a suspension in such case can only be legally made after charges, trial and conviction of the non-affiliate in pursuance of the provisions of the Chapter code." Approved."

On recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Alabama, Grand High Priest Nelson Williams appointed Comp. John G. Smith, of Birmingham, Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama. He also recommended Comp. Geo. W. Fels, of Cincinnati for appointment as Grand Representative of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Owing to the continued illness of that highly esteemed Companion, S. Stacker Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, it being impossible for him to serve longer on said committee, the Grand High Priest had appointed M. E. Companion Graff M. Acklin to fill Companion S. Stacker Williams's place.

The Grand High Priest's few recommendations were all approved.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, after all disbursements, was the sum of \$15,097.80.

From the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which as a whole was unanimously adopted, we extract the following as of general interest:

"Resolved, That Sec. 24 of the Code be amended," * * *

"So that the section shall read as follows:

"Sec. 24. No Chapter can confer the degrees upon any candidate without being first satisfied, by a test or otherwise, that the candidate has not made application to some other Chapter and been rejected, and if it shall appear that he has been rejected, the Chapter shall not, within three years after such rejection, act upon the petition or confer the degrees without the unanimous consent of the rejecting Chapter, given at a stated meeting thereof."

By unanimous vote it was decided that the next Grand Convocation should be held at Columbus on the first Wednesday in October, 1904.

The Committee on Necrology made an eminently appropriate and comprehensive report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Subordinate Returns found them to be correct and in accord with the tabulated statement of the R. A. E. Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Superintendent and Secretary of the Ohio Masonic Home shows that Institution to be in a very prosperous condition. Total cash on hand in all funds \$32,728.79. Total receipts during the year, including \$2 000.00 borrowed, \$46,169.86. Total disbursements, including the \$2,000.00 borrowed and \$1,000.00 transferred from General Fund, \$31,069.13. Total number of inmates, 132.

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Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Graff M. Acklin, who succeeds the honored veteran reviewer, Comp. S. Stacker Williams as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, brings up first-class work for inspection. He, in the main, extracts sparingly but comments judiciously and with unfailing courtesy. His whole paper presents an excellent synopsis of the fifty-one volumes of proceedings reviewed.

Alabama—1902, receives a trifle over three pages of fraternal notice. He says :

"The annual address of M. A. E. Comp. Moore was quite lengthy, and is the best possible evidence that the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction have been capably administered."

Several paragraphs of the address are quoted.

His commendation of the writer's report on Correspondence, is gratefully received with marked appreciation.

What he says under Arizona, in regard to rapid transit of candidates, is singularly pertinent. Thus :

"We are told that Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or station, that we meet upon the level, and that it is our indispensable duty to examine with the most scrutinizing eye every application for admission to our ranks, so that we may always possess the satisfaction of finding none among us but such as will promote the great end of our institution. What

jangling phrases these must be in the ears of candidates when they see the eagerness we display in asking for special dispensations to railroad them, and the avidity in which the 'pass' is issued; and then how telling it is for the Grand High Priest to grant every such dispensation asked, for the 'good of the Order,' and calmly recommend to his successor the discontinuance of the practice. Will we never learn that this breaking down of time-honored customs lowers the tone of Masonry, cheapens it in the eyes of candidates, and works unmeasured harm to the institution? We are justly proud of the position of commanding influence held by Masonry. Let us all, each in his own way, say to candidates: 'Wait; the time will come. These seeming delays prove to you the value of what you seek.'"

Such admonitions merit earnest consideration. Will they be heeded as well as heard?

Did our limits admit of it we would like to air our views in regard to a quotation of Companion Shaver's comment on a criticism by the Grand High Priest of Louisiana upon an utterance in the address of General Grand High Priest, Companion Semmon, as to Expansion. Suffice it to intimate that as to that matter we are thoroughly in accord with our M.: E.: Companion of Louisiana. Keep politics out of Masonry.

Under Canada he quotes that genial and accomplished reviewer, Comp. George J. Bennett, as declaring that the "Home epidemic" had struck Alabama.

Alas! that "epidemic" did not strike deep enough. Had the blow been effective, our Masons' Widows and Orphans would have had, ere this, a haven of rest.

We have marked several places in Companion Acklin's report for reference, but must desist.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected sixty-seven applicants. Three of the 67 were unable to be present; therefore, sixty-four were separately admitted, set apart, and solemnly consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood—a record breaker.

M.: E.: Owen R. Hannan, Grand High Priest.

R.: E.: Edwin Hagenbuck, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

44TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE, 1904.

M.: E.: Edward W. Davis, Grand High Priest.

This volume is very handsomely printed, and is graced with a

portrait of Grand High Priest Davis. Started just as we "go to press," this report must of necessity be a hurried one. Come sooner.

Chartered Chapters 26; Chapters U. D. 3; members 2,000.

At the Convocation under review there were seventeen Past Grand High Priests present,—a record breaker it would seem—also the Representatives of thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama included.

The address of the Grand High Priest was short (5½ pp.) but to the point. We note that he had appointed Companion Geo. A. Beauchamp Representative near Grand Chapter of Alabama, and had recommended appointment of Companion Jay Tuttle as our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

Two decisions were submitted. One of them answers the question, "Who is eligible to the office of High Priest?"

"Answer any member of a Subordinate Chapter in good standing is eligible to any office in the Chapter."

(In Alabama he must have been a High Priest of a Chapter.)

The other answers the question, "What is the duty of the High Priest in case a member in good standing is elected High Priest, and before the vote is announced, another member objects to his being declared elected; or at the installation a member objects to his being installed?"

"Answer.—If any member in good standing receives a majority of the votes of the Companions present, you will declare him elected."

"At the time of installation, if there is no charge pending against the High Priest elect, you will proceed to install him."

The Grand High Priest was of the opinion that, could such objection prevail, one member could defeat the will of the majority of the Companions, but if any one objects he should prefer charges, which would arrest proceedings until after an investigation was had: then if the charges were not sustained, the installation would be proceeded with.

Companion J. M. Hodson, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented his report, which, being printed and distributed, was adopted and ordered bound with the Proceedings.

So the Grand Chapter of Oregon is responsible for all of Companion Hodson's utterances. We feel free, however, to say

that the interests involved could not be placed in abler or safer hands.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$3,429.86.

Owing to the delinquency of two Chapters, the Grand Secretary had been unable to complete a table of statistics. Consequently he could make no accurate report as to gain in membership. If Secretaries of Chapters would consider how much trouble and "vexation of spirit" they could save the Grand Secretary by promptness in sending up their returns and dues they surely would act accordingly.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was taken up, read and adopted. This report occupies some 37 or 38 pages of these Proceedings. We cannot stop at this last moment, to read it: hence must rest satisfied since our Companions of Oregon are so.

The Committee on Grievances was happy.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the special dispensations and the decisions of the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter concurred therein.

The convention of the Order of Priesthood elected ten eligible Companions members of the same.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is matter for keen regret that we can devote but a few lines of space to the admirable report on correspondence presented by the chairman of the committee, Past Grand High Priest, Companion J. M. Hodson. We have looked it through, and have marked a number of passages for notice. We cannot do our able contemporary anything like justice in the little amount of time and space at our command. But we may indulge in "a word or two,"

Under Canada he says:

"Companion Bennett never fails to cast the figurative stone of dependent membership when opportunity offers."

"Companion Titcomb had objected to the Michigan policy of not allowing a dimit to be granted until the Companion had been elected to membership in another Chapter. Companion Bennett says:

□ "Yet Companion Titcomb is an ardent advocate of dependent membership, which is a phase of compulsion that, to his view, does not interfere with the *freedom* of a Mason. O! consistency, thou art a Jewel."

Whereupon Companion Hodson takes up the cudgels in vindication of the writer, as follows:

"You bet she is a Jewel, and Titcomb is consistent and a 'Jewel' himself. Under dependent membership the Mason is perfectly free. Free to stay, free to go, and if he so elects to stay gone, or free to return if he changes his notion; but while he is out he is not entitled to eat Royal Arch fruits that grow along the river route. Let him stay with the Masonic system or obtain his luxuries from some other orchard." How it invigorates one to have at his side a champion of unquestioned prowess!

Companion Hodson, under Maine and elsewhere, hits opposition to dependent membership heavy blows with his logical club.

Replying to Companion Schultz of Maryland, on the subject of systematic organization, after Companion Schultz had intimated that if Companion Hodson in his desire to perfect the *American System*, would have Blue Lodge as the foundation and the Scottish Rite, or perchance, the shrine as the topmost story, and require a continuance of membership in the lower bodies, in order to retain membership in the higher—in that case, said Companion Schultz, "we are a *non organization man*."

Companion Hodson "comes back" at him, in the following:

"As a Royal Arch Mason we have nothing whatever to do with the Scottish Rite nor Shrine. As a Royal Arch Mason we do have to do with the Master Mason Lodge, and as a Royal Arch Mason we have no use for, nor sympathy with the Master Mason who is amply able to do so, and yet refuses to maintain his good standing and membership as a Master Mason. As a Knight Templar we hold the same opinion of the Royal Arch Mason, that, as a Royal Arch Mason, we do of the Master Mason, and the inter-dependence of each part upon the whole we spoke of as the American system. The Shrine is not the "topmost" story of anything, consequently can have no relation to any Masonic system. The Lodge, the Chapter and Commandery do form a system and should be maintained as such. The day has gone by for making Masons at large or suffering them to run at large after making, entitled to the rights and privileges unless they maintain their membership and standing. Just as well let any assemblage of Masons, without charter, make other Masons and permit them to be recognized. There is but one right way to do Masonic things, and that is by system, according to law, and then require the maintenance of the same conditions that entitled them to be made Masons."

We must leave our Companion for the present, only adding that his notice of Alabama—1903 (nearly three and one half

pages) was most kind and courteous. He pronounced the Grand High Priest's address, "a careful report upon the work of the year and the prevailing conditions. He noticed the distinction recommended for Companion George A. Beauchamp, (which he said, Grand Chapter adopted, and voted a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel to accompany it,) and quoted with approval (we bow our grateful thanks) the compliment to the writer, contained in the address.

We are glad to find Companion Hodson with Companion Davies and the writer on disposition of Chapter funds.

We have not time left to discuss "restoration" now. There is considerable to be said on the subject.

He asked, "How about the General Grand so-called cipher." As to that, Companion, we have but one opinion, viz: wherever it is found a bonfire should be made with it for fuel.

"They say" women will have the last word. Our last word shall be that we are greatly pleased with the tone of Companion Conover's reply to our objection to the "Michigan policy," although candor bids us to say that upon said objection we still "stand pat."

"Last word," and that the present report, by Companion Hodson, is one of the most instructive and strong of his always strong and instructive reports.

M. E. T. F. Ryan, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Jas. F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION—PHILADELPHIA—DECEMBER, 1903.

M. E. Henry O. Kline, Grand High Priest.

Chapters 124, December 27, 1902. Membership 21,276. Net gain 1,135.

Portraits—M. E. Henry Oscar Kline, and Past Grand High Priest Samuel C. Perkins, lately deceased.

Quarterly communications were held in March, June, September and December. At the March Quarterly the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified. The M. E. M. Degree was exemplified at the June Quarterly. At the September Quarterly, the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified. The

business transacted at these several Quarterlies, was mostly routine in character. At the September meeting an excellent memorial of the late M. E. Companion, Samuel C. Perkins was read to the Grand Chapter.

Some amendments to the Constitution had been proposed, and under the rules came up for action thereon, at the December Quarterly. Among these amendments was the following:

Article XVI, 'Section 10 No member shall be exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason, and not then unless he has had his Mark recorded in the Book of Marks."

And as amendment to Article XVII, Section 13, came up for action the following: (As to petitions for affiliation,)

"Resolved: That Article XVII, Section 13 be amended by adding the following:

"He must also present with his petition a copy of his Mark, so that it may be recorded in the Book of Marks, in case of his election to the Chapter."

The Annual Grand Communication was opened, on the 28th of December, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, with all the Grand Officers present save the G. P. S., and the G. R. A. C.

Eight Past Grand High Priests answered at roll-call, as also did the Representatives of twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions. The following paragraphs show how our Pennsylvania Companions induct their Grand Officers into office:

"All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion Henry Oscar Kline was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging*, was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft."

"The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were each duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft:" Those Grand Officers were the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand High Priest opens with felicitations on the prevalence of peace and harmony, and of caputular activity.

His circular letter on the death of Past Grand High Priest,

Samuel C. Perkins, is made a part of the address. Companion Perkins' Masonic record was, surely, a remarkable one, fully measuring up to the highest stature of Masonic life.

If any District Deputy in Pennsylvania was ever at a loss in comprehending his duties, he must not have read and studied the "Circular Letter of Instructions" to the D. D. G. H. P.'s, which the Grand High Priest had sent out, so complete and full was it.

The Grand High Priest submitted but one decision, which was as follows:

"Objection to a petitioner for the Degrees and Membership must be made by a member of the Chapter in person in the open Chapter."

Seven dispensations had been granted for holding elections at other than prescribed time

The Grand High Priest admonishes Secretaries of Chapters to refrain from cutting leaves from the bound Minute Book, type-writing the minutes thereon, and pasting said leaves back on stubs left in the book for that purpose.

There may be cogent reason for such admonition, but we are too obtuse to perceive it, unless it consist in the risk of the pasted leaves becoming detached and lost.

The M. E. Grand High Priest says that the "Grand Chapter continues to donate one-tenth of its income to that most worthy charity, the Masonic Home, thus setting an example worthy of imitation by all other Masonic bodies."

From replies returned to circular sent out to the Chapters, he had collected quite a fund of useful information. (We cull one or two items of the same)—Total amount of cash received by the Chapters, in 1902, was \$113,572.29—\$13,017.11 of that sum was received from investments.—Total sum expended by the Chapters, \$106,059.35.

Total of invested funds, December 27, 1902, amounted to \$208,001.99. Balance on hand uninvested amounted to \$47,556.11. Indebtedness aggregated \$7,991.62. Expended for charity during the year \$3,969.38.

The M. E. made quite a number of official visitations, but regretted his inability to visit more than he did.

He complained of laxity on the part of some District Deputies, but commended the zeal and efficiency of others.

There are three flourishing Mark Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Of the fifty-five Past Grand High Priests, from 1795 to 1903, forty-one have died.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence in this Grand Jurisdiction consists of the following five Companions, viz: Matthias H. Henderson (P. G. H. P.), Stockton Bates, James H. Coddington, Joshua L. Lyte, Thomas F. Penman. The volumes of proceedings to be reviewed were parcelled out, to the members of the committee, in alphabetical order, Alabama falling to the lot of Companion Henderson, whom we gladly welcome back to the Guild, as one of its best reviewers.

Companion Henderson accords Alabama—1902, nearly four pages of courteous notice. The reviewer, in regard to an evident discrepancy between the statement of Grand High Priest, Geo. F. Moore as to the citizenship of Comp. Ephraim Kirby, the first Royal Arch Mason in Alabama, and the Assertion of Mr. Thos. Owen, Director of Department of Archives and History of Alabama (one locating Comp. Kirby at Litchfield, Conn., and the other averring that he spent the latter part of his life in Alabama) says:

"We cannot reconcile the statements of Comp. Moore and Mr. Owen as to the citizenship of Comp. Kirby."

Perhaps Director Owen overlooked Judge Kirby's removal to Alabama. When informed further on that matter, we will enlighten Companion Henderson on the subject.

Commenting on an adverse report of our Jurisprudence Committee upon a request from Tennessee that accrued dues of a Companion suspended in an Alabama Chapter in 1875, be remitted, Companion Henderson thinks it "unjust to require the Companion to pay dues after that date when he was debarred from all the privileges and benefits of a Royal Arch Mason." Personally we think so too, but we have not yet succeeded in making our Brethren and Companions think with us on that subject.

The writer is grateful to Companion Henderson for complimentary reference to the Alabama report on Correspondence.

It is gratifying to us to find ourselves in accord with so eminent a Companion as M. H. Henderson, in so many respects as

his expressions show us to be. Notably are we agreed on the subject of dependent membership, and that of actual presence of the warrant.

"Pennsylvania is loyal to the blue: Such sentiment does you great honor, Companion. The quotation from that distinguished Masonic scholar, Companion Albert Pike," will bear repetition. It is follows:

"Whatever else we may be, we are all Master Masons, and we owe to Masonry of the blue degrees our first and paramount allegiance."

"In regard to the use of that abominable, unmasonic word 'team,' a word which leaves a bad flavor in the mouth of every intelligent Royal Arch Mason who hears it used, or sees it in print, he '(the writer)' says he does not like it, but he objects to 'three candidates' because when substitutes are used it would not be telling the truth. We have as high a regard for the truth as Comp. Titcomb can have and see no necessity for violating it. When one candidate and two substitutes are used we say, '*one candidate was exalted.*' (Italics ours) When two candidates and one substitute, we say, '*two candidates were exalted.*' The substitutes are exalted at the same time, but they are exalted as substitutes, not as candidates. And when we say, '*one candidate was exalted,*' or '*two candidates were exalted,*' it is not obligatory to say that some one else was exalted with them, for, as we said above, that is well understood."

Companion, when you exalt "one candidate" or "two candidates," how does that act conform to the requirement—*Three—no more, no less?*

If the use of substitutes isn't "whipping the devil round the stump," what is it?

We are somewhat amused by comparing what Comp. Stockton Bates quotes, concerning us, from Comp. Cleveland of Iowa, with what Companion Hodson, of Oregon, said last year, in review of Alabama—1902:

"Under Alabama he" (Comp. Cleveland) says anent Comp. Wm. Y. Titcomb's report:

"He writes a very interesting and readable report. To us he seems just a little too fearful that he might hurt somebody's feelings, &c." He seems to call us, a "tenderfoot," so to speak. Thus.

Companion Hodson in reviewing Alabama—1902, says of our views concerning the General Grand:

"There you have it in plain English from a gentleman of

high character and honest opinions, *who is not afraid to express them.*"

So—"there you are."

Comp. Bates furnishes a forcible and eloquent "conclusion."

M. E. Henry Oscar Kline, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Charles Carey, Grand Secretary.

NOTE—R. E. Comp. Joseph P. McQueen, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, Chairman of our Committee on Jurisprudence, and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, is no more. By the death of this eminent Companion and able jurist the Grand Chapter of Alabama has sustained a loss not to be easily repaired. He was a prince in our "Israel."

QUEBEC.

27TH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH, 1904, 'A. D., 2434 A. I.

Number of Chapters 11—Members, 1904, 836—Net increase 91.

M. E. Comp. J. Bruce Payne, Grand 1st Prin. Z.

The first page of this neat volume of proceedings presents the features of Comp. H. Edgar Channell, Grand 1st Prin. Z. elect. Individuality well marked, is the impression made on our mind by this portrait.

When the M. E. the Grand Chapter assembled in the historic city of Montreal, March 22, 1904, there were present: The Grand 1st Prin. Z. and all the other Grand Officers except three, twenty-nine Past Grand Officers, and the Representatives of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, Alabama being represented by Comp. C. P. O'Connor, Grand 2d Prin. H. A quorum of Chapters being represented, the Convocation was opened for the transaction of its business.

Before proceeding to recount his official acts, the Grand High Priest gave expression to his recognition of the tender mercies of the Great I AM bestowed upon himself throughout the trials and afflictions of the "past few years;" also acknowledging that Protecting Hand which had preserved him and his Companions for this reunion; and he paid tribute of respect and love to the departed Companions both of his own jurisdiction and of other Grand Chapters so far as he had received official notice thereof.

In submitting a record of his official acts he bespoke the kind indulgence of the Companions, intimating that, for any mistakes he had made, they themselves were partly to blame, for they had made the first mistake by putting so young a man in the exalted position of Grand Z. Evidently, in his estimation, "the crime of being a young man" would be easily expiated on the altar of charity, since his "errors were of the head, not of the heart." He will pardon us for saying that, so far as we can see, those "errors" are conspicuous for their absence; hence, in our judgment, his Companions have nothing over which to throw "the mantle of charity."

His few dispensations were strictly within the scope of his prerogative.

He submitted but one ruling. It was elicited by the question: Would he grant a dispensation to confer the Royal Arch degrees upon a Master Mason who had lost his right arm?

In substance he replied, that personally he would be opposed to it, but would look up rulings on this point and ascertain if any Grand Z. had established such a precedent. Finding none, he stated that if such application came before him officially, he should feel it his duty to refuse the same, as the defect indicated disqualified any applicant for Capitular advancement, and such dispensation would violate a well known landmark. "A candidate so disabled would be incapable of doing the work of a Craftsman, and consequently unable to prove himself to be one when called upon to do so."

Under the head, Grand Representatives, we note that he had recommended a new man for Representative for a sister Grand Chapter, to take the place of the incumbent who had not attended the Annual Convocations, Grand Chapter of Quebec, for many years past. He held that "no Grand Chapter should be represented by a Companion who does not attend his own Grand Chapter at least once in three years."

His several official visitations, almost without exception satisfied him that great interest, nay, enthusiasm is felt in the work and in the purposes of Masonry, among the Chapters all over the jurisdiction. Further, he became impressed with the great importance of these visitations in awakening enthusiasm and keeping it alive and wide awake.

He recommended the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, and

appropriation of a sum not exceeding \$100.00 to defray his traveling expenses and incidental ditto.

The several reports of the Grand Superintendent of Districts presented the Royal Craft with a very pleasing view of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction. Those reports keep all Companions, who wish to post themselves, well informed as to the condition of each and every Chapter.

The Grand Scribe E.'s report was most satisfactory.

The Committee on Finance and Benevolence reported that the credit to the General Account was, after all disbursements, \$1,400.30, while that to the credit of the Benevolent Fund was the sum of \$1,230.80.

The Committee on the reports of the Grand Superintendents paid those faithful officials a well deserved compliment on their efficient work.

The Committee on Grand Z.'s address, highly commended M. E. Comp. Payne, and regretted his decision to retire from the position of Grand 1st Prin.

The committee approved his dispensations and other official acts, but thought his ruling as to a one-armed Brother should go to the Committee on Jurisprudence for consideration. Report adopted.

We have failed to find any report from the Jurisprudence Committee on said ruling of the Grand Z. Doubtless the committee will report thereon at next Annual. The committee, however, recommended that the following be added to Sec. 24, Art. XVII of the Constitution :

"Sec. 24, Art. XVII. 'Every member of a Chapter being suspended in his Craft Lodge may be excluded from admission to the Chapter as above until such suspension is removed by his Craft Lodge.'"

The notice of motion having been found constitutional and due notice having been given, on said recommendation of the Law Committee, the amendment was adopted. A Grand Lecturer was provided for.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In the introduction to his report on Correspondence, that able and accomplished writer, Companion E. L. D. Chambers, Past Grand Z., says :

"The course of the Royal Craft during the year under review

has been one of steady and satisfactory progress. While there has been nothing phenomenal about its growth since the period covered by our last Report on Correspondence, it has been all that can be desired, and there is every indication that the teachings of this important branch of Masonry are being yearly sought by a steadily increasing proportion of the most thoughtful of those who go to make up the vast army of Master Masons diffused over every part of the habitable world."

M. E. Companion Chambers accords to Alabama—1903, a little more than two pages of fraternal notice. He says:

"M. E. Companion Charles R. Bricken, in his annual address was able to congratulate Grand Chapter upon the fact that the membership of constituent Chapters had increased during the year by 25 to 30 per cent.; that five new Chapters had been instituted, and three defunct Chapters resuscitated."

He says that Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp has his warm congratulations upon the well merited honor" bestowed upon him in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand High Priest—the rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest.

It almost takes our breath away to read his exceedingly complimentary reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he says:

"We heartily echo the compliments paid him for his work by the Grand High Priest." He also does this writer the honor to quote his conclusion.

Praise from so competent a critic as Companion Chambers is indeed high, and highly valued.

In his conclusion he justly indicates the proper spirit which should ever animate the Guild of Reviewers.

M. E. Comp. H. E. Channell, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

106TH ANNUAL—PROVIDENCE—MARCH, 1904.

M. E. Charles B. Manchester, Grand High Priest.

Chapters 10; membership 3,056; gain 141.

Ten Past Grand High Priests were present at the convocation under review, as well as Representatives of twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama included.

On the first page of this volume appears the portrait of M. E. Charles B. Manchester.

In his address the Grand High Priest announced the death of two of the Rhode Island Companions, R. E. Stillman White, (P. G. K.) who died April 3, 1903, and R. E. Anson Green, who died January 30, 1904.

After recounting his few official acts and his ten visitations, the M. E. Chief Executive said :

" It has been my pleasure to witness work in every Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction, once, and in some of them a number of times. I have not singled out any one Chapter for special praise, as they all are doing such good work in the rendition of the ritual. While some of them have the facilities for doing the work in a more elaborate manner than others, they are all confining themselves to the ritual."

In view of the action of the General Grand Chapter, he recommended recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

Supplementing the Grand High Priest's Address, appear brief reports of the D. G. H. P., the G. K. and the G. S.

On recommendation of the Committee on the Address, the Grand High Priest was congratulated upon the success of his official term, his dispensations were approved, and his recommendation that recognition be extended to the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary it appears that all of the ten Chapters had made returns.

The Grand Treasurer held, March 1, 1904, balance to new account, \$4,568.72. The total assets of Grand Chapter, March 3, 1904, were \$6,268.72.

A fitting memorial of R. E. Stillman White, Past Grand King, was presented by M. E. Arthur H. Armington.

The same day exemplification of work took place. No further business appearing, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests received eight accessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence presented by Compan-

ion Henry W. Rugg, Chairman of the Committee, is a dignified, chaste and scholarly production. Within the compass of sixty-five pages of print, his report comprises a very large amount of valuable thought couched in choicest forms of expression.

For his courteous notice of Alabama—1903 he will please accept our sincere acknowledgments. In passing he will permit us to intimate that he was entirely correct in "assuming" that we were in accord with him on the subject of prerogative.

The little space now at our command cannot be better used than by holding a part of what Companion Rugg so well says in his introduction. It is as follows:

"To exercise the functions of a Masonic reviewer at the present time, seems a special privilege, for our fraternity was never so much in evidence or so popular as now. It should be remembered, however, that there are some perils incident to prosperity. If continually successful men are apt to become careless and over confident. The Ancient Templars, in their day of wealth and ease, having grown proud and vainglorious, were overthrown. Prosperity is not always conducive to the best results, either for an individual or an association. We may well raise the question whether the robust quality of manhood developed by Craftsmen under the storm and stress of anti-masonic days has ever been excelled. There were apostates then; but a goodly number of Brethren held fast to their Masonic allegiance. Under their fostering care our cherished institution revived and took on a new lease of power and service. Now it is generally praised. Now the influence of the Masonic Fraternity is conceded, and it draws numbers to its communion. May it not become too powerful and too popular for its good!"

"Of course this can not be so long as the institution maintains and applies the principles which are vital in its system. We must walk in the light of the Father's steps. We cannot modernize Freemasonry except at the risk of lessening its power and usefulness. Yet we can "stand upon the old ways and make progress." An institution which aims to uplift and bless men must be constantly unfolding and applying its principles—must be continually advancing in the new light that points to its onward and upward career." * * * * * "A recent writer tells how the mussels climb up the piles of a wharf toward the high-water mark. He says: "The mussel shoots out a spray of gelatinous stuff in the direction he wants to go, which soon hardens into fine, firm threads. They do the business. He climbs upward slowly, but surely."

Shall we not get a suggestion from this lowly source? The Masonic institution, even now, has not quite attained high-water mark. We are still held to a climbing up process; and it is only as we are obedient to this reaching forward and upward tendency—in man a divine aspiration—that we can hope to real-

ize its largest power for good and be ourselves abundantly blessed by such resolute endeavor."

Wise words bravely spoken, Companion.

M. E. S. Penrose Williams, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William R. Greene, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

92D ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—FEBRUARY, 1903.

M. E. J. Edwin McDonald, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 21; U. D., 1; present membership, 936; net gain, 121.

All the Grand Officers, except the Grand King were present, with representatives of fifteen Subordinate Chapters, also representatives of nineteen Grand Chapters, who, after roll-call, were received and welcomed in the customary way. Alabama's representative, Comp. James B. Park, did not fail to be present.

In his address the M. E. Grand High Priest appealed to his Companions to measure up to the high standard of life and conduct which should characterize the members of the Royal Craft. He embalmed the memory of those two eminent Craftsmen lately deceased, Past Grand High Priests, Companions William Harper Witherow and Andrew Hutchison White. The other fraternal dead were not forgotten.

While reporting upon "The State of the Royal Craft," he pertinently said:

"As a general rule the success and prosperity of any Chapter depends largely upon the High Priest and the Secretary. But this does not relieve each member of his individual responsibility."

"As Royal Arch Masons, therefore, we should each one seriously consider our responsibilities, as well as our solemn obligations. I need scarcely say that, as officers and members of our respective Chapters we should strive to be men of such unsullied character, blameless life, and unquestioned morality as will make us examples unto all men to follow us in 'the noble and glorious work' in which we are engaged."

We note that, Jan. 10, 1903, he issued a commission to Comp. Francis H. Bates as Representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina near that of Alabama.

Among the dispensations granted there were only three for waiving time in receiving and acting on petitions for the degrees.

Two matters of importance, only, had been submitted to the Grand High Priest for his decision. As to the first of these two, the effect of his decision was, that, in the Jurisdiction of South Carolina, no one except a Royal Arch Mason is entitled to a dimitt.

As to the second case, the facts were as follows:

"A brother petitioned for and received the first three degrees in Union Chapter. Afterwards he removed to Virginia and petitioned a Chapter there to confer the Royal Arch degree upon him. The Virginia Chapter requested Union Chapter to waive jurisdiction. It appeared from the correspondence that, in that jurisdiction, the Royal Arch degree could not be conferred without taking also the Royal and Select degrees, and that the Virginia Chapter could not confer the Royal Arch degree for any Chapter not recognizing the rule above stated."

"I ruled that it was competent for Union Chapter to waive jurisdiction in favor of the Virginia Chapter:" * * * He recommended, however, that action in the matter be delayed until after Grand Chapter shall have passed upon said ruling.

The few visitations which the Grand High Priest was enabled to make were very pleasant for himself, and, no doubt, quite profitable to the Companions visited.

The two recommendations reported are of no interest to outsiders, hence we pass them.

We do not for one moment question that the high encomiums passed by the M. E. Grand High Priest upon M. E. Jacob T. Barron, Grand Secretary, are richly deserved. We can easily believe that "He is a tower of strength to Capitular Masonry" throughout South Carolina.

February 10, 1903, the Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was \$1,556.96.

The Grand Secretary says in his report that "the majority of the Chapters were prompt in making returns and paying dues." Besides his office tasks, Grand Secretary Barron does a large amount of "field work"—instructing Chapters and conferring degrees. Like our own Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Beauchamp, he spends his energies without stint for the benefit of the Craft.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dis-

pensions, the Grand High Priest's dispensations were approved; the charter of one Chapter was arrested; a charter was granted to one Chapter U. D., and a time limit given another Chapter to pay all dues or have its charter arrested.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances was happy, no doubt, to find itself at refreshment during the Convocation.

Special Committee on Fraternal Dead made short but appropriate report. Adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the Grand High Priest's first decision in regard to the granting of a dimit to any except Royal Arch Masons, but was of the opinion that the issuance of the certificate would not change the status. Adopted.

Grand Chapter affirmed, over the head of the committee, the Grand High Priest's second decision as to the right of a Chapter to waive jurisdiction, at the request of a Foreign Chapter.

It was resolved to hold the next Grand Convocation in the City of Charleston.

The Grand Convention of High Priests of South Carolina, holding its ninth annual, admitted five new members, Feb. 10th, at 10:00 p. m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Jacob T. Barron, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, as well as Grand Secretary, submits a concise yet sufficiently comprehensive review of the "Proceedings" which have come under his notice. Companion Barron is in the front rank of Correspondents.

His notice of Alabama is of the Convocation held in 1901 (Hasn't "1902" reached him yet?). It is about a page and one-half long, and is not lacking in fraternal courtesy. He says of M. E. Comp. Moore's address:

"In an admirably written address beautifully he refers to his physical sufferings and personal affliction, and then gives an intelligent statement of his official duties."

Companion, "Wonders never will cease." He says:

"The venerable Companion Titcomb is again the author of an excellent Correspondence Report." Short but sweet. Thanks.

"Venerable!" In our case the term seems a misfit. Still, probably our years (77) justify its use, but we don't know how to

feel venerable. Further, "Young America" doesn't venerate age as it once did.

M. E. J. Edwin McDonald, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Jacob T. Barron, (R. E.) Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

15TH ANNUAL—YANKTON, JUNE, 1904.

M. E. Sam'l H. Jumper, Grand High Priest. The good looking portrait of M. E. Samuel H. Jumper graces the initial page of this neat volume of Proceedings.

Chartered Chapters 29, U. D. 1; Members. 1,886; Net Gain, 102.

As has been intimated in a few other cases, this volume, deserving careful attention, must receive only hasty review. We will hope that next time an earlier arrival will enable us to do our S. D. Companions the justice of a more careful inspection and notice. We congratulate the Grand Secretary on his handsome and commodious quarters displayed on these pages. At this Annual Convocation four Past Grand High Priests and twenty-one Grand Representatives were present. (Where was Comp. Frank A. Brown, Alabama's Representative?)

From the Annual address of the M. E. Grand High Priest it is learned that he had issued five special dispensations—all to elect and install officers, and one dispensation for organizing a new Chapter. Within thirty days this Chapter U. D. had advanced eighteen to the M. M. M. Degree; seventeen had passed the Chair, and nine had been exalted. A "land office business." Said Chapter, "at its first meeting, received eighteen petitions, with more in sight."

One Chapter had been constituted under a charter granted last year.

The Grand High Priest submitted no decisions. Before closing, he eulogized the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Treasurer had, April 6, 1904, balance in the sum of \$1,393.49.

Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Pettigrew, is a model official.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was received and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

The subjects for consideration by the Committee on Griev-

ances and Appeals are still in a state of "innocuous desuetude." Long may they so continue.

The Committee having no decisions to consider made no further report.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence the special dispensations of the Grand High Priest were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Ritual was unanimously adopted.

The next meeting will be held in the city of Aberdeen, June 15, 1905.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests received six accessions to its membership.

M. E. Louis G. Leroy presides over that Body.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Louis G. Leroy, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, again submitted one of his excellent reports, in which he had reviewed the Proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters, (one for 2 years), within the compass of seventy-five pages of printed matter.

Alabama-1903 is given a page and a half of fraternal notice. The reviewer said that M. E. Chas. R. Bricken presented, in his "Annual," a well written address." Referring to the Grand High Priest's recommendation in regard to Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp; and to subsequent action thereon by our Grand Chapter, he said:

"Thus is merit rewarded by an appreciative body."

He did this writer great honor in the following, a passage in said address:

"He also has a good word for Correspondent Titcomb, and pays him a well earned tribute for his work as correspondent, and urging his Companions to read his work and be informed."

Kindly accept our grateful acknowledgments, Companion.

We would have been glad to give Companion Leroy's paper extended notice, but "South Dakota" is the very last of our late arrivals.

M. E. George R. Perry, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

75TH ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1904.

M. E. Geo. P. Chandler, Grand High Priest.

The portrait of M. E. Grand High Priest Elect, Comp. Fred C. Watkins graces the first page of this volume.

Chartered Chapters 69. Chapters U. D., 3. Royal Arch Masons 3,150. Net gain about 7 per cent.

At the opening of Grand Chapter, all the Grand Officers were present with a quorum of representatives of Subordinate Chapters, twelve Past Grand Officers (10 being Past Grand High Priests), but no Grand Representatives reported as present.

The Grand High Priest fittingly referred, in his address, to the death of Companion Bun F. Price, also that of Past Grand High Priest Wm. R. Shaver, presenting his circular to the Chapters, on the demise of the latter worthy Companion. He did not fail to remember other fraternal dead in Sister Jurisdictions.

He had granted eight dispensations,

He had issued three special dispensations, authorizing the instituting of new Chapters.

His several official visitations were a source of great pleasure to himself, and, he hoped, profitable and pleasant to the Companions.

His three decisions submitted were all of them good Masonic law, and met the approval of both the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Chapter.

On the subject of State of the Order he stated that, "so far as he was advised, the utmost peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction; also throughout the M. E. General Grand Jurisdiction, and the whole world."

"Returns indicate that all Chapters except"—Chapter No. — "have made returns to the Grand Secretary."

Some weak Chapters were annually drawing more in mileage and per diem than they pay in fees and dues. Said he: "Measures should be taken to correct and regulate these matters so far as is possible without injustice to the individual Chapters."

He recommended and urged that a Grand Lecturer be appointed for one year, to devote his entire time and attention to

upbuilding of Capitular Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction, his salary to be \$50.00 a month and necessary expenses.

He recommended that mileage and per diem be not allowed to the representatives of any Chapters whose returns are not in the hands of the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the meeting of the Grand Chapter.

A touching tribute of respect to the memory of Companion Wm. R. Shaver (P. G. H. P.) was read, and it was ordered that, in the proceedings a memorial page be set apart in honor of that beloved Companion.

A resolution requiring candidates for advancement in Capitular Masonry to pass a satisfactory examination, in open Chapter, upon the lectures of the preceding degree, was lost by a vote of 7 for, and 46 against the same.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was \$8,190.66.

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, not only were his decisions approved, (as already noted) but also, his dispensations and his refusal of a dispensation, as well as his recommendation that mileage and per diem be not allowed to representatives of Chapters whose returns are not in on time (10 days before Grand Convocation.) At the instance of the same committee, the Grand High Priest's recommendations affecting the revenue of Grand Chapter were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Hereafter the offices of Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and the three Grand Masters of the Veils, will, in Tennessee, be open to present or Past High Priests alone.

Charters were granted to two Chapters U. D.

As to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, the Committee on Ways and Means was divided in opinion—one of the committee believing that the recommendation of the Grand High Priest should be carried out, the other two thinking that a return to the system of district lecturers would be preferable and less expensive. And there the committee left the subject without any explicit recommendation. The same committee recommended an amendment to Article 20 by adding thereto the following:

"Provided, That the amount paid to any representative shall

not be in excess of the amount paid in by the Chapter he represents. To take effect after the present session."

The committee also recommended that, after all expenditures had been made by the Grand Treasurer, and after \$250.00 had been reserved for unlooked-for contingencies, the balance remaining in the treasury be donated to the Endowment Fund of the Widows' and Orphans' Home.

The per capita tax and fees to remain as at present.

Seventeen High Priests Elect were admitted into the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. J. H. McClister, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, submitted his report (his first) reviewing the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions—five of them for two years—in a manner which reflects great credit upon himself. His notice of Alabama covering about a page and one-half, furnishes a good summary of our proceedings. He will please accept hearty acknowledgement of his courteous reference to the Alabama report on Correspondence.

Companion McClister is a staunch advocate of dependent membership.

He pertinently asks:

"When will Companions learn that the conferring of Masonic degrees is not a frolic?"

He quotes Comp. Swain's critique on our "waking dream" about Masons ignoring Blue Lodge.

To that critique we, last year, made such reply as we could.

All of us correspondents welcome Companion McClister as a valuable accession to the Guild.

M. E. Fred C. Watkins, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Wm. A. Clendening, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

54TH ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER, 1903.

Chartered Chapters 166—Present Membership 8,363.

M. E. J. M. Strayhorn, Grand High Priest.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests attended this Convocation,

as did the Grand Representatives of twenty-five Sister Jurisdictions. The Credentials Committee did not report as present Comp. W. V. R. Watson for Alabama.

The address of the Grand High Priest, a paper of about six pages, is a model in its comprehensive brevity.

Seven Chapters had been constituted. Six Chapters had been formed U. D. Four had been permitted to resume labor until this Convocation. Five had been permitted to publicly install officers. One, to occupy temporary quarters until Hall, destroyed by fire, could be rebuilt. Three Chapters had been set to work under their charters restored.

The M. E. Grand High Priest submitted eight decisions, four of which the Jurisprudence Committee approved; one that committee referred to the Committee on Work, as it involved the ritual; one the committee held to be merely a letter of advice; one (No. 3) which was substantially as follows: A member of a Chapter in arrears for his dues, who did not, when his Chapter, having demised, afterwards had its Charter restored, join in the petition for restoration, should pay his dues to his old Chapter, which would restore him to membership in his original Chapter, the committee declared to be in conflict with "Article 63." The Companion "stands as a dimitted Royal Arch Mason, and can legally become a member of the Chapter only by affiliating regularly in manner provided for."

The remaining decision (No. 7) was to the following effect: When a Master Mason, also a Royal Arch Mason, is guilty of a Masonic offense, and is a member of the Lodge where he lives, but not of the Chapter, the Lodge should prefer charges, yet if the Lodge refuses to do so, the Chapter should act in the matter. The committee said:

"We cannot pass upon the question as to whether a Lodge should or should not prefer charges against a Brother. If a Companion needs disciplining, let the Chapter do its duty and not rely upon some other body."

The report of the committee was adopted.

Under the head of "Miscellaneous and Recommendations" the Grand High Priest said:

"I call attention to Article 175 of our Resolutions and Edicts which positively prohibits profane swearers, gamblers, and drunkards being received into the Royal Arch Chapter, and yet

it is almost ignored by most of our Chapters. This should not be, and an applicant should be plainly told that he debars himself by such conduct, and those who are now members should be exhorted to desist from such vile practices, and keep our noble Order up to the high standard its laws require."

The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports had carefully looked over the reports of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Grand Visitors and had found "nothing to criticize or condemn, but much to commend." The committee says:

"We find that the Grand Officers in their various stations during the past year, have done their full duty to the Craft; have brought up good work, square work, just such work as will strengthen and continue the present high standard of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$8,450.41.

A Special Committee, to which had been referred, at the last Convocation, a resolution relative to the propriety of severing the connection existing between the Royal Arch and Council degrees, made report which was adopted. The committee did not favor such severance, and concluded its report thus :

"We think that when, in 1862, the Grand Council, like a lone mariner shipwrecked, with scarce one small plank to bear him up amidst the waters of a stormy ocean, hailed with joy the prospect of deliverance by getting aboard the good ship, 'The Grand Chapter,' and in 1864 did so, it did a wise act, and we believe that the ways of wisdom will be walked in by our continuing the control of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees, as during the past three-score years. And we so report."

The various other committees made reports which were adopted. We note that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals took the opportunity to congratulate the Grand Chapter upon the prevalence of peace and harmony, and to compliment the Grand High Priest upon his wise, successful administration of Grand Chapter affairs.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of New Zealand were established in compliance with the request of said Grand Chapter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion J. L. Terrell, Chairman of the committee, furnishes another of his excellent reports on Correspondence, it being a review (118 p. p.) of the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Bodies.

Alabama—1902, is given three pages of fraternal, courteous notice. M. . E. . Companion Geo. F. Moore's address, in its portraiture of Ephraim Kirby, is quoted, and a judicious synopsis of proceedings follows. He styles the writer's report on Correspondence, "a satisfactory and very full review of proceedings," but he comes down "like a thousand of bricks" upon our reply to Companion Gardner of New York, which he copies, *re* Actual presence of the Charter. In that reply we had asked, in substance, "If, when an appeal had been taken from the decision of a Lodge or Chapter, rendered while the Lodge or Chapter was destitute of a Charter or warrant, the higher tribunal would dare to pronounce said decision legal? Would it not be compelled to declare all its actions, under these circumstances, null and of no effect?"

"A Lodge being a congregation of Masons legally constituted and duly assembled, has in its midst the Great Lights and a Charter or warrant empowering it to work. If any one of these essentials is missing, it is not a lawful Masonic Lodge."

Companion Terrell, instead of answering our question, lets fly at us as follows:

"We do not agree with Companion Titcomb in the above, nor can we agree that his argument is in the least convincing."

"Companion Gardner, alas! can never answer, but there's not much to answer."

It is, no doubt, permissible for us to sympathize with Companion Terrell on account of his inability to see the truth of this matter.

If we called our Companion a P. G. H. P. 'twas an inadvertence. Pardon the mistake.

We desire to know of Companion Beauchamp why the Texas space in our list of Grand Representatives is vacant.

Grand Council of Order of High Priesthood received thirty-four accessions.

M. . E. . F. W. Fitzpatrick, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . John A. Bryan, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

87TH ANNUAL—BURLINGTON, June, 1904.

M. E. Wm. S. Terrill, Grand High Priest.

Chapters, 28. Membership, 3,452. Gain, 128.

A portrait of M. E. Wm. S. Terrill adorns the first page of this splendidly executed volume, "Vermont being one of the late comers, our review of the same will inevitably be partial.

Seven permanent members—six P. G. H. P.'s and one P. G. K. were present, also twenty-two Grand Representatives, not including Comp. Jesse W. Arms for Alabama.

In his brief yet comprehensive address of less than four printed pages, the Grand High Priest had the following to say on Condition of the Craft:

"The reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, and returns received by the Grand Secretary, show the Chapters, with very few exceptions, to be in a flourishing condition; and quite an increase in our membership is the result. Nothing has occurred during the year to mar the pleasant relations that exist between ourselves and other jurisdictions, and that peace and harmony prevail at home is evidenced by the fact that no case of grievance has been brought to my attention, nor has there been need of making any decision worthy of note; and the few questions asked have been answered by reference to the general regulations! There is one fact, however, that I wish to bring to your attention. I notice in quite a number of our chapters the petitions for the degrees are not required to state whether or not they have ever been rejected in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. To my mind this is a very important question, and it should be inserted in the petitions of every Chapter in this State; and to avoid a repetition of the occurrence which brought the matter to my attention, I would suggest that the Grand Secretary furnish the Chapters with blank petitions, or some other plan adopted which may be thought best, to make the petitions substantially uniform."

The Grand Secretary says that twenty-six out of the twenty-eight Chapters have made returns.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, June 17, 1904, was \$10,442.17.

The annual report on Correspondence was accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

Grievances Committee reported that no business had come before it for consideration. Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Necrology contains a truly fraternal notice of the death of R. E. Companion Joseph

Pickens McQueen, at the time of his demise Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Alabama. The full and complete report of said Committee was adopted.

The several reports of the Grand Treasurer, and the District Deputies, all indicate a healthy condition of Capitular Masonry in Vermont.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood admitted five new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, Chairman of the Committee, presented his annual report, a review of the Proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters, covering one hundred-eight printed pages.

Companion Perkins needs no encomiums from the writer. His work speaks for itself.

Alabama-1903 is generously given nearly three pages of fraternal notice. The reviewer says that the address of Grand High Priest, Comp. Charles R. Bricken, "is an interesting journal of his official acts."

He calls Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp "a most zealous and efficient official"—approves the Grand High Priest's decisions. He says the Grand High Priest "justly commends to the careful consideration of his Companions the painstaking efforts of the Committee on Correspondence." (We make our salaam.) Referring to the Honorary Past Rank conferred on our Grand Secretary, he says:

"Firm in the belief that the eminent craftsman is entitled personally to all the honors his Companions may bestow upon him, we would nevertheless ask of Comp. Titcomb the nature of the constitutional provision that authorizes this creation of honorary rank by his Grand Chapter."

We respectfully answer, that our Constitution is silent upon the subject.

The Constitution does not provide that distinguished visitors shall be received with the grand honors.

Our grateful acknowledgments are tendered Comp. Perkins for his complimentary reference to our last report, and for his quotation of our Conclusion.

M.: E.: Daniel Payson, Grand High Priest.

R.: E.: Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

96TH ANNUAL—RICHMOND—NOVEMBER, 1903.

M. . E. . Joseph Virginus Bidgood, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 46. Membership 3,727. Net gain 329.
M. . E. . Companion J. V. Bidgood's portrait appears on the first page of this volume.

(A pasted slip, under the cover, conveys the information that the delay in printing these proceedings was occasioned by the protracted illness of the Grand Secretary.)

We note that, among those present, there were four Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-one Grand Representatives, though Comp. Alfred S. Lee, who resides in Richmond, was not reported present, to speak for Alabama.

Before rendering an account of his official acts, the Grand High Priest made it his aim to offer up the incense of a pure and contrite heart to the great I AM, and to embalm the memory of those Companions who have "gone before"—making special mention of the late M. . E. . Thomas Edward Schwartz (P. G. H. P.), and R. . E. . James O'Keefe, beloved Companions who had signally verified their words by their works.

The Grand High Priest had made a number of visitations, all of which conspired to create enthusiasm, besides impressing the Official Head with the warm, fraternal love of his Companions.

He had granted three dispensations to form new Chapters, and he trusted that it would be the pleasure of Grand Chapter to confirm these dispensations and grant them their Charters.

He had granted several special dispensations—some of them permitting Chapters to receive and act on petitions without waiting the statutory time.

Of the Masonic Home he says:

"It stands a living monument to the Craft in our State. Much has been done for the support of this noble charity; let us not tire in well doing, but in word and deed lend our help to the orphans of our deceased Brothers and, if possible, increase the usefulness of this important Masonic Institution."

That this has been one of the most successful years in the history of Grand Chapter, he attributes in great measure to the untiring energy of Grand Lecturer, M. . E. . W. J. Hubbard,

and he wishes that no end of happiness, and long life may be the portion of that most efficient officer.

He pays richly merited tribute to the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. In closing he says:

"Your plaudit of 'well done' will be a rich heritage to be transmitted to my sons,"—and he quotes the following lines:

"A man never wearies of being told
That his work is good;
He may know he does it well; in his breast he may hold,
As a strong man should,
The belief in himself, that is might supreme,
That enables the dreamer to make his dream,
A truth at the end of a long steep hill,
And, after the days
Rest well on his brow, it is sweet to him still
To listen to praise."

Yes! it is natural to man to love applause, and not to love abuse of himself.

Finance Committee reported cash in bank \$210.34, also property of Grand Chapter—Jewels and paraphernalia, \$360.00, and Richmond City 6 per cent. Bond, \$600.00.

Grand Lecturer, M. E. Wm. James Hubart's report is very complete, detailing his visitations and work during the year. He must have performed an immense amount of labor. Concluding, he congratulated the Grand Chapter on the accession of three new Chapters, "two of which, at least, are determined, judging from present conditions, to be good, strong bodies; and a subject for congratulation also, is the great activity displayed by the Chapters during the year."

He had "exalted or assisted in exalting 120, besides conferring subordinate degrees on 26 others, making a grand total of 146 candidates worked on."

A memorial of R. E. Companion James O'Keefe was read, and by unanimous vote ordered to be printed in the proceedings; likewise, one of M. E. Thos. E. Swartz (P. G. H. P.)

A touching incident was the introduction of the oldest living P. G. H. P., Comp. Robert Enoch Withers, now in his eighty-third year. He was warmly welcomed.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

Charters were granted to three Chapters U. D.

The reports of the District Deputies were very encouraging.

All the Grand High Priest's official acts were approved, also his decision.

The Finance Committee recommended that a committee of five be appointed to report a plan with specifications for the appropriate celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter, in the year 1907. And the recommendation was adopted. It was resolved that the incoming G. H. P., shall appoint said committee of five on the Centennial Anniversary.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests received ten new members. The M. E. President acquainted the Grand Council with the fact that he had, during the year, conferred the Order on some 14 or 15 qualified Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was again submitted by the chairman of the committee, Companion Chas. A. Nesbitt. It is a review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Chapters, covering 102 pages, and consisting almost entirely of judicious selections from those proceedings.

Alabama—1902, is fraternally noticed. M. E. George F. Moore's address is largely quoted. Companion Nesbitt's kindly reference to the writer is duly appreciated.

M. E. Edward S. Conrad, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James B. Blanks, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

19TH ANNEAL—TACOMA—JUNE, 1903.

23 Chapters, all represented; membership, 1,797, net gain, 212.

R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, John N. Prather acting Grand High Priest.

Portraits of the following M. E. Companions who have gone to their eternal rest, viz: Jacob Weatherwax, who died two months after his installation as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Washington, at the last Grand Convocation of that body, George S. McCahan of Maryland, Josiah H. Drummond of Maine, and Noble D. Larner of the District of Columbia embellish this volume.

Nine Past Grand High Priests manifested their interest in the Royal Craft by being present at the Convocation under review.

The acting Grand High Priest's address was characterized by zealous care for the best interests of the Craft.

He had granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter, but had declined to issue his dispensation to the petitioners for another like permission, deeming it needful for the latter companions to make certain important changes before their request should be complied with. Said changes had now been made, and it only remained that he should recommend a favorable answer to their petition.

Seven special dispensations had been granted—one to waive time in balloting on a petition, four to permit the use of substitutes, one to change meeting place, and one to hold business meetings on an "off" night.

The decisions of the Grand High Priest were concurred in. He had made a few visitations which proved highly encouraging to the Chapters visited. He recommended exchange of representatives with sister jurisdictions. The committee, to which this recommendation was referred, concurred in the same, but the Grand Chapter declined to so concur.

Before concluding his address he said:

"It gives me much pleasure to say that the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction are in a highly prosperous condition, and that they are growing in membership as never before; harmony and good fellowship everywhere prevails. That is as it should be."

After paying all warrants presented, the Grand Treasurer had on hand \$2,128.20.

The 14th annual report of R. E. Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary, shows that all the chartered Chapters except one had made their annual returns and paid their dues. This speaks well for the Subordinate Chapters in the Jurisdiction of Washington.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported favorably upon a resolution amendatory of the Constitution and By-Laws, amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 53-B. Membership in the Chapter shall be co-existent with membership in the Lodge. A Companion suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues in his Lodge, or who dimitts from his Lodge and does not affiliate for one year (through no

fault of his) forfeits his membership in the Chapter, *Provided*, that the filing of a certificate from his Lodge that the member so dropped has been reinstated in his Lodge, shall entitle such member to re-instatement in his Chapter." Adopted.

The Grand Orator wired that, at the last moment, he was prevented from attending Grand Chapter. A charter was granted to the Chapter U. D.

Grand Chapter donated \$100.00 to the Heppner (Oregon) sufferers.

"On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to inquire of the General Grand High Priest, per registered mail, the position of the square and compass upon the altar, and should there be a triangle used upon the altar or not?"

Obituary Committee reported on the fraternal dead, in most appropriate terms, and made the usual recommendation of memorial pages in the proceedings.

The convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected eleven petitioners to receive the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion, Yancey C. Blalock, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, submitted his fourteenth annual report (92 pp), in a review of the proceedings of forty-four Grand Chapters, two of them being for two years.

Companion Blalock does not indulge in any extended remarks, but with never failing courtesy gives his readers a concise synopsis of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. From his conclusion it appears that he thus restrains his pen in the interest of economy.

Alabama—1902 receives nearly three pages of fraternal attention.

We wish Companion Blalock might give himself a little freer rein in coursing over the reportorial field.

M. E. John N. Prather, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

The pleasant countenance of M. A. E. John N. Prather, Grand High Priest, greets the eye as one opens this handsomely executed volume of proceedings.

20TH ANNUAL—SEATTLE—JUNE, 1904.

Chartered Chapters 24. Chapters U. D., 2. Members 1, - 946. Gain 129.

All but one of the Chartered Chapters were represented at this Annual Convocation. The Grand Secretary reported that all the Chartered Chapters had made returns and paid their dues. A good showing for Capitular Masonry in the State of Washington.

Six Past Grand High Priests attended this Convocation.

The address of the Grand High Priest gives an "account of the stewardship" of a faithful and zealous official.

Through his deputy he had constituted one Chapter. He had granted his dispensation to form two new Chapters. One of said Chapters had exalted twelve candidates, and the other had exalted nine.

He recommended that Charters be granted to them under the names of their respective towns.

The General Grand Chapter had conceded that Alaska was unoccupied territory as yet, therefore Grand High Priest Prather recommended that the Grand Chapter of Washington immediately assume and exercise jurisdiction over Master Masons, residing in Alaska, who apply for the Royal Arch and preparatory degrees, provided that said action "does not interfere with the work that any other Grand Chapter R. A. M., may have taken in hand to perform."

He had granted three special dispensations, one of which was permission to use a substitute in conferring the R. A. Degree. The other two, were to allow change of quarters.

Circumstances had prevented many visitations, but a number had been made, and in all such visits he had been "royally treated."

He recommended—First. That the by-laws of Grand Chapter be so changed or amended that a petition for membership in Subordinate Chapter cannot be balloted on at the stated meeting at which it is presented.

Second. That Grand Chapter adopt the G. G. C., by-law providing for the use of a substitute in conferring the R. A. Degree.

Third. He again recommend that Grand Chapter permit the incoming Grand High Priest to correspond with the Grand High Priests of all Jurisdictions with a view to the exchange of Grand Representatives. (The Law Committee failed to report on this one.)

At the previous Annual Convocation his recommendation to adopt the Representative System had not been concurred in.

The following letter from the General Grand High Priest in reply to an interrogatory, was read by the Grand Secretary:

"OFFICE OF THE GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST, {
LOWELL, MASS., MAY 21, 1904. }

Yancey C. Blalock, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter R. A. M., Washington:

DEAR SIR AND R. A. E. COMPANION:

Referring to your inquiry of the 21st ult., I would say, the three Grand Lights are displayed in a Chapter the same as in a Master Mason Lodge. In regard to the Triangle, I have never seen it used in this Jurisdiction, or any other that I have visited, and I have always supposed that the practice to which my observations had been confined, was observed in all the Jurisdictions. Since the receipt of your letter I have corresponded with the General Grand Secretary, and he informs me that in all his connection with the General Grand Chapter he cannot recall that this matter was ever brought to its attention and that his experience coincides with my own. Under the circumstances I should recommend that it not be used in connection with the Great Lights.

Faternally yours,

ARTHUR G. POLLARD, G. G. H. P."

In his report the Grand Secretary stated that 149 had been exalted; 46 admitted; 9 reinstated; 32 dimitted; 24 suspended; 19 died.

The Grand Treasurer reported amount on hand, June 20, 1904, to be \$3,374.81.

The Grand Orator made a new departure (so to speak). Instead of presenting his own lucubrations, he read to his Companions a learned article, prepared by the Secretary of the Lodge Quatuor Coronatic No. 2076, of London, entitled "Some Notes on the Legends of Masonry." We have read the paper with interest, but must confess that we ourselves are still very much "in the fog" as regards the subjects chronicled in the

"Halliwell Poem," the "Cooke Ms.," &c., of that somewhat remote period.

The Committee on Grievances reported with pleasure that no grievances had been brought before it. The report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters U. D. Charters were granted to the two such Chapters applying therefor.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

On recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the Grand Treasurer was instructed to invest \$1,000 of the Grand Chapter's funds in some safe, interest-bearing bonds to be approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and on favorable report from that committee, was adopted:

"Resolved, That the constituent Chapters of this Jurisdiction are directed, during the convocation of a chapter in the Royal Arch Degree, to display upon the altar the Great Lights of Masonry, to the exclusion of all other symbols."

On adverse report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand High Priest's recommendation of immediate assumption, by the Grand Chapter, of Jurisdiction over Master Masons in Alaska applying for the Capitular degrees, provided there is no interference with the work of other Grand Chapters, was disapproved.

His recommendation of such change in the by-laws as shall debar balloting on a petition for membership at the same meeting it is presented, was, on recommendation of same committee, non-concurred in. Likewise, his recommendation that the G. G. C. rules and regulations, providing for the use of a "substitute," was not approved.

The Committee recommended a substitute for Sec. 38 of the By-Laws, to the following effect, viz: that "no Chapter shall expel or suspend any member for failure to pay dues or assessments." If the member owes more than one year's dues, his name shall be dropped from the roll. Suitable provision is made for re-instatement of the Companion if he desires to return to the Chapter.

A certain Chapter had asked the Committee if the remaining

degrees should be conferred upon a Brother who had received the M. M. M. Degree, but shortly afterwards had lost his right arm. The Committee replied as follows:

"While our sympathies go out to this unfortunate Brother, yet it would be a violation of the laws of the Grand Chapter to allow him to proceed."

The next Grand Convocation will be held at Bellingham, Wash.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence (his fifteenth) was presented by R. E. C. mp. Y. C. Blalock, Committee on Correspondence, also, Grand Secretary. Alabama-1903 receives two and one-half pages of courteous notice, for which we make due acknowledgment.

M. E. Nathan S. Porter, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

33D ANNUAL—WHEELING, NOVEMBER, 1903.

Chartered Chapters, 27; U. D., 2; Members, 2,824; Gain, 291.

M. E. David K. Reed, Grand High Priest.

A portrait of Grand High Priest Elect, Chas. M. Lamar, adorns the initial page of this neat volume of proceedings.

Present—the Grand Officers and a quorum of Chapters, also six Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of twenty Grand Chapters, Alabama's being included. At a suitable juncture the latter were welcomed and received in the usual manner. In his address, the Grand High Priest spoke the following words of encouragement to his Companions:

"As we take our places, to close this capitol year, we can shake each other by the hand and whisper words of congratulation, each one to the other, for the wonderful advancement we have made. For surely Peace and Plenty have come our way. Our country at large has had an almost unprecedented year of prosperity. Our own State, in particular, which has for many years been rapidly walking away from that old, accustomed appellation of the 'Little Mountain State,' has during the present year continued its onward march so vigorously that we, to-day, can say, without a fear of successful contradiction, if there is any reason, in any way, for the word 'little' being coupled with our name it

would be to say that we are the *biggest* little State in all these United States.

"And while this cornucopia of prosperity has been hanging over our State, scattering plenty o'er a smiling land, filling our fertile valleys to overflowing and causing our hills and mountains of grandeur to 'blossom as the rose,' Masonry—Capitular Masonry—has ever been wide awake, gathering into its fold its share of the good things at hand, discriminating with rare judgment and justice impartial what was best to take, and leaving among the rubbish that which was unfit for the Builder's use. It has undoubtedly been abreast of the times in every way, and can now be justly said to be on a higher, broader, grander plane of excellence than ever before."

The Grand High Priest mourned, with his Companions, the loss by death of two eminent Companions—M. E. Wm. H. Freeman and E. Companion George W. Creel,

We note that he had recommended the appointment of Comp. James A. Bryan as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near that of West Virginia, and had advised the issuing of a new commission to Comp. R. F. Lovelady as Representative of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia near that of Alabama. He favors the system of Grand Representatives, but wants men appointed who will attend their duties.

He had granted two special dispensations, and had refused one. The one refused was to recirculate the ballot, the plea being that a black ball had been deposited under a mistake as to the candidate's identity. The Grand High Priest did exactly right in refusing said dispensation. Companions should exercise more care in respect of the sacred duty of balloting on candidates. His only decision submitted was elicited by the following facts, viz: Information had been sent to him that a certain Chapter U. D. had elected to receive the several degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, Bro. —, a saloon keeper. A Companion of Chapter No. — had lodged in the Grand High Priest's hands a protest against the advancement of the said Brother, on account of his occupation, and had asked immediate action thereon.

The Grand High Priest says:

"I decided that, according to our present laws, I could not prohibit the conferring of the degrees upon this brother, but in further communication with the officers and Companions of said Chapter U. D., I requested and recommended that they should not confer any degrees upon him until after Grand Chapter, when this matter would be presented for further or general consideration, and I presume they have complied with my request. If so,

I suggest that this matter be taken up here and considered to a final decision, so that we may have a plain and fixed law for the future government of all such cases."

He had granted dispensations for two new Chapters.

His visitations were very few, owing to unavoidable circumstances.

He animadverted upon the evils of "railroading" through the Capitular Degrees, and quoted the Maryland resolution upon the subject as follows:

"No candidate shall be exalted, unless by dispensation, until he has made sufficient proficiency in the preceding degrees to satisfy the Council that he can make himself known in these degrees. The examination as to proficiency to be had in open M. E. M. Lodge."

Before concluding his address he recommended and urged that Grand Chapter make provision, before the close of the present Convocation, for defraying the expenses of future delegates to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, Oct. 19, 1903, was the sum of \$240.33 in cash.

The report of the Grand Secretary was a compact, business-like document.

The Grand Lecturer reported that his work for the year had been principally confined to assisting his home Chapter and two other Chapters in obtaining a correct knowledge of the Ritual. His labors, in this regard, had not been in vain.

Finance Committee reported balance in the treasury Nov. 10, 1903, to be \$1,240 33. The committee recommended that Grand Chapter pay the expenses of one delegate to the General Grand Chapter. Of the \$1,240 33 balance, \$1,000 consists of a certificate of deposit, dated Dec. 12, 1902, payable to the order of the Grand Treasurer twelve months after date, and drawing three per cent. interest. The \$240.33 consists of cash in bank subject to cheque. Report adopted.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had an empty docket. A good indication, most likely.

Charters were granted to the two Chapters U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest. As to the case of the saloon keeper elected to receive the degrees in Howard Chapter U. D., the committee says:

"We recognize that each Subordinate Chapter has the right to judge of the moral and social qualifications of petitioners, and as there is no specific Masonic law in our Jurisdiction on the status of liquor dealers, we consider that Brother S. Morse, having been duly elected in Howard Chapter U. D., he is now entitled to receive the degrees in that Chapter.

"In regard to requiring candidates to be able to satisfy the Council that they have sufficient proficiency in the several degrees preceeding the Royal Arch, your committee deem it inexpedient at this time to recommend alteration of the present usual proceedings."

Report adopted.

Fifteen additions were made to the membership of the Order of High Priesthood.

No Report on Correspondence. Instead we find the following:

"Office of Grand Secretary,
Fairmont, W. Virginia, April 4, 1904.

Companions: The report of the Committee on Correspondence, which should be published in these proceedings, is omitted for the reason that we have been unable to get the report from the Chairman of the Committee. The late Secretary, Companion Dunnington, and the undersigned, since Companion D.'s death, have made every effort to get the report; but have not been successful. The Chairman refuses to answer our letters, and I have been instructed by the Grand High Priest to get out the proceedings and not wait any longer for the report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Fraternally, FRANK E. NICHOLS,
Grand Secretary."

What's the matter, Companion Baines?

How is it that Companion Dunnington's name appears in the list of Grand Officers on the back of this volume? On second thought, the covers must have been printed before the full text had been completed.

M. E. Charles M. Lamar, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Frank E. Nichols, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

54TH ANNUAL, MILWAUKEE, FEBRUARY, 1904.

Chartered Chapters, 77; U. D., 1; Members, 7,464; Net Gain, 311.

M. E. Thomas J. Pereles, Grand High Priest.

Portraits: Charles V. Bardine, Grand High Priest, 1892, and John M. Evans, Grand High Priest, 1882. Both of these Companions have gone to their rest.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of thirty-two Grand Chapters attended this Convocation. (M.: E.: Companion Wm. C. Swain, Alabama's Representative, after a serious illness and surgical operation, was not sufficiently recovered to attend this Convocation. May he be speedily restored to robust health.)

The Grand High Priest, in his business-like address, submitted five dispensations granted, and two refused—these two were refusals to permit waiver of time in conferring degrees, in one case, and in the other organization of a new Chapter where it was needless. He also submitted four "opinions" (or decisions), as follows: (1.) Clergymen must pay dues. (2.) Chapters have no right to exempt Secretaries from the payment of dues. (3.) There is no harm in making a few motions and offering a few amendments, "when the candidate has been seated in the P. M. Degree, just to let him have a little experience in Masonic rulings." But the Grand High Priest said that, under the decision of the General Grand Chapter, the ceremonies of that degree "should be confined within the narrowest constitutional limits, only retaining the obligation, the induction into the Oriental Chair, and the communication of the means of recognition. (4.) A Chapter in Wisconsin has no jurisdiction to confer the degrees upon a Brother whose legal residence is in another State, said Brother desiring to apply therefor.

He took pleasure in complimenting the work of the Grand Lecturer last year.

He reported that death had taken two of the Wisconsin Past Grand High Priests during the year, and included in his address the obituary of each, sent to all the Subordinate Chapters, with orders for the usual manifestation of mourning.

His recommendations were of local interest, save that in one he suggested that petitioners for the degrees or membership be required to accompany their petitions with certificates from their Lodges as to their Masonic standing.

Such certificates would have a tendency to prevent clandestine Masons, impostors, from "taking in" Chapters and Lodges.

The Grand Treasurer had, Feb. 15, 1904, balance on hand amounting to \$4,068.85.

The Grand Secretary was pleased to report very prompt returns from constituent Chapters, and in most all instances a draft enclosed to cover dues; and he was of the opinion that great credit was "due the Grand Lecturer for this excellent showing."

Companion R. E. W. W. Perry is a model Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lecturer reported that every Chapter in the State of Wisconsin, including the one U. D., had been visited during the year. His report complied fully with the requirements of the Constitution. (Sec. 3a, Art. IV.)

The Special Committee to which was referred the matter of reporting an amendment to the Constitution dispensing with the office of Grand Lecturer and making proper provision for dissemination of the work, under the present authorized ritual and cipher, recommended that, in Sec. 3, Art. I, of the Constitution, the words "Custodian of the Work" be substituted for the words "Grand Lecturer," also eight paragraphs outlining the duties of said officer.

Under the rules this report was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to report next year. (The Jurisprudence Committee recommended same reference.)

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to which was, last year, referred a resolution to amend the Constitution by striking out Sections 3 and 4, Art. XIII, and substituting the following (in brief): Sec. 3—A member of a Chapter two years in arrears for dues, may, after due notice to appear and show cause why he should not be excluded, be excluded by a majority vote of the members present at a stated Convocation—a majority necessary.

"Sec. 4. An excluded member has all the rights and is subject to all the obligations of a non-affiliate member; and such exclusion shall cease when all his dues are paid, including dues that may be charged while so excluded." ("All the rights"! Those rights are very limited in their scope), the Committee, we repeat, recommended the adoption of said amendment. Adopted.

The Committee on Obituary made a very impressive report, which was adopted by a rising vote.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, "all decisions of the Grand High Priest" were "approved."

As recommended by the Committee on Charity, the sum of \$50 was appropriated and paid to the widow of Companion C. Loftus Martin.

The brief report of the Committee on Appeals was adopted.

A supplemented report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments recommended that an amendment of Sec. 4, Art. IX, proposed last year, be not adopted, and this report of the committee was adopted.

A Charter was granted to the single Chapter under dispensation.

A resolution to the following effect was adopted:

The Grand Secretary must call the roll at every session of the Grand Chapter, and anyone failing to answer, or to report to the Grand Secretary, shall forfeit his per diem for that session.

That may hold some festive Companions to their duties, instead of permitting them to go "galivanting" around town, but your sharp-witted Comp., disposed to "play hokie," will be on hand at roll call and then skip. To checkmate him, the time for said call of the roll should be movable at the discretion of the Grand High Priest.

In the report of the General Committee we note the following, which was adopted:

"We recommend that every petition for Chapter degrees shall be accompanied by a certificate of the Secretary of the Lodge, of which said petitioner is a member, under seal of said Lodge, such petitioner is a member, in good standing, of said Lodge, that and that the date of said certificate shall not be more than 30 days prior to the date of said petition."

A supplemental report of the Grand Treasurer shows that since his annual report he has received from the Grand Secretary the sum of \$2,179.

This sum raises his cash balance to \$6,247.85.

We can find no fault with the "Special Rules of Order" on (Appendix) pp. 68, 99 and 70.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. Wm. C. Swain, Committee on Correspondence had prepared his report up to Oregon, in the alphabetical arrangement, when serious illness enforced stoppage of his work. R. E. W. W. Perry, Grand Secretary, was required to write a conclusion for the report.

Comp. Perry intimated that he is unwilling to mar the report by continuing the reviews, which for 20 years have been the finished work of the gifted Swain, and writes a short conclusion,

from which we learn with great pleasure that Companion Swain is on the "high road" to complete recovery.

Alabama-1902 had been reviewed by Com. Swain, in a notice about two pages long. He honored the writer by giving him more than half of said notice.

Referring to M. E. Geo. F. Moore's suggestion of an oil painting of Ephraim Kirby, the first Royal Arch Mason in Alabama, he said:

"He suggests a portrait of Ephraim Kirby, a Connecticut Yankee, who came to Alabama in territorial days, became a Judge, and was grandfather of General E. Kirby Smith, and was also General Grand High Priest."

Companion Swain will, we trust, pardon us if we characterize the foregoing as a little contemptuous.

He does not agree with us in our opposition to dances or promiscuous assemblages in Masonic Halls, under the auspices of the Chapter. His quotation of our argument, in reply to Comp. Gardiner, of New York, on the "absence of the Charter of a Lodge or Chapter, is highly appreciated."

We join his Wisconsin Companions in trusting that Companion Wm. C. Swain will soon regain his lost physical vigor.

Nine Companions were admitted to the Order of High Priesthood.

A touching memorial of Past President M. L. Youngs was adopted, standing

M. E. F. P. Ainsworth, Grand High Priest.

R. E. W. W. Berry, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

The only Conclusion, in which we shall indulge, is the expression of the wish that the priceless blessing of the Great I AM may rest upon and abide with all the Guild, and with all true Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB,

Chairman of the Committee

APPENDIX.

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Number.	NAME.	No. of Members.	Amount of Dues Received.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd and Accep'd	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.
112	Brewton*	41	30 75	3	3	3	3				3	
113	Dothan.....	56		14	13	13	13			1	1	
114	H. C. Armstrong*.	30	14 25	11	11	11	11					
115	Thomasville*.....	39	31 50								3	
116	Clanton.....	31	23 25	9	7	7	7	1		2	1	
117	Beauchamp.....	45	35 25	1	2	1	1	1				
118	Jasper.....	40	30 00	9	9	7	7				13	
119	Jackson.....	41		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	
120	Cunnnigham†.....	41	56 25	7	7	6	6	1				
121	Phœnix.....	19										
122	Monroe.....	49	36 75	3	3	3	3	5			1	
123	Covington (U.D.)	12										
124	Bladon Springs...	64	48 00	5	5	5	6	2		1	2	
125	F. M. Jackson....	22		2	2	2	2	5				
126	Tallassee.....	18		4	4	4	4					
127	Evergreen (U.D.)..	36		30	30	30	30	6				
128	Heflin (U.D.).....	24		15	15	15	15					
		2032	\$1263 00	300	299	288	299	52	34	27	50	49

*Dues paid for 1903 only. †Dues paid for 1902 only. ‡Dues paid for 2 years.

APPENDIX.
EXALTED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Durrett Finnell, Henry J. King, John P. Ludebuhl.
- Marion, No. 12: John G. Campbell, Edgar E. Howell, Ezra D. Patton.
- Mt. Moriah, No. 19: Edward W. Gosa, Charles E. Williams, George A. Moore, Radford E. Mobley, Robert B. Wilson.
- Mobile, No. 21: L. H. Bostwick, Raphael L. Del Bruno, James K. Dempster, Paul R. Jones, Charles H. Miller, Thomas M. McMillan, Robert H. Peters, Myron T. Sprague, Charles S. Shawhan, Robert P. Torrance, John D. Torrey, J. Leonard Wood, Clarence D. Verrenille.
- Montgomery, No. 22: Charles P. Jones, Wm. Ketzky, Joseph H. Stratford.
- St. John's, No. 28: Frank J. Bowline, James Kenan, Frank Samuels, Adolph P. Schweizer.
- Hermon, No. 34: Caleb Bates, Cecil B. Cowan, Fletcher P. Cade, Wm. D. Cobb, James F. Dailey, James H. Goodroe, Daniel J. Howard, Walter P. Johns, Morgan W. Johnston, James D. Norman, Hosea H. Sellers, Jesse T. Robinson, Wm. E. Walker, John M. Harris, Jas. B. Martin.
- Decatur, No. 38: John W. Cobb, John F. Knowlen, Robert G. McClure.
- Camden, No. 40: James C. Benson, Thomas S. Caldwell, Norman D. Godbold, Leonard W. Hardy, Paul E. Jones, Columbus F. Primm.
- Tyrian, No. 54: David C. Allen, Benj. H. Boyd, Hansford D. Boyd, James J. Chancey, Joshua L. Copeland, Clarence H. Cowart, James M. Donnelly, William J. Dennis, Wm. L. Hilliard, J. Frank Johnston, John A. Nunnalee, Samuel Paschtine, E. C. Ramage, John G. Taylor, Hiram C. White.
- Dadeville, No. 56: H. W. Craddock, Reuben C. Craddock, Claud A. Farrow, John L. Nelson, J. Wilson Nolen, John H. Sanford, Thomas H. Street, Jas. A. Smith.
- Central, No. 64: Frank F. Crowe, Alonzo M. Cross, Louis N.

- Nabors, Charles L. Meroney, George W. Morgan, Robert L. Lacey, Percy W. McKerral, James C. Harrison, Harry E. Wheeler.
- Jefferson, No. 81: E. E. Breitling, W. L. R. Cahall, B. F. Elmore, J. Frenzig, B. W. Norred, J. I. Lee, Joe Mayer, W. E. Michael, Jr.
- Coosa, No. 86: Henry B. Myers, B. P. Hammond, Charles P. Hough, Elias H. Cross, Robert L. Adams, Robert Campbell, Hartford L. Isan, John T. Weller, Charles D. Johnson, Eugene Underwood, James H. Taylor, Henry Meacham, Wm. W. Bentley, Hugh H. Hill, James E. Mooney, Eli S. Jones, Joseph Balforn, C. D. Clark.
- Notasulga, No. 92: R. M. Hayes, J. T. May, S. A. Wood.
- Thomas M. Bragg, No. 99: Frank B. Bricken, Ben. Blackman, W. J. Ellington, Stephen Hicks, J. N. Pollard, Gerald Pollard, Robert M. Wilder.
- Mineral City, No. 101: Henry E. Adams, Charles N. Alsmiller, James T. Burke, George H. Bowers, Felix E. Blackburn, Charles W. Burton, Wm. T. Berry, Alonzo W. Clark, John J. Camp, George H. Donohue, John F. Ehrhart, John F. Gammon, Arthur Gledhill, Edwin R. Hanna, John D. Hawkins, Edward N. Hamil, Geo. J. Hunt, Samuel W. Hawkins, James W. Hughes, Charles C. Kilser, Edward L. Keiser, Thos. B. Long, Thomas R. Leach, Jas. M. Mason, Jr., Wm. D. Mitcham, Elijah L. McCall, Albert E. Nelson, James Newman, Leander Newman, Wm. H. Priegel, Thomas H. Spencer, Wm. J. Sanderson, Austin P. Sims, Carlton B. White, John J. Wirth, John S. White, Reese J. Williams.
- Sylacauga, No. 104: David N. Abernathy, Mead H. Jackson, Wyley P. Ogletree, Albert J. Petersen, Bela A. Phillips, Winston I. Phillips, Richard S. B. Penton, Harry K. Stakely, Eugene S. Smith, Benton T. Stewart, Taul B. White, Robert I. Watson.
- Anniston, No. 105: A. A. Hutto, Rose Blackmon, R. E. D. Irwin, C. J. Owens, J. S. Turner.
- Pratt City, No. 108: J. T. Massengale, Frank M. Page.
- Blocton, No. 109: Robert E. Davis, Charles P. Martin, Phillip Odess, T. Cary Tuggle, John W. Wallwork.

- Bessemer, No. 110: Julius Jaffe, Bert L. Hendershot, W. F. DeShago, Samuel Stewart, T. F. Harris, A. S. Ledbetter.
- Brewton, No. 112: W. C. Griggs, W. G. Martin, John Purifoy, Jr.
- Dothan, No. 113: E. J. Buntin, S. H. Campbell, George M. Champion, James R. Dawsey, John W. Harris, W. T. Jones, Thomas F. McCarty, Albert E. Pace, I. Y. Parmer, John H. Reeves, John J. Willis, Edgar W. Roundtree, Dudley D. Stephens.
- H. C. Armstrong, No. 114: Andrew J. Campbell, Hernando C. Enis, Tally W. Jones, Daniel O. McConnell, Francis M. Norris, Daniel F. Propst, Coleman R. Shepherd, John C. Shepherd, Jarred A. Sudduth, Marvin W. Self, Edward R. Vandiver.
- Clanton, No. 116: Elijah B. Deason, Julius P. Hayes, Enoch A. Knight, J. Watts Moore, John Z. Mullins, Charles A. Pyron, Winfield T. Wilson.
- Beauchamp, No. 117: John D. Emmons.
- Jasper, No. 118: Anis Chamblee, James T. Suddeth, Porter K. Tate, Frank G. Morris, J. W. Butler, Percy F. Jacqua, W. P. Yeatman.
- Jackson, No. 119: C. M. Stephens.
- Cunningham, No. 120: B. F. Buchana, J. A. Dupuy, Mastin Harman, A. A. Leck, O. L. Pinson, C. A. Wilson.
- Monroe, No. 122: Robert L. Carey, David D. Cole, Isaac S. Lambert.
- Bladon Springs, No. 124: Joseph H. Edgar, Oscar L. Gray, Madison L. Smith, Peter A. Trice, Wm. A. Turner, Jr., Carleton L. Williams.
- F. M. Jackson, No. 125: Wm. P. Smith, David L. Wooley.
- Tallassee, No. 126: W. H. Healy, J. E. Howard, W. G. Henderson, L. D. Howard.
- Evergreen, No. 127: H. H. Floyd, Will Ellis, Lee A. Kirkland, Geo. W. Kirkland, Martin L. Conner, S. B. Lester, Jarvis B. Beard, Carl V. Stubbs, George W. Salter Jr., Ernest E. Newton, H. A. Shields, John L. Betts, Floyd N. Hawkins, Joseph L. Dyke, Solomon Castleberry, P. S. McKinley, Wm. F. Betts, Yale M. Long, Herman Long, Carl Rubach, Isaac F. Goodson, J. Thomas Amos, Wm. M. Newton, Frank J.

Dean, John R. Brooks, Wm. R. Shaver, F. L. Tatum, Enoch Partin, J. A. T. Baggett, Thomas A. Buffington.

Heflin, No. 128: John M. Atkins, W. Richard Awtry, Lovic E. Adams, Albert L. Black, Augustus E. Carruth, Joe M. Evans, Hiram M. Evans, Jabez N. Harris, John W. Hunnecutt, Walter B. Merrill, Wm. G. Mulligan, Fred Osborn, Robert J. Perryman, Wm. A. Stricklin, J. E. Hofferma.

APPENDIX.
AFFILIATED.

- Mt. Moriah, No. 19: Schagler G. Boyd.
Mobile, No. 21: Clarence L. Hutchinson, Edward W. Robinson.
Montgomery, No. 22: John J. Flowers.
Courtland, No. 25: Jurd White.
St. Johns, No. 28: Joseph E. Groves, C. H. Hopson, James D. Ray.
Hermon, No. 34: Bascomb C. Glenn.
Tyrian, No. 54: Stephen A. Pilley, Wm. S. Wade.
Dadeville, No. 56: J. M. Wilson.
Jefferson, No. 81: C. L. T. Griffith.
Coosa, No. 86: Wm. J. Boykin, Jeff D. Stewart.
Mineral City, No. 101: Oliver E. Barker, George G. Brown, Thomas L. Hill, George S. Lee, William E. Morris, Robert A. McAdory, George S. O'Bear, Francis M. Purifoy, Samuel J. Patton, C. M. Pipkin, Elbert L. Smith.
Sylacauga, No. 104: Dempsey B. Oden.
Anniston, No. 105: C. D. Kline.
Ft. Payne, No. 107: Noah D. Mason.
Bessemer, No. 110: D. F. Crawford.
Clanton, No. 116: Henry T. Pipes.
Beauchamp, No. 117: Hector W. Currie.
Jackson, No. 119: Gray Jeffries.
Cunningham, No. 120: Robert Neil.
Monroe, No. 122: John W. Fore, Wm. G. McCorvey, Q. Salter, Thomas M. McMillan, Russell A. Smith.
Bladon Springs, No. 124: David M. Carney, Frank A. Tate.
F. M. Jackson, No. 125: H. L. Hicks, J. C. Hicks, Thomas J. Haskins, Frank Weaver, H. O. Weaver.
Evergreen, No. 127: E. N. Amos, P. M. Burnes, Elisha J. Downing, R. T. Holland, Geo. W. Salter, Sr., John T. Williams.

REINSTATED.

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- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Wm. H. Dewey.
Marion, No. 12: Charles H. Greer.
Mobile, No. 21: Edward L. Marechal, L. O. Hicks.
St. Johns, No. 28: Thomas G. Kenan, A. M. Sledge.
Camden, No. 40: John T. Cook, Green F. Spurlin, Robert Tait,
Wm. T. Waller.
Coosa, No. 86: George S. Duncan, George Hamilton, W. T.
Alexander, John B. Bass, Clarence M. Frost, Thomas
B. Gwin, Lemuel E. Hamlin, Noah A. Hood, Robert
B. Kyle, E. G. LaFollett, D. G. McCauley, R. O.
Randall, James H. Wood.
Notasulga, No. 92. Hiram J. Beard.
Mineral City, No. 101: John McQueen, Columbus Phillips.
Sylacauga, No. 104: William J. Bone.
Anniston, No. 105, George S. Lee.
Ft. Payne, No. 107: William R. Poe.
Pratt City, No. 108: John E. Fraser, Thos. H. McNamee, F. O.
Stone, T. T. Thaxton.
Bessemer, No. 110: H. T. Heflin.

DIED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Herman Gluck, April 12, 1904.
Eunomia No. 5: William R. Rison, July 26, 1904, aged 66; Leverett R. Wellman, Dec. 5, 1903, aged 75.
Mt. Moriah No. 19: Joseph P. McQueen, Jan. 20, 1904, aged 48.
Mobile No. 21: James G. Thomas, May 12, 1904.
Eufaula No. 24: Ira Lampley, Nov. 2, 1903; Patrick O'Byrne, Sept. 26, 1904; Charles C. Robinson, Jan. 5, 1904.
Courtland No. 25: Wm. V. Chardavoyne, July 1, 1904, aged 71; Robert S. Miller, March 2, 1904, aged 74.
Decatur No. 38: Archie M. Robinson, Dec. 17, 1903, aged 24.
Tyrian No. 54: William J. Blan, June 24, 1904, aged 49.
Dadeville No. 56: Wesley C. Wyatt.
Central No. 64: James Viars, March 30, 1904.
Jefferson No. 81: Wm. A. Skinner, Oct. 26, 1903, aged 58.
Springville No. 88: Wm. W. Thompson, Jan. 1, 1904, aged 81.
Mineral City No. 101: Samuel B. Claypool, May 6, 1904; Charles F. Douthitt, Feb. 11, 1904; John C. Mts. Grove, July 30, 1904; George F. Wheelock, March 26, 1904.
Ft. Payne No. 107: Hugh H. Kerby, Sept. 24, 1904, aged 73.
Bessemer No. 110: James M. Meachem, April 4, 1904.
Dothan No. 113: Wm. W. Millikin, May, 1904.
Clanton No. 116: John H. Bledsoe, Jan. 4, 1904, aged 41; John A. Honeycutt, April 27, 1904, aged 36.
Jackson No. 119: Stephen P. Chapman, Dec., 1904.
Bladon Springs No. 124: Joseph L. Causey, Sept. 8, 1904, aged 51.

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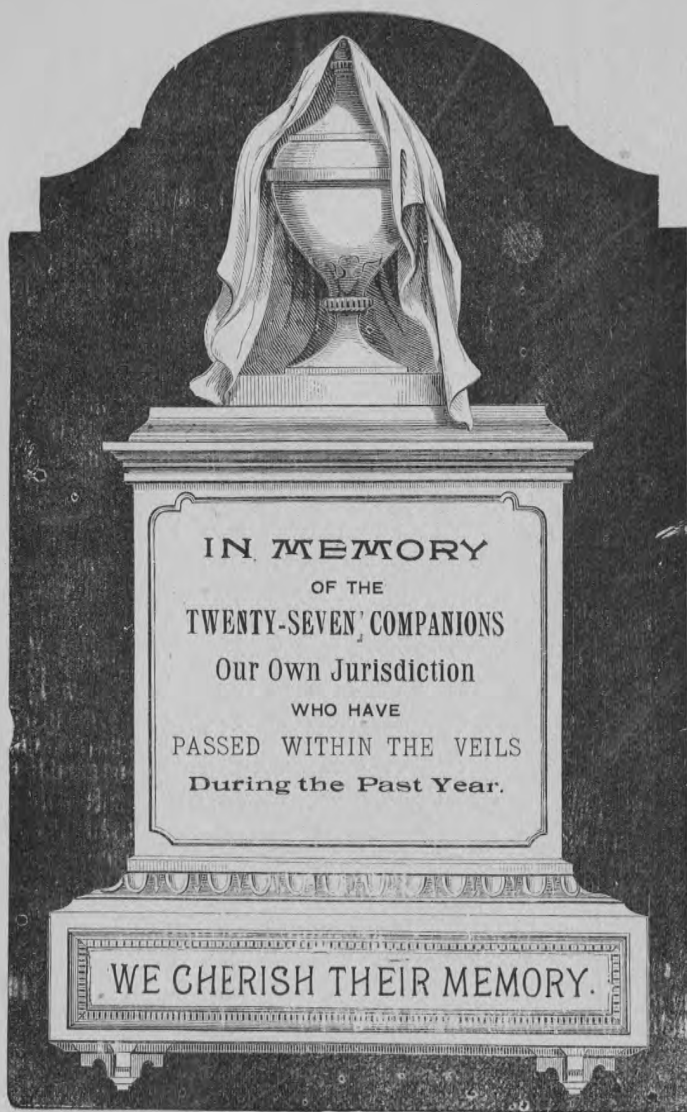
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- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Wm. H. Dewey, James D. Foster, Sam B. Harris, D. W. Crawford.
- Mt. Moriah No. 19: Charles W. Dunlap, Thomas A. Rose.
- Mobile No. 21: L. O. Hicks, Wm F. Punch.
- Talladega No. 23: Samuel G. Burdett, Wm. L. Miller, C. C. Slaton.
- Eufaula No. 24: Patrick L. West.
- Hermon No. 34: James C. Baldwin.
- Decatur No. 38: Alfred Law, James S. Rickles.
- Coosa No. 86: Wm. T. Alexander, George S. Duncan, George Hamilton.
- Notasulga No. 92: Hiram J. Beard, John T. Glover, J. T. Jarman.
- Mineral City No. 101: David F. Crawford, Augustus O. Kehm.
- Sylacanga No. 104: Wm. J. Boie.
- Anniston No. 105: George S. Lee.
- Fl. Payne No. 107: William R. Poe.
- Pratt City No. 108: Abner N. Hawkins, J. F. Watson, W. H. Zuber, Claude E. Zuber.
- Blocton No. 109: Frank Weaver, H. Albert Weaver.
- Bessemer No. 110: C. B. Willis, J. C. Hicks, W. D. Perry.
- Piedmont No. 111: Wilson P. Howell, Edward D. O'Bryant, James M. Pridgen.
- Brewton No. 112: George T. Burke, Hector W. Courie, W. A. Hill.
- Dothan No. 113: C. B. Middlebrook.
- Thomasville No. 115: Wilson Fluker, John W. Fluker, William A. Parker.
- Clanton No. 116: Cornelius J. Stewart.
- Jackson No. 119: J. W. Young.
- Monroe No. 122: Max H. Foley.
- Bladon Springs No. 124: Charles I. Dahlberg, J. G. Jeffries.

SUSPENDED NONPAYMENT DUES.

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- Eunomia No 5: Oceola J. Brooks, Lowndes A. Dorsey, Andrew J. Hall, Tracey W. Pratt, William I. Wellman, Isaac H. Wise.
Marion No. 12: Robert H. Erins.
Mobile No. 21: Charles E. Pearce.
Montgomery No. 22: Fay M. Billing, Henry F. Vandiver, Andrew J. White.
Eufaula No. 24: Carl Schlish.
Union No. 26: John F. Connor, Eugene L. Nonnenmacher, Solomon F. Phillips.
St. Johns No. 28: Daniel W. Fitzpatrick.
Decatur No. 38: Charles E. Malone, Otto B. Moeber, Wm. Sincerbox.
Springville No. 88: John O. Turner, Byron L. Williams, Aaron W. Woodall.
Mineral City No. 101: Wm. M. Alexander, John J. Shannon.
Sylacauga No. 104: Amaziah E. Burns, James C. Francis.
Pratt City No. 108: John B. Aird, W. A. Gibson, Earnest B. Kilgore, James E. Seay, George B. Sharp, T. T. Thaxton, Thomas H. McNamee.
Blocton No. 109: Wm. L. Pledger, Robert Vance.
Jasper No: 118: John S. Chadwick, W. G. Davis, David Dickenson, H. P. Gibson, W. B. Hope, J. H. Hayes, T. B. Hazelton, R. H. Jones, T. O. Jones, T. L. Sowell, Peyton Novell, Leroy Williams, Robert A. Walker.

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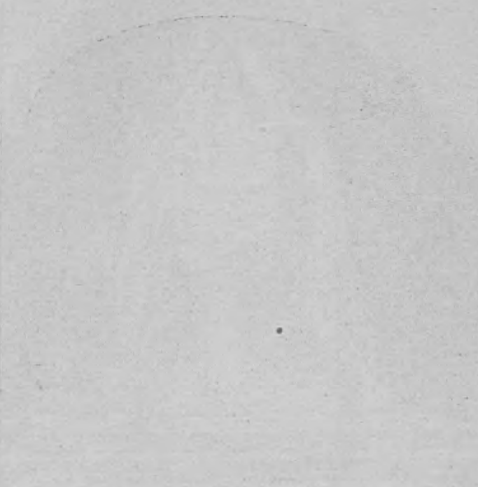
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- Pratt City No. 108: Wm. E. Harrell.



IN MEMORY
OF THE
TWENTY-SEVEN COMPANIONS

Our Own Jurisdiction
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PASSED WITHIN THE VEILS
During the Past Year.

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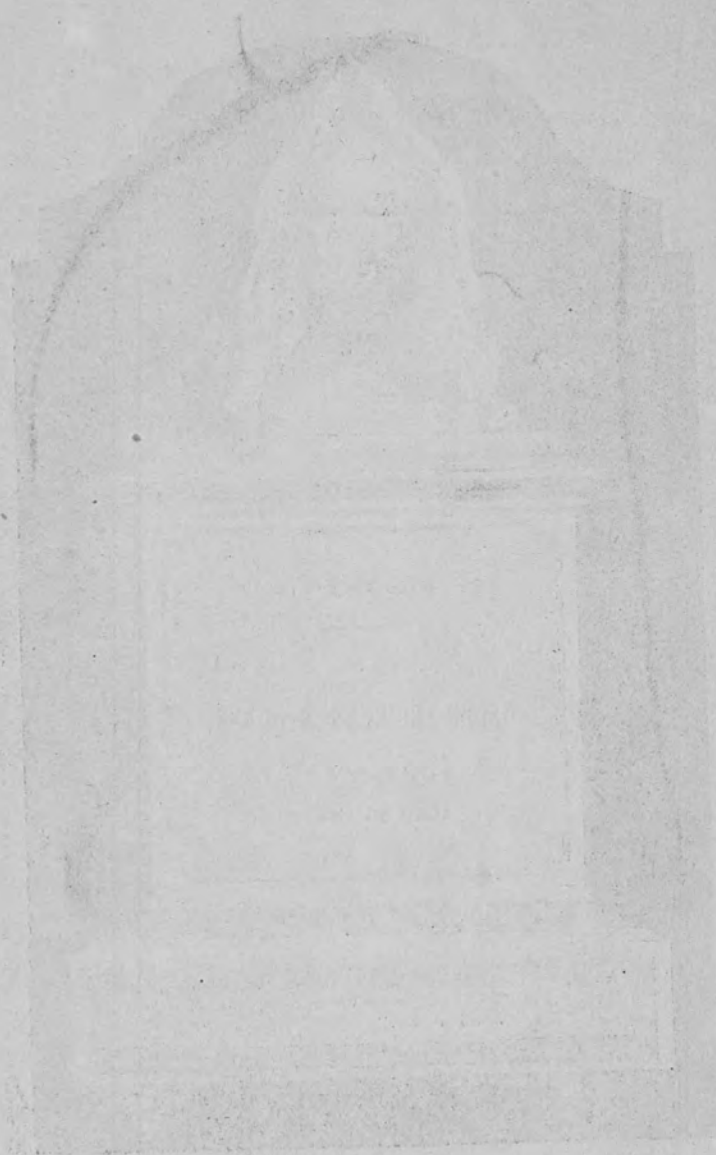


IN MEMORIAM

January 30, 1904,

JOSEPH PICKENS McQUEEN,
R. E. GRAND KING,
AGED 50 YEARS.

"To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die."



CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING
DUES.

Ennomia, No. 5.

CHARTER FORFEITED.

Tuscumbia, No. 10—No dues paid for two successive years.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Evergreen, No. 127.
Heflin, No. 128.

DISPENSATION CONTINUED.

Covington, No. 123.

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RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters represented.....	46
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Charters issued, 1904.....	2
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Number of Chartered Chapters on the roll, 1904.....	48
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REGISTER OF CHAPTERS.

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

C N	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	CONVOCA- TION.
1	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Walter Smith	Andrew F. Prince	3d Friday
2	Anniston	Huntsville	Madison	Huntsville	Bernard F. Ludwig	Henry G. Pollard	1st Tuesday
3	Marion	Marion	Perry	Marion	Francis H. Bales	Gustavo F. Schulze	1st Tuesday
4	Greene	Enlow	Greene	Enlow	Richard Harwood	James P. Barclay	2d Friday
5	M. Moriah	Enlow	Greene	Enlow	Ralph N. Hudson	Charles S. Shawhan	2d and 4th Friday
6	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	John W. Terry	William H. Dingley	2d Tuesday
7	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Marion H. Sims	Robert P. Henderson	2d Friday
8	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	George A. Beauchamp	James P. Hill	1st and 3d Thursday
9	Enfada	Enfada	Barbour	Enfada	George B. Porter	Wm. T. Simmons	3d Tuesday
10	Courtland	Courtland	Lawrence	Courtland	John B. Corstian	John H. Harwood	1st Thursday
11	Union	Uniontown	Perry	Uniontown	James B. Reese	Henry P. Chappell	1st and 3d Tuesday
12	St. Jolles	Selma	Wilcox	Selma	James B. Hunter	Andrew B. Harvey	4th Tuesday
13	Hermion	Union Springs	Bullock	Union Springs	Neil Lee	Solomon D. Brock	Friday before full moon
14	Decatur	New Decatur	Morgan	New Decatur	Wm. C. Roek	Stacey McMath	2d and 4th Saturday
15	Camden	Camden	Wilcox	Camden	Wm. C. Roek	Hubert C. Sturdivant	4th Thursday
16	Dadeville	Troy	Pike	Dadeville	Wm. F. Roberts	Francis M. Roberts	1st Friday
17	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Collinsville	Wm. F. Roberts	Pleasant Shaw	1st Saturday
18	Central	Aldrich	Shelby	Aldrich	Wm. F. Roberts	Quinn P. Slater	1st Tuesday
19	Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	Opelika	John B. Lyons	Joseph I. Lee	1st and 3d Monday
20	Jefferson	Demopolis	Morengo	Demopolis	Jacob Bley	Henry B. Myers	1st and 3d Tuesday
21	Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah	Gadsden	Lawrence H. Lee	Edward M. McClelland	Saturday before 3d Sunday
22	Springville	Springville	St. Clair	Springville	James W. McLaughlin	Wm. J. Bridges	2d and 4th Saturday
23	Notasulga	Notasulga	Macon	Notasulga	Wm. T. Inke	Stephen Hicks	4th Tuesday
24	Thos. M. Bragg	Laverne	Crenshaw	Laverne	Charles R. Bracken	Charles J. Geolegan	2d and 4th Thursday
25	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	Birmingham	Samuel E. Vance	James M. Lanning	Thursday bet. 3d Saturday
26	Sylacauga	Anniston	Talladega	Sylacauga	Wm. W. Whiteside	Wm. T. Fuller	1st and 3d Tuesday
27	Anniston	Fort Payne	Calhoun	Anniston	John L. White	Wm. T. Fuller	1st and 3d Tuesday
28	Fort Payne	Fort Payne	DeKalb	Fort Payne	Robert F. Lovelady	Ephraim J. Hudnall	1st and 3d Tuesday
29	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	Pratt City	E. E. Jones	David M. Lewis	2d and 4th Monday
30	Biola	Biola	Jefferson	Biola	Samuel Stein	Andrew C. Mitchell	2d and 4th Tuesday
31	Bessemer	Bessemer	Jefferson	Bessemer	A. Sharpe Stewart	Thomas A. Howell	Thursday before 2d Sunday
32	Piedmont	Piedmont	Calhoun	Piedmont	O. F. Lintrell	Chester M. Lintrell	3d Tuesday
33	Brewton	Brewton	Escambia	Brewton	D. C. Carmichael	Wm. J. Baxley	2d and 4th Friday
34	Dothan	Dothan	Houston	Dothan	George W. Coggin	John N. Collins	1st Monday
35	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette	Fayette			

115) Thomasville ..	Thomasville ..	Clarke ..	Thomasville ..	Thomasville ..	Travis L. Bedsole ..	Eugene A. Rentz ..	3d Thursday
116) Clanton ..	Clanton ..	Chilton ..	Clanton ..	Clanton ..	Joseph P. Vanderveer ..	Allie C. Smith ..	3d Saturday
117) Beauchamp ..	Amore ..	Escambia ..	Amore ..	Amore ..	Jesse E. McCoy ..	Perry A. Johns ..	1st and 3d Tuesday
118) Jasper ..	Jasper ..	Walker ..	Jasper ..	Jasper ..	Charles D. Long ..	Moses Newberger ..	1st and 3d Thursday
119) Jackson ..	Jackson ..	Clarke ..	Jackson ..	Jackson ..	David Adams, Jr.	Shockley A. Adams ..	2d Thursday
120) Cunningham ..	Ensley ..	Jackson ..	Ensley ..	Ensley ..	C. H. Mandy ..	Frank E. Butcher ..	1st and 3d Monday
121) Phenix ..	Greensboro ..	Hale ..	Greensboro ..	Greensboro ..	William Smaw ..	Wm. E. W. Yerby ..	2d Tuesday
122) Monroe ..	Monroeville ..	Monroe ..	Monroeville ..	Monroeville ..	Samuel H. Dailey ..	Arthur T. Sowell ..	Tuesday before 2d Sun
123) Covington ..	Andalusia ..	Covington ..	Andalusia ..	Andalusia ..	Robert M. Hearin ..	Joshua E. McLemore ..	Friday before 3d Sun.
124) Bladon Springs ..	Bladon Springs ..	Chocaw ..	Bladon Springs ..	Bladon Springs ..	Edmund M. Prince ..	Wm. L. White ..	2d and 4th Tuesday
125) F. M. Jackson ..	Coleman ..	Bibb ..	Coleman ..	Coleman ..	A. W. Herren ..	R. L. Cox ..	1st and 3d Saturday
126) Tallassee ..	Tallassee ..	Elmore ..	Tallassee ..	Tallassee ..	George W. Salter ..	Ernest E. Newton ..	4th Friday
127) Evergreen ..	Evergreen ..	Conecuh ..	Evergreen ..	Evergreen ..	Charles C. Slaton ..	Albert L. Black ..	Thursday before 2d Sun.
128) Hedlin ..	Hedlin ..	Cleburne ..	Hedlin ..	Hedlin ..			

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

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Florida	Stephen C. Henderson	Brewton.
Georgia	Robert S. Teague	Montgomery.
Illinois	George F. Moore	Montgomery.
Indiana	Thomas P. Whitby	Selma.
Indian Territory	Josiah Jernigan	Troy.
Iowa	William Smaw	Greensboro.
Kansas	John G. Harris	Montgomery.
Kentucky	Edward S. Gatchell	Selma.
Louisiana		
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Maryland	Hezekiah G. Earnest	Piedmont.
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Minnesota	Walter Smith	Tuscaloosa.
Mississippi		
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Nevada	Charles R. Bricken	Luverne.
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New Jersey	John R. Barr	Eufaula.
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New York	Lawrence H. Lee	Gadsden.
New Zealand	John M. P. Otts, Jr.	Greensboro.
North Carolina	Robert W. Southerland	Mobile.
North Dakota	Magnus E. Conaway	Sylacauga.
Nova Scotia	A. E. Garner	Dothan.
Ohio	John G. Smith	Birmingham.
Oregon	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Pennsylvania	Robert M. Hearin	Bladen Springs.
Quebec	Henry H. Matthews	Montgomery.
Rhode Island		

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South Dakota	Obe Lee.....	New Decatur.
Tennessee.....		
Texas	John B. Lyons.....	Opelika.
Vermont	Leonard Cornish.....	Demopolis.
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Virginia.....		
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Wisconsin.....	Nath'l L. Mewhinney..	Birmingham.

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Colorado	Tyler D. Heiskell.....	Fort Morgan.
Connecticut.....	Eugene A. Hall.....	Meriden.
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Kentucky		
Louisiana.....		
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Tennessee.....		
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Victoria.....	Henry I. Scott.....	
Virginia		
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Mississippi.....	Frederic Speed.....	Vicksburg.
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Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Omaha.
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North Carolina.....	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	D. H. Campbell.....	Halifax.

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South Carolina.....	Jacob T. Barron.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.. ..	Sioux Falls.
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Vermont	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	John Braim.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	James B. Blanks....	Petersburg.
Washington.....	Yancey C. Blalock	Walla Walla.
West Virginia.....	Frank E. Nichols.....	Fairmont.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Gen. Gr. Chapter..	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo, N. Y.

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