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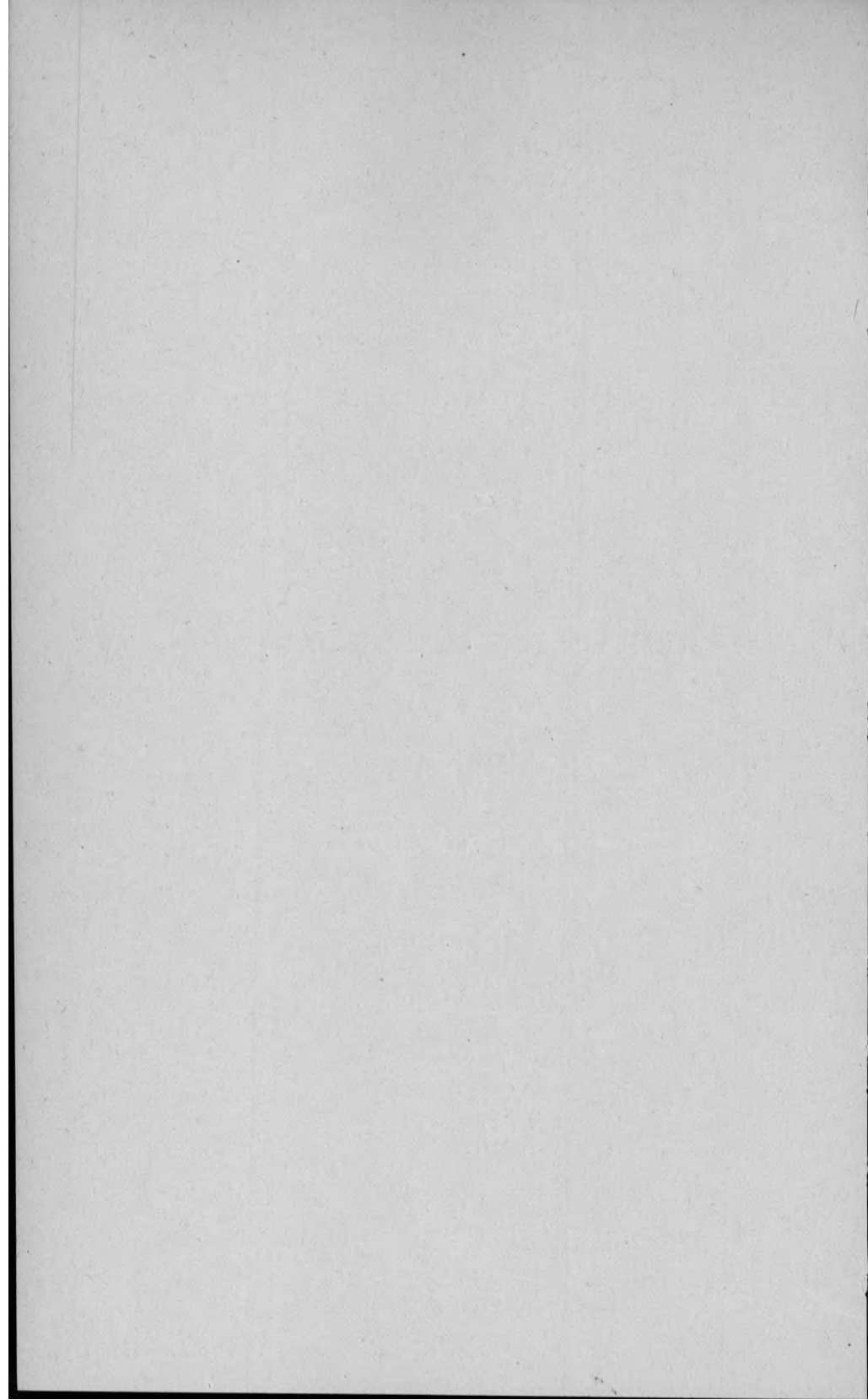
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HELD IN THE
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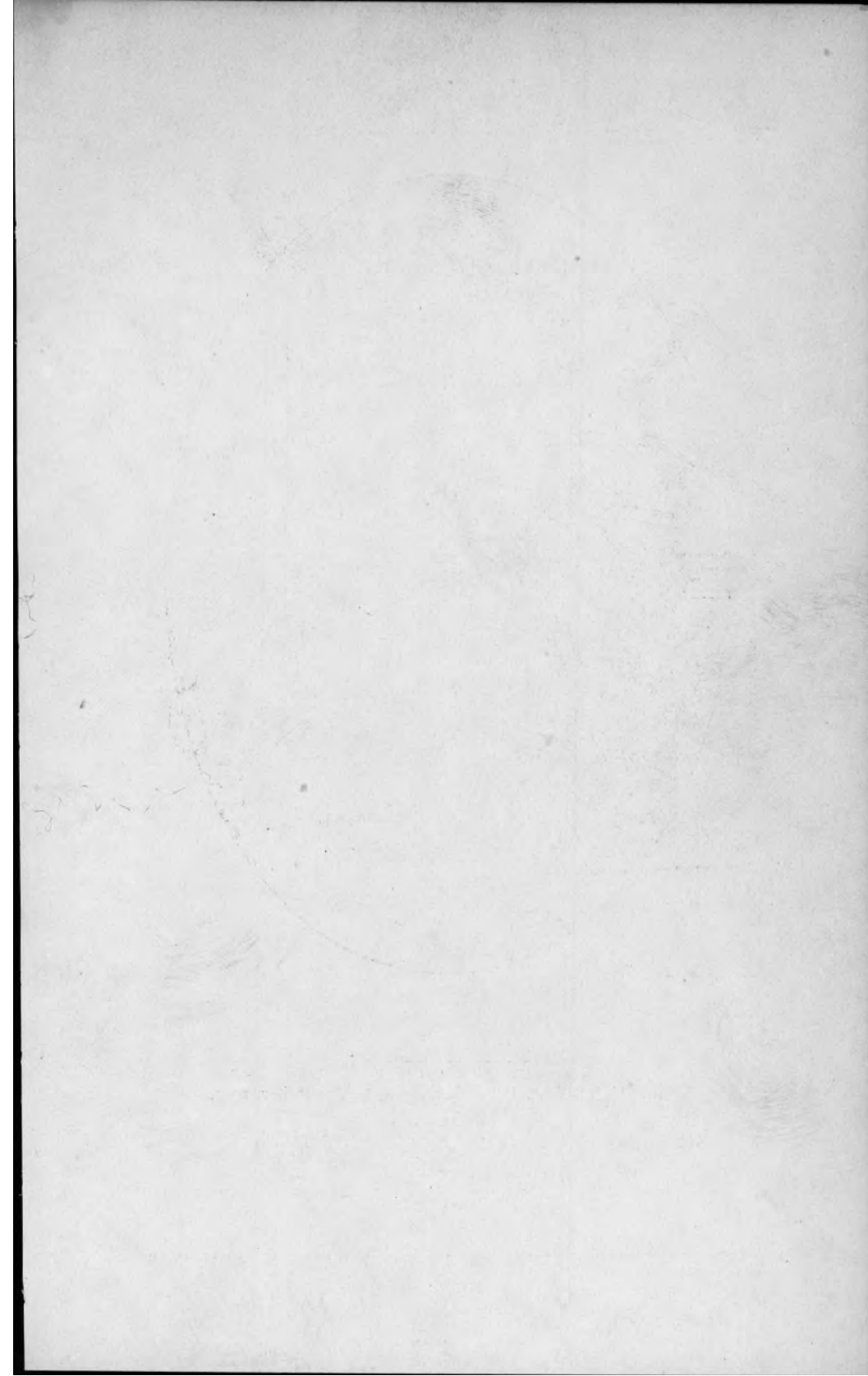
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BASIL M. HILL.

Grand High Priest, December, 1904, to December, 1905.



MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST BASIL
M. HILL

Was born in the town of Benton, Lowndes County, Alabama, July 22, 1850; removed to Springville, St. Clair County, Alabama, in 1872, where he now resides. Companion Hill has held many positions of trust, both in fraternal and civic life. For many years he held the responsible position of Tax Assessor of St. Clair County, Alabama.

His Masonic record is as follows:

He was initiated April 18, 1873; passed February 16, 1874, and raised June 20, 1874, in Springville Lodge No. 280, and served as Master of said Lodge from 1886 to 1888 inclusive, and again from 1893 to 1895 inclusive.

He was exalted August 16 1890, in Springville Chapter No. 88 and was High Priest thereof from 1893 to 1898 inclusive, and again in 1902 and 1903.

He received the Order of High Priesthood on December 4, 1893.

He was received and greeted November 23, 1891, in Gadsden Council No. 56.

He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Alabama in 1893.

He was appointed Grand Master of the 21 Veil of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in 1895, Grand Royal Arch Captain in 1896 and 1897, and was elected Grand Captain of the Host in 1898 and 1899, Grand Scribe in 1900, Grand King in 1901, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1902 and 1903, and Grand High Priest in 1904.

Our Most Excellent Companion is an earnest worker, performing his duty with commendable zeal and with credit to the Craft, which it is his chief delight to support and honor. He is a genial companion, and none know him but to love him. He is kind hearted, charitably disposed, loving and forgiving, and can justly claim the noble name of "Mason."

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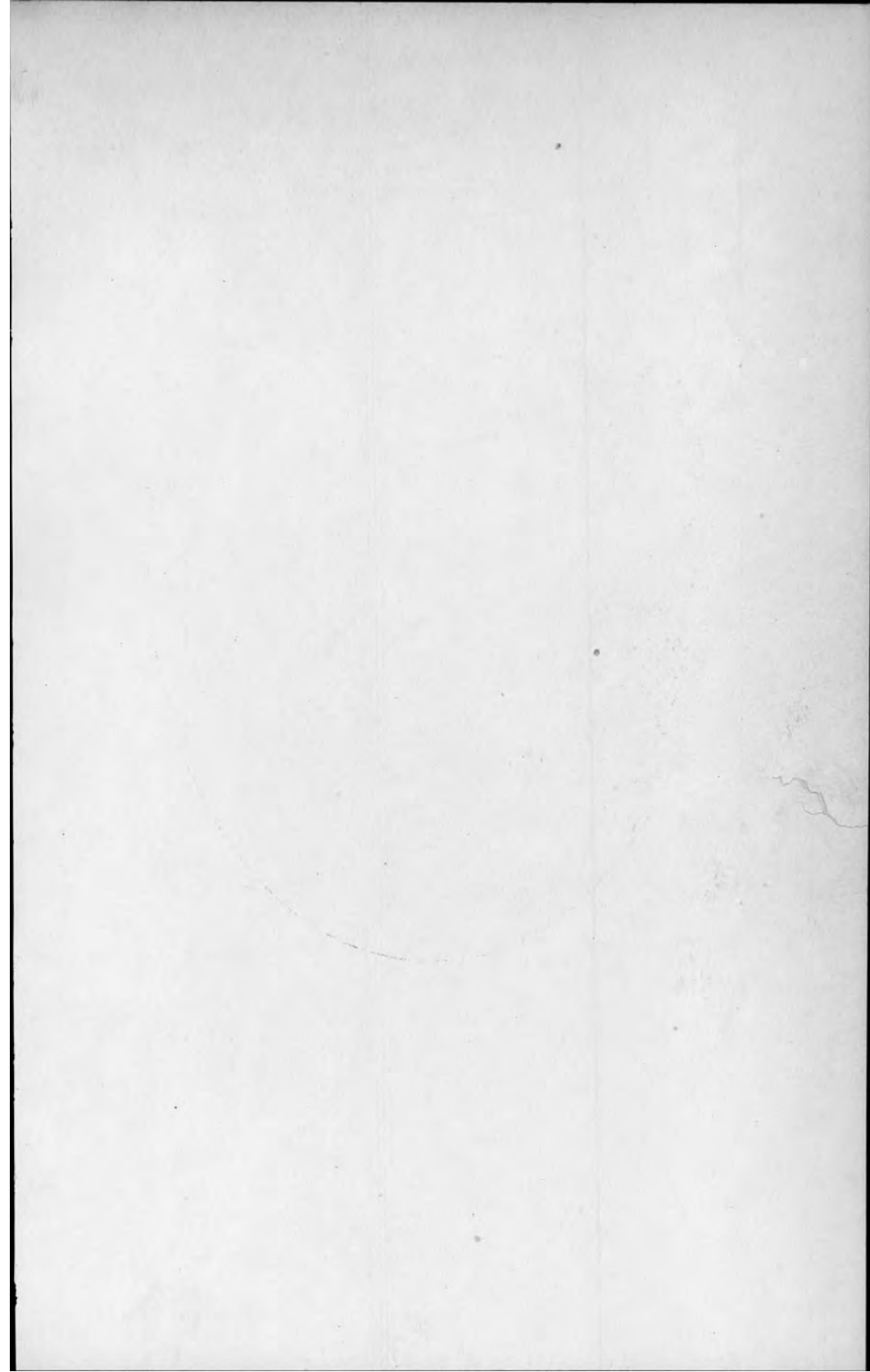
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EDWARD S. GATCHELL.

Grand High Priest, December, 1898, to December, 1900.

MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST EDWARD
S. GATCHELL

Was born in the City of Selma, Alabama, December 27, 1863, where he has resided all his life.

On March, 6, 1888, he married Miss Minnie Scott Taylor, of Montgomery, Alabama. Has been engaged in the drug business for twenty years or more, and is at this time the proprietor of the Gatchell Drug Company, Selma, Alabama.

The following is his Masonic record:

He was initiated April 22, 1885; passed May 18, 1885, and raised June 15, 1885, in Selma Fraternal Lodge No. 27, and was elected Master of said Lodge in 1894 and again in 1905.

He was exalted April 23, 1886, in St. John's Chapter No. 28, and was High Priest thereof from 1889 to 1896 inclusive.

He received the Order of High Priesthood on December 6, 1892.

He was received and greeted November 10, 1886, in Selma Council No. 17, and served as Deputy Illustrious Master thereof in 1892, 1894 and 1896.

He received the Orders of Red Cross, Temple and Malta, July 8, 1891, in Selma Commandery No. 5, and was elected Eminent Commander thereof in 1897 and 1898.

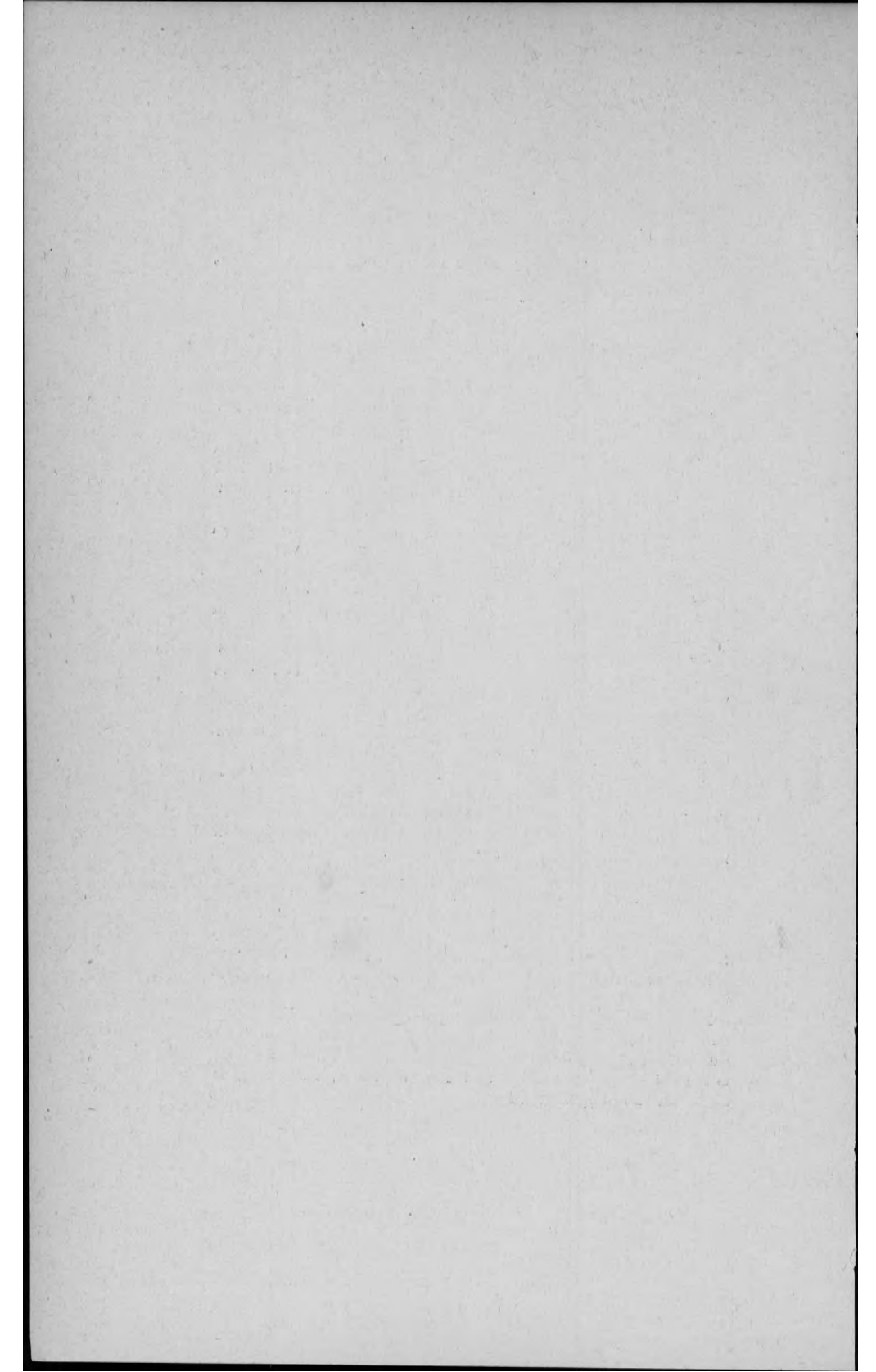
He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon of the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Alabama in 1901, Senior Grand Deacon in 1902, and again in 1903, 1904 and 1905.

He was appointed Grand Royal Arch Captain of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in 1890 and 1891, Grand Principal Sojourner in 1892 and 1893, and was elected Grand Captain of the Host in 1894, Grand Scribe in 1895, Grand King in 1896 and 1897 and Grand High Priest in 1898 and 1899.

He was elected Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Council R. and S. M. of Alabama in 1893, Grand Principal Conductor of Work in 1894 and Deputy Grand Master in 1895 and 1896.

He was elected Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama in 1902, Grand Standard Bearer in 1903, Grand Senior Warden in 1904 and Grand Captain General in 1905.

In all the various offices filled by our Most Excellent Companion he has brought to the discharge of their duties the same earnestness of purpose that characterizes his business life. He is a good citizen, a zealous and earnest Mason, an indulgent father and a loving husband.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of
Alabama

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD AT

Montgomery, December 4th and 5th, 1905, A.I. 2435.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama met in Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple in Montgomery, December 4th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT.

BASIL M. HILL.....Springville..M.: E.: G. H. Priest.
FRANCIS H. BATES....Hamburg...M.: E.: D. G. H. Priest.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE....Montgomery..R.: E.: Grand King.
LEW LAZARUS.....Birmingham..R.: E.: Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY..Montgomery..R.: E.: Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP..Montgomery..R.: E.: Grand Secretary.
JOHN G. HARRIS.....Montgomery..as R.: E.: Grand Chaplain,
ROB'T W. SOUTHERLAND MobileR.: E.: G. C. of Host.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN...Uniontown...E.: G. P. Sojourner.
JOHN H. MCCORMICK..Mobile.....as E.: G. R. A. Captain.
LAWRENCE H. LEE....Gadsden...E.: G. M. of 3d Veil.
JOHN B. LYONS.....Opelika.....E.: G. M. of 2d Veil.
JAMES B. HUNTER....Union Springs as E.: G. M. of 1st Veil.
CHARLES A. ALLEN....Montgomery..E.: Grand Sentinel.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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

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

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.
Kansas.....John G. Harris.....Montgomery.
Kentucky.....Edward S. Gatchell.....Selma.
Louisiana.....Robert L. Douglass.....Mobile.
Maine.....William H. Dingley.....Montgomery.
Maryland.....Hezekiah G. Earnest.....Piedmont.
Massachusetts..George A. Joiner.....Talladega.
Minnesota.....Walter Smith.....Tuscaloosa.
Nebraska.....James B. Hunter.....Union Springs.
New Brunswick John M. Miller.....Cordova
New York.....Lawrence H. Lee.....Gadsden.
North Carolina Robert W. Southerland.....Mobile.
Oregon.....George A. Beauchamp.....Montgomery.
Quebec.....Henry H. Matthews.....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.
		Jas. Kilgore*.....	K.
		Woolsey Finnell.....	S.
5 Eunomia.....	{	A. F. Evans.....	H. P.
		F. P. Culver*.....	K.
		L. C. Sugg*.....	S.

12 Marion.....	{ W. H. Mason.....	H. P.
	{ F. H. Bates*.....	K.
	{ J. C. Moore*.....	S.
19 Mt. Moriah.....	{ Bernard Harwood.....	H. P.
	{ S. G. Boyd*.....	S.
21 Mobile	{ R. N. Hudson	H. P.
	{ R. W. Southerland*.....	K.
	{ J. H. McCormick*.....	S.
22 Montgomery.....	{ Philip McRae.....	H. P.
	{ J. H. Stratford.....	K.
	{ J. B. Brown	S.
23 Talladega	{ L. J. Wright*.....	H. P.
	{ G. A. Joiner*.....	K.
	{ J. F. Hanks.....	S.
24 Eufaula	{ Seth Mabry.....	H. H.
	{ Geo. A. Beauchamp*.....	K.
25 Courtland	{ N. G. Delashaw.....	H. H.
	{ G. F. Craig*.....	K.
26 Union.....	{ J. B. Christian	H. H.
28 St Johns.....	{ Henry F. Reese.....	H. P.
	{ E. S. Gatchell*.....	K.
34 Hermon	{ James B. Hunter.....	H. P.
	{ H. Stinson*.....	K.
	{ F. P. Cade*.....	S.
40 Camden.....	{ J. C. Benson	H. H.
	{ N. D. Godbold*.....	K.
54 Tyrian	{ Stephen A. Pilley*.....	H. H.
	{ Stephen A. Pilley	K.
56 Dadeville.....	{ J. W. Pinnell.....	H. H.
	{ R. F. Ward.....	K.
	{ Wm. C. Roeck*.....	S.
57 Collinsville.....	{ George W. Roberts	K.
64 Central.....	{ Francis M. Peterson*.....	K.
80 Myles J. Greene.....	{ J. B. Lyons.....	H. H.
	{ Jacob Bley	H. H.
81 Jefferson	{ L. Cornish*.....	K.
	{ Jesse B. Hearin*.....	S.
	{ L. H. Lee.....	H. H.
86 Coosa.....	{ H. B. Myers*.....	K.
	{ H. L. Ison*.....	S.
88 Springville.....	{ James L. Herring.....	H. H.
	{ B. M. Hill*.....	K.
	{ E. M. McClendon*.....	S.
92 Notasulga.....	{ W. T. Duke.....	H. H.
	{ J. E. Cameron*.....	K.
101 Mineral City.....	{ Ed Burchell.....	H. P.
	{ S. F. Vance*.....	K.
	{ J. D. Matlock*.....	S.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

104 Sylacauga	{ E. A. Hammett.....	H. P.
	{ W. J. McLeod.....	K.
	{ L. H. Crumpler, Jr*.....	S.
105 Anniston.....	James T. Greene.....	H. P.
107 Fort Payne.....	Jno. L. White.....	H. P.
108 Pratt City.....	{ C. D. Comstock.....	H. P.
	{ R. F. Lovelady*.....	K.
	{ E. J. Hudnall*.....	S.
109 Blocton.....	{ Geo. W. Randall.....	H. P.
	{ W. H. Comerford*.....	K.
110 Bessemer.....	{ Jerry Fountain.....	H. P.
	{ Sam'l Stein*.....	K.
	{ W. F. Deshazo*.....	S.
111 Piedmont.....	{ H. G. Earnest.....	H. P.
	{ S. D. Savage*.....	K.
	{ O. L. Stewart*.....	S.
112 Brewton.....	John B. O'Bannon*.....	H. P.
113 Dothan.....	{ D. C. Carmichael.....	H. P.
	{ A. E. Pace.....	K.
114 H. C. Armstrong.....	George W. Coggin.....	H. P.
115 Thomasville.....	{ J. J. Vickers*.....	H. P.
	{ Norman Gunn.....	K.
	{ H. L. Griffin.....	S.
116 Clanton.....	E. A. Matthews.....	H. P.
117 Beauchamp.....	{ Jesse E. McCoy*.....	H. P.
	{ T. E. Stone*.....	K.
	{ E. W. King*.....	H. P.
118 Jasper.....	{ J. M. Miller*.....	K.
	{ F. A. Gamble.....	S.
119 Jackson.....	{ D. Adams, Jr.....	H. P.
	{ C. P. Loran*.....	K.
	{ O. R. Moore*.....	S.
120 Cunningham	J. H. Edwards*.....	H. P.
121 Phoenix.....	Jno. A. Straiton*.....	H. P.
122 Monroe.....	{ S. H. Dailey.....	H. P.
	{ T. M. McMillan*.....	K.
	{ D. D. Coles*.....	S.
123 Covington	{ W. M. Knox.....	H. P.
	{ Richard H. Jones.....	K.
	{ B. F. Whidby.....	S.
124 Bladen Springs...	{ J. E. McLemore*.....	H. P.
	{ Young Dahlberg.....	K.
	{ Ben. M. Locke.....	S.

125 F. M. Jackson...	{	J. F. Jenkins.....	H. P.
		J. P. Melvin.....	K.
		W. L. White*.....	S.
126 Tallahassee		A. W. Herren.....	H. P.
127 Evergreen.....		W. F. Betts.....	H. P.
128 Heflin.....		S. L. B. Blacke.....	H. P.
129 Jas. E. Cobb.....	{	J. C. Baldwin.....	H. P.
		O. S. Lewis*.....	K.
		W. B. Riley*.....	S.

*Proxy.

OPENED.

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

Prayer by the R. E. Grand Chaplain.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

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

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

Companions : By reason of my station as Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, I have the distinguished honor and pleasure at this our 79th convocation, of extending welcome and fraternal greeting to this most august body of the Grand Chapter of our great State. My dear Companions, in offering you this fraternal and cordial welcome to another annual convocation, I trust I recognize the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for His unlimited blessings to our craft since last we assembled and pray His continuance during the deliberations of this convocation and our future lives; looking to Him at all times for assistance and guidance, which we implored upon our entrance to this Order.

Many are the changes that have been wrought by the scythe of time upon all phases of human interest throughout the length and breadth of the known world of both domestic and foreign nature since our last meeting. In all these varied and manifold experiences, no doubt our beloved Order has been called upon to play an important part; whether it has been in bearing the

burdens of the distressed and needy, or rejoicing with those more fortunate; establishing in either case to the world the great truths of the principles taught by our noble Craft. As time rolls on, we behold to-day many new faces filling the stations of absent and departed Companions who have gone "where the rainbow never fades and where the stars are spread out like islands that slumber on the sea."

While we extend the hand of condolence and sympathy to distressed humanity the world over, and deplore with unfeigned sadness calamity in any form that may have befallen any section of God's universe, we should all rejoice that the contentions and bloodshed between the nations in the far East have ceased, and one of the most cruel wars known to civilization has come to an end, and the gentle dove of peace is once more perched upon the white flag. The spirit of our fraternity, says a recent writer, is as old as humanity itself. We trace it in the ancient hieroglyphics of Egypt. The hunger of every human heart imbued with the spirit of our fraternity is the deepest, strongest and most irresistible of the soul. The kindly helpful associations and appreciations of brothers make humanity better, wiser, and consequently happier, and spurs us on to higher and nobler efforts to attain the ideal life. How the eyes kindle and glow, how hands clasp closer, how the heavy heads are lifted, how tired hearts leap with new vigor and lonely lives are brightened by the mighty magic sparks of the spirit of our fraternity; all demonstrate our love for one another. Thus, my dear Companions, I might go on *ad infinitum*.

While we rejoice to meet each other in these annual convocations, and mix and mingle socially, recalling the noble deeds and lives of sublimity of many of our worthy craftsmen, which gives us unlimited pleasure, we should all, in the voice of one, let our hearts go up in adoration to Almighty God, for the continued prosperity of our great nation that has been unfurled to all sections, from the lowest hamlet to the head of the commonwealth, showing partiality to none, unless it be to our beloved Alabama. On every hilltop, from Tennessee to the Gulf, from Georgia to Mississippi, throughout the length and breadth of our beloved commonwealth, the wheels of prosperity greet us on every hand. A recent writer on Alabama has paid us a tribute which I cannot do better than quote you on this occasion. "Take Alabama, with her good railroad systems, her beautiful rivers, her matchless

harbors, her fertile vales, her sublime and picturesque mountain scenery, her broad fields of cotton, her inexhaustible timber supply, her various industrial enterprises and manufactories, her health-giving and genial climate, her untold and unexplored fields of iron, coal and gold, with all classes of millions upon millions of mineral wealth which lie deposited, only awaiting the touch of the well-directed hand of the skillful artisan to bring into that activity and thrift, carrying us on to an even higher prosperity, destined to make Alabama the Eden of the world and her citizens teem with wealth and the luxuries of life, the result of which will cause Alabama to blossom as the rose."

With these resources and good possibilities within easy grasp, who can limit our future prosperity, if our people will but utilize these God-given gifts?

Again, Companions, while we may rejoice at all the blessings so bountifully lavished upon us, it gives pleasure to note the rapid strides being made in the education of our children. Our public school system must be fostered at any cost, and while Alabama stands alphabetically at the head, let us all strive with unceasing efforts to raise her children, in point of intelligence, arts, sciences, cultured professions and enlightened citizenship, until she may be recognized by all as worthy not only to sit at the head alphabetically, but as worthy to wear the crown among her peers, and in so doing to become the KEYSTONE of the States.

In this progressive march of material progress Masonry is doing her part, and it is with pleasure that I am enabled to realize this, another fraternal reunion, and that I can report to you that the cause of caputular Masonry having prospered in peace and unity in our jurisdiction in a large measure credit should be given to our most worthy R. E. Grand Secretary. As so the many courtesies shown by him to your Grand High Priest, of which he is grateful. When Companion Beauchamp assumed the office of Grand Secretary we had only 856 members and a cash balance of \$697.18. Our membership this year will be over 2,100 and the Grand Treasurer has on hand \$2,206.19; we then had 32 chapters on the roll, now we have 50.

DECISIONS.

During the past year we have had peace and harmony, and very few matters have been presented to me for official ruling or adjudication.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

On March 22d, 1905, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Camden Chapter No. 40 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of Raphael A. Semmes, J. King Pharr, J. Robin Pharr, C. A. Cook and C. W. Smyley.

On April 15th, for good cause shown, I granted a special dispensation to Mineral City Chapter No. 101, to receive the petition, ballot for, and if elected to confer the degrees upon Paul Hamilton Earl, William Thomas Fox, Charles Gracie Davis and John Brown Bethea.

On May 6th, I granted a special dispensation to Brewton Chapter No. 112, to receive and ballot upon petition of L. B. Mayo for the Chapter degrees.

On May 13th, 1905, I granted a special dispensation to Camden Chapter No. 40, for good cause shown, to receive and ballot out of statutory time on the petition of Edward N. Jones, Jr.

On May 28th, I granted a special dispensation to H. C. Armstrong Chapter No. 114, to receive and ballot upon the petitions of William Bolton, O. A. Collins, James H. Richards and Benjamin G. Jones for the Chapter degrees.

On May 29th, I granted a special dispensation to Jefferson Chapter No. 81, to receive and ballot upon the petition of C. B. Whitfield and Jesse B. Hearln, for the Chapter degrees.

On June 1st, I granted a special dispensation to Union Chapter No. 26, to receive and ballot on the petitions of William R. O. Sullivan, Fred. M. Goff, Seddon Stollenwerk, John L. Flowers, Enos Rogers, Samuel Townsend, Louis A. Morgan and John P. Sanders for the Chapter degrees.

On June 3d, I granted a special dispensation to St. Johns Chapter No. 28 to elect officers.

On June 6th, I granted a special dispensation to Talladega Chapter No. 23 to elect officers.

On June 6th, I granted a special dispensation to Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1, to receive and ballot on the petitions of two applicants (names not given) for the Chapter degrees.

On June 6th, I granted a special dispensation to Mineral City Chapter No. 101, to receive and ballot on the petitions of James William Hughes, Jr., Henry Clanton Miller, William C. Plant, Alexander Robert Caisholm, Walter Hubert Moore, Arthur Richmond Forsythe, James Barnett and William Kennedy McNeil, for the Chapter degrees.

On June 21st, 1905, I granted a dispensation to Courtland Chapter No. 25 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On June 22, 1905, I granted a dispensation to Sylacauga Chapter No. 104, for good cause shown, to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of Louis Henry Crumpler, Jr. and John B. Thompson.

On June 27th, 1905, I granted a dispensation to Brewton Chapter No. 112 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On June 29th, 1905, I granted a dispensation to Monroe Chapter No. 122 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On July 8th, 1905, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Jasper Chapter No. 118 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of John L. Burch and G. U. Burdick.

On August 1st, 1905, I granted a dispensation to Anniston Chapter No. 105 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On August 1st, 1905, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Jefferson Chapter No. 81 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of William Harrison Gregory and Turner W. Whitfield.

On August 19th, 1905, I granted a special dispensation to Springville Chapter No. 88 to elect officers.

On September 1st, 1905, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Thomasville Chapter No. 115 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of Milford E. Chapman, Gholston L. Yates, Henry T. Griffin and W. D. Harri-gan.

On September 15th, 1905, I granted a dispensation to Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On September 15th, 1905, I granted a dispensation to Marion Chapter No. 12 to elect and install officers, it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On September 28th, 1905, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Covington Chapter No. 123 to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of William Riley, W. C. Randolph, E. L. Collum, T. L. Waters, A. R. Powell, S. B.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Milligan, L. E. Broughton, E. S. Bickersen, T. O. Ray and J. H. Rose.

On November 23d, 1905, I granted a dispensation to Central Chapter No. 64 to remove their Chapter from Aldrich to Montevallo, for good and sufficient reasons. It was the unanimous wish of said Chapter that the removal be made.

NEW CHAPTERS.

On February 18th, 1905, I issued a dispensation to E. Companion James C. Baldwin and eleven other Companions to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Tuskegee, Macon county, to be known as James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129.

APPOINTMENTS.

On September 28th, 1905, I appointed Richard H. Jones King of Covington Chapter No. 123. U. D., vice Geo. F. Stewart, deceased.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

On January 17th, 1905, I issued a duplicate charter to Phoenix Chapter No. 121, said Chapter having lost its charter.

On January 17th, 1905, I issued a duplicate charter to Marion Chapter No. 12, said chapter having lost or misplaced its charter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following Companions as the Representatives of the Grand Chapters mentioned:

Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Laban T. Everett, vice Wm. Ryan, deceased.

Grand Chapter of Missouri, David M. Wilson,

Grand Chapter of Scotland, Charles Martin Hardie.

Grand Chapter of New South Wales, David Walker Custer.

Grand Chapter of Tennessee, John W. Bailey.

I have recommended for and had notice of the appointment of Companion William Wallace Screws as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I have visited the following Chapters:

On March 9th, I visited Mineral City Chapter, Birmingham.

On March 14th, I visited Bessemer Chapter, Bessemer.

On April 27th, I visited Mineral City Chapter, Birmingham.

On May 15th, I visited Cunningham Chapter, Ensley.

On May 19th, I visited Brewton Chapter, Brewton.

On May 20th, I visited Beauchamp Chapter, Atmore.

On May 26th, I visited Mobile Chapter, Mobile.

On May 29th, I visited Jefferson Chapter, Demopolis.

On June 1st, I visited Union Chapter, Uniontown.

On August 1st, I visited Pratt City Chapter, Pratt City.

On October 3d, I visited Coosa Chapter, Gadsden.

I highly appreciate the generous welcome accorded me by the Companions of the various Chapters.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the past year the pale emperor of the realm of death has been busy in the accomplishment of his ghastly work. While his grim form has not visited the official membership of this Grand Chapter, yet his stealthy tread has been heard in the land. His chilly hand has touched and chilled the hearts of some of the purest and best of our Craft. These, our Companions, have passed forever beyond the range of our mortal vision, but the fragrance of their memory lingers with us like the perfume of precious ointment poured forth. While we miss the touch of the vanished hand and the sound of the voice that is still, we trust they now enjoy sweet repose from all sorrow and strife. Therefore I recommend that their names and virtues be fittingly commemorated in our official proceedings according to custom.

In our sister jurisdictions, with whom we are in fraternal correspondence, the following illustrious and beloved Companions have been called from labor to the enjoyment of an abundant and well earned repose.

E. Companion Thomas Kyle, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of California, died at his home in San Francisco, Cal., August 19th, 1905, aged 83 years.

R. E. Companion Joseph Bailey Cooke, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, died at San Francisco, Cal., August 4th, 1905, aged 69 years.

M. E. Companion Lewis Cass Wittenmyer, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, died at his home in Martinez, Cal., November 17th, 1904, aged 76 years.

M. E. Companion David Roscoe Crosby, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, died at his home in Montrose, Col., October 30th, 1904, aged 55 years.

M. E. Companion John S. Driggs, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, died in Jacksonville, Fla., February 24th, 1905, aged 73 years.

M. E. Companion Angus Paterson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, died at Madison, Fla., July 26th, 1905, aged 71 years.

E. Companion John J. Hyman, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, died August 29th, 1905, aged 73 years.

M. E. Companion William Lindsay Orr, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, died April 2d, 1905, aged 73 years.

M. E. Companion Jonas Altizer Lee, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory, died at his home in Cleveland, Oklahoma, July 10th, 1905, aged 59 years.

M. E. Companion Almon Ralph Dewey, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, died April 15th, 1905, aged 60 years.

M. E. Companion George Stewart Green, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, died at his home in Guthrie, Oklahoma, May 19th, 1905, aged 60 years.

R. E. Companion Jacob D. Rush, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, died at his home in San Diego, Cal., August 26th, 1904, aged 64 years.

M. E. Companion William Ryan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, whose death was announced on November 21st, 1904.

R. E. Companion Lewis Cass Goodrich, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, died at Sault Ste Marie, Mich., August 7th, 1905, aged 51 years.

M. E. Companion Robert Wilkinson Furnass, past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, who died at Lincoln, Neb., June 1st, 1905, aged 81 years.

M. E. Companion Thomas Elwood Garrett, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, died June 29th, 1905, aged 80 years.

M. E. Companion George E. Wagner, Senior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, died September 30th, 1904, aged 63 years.

M. E. Companion Albert D. Nelson, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, died at East Orange, N. J., December 26th, 1904.

M. E. Companion Thomas Milburne Reed, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Washington, died October 7th, 1905, aged 80 years.

E. Companion Thomas J. Snodgrass, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, died at his home in Hudson, Wis., May 8th, 1905, aged 56 years.

M. E. Companion Oliver Libbey, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, died in Portland, Me., December 26th, 1904, aged 69 years.

M. E. Companion Reuben Lemmon, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, died in Toledo, O., September 6th, 1905, aged 80 years.

CONCLUSION.

In closing, allow me to say that I have tried to measure up to the requirements of my responsible office; how well I have succeeded I leave to the decision of your generous judgment.

Be assured that I cherish a lofty regard and an abiding affection for the members of this Grand Chapter, and when I shall have resumed my place in the ranks there shall be no cessation of my earnest efforts to promote the interests of the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

BASIL M. HILL,

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 three Past Grand High Priests, as follows: William W. Screws, John G. Harris and Edward S. Gatchell.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

TELEGRAM.

The Grand Secretary read the following telegram from E. Companion William E. Bingham, Grand Royal Arch Captain.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., Dec. 4, 1905,

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary Masons, Montgomery, Ala.:

Late train. Missed Birmingham connection. Reach Montgomery this evening.

W. E. BINGHAM.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion William H. Dingley, submitted the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

WILLIAM H. DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer,

In Account with the

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

1904.

DR.

Dec. 1 To balance.....\$1,942 66

1905.

May 27 Received from Grand Secretary...\$ 618 25

Nov. 15 " " " " ... 1,117 75

3678 66

1904.

CR.

Dec. 13 By Grand Sentinel 25 00

20 Contingent Fund balance 1904 66 72

Contingent Fund..... 400 00

Grand Secretary issuing charters 20 00

Grand Secretary, Salary..... 600 00

Grand Chaplain..... 11 25

Book Cases for Library..... 24 50

Binding Proceedings, 125 vols. 100 00

Grand Treasurer, Salary..... 100 00

Committee on Correspondence 100 00

C. L. Ruth, Jewel for Past

Grand High Priest Bricken 25 00

1472 47

Balance.....

2206 19

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REPORTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, submitted the following reports, which 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, 1905:

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1904.

Nov. 16	Jackson	No. 119	1904	\$30 75
	Dothan	113	1904	42 00
19	Myles J. Greene	80	1904	18 75
	F. M. Jackson	125	1904	16 50
21	H. Clay Armstrong	114	1904	22 50
23	Notasulga	92	1904	12 75
24	Tallassee	126	1904	13 50
25	Bessemer	110	1904	51 75
	St. Johns	28	1904	38 25
	Courtland	25	1904	12 00
	Thomasville	115	1904	29 25
26	Brewton	112	1904	30 75
	Hermon	34	1904	39 75
28	Dadeville	53	1904	48 00
Dec. 1	Piedmont	111	1904	26 25
2	Eufaula	24	1904	23 25
3	Central	64	1904	21 75
5	Marion	12	1904	18 75
	Tuscaloosa	1	1904	39 75
	Fort Payne	107	1904	17 25
	Springville	88	1904	13 50
	Phoenix	121	1904	14 25
6	Sylacauga	104	1904	27 00
	Thomas M. Bragg	90	1904	21 00
24	Dadeville	56	1904 (bal.)	1 50

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

1905.				
Jan.	6	Union.....	26.....1904.....	15 00
	30	Mobile.....	21.....1904 (bal.)	1 50
Oct.	16	Thomasville.....	115.....1905.....	34 50
		Jefferson.....	81.....1905.....	30 75
	17	Mineral City.....	101.....1905.....	184 50
		Talladega.....	43.....1905.....	23 25
		Clanton.....	116.....1905.....	24 75
	23	Blocton.....	109.....1905.....	30 75
		Thomasville.....	115.....1905 (bal.)	75
	26	Decatur.....	30.....1905.....	45 00
	27	Tallassee.....	126.....1905.....	15 00
		Collinsville.....	57.....1905.....	11 25
		Heffin.....	128.....1905.....	16 50
	30	Bessemer.....	110.....1905.....	53 25
		Montgomery.....	22.....1905.....	50 25
Nov.	1	Eunomia.....	5.....1904 & 1905	27 00
	2	Collinsville.....	57.....1905 (bal.)	75
	4	H. Clay Armstrong.	214.....1905.....	36 75
		Union.....	26.....1905.....	21 00
	6	Jackson.....	119.....1905.....	30 00
		Coosa.....	86.....1905.....	41 25
	8	Tyrian.....	54.....1905.....	45 75
		Cunningham.....	120.....1905.....	33 75
	10	Sylacauga.....	104.....1905.....	39 75
		St. Johns.....	28.....1905.....	42 00
		Central.....	64.....1905.....	21 75
	11	Jackson.....	119.....1905 (bal.)	2 25
	13	Monroe.....	122.....1904.....	36 00
		Mobile.....	21.....1905.....	59 25

 \$1,605 00

CERTIFICATES.

1904.				
Nov.	16.	W. O. Lumpkin, Concord,	No. 37.....	\$ 1 50
	17	F. W. Beall, Elyton,	76.....	5 00
Dec.	1	W. H. Johnson, Choctaw,	44.....	1 50
		Isaac D. Nolen, Hillabee,	79.....	1 50
1905.				
May	6	J. M. Allen, Hillabee,	79.....	1 50

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	22	William R. Miller, Rockford,	62.....	1 50
June	21	Archie D. Bentley, Rockford,	62.....	1 50
	27	R. M. Murchison, Rockford,	62.....	1 50
		Wm. D. Andrews, Clayton,	63.....	1 50
July	1	John T. Wilson, Choctaw,	44.....	1 50
		J. M. Ameson, Hillabee,	79.....	1 50
	18	James H. Fulton,		
		(as P. M.) Gainesville,	14.....	1 50
Oct.	2	A. D. Chancellor, Piedmont,	102.....	1 50
				23 00

DISPENSATIONS.

1905.

Feb.	18	Dispensation issued James C. Baldwin and eleven other Comparisons to form and organize James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129.....	90 00
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RITUALS.

1905.

Feb.	28	No. 96	sold James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129....	3 00
March	17	No. 99	" Collinsville "	57.... 3 00
April	13	Nos. 97, 98	" Camden "	40.... 6 00
June	27	No. 100	" Sylacauga "	104.... 3 00
July	17	No. 103	" F. M. Jackson "	125.... 3 00
				18 00

RECAPITULATION.

1905.

Nov. 15	Dues collected since last report.....	1,605 00
	Certificates issued " " "	23 00
	Dispensations " " " "	90 00
	Rituals sold " " " "	18 00
		1,736 00

1905.

May 27	Paid	Grand Treasurer.....	618 25
Nov. 15	"	" " " "	1,117 75
			1,736 00

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

In account with the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

1904.

Dec. 6 To Contingent Fund..... 400 00

1905.

Nov. 15 By Printing and Stationery.....217 95

“ Sundries..... 18 40

“ Postage, Telephone and Express.... 84 63

“ Coal..... 25 00

“ Dues to General Grand Chapter..... 20 32

“ Aprons..... 54 60

—————420 90

Amount overdrawn..... 20 90

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 was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the following special report:

Under instructions received at the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, your Committee addressed letters of inquiry, as to how the new Grand Chapter of Western Australia was regarded, to the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to the Grand Secretary of

the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, with results as follows:

To your committee's repeated requests for information in respect of this matter General Grand Secretary, Companion Christopher G. Fox vouchsafed no reply—at least no answer ever reached your Committee.

The Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, Sir Edward Letchworth, courteously replied as follows:

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER,
FREEMASON'S HALL, GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W. C.
29TH DECEMBER, 1904.

Dear Sir and E. Companion:

Adverting to your letter of 15th instant the question of the recognition of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia by this Grand Chapter has been postponed to obtain the views of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and it is hoped that a communication on the subject will be presented to Grand Chapter at its next Convocation in February. I am

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH,
G. S. E.

E. Comp. WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB,
Grand Chapter of Alabama, U. S. A.

From the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland the following was received:

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.
ROYAL ARCH MASON'S HALL,
75 QUEEN ST.,
EDINBURGH, 11th January, 1905.

Dear Sir and Companion:

At the Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter held on 21st December, Supreme Chapter learned for the first time with the greatest concern and regret that, moved by some untoward influence unknown to it, certain R. A. Companions have proposed the organization of an Independent Grand Chapter for Western Australia.

The Supreme Chapter of Scotland deeply deplores the breach of loyalty and affection thus disclosed, and being conscious on its part of no want of interest in or support of its daughter Chapters, or any individual Members of them, resolved, before taking any other step, to address this general letter to all Members of the Order under the Scottish Constitution in Western Australia.

At the Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter held on the 21st ult., in terms of recommendation by Supreme

Committee, the following Special Committee, viz: M. E. Comps. Alfred A. Murray, Grand H.; C. Carthey Yorston, Grand J.; and Charles Martin Hardie, Grand Scribe N.—was appointed to frame and adjust this communication to be sent to the several Scottish Royal Arch Chapters in Western Australia.

The Supreme Chapter of Scotland has for years counted with pride on the hearty good will, co-operation and support of its sons both at home and in the Colonies, and the severance of any link which at present unites them would appear to be a grievous wrong to the common cause, and the creation of division where union and the maintenance of precious ties ought to be the first object.

As the result of preliminary enquiry into what has occurred, Supreme Chapter finds that members of five out of seven Chapters which have been constituted under it in Western Australia, all within very recent years, appear to have taken part in the schismatic movement. These seven Chapters are—

1. Perth, Perth, No. 242, Chartered 21st June 1898.
2. Lee Bryce, Perth, No. 274, Chartered 21st September 1898.
3. Goldfields, Kalgourlie, No. 279, Chartered 20th September 1899.
4. Menzies, Menzies No. 284, Chartered 19th September 1900.
5. Westralia, Coolgardie, No. 287, Chartered 6th March 1901.
6. Hiram, Albany, No. 290, Chartered 18th September 1901.
7. Golden Arrow, Broad Arrow, No. 306, Chartered 16th December 1903.

Supreme Chapter finds that the returns of Exaltations are as follow:

Perth.....	11 years.....	37.
Lee Bryce.....	6 years.....	94.
Goldfields.....	5 years.....	104.
Menzies.....	4 years.....	46.
Westralia.....	3½ years.....	70.
Hiram.....	3 years.....	8.
Golden Arrow.....	1 year.....	0.

From the above figures it appears that the two Chapters which have already testified to their continued affection for and allegiance to the Scottish Craft, namely Goldfields, No. 279, and Westralia, No. 287, show a joint membership of 174, as against 185 representing the united membership of the other five Chapters.

It appears from these figures that the whole Chapters interested are of very recent formation, and the wisdom of separating from the parent body at such an early stage in their existence is open to doubt. The numbers seem very evenly divided, even though it were assumed that the Members of each Chapter were unanimous.

Some Members may have been influenced in their vote in this matter by a letter which was written to Companion Caspar on April 7th, 1904, by Grand Scribe E. This letter was written under an entire misconception of the situation of matters

and without full information. It was quite unofficial and unauthorized in any way as an expression of the opinion of Supreme Chapter, which only now has had the facts before it.

Under the circumstances, and upon the mere figures quoted, Supreme Chapter would strongly urge upon all reconsideration of the position of matters, with a view if possible, to cement any differences which may have occurred, to promote union, and to retain the link with and the share in the Scottish Craft at present possessed by the Companions in Western Australia, and which while enabling them to share in the history and prestige the larger body, does not prevent, but, in fact, rather encourages, self-government in all internal affairs of Provinces at a distance.

Supreme Chapter directs this letter to be read in open Chapter, and submitted to the Companions, so that all loyal Companions, as well as those who may have thought of renouncing their allegiance may know that she declines to recognize the so-called Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and that she requests all loyal Chapters and Companions to act accordingly.

If even a minority of any Chapter desire to retain their allegiance as against a majority persisting in divisive courses, it is right to point out that the minority will be supported by Supreme Chapter in carrying on the work under the Charter.

Fraternally yours,

ALFRED A. MURRAY, G. H.

C. CARTHEW YORSTON, G. T.

CHARLES MARTIN HARDIE, G. S. N.

R. S. BROWN, Grand Scribe E.

So the Grand Chapter of England naturally waits to hear from the Grand Chapter of Scotland, in this matter, the Scottish Chapters being eight-ninths of the whole number of Chapters (9) in the territory. 7 of the 9 Chapters joined in the organization of this new Grand Chapter.

As bearing upon this question, your Committee deems it not improper to refer to a document embracing certain resolutions adopted by the International Conference held by the delegates of the three Grand Lodges—England, Ireland and Scotland, and furnished us by the kindness of R. W. Brother W. J. Chetwode Crawley, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Those resolutions met the unanimous consent of the Representatives of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. The third of said resolutions is the one which here engages our attention. It is as follows:

"3. The question of recognizing a new Grand Lodge in any colony or other territory in which the three Grand Lodges have equal jurisdiction and have warranted lodges working therein,

shall not be taken into consideration *unless at least two thirds of the Lodges under each Jurisdiction have signified their adhesion to such new body; (italics ours)* and such recognition shall only be granted by agreement of the three Grand Lodges. After the recognition of such new Grand Lodge as a sovereign body, the respective authorities of the three Grand Lodges will surrender their rights to warrant new Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the new body, provided always that the rights of Lodges not adhering to the new body shall be safeguarded."

Hence it follows that when two-thirds of such lodges signify their adhesion to such new body, the case will properly come under consideration. The principle should equally apply in respect of Chapters. In Western Australia, not only two-thirds of the Chapters under each Constitution, but three-fourths of the Scottish Chapters, and the English Chapters joined in forming the new Grand Chapter.

As to fraternal courtesy to the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland, it may be said that where there is a question of irregularity or clandestinity, their wishes should always be regarded, but in the case before us no such question arises. Therefore your Committee respectfully renews the recommendation that official fraternal relations be established with the said Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to apprise said Grand Body of this action.

Faternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB,

Chairman.

M. E. Companion Edward S. Gatchell stated that Past Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken requested him to state to the Grand Chapter that it was a matter of regret he could not be present at this convocation, but he was called to court one hundred miles distant and could not be excused from that duty. This absence was all the more to be regretted on account of the fact that this was the first meeting of the Grand Chapter he had missed since he was made a Royal Arch Mason.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CODE GRANTED FURTHER TIME.

M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp stated that the chairman of the committee appointed to Revise the Masonic Code, requested him to ask for further time, and to say to the Grand Chapter that his delay in this matter had been occasioned by a long spell of typhoid fever, and that while he had done considerable work, yet his report was not a finished product. On motion, further time was granted.

COMMITTEES.

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

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

John B. Lyons,
William W. Ransom,

Joseph H. Edwards,
James B. Hunter,

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Robert L. Douglass,
Louis J. Wright,

William J. Renfroe,
William H. Mason.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

Walter Smith, George W. Coggin, Charles R. Westcott.

ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

John B. Christian, Jesse E. McCoy, Jesse B. Hearin.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 2, ARTICLE 1, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

R. E. Companion Robert S. Teague offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Com-

mittee on Masonic Jurisprudence, with the request that the committee make a report at this Convocation of the Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That Section 2, Article 1, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

This Grand Chapter shall consist of the several officers thereof and likewise of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies for the time being, of the several Chapters over which they shall respectively preside, all Past High Priests, while in good standing in their respective Chapters, and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of this Grand Chapter.

NOTE.—The effect of the proposed amendment renders all High Priests in good standing in their respective Chapters members of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND SECRETARY,

RESOLUTION OF SORROW AND REGRET.

E. Companion John B. Christian offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Be it Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Alabama, That this Grand Chapter has heard with sorrow of the recent illness of Past Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken and regrets his enforced absence from this Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Mineral City Chapter No. 101 requested the Grand Chapter to confer upon Brothers Frank C. Shepard and Edward Hoskins Williams, for said 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 the same by said Chapter.

The Grand Chapter having acceded to the 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.

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RESOLUTION GRANTING THOMAS M. BRAGG CHAPTER NO. 99
AND BLADON SPRINGS CHAPTER NO. 124 FURTHER
TIME TO MAKE RETURNS AND PAY DUES.

E. Companion Jerry Fountain offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That Thomas M. Bragg Chapter No. 99 and Bladon Springs Chapter No. 124, be granted thirty days in which to make their returns and pay their dues to this Grand Chapter for the past Masonic year.

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO COMPANION S. W.
SMITH.

The Grand Secretary stated that the last return of Uchee Chapter No. 53, now defunct, did not contain the name of Companion S. W. Smith, but former returns showed his name dropped without explanation. On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to issue a certificate in the nature of a dimit to Companion S. W. Smith, on payment of the customary fee, \$1.50.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, December 4th, 1905.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 4 o'clock, M. E. Grand High Priest

Basil M. Hill presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

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

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

E.: Companion Albert E. Pace was present and took his station as E.: G.: M.: of the 1st Veil.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to exemplify the work, and conferred the degree of Past Master on Brothers Edward Hoskins Williams and Frank C. Shepard.

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

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

MONDAY EVENING, December 4, 1905.

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

R.: E.: and Reverend Stewart McQueen having arrived, he took his station as Grand Chaplain.

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

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

M.: E.: Companion John G. Harris of the Committee

on the Grand High Priest's Address submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Alabama:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest beg leave to submit the following report:

From this address comes the gratifying information that all the subordinate Chapters are harmonious and fraternal and doing good work. No disruption or trouble anywhere. Of a surety this is gratifying. New Chapters are being organized and defunct Chapters restored.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the removal of Central Chapter No. 64 from Aldrich to Montevall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We congratulate the Grand Chapter on the healthy condition of the Craft.

We also congratulate the Grand High Priest on his zeal and the amount of visitations to subordinate Chapters. This example should be followed by subsequent Grand High Priests.

As a Grand Chapter we should feel proud of the constant revival of capitular masonry, mainly through the devotion and intelligent work done by Grand Secretary Beauchamp. Within five years our membership has gone from 800 to 2,100.

Let us take courage and push on the good work.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Hill, during the past year has been watchful and faithful and his address proves this fact.

We recommend that all of his appointments made during the year be ratified.

Faternally submitted,

WILLIAM W. SCREWS,

JNO. G. HARRIS,

EDWARD S. GATCHELL,

Committee.

E. Companion William E. Bingham, Grand Royal Arch Captain, who was unavoidably absent at the morning and afternoon sessions, arrived and occupied his station. The arrival of Companion Bingham completed the

list of Grand Officers, showing every office filled by those duly elected thereto.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Covington Chapter No. 123, notified the Grand Chapter that Brother William Henry Jones had been duly elected to receive the several degrees of the Chapter by said Chapter; that the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master had been conferred upon him by said Chapter, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch upon the said Brother William Henry Jones.

On motion, the Grand Chapter acceded to said request.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to exemplify the work and conferred upon Brothers Edward Hoskins Williams, Frank C. Shepard and William Henry Jones the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch.

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.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the R. E. and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 5, 1905.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock, the Grand Officers in their respective stations.

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

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 4, ARTICLE 1, OF THE
CONSTITUTION.

E. Companion John B. Christian offered the following resolution to amend Section 4, Article 1, of the Constitution, and, on motion, the question was submitted to the Grand Chapter, and more than one-third of the members present voting in the affirmative, the resolution was ordered entered on the minutes and printed in the proceedings, to be submitted at the next annual Grand Convocation for approval or rejection, as required by section 1, Article 5, of the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 4, Article I, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

This Grand Chapter shall hold its Grand Annual Convocation at the City of Montgomery, on the third Monday in January, and the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest shall have the power of convening the Grand Chapter whenever it may be in their opinion necessary, and shall be bound so to do, whenever requested in writing, by at least six Chapters, and not less than twenty days' notice of said Convocation shall be given to each chartered 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:

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 beg to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them neatly and correctly kept.

1905.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand from last

report.....	\$1,942 66
May 27. Received from Grand Secretary...	618 15
Nov. 15 " " " " " " ..	1,117 75—\$3,678 66

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Sentinel.....	\$ 25 00
Grand Secretary, overdraft on conting't fund	66 72
Grand Secretary, for two Charters issued...	20 00
Grand Chaplain.....	11 25
Contingent Fund.....	400 00
Cases for Library.....	24 50
Grand Secretary, Salary.....	600 00
Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	100 00
Committee on Foreign Cor'pond'nce, Salary	100 00
Binding Proceedings.....	100 00
P. G. H. P. Jewel.....	25 00—1,472 47

Balance on hand and in bank.....	\$2,206 19
The Grand Secretary has collected and has on hand since his last settlement with the Grand Treasurer, November 15th..	523 50
Total cash on hand.....	2,729 69

We find that the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15th, 1905:

Dues collected.....	\$1,605 00
Certificates issued.....	23 00
Dispensations issued.....	90 00
Rituals sold.....	18 00—1,736 00

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

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STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Dr.

Amount appropriated 1904 Convocation of the Grand Chapter.....	\$400 00
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By Printing and Stationery	\$217 95
.. Sundries.....	18 40
.. Postage, Telephone and Express.....	84 63
.. Coal.....	25 00
.. Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	50 32
.. Aprons.....	54 60-420 90

Balance due Grand Secretary.....	\$20 90
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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
Committee on Foreign Correspondence (payable quarterly)	100 00
Grand Sentinel.....	25 00
Binding other Grand Chapter Proceedings.....	100 00
Grand Secretary, overdraft on contingent fund.....	20 90
Book Cases for Bound Proceedings.....	25 00
	\$1,370 90

Faternally submitted,

EDWARD S. GATCHELL,
ROBERT S. TEAGUE,
RALPH N. HUDSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

E. Companion Robert L. Douglass, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, made the following report, which was adopted:

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 :

Eunomia No. 5.

Montgomery No. 22.	Eufaula No. 24.
Union No. 26.	Hermon No. 34.
Dadeville No. 56.	Central No. 64.
Jefferson No. 81.	Springville No. 88.
Fort Payne No. 107.	Blocton No. 109.
Piedmont No. 111.	Dothan No. 113.
Thomasville No. 115.	Beauchamp No. 117.
Cunningham No. 120.	Heflin No. 128.

The following are incorrect :

Mount Moriah No. 19 has no seal affixed to report.

Camden No. 40, has paper seal pasted on report instead of impressed seal.

Sylacauga No. 104, recapitulates in error, one death not having been deducted from total membership, making Grand Chapter due this Chapter 75 cents.

Covington No. 123, U. D., given names of Companions omitted, initials reported instead.

Tallassee No. 126 has no seal affixed.

Your Committee takes pleasure in calling attention to the amount of work done by Hermon Chapter No. 34, which reports seventeen Companions exalted. This is worthy of emulation by other Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

R. L. DOUGLASS,
L. J. WRIGHT,
W. H. MASON,
W. J. RENFROE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

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

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the following proposition submitted by R. E. Companion Robert S. Teague to amend Section 2 of Article I of the Constitution, so as to read as follows:

"Section 2. This Grand Chapter shall consist of the several officers thereof, and likewise of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies for the time being, of the several Chapters over which they shall respectively preside, all Past High Priests while in good standing in their respective chapters and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of this Grand Chapter," beg leave to report favorably thereon, recommend that the same be approved by a vote of this Grand Chapter, entered on the minutes and printed with the proceedings for such action as may be taken thereon at the next Grand Annual Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,
HENRY F. REESE,
BERNARD HARWOOD,
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, on motion, was adopted:

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

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

CORRECT:

Tuscaloosa No. 1.	Decatur No. 38.
Marion No. 12.	Tyrian No. 54.
Mobile No. 21.	Collinsville, No. 57.
Talladega No. 23.	Myles J. Greene No. 80.
St. Johns No. 28.	Pratt City No. 108.

Brewton No. 112.

Evergreen No. 127.

Clanton, No. 116.

James E. Cobb No. 129

F. M. Jackson No. 125.

INCORRECT:

Phoenix No. 121—Erroneous list of members, no seal.

Courtland No. 25—Fails to show how they received one member.

Coosa No. 86—Fails to account for certain members who were on former reports.

Mineral City No. 101—Fails to give Christian names of some members.

Anniston No. 105—Fails to enroll members numerically.

Bessemer No. 110—Fails to give Christian names.

H. Clay Armstrong No. 114—Fails to give dates when degrees were conferred on 21 members

Jackson No. 119—Fails to give Christian names.

Monroe No. 122—Failed to show how they secured a certain member; also fails to report their fees and dues.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. LYONS, Chairman.

WM. W. RANSOM,

JAMES B. HUNTER.

J. H. EDWARDS,

Committee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

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 and were heartily welcomed:

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.
Kansas.....	John G. Harris.....	Montgomery.
Kentucky.....	Edward S. Gatchell.....	Selma.
Louisiana.....	Robert L. Douglass.....	Mobile.
Maine.....	William H. Dingley.....	Montgomery.
Maryland.....	Hezekiah G. Earnest.....	Piedmont.
Massachusetts.....	George A. Joiner.....	Talladega.
Minnesota.....	Walter Smith.....	Tuscaloosa.
Nebraska.....	James B. Hunter.....	Union Springs.
New Brunswick.....	John M. Miller.....	Cordova
New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Gadsden.
North Carolina.....	Robert W. Southerland.....	Mobile.
Oregon.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Quebec.....	Henry H. Matthews.....	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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

E. Companion Walter Smith, 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:

Your Committee on Dispensations beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Minute books of Covington Chapter No. 123 and find them neatly and correctly kept and recommend that a Charter be granted to said Chapter.

We have also examined the Minutes of James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129 and find that the same do not show the authority or dispensation under which they opened, nor the election of officers; nor the approval of the minutes, nor the signature of the Secretary. From sufficient testimony submitted we are assured that these omissions will be rectified, and that all essentials have in fact been complied with. We recommend that a Charter be

granted this Chapter and that they be directed to correctly transcribe their minutes.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,
GEO. W. COGGIN,
CHAS. R. WESTCOTT,
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, submitted the following reports, and, on motion, they were severally 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 Covington Chapter, No 123, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the same and report thereon as follows, viz:

1. We approve Article I entire as it now stands.
2. We recommend that in Article II, section 1, the words in line 8, "or contribution," be stricken out, also same words in line 11 be also stricken out.
3. We approve Article III, section 1, as it now stands; also section 2 of said article, although we regret that the annual dues to the Chapter are placed so low, but that is a matter for the said Chapter to decide.
4. We recommend that the words "and all assessments," in lines 6 and 7, of section 3, article 3, be stricken out.
5. We recommend that the words "or contributions," in article 4, section 1, in line 7, be stricken out.
6. We approve all of sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, of said article 4.

7. We also approve articles 5 and 6. With the recommendations as above set out, we approve the By-Laws of said Covington Chapter No. 123.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JESSE E. MCCOY,
JESSE B. HEARIN.

Committee.

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 James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129, would respectfully report thereon as follows, viz:

1. We approve Article I and Article II entire.
2. We recommend that in section 1, article 3, in lines 3 and 4 the words "under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama" be stricken out.
3. We approve section 2 of article 3 as it now stands.
4. We approve article 4 entire, including both sections of the same.
5. We approve sections 1 and 2 of article 5, and as they are now written; also section 1 of article 6 as submitted.
6. We disapprove section 11 of article 6, and recommend that same be struck out.
7. We approve sections 3 and 4 of said article 6 and recommend that they be renumbered sections 2 and 3 of said article 6.
8. We approve articles 7 and 8 entire.
9. We approve sections 1 and 4 of article 9.
10. We recommend that the words "after due trial had" be added at the end of line 5, in section 2 of article 9.
11. We disapprove section 3 of said article 9 and recommend that same be stricken out, and the sections of said article 9 be renumbered as sections 1, 2 and 3.

With these exceptions and recommendations, as above noted, we approve said By-laws.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
JESSE E. MCCOY,
JESSE B. HEARIN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

M. E. John G. Harris, for the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, read the following reports, which, on motion, were severally adopted:

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommending that official fraternal relations be established with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, beg leave to report that said special report has been duly considered, and in view of the fact that said Grand Chapter has not been recognized by either the Supreme Grand Chapter of England or the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland under whose jurisdictions the subordinate chapters from which the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was formed, your Committee recommend that the establishment of official fraternal relations with said Grand Chapter, at least for the present, be postponed and that the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be non-concurred in.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,
HENRY F. REESE,
BERNARD HARWOOD,
Committee.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the action of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in granting a dispensation for the removal of Central Chapter No. 61 from Aldrich to Montevallo, on a petition signed by a majority of the members of such chapter beg leave to report that the by-laws of the Grand Chapter, section 4, article 3, provides that "no chapter shall be removed from the place where it is located, except upon a petition of a majority of the members of such chapters, and a majority of this Grand Chapter assenting."

Yet, it appearing that a majority of the members of such chap

ters petitioned for such removal, your committee recommend that the removal of said chapter be ratified and confirmed, and that this Grand Chapter hereby gives its assent to such removal.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. GREENE,
BERNARD HARWOOD,
H. F. REESE,
Committee.

REPORT ON BINDING.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings:

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

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

	Vols.
Alabama, 1902 to 1904.....	1
Arkansas, 1877 to 83; 84 to 88; 89 to 92.....	3
Dakota, 1885 to 89.....	1
District of Columbia, 1880 to 84; 91 to 95.....	2
Maine, 1861 to 67, 68 to 73, 74 to 78, 79 to 83, 84 to 88, 89 to 93, 94 to 97, 98 to 1901.....	8
Mississippi, 1866 to 70, 71 to 77, 78 to 83, 84 to 88, 89 to 94, 95 to 98, 99 to 1903.....	7
Missouri, 1868 to 71, 72 to 75, 76 to 80, 81 to 84, 85 to 89, 90 to 92, 93 to 95, 96 to 97, 98 to 1900, 1901 to 1903.....	10
Nevada, 1830 to 83, 86 to 91, 92 to 98, 99 to 1903.....	4
New Hampshire, 1875 to 80, 81 to 85, 86 to 89, 90 to 93, 94 to 97, 98 to 1901.....	6
New Jersey, 1857 to 67, 68 to 71, 72 to 75, 76 to 80, 81 to 85, 86 to 91, 92 to 96, 97 to 1900, 1901 to 1904.....	9
New York, 1866 to 71, 72 to 75, 76 to 79, 80 to 82, 86 to 88, 89 to 90, 91 and 92, 93 and 94, 95 and 96, 97 and 98, 99 and 1900, 1901 and 1902, 1903 and 1904.....	13
North Carolina, 1872 to 77, 78 to 83, 86 to 94, 95 to 97, 98 to 1900, 1901 to 1903.....	6

Oregon, 1836 to 72, 73 to 76, 77 to 79, 80 to 82, 83 to 84, 87 and 88, 89 and 99, 91 to 93, 94 and 95, 96 and 97, 98 and 99, 1900 and 1901, 1902 and 1903.....	13
Quebec, 1876 to 83, 84 to 87, 88 to 92, 93 to 96, 97 to 1900, 1901 to 1904.....	6
Rhode Island, reprint, 1798 to 1858, 70 to 77, 78 to 90, 91 to 98, 99 to 1904	5
South Dakota, 1889 to 94, 95 to 98, 99 to 1902.....	3
Tennessee, 1861 to 71, 72 to 82, 91 to 95, 96 to 1900.....	4
Texas, 1867 to 71, 72 to 76, 77 to 80, 81 to 85, 86 to 89, 90 to 92, 93 to 95, 96 to 98, 99 to 1901, 1902 to 1904.....	10
Vermont, 1887 to 91.....	1
West Virginia, 1871 to 90, 91 to 97, 98 to 1903.....	3
Wisconsin, 1868 to 71, 72 to 75, 76 to 79, 80 to 84, 85 to 88, 89 to 91, 92 to 94, 95 to 97, 98 to 1900, 1901 to 1903.....	10

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One hundred and twenty-five volumes have been bound since my last report. The cost of binding was a little more this year than last, being eighty cents per volume.

I am happy to state that through the kindness of Grand Secretaries and others I have succeeded in completing our files of several of the Grand Chapters.

We are indebted to the following Grand Chapters for bound volumes sent us:

Iowa, Volume 2, Proceedings 1868 to 1872.	
Iowa, Volume 3, " 1873 to 1877.	
Minnesota, " 1859 to 1871.	
Ohio, " 1904.	
Ohio, " 1905,	
New York, " 1798 to 1853. (Reprint.)	
New York, " 1854 to 1867. (Reprint.)	

For the many kindnesses extended me by Grand Secretaries and others in procuring many needful volumes, I return my most sincere thanks.

There are many missing numbers yet needed to complete our files, which I will continue striving to procure.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

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

Before the election occurred, M. E. Companion Basil M. Hill, Grand High Priest, said that he would prefer that the Grand Chapter not re elect him; that it took many years for one to ascend to the office of Grand High Priest, and begged the Grand Chapter to more evenly divide the honors in future.

On motion of E. Companion Henry F. Reese, the Grand Secretary was instructed to let the minutes of the Grand Chapter show that this request had been made, as the action of the Grand Chapter might not be understood in other Grand Jurisdictions.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand High Priest elect appointed the following:

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were duly installed by M.. E.. Companion Edward S. Gatchell, E.. Companion Joseph D. Matlock acting as Grand Marshal.

THANKS TO P.. G.. H.. P.. BASIL M. HILL.

E.. Companion Walter Smith offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are extended to our retiring G. H. P. Basil M. Hill, whose labor and zeal in Capitular Masonry have been of great value to this Grand Chapter, and while we regret that his official term is not of the usual length accorded Grand High Priests by this Grand Chapter, we acquiesce in his desire to shorten the tenure of office, knowing that such desire is actuated by pure love and devotion to the Craft.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 2, ARTICLE 2, OF THE CONSTITUTION, BY CHANGING TERM OF OFFICE OF G..

H.. P.. FROM TWO YEARS TO ONE YEAR.

M.. E.. Companion Edward S. Gatchell offered the following resolution to amend Section 2, Article 2, of the Constitution, and, on motion, the question was submitted to the Grand Chapter; and more than one-third of the members present voting in the affirmative, the resolution was ordered entered on the minutes and printed in the proceedings, to be submitted at the next annual Grand Convocation for approval or rejection, as required by Section 1, Article 5, of the Constitution:

Resolved, That Section 2, Article II, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

No companion shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, who has not been duly elected, installed and presided over a subordinate chapter: and no companion shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest for more than one year successively.

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

R.: E.: Companion Lew Lazarus offered the following resolution, which was put immediately on its passage and duly carried:

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to select and present a proper and suitable testimonial to our retiring Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Basil M. Hill, in recognition of the faithful and able discharge of his duties during his term, and the usual sum is hereby appropriated for same.

The following were then appointed on said committee: M.: E.: Companion Francis H. Bates, M.: E.: Companion Robert S. Teague and M.: E.: Companion George A. Beauchamp.

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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ON FINANCE.

EDWARD S. GATCHELL.....	Selma.
RALPH N. HUDSON.....	Mobile.
LOUIS J. WRIGHT.....	Talladega.

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	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.
JACOB BLEY.....	Demopolis.

THANKS TO RAILROADS.

M. 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.

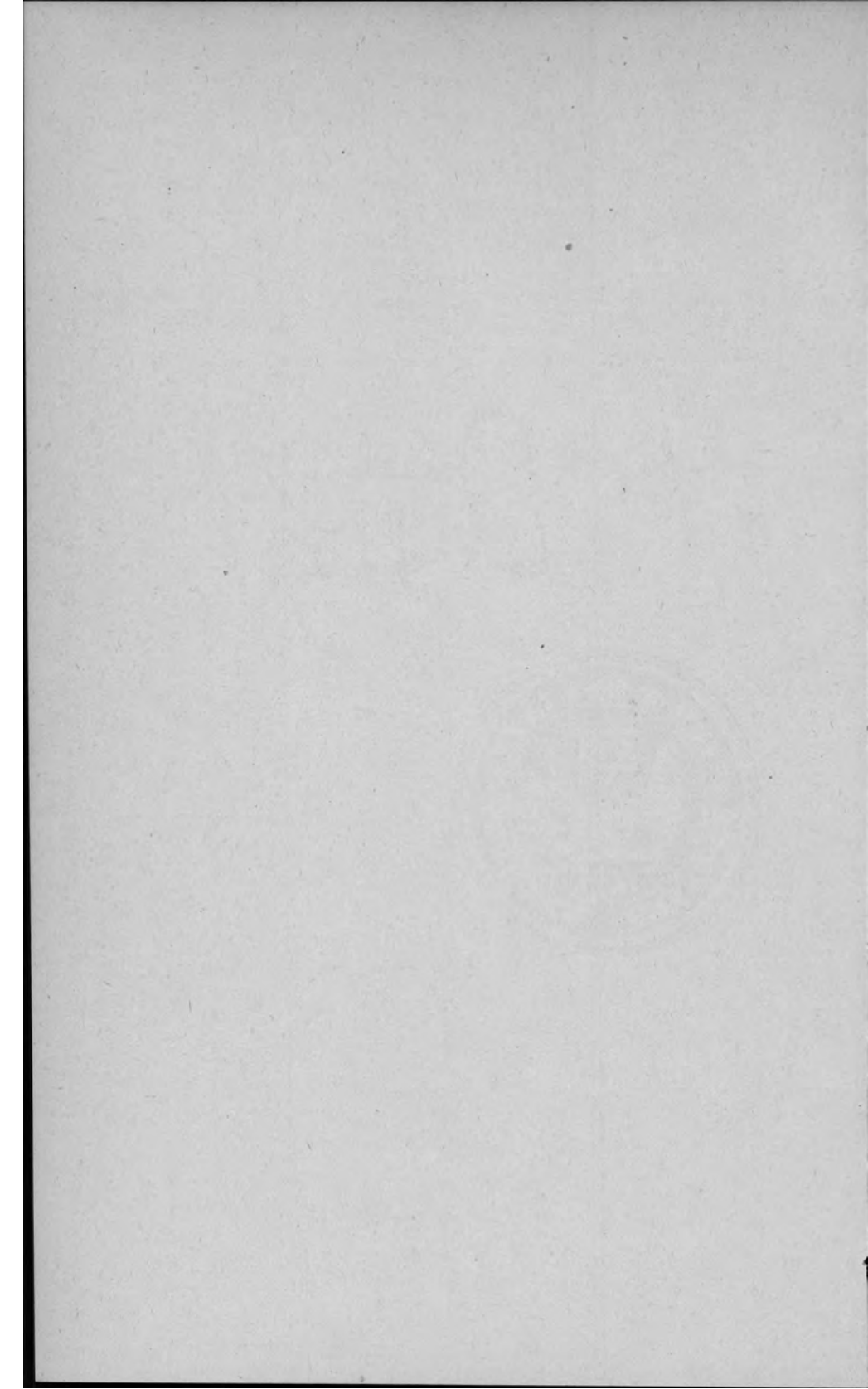
There being no further business to come before the Grand Chapter, the minutes were read and approved.

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.

L. J. A. Deauchamp
Grand Secretary.





PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

STATE OF ALABAMA

The Thirty-Fourth 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 5th, 1905, with the following Officers and Companions present:

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
Walter Smith.....	as E.: Conductor.
Robert W. Southerland.....	E.: Herald.
John W. Terry.....	E.: Steward.

MEMBERS.

Companion Francis H. Bates.....	Grand High Priest
“ Robert L. Douglass.....	Chapter No. 21
“ Charles R. Westcott.....	“ “ 22
“ Henry H. Matthews.....	“ “ 22
“ Louis J. Wright.....	“ “ 23
“ John B. Christian.....	“ “ 26
“ Lawrence H. Lee.....	“ “ 86

Companion William T. Duke.....	Chapter No. 92
“ Fred S. Vance.....	“ “ 101
“ Ephraim T. Hudnall.....	“ “ 108
“ Samuel Stein.....	“ “ 110
“ George W. Coggin.....	“ “ 114
“ John M. Miller.....	“ “ 118
“ David Adams, Jr.....	“ “ 119
“ M. M. Kuffner.....	“ “ 125

The Council was opened in Ample Form.

The Recorder announced that he had received petitions from eighteen Companions as follows:

William H. Mason.....	Marion	Chapter No. 12
Seth Mabry.....	Eufaula	“ “ 24
Henry F. Reese.....	St. Johns	“ “ 28
James C. Benson.....	Camden.	“ “ 40
John W. Pinnell.....	Dadeville	“ “ 56
Jacob Bley.....	Jefferson	“ “ 81
Leonard Cornish.....	Jefferson	“ “ 81
Edwin Burchell.....	Mineral City	“ “ 101
Ernest A. Hammett.....	Sylacauga	“ “ 104
James T. Greene.....	Anniston	“ “ 105
Charles D. Comstock.....	Pratt City	“ “ 108
George W. Randall.....	Blocton	“ “ 109
Jerry Fountain.....	Bessemer	“ “ 110
Emmett A. Matthews.....	Clanton	“ “ 118
John F. Jenkins.....	F. M. Jackson	“ “ 125
Arnold W. Herron.....	Tallassee	“ “ 126
William F. Betts.....	Evergreen	“ “ 127
Simeon L. B. Blacke.....	Heflin	“ “ 128

On motion, the above petitions were referred to a special committee for investigation, which committee having reported favorably, a ballot was had which resulted in the election of all the applicants.

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

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.

MINUTES READ.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

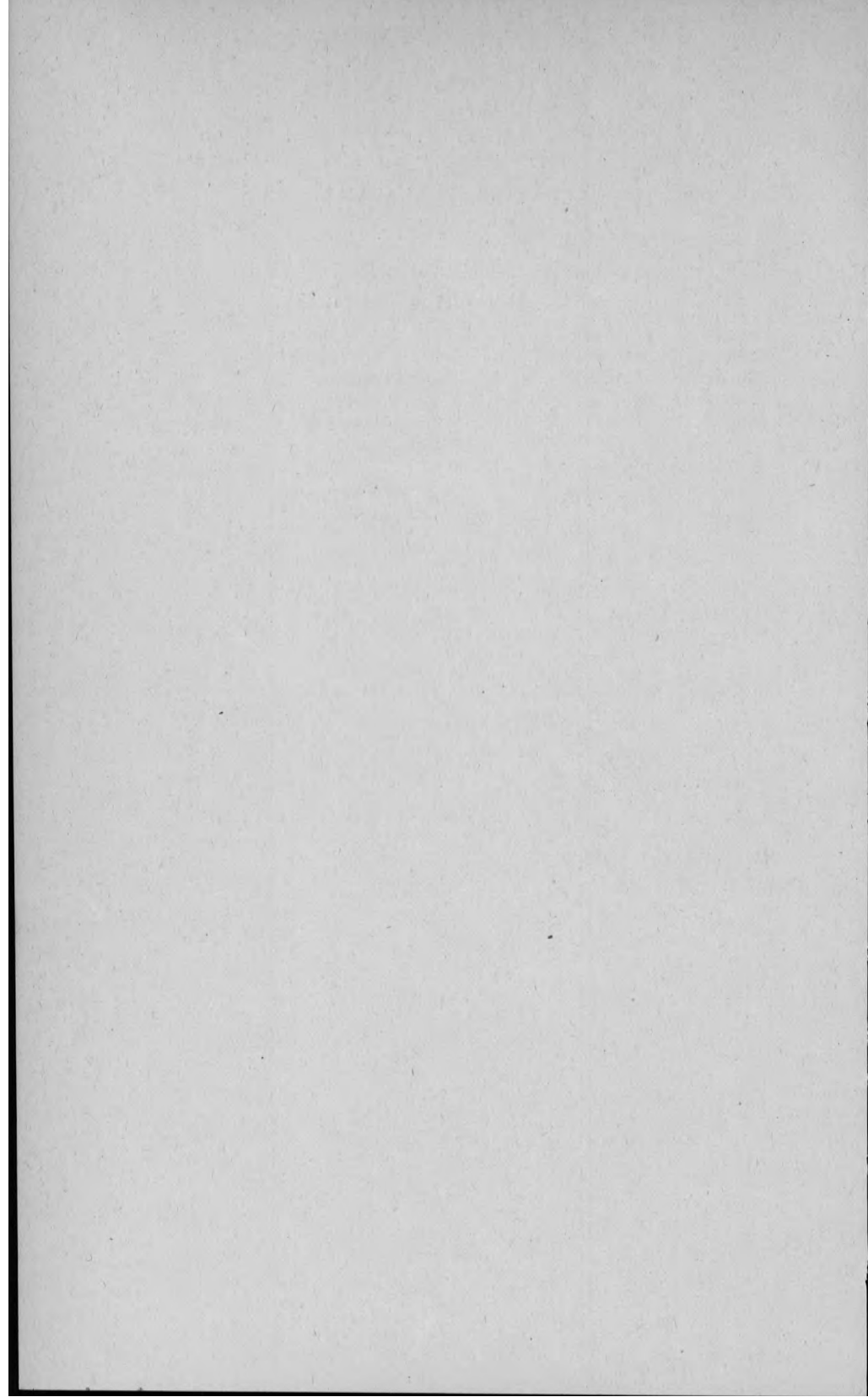
And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace by the Chaplain, the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

Attest:

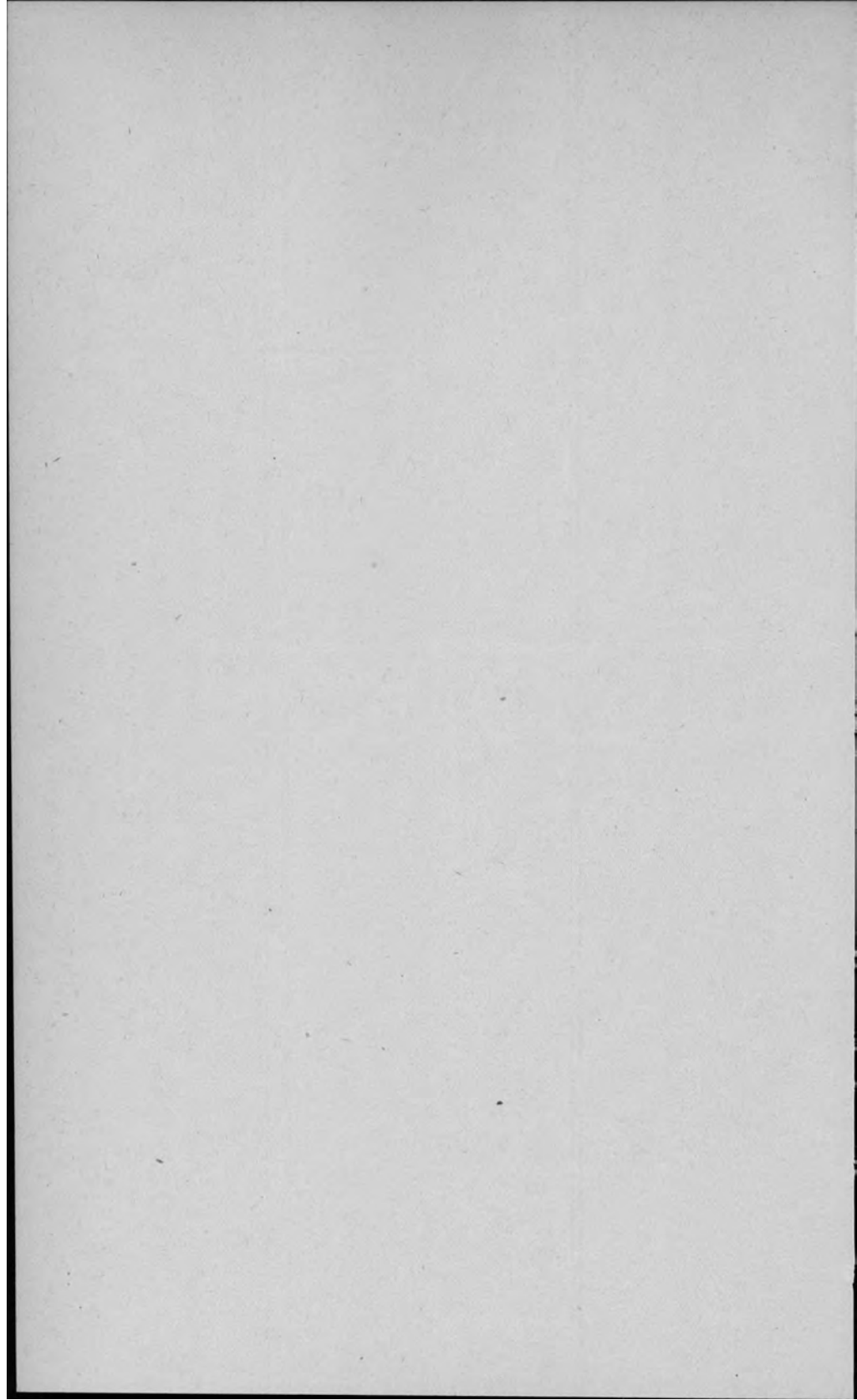
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

BASIL M. HILL, Recorder.

President.



APPENDIX.



Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence,

—BY—

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the following report:

This review embraces all the Proceedings which have been received, as follows :

Arkansas.....	1904	Montana	1904
California	1905	Nebraska	1904
Canada	1905	Nevada	1905
Colorado	1904	New Brunswick.....	1904
Connecticut.....	1905	New Jersey.....	1905
Delaware	1905	New Mexico.....	1904
District of Columbia.....	1905	New South Wales.....	1904
England	1904-1905	New York.....	1905
England and Wales.....	1904	North Carolina.....	1905
Florida.....	1905	North Dakota.....	1905
Georgia.....	1905	Nova Scotia.....	1904
Illinois.....	1904	Ohio.....	1904
Indiana	1904	Oregon.....	1905
Indian Territory.....	1905	Pennsylvania.....	1904
Iowa	1904	Quebec.....	1905
Ireland.....	1905	South Carolina.....	1904
Kansas.....	1905	South Dakota.....	1905
Kentucky	1904	Tennessee.....	1905
Louisiana.....	1905	Texas.....	1904
Maine.....	1905	Vermont.....	1905
Maryland	1904	Washington.....	1905
Massachusetts.....	1904	Virginia.....	1905
Michigan.....	1905	West Virginia.....	1904
Minnesota.....	1904	Wisconsin.....	1905
Mississippi	1905	General Grand Chapter...	1903
Missouri.....	1905	51 Grand Chapters.	

APPENDIX

ARKANSAS.

55TH ANNUAL--LITTLE ROCK--NOVEMBER, 1904.

Active Chapters, 70, of which 60 have made returns and paid their dues. Membership, 2,506.

M. E. Comp. G. J. Klock, Grand High Priest.

A portrait of Comp. James R. Donnell, the Grand High Priest elect, appears in this volume.

The address of the Grand High Priest, about four pages in length, gave, notwithstanding its brevity, a comprehensive account of his administration. He had granted seventeen special dispensations—nine of these were to enable Chapters to receive and ballot on petitions within the time limit prescribed by law. Under rulings he decided that a Master Mason who had lost one hand could not be made a Royal Arch Mason.

Secondly, he decided that the Grand Council could not waive jurisdiction in favor of another Chapter working their material during vacations of their Chapter or when the Chapter failed to meet regularly.

On favorable report by the Jurisprudence Committee, these two decisions were adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Before ending his address the Grand High Priest did not forget to thank the efficient Grand Secretary, Comp. Bone, for valuable aid in discharge of his duties.

The Grand Secretary said in his report: "Companions, it is with great pleasure that I can report the cause of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction in a progressive and enthusiastic condition. While no dispensations have been issued for new Chapters, the members of old, dormant Chapters are seeking to be reinstated, either by return of Charters or by reorganization.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed balance on hand, after all disbursements, to be the sum of \$2,375.79.

A touching letter of greeting from the venerable M. E. Comp. G. A. Dannelly was read to the Companions present, and so much of said letter as applied to Grand Chapter was ordered printed in the proceedings.

On motion the sum of \$50.00 each was donated to Companions G. A. Dannelly and G. W. Skidmore with messages; to Comp. Dannelly, of esteem and fraternal love, and to Comp. Skidmore, of good will and sympathy in his illness.

Twenty-one Grand Representatives being present, were re-

ceived and welcomed in the usual way. Companion Butler, for Alabama, did not respond to roll call.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations two Charters were voted, one granted to Chapter U. D., the other restored to an old Chapter.

A very defective petition for dispensation to form a Chapter was referred to the incoming Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter adopted the brief report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. The case on docket was an appeal from the action of a Chapter in discharging a Committee of Investigation of Charges, said committee having reported that it could not find sufficient evidence to put the accused on trial. This appeal, unsupported by any evidence, was dismissed.

The report of the Committee on Memorials of the Dead was received and adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

An interesting letter from the Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada, and a congratulatory message from the Representative near the Grand Chapter of New York, were read and ordered printed in the proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the production of Comp. John B. McCaleb, Committee on Correspondence. It is an excellent summary of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters reviewed. Alabama, 1902-1903, receives fraternal notice covering somewhat more than two pages.

Companion McCaleb gives a good summary of M. E. Geo. F. Moore's able address in 1902, and is pleased to style the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence "an admirable production." Although such high praise does not appear to us to be merited, yet we bow our humble acknowledgment of the kind consideration. He says:

"The M. E. Charles R. Bricken, Grand High Priest," (1903) "delivered an able address, in which he gave a splendid account of his official acts."

We quote therefrom to show improved conditions in our jurisdiction, and says that Grand High Priest Bricken attributes much of his success to the "untiring efforts and zeal of Grand Secretary Beauchamp."

He is so kind as to quote the Grand High Priest's commenda-

tion of this committee, prefacing his quotation with the following:

"He also remembers their Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and pays him this graceful tribute, which will meet the approval of all who have had the pleasure of reading his reports."

Then follows said quotation:

He calls our question, "If it be held a Masonic crime for a Royal Arch Mason to sell liquor, ought it not, as well, be a crime for a Royal Arch Mason to get drunk;" pertinent.

Companion McCaleb's approval is highly valued by the writer.

Under Vermont he quotes the following from Comp. Marsh O Perkins in regard to a decision of G. H. P., M. E.: J. B Baker on the boycott question:

"This appears to be another illustration of the times to resort to class legislation, which is a wide departure from the policy of the Craft in its earlier history. If special legislation is to be had from our class of lawbreakers, why not go further? Carried to a logical conclusion, why not legislate Masonically against the promoter of trusts; the men who corner, in the world's markets the necessities of life; the usurer, and all who conspire to disturb the normal conditions of life and prosperity."

("Prosperity?"—doubtless the work of the pesky p. d.)

To the foregoing Comp. McCaleb responds as follows:

"In answer to this we wish to say that according to our understanding of the teachings of Masonry, it requires every man to be true to the laws of his country. And when it is shown that a man who is a Master Mason is a member of an organization that boycotts and expels such of its members as join the State Militia, and that he would vote against the admission of any Master Mason as a member of the Chapter, if he were admitted himself, and for this reason only, then we say he is not a fit subject for the Chapter degrees. Neither would he be if he was willing, and intended to blackball any applicant because such applicant was engaged in any other lawful avocation. This is, in effect, what our Grand High Priest decided, and, in our opinion, it is right."

Comp. McCaleb's reasoning seems to be sound.

M. E.: James R. Donnell, Grand High Priest.

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

CALIFORNIA.

"Better late than never." All the same; 'tis very late.

51ST ANNUAL—SAN FRANCISCO—APRIL, 1905.

Comp. Charles Lewis Patton, M. E., Grand High Priest whose portrait embellishes the initial page of this volume. Our Representative, Comp. Robert Ashe, Chairman Jurisprudence Committee, was one of the twenty-five Grand Representatives present. The goodly number of fourteen Past Grand High Priests also answered to their names at roll call.

The Grand High Priest delivered a strong address. It is but just to say that he is a man who has the courage of his convictions. He said concerning the State of the Grand Chapter :

"I am gratified to say that the past year has been marked by gains in membership as well as progress along lines which lead to a better fraternal feeling among Chapters and Companions."

The net gain in membership was unprecedented.

He had, by Deputy, constituted Oxford Chapter No. 86. He had organized four Chapters U. D., of which all asked for Charters, while a fifth desired to be continued under dispensation till next annual, when it would send up specimens of its work and pray for a charter.

He had issued only three dispensations during the year—two of these to ballot on petitions in less than the statutory time, and the other to use two substitutes.

Four decisions were submitted. It goes without saying that they conform to the laws of the jurisdiction. One of them is the following :

"(2) There is no law of this Grand Chapter or of the General Grand Chapter prohibiting the election and exaltation of a hotel keeper or dealer in spirituous liquors."

The Grand High Priest paid considerable attention to the subject of Ritual.

He recommended that the Grand Lecturer be paid a salary of \$1,200.00 per year, with the understanding that instruction of the Chapters be his main business.

Under the head "Refreshments" he made a somewhat lengthy and quite forcible argument against the following resolution presented last year, and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee to report on at this session :

"Resolved—That henceforth the use of any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors by Chapters of this jurisdiction be and the same is hereby prohibited," but, if Companions would have a law on the subject, he would suggest that the regulation simply say this: 'No Chapter shall expend any part of its funds for the purchase of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors. This will end the matter and stop quibbling about it.'"

He recommended that the resolution of 1904, just quoted, be rescinded.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decision of the Grand High Priest. Concurred in.

On the Grand High Priest's recommendation of the repeal of the liquor resolution of 1904, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, there was a majority and a minority report from the committee.

The majority, reporting, said:

As to the recommendation of the Grand High Priest regarding the "liquor refreshment" resolution of 1904, this committee begs leave to report:

That, while we recognize the right of every Companion to his individual opinion, we cannot, as a committee, endorse the opinion and recommendation of the Grand High Priest, but that we do specifically endorse the resolution passed by this Grand Chapter at its annual session of 1904, and understand it to mean that each and every Chapter within this jurisdiction is prohibited from using any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors under any circumstances, in any manner, shape or form, in any place whatever."

"We, therefore, ask the recommendation of the Grand High Priest be not concurred in."

The minority report was as follows, presented by Chairman, Comp. Robert Ash:

"I cannot agree with my Companions of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and present this minority report:"

"I am of the opinion that Act 2, Part 11, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter covers the questions involved concerning members of Subordinate Chapters, and the power of discipline vested in Subordinate Chapters. (Ashe's Digest, page 15.)"

"The resolution involved is an attempt to legislate for Subordinate Chapters concerning their membership, which power is vested in the Subordinate Chapters only."

"I am informed of the repeal of said resolution, and as a substitute for the same offer the following, to be known as Standing Resolution No. 6."

"No. 6. It shall be a Masonic offense for any Royal Arch Mason to appear at any meeting of this Chapter, or in the Chapter Hall, or in public, in a state of intoxication, and any Companion so offending shall, on conviction thereof, be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry."

The minority report was not concurred in, but the majority was adopted, together with Comp. Ash's proposed Standing Resolution No. 6, not as a substitute but as an addition to the 1904 resolution by a vote of 141 to 82. Majority report adopted.

So, now, there can be no mistaking the attitude of the Grand Chapter of California as regards the use of intoxicants.

The Grand Secretary submitted an admirable report. He gives, in round numbers, the ratio of increase since the Grand Chapter was constituted in 1855. The following are his figures

Number of Royal Arch Masons in 1860.....	1025
.. .. . 1872.....	2013
.. .. . 1880.....	3000
.. .. . 1890.....	4300
.. .. . 1900.....	6000
.. .. . 1902.....	6600
.. .. . 1903.....	7305
.. .. . 1904.....	8000
.. .. . 1905.....	8984

With justifiable pride he mentions the remarkable career of Mission Chapter No. 79, which is but six years old, yet returns ninety Royal Arch Degrees conferred, and one member received by affiliation—"a prime factor," says Comp. Davies, in the splendid net gain of nine hundred for the year ending January 31, 1905.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash, April 18, 1905, was the sum of \$6,172.37; total assets, \$18,672.37.

So near is the time for our annual convocation that we must fail to give our readers a full account of the California G. C. proceedings—nay, worse, must also fail to do justice to the excellence and complete report on

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submitted by Past Grand High Priest Comp. William Abraham Davies. Comp. Davies does his work thoroughly well.

He gives Alabama, 1904, two and a half pages of kindly notice. He commends the address of Grand High Priest Comp. Chas. R. Bricken, and quotes from his conclusion, calling it "eloquent." The writer feels undeserving of such praise as Comp. Davies bestows upon him; all the same, he is very thankful for commendation at the hands of so competent a judge of merits and defects as Comp. William A. Davies.

Sixteen Companions were elected to the Order of High Priesthood.

Comp. Thomas Flint, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Comp. William A. [Davies], (P. G. H. P.), R. . E. . Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

47TH ANNUAL—TORONTO—JANUARY, 1905.

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

Number of Chapters 119—Present membership 8,991; net gain 1,315. No. of Chapters represented 88.

Grand Representatives of twenty-three Jurisdictions, present.

We note that R. . E. . Comp. W. B. McArthur's commission as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, had been received and forwarded to that Companion.

The address of the Grand Z. at this convocation was an excellent paper thoroughly imbued with the genuine spirit of Masonry.

The interest felt by him in the Royal Craft was made manifest by his large number of official visitations—thirty-two in all. He had also visited two Chapters of Instruction, and two Chapter celebrations, which will be long remembered for their magnificence and hospitality.

Dispensations had been issued for the institution of eleven new Chapters. Conspicuous was that of "St. Patrick's" in Toronto, for after the installation of officers, the degree of Mark Master was conferred upon 105 candidates.

"To see this great number of strong, intelligent brethren surrounding the altar, will be long remembered by those present."

The five decisions submitted by the Grand High Priest were conformable to catholic Masonic law. We note but two of them for the edification of any who may stand in need of the reminder therein contained. The first of the two rulings referred to was to the following effect:

"It is not permissible to hold an Emergent Convocation on Sunday, for the purpose of exalting a brother to the Royal Arch Degree."

The second ruling was in relation to the Third Principal of a Chapter who had unmasonically canvassed for office by sending letters and printed cards to the Companions of his Chapter requesting that, in the event of their inability to support him, they would "be busy or out of town." * * * * *

"I attended the next regular Convocation of the Chapter and suspended the Third Principal from his office and rank."

"This growing evil, viz: open canvassing for office, is a prostitution and degradation of our institution and I trust each and every Companion will stamp such as unmasonic, to be dealt with as a crime against the well-being of our beloved Order."

Would that every member of our noble Fraternity would heed those earnest words and, as we have heretofore urged, choke the life out of all such political methods in our Lodges and Chapters.

An important feature of this volume of proceedings is found in the reports of the Grand Superintendents with their tabulated statements, giving a very complete view of capitular conditions all through the Grand Jurisdiction. By these reports every Companion may keep in touch with each Chapter in Canada, and know the state of affairs in every Chapter. These reports take up 84 pages of this volume, and valuable pages are they too.

R. V. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., presented a model report from the Grand Secretary's desk. The Grand Treasurer held balance cash in hand, \$4,630.63. Total assets were \$26,115.62.

The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry made quite a lengthy report based on the reports of the Grand Superintendents. On the whole, conditions were highly favorable.

From the report of the Committee on the Grand Z's address, it appears that the British work has been adopted, and uni-

formity now prevails throughout the Jurisdiction. The Committee concurred not only in the decisions but also in the dispensations and recommendations of the Grand High Priest; also returned hearty thanks to the Grand 1st Principal and Grand Scribe E. for their great zeal and efficiency. Report adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Benevolence \$750.00 was appropriated for relief of widows and aged or indigent Masons.

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R. V. E., Companion, Geo. J. Bennett's report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the Proceedings of fifty-two Grand Bodies (two for two years), is good reading from first to last. We admire Companion Bennett's clear, vigorous utterances, and also his unfailing courtesy. He seems never to 'lose his temper,' as well, no matter what provocation may arise. Moreover he can, on occasions, be as incisive as the sharpest wit amongst us. We like to read his crisp sayings.

His page and a half (nearly) notice of Alabama—1903 is fraternal. M. V. E., Companion Bricken's address is referred to with manifest approval; and the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence he is pleased to call a "capital one." He evidently approves our Jurisprudence Committee's adverse report on the dependent membership resolution. With his views on that subject we cannot sympathize.

Companion Bennett may rest assured that his kind reference to our report is highly appreciated.

Referring, under Connecticut, to Commander Barlow's opinion favoring dependent membership, he says:

"On the question of dependent membership he 'disagrees' with us. He of Alabama thinks with Companion Barlow, therefore the former is 'sound' on that question—ergo, the 'few' who are on the side of freedom for the Free Mason are 'unsound.'"

This bit of sarcasm, we are sure, will not ruffle Companion Barlow's feathers, as it certainly does not our own.

Under Montana he quotes Companion Hedges as saying under Alabama:

"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."

Whereupon Companion Bennett retorts thus:

"For that willingness to 'wait' Canada should be truly grateful, but we are 'willing' to venture the humble opinion that when the stars and stars and stripes fly in the Canadian breezes, except by courtesy, our good Companion's rheumatism will have ceased to bother him forever."

"And we know with hearts grown stronger,
This our waiting seemeth longer,
Yet with Love's divine assurance, we should
Covet nothing more."

In our review of Montana, we referred to Companion Hedges' expansion views, as the occasion seemed to warrant.

Under Nevada, he says of Companion Vanderleith:

"We commend his sympathy for the poor, self-sacrificing minister, but fear his affection for him has outrun his judgment," then quoting Companion Vanderleith's advocacy of free passes on the "river route:"

"A church dignitary visiting a friend's house near New York, recently, encountered the little son of his hostess in the garden on Sunday morning:

"Well, my little man," said he, "I suppose you are going to church?"

"No, I aint."

"Dear me; and why so?"

"Because I aint."

"But, dear child, I am going to church."

"Cause youse got to; it's your job."

If there is a humorous side to anything, Companion Bennett is quick to see it.

M. . E. . Comp. Wm. Roaf, Grand High Priest.

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

COLORADO.

30TH ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER, 1904.

M. . E. . Cromwell Tucker, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 37; members, 3,201; net gain, 142.

The frontispiece of this volume is a portrait of M. . E. . Companion David R. Crosby, Grand High Priest Elect, who,

chosen to preside in Grand Chapter, September 22, 1904, was within a short month thereafter numbered with the dead, having passed away Oct. 30, 1904.

After Grand Chapter had been opened it was found, through the report of the Committee on Credentials that, of the nineteen living Past Grand High Priests, sixteen were present, lending added dignity to the occasion.

Thirty-two Grand Representatives, including Comp. Tyler D. Heiskell for Alabama, were received and welcomed with long-established usage.

In his address, under the head of Necrology, the Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand High Priest Comp. George L. Cooper.

Under condition of the Craft the Grand High Priest said:

"From correspondence I have had and from the annual returns of the constituent Chapters, it is apparent that the year has been a fairly prosperous one, the increase in membership being 125, with no report of financial embarrassment on the part of individual Chapters. The utmost peace and harmony seem to prevail, and it is most gratifying to me to be able to say that but two minor differences have been brought to my attention, both of which, I trust, have been happily terminated by the exercise of brotherly love and consideration."

Six special dispensations had been granted for various purposes, none of them, however, to waive time in conferring degrees.

He had issued one dispensation to form a new Chapter—Meeker Chapter U. D. One new Chapter had been constituted.

The M. E. C. Companion submitted one decision which was in answer to the question: "What action should a Chapter take, after objection had been entered against an elected candidate, who had not received either of the degrees, and the objection had been sustained after reference to and report by a committee as required by By-Law No 160?"

Answer.—I decided that if the sufficiency of the objection was sustained by two-thirds of the members present, such action would have the same effect as an original rejection, that the fee should be returned and that the applicant might renew his petition at the expiration of the statutory time."

Referring to the last Grand Chapter, he says:

"But I cannot refrain from referring to the report of the

Committee on Appeals and Grievances, which shows that with constituent Grand Chapters having a membership of nearly 220,000, not a single grievance was presented for adjustment. This is a most remarkable showing and a wonderful evidence of the beneficent influence our Institution exercises over the lives of its members."

To our understanding the fact referred to in the foregoing is not very remarkable, viewed in the light of Section 7, Article I, Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, under the caption "Powers."

We quote a paragraph from said Section 7:

"It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapter, nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter preferred by any subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere; but it may upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference) act as final arbiter between them and settle such controversy."

Circumstances beyond his control prevented the M. E. Companion from making many official visitations.

The Grand Treasurer had, balance on hand, \$2,472.58. The Grand Secretary furnished the pleasing information that "All the Chapters have made returns and paid dues."

A tabular statement by the Grand Secretary shows that, in 1875, there were in the Jurisdiction seven Chapters and 293 members; average, 42. In 1904 there were 35 Chapters and 3,201 members; average, 91; a healthy growth.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence recognition was accorded to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

So well had Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster and his associates performed the arduous task of codifying and revising the Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Chapter that the Jurisprudence Committee, to which said codification and revision had been referred, made favorable report thereon, and the report was adopted by unanimous vote.

The Grand Lecturer's report was "received and approved."

Companion Foster is so fully equipped for his position that,

doubtless, the Companions of Colorado will be loathe to give him up, although he says he must decline reappointment if tendered. He reported his arrangements for distribution of the Ritual among the Chapters, and he trusted that the lectures he had prepared, the manner of printing the Monitor and its distribution would meet the approval of Grand Chapter. He also reported concerning the General Grand Chapter of the U. S., at Little Rock, Ark., last October, 1903.

His graphic account of the festivities attending the "General Grand" at Little Rock is appetizing (so to speak). He reports that the business of the Thirty-second Triennial had very few important features. The social side was conspicuous. We note that the "step-ladder advance of all the officers" was made; hence each officer can count the years to elapse before he shall reach the dizzy height occupied by the G. G. H. P.

As we are to revise the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, we only add here that Companion Foster reported on the prominent business features of said Convocation.

Companion Greenleaf's report on Necrology could not be improved upon. It will be gratefully read by those who mourn departed Companions.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence all special dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest, all the amendments to By-Laws, and the decision submitted by the M. E. presiding officer were approved.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, elected, received and anointed eleven eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, again presented an admirable report—his seventeenth—reviewing the proceedings of 47 Grand Chapters (four for two years) including Alabama, 1903, giving the last named a fraternal notice covering a page and a half, well summarizing our proceedings. For his very kind reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence, he will please accept the writer's grateful thanks. It is strengthening to our backbone to find so level-headed a writer as Companion Foster agreeing with us on so many points.

Under New Jersey he evidently agrees with the late lamented Comp. Belcher, referring to the conferring of Honorary Past

Rank upon Comp. Beauchamp, in the Grand Chapter of Alabama, that there is no authority for conferring honorary past rank, but both Companions Belcher and Foster loved the spirit that prompted said act.

Under Oregon, he says of Comp. Hodson :

"He, at least, is with us on dependent membership."

Under Canada, on Comp. Bennett's reply to Comp. Titcomb (in which Comp. Bennett had questioned our consistency, exclaiming, "O, consistency; thou art a jewel." He says:

"You bet she's 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, 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."

With such "heavyweights" as Comp. Hodson and Comp. Foster defending our position, we hardly need make any effort at self-defence.

Under Pennsylvania, he asks if it "is Justice" to require payment for something not given (alluding to the practice of charging dues during the period of suspension N. P. D.) Individually we answer "By no means."

While we charge dues during period of suspension, we should pay Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter dues for those suspended N. P. D. But what Lodge or Chapter does that?

How reluctantly, soever it is done, we must part with our esteemed Companion for the present.

M. . E. . David R. Crosby, Grand High Priest.*

R. . E. . Charles R. Jackson, Grand Secretary.

* (Owing to the death of Grand High Priest Elect, David R. Crosby, R. . E. . Comp. Charles O. Unfug becomes Acting Grand High Priest.)

CONNECTICUT.

This handsome volume is adorned with portraits of the following Companions: Stephen P. Goodsell, Nelson C. Hinckley, for 36 years Trustee of this Grand Chapter, and Charles W. Skiff, Grand High Priest—1881.

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

Number of Chapters 40—Number represented 38—Free membership 6,953—Net gain 228.

The 107th Annual was held in the city of New Haven, May 9th, 1905. All the Grand Officers were present, also twelve Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of twenty-two Grand Chapters, including Alabama.

Distinguished visitors, including the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of N. Y., a P. G. H. P. of N. Y., and the Representative of Connecticut near said Grand Chapter, were introduced and received with the Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest's address was short (8½pp) but long enough to give his attention to all subjects which required his notice.

He submitted only two decisions. In one he decided that no Royal Arch Mason who was not in possession of the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Masters' Degrees, could be admitted into any Royal Arch Chapter in Connecticut, which is in accordance with the Regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

The other decision was in answer to the question: "Can a Chapter grant a certificate, in lieu of a dimit, upon payment of back dues, to a Companion who has been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues and cannot regain membership by a clear ballot?" He decided as follows:

"That as our By-Laws and Regulations make no provision for such a certificate being issued, it could not be granted."

He had granted six special dispensations, of which two were for waiving time in balloting on petitions, and one for balloting upon a rejected candidate within the usual six months period.

His few recommendations were of more interest to the Royal Craft in Connecticut than to others.

The Grand High Priest said:

"I have visited in all, seventeen Chapters—in all but four there has been work. In nearly every instance a banquet has been provided and a pleasant social time has followed the work. I have found them in good and well protected quarters; I think all in good financial condition—with complete paraphernalia for the work of the degrees; the records well kept, and all strictly observing the rule of the Grand Chapter in regard to the candidate selecting his Mark."

This is a roseate view, but, no doubt, justified by fact. At the same time it is not to be expected that there will not be any ex-

ceptions to the general good conduct of the Craft. Witness the fact that the Grand High Priest, his attention having been called to certain practices in some Chapters during the work in the Royal Arch Degree, was constrained to issue a circular against horseplay in the conferring of that degree.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King, and the Grand Scribe made detailed reports of their respective visitations.

The report of the Trustees of Grand Chapter was made in sadness on account of the death of Companion Hinckley, who had made these reports for more than three and a half decades.

The balance on hand and accrued interest amounted to \$1,006.49.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$3 422.47.

A letter of regret that the author could not accept invitation to attend Grand Chapter, was received from M. E. Companion Arthur T. Pollard, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to which the decisions of the Grand High Priest had been referred, reported as follows:

"That the decision in reference to an English Royal Arch Mason be affirmed."

"Decision No. 2, in reference to a Companion stricken from the roll, be not affirmed."

"It is the duty of the Secretary in such case to give a certificate which is simply a receipt in full for payment made."

"A Companion stricken from the roll and under no charges has a right to receive a certificate from the Chapter upon payment of his dues, to the effect that he was a Royal Arch Mason in good standing; that he was stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues; that his dues have been paid and that he is free and clear of the books." Report of the committee adopted.

We fully concur with the committee in opinion on that matter.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests received nineteen accessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. John H. Barlow, deservedly considered one of the best reporters in the Guild of correspondents, presents a review of the proceedings of fifty-five Grand

Bodies (86pp) which is in no respect inferior to its admirable predecessors.

Alabama—1904, is given nearly two pages. He will accept our hearty thanks for his kindly comments.

He was pleased to note that an adverse report of our Committee on Jurisprudence upon a resolution looking to the suspension of a R. A. Mason who remains unaffiliated with his Lodge for more than one year, was not adopted; but looking further, he discovered that the regulation failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote for its adoption—*Hine illac lachrymae*.

Having quoted the writer's views on dependent membership, and having endorsed the same, he adds:

"But what of the Commandery if it were to divorce itself from Craft Masonry? We think its fabric would soon show signs of decay. Its strength is that Ancient Masonry is back of it, and he thinks the regulation of the Grand Encampment on this subject, a wise one. In this connection it has recently come to our notice, of a Mason who has taken his dimit in all the Masonic bodies up to and including the Commandery, retaining active membership only in the Shrine. We forbear comment."

So do *not* we. To the Bodies forsaken by him, we would say: 'Good riddance of bad rubbish.'

Under Kentucky, Companion Barlow says:

"We do not believe the Grand High Priest has any such prerogative"—that of making Royal Arch Masons at sight. Neither do we, Companion.

Quoting Companion Bennett of Canada, who had said:

"On the question of dependent membership he 'disagrees' with us. He of Alabama thinks with Companion Barlow, therefore the former is 'sound' on that question—ergo the 'few' who are on the side of freedom for the Free Mason are 'unsound.'" Companion Barlow retorts thus:

"His allusion to those on the side of freedom reminds us of the Methodist exhorter who thanked God salvation was free—that he had belonged to the church for five years and it had only cost him 25 cents. Companion Bennett is one of the few who do not favor dependent membership—this is about the only thing we find to criticise."

Our Companion's report is "chuck full" of good sentiments and food for thought.

M. E. Joseph R. Johnson, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James McCormick, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

37TH ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—JANUARY, 1905.

M. E. J. Harmer Rile, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 4. Present membership, 840. Net gain, 19.

The initial page of this volume presents the pleasing countenance of Comp. John Oliver, Grand High Priest Elect.

Present at the Convocation under review: All the Grand Officers, 36 Permanent members, of whom four were Past Grand High Priests, Representatives of nineteen other Grand Jurisdictions, and Representatives of a Constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest—nine pages—is one of the best that have come under our inspection. It is conspicuous for its directness and freedom from a single superfluous word. It is strictly fair—but, in respect of fairness, we have yet the first address of a Grand High Priest, so far as we have been able to discover, that was not perfectly fair; so it is needless to say of any such deliverance, that its fairness is beyond question.

We note that the M. E. Companion states that he has issued commission to E. Companion Charles H. Mandy to represent the Grand Chapter of Delaware, near the Grand Chapter of Alabama; also that the Grand High Priest himself has received his commission as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near that of Delaware.

Of the condition of the Royal Craft in Delaware, he speaks as follows:

"All of the Subordinate Chapters, so far as I am able to determine, are in good financial condition and peace and harmony prevails, and good work in the conferring of the degrees is being done." He says:

"I have only one recommendation to make to the Grand Chapter, and that is, that the Grand Chapter consider the advisability of abolishing and eliminating the Past Master's

Degree from Royal Arch Masonry in the Grand Chapter of Delaware. My reasons for making this recommendation are that the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Delaware, has already taken a position on this mooted question, and while I am aware that the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Delaware has nothing to do with the Past Master's Degree as conferred in the Chapter, I am also of the opinion that the Chapter should have nothing to do with the Past Master's Degree."

With this view of this subject we have long been in accord. It may be recalled that, some years since, we expressed the opinion that, "like a cat in a strange garrett," the P. M. Degree looked lonesome in the Chapter—out of place, incongruous.

From the year ending January 18, 1905, the Grand Treasurer had balance in bank of \$275.94.

Committees on Jurisprudence, Warrants and Dispensations, Work, By-Laws, P. G. H. P., Portraits and Memorials reported that nothing had been brought to their attention.

On recommendation of Committee on Grand High Priest's address, the application of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia for fraternal recognition was placed in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for consideration.

On recommendation of the same committee the Grand High Priest's recommendation relating to Past Master's Degree was adopted.

While this action commends itself to us, personally, we are impelled to ask what (if any) effect it will have upon the fortunes of R. A. Masons made in Delaware hereafter should any such, having removed into a jurisdiction which has not eliminated the P. M. Degree, seek recognition there?

This action of the Grand Chapter of Delaware is refreshing, since it breaks the monotony of current Capitular proceedings in this land.

The Convention of High Priests of the State of Delaware received three new members.

Not a word about charity have we found in these proceedings. No doubt, it is still in order to felicitate our Delaware Companions that the proverbial wolf is so far distant from their doors that his dismal howl may not be heard.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence is again submitted by Past Grand High Priest, and Chairman of the Committee, Comp.

Virginius V. Harrison, who skillfully epitomizes on 83 pages, the proceedings of 47 Grand Jurisdictions. Courteous and fraternal notice of Alabama, 1903, is included in this review. Grateful acknowledgment of remarks personal to the writer is here made. The following is extracted from our Companion's conclusion:

"We have learned from them (the many hundreds of pages of printed proceedings) 'that the whole Capitular system is in a healthy, flourishing condition, adding to their numbers and finances, building homes for the aged and the orphan, and distributing charity through channels where it will be of the greatest service.'"

"We also note with satisfaction that it is rare for a Grievance Committee to have any work to report to the Grand Chapter; this speaks volumes. We note also that rulings or decisions on points of law by Grand High Priests are becoming less each year, showing a decided advancement by Subordinate officers on matters of law. This is commendable, and we trust that still greater progress will be made along that line."

M. E. John Oliver, Grand High Priest.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

38TH ANNUAL—WASHINGTON—FEBRUARY, 1905.

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

Chartered Chapters, 12; members, 3,154; net gain, 112.

The frontispiece of this volume is an engraved likeness of Grand High Priest A. B. Coolidge.

When the Convocation had been opened, it was found that fourteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance, as well as Representatives of thirty-five sister Jurisdictions, Alabama included.

In his address the Grand High Priest said:

"My labors as Grand High Priest have been light. The year just closing has been a quiet one; not, however, the quiet of inactivity. The Machinery of Capitular Masonry in the District of Columbia has been so nicely adjusted by the expert workmen in the past, is kept so free from dust by the intelligence and ability of the presiding officers of the Constituent Chapters, and so well lubricated with the harmony which prevails, that it

runs with smoothness and performs its work without jar or noise, requiring little labor on the part of the one placed in charge."

After recommending that a page in the proceedings be set apart to the memory of each of the six Companions who died during the year, and after extending sympathy to Sister Jurisdictions which reported their losses of distinguished Companions, the Grand High Priest submitted three special dispensations granted during the year, one of them being for permission to waive time in balloting on a petition, the petitioner being "about to leave the jurisdiction for an indefinite absence."

When candidates thus put off applying for the degrees until the last moment, they knowingly deprive themselves of the opportunity for mastering the degrees. Let us trust that such candidates are actuated by higher motives than desire for personal gain of some sort and ambitious to be able to parade the badge of Masonry.

The Grand High Priest submitted two decisions clearly conformable to law. A third request for ruling he submitted to the Grand Chapter for action, as the communication was received just on the eve of the Annual Convocation. If we may be pardoned for saying so, the case was a clear one. It appears that in an election for Secretary there were 103 votes (ballots) cast. In reporting the result the Secretary made the mistake of stating that 54 votes were the majority requisite to elect. Of two names voted for one received 52 votes, the other 49, so that, in fact, 52 votes were a majority, but on the report made by the Secretary, the H. P. declared that no election had been made, and ordered a new ballot. Meantime the Secretary discovered his own error and tried to explain, but the High Priest either did not know or did not heed, and had the new ballot. A Past High Priest and a Companion protested that 52 was a majority of 103, but "were unheard or unheeded." The second ballot failed to elect and a third was ordered, which resulted in the election of the Companion who received 49 votes on the first ballot.

That Secretary should have made himself heard in the correction of his error, and the High Priest should have observed the original tally sheet and the correction of the same, and thereupon should have declared the first ballot effective, with the second and third null.

The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia is inaugurating the system of Card Registration.

Grand Secretary A. W. Johnston made his financial report. Referred to Committee on Accounts.

The Grand Treasurer's report was referred to the same committee. The balance on hand, Jan. 31, 1905, was \$3,211.15. The Trustees reported total assets as \$1,600.00.

The "Grand Visitor and Lecturer" had visited each Chapter in the Jurisdiction and had left them all in good shape.

The Committee on Grievancy had the pleasing task of reporting no business. Report received and ordered spread on the minutes.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted his annual report, which was ordered published with the proceedings.

The matter of re-balloting in an election of a Secretary, in a certain Chapter, after the result of the first ballot had been erroneously stated to be no election, on which the Grand High Priest had been asked for a ruling, having been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, said committee gave its opinion concerning the same as follows:

"It appears that upon the first ballot taken for Secretary, Companion '——' received 52 out of the 103 votes cast, which gave him a majority, and the result of the ballot should have been so declared. An error or mistake in not so declaring it, but ordering or allowing the subsequent ballots, could not affect the legal result of the first one, and, in the opinion of your committee they were, by consequence, void, and left 'said Companion ——' the duly elected Secretary."

Report of the committee concurred in.

The question of recognition of the "Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia," and the protest of the Grand Chapter of Scotland against the said recognition, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report thereon at the next Annual Convocation.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Grand High Priest, the Committee on the Address recommended "that each Chapter be required to appoint a committee to be designated the Proficiency Committee, whose duty it shall be to instruct all candidates at the proper time in the work of the degrees, and that no candidate shall be advanced to the degree of Royal

Arch until his proficiency in the preceding degrees shall be vouched for by the Proficiency Committee."

Ten accessions were made to the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is with ever recurring pleasure that we open each report on Foreign Correspondence as it comes from the hand of Comp. Arvine W. Johnston, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, so bright and crisp is each, and so replete with that sometimes *uncommon* commodity—common sense.

Companion Johnston reviews the proceedings of our 77th and 78th Annual Convocations in a truly fraternal manner.

Referring to the adverse report of our Committee on Jurisprudence in 1903 upon that "dependent membership" resolution, he says:

"Our Alabama Companions will have none of the "dependent membership" idea, which we think is a mistake for reasons that we have often stated."

It will not be necessary to repeat that, personally, we are of the same mind that moves Companion Johnston on the matter in question.

He notes that, in 1904, the same committee reporting adversely upon the resolution, "That a Royal Arch Mason, who dimits from a Master Mason Lodge, and remains unaffiliated, of his own volition for more than one year stands suspended as a Royal Arch Mason; that the report was not adopted, but that the resolution, being put upon its passage, failed to secure the necessary two-thirds majority, and so was lost. Commenting on said action, Companion Johnston says:

"The report (of the law committee) was not adopted. The resolution was then put upon its passage, and, not receiving the necessary two-thirds majority was lost. This shows the beauty of giving less than a majority the power of vetoing legislation."

It may not be amiss to subjoin that the affirmative vote on said proposition lacked only six and one-third votes of the necessary two-thirds. *Nil desperandum.*

Quoting the writer's reply to Companion Bennett of Colorado on the subject of dependent membership, Comp. Johnston comes manfully to our aid in the following:

"The Chinaman, when he builds a home, first puts the roof in position, and from that works down. Those opposed to dependent membership work on the same lines in maintaining one, removing the substructure to suit some one's convenience. If the upper works do not fall and crush such foolish workmen, they will be fortunate."

Our Companion's kind remarks about the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence are, we assure him, greatly valued by the writer.

We are dismayed at thought of the space which would be required for all the passages in Comp. Johnston's review that we have marked for reference and transfer to our pages. But we shall be pardoned for "rising to a question of personal privilege (if we may so dub it) evoked by the following under Vermont:

"He" (Comp. Perkins) says under Alabama.

"Comp. Titcomb agrees with us that the right to confer the Past Master's Degree on a Master-elect of a Lodge is vested in actual Past Master's and none others. How he and Companion Waite of New Hampshire arrived at the conclusion that they stood alone in this belief is beyond our comprehension, for there are yet others."

Comp. Johnston adds:

"A great many others, Companion. In this jurisdiction the actual Past Master's Degree is conferred duly by a Lodge of actual Past Masters, or Masters elect, who have not taken the degree in a Royal Arch Chapter, and we cannot conceive of any other practice being correct."

We did not, by any means, propose to intimate that in our estimation Comp. Waite and ourselves were the only two wise men in the Guild; but the simple fact was that we were not aware that any other reviewers held to the same opinion. If we trod upon anybody's toes we are sorry and humbly beg pardon.

M. . E. . Henry K. Simpson, Grand High Priest.

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

APPENDIX.

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—AUGUST, 1904.

At this Convocation M. . E. . The Rt. Hon. Thomas F. Halsey, M. P., Grand H. presided as Grand Z. The Principals and Past Principals of many Subordinate Chapters were in attendance. Very little business came up for consideration. Committee of General Purposes reported that they had examined the accounts from April 1, to June 30, inclusive, and presented a statement of the same. Likewise the Committee reported the receipt of two petitions for organization of two new Chapters—one to be attached to an English Lodge in Shropshire, Eng., the other to be attached to a Lodge at Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa. On recommendation of the Committee Charters were granted to the two, said new Chapters. Also, under favorable report by the Committee, five Chapters were permitted to change their quarters.

No further business offering, "Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form."

(The Quarterly between August 1904 and February 1905, is missing from our table.)

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—FEBRUARY, 1905.

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

A communication was received from the M. . E. . First Grand Principal, H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, thanking Grand Chapter for kind congratulations on his recovery from recent severe accident, and expressing his deep sense of the loyalty manifested by the Grand Chapter.

The Pro Grand Z. then announced that the next business was the further consideration of the application for recognition of a Grand Chapter in Western Australia. The Grand Registrar said that in view of the fact that there were six Scottish Chapters and only one under the English Constitution, who desired to join the "Grand Chapter of Western Australia," it had been decided to defer a decision until after the meeting of Grand Chapter of Scotland, in order to see what they had to say about it. The latter Grand Chapter had not yet recognized the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, although they were correspond-

ing with their Chapter in that State. He, therefore, moved that the matter stand over until some definite information be received. Carried.

On recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, six petitions for Chapters to be attached to certain Lodges named, and a like number of petitions for permission to change quarters, received favorable answers to their prayers.

One Charter of Confirmation was granted, the original having been lost.

St. John Chapter No. 70, Plymouth, asked for a Charter authorizing them to wear a Centenary Jewel, the Chapter proving an uninterrupted existence of 100 years. The prayer of said petitioners was granted.

"The Grand Chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form."

ENGLAND AND WALES.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

A neat pamphlet embracing the records of the four Quarterly Communications, from Sept. 6, 1904, to June 6, 1905, (completely indexed) of this live, wide awake and actively benevolent Grand Body has reached our table just in time for a very brief notice.

That this Grand Body is doing a great work on the lines of Charity and Education, will be apparent to any one who reads its records. Its efforts in this direction are classed under the following heads: Benevolence Branch, Educational Branch, and Annuity Branch. There is no telling the amount of good that has resulted, and will result from those efforts. In the interest of the Fund of Benevolence, the Thirty-sixth Annual Festival realized for that Fund the sum of \$12,309.06.

At the Feb. 1905, Quarterly, the following subject, in connection with the re-election of H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, as Grand Master, was brought to the attention of Grand Lodge:

"At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, held on April 10, 1799, Baron deSilverhjelm, the Minister from His Majesty the King of Sweden, appeared as a special representative from the Grand Master of Sweden, and presented a very cordial letter of fraternal greeting; at the next meeting of the

Grand Lodge of England held on May 8th of the same year, the Grand Master, at that time the Prince of Wales (afterwards King George IV,) caused a gracious reply to be sent to the Grand Master of Sweden, and the representative of Sweden was allotted a seat in the Grand Lodge of England."

"Now, more than a hundred years after, in 1905, all Masons are gratified to know of the proposed union between Her Royal Highness, the elder daughter of our Grand Master, and the grandson of the M. . W. . Grand Master, His Majesty the King of Sweden, Heir Presumptive to that throne, and in all possibility the future Grand Master of Sweden, and we pray that every blessing and happiness may follow that union."

According to the report of the General Board, June 8, 1905, the total registration reached the number of 49,735. The Royal Ark Mariner registration, same date, stood 8,175.

We find nothing of especial interest to Alabama Masons in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, but beg to say that we are impressed with the quiet dignity and urbanity which characterize all of its exercises.

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

R. . W. . C. F. Matier (P. G. W.), Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

59TH ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE, MAY, 1905.

Comp. Louis C. Massey, M. . E. . Grand High Priest,
Number of Chapters 25; Members 1,209; net gain 129.

A well executed medallion portrait of Grand High Priest L. C. Massey adorns the first page of this handsomely printed volume; also another portrait that of the late M. . E. . Companion John S. Driggs, appears in the body of the book.

When the Grand Chapter was opened, all except three of the Grand officers were present, the places of the absentees being filled *pro tem*. Eleven Past Grand High Priests answered to their names, and the Representatives of twenty-nine Grand Jurisdictions did likewise. Companion George S. Hallmark was not reported present to speak for Alabama.

In his address the Grand High Priest stated that 20 *per cent.* of the Master Masons in the State were enrolled among the Chapters. He did not fail to remember the departed Companions,

nor to present memorials of Past Grand High Priests, John S. Driggs and Wm. M. McIntosh, both of whom had, by their lives, illustrated the beauty of Masonry.

He had issued a circular requiring the several subordinate Chapters to conform to the method of lettering the Ark, promulgated by the General Grand Chapter.

He had granted a few dispensations which were clearly within the scope of his authority.

He had made nine visitations, which must have been profitable to the visited chapters. On one of these visits he "was surprised to see the Principal Sojourner's work, during the exaltation performed by the Companion G. . . . who is in his 93d year, and has been a member of that Chapter since 1852."

The Grand High Priest included in his address the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and Grand Scribe, all of which reports were quite satisfactory.

Under the head, Recommendations, he recommended that some regulation be passed on the subject of proper rendering of the work. He deplored the fact that some chapters rely less upon the memory of the officers than upon other means—the use of a book doubtless.

He animadverted at some length upon the bad habit of some Companions of smoking in the Chapter. He recommended that Grand Chapter take some action on the subject.

He also paid his respects to those individuals whose only use for the capitular degrees, is that these degrees open the way to the shrine, which the M. . E. . Companion intimates, "has no necessary connection with Masonry."

The Grand King, in his report, highly complimented the Principal Sojourner of Florida Chapter No. 1, Companion Maj. Robert Gamble, who is 93 years old, on his perfect rendition of the work of P. S.

The Grand Secretary reported that all the Chapters had made returns "within the limit," and all had paid dues in full for 1904.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was the sum of \$2,165 21.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances had nothing to report save that no business had come to its hands.

The Committee on Jurisprudence was in entire sympathy with the Grand High Priest in respect of his recommendations concerning use of rituals, and smoking in Chapter, but did not

deem any additional regulation necessary, confident that said recommendations would have the desired effect.

On recommendation of the Jurisdrudence Committee the following sensible resolution was adopted.

"The annual election of officers of this Grand Chapter shall be held without nominations."

When nominations are in vogue, there is generally too much political method prevalent. Still we must admit that such methods *will* obtain to some extent, no matter what the plan may be.

The law Committee was permitted to hold over for investigation and report at the next annual, the proposed legislation in regard to "objections to advancement."

The next annual Convocation will be held in Jacksonville, 2d Tuesday in May, 1906.

Four Companions were elected in the order of High Priesthood.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Com. Olin S. Wright, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

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

GEORGIA.

88D ANNUAL—MACON—APRIL, 1905.

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

The Frontispiece of this volume is a portrait of M. . E. . Companion Y. A. Wright.

Writing this review of our neighboring Grand Chapter "on the wing," as it were, necessitates great imperfection in its "make up." Come earlier next time, Companion, and thus enable us to do you something like justice.

No. of Chapters 127—a gain of six for the year—Members 5,237—net gain over last year's number, 430.

The exaltations during the year were 582, and the number marked 611.

The Past Grand Officers present were five Past Grand High Priests and one Past Grand Treasurer. The Representatives of twenty-three Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama being of the number, were also at their posts of duty.

We learn from the address of the Grand High Priest that he

had made various visitations during the year, but did not propose to make his report cumbersome and expensive by spreading it out in detail. Having noticed closely the difficulty experienced by the Chapters in striving to do the standard or cypher work, he suggested that it would be greatly to the interest of capitular masonry, to elect a salaried Grand Lecturer for the State, instead of the several District Grand Lecturers.

He had granted six dispensations for organization of new Chapters.

Under the head of Rulings we note that he decided, in answer to the question, "Is it necessary for dispensation to confer all the degrees at one Convocation?", as follows :

"No, and further that not more than three can take or receive the degree of Royal Arch Mason at same time."

"If it is not intrusive on our part, we suggest that the ruling should be, that not more, *nor less than three* can take that degree at one and the same time.

All of the Grand High Priest's rulings were concurred in by the Jurisprudence Committee, but the Committee thought the following ruling should be considered subject to explanation:

Ruling—"I was asked, 'Is it lawful for Companions to go to a room after the Chapter was closed, and which was adjacent to the Chapter room and partake of refreshments, including beer?' I ruled that Companions could repair to a room other than the Chapter room after adjournment and partake of such refreshments."

The following is what the Committee very properly urged as the explanation under which said ruling should be considered:

"Your Committee is of the opinion that the word "Companions" should be omitted from this ruling as it is calculated to convey the idea that these brethren partook of these refreshments, "including beer," as "Companions of that particular Chapter, and not as the individuals, and use of the word carries with it the idea that these refreshments, "including beer," were furnished from the funds of the Chapter. If such was the case, notwithstanding the room where such refreshments were had was "adjacent" to the Chapter room, and that the Chapter was closed, this ruling, in our opinion, was in error; but if it meant that after the Chapter was closed, the Companions, as individuals and at their own expense, enjoyed these refreshments, then the ruling is approved and affirmed with this construction."

The report of the Committee was adopted.

It is a pleasure to find in the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted, the following:

"We recommend the appropriation of \$1,000.00 to the support of the Masonic Home in addition to the appropriation of 1904."

On recommendation of the same Committee the salary of the Grand Treasurer was made \$300 00 for the coming year.

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest, Companion Y. A. Wright.

On favorable report of the Committee on Charters, Charters were granted to seven Chapters U. D.

The Committee on Obituary fitly commemorated the lives and characters of Past Grand High Priest, Charles Wessolowsky and Past High Priest Washington Dessan.

Sixty-six Georgia Companions had crossed the dark river.

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution takes up twenty-four and one-half pages of this volume. Report ordered to be printed in the Proceedings without being read.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected six qualified Companions to membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The excellent and graceful report on Foreign Correspondence is from the facile pen of Past Grand High Priest Companion A. Morrill Lambdin, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

Companion Lambdin reviews the Proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Chapters—two of them for two years—with discrimination and unflinching courtesy.

The Proceedings of twelve Jurisdictions failed to reach him. We heartily regret that Alabama-1904 was among the missing. Our Proceedings must have fallen by the way after having been dispatched by our most efficient Grand Secretary.

Comp. John C. Joiner, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

ILLINOIS.

55TH ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER, 1904.

M. E. Companion Rob't L. McKinlay, Grand High Priest.

Active Chapters 187; represented 178; members 21,581; net gain 1,276.

According to the report of the Committee on Credentials, besides the Grand Officers and a quorum of chapters represented, there were present seventeen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of forty-five Grand Chapters, Past Grand High Priest, Companion P. W. Barclay appearing for Alabama.

The address of the Grand High Priest occupied about seven pages of the Proceedings, and furnished a clearly defined *expose* of his official acts and rulings during the year. He had granted fourteen special dispensations—all of them distinctly within his prerogative. All the visitations he made impressed him with the creditable work and prosperity of the chapters visited. Having, in April, visited the Grand Chapter of Missouri, he was delighted with the reception accorded him there.

One Chapter had been constituted, and he had issued one dispensation for formation of a new Chapter, and took great pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted to said Chapter U. D.

A few weeks prior to the convocation, the companions at a certain point sent to the Grand Secretary a petition for a dispensation to form a chapter U. D., and with said petition the fee (\$100.00.) The Grand Secretary had assured him that these companions were men of the highest character and were able to successfully conduct a chapter. Seeing no good reason why these companions should be required to work a year U. D., he recommended that their petition be referred to the committee in Grand Chapter for action.

On general principles, it would, to us, seem better to have them send up specimens of their skill before a charter was granted.

The Grand High Priest submitted two decisions. One of these was in reply to the following question, viz:

"Would it be proper to donate a part of the chapter funds to assist in building a public hospital?"

His answer was that it would not be proper so to do.

With all due deference, we repeat what, in substance we have said heretofore on disposition of the funds of the body, viz: that if the chapter or lodge can fulfill all masonic requirements and does fulfill them, and still is in possession of surplus funds, we see no impropriety in making such donation as the one referred to in the foregoing question, or to any other worthy object, or as for that matter, in doing what the brethren or companions please. It is their concern and nobody else's. The other decision was upon a question of jurisdiction of chapter. The facts of the case are substantially as follows: A certain chapter began its masonic career in October, 1879, and located near its present home in the town of Austin, a suburb of Chicago, the western limit of said city of Chicago, then being about three miles east from the hall of said chapter. Three times since the organization of said chapter the western boundary of Chicago has been pushed further out, and the last time, to a point only a few blocks west of the chapter hall bringing its present location within the city limits." "A question now arises; would" said "chapter have jurisdiction over candidates living a distance of five blocks west of the hall, and yet being outside of the limits of Chicago, he residing within the territory formerly under the jurisdiction of said chapter prior to its incorporation within the limits of the said city of Chicago, or could said candidate join any other chapter within the city of Chicago, even though it be located 10 or 15 miles from his residence? Presuming that Cicero Chapter would have jurisdiction over this candidate, would it not also apply to others living at Oak Park and Maywood, they being in the jurisdiction of said Cicero Chapter prior to the said extension of the city limits line, particularly as this chapter is not of the city of Chicago excepting by annexation, and the residents of Oak Park and Maywood being nearer to Cicero Chapter than to any other?"

The reason given for this inquiry was that other chapters, stronger numerically and financially were gobbling up material outside the city but nearer to Cicero Chapter than any other. The section of the Constitution concerning concurrent jurisdiction, did not seem to apply to this particular case.

The Grand High Priest admitted that this was "a very puzzling matter." He first held that Cicero Chapter lost its jurisdiction outside the city limits of Chicago when it was brought within

the corporate limits of said city. After further consideration he reconsidered his ruling, and so informed Cicero Chapter, and reported for consideration of the Grand Chapter the following decision:

"That the concurrent jurisdiction in a city where there are two or more chapters extends half way on straight lines toward outside chapters, in all directions." Comment on the foregoing seems to be unnecessary.

We note that Companion George Fleming Moore of Montgomery had been commissioned as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The reports of the District Officers, for 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th Districts, and the Grand Lecturer's report, were presented to Grand Chapter for the information of the Companions.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows that after all disbursements the cash balance in his hands was the sum of \$15,841.58. He also holds city of Chicago and Cook county four per cent. bonds, interest payable semi-annually, of the par value of \$10,000.00.

The report of Grand Secretary, Com. Gil. W. Barnard is a careful and methodical document. That Companion Barnard richly deserves the high praise bestowed by the Grand High Priest, we do not permit for one moment ourselves, to doubt.

The Grand Secretary lays the Craft under obligations by making of record the interesting exercises of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Barrett Chapter No. 18, R. A. M., which occurred November 17, 1903.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Geo. W. Warvelle presented his annual report on correspondence. Received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

From the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters it is learned that, during the year, there have been, stated and special, 3,129 convocations. One hundred twenty-nine chapters have made gains; thirty-three have sustained losses; nineteen have remained stationary.

Committee on Grievances and Appeals had no cases on the docket, indicating a happy condition of affairs, no doubt.

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters, U. D., a charter was granted to the one Chapter U. D. A charter was also granted to companions applying for a dispensation, just before

the annual convocation, but who were known to be "men of the highest character and able to conduct a chapter successfully."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest. Concurred in.

The report of the Committee on Obituary, a paper of nine pages, and an impressive presentation of the sad theme, was received and adopted by a rising vote.

In course of the remarks of the Grand High Priest elect, upon his installation, he said:

"I do not anticipate any unpleasant or burdensome experiences in this official capacity. The 21,000 Royal Arch Masons of Illinois are, as a whole, and as individuals, as far as I know, men of culture, intelligence, high character and sound principles—men who contribute help and harmony and who stand for the right. And then our able companion McKinlay, who has preceded me, has conducted the affairs of the Royal Craft with such ability and so smoothly, and has left them in such a good shape, that all there is to do is simply to follow along in the channel that he has mapped out. Of course, when we run into any breakers we know the way to Companion Barnard's desk, or he has a telephone, and it is not necessary to seek any further light to make crooked things straight." [Applause.]

Excellent address and response accompanied the presentation of a jewel to the retiring Grand High Priest.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood admitted forty-one new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion, George W. Warvelle, again presented a first-class report reviewing the proceedings of forty-six Jurisdictions—two for two years—including Alabama—1903, according her nearly one page of courteous notice. In this brief review he says, referring to the action of our Grand Chapter creating Companion George A. Beauchamp an honorary Past Grand High Priest:

"I have nothing but praise for the kindly spirit which prompted this act, but if Companion Beauchamp is the man the Companions of Alabama seem to think he is, then the empty honor conferred was but a poor reward for zeal and fidelity."

Companion Warvelle will pardon us for intimating that, in respect of another act of our Grand Chapter, which he criticizes, he has fallen into error. He says:

"Among other things Grand Chapter exalted a team of candidates, thus invading the jurisdiction of one of its subordinates, and at the same time creating three non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons. The right of a Grand Chapter to perform work of this kind is now generally conceded, although not free from doubt, but the propriety of the act is generally condemned." (Questioned?)

If Companion Warvelle will read again, on pages 25-26, Proceedings Grand Chapter of Alabama—1903, he will discover his mistake. The passage beginning at the bottom of page 25 and ending near the top of page 26, is here copied:

"Hermon Chapter No. 34, Thomas M. Bragg Chapter No. 99, and Dotban Chapter No. 113, severally requested the Grand Chapter to confer upon Brothers James D. Norman, Frank B. Bricken and Edgar W. Roundtree 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.*" (Italics ours.)

Those three Companions are no more non affiliates than we ourselves are, Companion.

The reviewer's notice of the Alabama report on Correspondence is as follows:

"Companion W. Y. Titcomb presented a report on Correspondence in which our Proceedings for 1902 are reviewed."

M.: E.: Comp. Leroy A. Goddard, Grand High Priest

R.: E.: Gilbert W. Barnard, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

59TH ANNUAL--INDIANAPOLIS--OCTOBER, 1904.

M.: E.: John J. Glendenig, Grand High Priest.

A portrait of Comp. William H. Hamelle, Grand High Priest elect, graces the first page of this neat volume.

Sixteen Grand High Priests were present at this convocation, and also representatives of 103 of the 106 chartered chapters of the jurisdiction—a fine showing for attendance. The membership is 9,401 Royal Arch Masons—a net gain of 873. Grand Representatives of twenty-eight sister Grand Chapters, Alabama included, responded to their names.

The Grand Chapter having been opened in Ample Form and

the devotional exercises having been attended, the Grand Chapter was declared ready for business. The Grand High Priest announced the standing committees, and then proceeded to deliver his annual address, a well written paper and, no doubt, a faithful exposition of his administration.

According to custom he reported on Necrology, devoting four pages to that subject. In the matter of issuing commissions to Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters, we note that he had commissioned Comp. Thomas P. Whitby, of Selma, as his Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Charters having been granted, at last annual convocation, to four new chapters, the latter had been constituted and their officers installed.

Three special dispensations had been issued, all of them to elect officers.

In Indiana, doubtless, the law says what it means on the subject of conferring degrees, and *means* what it says. No waiving of time in doing the work.

The Grand High Priest did not deem any of the few questions submitted to him for decision thereon of sufficient importance to be mentioned in his address.

In his conclusion he warmly eulogized Grand Secretary Companion Calvin W. Prather (P. G. H. P.). That this commendation was richly deserved we do not, for one moment, question.

October 15, 1904, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, Comp. Martin H. Rice (P. G. H. P.) was the comfortable sum of \$10,948.58.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, furnishes a charming picture of the condition of the craft, in the following words:

"The one hundred and seven chapters are all in good standing, have all made their reports and paid their dues in full, and have shown by their reports the careful management of the affairs of the subordinate chapters and that the High Priests and officers of the chapters are fully alive to the work they are doing, and they are thoroughly competent to perform the duties assigned to them, with that skill that is necessary to insure success."

His statistical tables shows that there have been 1,110 exaltations for the year—272 more than in any previous year.

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

The Committee on Charters had no special matter to report

on. Commended the 'excellently kept' records of the Chartered Chapters, and had no recommendation to offer, save "endorsement of the" business-like manner in which the Grand Secretary fulfilled his duties in these matters." Concurred in.

Once more the Committee on Grievances and Appeals had nothing to do. Congratulate you, Companions

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations a charter was granted to the one Chapter U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported favorably upon the following amendment to the General Regulations:

"Sec. 74. Any Companion desiring to dimit for the purpose of joining another chapter shall notify the chapter of which he is a member of his intention to petition another chapter for membership, which petition shall be accompanied by a receipt in full for his dues to the chapter in which he holds his membership. Should the chapter receiving his petition elect him to membership, his former chapter shall grant him a dimit, which shall be filed with the secretary of the chapter electing him to membership. In case of his rejection by the chapter to which he applied his membership shall remain in his former chapter."

Report concurred in and amendment adopted.

We suppose it is no business of ours; still we feel like merely stating our opinion on the subject, and it is that such proceeding is in violation of Masonic usage in this country. No matter how short the time may be between the action in Chapter No. 2 and the granting of the dimit in Chapter No. 1, during that time the Companion is a member of both chapters—a thing which is not admissible among us. As we have heretofore intimated, it were best that dimitts should be unconditional.

The Committee on Jurisprudence also recommended that another section of the General Regulations be amended so as to read as follows:

"A Companion who, for any cause, may have been suspended or expelled by a Lodge of Master Masons, but not by his Chapter, and who is subsequently restored by his Lodge, is *ipso facto* restored to membership in his chapter."

Report concurred in and amendment adopted.

The same committee also agreed to report favorably on a resolution fixing the annual dues at thirty cents and the exaltation fee at one dollar. Report concurred in and resolution adopted.

On recommendation of the same committee, the Grand Secretary was ordered to have prepared printed slips covering all

amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and to send one copy of the same to the secretary of each chapter with instructions to attach the same to the proper articles or sections of the Constitution, By Laws or General Regulations.

The two impressive and eloquent reports on Necrology—one for the fraternal dead of Indiana, the other for the departed Companions in sister Grand Jurisdictions—were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The presentation of a Jewel to the retiring Grand High Priest was accompanied by a humorous address, delivered in a dialect suggestive of Erin's Isle, and blending homely wit with noble sentiments. When the recipient succeeded in composing the muscles of his face, he delivered an eloquent response.

The Grand High Priest Elect, after the installation of Grand Officers, outlined to some extent, what would be the policy of his administration.

Past Grand High Priest Tillotson, our Representative, and three other Grand Representatives extended greetings to the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Indianapolis, October 18, 1905.

The "Council of High Priests" elected twenty-two eligible Companions to membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Simeon S. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented as his report a concise and able summary of the proceedings of forty-three Grand Chapters (three for 2 years), including Alabama-1903, with a courteous and fraternal notice of a page and a half. Copying the resolution conferring Honorary Past Rank upon Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp (whose work in every department is unsurpassed), he says:

"It was certainly gratifying to the Companion to receive such an endorsement and mark of esteem from his companions."

Companion Johnson is pleased to say that the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence "is readable from beginning to end." Thanks.

M. E. William H. Hamelle, Grand High Priest.

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

INDIAN TERRITORY.

16TH ANNUAL—OKLAHOMA CITY—APRIL, 1905.

Comp. John Coyle, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 43; Chapters U. D., 4; Members, 2102;
Net Gain, 284; Exalted during the year, 241.

The first page of this volume is enriched with a likeness of Grand High Priest John Coyle. The face which looks out from the page indicates the noble character ascribed to him in the brief sketch on the opposite leaf.

As per the report of the Committee on Credentials, all the Grand Officers were present, as also were eleven Permanent Members, five of whom were Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of eleven Grand Chapters, and a quorum of members.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that two chapters had been "instituted under charter"—that six dispensations had been issued to organize new chapters—that among his few decisions submitted were two with which the Jurisprudence Committee did not agree. The following were the two decisions excepted by the committee:

First, "That but one substitute could be used in a team."

Second, The Grand High Priest declined to give a decision in answer to the following question: "Can a chapter remain open twenty-eight days? feeling that answering the question would place him in the attitude of one running an information bureau.

As to the first of the two decisions objected to, the committee said:

"The committee find no law governing the use of substitutes, and are therefore of the opinion that one or two substitutes may be used, but do not think they should be used except in the most urgent cases."

If our opinion were asked, we should say that we are at variance with both the G. H. P. and the committee, we being utterly opposed to the use of two substitutes or the use of one substitute.

In regard to the second, the committee was of the opinion that the Grand High Priest should have answered the enquirer,

at least by referring him to the law. The report of the committee was adopted.

The Grand Secretary reported that every chartered chapter had sent in returns and dues as required by law, also that all the Chapters U. D., organized during 1904, except two, had done likewise. Companion Murrow, Grand Secretary is a faithful and efficient officer. Charters were granted to four Chapters U. D.

The Committee on Work and Returns found the reports of 19 of the chapters "correct and in good shape," but reported errors of 22 chapters so numerous that we have neither space nor inclination to catalogue the same. The committee recommends that the chapters see to it that competent Secretaries are elected.

The short report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee, while approving the Grand High Priest's special dispensations, suggested that dispensations to ballot on petitions and confer degrees out of time should never be granted except in cases of urgency. Concurred in.

Ada was chosen as the place for the next annual convocation, the time to be the third third Tuesday in April, 1906.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand High Priest Comp. Joseph S. Murrow submits a concise, excellent report on Correspondence.

He seems to think that his end is approaching. But Companion, leave that to the Great I AM. He will acquaint you with the fact when your "course is finished."

Accept our hearty thanks for courteous review of Alabama, and for kindly personal mention.

We regret, with you, that Indian Territory did not appear in last year's report, but cannot account for its absence. Had it reached Companion Beauchamp, it would surely have come to the writer.

Comp. Eugene Hamilton, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Joseph Samuel Murrow, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—In "Synopsis of Returns," active chapters are given as "47." We presume that number includes the four chapters which verified charters at this convocation.

IOWA.

51ST ANNUAL—SPIRIT LAKE—JULY, 1904

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

This magnificent volume is embellished with a beautiful representation of a Souvenir Badge of the Semi-Centennial Convocation, July 1904, and with the portraits of the Grand High Priests from 1854 to 1904, the series beginning with a likeness of the venerated Theodore S. Parvin who founded the leading Masonic Library of the world, and ending with that of Grand High Priest, George R. Turner. This series is followed by a portrait of Companion Theodore Schreiner, Grand Guard for forty-three years (1854-1897). The views of Spirit Lake are attractive.

At the opening of Grand Chapter all the Grand Officers were present with the exception of the Grand Royal Arch Captain who was unavoidably absent. There were also present "the representatives of 100 of the 127 chartered chapters, which embrace a total membership of 9,408—a net gain of 369 over the membership of the previous year. The Grand Representatives of thirty sister Jurisdictions, including Companion Wm. Wilbraham (P. G. H. P.) for Alabama.

Reading the address of the Grand High Priest one becomes impressed with that high officer's clear conception of the obligations imposed upon him, with his devotion and loyalty to the Royal Craft, and with a modesty which bespeaks his merit.

Under the head of Necrology he deplored the death of Past Grand High Priest, Israel P. Wilson who died March 11, 1904.

He submitted two decisions, both of them relating to the ballot, and both, in our humble opinion, eminently correct.

Many requests for dispensations to ballot out of time, had been received, but, except in cases of extraordinary emergency, these had been refused.

Grand High Priest Turner favors the enactment of a law depriving that officer of authority to grant such dispensations. He says:

"If emergent cases are granted there is dissatisfaction among those who are refused; moreover, it opens wide the door to practices that ought not to, but do find admission even to the

sanctum of our Grand Fraternity. Let us stop it." Good, Companion Turner; our hearty applause attends you.

In one paragraph of the address it appears that it is "against the law," in Iowa, to use substitutes in exaltations. We had been under the impression that the District of Columbia was the only jurisdiction that entertained the same view that we (not our Grand Chapter) maintain on this subject.

The Board of Custodians had been requested to draft a ritualistic ceremonial for the opening of Grand Chapter. This they had done and the ritual was used at the opening of the present Convocation. The Grand High Priest recommended its adoption. On favorable report of Committee said ritual for opening, was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash on hand in the sum of \$8,646 91.

In his business like report Grand Secretary Companion Alf. Wingate says that every chapter in the jurisdiction has paid its dues, and the reports have been practically correct.

The appropriate and eloquent report of the Committee on Necrology was adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had the pleasure of reporting an empty docket.

The Semi-centennial Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, R. A. M., was celebrated at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 24, 1904.

The occasion was inspiring. The several addresses were instructive and entertaining, and the environments, at beautiful Spirit Lake, ideal.

The Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters present at this annual convocation, were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

On recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, the decisions of the Grand High Priest and the reports of the Grand Officers, referred to said committee were approved.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund made their annual report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The total Permanent Fund in their hands amounts to \$13,635.40. The total Relief Fund available is the sum of \$582.42. In addition to appropriations already made, the Trustees recommend further appropriations, to three beneficiaries, aggregating \$105.00.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Cleveland, Committee on Correspondence, recommended recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand, and the recommendation was adopted.

Dubuque was selected as the place of meeting for 1905. Time September 28th.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood received twenty-six accessions. The address of the President, M. E. Companion William F. Cleveland was very impressive, though quite short.

CORRESPONDENCE.

In his seventy pages of review upon the Proceedings of forty-six Grand Chapters (three for two years), Past Grand High Priest, Companion Wm. F. Cleveland, has embodied as much thought as is some times spread over twice the number of pages. It is a distinct pleasure to find so much therein, with which we can fully concur. When Companion Cleveland expresses himself on any point about which there is difference of opinion, his utterance is clear cut, unmistakable, imbued with the true fraternal spirit, and possessed of a most desirable "give-and-take" quality. He is all right on dependent membership and the Grand Representative system, and several other matters, but is considerably exercised about the style, "*Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence*," especially when the Committee consists of a single Companion. Well! it does not strike us a matter of supreme importance. To our eyes its magnitude seems nearer to that of a mole hill than that of a mountain. All the same we recognize the importance of accuracy in designating anything; and that is all Companion Cleveland is aiming at. He is a stalwart defender of the system of Grand Representatives. With Companion Warvelle, he thinks the temporary absence of the Charter from the Lodge or Chapter does not invalidate business transacted during its absence. We do not concur with him in this.

Under Oregon he says:

"In most jurisdictions a petitioner for the Capitular degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason. Then why should he not be required to remain an affiliated member of his Lodge, to retain his good standing in his Chapter? We admit that there is

some force in the argument sometimes advanced that he is of no use to his Lodge except in the matter of dues; in that case he would be of little, if any benefit to the higher bodies, in which he insists upon retaining his membership. We shall continue to favor dependent membership as a good and wholesome regulation until stronger arguments have been advanced and better reasons given, than we have yet seen, for its abandonment."

Alabama-1903 is noticed courteously and fraternally. Companion Cleveland was pleased to see that the services of R. E. Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp "were duly appreciated." He regards the giving to Companion Beauchamp, of a P. G. H. P.'s jewel a well deserved compliment.

Companion Cleveland's exceedingly kind reference to the Alabama report on Correspondence is gratefully acknowledged.

Our Companion's feelings as to the impropriety (or better, perhaps,—inaccuracy) of styling the individual who alone constitutes the Committee, *Chairman*, crops out in several places in his report. Concluding his review of Alabama, he says:

"We notice that at the close of his admirable report he signs his name in full and adds the word, *Chairman*. We pause and ponder; we observe that he is the whole Committee himself—then why the necessity for a Chairman?—and if he is really the Chairman what is he Chairman of? Now, Companion Titcomb, are you not the "*Foreign Correspondent*" rather than the Chairman, or Committee on Correspondence? We know full well that you are the whole thing and deserve all the credit for the labors so faithfully performed."

We bow our humble acknowledgement of the generous compliment conveyed in the foregoing. In reply to the question, "Are you not in fact the "*Foreign Correspondent*," instead of the Chairman, or Committee, &c.," we are constrained to answer in the negative, if our understanding of the use of the words joined together, is correct. A foreign correspondent is one residing or sojourning in a different country or place.

"But," says our Companion, "Chairman of what?" In our simplicity we reply, "Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence."

M. E. A. S. Lawrence, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Alf. Wingate, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

We have before us a pamphlet, issued by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, announcing the Grand Officers for 1905, also time of holding the stated convocations of Grand Chapter, to-wit: first Wednesday in February, May, July and November. The Board of General Purposes meets at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, Friday preceding each quarterly convocation.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction meets in Dublin, third Tuesday in January, February, March, April, October and November.

This pamphlet is almost entirely statistical and financial. No proceedings in Grand Chapter being of record herein, we shall dismiss the same with the statement that "His Grace the Duke of Abercorn" is still M. E. King;" and that all communications on business of the Grand Chapter should be addressed to Comp. H. E. Flavelle, Grand Registrar, Freemason's Hall, Dublin, Ireland.

KANSAS.

40TH ANNUAL—WICHITA—FEBRUARY, 1905.

Working Chartered Chapters, 82; Companions on Roll, 6,243; Gain, 233.

Comp. Perry M. Haisington, M. E. Grand High Priest.

This neat volume is enriched with several portraits.

As per report of the Committee on Credentials, there were present at this convocation all the Grand Officers, six Past Grand High Priests, twenty-three Grand Representatives (Alabama not "in it"), eighty-three Past High Priests, and a quorum of representatives of the subordinate chapters.

In his business-like address the Grand High Priest reported having issued nine special dispensations during the year. Two of those dispensations permitted chapters to make pilgrimages to neighboring villages, to confer Mark and Past Master's degrees on candidates who had petitioned and been regularly elected to receive the degrees in their respective chapters.

He submitted one decision as follows:

Query.—A petitioner for the Capitular degrees dimitts from his Lodge while his petition is in the hands of the committee. Can the Chapter now elect the petitioner and confer the degrees?"

"Answer.—No; when the dimit is granted the petitioner loses his eligibility and the Chapter, its jurisdiction."

Although he had made several informal visits, the grand High Priest reported but two official visitations, viz., to Topeka Chapter No. 5, and to Garden City Chapter No. 83.

In his commendation of these chapters the Grand High Priest is really enthusiastic.

The Grand Treasurer's Recapitulation shows balance in General Fund to be \$3 276 94, and balance in the Charity Fund \$1,010 23, making total fund \$4,287 17.

Grand Secretary Comp. Wm. M. Shaver presents a first-class report on the business of his office. We note, in his record, that R. E. Comp. Heman S. Millard, of Topeka, has been again commissioned as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

On motion of the Committee on Chapters U. D., a charter was granted to one chapter under dispensation.

There was naught for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals to do, save to twirl their thumbs and to exchange compliments.

On favorable report, by the Committee on Jurisprudence, upon the decision submitted by the Grand High Priest, said decision was adopted.

On recommendation of Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, the special dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest were adopted.

The Committee on Necrology made an eminently appropriate report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence announced that the usual Correspondence Review would appear in the published proceedings.

The Order of High Priesthood received eleven new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. William M. Shaver, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence (and Grand Secretary), submitted a very fine report, comprising reviews of fifty Grand Jurisdictions, covering 89 pages. Would that we had time to spare for doing something like justice to the same.

Alabama—1904 is treated courteously and fraternally. Grand High Priest, Comp. Chas. R. Bricken, is highly complimented on his address, and the present writer is most kindly mentioned. Quoting the writer's strictures on gorgeous robes, stage settings, scenic display, trills and furbelows, in the conferring of the M. E. M. degree, Comp. Shaver says:

"Possibly not, but yet we thoroughly believe in these accessories in Royal Arch Masonry. We as firmly believe in plain ritual in the work of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, but we like the accessories in the chapter, and especially in the Most Excellent Master's Lodge. Presented with the full ceremonials and processions, this degree becomes one of the gems in the caputular system, and does not much resemble the farcical character of this degree as we were accustomed to see it in our early chapter experience. If Companion Titcomb will visit one of our progressive Kansas chapters we will convince him."

Well, Companion, "possibly" you will convince us, but we greatly fear that we should feel as though we were attending a theatrical entertainment—a show. Why not let the "plain ritual" of the Symbolic Lodge have its counterpart in the work of the Chapter? Would such scenes as are referred to appeal to the hearts of men like those who met in "The Lodge Room Over Simpkins' Store?"

Five volumes of proceedings await attention, therefore we reluctantly bid our esteemed Companion, Goodbye.

Comp. Thos. S. Bond, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. M. Shaver, R. E. Grand Seecretary.

KENTUCKY.

87TH ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER, 1904.

Number of Chapters, 88; Present Members, 5,107.

M. E. Comp. Robt. R. Burnam, Grand High Priest.

On the first page of this volume appears the intellectual face of Grand High Priest Burnam.

When the Grand Chapter had convened in "The Masonic" at Louisville, October 18th, there were found to be present fifteen Past Grand High Priests and sixteen Past High Priests, with, of course, the Grand Officers and a quorum of representatives of the subordinate chapters.

The address of the Grand High Priest—short, being only about five pages long,—free from “frills and furbelows,” was eminently practical and sufficiently comprehensive. The memory of the late Companion J. Soule Smith (P. G. H. P.) is fitly commemorated.

(The number of dispensations granted for waiving time in balloting on petitions and conferring degrees, is given, at the foot of the list, as 39. By our arithmetic it is 47.

The two decisions submitted are, without doubt, good Masonic law. The first of these decides that Brother ———, who was a member of ——— Lodge, and ——— Chapter, both in the jurisdiction of Kentucky, and who dimitted from his Lodge, and after a certain time “ceased to be a member of the Chapter,” under a provision of the Constitution, and who removed to New York, and “in the course of time connected himself with a Blue Lodge,” by such action reinstates himself in said Chapter.

The second decision declares that a number of members of a certain Lodge whose charter was suspended, being worthy Masons and members in good standing of a certain Chapter, “were not suspended from the privileges of their Chapter during the interim.”

The certificate of the “Louisville National Banking Co.” shows that, at the close of business, October 18th, 1804, there was standing to the credit of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of Kentucky the sum of \$4,554.88.

The total resources of the Grand Chapter, including said cash in bank, were \$10,904.88.

The report of R. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. H. B. Grant, is an excellent presentation, in detail, of the affairs and business of the Grand Chapter.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence the decisions of the Grand High Priest were approved.

The Committee on Grievances had no more onerous duty on hand than to exchange felicitations on the universal sway of peace and harmony.

The annual report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was presented and ordered printed with the proceedings.

On recommendation of the same committee, consideration of the request of the Supreme Grand Chapter R. A. M. of New Zealand for recognition, was postponed until next annual convocation, because it had but just been received.

The Committee on Necrology made a short report, in feeling and eloquent terms.

The Committee on the death of Comp. J. Soule Smith P. G. H. P., was granted further time for report. The portrait of that eminent Companion appears on a memorial page.

Some proposed constitutional amendments lie over, under the rule, until next annual for action.

Under favorable report from the Committee on Chapters U. D., charters were granted to two such chapters.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to retiring Grand High Priest Burnam, and according to the regulation he was presented with a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence, submitted by Companion W. W. Clarke, chairman of the committee, is a concise, number one review of the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters, through which review, taking up sixty-seven pages, he skims the cream of said proceedings for the benefit of his readers. If he agrees in opinion with another reviewer, it is not in a half-hearted way, but cordially; on the other hand, if he disagrees, he does not hesitate to say so in unmistakable terms, yet with unflinching courtesy. In discussion he holds with a firm grasp the points on which he relies. Companion Clarke will prove a valuable accession to the Guild, if we may judge by this his first report on Correspondence. We extend the "glad hand" to our Companion.

Alabama-1903 receives about a page of fraternal notice.

Companion Clarke's conclusion is truly optimistic. Well! better so than, like some "ill-boding crow," ever presaging evil, he says:

"From every direction come tidings of progress. In some quarters a warning hand is raised. The phenomenal increase in membership has suggested the thought that we are making Royal Arch Masons too fast; that the outer gates of the Tabernacle are not securely guarded. We entertain no such questionings. Rather do we believe that the Order is more wisely accomplishing its high purpose than ever before, and that the evidence of this is the increased and increasing number who are seeking admission to its membership. We trust the time is

coming when it will not be popular not to be a Mason; when not to be a Mason is to admit that one's associations are not of the best."

M. E. Joseph H. Ewalt, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

58TH ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS—FEBRUARY, 1905.

Chartered Chapters. 24; Chapter U. D., 1; Members, Dec. 31, 1904, 1,845. Net gain, 152. ("Recapitulation" p. 43.)

M. E. Graham Surghnor, Grand High Priest.

At the opening of this convocation all but four of the Grand Officers were present, as also were eight Past Grand High Priests, and (on the second day) twenty-one Grand Representatives. Alabama's not included. Twenty-two Chapters were reporters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest covered less than five pages, but fully reflected his administration of his exalted office. Under Necrology, he fittingly reported the death of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Samuel Manning Todd, "Louisiana's best known and most distinguished Mason."

He had granted four special dispensations, all of which he had a perfect right to grant, but refused several requests for permission to receive and ballot on petitions at the same meeting. He justly said:

"I take the ground that if the law fixing a delay of four weeks was not a good one it would not be on the statute of all the Masonic bodies. If it is a good law, it should not be violated except in an emergency, which I do not think existed in any of the cases mentioned."

He had been asked for a ruling on the following point: "Has a Companion the right to object to a Brother's receiving the Chapter degrees, even after election?"

His answer was, that a Companion has such right. The right of objection obtains after election until the last moment before degrees are to be conferred.

He had issued one dispensation for forming a new Chapter.

He earnestly commended to the consideration of Grand Chapter the work of E. Comp. C. T. Hines, Grand Lecturer, and

recommended that most efficient and successful officer to favorable consideration.

He could not "find words of sufficient praise" to express his high appreciation of that faithful, capable and obliging officer, Grand Secretary Richard Lambert.

The Grand Treasurer's balance after all bills paid was the sum of \$1,736.52.

In his report the Grand Secretary gives "net gain during the year 155," and membership January 1, 1905, 1,780. Which is correct, Companion Duncan, "Dec. 31. 1904, 1,845 members—net gain 153; or "Jan. 1, 1905, 1,780 members—net gain 155"?

The Grand Lecturer's report, while showing that the Chapters had done less work than on the previous year, was nevertheless quite encouraging. The diminutions in work of chapters might be attributed to financial depression—cotton market slump.

M. E. Companion Herman C. Duncan submitted his printed reported on Foreign Correspondence, and it was ordered published with the proceedings.

The Committee on Laws and Jurisprudence, also the Committee on Work had no reports to submit.

The Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters present were introduced, welcomed and received with the "Private Grand Honors, and seated in the Grand East."

The Committee on Necrology made a short but impressive report. Referring to the late Past Grand High Priest, Samuel M. Todd, the committee said something very significant when it gave utterance to the few words following:

"His creed was crystallized in deeds."

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the appointment of Representatives near other Grand Chapters was offered; and those recently appointed as such were acknowledged and received.

The next (59th) Annual Grand Convocation will be held in the city of New Orleans, February 6, 1906.

The M. E. Council of the Order of High Priesthood received six new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. the Rev. Herman Cope Duncan, as always, presents a very able report on Foreign Corres-

pondence. That production evinces great research and the exercise of fine judgment.

Alabama-1903 is given not quite one page of fraternal notice. Companion Duncan quotes, without comment, the opening sentences of M. E. Companion Chas. R. Bricken's address, and the resolution to confer Honorary Past Rank upon Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp, saying of the latter:

"We are pleased to note the appreciation of service shown by the adoption of the following resolution:"

He refers, also without comment, to our Grand Chapter's declining to make membership in a chapter dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge. He says:

"The report on Correspondence was presented by Companion Wm. G. Titcomb." (Y instead of "G" please). "We desire to assure our Companion that Alabama is always named at roll call, and that it is with extreme regret that we record her absence. Our Companion says that their *proceedings cannot be published in two months time*, the period between their convocations and ours, *but surely we ought to receive their proceedings in the course of a year*" (Italics all ours.)

In reply to the foregoing we beg to state that our information from Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp's office is as follows:

"Our 1903 Proceedings were mailed (3 copies) February 8, 1904; and 1904 Proceedings (3 copies) January 22, 1905, to Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter of Louisiana. This is 30 days quicker than they send to us. I don't understand his remark, that our proceedings should be received some time during the year."

The volume we are now reviewing reached the Grand Secretary's office in Montgomery May 12, 1905.

Our Companion will pardon us for calling his attention to an inaccuracy in the following:

"Our Companion says that their *proceedings cannot be published in two months time*."

What we did say was, "Still, that Alabama-1902 does not appear is not surprising, since the Grand Chapter of Alabama meets in December, and that of Louisiana meets in February." Please do not say, "that is a distinction without a difference," because there is a difference—consider the mails; delay at either end of the line.

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

R. E. Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

80TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY, 1905.

M. . E. . Wm. N. Howe, Grand High Priest.

Working Chapters 59; represented at this Convocation 56; Chapters making returns in time 58; April 1, 1905, members 8,021; net increase 316; amount of Charity Fund \$4,983 27. During the year there had 552 Exaltations.

From the report of the Committee on Credentials it appears that 9 Past Grand High Priests and 5 other Permanent members were present at this Convocation, said P. M.'s including our esteemed contemporary, Companion Harris (P. G. K.) 16 Grand Representatives were also on hand, Alabama's still absent; but we accept Companion Harris' suggestion that said absence was due to bodily infirmity; therefore we'll not complain.

The address of the Grand High Priest (9 pp.) covered all the ground needful to be traversed. He feelingly referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest Horace H. Burbank, and to that of Grand Treasurer, Marquis F. King. He had constituted two Chapters—granted one dispensation for receiving and balloting on a petition for the degrees out of time and submitted three decisions, with which we can find no fault.

Under condition of the Craft, he said :

"The reports from the various Chapters in this State show continued prosperity, substantial increase in membership, and the same flourishing condition as for many years past. The utmost harmony prevails and I do not see any reason why it should not remain so."

We quote his closing remarks, as follows :

"Companions as we enter upon a new year, let us endeavor to search out and embrace the great truths embodied in our ritual, its symbols and instructions, and mould our hearts and lives by these. Let us fulfill the duties inculcated in their true spirit, and we shall find no occasion to doubt the harmony of masonry with the highest interests and aspirations of the human soul and the progress of the age. Trusting in the intercession of our Great High Priest who has passed into the heavens, let us commit ourselves to the work assigned us and continue to strengthen and upbuild caputular masonry."

The various reports of visitations by the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and Dis-

strict Deputies form an important part of this volume. These reports bring the Companions all over the State into closer touch with each other, and thus tend to vitalize that cement of fellowship and brotherly love, which should characterize all true Masons.

R. . E. . Companion Herbert Harris made report from the Committee on Memorials, and the report was adopted.

Companion Harris also presented the report on Foreign Correspondence in print, and it was accepted, and he was permitted to add thereto.

It will be remembered that at the last annual, Grand Secretary, Stephen Berry, recommended that certificates be issued to be used as physical substitutes and evidences that Chapters have and work under regular charters.

Referred to the Law Committee, it was disapproved. Subsequently the matter was reconsidered, and referred to the Annual Convocation. Upon being again considered the Grand Secretary's recommendation was adopted. Companion Berry's fee for every such certificate issued will be \$2.00.

We suppose that said action was instigated by the fact that some of the Charters are so old that they can not be freely handled without injury to them.

The Committee on Grievances continue to enjoy playtime.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was allowed further time to consider the application of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence opposed the decision of the Grand High Priest. Report of Committee adopted.

Twenty-four candidates were received and anointed by the Council of the Order of High Priesthood.

Among amendments to Standing Regulations we find the following :

"The term of Commissions of Grand Representatives was fixed at six years.—[Proc. 1900, p. 195.]"

CORRESPONDENCE.

There being a goodly pile of volumes awaiting our attention, and the twelfth hour being near at hand, we shall not attempt to do full justice to the splendid report on Foreign Correspondence presented by R. . E. . Companion Herbert Harris, it being his

third Annual. If Companion Harris keeps on improving the quality of his reports, we shall be at a loss to find adjectives to express our admiration.

He gives Alabama-1904 a little over three pages of fraternal notice. He congratulates M. E. Companion Charles R. Bricken on being able to report a steady and healthy growth on the part of the Grand Chapter during the year.

He would add to the decision, "A subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction may receive and act upon the petition of a brother Master Mason in good standing in his home Lodge, even though said Lodge be in a foreign country," these words:

"Provided the residence of the petitioner is within the jurisdiction of said Chapter."

He quotes, approvingly we infer, from the conclusion of Grand High Priest C. R. Bricken's address.

Companion Harris generously accords the writer two full pages of his valuable space. He rejoices to find the writer opposed to the practice of charging annual dues to those suspended n. p. d. and adds:

"The annual dues are the price paid for the privileges of membership, and no man should be required to pay for these privileges during the period in which he is deprived of them. Indeed, we would push the argument a little farther, and say no man should be obliged to pay for the privileges of membership if he chooses to *deprive himself* of them, but we fear that Comp. Titcomb will not agree to the application of this argument to the question of dependent membership."

Most assuredly, Companion, your fear is well founded. But we will not consume space and time here in repeating our views on that question.

The seeming accusation of blunders at left-handed compliments on the writer's part, in connection with the name of Sir Walter Scott's character, Pleydell, vanishes into thin air. We heartily thank Comp. Harris for his courtesy.

Commenting on Comp. Harrison's report, he says :

"He does not agree with the West Virginia decision that there can be no new ballot when a Companion claims that he threw a black ball by mistake. We think the decision entirely correct." (So does the writer.) "To be sure, no serious injustice would result from the second ballot, if it were taken before any one left the hall,—but some Companion who intentionally threw a black ball may have gone out, thinking the transaction closed, and a

friend of the applicant may claim that he threw it 'by mistake,' and demand a second ballot. We do not like to imply that a Royal Arch Mason would lie; but we have seen exceedingly bitter feeling displayed in Lodge and Chapter by friends of rejected applicants, and an angry man will sometimes say things in his excitement which he would not otherwise say; but, without pressing that point, a man may think that he unintentionally cast a black ball, when he really cast a white one, and an additional ballot should not ordinarily be allowed on a claim so liable to error. The applicant should wait the required time, and then put in another application if he wishes." Justly observed.

Several passages have been marked in this fine report, but we must leave them unnoticed.

M. E. Wm. N. Howe, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

107TH YEAR—BALTIMORE—NOVEMBER, 1904.

M. E. Joseph H. Jackson, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 21; Members, 2,464; Net gain, 85.

Frontispiece, portrait of Grand High Priest, Companion Joseph H. Jackson.

In Ample Form, the Grand Chapter was opened, November 17th, with all the Grand Officers present, save one, Comp. John M. Carter (P. G. H. P.), who had, greatly to the regret of the Companions, requested to be relieved of the office of Grand Treasurer, seven Past Grand High Priests, representatives of fourteen Chapters, and 25 Grand Representatives, also answering to their names. Our Representative, Com. Gustave A. Eitel, was at his post as usual.

At an early moment the Grand Representatives present were called to the East and accorded a most hearty greeting. The response on behalf of those Companions was made by Companion Dukehart, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

After announcement of the standing committees, the Grand High Priest, with the aid of the other Grand officers, installed 14 M. E. High Priests, 8 E. Kings and 6 E. Scribes.

The Grand High Priest announced, in his address, the decease of the following Companions, viz: Jacob A. Medairy (P. G. K.), Wm. A. Wentz (P. D. G. H. P.), Chas. F. Ackey (P. G. H. P.)

and Wm. E. Arnold (P. G. H. P.), also that of five Past High Priests of his own Jurisdiction, together with the passing away of distinguished Companions, of sister Grand Chapters, of whose demise he had been officially notified.

For reasons satisfactory to himself he had granted five special dispensations—none of them to waive time in balloting on petitions and conferring degrees.

Ten official visitations had been made.

No decisions were submitted by him.

He paid a high compliment to the zeal and efficiency of the Grand Lecturer, and recommended that the salary of that officer be raised from \$150.00 to \$250.00.

The address was only a trifle over four pages in length.

An amendment to Sec. 2, Art. VI, of the Constitution, offered at annual convocation, 1903, was adopted. It is to the effect that for each Brother exalted \$2.00, and for every Companion *who is a member of the Chapter Nov. 1st of that year*, \$0.75 shall be paid to the Grand Chapter.

On recommendation of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that the salary of the Grand Lecturer be increased from \$150.00 to \$250.00, was approved.

The Grand Lecturer reported that, during the year, he had visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction, the city chapters frequently, and fifteen chapters outside of the city of Baltimore, once each.

The Grand Treasurer had at close of the year cash balance in the sum of \$2,137.80.

From the report of the Committee of Conference it is learned that all the chapters had made returns and paid their dues.

The following committees, viz, Committee on Unfinished Business, Committee on Grievance and Committee on Dispensations and Charters, reported that no business had come before them for consideration.

"The report of the Committee on Correspondence, Companion E. T. Schultz, was submitted in printed form and ordered bound with the printed proceedings."

The Council of M. . . E. . . High Priests of Maryland held its eightieth annual convocation, November 17th. The council an-

nointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood nine High Priests-elect of their several chapters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An admirably condensed report on Correspondence is again the work (brain if not hand) of R. E. Comp. Edward T. Schultz. His power of condensation is not the only merit of his production. He has the ability to say the right thing in the right place, and to say it well. Again we repeat the wish that he may be spared for many years to give the Craft the benefit of his wise counsel.

Alabama-1903 is favored with a little over one page of courteous notice.

Companion Schultz says that our Grand High Priest attributed "the most gratifying condition of the Royal Craft during the year, to the untiring efforts and zeal of Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp, upon whom the Grand Chapter, by a unanimous rising vote, bestowed the rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest." He further says:

"At the last annual convocation of our own Grand Chapter we were honored with the same rank, and we beg to offer Companion Beauchamp the congratulations of a peer who is his senior in rank by eleven days."

He very kindly endorses Grand High Priest Bricken's commendation of the writer's work. For so eminent a reviewer as Comp. Schultz to say such good things about one is indeed commendation of the highest order.

Our Companion says that our Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely upon Companion Beauchamp's resolution to make Chapter membership dependent upon Lodge membership, and exclaims: "Whereat we are greatly pleased."

Put the prefix "dis" before "pleased," and we are with you, Companion.

We are with Companion Schultz and Companion Shaver in regard to motions to "lay on the table," or to "indefinitely postpone." Masonry should be above political methods.

M. E. Chas. McDonald, Jr., Grand High Priest.

R. E. John H. Miller, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

76 Chapters—18,051 members—Net gain 531.

Comp. Samuel F. Hubbard, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

A fine engraving of Grand High Priest Hubbard forms the frontispiece of this attractive volume.

Our Representative, Comp. Wm. A. Lawrence, was not reported present with the twenty-four other Grand Representatives. Twelve Permanent Members were at their posts, six of them Past Grand High Priests.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, called attention to the fact that Companions—Henry Goddard, Grand Scribe, 1859, John B. Hill, D. G. H. P., 1888, and John E. Haner, Grand Scribe, 1900, had passed away.

He had issued five special dispensations, only one of which was to waive time in balloting on petition for the degrees.

Exemplifications of the work had been held in ten of the twelve Districts. Those Schools of Instruction he regarded as fruitful of the best results.

We seldom use the scissors, but have not time to copy the M. . E. . Companion's admirable remarks on "Masonic Ideals"; nevertheless, we wish our readers to get the benefit of them; so we clip the following:

"MASONIC IDEALS,"

"In considering the advancement of Masonry and the promotion of its principles, it is necessary to ever bear in mind just what Masonry stands for, what are its aims and purposes, what are its ideals."

"This has been told many, many times, yet it would seem that in the conduct and administration of our Masonic affairs we not infrequently lose sight of the ultimate purpose. Too often in our Masonic housekeeping we, like Martha of old, are 'careful and troubled about many things' and overlook that 'good part which shall not be taken away.'"

"That Masonry has done and is doing much to help regenerate the world there is no question, but how much has never been fully written. If we could unravel the civic and moral fabric of organized society, if the forces which have been at work in the development of our civilization could be resolved into their constituent parts, Masonry would have a newer meaning for us and it would give us a profounder and deeper sense of our inheritance and of our obligation to mankind."

"It is not easy, however, to weigh and measure the influences which have made us, individually even, what we are. Tennyson

has said, 'I am a part of every man I have met.' There is no moral test tube or microscope that enables us to say categorically that this or that moral achievement is due to Masonry, but it may be fairly claimed that the impetus which Masonry has given to the principles of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love has been of incalculable value in helping to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth."

"We can hardly realize what tremendous leaven these principles were in the uplift of society a hundred years ago, when the divine right of Kings was an accepted political dogma, when democracy was struggling for existence and when religious intolerance and superstition were enslaving the hearts of men. Good men and true were uttering their protest against the oppression of humanity, against the assumption of individual rights, against injustice and tyranny in high places, and were proclaiming the doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man as a remedy for all these ills. The cry of Schiller,

'Have Love! Not love alone for one,
But man, as man, thy brother call.'

was echoed in France by Liberty, Fraternity, Equality. It was but natural that the Order of Freemasonry, which recognized neither birth nor rank nor state and declared that all men were brethren, should attract within its fold some of the greatest and noblest minds of that time."

"In Germany, we see such men as Lessing, Wieland, Herder and Goethe, who found in Masonry an effective means of realizing their highest ideals. 'Mozart's Last Masterpiece,' as it was called by his own family, was a cantata entitled 'The Praise of Friendship,' and was first brought out in the Lodge before his old friends, the Freemasons."

"In England, not the least of that distinguished company enrolled in our Order are the names of John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism."

"In this country, the lives of the eminent Masons of that early day was, in a great measure, the history of the Revolution and of the formation of our Republic. James Otis, of the Second Lodge of Boston, in that memorable speech of his against the Writs of Assistance, was proclaiming the birth of the child, Independence."

"We do not marvel that the statement that 'all men are created equal' was declared to be 'self-evident,' when we remember that a majority of the signers of that immortal document were Masons."

"John Hancock in his counting house, Paul Revere in his foundry, Benjamin Franklin at the court of Louis XVI, Washington and his Generals in the field, all Masons, were maintaining and defending the principles of human rights, of the Brotherhood of Man."

"This list of illustrious Masons might be prolonged through the century just passed. We might add our most distinguished chief justice, John Marshall, Grand Master of Virginia; our great commoner, Henry Clay, Grand Master of Kentucky, and hundreds of others who have voiced in camp and court and pulpit the high and lofty sentiments of Masonry and shed lustre on our Order.

"Why do these names illumine the pages of history and come down to us as the exemplars of statesmanship, patriotism and philanthropy? Because it could be said of them as was said of Abou Ben Adhem, 'they loved their fellowmen.'

"Such are the men who have bequeathed to us so rich an inheritance. To belong to so noble a peerage is indeed an honor, but it imposes upon us weighty responsibilities. 'Nobility of birth makes nobility of conduct obligatory.'

"Our obligations to mankind are, today, greater than ever before. We no longer live in isolation. With the telephone and the telegraph at our command, we may well ask, 'who is my neighbor?' The man with whom I can talk a thousand miles away is, in many respects, as much my neighbor as he who calls to me over my garden wall. Whether we will or no, we cannot live apart, like the hermit thrush in the solitudes of the woods. As was said at the opening of the Interparliamentary Union, 'there is no longer an Old World and a New World, but the whole world.'

"The closer society is brought together, the narrower the lines which separate one nation from another, the more dependent we become upon the whole world to minister to our material needs, the more difficult it becomes to adjust the machinery of government to meet the varying requirements.

"We are confronted today with problems little dreamed of fifty years ago, the solution of which will require the nicest discrimination to determine the exact balance of justice and to insure to every man all the rights which he may fairly claim as his own.

"Thoughtful men everywhere are viewing with alarm the forces which are at work exploiting the many in the interests of the few, the antagonism between labor and capital, which is fraught with so much danger, and the enormous contributions, which are being levied upon industry to maintain peace among nations.

"Through what privation, suffering, bitter hatreds and bloodshed the world will have to pass before these questions will be finally adjusted cannot be foretold; but we know that if the spirit of Masonry could dominate the hearts of men, if the principles of brotherhood should be made the rule and guide of action, strife among men and nations would cease from the land.

"Allow me one brief illustration of the application of this principle to the affairs of state.

"Four years ago, Argentina and Chili were on the verge of war over the question of their territorial boundary. Through the eloquent appeals of a good bishop of Argentina, both nations

agreed to arbitration. Since then an arsenal has been turned into a trade school and ten million dollars, received from the sale of warships, has been expended on good roads. Last March upon a mountain pass of the lofty Andes boundary line, there was erected a colossal bronze statue of Christ as a memorial of perpetual peace between the nations.

"The mission of Masonry being to cultivate the enduring principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and to inspire its members to give expression to them in their daily life and living, our duty towards all questions of life is clear.

"It is for us, Companions, to cherish this spirit of good will towards men, before which discord and strife disappear, as morning mists before the sun, and while it may not be given us to see the full fruition of our hopes, yet, if we make each day count one for service to our brothers, we may say to ourselves, individually,

I shall arrive; what time, what circuit first,
I ask not; but unless God send His hail
Or blinding fireballs, sleet, or stifling snow,
In some time, His good time, I shall arrive."

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD,
Grand High Priest.

Its reading was listened to with marked attention, and the applause that greeted its close indicated how closely in touch with the views and sentiments expressed in it were all those who listened to its eloquent delivery.

We have just time enough left to write a word or two about the report on

CORRESPONDENCE.

Calm, dispassionate, forcible and judicious as a writer, R.: E.: Grand Secretary, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Companion J. Gilman Waite (P. G. H. P.) submits an excellent report.

Alabama-1903 is most courteously treated in a notice covering nearly three pages. Kind Words concerning the address of Grand High Priest, Charles R. Bricken, concerning Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp, and the present writer are highly valued.

The "Massachusetts Convention of High Priests" had a very interesting meeting. The Excellent President delivered an instructive address.

Seven qualified Companions were admitted as members, in the usual way.

Companion Harry Hunt, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Companion J. Gilman Waite, R.: E.: Grand Secaetary.

MICHIGAN.

57TH ANNUAL—DETROIT—JANUARY, 1905.

M. E. Michael B. McGee, Grand High Priest.

This exceptionally attractive volume, enriched with portraits and a beautiful representation of the Masonic Temple of Detroit, pleases the eye with its excellent typography, its artistic side heads and its first-class arrangement. We beg to congratulate Companion C. A. Conover on the excellence of his work in making up this volume of proceedings.

According to the report of the Credentials Committee, 137 of the 139 Active Chapters were represented, and there were present 15 Grand Officers, 19 Past Grand High Priests, 1 Past Grand Scribe, 11 members of Standing Committee and 277 representatives. Total membership, 16,467—Net gain, 678.

It will not be forgotten that Michigan does not indulge in the luxury of Grand Representatives.

In his address the Grand High Priest made most fitting mention of the death of two distinguished and greatly beloved Companions, viz: John L. Mitchell, P. G. H. P., and David C. Spaulding, also P. G. H. P.

Under the heading, Jurisprudence, he submitted seven decisions, which, in our opinion, conform to good Masonic law and usage.

We note two or three of these as being of interest outside of Michigan. In No. 4 he ruled that 8 may work as as Lodge of Mark Masters; 7 as a Lodge of Past Masters, and 7 as a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters.

No 5 was in reply to the following:

"Brother 'A,' a member of our Lodge (104) F. & A. M., petitioned for the Chapter degrees. The Committee reported favorably. The ballot was passed, electing him. Before the degrees were conferred, said Brother 'A' became involved in a matter of apparent fraud, and is under heavy bonds awaiting trial. Said trial being delayed for some reason unknown to us."

"A majority of the Companions are inclined to await developments, before conferring any degrees upon him. Brother 'A' demands a return of the fee or the conferring of the degrees. Please advise us in this matter."

The Grand High Priest advised that, if there was no objection to the conferring of the degrees, they confer no degree upon him, until after the trial.

Said trial may be delayed for months, on some pretense or other. Ordinarily we do not think Masonic investigations should be held in suspense awaiting action by the civil courts. And if that Chapter withholds said degrees, "Brother A" has the right to demand an investigation of the reasons why the degrees are withheld.

Another case was as follows:

"6. At the regular Convocation of Chapter 'A', in May, 1904, a vote was taken that they recommend that a new Chapter be formed in 'B,' and dimitts were granted to 22 Companions for the purpose of forming a new Chapter. At the June regular of said Chapter 'A,' the action of the May regular was rescinded, and the Secretary refused to issue the dimitts or recommendations, is this regular?"

The Grand High Priest says:

"I wrote to the High Priest for information why the Secretary had refused to issue dimitts and recommendations. He replied that he had instructed the Secretary not to issue a dimit to any Companion who was in arrears to the Chapter for dues, and the Secretary told him that every one of the Companions to whom dimitts had been granted, were in arrears to the Chapter for dues. I then sent for a copy of the minutes of the May and June regular Convocations and copies of the petitions for dimitts. The original petitions for dimitts were sent to me, and every one of them stated that the petitioner was clear on the books of the Chapter."

"In view of the fact that the petitioners did not make truthful statements, I ruled that the vote granting dimitts to Companions who are in arrears to the Chapter for dues, is illegal and void, and must be set aside."

It would seem that those 22 Companions should pay some penalty for the false statement in their petitions.

The few recommendations made by the Grand High Priest were of interest to the Companions in Michigan alone.

He had granted quite a number of special dispensations, some of them for waiving time in balloting on petitions and conferring degrees.

He had, by proxy, instituted two new Chapters and installed their officers.

He had hoped to visit all the Chapters in the Upper Peninsular, but was prevented from so doing. He had, however, made eight official visits, and had quite regularly visited his own Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's recapitulation for the year, gives:

Receipts.....	\$17,004 46
Disbursements.....	9,642 46
Cash on hand.....	\$7,362 00

The report of Grand Secretary Conover plainly shows him to be the right man for the position he so ably fills.

The Grand Lecturer's report makes evident his devotion to the task of instructing the Companions, and elevating the standard of Capitular Masonry. He had held, during the year fifty-five individual Schools of Instruction.

Companion Chas. A. Conover, Committee on Correspondence, presented his review of the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions, which he reported as printed in full and ready for binding with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of Companion Conover, Committee on Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

Companion Conover read a communication, which he had received touching the formation of a Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia. And the same was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The President of Board of Control of the Michigan Masonic Home reported the general conditions of the Home to be satisfactory—efforts being constantly made to render the institution a home in the full sense of the word. The mortality among the inmates has been greater than during any previous year. Nine have died—7 males, 2 females. Average age of the deceased, 77 years.

Number of inmates, 52. Receipts from all sources with last year's balance, make the sum of \$13,032.09. Disbursements for all purposes, \$12,455.90, leaving balance on hand, \$576.19.

Average cost of maintenance per week, per capita, \$3.42. Number of visitors during the year, 960.

The Committee on Jurisprudence heartily recommended approval of the decisions and special dispensations of the Grand High Priest. The report of the committee was adopted. The committee also recommended concurrence in certain amendments to the Constitution, which it needs not to quote in this paper, but which being sustained by more than a two-thirds vote, were declared adopted.

Notwithstanding our last remark, it may not be amiss to state that on recommendation of the same committee, the date for meeting of Grand Chapter was changed from January to May; and that the application of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was "deferred for another year for further consideration."

On favorable report of the Finance Committee, in view of the low condition of the funds of the Masonic Home, and of needed repairs, the sum of \$300.00 was appropriated for use of the Board of Control of the Home.

The Committee on Appeals happily had an empty docket.

A special committee on Reading of the Cryptogram recommended that the uniform method of reading the same, adopted and prescribed by the General Grand Chapter, and recommended by the R. C. Grand Lecturer, be adopted as the official reading of the Cryptogram of the Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan—Adopted.

The extended and elaborate report of the Committee on Obituaries was unanimously adopted.

The next Convocation of Grand Chapter will be in the city of Saginaw, May 15, 1906, 1:30 p. m., standard time.

A beautiful Past Grand High Priest's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest.

The introductory remarks of the P. G. H. P., who made the presentation address, might be styled facetious. (Or by some un-charitable person, "Tom-foolery").

The Grand Council of High Priesthood received eight new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion Chas. A. Conover, Grand Secretary, and Committee on Correspondence, again presents us with a number one report, reviewing the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters.

Alabama, 1903, receives three full pages of fraternal, courteous notice. He characterizes M. E. Charles R. Bricken's address as a "good, business-like report." Companion Conover says:

"He attributes the condition of affairs largely to the untiring efforts and zeal of Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp. His short sketch of Masonic history of Companion Beauchamp reads very much like that of our own lamented Grand Secretary Jefferson S. Conover. Like him he had reached the office of Grand

King, when called by unanimous suffrage to serve in the capacity of Grand Secretary, filling a vacancy caused by the death of his predecessor. The likeness is still further carried out when the Grand High Priest recommends that "as a just recognition and merit of reward, I recommend most heartily and enthusiastically that this Grand Chapter create Companion George A. Beauchamp an Honorary Past Grand High Priest with all the rights, benefits and privileges belonging to those who have been regularly elected to the position of Grand High Priest, and, as such, have presided over this Grand Chapter."

The committee to whom the matter was referred, coincided with his views exactly, and presented a resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Grand Chapter, and which is almost verbatim, the resolution adopted in Michigan in 1903. So it seems that other Grand Chapters can create Honorary Past Grand High Priests, Grand Secretary Grant, of Kentucky, to the contrary notwithstanding."

We have heretofore "had our say," and make no comment.

We cannot let the following pass without correction:

"We note by Grand Secretary Beauchamp's report that rituals are sold, in that Jurisdiction, to the Chapters, in any number desired, at \$3.00 each."

Now, Companion, we know you would not wilfully misrepresent us—the fact is that *each Chapter is limited to three copies.*

The writer is grateful for complimentary reference to his own report on correspondence.

M. E. Thomas H. Williams, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

43D ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER, 1904.

M. E. Comp. John Fishel, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 63—Membership 6,091—Gain 267.

According to report of Committee on Credentials, all the Grand Officers (14) were present, also twenty Permanent Members—16 Past Grand High Priests, 3 Past Deputy Grand High Priests, 1 Past Grand King and 71 representatives of 53 out of 63 Chapters—Total entitled to vote, 105. Grand Representatives of thirty-three Sister Jurisdictions, including Companion James Kelly for Alabama, answered to their names. The frontispiece is a portrait of M. E. John Fishel.

In his address the Grand High Priest made appropriate reference to deceased Companions, and recommended appointment of a Committee on Necrology.

He had constituted one Chapter, McKinley (69). He had issued twelve dispensations—four for elections, six for installing officers, one for changing quarters, and one for opening a Chapter to exemplify the M. E. M. Degree before Grand Chapter. He had also granted, for reasons deemed sufficient, several dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions at the same Convocation.

This latter exercise of the dispensing power does not appear to us to be salutary.

He had refused a dispensation to elect a High Priest to fill a vacancy caused by death of the incumbent, holding that the King, by right, succeeded to the office as acting High Priest. In our opinion, undoubtedly correct.

He had made several visitations, although not so many as he had hoped to make, long continued illness in his family preventing. Of the work in the Chapters visited he had this to say:

"The work in each of the Chapters I have visited was done with a dignity, decorum and fidelity to the ritual that were particularly gratifying. There was no levity, rudeness or by-play, and I was pleased to express my hearty commendation."

From all he could learn, he believed the same prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction.

The first decision submitted was, that a Companion, desiring to apply for membership in a Chapter, by dimit, must first visit said Chapter or be properly vouched for.

The following questions were submitted to him for decision:

"1. Is the applicant entitled to sit in the Chapter upon satisfying the Chapter that he is the person named in the dimit?"

"2. Must the applicant be vouched for by word of mouth, or pass a satisfactory examination before being permitted to sit in the Chapter, notwithstanding the fact that he has been elected a member of the Chapter?"

"3. To what extent is a dimit entitled to consideration as proof of the right of the holder thereof to sit in Chapter?"

"Upon which I ruled as follows: 1. No; 2. Yes; 3. Simply as corroborative evidence."

As to the second query, it would seem to us that the applicant should not be elected until after avouchment or examination.

Under "Condition of the Craft" the Grand High Priest says:

"With the exceptions noted above" (having noted that 28 per cent. of the Chapters carry no insurance; that one Chapter has no by-laws, and is conferring the degrees for a less sum than the law requires; and that 30 per cent of the Chapters keep their Charters framed and hung on the walls of the Chapter rooms), "the Chapters appear to be in good condition. Most of them are well equipped with furniture, robes and paraphernalia, and have a balance on the right side of the ledger. The reports of the visitors show assets amounting to \$87,000.00, of which \$22,000.00 is cash on hand, with liabilities of only \$5,000.00. The report of the Grand Secretary will, I think, show this to have been one of the most successful years in the history of the Grand Chapter."

The Grand Secretary, having explained the importance of the Grand Chapter Register, recommended that a new strongly bound Register be obtained large enough to last 40 or 50 years.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance cash on hand, after all disbursements, as \$6,204.32.

On recommendation of the Committee on Address, the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was accorded to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

The title, "District Visitor," was changed to "Grand Inspector," and the Grand Inspectors appointed are to be selected, as far as possible, from the Officers of Grand Chapter, for the time being.

The Grand Inspector, when visiting a Chapter, shall wear the collar, jewel and apron of his office; and the High Priest, notified of such intended visit, shall call a meeting of his Chapter and have the same ready for such visit.

As it seems to us, while, on the one hand, expectation of a visit by said Grand Officer may stimulate a Chapter to "put the best foot forward," on the other, a Grand Inspector, taking the Chapter by surprise, can form a better idea of its real condition.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended approval of the decisions and also of what related to Grand Representatives, and By-Laws, as well as approval of special dispensations. The committee, while admitting the authority of the Grand High Priest to dispense with the law which does not permit receiving and balloting on petitions at the same Convocation, said an-

thority being sanctioned more by long continued usage than by express enactment," nevertheless did not commend the practice, and recommended that "it be exercised very cautiously, and only in cases of extraordinary emergency." The committee also was of the opinion that the facts constituting such emergency should be fully stated in writing, and accompany the petition for dispensation. The report of the committee was adopted.

The very appropriate report of the Committee on Departed Companions contained one suggestion which which we do not recall from any other report on Necrology. It was as follows:

"They are gone forever, and it remains only for us to see that those dependent on them are not forgotten, and whenever necessary, to relieve, in our modest way, the wants and necessities of those once near and dear to them."

The fitness of that suggestion no true Mason would, for one moment, question.

According to custom a Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest.

At the request of the Grand High Priest an exemplification of the M. E. M. Degree was conducted with great eclat by St. John's Chapter (9) of Minneapolis, "accompanied by a double quartette which rendered some very fine music. About forty Companions participated in the work, elaborately costumed. A large attendance of members of Grand Chapter and visitors gave expression at the close, of their appreciation of the excellent work done by the officers and members of St. John's Chapter. As several expressed themselves, it was a revelation to them that the degree had within itself such possibilities to interest and instruct."

It was, no doubt, very fine, but was it calculated to intensify such feelings as were in evidence in "The Lodge room over Simpkins' store"?

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests received twelve new members.

CORRESPONDENCE,

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Thos. Montgomery, again submitted an able and instructive report on Correspondence—one which cannot be read without profit derived from its one-hundred-one pages.

Alabama—1903, is fraternally reviewed within the space of a

little over one page. Short though the notice of our Jurisdiction is, nevertheless all salient points of our proceedings are therein covered.

The writer gratefully appreciates his kind reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

We are with Comp. Montgomery in disapproval of the practice of expelling members for non-payment of dues.

He holds that a vote granting a dimit cannot be lawfully reconsidered as was claimed by Companions Drummond and Swain.

If we do not agree with Companion Montgomery on every point of opinion, all the same we admire the spirit of his reviews.

M. : E. : George Forsyth, Grand High Priest.

M. : E. : Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

57TH ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—FEBRUARY, 1905.

Chapters on the roll, 70—members, 2,854. Net gain, 194.

Companion John Foggs Dixon, M. : E. : Grand High Priest.

Portraits—Companion E. E. Clements, the Grand High Priest elect, and Companion Wyndham R. Trigg, Grand High Priest 1890-1891.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were in attendance at this Convocation, also twenty four Grand Representatives, including Past Grand High Priest, Companion Nolan Stewart, representing Alabama.

The address of the Grand High Priest was very short (only about 4 pages), but left nothing unnoticed that demanded his attention.

He had issued three special dispensations—two of them to ballot out of time on a number of candidates. He says;

"On April 21st, I refused a similar dispensation to"—Chapter No. —, "for the good and sufficient reason that these candidates proposed to use the Chapter simply as a stepping stone to the Commandery and the Shrine! While I am a great lover of the Order of the Temple, and an enthusiastic member of the Shrine, I am not disposed to allow, while I am Grand High Priest, if no longer, Royal Arch Masonry to be used as a bridge to something supposed, by some, to be better. It grieved me to say "No" to my Companions of — Chapter, but had Natchez

Chapter" (one of the two receiving permission to ballot out of time) "made the same request under the same conditions, the result would have been the same." Good! So far as it goes.

Our M. : E. : Companion, reflecting on the admirable work of the lamented Grand Lecturer, Companion Spinks, seemed to be of the opinion that the late Grand Lecturer did the Royal Craft vastly more good than can be accomplished by Schools of Instruction, which are attended by much more expense than by lasting good. He thought it the part of wisdom to have a competent salaried officer, as in the old system. He left the matter with Grand Chapter.

He had issued dispensations for organizing two new Chapters. He styles M. : E. : Companion Frederic Speed, "our incomparable Grand Secretary."

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was the sum of \$2,193.22.

The Committee on Capitular Law and Jurisprudence was of the opinion that, in such cases as the following, viz: A certain Chapter, "having stopped two candidates, who had been elected, and one had taken one degree and the other two degrees, desired to know whether the fees should be refunded, the fees are not divided as in the Blue Lodge, being not less than \$20.00 for the four degrees, and as only one ballot is taken for all the degrees, it seemed that all are included in one, the right or privilege of objection cannot be curtailed or abridged," when a candidate is stopped before being exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, we think, as a matter of justice, the fee should be returned.

The committee recommended approval of the several dispensations granted by "the M. : E. Grand High Priest."

The record does not show that the report of said committee was adopted, but, no doubt, such was the case.

The method of reading the Cryptogram, promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, was adopted for use by the Subordinate Chapter.

P. : G. : H. : P. : and Grand Secretary, Companion Speed briefly but eloquently reported from the Committee on Necrology.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Phineas M. Savery, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a finely written report. We copy from his conclusion the following:

proper mention of the death of the beloved Companion John D. Vincil, whose vacant chair brought sadness to the heart of every member of Grand Chapter.

Eleven special dispensations had been granted for various purposes. We note that two of these were to permit re-balloting on petitions, in order to correct errors in original ballotings.

Dispensations were issued for forming three new Chapters. Two dispensations were, for reasons deemed good and sufficient, peremptorily refused.

The Grand High Priest's four decisions were conformable to good Masonic law and usage. We note that one was in answer to the question: "Would it be right and proper to place the minutes of the Chapter in the hands of a young lady for type-writing the same to be put in loose leaf minute book?" The answer to which was disapproval thereof.

He spoke in warm approval of the management of the Masonic Home by Bro. the Rev. Edward B. Redd, Superintendent, and his devoted wife, Matron.

His recommendations were few, and mostly of local interest. One of them was the following:

"I would respectfully recommend that the Grand Chapter adopt a law allowing the Grand High Priest to grant a dispensation to all new Chapters just organized U. D. to ballot on at least three petitions to be selected by the proposed officers of the new Chapters, and allowing them to confer all the degrees upon those three candidates the night that they are organized." He thought this a quite general practice (?).

He also recommended increase of the Grand Secretary's salary from \$1,200.00 a year to \$1,500.00 per annum. The Grand Secretary's duties are twice as laborious as they were when his salary was fixed at \$1,200.00, hence said recommendation merited adoption.

The reports of the President, the Superintendent, the Matron, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Masonic Home of Missouri, make good reading for those who are truly Masons at heart. The conclusion of President Givan's report is an impressive tribute to the memory of that noble benefactor of the poor and afflicted, the late Companion John D. Vincil.

The Superintendent's report and the Matron's, show that they are both admirably fitted for the positions they fill.

The Treasurer's report, Mar. 31, 1905, shows a balance on hand of \$18,367.71.

In the Secretary's report the statement of securities belonging to the Endowment Funds of the Home, foots up as total Securities \$105,198.34.

The Committee on Necrology made report on domestic and foreign losses by death, and its report was ordered printed with the proceedings.

Companion Wm. H. Mayo's report on Foreign Correspondence was ordered published with the proceedings

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters U. D., a Charter was granted to one of them and the other two were continued U. D. until next Annual.

Missouri has adopted the card system of Historical Registry, and has appropriated \$700.00 for putting it in operation. The labor of preparation will cost \$300.00, and estimated cost of cases and cards will be \$400.00.

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was adopted, with great pleasure, no doubt, for the committee had no case referred to it.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer it is learned that "the compensation of the Grand Lecturer and Deputies shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars during any one year." Again, "The Grand Lecturer shall receive as compensation for his services \$5.00 per day and expenses while engaged in his official duties." Construing the two laws together the Grand Lecturer thought would limit the compensation and expenses to \$1,500.00. This he felt was not enough to justify him in employing his full time among the Subordinate Chapters. Said he:

"I have traveled about three thousand miles, visited some twenty Chapters and drawn for compensation and expenses less than \$400.00 of the appropriation."

From his further report we gather that there is great need of his giving his whole time to the work of instructing the Chapters. Instances are so common, in which outside help must be secured in order to confer the degrees,

"Candidates have applied for advancement and been turned down because of inability of the Chapter to give them the degrees." * * * * * "Those who can read the cipher consecutively, page by page, are almost as scarce as hens' teeth, and those who can open the book at random and read special parts without obtaining the connection, can be counted on the fingers and thumbs of two hands."

STATISTICAL TABLE OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS FOR 1904.

GRAND CHAPTER.	Number of Chapters.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Number of Members.	Net Gain.
Alabama	50	299	52	34	50	49	27	2032	259
Arizona	7	37	9	.....	7	14	11	433	14
Arkansas	70	337	35	24	34	35	46	2506	283
California	77	967	141	23	101	83	143	8084	804
Colorado	36	196	46	18	53	33	47	3201	142
Connecticut	40	473	11	12	31	35	125	6725	317
Delaware	4	56	3	.....	5	5	8	821	41
District of Columbia	12	265	60	26	53	62	35	3042	201
Florida	24	160	55	14	35	11	25	1080	58
Georgia	121	747	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4807	628
Illinois	187	1768	229	99	253	284	333	21581	1276
Indiana	107	1110	128	22	155	81	151	9401	873
Indian Territory	43	304	40	3	50	48	15	1818	282
Iowa	127	764	132	67	242	227	125	9409	369
Kansas	81	439	76	30	141	89	82	6010	210
Kentucky	88	635	38	45	95	105	60	5107	458
Louisiana	24	246	20	8	20	26	14	1739	214
Maine	59	560	79	22	83	44	116	7705	418
Maryland	21	165	9	5	15	22	57	2464	85
Massachusetts	76	968	1020	10	114	111	264	18051	531
Michigan	139	1153	110	35	134	126	236	15899	802
Minnesota	63	405	78	19	114	53	68	6091	267
Mississippi	69	300	47	17	79	59	37	2660	189
Missouri	99	694	168	48	208	202	143	9360	357
Montana	16	127	20	11	21	6	14	1150	119
Nebraska	55	267	40	24	55	38	28	3531	210
Nevada	7	14	3	1	3	4	6	326	5

New Hampshire.....	25	156	166	3	32	49	80	3750	8
New Jersey.....	38	361	49	28	28	68	71	4225	271
New Mexico.....	10	51	5	.....	10	3	9	563	34
New York.....	198	2527	148	147	220	491	373	26659	1738
North Carolina.....	24	205	55	4	33	13	16	1180	202
North Dakota.....	16	127	12	11	38	25	11	1334	76
Ohio.....	161	1937	241	201	247	368	317	20374	1447
Oregon.....	29	208	24	4	22	10	30	2000	174
Pennsylvania.....	125	1959	153	17	222	147	360	22676	1400
Rhode Island.....	10	189	3	52	7	1	43	3056	141
South Carolina.....	23	181	30	8	26	21	8	1039	164
South Dakota.....	30	133	22	5	29	16	18	1886	102
Tennessee.....	72	317	63	18	80	40	62	3150	216
Texas.....	177	1174	164	65	333	73	126	9999	938
Vermont.....	28	200	15	2	22	9	73	3458	126
Virginia.....	51	428	113	14	102	32	48	4100	373
Washington.....	26	149	46	9	32	24	19	1946	149
West Virginia.....	29	365	17	16	27	34	32	3127	305
Wisconsin.....	78	533	65	17	128	60	116	7153	311
*General Grand Chapter.....	21	122	28	5	26	7	12	1452	110
Total.....	2873	24878	4068	1243	3824	3293	4012	279620	17958

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Canada.....	108	915	119	29	147	91	87	7671	738
New Brunswick.....	9	32	.....	.....	4	4	11	501	13
Nova Scotia.....	15	98	5	2	22	14	12	841	87
Quebec.....	11	115	7	3	16	11	7	836	91
Total.....	143	1160	131	34	189	120	117	9853	929
Grand Total.....	3016	26038	4199	1277	4013	3413	4129	289473	18857

*From proceedings for 1903.

It would seem to be wise to give the Grand Lecturer a sufficient salary to enable him to quit all other business and give his entire time to instruction of the Companions.—But we don't believe in "Cipher."

We do not give his report on the Cryptogram for we cannot draw well enough to reproduce his diagram.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee the salary of the Grand Treasurer remained \$100.00. The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised to \$1,500.00. The salary of Committee on Correspondence remained \$200.00. To Grand Officers' Jewels and supplies was put the sum of \$300.00. To five P. G. H. P. Jewels was appropriated the sum of \$250.00. Printing and binding Annual Proceedings, \$450.00. Historical Register Labor \$300.00; Case and Cards \$400.00. For Masonic Home \$2,500.00.

We have not copied the full list of recommendations. The Contingent Fund to Grand Lecturers and Deputies was not increased but remained \$1,500.00.

The total of all appropriations was \$12,311.15.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand April 25, 1905, was the sum of \$22 174 38.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all the dispensations of the Grand High Priest except one allowing a Chapter U. D. to ballot on petitions and confer degrees the same night of its organization. This dispensation the committee found to be contrary to the By-Laws. The committee also approved the Grand High Priest's decision, but not his recommendation to allow Chapters U. D. to ballot on petitions and confer degrees the night of their organization. Report adopted.

The Annual Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected twenty eligible Companions to membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence by M. E. Companion Wm. H. Mayo is able and instructive, as have his reports ever been.

Alabama—1904; is fraternally and courteously reviewed. The veteran reporter honors us by extracting a couple of paragraphs from our last report. He will please accept our hearty acknowledgment of that honor.

M. E. Nathan J. Swetland, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Robert F. Stevenson, Grand Secretary.

NOTE—We take the liberty—which we trust Comp. Mayo will sanction—of appending his Statistical Table, (pages 132-3.)

MONTANA.

15TH ANNUAL—HELENA—OCTOBER, 1904.

M. E. Alexander D. Macdonald, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 16—membership, 1,151. Net gain, 120.

The number of Royal Arch Masons in the Jurisdiction is a little over 28 per cent. of Master Masons therein.

The portrait of the retiring Grand High Priest makes a good frontispiece for this volume. Companion Hedges honors himself and his subject in the brief biographical sketch placed opposite M. E. Companion Macdonald's portrait.

At the opening, all the Grand Officers were present, saye the R. E. Grand Chaplain, also nine Past Grand High Priests and one Past Grand King.

Again was the Grand Secretary able to make a "Preliminary Report," which was highly satisfactory. It was to the effect that all the Chapters had made their returns and paid their dues.

The Grand High Priest's address (12 pp) shows entire devotion to the duties of his exalted position, and most intelligent grasp of the situation and needs of the craft. Conspicuous in the address is the account of his official visitations. So much interest is manifested in getting "in touch" with all the Chapters, and in doing all that in him lay to promote their usefulness, that his example, in that regard, is most worthy of emulation. He visited all but one of the subordinate chapters, and was prevented from going to the excepted one, only by circumstances beyond his control.

He had granted three special dispensations, for reasons which appeared to him sufficient—one of the three dispensations was to permit receiving and balloting on a petition at one and the same meeting. The other two were for electing officers at other than the time prescribed by law.

Three decisions were submitted. With them we can find no fault, although the Jurisprudence Committee disapproved that one which ruled that when the C. of H. gives order to the Com-

panions to come to order as R. A. M., the K. and S. should be exempted.

He recommended—First, that the law in regard to proficiency of candidates be so amended as to require said candidates to pass a satisfactory examination on preceding degree, in open chapter, before advancement.

Second, that it be made obligatory on the Secretary of each Chapter, after candidates have selected their marks, to enter the same in a Book of Marks. He believed that, thus, compliance with the law would be better secured than by leaving the matter to candidates themselves.

Third, that Companion — be given the necessary authority to compile a Monitor such as was needed.

Fourth, that in the interest of uniformity of work, a committee of well informed Companions be appointed to consider, decide upon and exemplify before the convocation now holding the signs and grips of each degree.

Fifth, that for the sixty days immediately following the Grand Convocation, the Grand Secretary be allowed a competent assistant at a reasonable salary.—A just recommendation beyond a doubt.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made a report which evinced lively interest in discharge of his duties.

The Grand Secretary says in his report:

"The year has in fact been the most prosperous in our history."

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand exhibits \$1,965 68. Amount on hand, Masonic Home Endowment fund, \$1,355.83.

The Grievance Committee had an empty docket. Congratulations, Companions.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters found 'no errors or irregularities' in the returns from the Chapters. (Thanks no doubt to the careful Grand Secretary's scrutiny of said returns as they came in, remedying all defects in the same).

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Assistant Secretary was paid \$50 00 for services rendered in 1903, and henceforth the sum of \$75 00 per annum is to be paid him for similar services.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the dispensations of the Grand High Priest. As already stated, the committee ap-

proved all of his decisions, except that one in relation to King and Scribe. The committee also disapproved his first and second recommendation. As to the third, the committee saw no objection to any R. A. Mason offering a monitor for Grand Chapter's approval, provided it entailed no expense upon the Grand Body.

The fourth recommendation was approved, and it was further recommended that the Grand Council constitute the committees to exemplify the signs and grips before Grand Chapter. Report adopted.

The Grand High Priest's fifth recommendation had been referred to the Finance Committee, whose report thereon has been mentioned already.

A resolution was unanimously adopted, providing for the appointment of a committee of three, of which the D. G. H. P. should be chairman, to compile a Monitor, and the sum of \$25 was appropriated for the use of said committee for purchase of books and for necessary typewriting.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected five new members.

In the Digest of Approved Decisions from eleven Jurisdictions, appears the following from Alabama:

"Unless controlled by statutes, there is no time limit when a Master Mason in good standing in his lodge may apply for the Chapter degrees."

CORRESPONDENCE.

That R. A. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Cornelius Hedges still sits on the reportorial tripod is matter for congratulation to the entire Craft. In his introduction he says:

"Thankful we are that since our last report we have still continued to improve, though far from recovering our former strength and elasticity of body and mind."

We sincerely trust that he may speedily recover his "former strength and elasticity of body," but, judging by his productions, we utterly fail to discover that he has lost any "strength" or "elasticity of mind."

Alabama-1903 is given nearly two pages of courteous notice. He concisely summarizes M. A. E. Companion Bricken's address, and pronounces his six decisions "eminently sound." And

briefly reproduces a sketch of the life of our eminent Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Geo. F. Moore. He also says:

"Our venerable Companion William Y. Titcomb provides another very thorough and entertaining correspondence report."

First thanking you, Companion, for your greatly appreciated commendation of our work, we nevertheless feel impelled to ask: What have we done to you, that you should call us "venerable?" Like somebody else's hat on our head, it seems to us a misfit. Although *ætat* LXXVIII, we seem to ourselves too much of a boy in temperament, to entitle us to the term "venerable."

Under England, Wales and the Colonies, Companion Hedges well says:

"Aside from the greatest work of promoting peace and good will towards men, there is no greater or truer work for Masonry than charity, and the education of orphans is the best form of charity for girls and boys."

Under Illinois, he thinks "the addition of the triangle in the furnishing of the altar is very appropriate."

Companion Hedges holds broadminded views as to the subject of physical qualifications for the degrees.

He does not agree with the writer as to actual presence of the Charter. Well, suppose we let our flails hang by the wall for a while. The threshing floor can do without any hammering for a time.

Leaving bushels and bushels of good things, we skip to Companion Hedges' characteristic conclusion. Listen:

"It is now nearly a month since our Fifteenth Annual Convocation closed, and we are just done with the formidable array of volumes awaiting notice, when we get rested enough to resume work. We hoped to have our Proceedings in print by this time, and all the matter is now ready if we could command the printing. But here we are within a week of presidential election, with which is combined a state, county and township election. The printing presses are in full blast, dilating upon the vital issues at stake and the public services and virtues of the respective candidates. As in real war, so in the mimic war of politics, Masonry acts as a sedative and restorative."

"Royal Arch Masonry is thriving in all countries where it has been planted. Both Lodge and the Commandery are aiding the Chapter."

"Nothing but good words seem to be spoken of the General

Grand Chapter, and we are not sure but it is doing as much good in a different way, as if it possessed original powers. As said in defense of the Grand Representative system, it does not cost much and there is no compulsion about attendance."

"The only criticism we feel inclined to make about Capitular Masonry is that it is not so generally and actively engaged in the work of charity, as we would like to see it."

"With improved health, everything looks brighter, and we can understand how even the fierce fighting between the Japanese and Russians is going to do good to both nations and the rest of world."

"Who knows but the Chapter may yet return to the Temple in Jerusalem."

M. E. H. T. Cumming, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

38TH ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER, 1904.

M. E. Benjamin F. Thomas, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 55—Membership 3,531—Net gain 210.

At the Convocation under review, 34 Chapters were represented.

A handsome engraving representing the features of Grand High Priest Benj. F. Thomas forms the frontispiece of this attractive volume.

Grand Representatives of twenty-two Sister Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama, were reported present by the Committee on Credentials.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a first-class document. Under "General Conditions," he said:

"On March 22, 1904, I addressed a letter to each High Priest in the State, asking for a report on the condition of his Chapter, and offering my services in any way that would help to create an interest in Royal Arch Masonry, also offering to visit the Chapter or designate some Grand Officer to do so, providing such visit would be of benefit to the Chapter. The replies received indicate that most of our Chapters are in a prosperous condition. The amount of work done during the past year is a little larger than in the year before, the increase is satisfactory, and, with a few exceptions, the Chapters are all doing good work."

"In this convention I desire to say that the success and prosperity of any Chapter depends largely upon the selection of the

officers, more especially upon the High Priest. A good, active High Priest who has the welfare of the Chapter at heart can, by his personality, infuse life and activity into his Chapter and create an interest that is productive of the best results; while one who is careless and indifferent soon brings the members of his Chapter to his own level of mediocrity, and, as a result, the Chapter languishes."

On February 23, 1904, he issued a dispensation for a new Chapter at Oakland. He had felt some hesitancy in granting this dispensation, since the law does not seem to be clear as to the power of Grand Chapter to order a dispensation in the face of a refusal by the nearest Chapter to recommend such grant. But on recommendation by a P. G. H. P., who had visited said Chapter and found all requirements of Grand Chapter met, he did as before stated.

We note that, Feb. 15, 1904, he issued a commission to Comp. James B. Hunter as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and, on same date, recommended Comp. Frederick J. Schaufelberger as Alabama's Representative near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

No decisions were submitted. Four special dispensations were issued to elect and install officers at dates other than those fixed by law.

He suggested that the subject of "two Arks" and explanation of the Cryptogram to be put into the possession of each High Priest so that he may give the same to Companions at the time of their exaltation, be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest or the Grand Lecturer so that full and complete knowledge thereof may be had and promulgated to the Chapters.

While he did not believe that, at present, the Masonic Home required any financial aid from the Grand Chapter, nevertheless he commended the home to the Grand Chapter's "special care."

The following is the substance of his four recommendations:

First: That the law relating to the giving of the degrees, be amended by substituting for the word "advancement" the words "for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry," as only one ballot is taken for the four degrees.

Second: That after the Mark Master's Degree has been conferred upon a candidate, in order to prevent his taking the remaining degrees, charges must be preferred against the Brother.

Third: He recommended that the Committee on Doings of

Grand Officers be abolished, and that, at the close of his address the Grand High Priest refer all matters contained therein to appropriate committees.

Fourth: That each P. G. H. P. and each present Grand Officer furnish the Grand Secretary with a brief biography showing his Masonic record, also the principal incidents of his civil life which he cares to note. There are, he thinks, several good and sufficient reasons for doing this, and many Grand Jurisdictions require it. It will surely be a great help to Committee on Necrology.

R. . E. . Grand Secretary Comp. Francis E. White furnishes a business like report.

December 14, 1904, the Grand Treasurer had on hand cash amounting to \$3,228 18.

In his report the Grand Lecturer intimates that his labors during the year have been very light. He, hence, presumes that thoroughness and proficiency in the ritual work prevail throughout the Jurisdiction. He says:

"A letter officially addressed to M. . E. . General Grand High Priest asking for the proper method of explaining the mysterious characters, as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, was sent early in October, but as yet no response has been received."

Well, isn't the General Grand more for ornament than use anyway?

Hereafter the Convocations (Annual) of the Grand Chapter will be held in the City of Omaha, Neb.

The Committee on Grievances reported that no business had been presented to it for consideration.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations a charter was granted to Oakland Chapter U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence wrestled with several proposed amendments to the Constitution. The committee having reported on those amendments, objection was made to their consideration (with the exception of one, which provides that Chapters U. D. shall have a stated Convocation or stated Convocations each month, as their regular business meetings, for reception of petitions and action thereon, etc.), and they lie over for consideration at next Annual. The excepted amendment relating to Chapters U. D. was adopted.

The recommendation of the Grand High Priest in relation to abolishing the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, was not

concurred in. His other recommendations were adopted, and the report of the Jurisprudence Committee except as to the Constitutional amendments, was concurred in.

That "Social and Fraternal" function, on the evening of the first day, at which P. G. H. P., Comp. George W. Sininger was the center of attraction, must have been greatly enjoyed, and all too soon came the order to return to the hall and take up the business of the evening. The Committee on Necrology made a most appropriate report. Adopted, of course.

The Convention, Order of High Priesthood, in its 33d annual, admitted eighteen Companions, who were "separately admitted, anointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood with the full ceremonies of the Order."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Charles J. Phelps, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his thirteenth annual report, which is fully up to the high standard of his previous efforts in that line. Within the space of 74 pages of printed matter, he enables the attentive reader to form a clear conception of the sayings and doings of the Capitular world.

Alabama, 1903, is courteously and fraternally reviewed on a page and one-fourth. The writer returns sincere thanks for kind compliment paid the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Francis McGivesin, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

32D ANNUAL—CARSON CITY—JUNE, 1905.

Number of Chapters 7—R. A. Masons 323—Net loss 3.

M. E. Herman Levy, Grand High Priest, whose portrait is the first thing that engages our attention on opening this volume.

At the opening of Grand Chapter the unusual number of seven vacant stations were filled *pro tempore*. Three Past Grand High Priests answered at roll call. That Alabama's Representative continues absent is due, it seems, to his being, constantly almost, away from home, in service of the Government.

In his short address (4 pages) the Grand High Priest intimated that pressure of private business had prevented any visitations save to his own Chapter. Among his recommendations, which were of purely local interest, we note that, in view of the fact that the revenue for the current year was less than that of the previous year, and inadequate to meet expenses, he recommended the levying of 75 cents *per capita* according to the returns this year, and the said assessment be payable within 90 days.

He did not forget, before closing his address, to make acknowledgment of the wise counsels and valuable aid given him by Grand Secretary Noteware during the year. He submitted no decisions to Grand Chapter. We must not omit to mention that the Grand High Priest recommended an amendment to Standing Resolution No 4, which on favorable report thereon by the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted. As amended, the resolution read as follows:

"4. Reinstatement. —That any Companion Royal Arch Mason within this jurisdiction being suspended or expelled by the Constituent Lodge of which he is a member or which has jurisdiction over his person, or the offense of which he is charged, and being afterwards restored to good standing by the Constituent Lodge which tried him, he is not thereby restored to membership in the Chapter, nor until such time as his Chapter shall restore him by affiliation."

On recommendation of the Committee on Finance the Grand High Priest's recommendation of a 75 cents *per capita* assessment was adopted.

The Grand Chapter of Nevada has sustained very serious loss by the death of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Freeman Coffin. His portrait, next before the memorial pages of this volume, is an index of true manhood and true Masonry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Our esteemed contemporary, Companion Vanderlieth, again presents his readers with a number one report reviewing all the proceedings—domestic and foreign—which had been received by him. Comp. Vanderlieth's reports are always bright and crisp and full of vim. If he agrees with you it is done with grace; if he opposes you he does it in such a manner that you congratulate yourself on having a manly, magnanimous opponent.

Alabama, 1904, receives nearly three and one-half pages of courteous mention. He says of M.: E.: Charles R. Bricken, our Grand High Priest, at that writing :

"A medallioned portrait of Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken graces this tidy volume. It is accompanied by a brief sketch of his life. This distinguished lawyer and Mason is Nevada's Grand Representative, and the Sagebrush State mentions this fact with pride."

"The gathering over which he presided was a superior one, and the Companion submitted a worthy address."

The Companion very generously gives the writer more than two pages and a half of kindly notice. We will not quote his opening remark, lest we lay ourselves liable to the imputation of modesty with a prefix.

Under Colorado, we had asked what "foolish" thing we might have said about the use of the word "order", so that we might profit by the correction. Says Companion Vanderlieth.

"The correction is for us, Companion. We did not mean, when we used the word "foolish," that the objection urged was without sense. We meant that it was of little importance, not as weighty an objection as usually comes from our Companion." (That is to say: when he said "foolish" he did not mean foolish). Satisfied.

Then Companion V. goes on interestingly thus:

"Not only does the dictionary definition fit the use of the word 'order,' but the most eminent lexicographers and Masonic writers use the word Masonically. As to antiquity, Guild and Craft are ancient; but so is 'Order.' The Charter of Cologne (1535), speaks of 'this Order of Free Masons,' the origin of our Order.' and 'our Mark secret Order.' When we have hoary age and honored use in favor of the word, what is the serious objection? With all due respect we must be permitted to say Companion Titcomb has advanced no weighty objection to its use."

For the sufficient reason that "Companion Titcomb" has no "weighty objection" to urge against the use of the word "Order." He simply *prefers* the term, Fraternity.

Companion Vanderlieth does the writer the honor, under Kansas, of approvingly quoting him on "gorgeous robes, stage settings," &c., and on dependent membership, under Maine.

He says:

"Companion Titcomb is right when he says Grand Secretary Noteware is a most efficient officer. He's a Masonic worker, too. There isn't a lecture on a degree in either Blue Lodge or Chapter that he can't deliver or confer almost offhand. How's that for high?"

Pretty good for "high;" but listen, dear Companion: Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp of Alabama, confers the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery degrees, including the lectures, not only "almost" but entirely without using a book or other help of any kind.—Pass?

We heartily concur with Comp. Vanderlieth in his views concerning the term "Catholic"; also in the sentiments of his conclusion.

There is no better exposition of our duty to God, ourselves and our fellow creatures than that unfolded in Companion Vanderlieth's extract from the Church Catechism.

Look out, Companion, lest some one, of a different religious persuasion, plant both soles upon you, charging that you are trying to proselyte members of the Royal Craft who go to meeting elsewhere than to the Episcopal Church.

It is a great pleasure to find ourselves in accord with the Nevada Correspondent on many points of opinion.

M. E. George Gillson, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Chauncey N. Noteware, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

17TH ANNUAL—SAINT JOHN—AUGUST, 1904.

Number of Chapters, 9—members, 501. Net gain, 13.

M. E. Companion Frank A. Godsoe, Grand High Priest.

All nine of the chapters were represented at this Convocation.

On call of the roll of Grand Representatives, twenty-six Sister Jurisdictions were found to be represented. A commission for Companion Allison B. Connell as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, had been received, and, no doubt, the Companion will be punctual in attendance at Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest said in his address:

"The past year has shown an increase in our ranks, not a great one, but still an increase; peaceful relations exist between

us; harmony shelters us with her wings, and good feeling reigns within our Jurisdiction. But while we show progress, I am sorry to say a certain amount of apathy exists amongst the Companions in regard to Chapter affairs, which, to a certain extent, is detrimental, and is also difficult to explain."

He found that, in some Chapters, officers were shirking the work, leaving it to Past Officers to perform the same. That is all wrong. Companions, do not seek or accept office unless you intend to discharge those duties which such office entails upon you.

The Grand High Priest spoke earnestly upon the subject, and also warned the Companions that instruction of candidates, confined to what could be received in the Chapter meeting, and retained, was entirely inadequate for the candidate's equipment. There must be private instruction, so that, being informed, he will acquire greater interest in the Chapter.

Under the heading of "Our Fraternal Dead," the Grand High Priest particularly mentioned V. V. E. Companion James Byers P. Z., of Carleton Chapter No. 1. and also R. V. E. Companion Robert Marshall (P. D. G. H. P.).

The visitations the Grand High Priest was enabled to make were certainly not without profit to those chapters fortunate enough to receive such visits.

He animadverted on the unwise policy of compressing into the space of two or three hours the business of Grand Chapter, which should occupy at least a day and a half.

He had granted two dispensations to elect and install officers, but had refused one to make members for less than the prescribed fee.

Among his few recommendations were the following: To require every Subordinate Chapter to enforce the law *re* Book of Marks, and, That legislation be enacted compelling all candidates for Royal Arch Masonry degrees to pass a satisfactory examination in open chapter on the work of the preceding degrees before being exalted.

The Grand Secretary reported that returns had been received from all the chapters, and all fees and dues to Grand Chapter had been fully paid.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$400.52.

On recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Grand Secretary was authorized to call in all ciphers and rituals.

The Ritual Committee reported progress.

Some Grand Representatives, who presented their credentials, were received and cordially welcomed.

On recommendation of Committee on Grand High Priest's Address, the Grand High Priest was respectfully requested to prepare formula of examination before promotion to the degrees, to submit the same for consideration, and, if need be, for correction by Ritual Committee, and on approval by said committee, be authorized to bring it into operation in such manner as he deems advisable.

The effort to secure a Standard Ritual for the Jurisdiction is fairly progressing, and it is hoped that speedily there will be uniformity of Ritual throughout New Brunswick.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the Province of New Brunswick admitted three new members.

No report on correspondence.

M. E. Frank A. Godsoe, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William B. Wallace, K. C., Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

49TH ANNUAL—TRENTON—MAY, 1905.

Number of chapters, 38—members, 4,529. Net gain, 304.

M. E. Edgar L. Brown, Grand High Priest.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are always entitled to the distinction of being first-class, typographically as well as otherwise. The present volume is enriched with five finely executed portraits.

A goodly number (18) of Past Grand High Priests manifested their devotion to Capitular Masonry by being present at this Convocation, as also did the Representatives of thirty-six Sister Jurisdictions. We note with pleasure that Alabama's Representative was of the number.

From the excellent address of the Grand High Priest we find that he submitted but one decision. That ruling, in our opinion, was eminently correct. In answer to a question, which arose from the fact that a certain chapter wished to spend some part of its funds for an entertainment, the Grand High Priest decided as follows:

"Excepting as the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter

provide, the question of expenditure of the funds of a Chapter is one which lies directly with the Chapter itself."

"The use of the term Masonic purposes, is open to such liberal construction that the Companions must decide as to whether the purpose for which the expenditure is to be made, is Masonic and for the best interests of the Chapter."

He recommended recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

He had received a communication from the Grand Chapter of Scotland announcing the formation of a Grand Chapter in Western Australia and notifying him that she refuses to recognize that body, and requesting the Grand Chapter of New Jersey to withhold recognition therefrom. No application therefor having come to Grand Chapter from Western Australia, he presented the subject merely as a matter of record and information.

He had granted four dispensations, and refused one, which he had no authority to grant.

Having been asked if a Companion holding his dimit from the Blue Lodge could remain in good and regular standing in the Chapter, his answer, based on a decision approved by Grand Chapter in 1874, was in the affirmative.

There followed a discussion by the M. E. Companion of the subject of dependent membership. His adverse argument was ingenious; nevertheless we are constrained to agree with M. E. Comp. Haines, the New Jersey Correspondent, who says, under Connecticut, of Companion Barlow:

"He deserves to be upheld in his opinion favoring dependent membership. The trend of the best Masonic thought is undoubtedly in that direction."

The Grand High Priest had made during the year, a number of visitations to the Subordinate Chapters with pleasure to himself and, no doubt, profit to the Chapters visited.

His predecessor had recommended the appointment of a Grand Lecturer. He greatly favored such appointment, and suggested that, in addition, the Jurisdiction be divided into Districts, and each of said Districts be provided with a District Deputy Grand Lecturer to be certified to the Grand High Priest as competent, by the Grand Lecturer.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made report of the inspection of three Chapters assigned to him. He said:

"I am pleased to report all three Bodies in a favorable condition, both financially and in regard to work exemplified."

M.: E.: Comp. Frederick G. Wiese, Grand Treasurer (our Representative) reported cash on hand, May 6, 1905, to the amount of \$3,004.51.

The Grand High Priest of New York, and several other distinguished visitors were received and welcomed in a fitting manner; also the Grand Representatives present.

The Committee on Necrology made appropriate report. There is nothing in these proceedings especially calling for notice, save the report of the Committee on Constitutions and the special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The latter recommended official fraternal recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand. The Committee on Constitutions in approving the Grand High Priest's answer to the question, "Can a dimitted Mason in good standing remain a member of a Chapter?" said:

"The law upon this subject left no other recourse to the G. H. Priest than to say that it does not affect membership in a Chapter."

Upon the general question of dependent membership, the Committee was not a unit, and referred it back to open Grand Chapter for discussion—and, for the present, that was the end of the matter.

All the dispensations and decisions of the G. H. Priest were approved, save one which permits re-balloting on a candidate at a special Convocation. This is in violation of Decision 63, p. 30 of Digest.

The committee approved proposed appointment of Grand Lecturer, and of Assistant Lecturers in the several districts.

The committee approved the Digest as revised.

The Grand Council of High Priesthood elected fourteen new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence prepared by Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Henry S. Haines, is a valuable addi-

tion to Masonic literature. Scholarly and full of good, hard common sense as well, interest in its perusal is sustained from "Alabama" to "Wisconsin." Then, too, his easy, natural manner of putting his comments would surely excite our envy but for the "Tenth Commandment."

This report, covering 220 pages of print, and a little over, begins, as usual, on the A, B, C schedule, with Alabama, 1904, which receives four and one-third pages of enlightened observation. Companion Haines may rest assured that his remarks concerning M. E. Comp. Chas. R. Bricken, and fellow officers, and the "harmonious and happy character of our Convocation," are very highly appreciated. We shall be pardoned for quoting one paragraph of his reference to the Grand High Priest's address, for the reason that we desire to give our readers his "illustration":

"The earnest recommendation that Companions read the Report on Correspondence, should probably be very modestly alluded to by those who write them; but yet we venture to state that it is prompted by good judgment. We may speak more at length on this subject at another time, but for the present will be content with a trifling illustration. An author, of considerable prominence, of our acquaintance, whose literary contributions form quite a row of volumes upon our shelves, was met at a social gathering by a younger member of our family, and during conversation was innocently, but rather inconsiderately reminded that he was almost daily called to her remembrance when she was dusting the library; to which he facetiously, but forgivingly replied that he thought she could suffer no harm from *dusting* the books, but he was not so sure about the effect of *reading* them."

Companion Haines does not favor granting dispensations to override wise provisions of law. Personally, neither do we. He does not see why stated Convocations might not properly or legally be held on St. John's Day. He thinks (and we agree with him) that extra Convocations on that day may well be dispensed with; but that however, they should not be prohibited by law, "because it seems to strike a blow at that independence which," according to his conception, "is reserved to Chapters and individual Masons."

He regarded the jewel presented to M. E. Companion Bricken as a "well deserved token of the esteem of his companions."

Modesty admonishes the writer to refrain from copying Com

panion Haines' words of praise for the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence, but it does not forbid us to express our very high valuation of the same. We are encouraged by finding that we and Companion Haines entertain the same opinion on so many subjects. We are startled by our noting how much matter in his review we have marked for notice. We have seen a thirsty swallow sweep down through the air to the surface of the sparkling water, and be off like a flash after one sip. This he would repeat a few times until satisfied. So we must just take a sip of this intellectual beverage and be off.

Under Colorado, he says of Companion Foster:

"He has the unequivocal sympathy of the writer in his views of what he aptly terms the 'Schley episode.' We believe that the noble manhood we must all ascribe to that great and patriotic warrior, would have denounced the means of his exaltation, had he realized that for him those who should know better were to set at naught those fundamental principles of Masonic equality, which so strengthen and beautify the Masonic structure."

We have heretofore expressed our views on the same matter, therefore refrain from further remark thereon.

Companion Haines and Companion Foster, and several others, are "all right" about the wearing of the apron.

Companion Baines, as well as Companion Foster, does not favor the idea of concurrent jurisdiction near state boundaries. Since recommending such jurisdiction to our own Grand Chapter, we have done some serious thinking—but the thing, if wrong, will sometime be righted.

We would like to quote our companion on License to Saloon Keepers, and on Prerogative of Grand High Priest, but in view of the length of our reports already made, and of the number awaiting attention, must desist.

To his preference of "Tyler" to "Sentinel" we would add the minor consideration that to utter the former requires but two impulses of the voice, while to speak the latter requires three.

Companion Haines does not join in utter condemnation of the use of one's initials as his "mark."

He quotes Companion Chambers of Quebec, in his opposition to the claim of the Church of Rome to exclusive use of the term "Catholic."

We also "believe in the Holy Catholic Church," and "are not a Roman Catholic either."

He quotes Companion McClister of Tennessee, as suggesting that the P. M. Degree be "expunged from the ritual of the chapter, and be relegated to Symbolic Masonry, where it belongs," and adds that later he agrees with Companion Rugg, in a quotation from Companion Johnston of District of Columbia, that it "ought to be relegated to the lumber room for the storage of the useless things in Masonry."

Our opinion has always been that the P. M. degree belongs to Symbolic Masonry.—But this desultory paper must come to an end.

M. E. . Peter McGill Grand High Priest.

R. E. . Leonard L. Grear, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

7TH ANNUAL—ALBUQUERQUE—OCTOBER, 1904.

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

Numbers of Chapters, 10; members 563; net gain 34.

Committee on Credentials reported seven of the ten Chapters as represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a clear exposition of his administration. Its spirit was that of genuine Masonry. He referred to the flood which had recently devastated portions of the Territory and called upon the Companions to unite with him in offering sympathy and help to the sufferers therefrom, and give them all possible assistance. He thanked those present for having put forth extraordinary efforts to attend this Convocation, difficulties in their way have been so great on account of the unsettled condition of transportation facilities. Thus was shown the great and increasing interest in Capitular Masonry and love for the institution.

It was "with sincere and great personal sorrow, as well as fraternal grief" that he announced the death of Companion Jacob B. Mathews, Grand Master of the Third Veil, and paid touching tribute to his memory. He put on record the names of nine Companions in New Mexico, who had crossed over the dark river, and called the death roll of sister jurisdictions.

He strongly recommended the appointment of a Companion

whose business would allow him to give a generous portion of each year to the instruction of the Royal Craft, also that provision be made for the remuneration of such officer while engaged in the work of instruction. Companion Seaman had held the office several years, not expecting to give any time to instruction of the Chapters (though perfectly competent to do so), nor had the Grand Chapter expected it of him, on account of the pressure of his business. But now it was very important that the field should be worked to ensure uniformity.

Another recommendation of the Grand High Priest was that an amendment be made to the By-Laws requiring the recording of marks before exaltation.

In view of the fact that the By-Laws of subordinate chapters vary in many essential respects, he recommended that Grand Chapter adopt a set of By-Laws for the convenience of subordinate chapters, said By-Laws to contain a fixed date for election and installation of officers.

He also, stirred up the chapters on the subject of promptness in making returns.

The great floods all over the Territory had so interrupted communications, that he had been able to make but a single official visitation.

No decisions were submitted by him. Only two special dispensations had been granted. None of the chapters had sought permission to confer degrees out of time. A healthy indication.

Companion David Adams, Jr., of Jackson, was commissioned as Representative in Alabama.

According to the Grand Treasurer's report, the balance of General Fund on hand was the sum of \$880.40; the balance of Charity Fund, \$528.56, making a total of cash on hand \$1,408 96.

At the close of his business like report, the Grand Secretary recommended that \$200.00 be transferred to the Charity Fund. He also made the pleasing announcement that all chapters had made their annual returns.

On recommendation of the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address, his recommendations and dispensations were approved.

In accordance with the suggestions of the Grand High Priest, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that a committee be appointed at "this" convocation, to investigate the By-Laws of the subordinate chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction, and to

draft a uniform code of By Laws for subordinate chapters making the same conform, as far as practicable, to the By-Laws now in force, and to report the same at the next annual convocation. Adopted.

On favorable report from the Finance Committee the Grand Secretary's recommendation that \$200.00 be transferred to the Charity Fund was adopted.

The Committee on Returns of Chartered Chapters reported the same as correct. Adopted.

There is no Annual Report on Correspondence, but Companion J. H. Wrath was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence: hence we may hope for a report at next annual.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood held its Second Annual Convocation, at Albuquerque, Wednesday, Oct. 18th. Eight eligible Companions were elected members. P. G. H. P. Companion W. H. Leamon, President.

M. E. Companion A. N. Pratt, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We have before us a bundle of leaflets containing the records of six Quarterly Communications of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, extending from November 1903 to February 1905, and the Half yearly Communication of May 1905, together with the records of six Half yearly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales, from May 1903 to May 1905,

At this late hour our notice of these records must be short indeed. As to the Grand Chapter, a word or two:

Companion H. B. Howe, M. E. Grand Z.

Companion A. J. Burbidge, E. Grand Scribe E.

We note that at the August Quarterly 1903, and in November, same year, the receipt of Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Alabama was acknowledged in the report of the Board of General Purposes.

We note in the Proceedings of the February—1902—Quarterly the following satisfactory statement:

"Grand Chapter has now a credit balance at Bank, with substantial assets in Robes, Regalia and Paraphernalia, which have all been paid for, and there are no liabilities outstanding."

In the May Quarterly—1904 Proceedings, we find the following:

"The Grand Chapter of Alabama desires an interchange of Representatives, and nominates Companion Q. Salter of Monroeville, to represent the Grand Chapter of New South Wales in that territory. The Committee [B. of G. P.] has pleasure in recommending Grand Chapter to nominate Companion D. W. Custer, Z. of Robert Burns Chapter No. 2, to represent the Grand Chapter of Alabama in this jurisdiction." Adopted.

At the November—1904 Quarterly, the Grand Committee of General Purposes had "no hesitation in recommending Grand Chapter to grant official and fraternal recognition to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia and to interchange Grand Representatives." Adopted.

The Balance Sheet for the year ending October 31, 1904, shows the following: Liabilities—Nil—assets \$1,739.66.

It is noted that the Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Western Australia was present at the February 1905 Quarterly Communication. Also that a new Chapter had been "dedicated and consecrated to Royal Arch Masonry."

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

OF

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Brother H. B. Howe, M. W., Grand Master.

In the report of the General Board it appears that during the year 1904, the number of certificates issued was 73, making total membership of the Mark-Master-Mason Grand Lodge, 1,070.

The Board was "pleased to state that the returns from Lodges continue to show substantial increases in membership and funds, and an absence of friction and clashing which is highly encouraging."

At the November Half-yearly—1904, Brother J. P. Josephson, Grand Inspector of Workings, made his first report. He said:

"In the workings of the Lodges visited I noted that earnest attention and desire is given to do everything in a correct manner. My visits to the lodges have been most cordially received, for which I tender my heartfelt thanks to the W. M.'s, Officers and Brethren."

The Grand Master's address was an able and most appropriate deliverance.

Brother E. Hungerford, M. W., Grand Master.

Brother A. J. Burbidge, V. W., Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.
NEW YORK.

108TH ANNUAL--ALBANY--FEBRUARY, 1905.

M. E. George A. Newell, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 197, of which 195 were represented, Dec 27, 1904, the whole number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons being 27,956—gain over last year 1,297.

The first page of this volume, printed in first-class style, presents the engraved portrait of Grand High Priest George A. Newell.

When Grand Chapter was opened, fifteen Permanent members—thirteen Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King and one Past Grand Scribe—were found to be present, as well as thirty-two Grand Representatives. Nine Grand Representatives absent, satisfactorily explained by letter their inability to be present. Alabama's mouthpiece was on hand.

In the course of his excellent address the Grand High Priest said :

"As harmony and peace should characterize the labors of such an institution, I am happy to state that no trace of discord has darkened our horizon during the past year, and no contention has arisen save that noble rivalry which leads each Companion to labor for the good of the Rite, listening only to that tocsin which summons each Companion to the quarries to labor in rearing a nobler and grander structure for those who are to follow us."

After the usual reference to the fraternal dead, he proceeded to unfold the record of his administration. We note that he had, upon the recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Alabama, appointed Comp. Lawrence H. Lee, of Gadsden, Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama. Twenty dispensations had been issued, most of them being to install officers. Of special dispensations there had been eight for conferring the first three degrees in certain Lodge rooms.

Two Chapters had been constituted, and he had granted dispensations for organizing four new Chapters.

The Grand High Priest was pleased to state that he had been able to answer every question referred to him, sufficient facts being supplied on which to predicate an opinion, by pointing at a section of the Constitution or a page of the Proceedings. In this connection he commended to the attention of High Priests

and Secretaries close reading of the Constitution and Printed Proceedings.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made report of his visitations, and of the holding of a Grand Council of Anointed High Priests, at which twenty-eight Companions received the order of High Priesthood.

Five hundred copies of the Grand High Priest's Address were ordered printed for the use of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$34,162.18—General Fund \$21,815.69, Permanent Fund \$13,346.49—grand total as above.

The Grand Lecturer had made twenty-six official visitations. But for domestic afflictions, he would have made several more visits.

Annual report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.—Recognition was extended to Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee the salary of Grand Secretary Fox was raised \$500.00, and that of the Grand Treasurer was increased to \$450.00.

The Grand Representatives present were introduced, received and welcomed in the customary manner.

On Tuesday, February 7th, at 3 P. M., the Grand Council, pursuant to notice, was convened for the purpose of conferring the Order of High Priesthood on newly-elected and installed High Priests, conformably to Constitutional provision. Accordingly seventy-four eligible Companions were elected, anointed and set apart to said Order.

The evening session of the same day was devoted to Exemplification of the Work. "The Grand Chapter room was filled to its capacity with an attentive and interested audience that voiced its appreciation of the work of the evening by extending a hearty vote of thanks to the participants."

The impressive address of M. J. E. and Rev. Pierre Cushing G. C., "Lessons from the Degree of Mark Master Mason," received the thanks of the Grand Chapter, and was asked of the author for publication with the Proceedings.

An enthusiastic Companion moved that ten thousand copies of said address be printed for immediate distribution among the Subordinate Chapters, but the resolution having been referred to

the Finance Committee, that watchful guardian of the Treasury dissented, and so did the Grand Chapter.

The following paragraph in the Grand Chaplain's address is an attractive piece of word-painting:

"The Ritual of Masonry is a subject of many sides and manifold attractions. Like a journey along a beautiful and diversified route, giving now a glimpse of the blue sea, now of a range of snow-capped mountains touched with the crimson and gold of the sunset, now tracing the curves of some majestic river, now coursing its way through a rich and fertile valley, 'deep-meadowed, happy, fair with orchard, lawns and bowery hollows, crowned with summer sea,'—even like such a route, Masonry appeals to different minds from different points along the way of its ceremonies and teachings."

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters, Grand Chapter voted Charters to four Chapters U. D.

Last year Grand Chapter adjudged the Charter of a certain Chapter, in New York, forfeited, after due examination of complaints against said Chapter. This year up comes a petition for restoration of that Charter, signed by twenty-nine Companions, making seven distinct allegations of error on the part of Grand Chapter, and the petitioners "fraternally petition, request and demand" the restoration of the Warrant of said Chapter, "and the reconsideration, rehearing and rescinding of the action of the Grand Chapter Feb. 3, 1904," in relation thereto, &c.

We presume those petitioners have found out that high-sounding words are "no go" when unsupported by fact and truth. The petition having been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, that body disproved every allegation of the petitioners, and recommended that Grand Chapter reaffirm its decree of forfeiture, Feb. 3, 1904. And so the Grand Chapter did.

The eloquent report of the Committee on Memorials was unanimously adopted.

The docket of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was empty, and, of course, the Committee was happy.

Among the recommendations of the Finance Committee we note the following items:

Two hundred seventy-nine dollars and fifty-six cents, being one cent per capita on the number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons in the Jurisdiction, dues to General Grand Chapter.

Three hundred and eighty dollars and fifty cents for printing and stationery for the Grand Secretary's office and for printing

the G. H. P.'s address and the report on Foreign Correspondence.

Two thousand dollars for the Grand Lecturer.

Three hundred and fifty dollars, for preparation of the report on Foreign Correspondence, to Comp. Greenwood.

Transfer of \$5,000 from the General to the Permanent Fund.

Four hundred dollars for the monument to R. E., the Rev. James Byron Murray. Adopted.

M. E. Comp. M. I. Greenwood continues in charge of the department of Foreign Correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Marion I. Greenwood is again author of the Foreign Correspondence report. To say that it is a very good one is to put the case entirely too mildly. Companion Greenwood, figuratively speaking, shakes the various "Proceedings" in his mental sieve and preserves for record whatever is of general interest.

He gives Alabama, 1903, two of his valuable pages, fraternally referring to the encouraging words of Grand High Priest Chas. R. Bricken and that officer's emphatic and well-deserved commendation of Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp, also quoting the resolution conferring Honorary Past Rank upon Companion Beauchamp. Turning to the writer's own report on Foreign Correspondence, our New York contemporary says:

"After a careful reading of it, we fully endorse all that the Grand High Priest, in his opening address, said of their reviewer."

Not conscious that this high compliment is deserved, we nevertheless gratefully appreciate Companion Greenwood's kind words.

Under Georgia he quotes M. E. Comp. A. M. Lambdin as saying of their Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer: "No Grand Jurisdiction possesses more capable and efficient officers in these high and responsible positions than Georgia," and Companion Greenwood adds:

"But there may be others just as good, if not better, as we boast somewhat in New York along that same line."

May we not subjoin that Alabama can surely train in that company?

Under Ohio, Companion Greenwood justly says:

"The idea of making Masonry an *up-to-date* institution in its rituals and ceremonies would destroy its beauty and attractiveness to many minds. While its truths are ever new, and applicable to every age and every generation, yet the ceremonies by which they are taught should be preserved inviolable and unchanging."

Our Companion's style is easy and graceful.

M. E. Henry D. Hamilton, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

57TH ANNUAL—ASHEVILLE—JUNE, 1905.

Number of Chapters, 26; Members, 1,381; Net Gain, 201.

M. E. William Anderson, Grand High Priest.

A medallion portrait of M. E. Comp. Anderson appears on the first page of this volume.

(These "Proceedings" are also among the late arrivals, hence, &c.)

In his address the Grand High Priest stated that he had been able to make but two visitations during the year. Along this line, he intimated that he had always been rather of the opinion that most of the visits should be made by the Grand Lecturer—more for instruction than for inspection, or combining both, and acting as circumstances might require.

He had granted dispensations for two new chapters. He announced the death of Companion Ferdinand Ulrich, Past Grand King, who had been an enthusiastic Mason, "always in his place."

Among his few decisions reported, was one which ruled that under the Constitution of Grand Chapter it was right to use substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, inasmuch as the practice was recognized by the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

He decided that the examination of candidates before advancement was a matter for the local chapters to decide.

He had received no official reports from any of the subordinate chapters, but was satisfied that statistics would show that there

was, perhaps, greater interest in Capitular Masonry in North Carolina than ever before.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance cash on hand amounting to \$2,161.93.

The Grand Lecturer had during the year conferred the degrees on forty-five candidates. True, he had to complain of a lack of "fervency and zeal" in a few instances, but on the whole his report was highly encouraging. His heart is evidently in his work.

A new "Constitution and By-Laws" was offered, and was referred to a committee to consider the same and report at next annual.

The Committee on Necrology made a very short, but most appropriate, report, which was received and adopted.

The application of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia for recognition had been referred to the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and said committee, in view of the differences between the new Grand Chapter and the mother, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, deemed it wise for the Grand Chapter of North Carolina to postpone action in the premises until these differences should be amicably settled, and so recommended. Adopted, we presume.

Companion Southgate then presented his Annual Report on Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

We felicitate our North Carolina Companions on the fact that Committee on Appeals and Grievances had an empty docket.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved all the dispensations of the Grand High Priest, but recommended that in future, when dispensations are granted to "ballot on candidates out of time," it be made clear in the dispensation that the balloting must be done on a regular meeting night. The committee also approved the Grand High Priest's six decisions, but, in connection with the one allowing the use of substitutes, urged "upon subordinate chapters that the use of substitutes be not resorted to except under the most urgent circumstances." That was one step in the right direction.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Good indeed for the writer's old eyes is a look at the large,

clear print of Companion Southgate's "Twenty-second Report on Correspondence." Within the space of 111 pages he reviews the proceedings of 49 Grand Jurisdictions in such manner as that an attempt at commendation of his production, on our part, seems like an effort to "paint the lily."

Alabama-1904 receives two and one-half pages of truly fraternal mention. He says of Grand High Priest Chas. R. Bricken's address:

"The address of the Grand High Priest (10 pp.) gives in choice language the transactions, during the year, which pertain to his administration as G. H. P.," then quotes, with approval we doubt not, from the opening of said address, which he calls "admirable" when quoting from its conclusion. He and Comp. Bricken are Virginians.

He styles the writer's report "a faithful and comprehensive review." Good enough! Many thanks, Companion.

In his well-worded conclusion, he says:

"Our plan is to clothe the General Grand Chapter with supreme power, as the Grand Encampment has been done, and let us stand by the decisions on all points. Then will harmony and uniformity follow."

We don't know so much about adopting that "plan." Possibly we are too old-fogyish—believe too strongly in the "*vox populi*, &c.," sentiment. We do not hanker after an appellate tribunal above the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chapter either.

Companion Southgate has made twenty-two annual reports. May he live to make as many more!

M. . E. . James D. Glenn, Grand High Priest.

R . E. . James C. Munds, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

16TH ANNUAL—GRAND FORKS—JUNE, 1905.

Companion Evarts C. Stevens, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 16; members 1,454; net gain 119. :

The portrait which forms the frontispiece of this volume presents a good looking face—that of Grand High Priest, Companion Stevens.

The Convocation under review was attended by all save three of the Grand Officers, and by six Past Grand High Priests; also

by Representatives of twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions including Alabama.

The exordium of the Grand High Priest's address is to our taste—brief, impressive and most appropriate. He feelingly commemorates the departed Companions and concisely reports his official acts.

He had constituted one Chapter and installed its officers. He had issued six special dispensations, only one of which was for balloting on an application at a special convocation. He recommended that a fee be required for all dispensations other than for the creation of new Chapters, and that such fees form a fund to defray expenses of visitations by Grand High Priest—that Grand Chapter establish what shall constitute necessary paraphernalia for all Chapters hereafter instituted. The next recommendation provides limits within which officers of Chapters may be installed without dispensation. The fourth and last recommendation was to "require by additional By-Law, the Grand High Priest, either in person or by deputy to inspect each Chapter in the Jurisdiction, and report its condition as to ritual, property, manner of keeping records, its financial standing, and such other matters as may be deemed fit, without fear or favor, to next Convocation of Grand Chapter."

Such a By-Law, enforced would improve the quality of Capital Masonry in any jurisdiction.

The balance in Grand Treasurer's hands, June 20, 1905, was the sum of \$3,955 05.

The Grand Secretary read his twelfth annual report, which, like its predecessors, was of the best quality—a first-class Grand Secretary is invaluable. He stated that the annual returns of all subordinate chapters had been duly and promptly received. He reported no business for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals Good!

He recommended that the Committee on Jurisprudence be called upon to place proper construction of the law relative to exemption of certain members from payment of dues.

His conclusion breathes the true Masonic spirit.

A resolution that the annual convocations alternate between the cities of Grand Forks and Fargo for the next five years, beginning in 1906 at Fargo was adopted.

The Committee on the recommendation of the Grand High Priest concerning paraphernalia has until next annual to report.

The Committee on By-Laws reported favorably on the Grand High Priest's recommendation relative to installation of officers, adding a proviso that newly installed Officers shall not take their stations until the first stated Convocation in January following:

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the Grand High Priest's recommendation as to fees for dispensations.

The Committee deemed the law as to exemption from dues as sufficiently explicit, and did not report approval of the recommendation in reference to the same.

The Committee also favored adoption of a resolution fixing the time to elapse between the raising of a Master Mason and the reception of his petition for the Chapter degrees, at six months. The report of the Committee was adopted with the exception of the recommendation as to time to elapse between a candidate's raising to the M. M. Degree and his admission into the Chapter.

In our opinion there is no good and sufficient reason for such six month's rule. Grand Chapter was right, and the Committee wrong.

No report on Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and no annual report on Correspondence.

Comp. E. George Guthrie, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frank J. Thompson, R. E., Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

35TH ANNUAL--HALIFAX--JUNE, 1904.

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

Number of Chapters 15; membership 841; net gain 87.

Present at the Convocation under review—all the Grand officers and a constitutional number of Representatives of subordinate chapters; also—Past Grand High Priests; and Representatives of twenty-four sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The address of the Grand High Priest was squarely business-like, and a luminous exposition of his administration. He duly commemorated the dead of his own, and of sister jurisdictions.

One new Chapter had been chartered—one case of grievance had arisen, but the same had been amicably adjusted. No decisions were submitted—several visitations had been made, man-

ifestly with profit. Eight special dispensations had been granted--three of these to exalt candidates.

We note that Companion A. E. Garner had been commissioned as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The Grand High Priest's circular on the death of Past Grand High Priest Charles John McDonald, a conspicuously eminent Mason of the Jurisdiction appears as appendix to the address.

The reports of visitations by companions deputed as visitors, were quite encouraging. There was complaint in only one instance, and that was in reference to chapter attendance. The complaint was softened by the plea that said companions were often kept away from home by their business.

The Board of General Purposes reported the unanimous election of President (M. E. Comp. W. B. Alley) and the appointment of sub committees.

The Grand Secretary reported that all the chapters had made their returns, and with one exception had paid their fees and dues, making the year one of the most prosperous in the history of the Grand Chapter.

On June 2, 1904, the Grand Treasurer's balance was \$370.93.

In future the Board of General Purposes will appoint the Committee on Grand High Priest's address.

The Grand Representatives present were appropriately received and welcomed.

The Order of High Priesthood elected eight High Priests to membership.

Our Nova Scotia companions are "all right."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the joint work of a committee of five--known to us by their initials only--Alabama--1903, of the forty-eight Grand Chapters reviewed, fell into the hands of "S. J. W." and was handsomely treated by that accomplished reviewer.

Grand High Priest, Charles R. Bricken's eulogy of our admirable Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Beauchamp, is quoted in full. The writer holds in high estimation the complimentary reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. M. C. Webster, Grand High Priest

R. E. D. H. Campbell, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

88TH ANNUAL—COLUMBUS—OCTOBER, 1904.

M. E. Owen B. Hannan, Grand High Priest.

Frontispiece, portrait of M. E. Companion Hannan

In the body of the volume is the portrait of the greatly missed Companion, S. Stacker Williams.

Number of active chartered Chapters, 159; U. D., 2.

Present membership, 20,974; Net Gain, 1,447.

At the opening of Grand Chapter there were present thirteen Past Grand High Priests.

The address of the Grand High Priest evinced high appreciation of Masonic duty, and skill as Masonic helmsman; steering the Craft along channels of safety and prosperity.

Under the head of Necrology, he stated that 317 R. A. Masons of the jurisdiction had passed away. He paid warm tribute to the memory of Companion S. Stacker Williams.

Thirteen special dispensations had been granted. Like New York, Ohio grants no dispensations to waive time in conferring degrees. We say this is to their praise.

Two dispensations to enable chapters to go visiting and do work in territory outside of their chartered rights, were promptly refused. Such refusal he deemed to be for the good of the Craft.

Under the head of "Inspections," the Grand High Priest said:

"I am a thorough believer in the inspection of subordinate chapters. It has accomplished a great deal of good, and will continue to be resourceful in good to these bodies. Chapters are more wide awake, the members are more interested and the work of a higher order because of inspection. I would therefore recommend that during the coming year a thorough and complete inspection of all the subordinate chapters be had, care being taken in the selection of the inspection officers;" * * * *

M. E. Companion Hannan had made a great many visitations to various sections of the Grand Jurisdiction. He was justified in believing that those visits were productive of much good to the Chapters.

He submitted but one decision, as follows:

"*Question*—Can a Companion be elected to and serve in two

elective offices in the Chapter?" (Meaning, of course, at one and the same time.)

"Answer—No." To be sure.

Having appointed M. E. Companion DeCastro, of Nelson, New Zealand, Representative near the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, he had received a most fraternal letter, imbued with true Masonic spirit, from said Companion, and greatly impressed by that letter, incorporated it in his address. We cannot spare the space requisite for copy of the same.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, October 4, 1904, was the sum of \$16,234 22.

A fitting and carefully prepared report was presented by the Committee on Necrology.

The Committee on Charity recommended that the annual report of the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home be included in the printed proceedings of this convocation. Also, that an appropriation of \$500.00 be made toward the ordinary operating expenses of the Masonic Home. And the report was adopted.

Committee on Time and Place reported the place for next annual convocation as the city of Springfield, Ohio, and the time as October 4, 1905. Adopted.

The brief report of the Committee on Grievance was adopted.

By direction of the Grand High Priest, the roll of Grand Representatives was called, and thirty-two answered to their names. Companion Geo. W. Fels, for Alabama, was of the number responding.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE OHIO MASONIC HOME

Are very interesting, as showing the great value of that splendid institution. We cull a few items from their statistical tables:

"Total on hand in all funds, \$51,006.62."

"Total receipts during the year, \$50,606 28."

"Total disbursements for the year, \$33,328.45."

"Excess receipts over disbursements, \$17,277.83."

"Number of residents now on the rolls, 149—61 men, 33 women, 23 boys, 26 girls.

The Board of Trustees published an eloquent "memorial tribute to Asa S. Bushnell, 33°," late member of the Board.

The Order of High Priesthood admitted, set apart, and solemnly consecrated sixty new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by Pas Grand High Priest, Comp. Graff M. Acklin, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, needs no eulogium from the writer to convince its readers that it is first-class in every particular. Its 158 pages reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapters (one for two years) when read will be highly appreciated.

Alabama-1903 receives three and one-half pages of courteous and discriminating notice, over a page being generously given to the writer. This, coming from such a source, is esteemed a high honor.

There is so much in Companion Acklin's review that commends itself for reference that we omit quotation thereof, in view of the fact that our table is "groaning" under the weight of "Proceedings" which await attention, therefore we close, only remarking that Companion Warvelle, of Illinois, having (figuratively speaking) "dared him to knock a chip off his shoulder," Companion Acklin proceeded forthwith to do the knocking act. Neither of these stalwart champions needs any help from us, and both of them are magnanimous enough to "own the corn," if found to be in error.

M. E. Lewis P. Schaus, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Edwin Hagenbuch, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

(For the insufficiency of this review, we trust it is enough to state that, like Maine, Nevada, North Carolina and several others, Oregon is also a late comer.)

45TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE, 1905.

Number of Chapters, 28—Making returns, 28—All but one paid up—Members, 2,135—Net gain for the year, 135—Grand Treasurer's balance on hand June 12, 1905, \$3,991.66.

This volume contains a neat medallion portrait and biographical sketch of

M. E. Thos. F. Ryan, Grand High Priest.

In the opening of his address he expatiates with enthusiasm upon the beauties and abundant resources of fair Oregon, becoming quite eloquent in the portrayal.

After paying fervent tribute to departed Companions, he recounted his not numerous official acts. He had granted seven special dispensations—two of them to allow the use of substitutes and two to permit Chapters to waive time in conferring degrees. He had refused three requests for permission to "waive time," the reasons for the applications being insufficient. He had, by deputy, constituted two Chapters. No decisions were submitted.

Of his visitations he says:

It has been my pleasure and privilege to visit many of the Chapters in the Jurisdiction during the last year, both officially and otherwise. In every instance I was royally entertained, and every courtesy was extended to me. In nearly every Chapter I found enthusiastic Companions working for the upbuilding of Capitular Masonry and a more thorough understanding of its work. With such men and such objects, excellence will surely be obtained. These visitations have been a source of great pleasure to me and I believe productive of some good. I thank the Companions for the cordial greeting extended to me on these occasions, the memory of which will remain with me for many a day."

He recommended adoption of the method of reading the cryptogram promulgated by the General Grand Chapter.

Comp. John M. Hudson (P. G. H. P.) presented his annual report on Correspondence, which, having been printed and distributed, was adopted and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made, within the space of thirteen lines, its report, which was adopted. It, though very short, was impressive.

The Jurisprudence Committee included in its report several subjects most of which are of special interest to our Oregon Companions alone. Among these subjects we note the following: One of these is intended to relieve Chapters from payment of dues on Companions from whom the Chapters collect no annual dues. Another one was approval of the dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Council Order of High Priesthood received five accessions to its membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Comp. John M. Hodson submits another of his masterly reports, reviewing the proceedings of

forty-eight Grand Jurisdictions in an admirable manner, Alabama, 1904, receives three full pages, of fraternal notice. His commendation of Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken, and his complimentary references to the writer's report, are greatly appreciated.

We reluctantly pass many good things in his review, in order to give our readers the benefit of some of his instructive Conclusion. He says:

"There is no history of the Royal Arch Degree to which we can point as safely reliable. Many writers assert that anciently the experiences and teachings formed the last section of the Master Mason Degree, and that during the rivalry between the regular Grand Lodge of England and the seceders, which began in 1738 and ended in 1813, the section was segregated and formed into a degree and fully recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England upon the latter date, when the union was effected and the present Grand Lodge of England formed, which declared at its meeting in 1813: 'That Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees, including the Holy Royal Arch.'

"In foreign grand jurisdictions admissions as visitors are based upon patents and diplomas. No amount of knowledge of the ritual of any of the systems of teachings would be sufficient. You must first have the invitation of a member, and then produce the required documents. In Canadian Lodges and Chapters the usage of visiting is much like that practiced in the United States, but even there the traveling brother will find documentary evidence very valuable.

In theory, Masonry is universal. In practice, while the principles taught are almost identical, the rites and usages are at wide variance. Almost all there is in Royal Arch Masonry of any variety is confined to the English-speaking people, while the Scottish Rite is found in some form in almost all, even half-civilized, nations except Russia, in which no Masonry of any rite has ever gained a foothold."

A perusal of Companion Hodson's review shows that we are, in very many points, in full accord, whereat we are much encouraged.

Come sooner next time, Companion.

Comp. Edward Biddle, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jas F. Robinson, R. E. Grand Secretary.

(There, now!)

PENNSYLVANIA.

109TH YEAR, ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1904.

M. E. Henry Oscar Kline, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 125; Members, 22,676; Gain, 1,400.

Mark Lodges, 3; Membership, 655.

This very handsome volume is embellished with a view of the interior of the exquisitely designed Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and with portraits of Past Grand High Priests, George E. Wagner and Richard M. Johnson—both lately deceased.

Eloquent and touching memorials of these two distinguished Companions appear in these proceedings.

The attendance at the March, June, September and December Quarterly Convocations seems to have been remarkably good in view of the fact that our Pennsylvania Companions have five regular meetings during the year. Little transpired at those meetings calling for special notice here.

We note that, at the March Quarterly, was announced the appointment of Companion Walter D. Clark as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The missive bearing said Companion's appointment had just been received. At the same time Comp. Clark and two other Grand Representatives were received and acknowledged. The M. E. Grand Chapter being "called off," for the purpose, at the March meeting the Mark Master Mason's Degree was exemplified.

The Most Excellent Master's Degree was exemplified at the June Quarterly, while Grand Chapter, having been "called off" for the purpose, attended said exemplification.

The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified at the September "Communication."

At the December Quarterly eight Past Grand High Priests were present, also Representatives of thirty-three Grand Chapters, besides representatives of 114 chapters. After Grand Chapter had been opened, in Ample Form the Grand High Priest made the following announcement:

"Companions: We assemble in Quarterly Communication today under the shadow of a great bereavement. A mighty

craftsman has fallen! Since the Quarterly Communication in September last, Most Excellent Companion George E. Wagner, the Senior Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, has passed from this to the next plane of existence. Later in the day appropriate action will be had in recognition of this sorrowful fact."

At a later hour, accordingly, the impressive memorial heretofore referred to, was read, and 500 copies of that able and touching address ordered published for distribution.

The Committee on Correspondence reported verbally that the copy for Review of the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions was in the hands of the Grand Secretary. More time was asked for the consideration of the application for recognition by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

December 27, 1904, Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, for the purpose of holding its Annual Communication.

The attendance was less than at the Quarterlies. Thirty-seven chapters were represented. Four Past Grand High Priests answered to their names. The Representatives of twenty-two Grand Chapters were also present. (We note that the Grand High Priest made, in his address, announcement of the recognition of Companions Walter D. Clark, for Alabama, and nine others as representatives of sister jurisdictions.)

In submitting an account of his administration, the M. E. head of the Royal Craft in Pennsylvania, after presenting his circulars on the death of Companions Johnson and Wagner, reported two decisions, which commend themselves to the reader, and which were approved by Grand Chapters on recommendation of the committee to which they were referred.

He had granted nine special dispensations to hold election but had refused two for reasons deemed good and sufficient.

He mildly roasted one or two secretaries for practicing the "loose-leaf" method of keeping their minutes.

He had duly constituted two new chapters. He had issued six edicts declaring void the action of certain chapters guilty of irregularity in balloting on petitions.

Fourteen official and twenty informal visitations had been made.

The Grand High Priest paid a good deal of attention, in his address, to the subject of "Marks," winding up with the following:

"I here and now decide that from and after this date, marks shall be literally recorded (copied) in a proper book prepared for the purpose."

At a suitable juncture all the Companions who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, the new Grand High Priest, elected according to constitutional requirement of the December Quarterly, was installed "*Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.*"

The Grand High Priest (Elect made a short, appropriate address. Then he announced the appointment of twenty-seven District Deputies, eleven Grand Chaplains, the appointive Grand Officers and the standing committees.

Conformable to custom, the incoming Grand High Priest presented a P. G. H. P.'s jewel to the retiring Grand Officer. Fitting address and response were made on the occasion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Companions compose the Committee on Correspondence for Grand Chapter: Matthias H. Henderson, Stocton Bates, James H. Coddington, Thomas P. Penman. Each and every one of the four Companions, as knight of the quill, has fairly won his spurs. Four writers superior to the four just named could hardly be found in any one Jurisdiction. In the division of labor [reportorial Alabama was one of those Jurisdictions assigned to Companion Henderson, who has fraternally reviewed our 1903 proceedings,

He devotes a page and a half to criticism of the action of our Grand Chapter in conferring honorary Past Rank upon Grand Secretary, Companion Geo. A. Beauchamp. In that convention he says:

"It is well to remember that Companion Beauchamp had his choice of two offices; one that carried with it high honors without emolument, and one that paid six hundred dollars a year. He chose the latter. We do not say that the salary influenced him, because we do not know that it did, and we are willing to give the benefit of the doubt."

Had Com. Henderson personally known Comp. Beauchamp as we know him, his pen never would have traced those caustic lines.

Grand Secretary Beauchamp is as far above any sordid or mercenary motives as is any Mason in the United States. If commercialism insinuates itself into Masonry, it will do so through some other medium than George A. Beauchamp. Besides, it will not, we trust, be amiss to state here that our Grand Secretary is independent of his salary as Grand Secretary; he has ample means of living.

After fraternal reference to the writer's report on Correspondence, Comp. Henderson jumps upon him with both feet, as it were, and with spikes in his heels. We had asked whether or not, in respect of public installations condemned by our Pennsylvania Companions, they would lay the ban of their disapprobation upon public Masonic funerals?

Whereupon our Companion comes down upon us with crushing weight as follows:

"The writer is surprised that a Companion with the intelligence which he believes Companion Titcomb to possess should compare the secret work of the Chapter which can only be practiced within tiled doors, to a Masonic ceremony which is not secret and which must necessarily be performed in public. He must have forgotten the laying of corner-stones; or he would have classed them with Masonic funerals."

"We will answer his question by asking another. If public installations are proper, why cannot the Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees, any or all of them, be conferred in public?"

As best we may, we will endeavor to answer Comp. Henderson. In the first place candor bid us to state that in the foregoing query we had in mind the subject of installations in Symbolic Masonry.

In the next place we would reply that, from beginning to end of the Blue Lodge installation ceremony, there is not one word that may not be open to the eyes of profanes, and the salutations are made by giving the public Grand honors. Is it so with the Capitular degrees?

To our mind the question Companion Henderson puts to us as an answer to our own query does not seem to be warranted by the facts in the case.

We have read his views on the subject of substitutes and must confess that our own remain unchanged.

Companion Henderson throws the responsibility of that intrusive "not" in relation to the burial plan of Ephraim Kirby, where it belongs—on the shoulders of the printer's devil. He says: 'Pro. G. C. of Pa. 1903, page 82, line 8 reads, "though he does not say he is buried there."

"Notwithstanding careful proof reading by both the printer and the author, that word "not" crept in unauthorized and surreptitiously. It is a bastard and an upstart. We will not acknowledge it or have anything to do with it."

Never mind, Companion, it seems that the much berated p. d. *will* put in his diabolical work, how-much-soever we may abuse him.

We have marked several passages in this report by the committee of four, for notice, but must stop this paper for the purpose of tackling the pile of proceedings on our table awaiting attention.

M. E. J. Henry Williams, Grand High Priest.

M. F. Charles Cary, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

28TH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH, 1905.

Comp. H. Ed. Channell, M. E. Grand First Princ. Z.

Number of Chapters 11—Members 966—Net gain 130.

In the list of Officers present at the Convocation under review, we note that a heavy black line indicates that Grand Chapter has sustained a grievous loss by the death of Grand Treasurer Albert D. Nelson (Past Grand First Principal). We also find announcement of the demise of Rt. Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner Comp. W. J. Haire.

There were twenty-two Past Grand Officers and twenty-six Grand Representatives present, Alabama's minister being of the number.

In his address the Grand First Principal Z with tender remark made mention of the departed Companions, Albert D. Nelson and W. J. Haire.

He submitted no decisions nor rulings, and was satisfied that

this fact proved "most conclusively" that the several First Principals selected by the several Chapters were capable and efficient and fully acquainted with the Constitution.

He took pleasure in reporting that the Grand Lecturer had "most faithfully, conscientiously and earnestly performed his duties."

The grand Z's several visitations were, no doubt, very profitable, and were greatly enjoyed by those Companions present on these occasions.

He made but one recommendation, viz.: That the Finance Committee make an allowance for a suitable amount, for each year for postage, telegrams and similar items for the office of the M. E. the Grand Z.

Reports by Grand Superintendents from "Montreal," "Eastern Township" and "Stadacoma" Districts were highly encouraging. That Semi-Centennial at "Old Stadacoma" must have been inspiring. We note with pleasure that the dignity, grace and eloquence of our eminent contemporary, Comp. Chambers, were conspicuous on that occasion.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, but the application of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was "held over for further enquiry and investigation."

The Grand Lecturer's report made it manifest that the selection of him for the important position he holds was no mistake. Quebec is undergoing the ordeal of a change from the old work to the revised ritual. Grand Lecturer Phillips thinks that, in a year's time, all will be working smoothly under the "Revised" or standard work. Some, however, will cling as long as possible to the old familiar phraseology. It's hard to make an old dog learn new tricks.

The jurisdiction is now divided into the following districts: "Montreal District," "Stadacoma District," "St. Francis District" and "Bedford District."

The Committee on Finance and Benevolence reported the balance to the credit of the General Fund Account as \$957 32, and that of the Benevolent Account as \$2,088.23. The committee recommended that said funds be deposited in some chartered bank to the credit of the Grand Chapter, the General Fund to be drawn only on the joint cheques of the Grand Z and the Grand Treasurer, and the Benevolent Fund to be withdrawn

only on the joint cheques of the Grand Z, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. Received and adopted.

The Committee on Standards and Banners to be used in the ceremonial of the Royal Arch Degree, reported regulations for the same to be used in the several Chapters of the Jurisdiction, presenting an exhaustive and lengthy description thereof.

There is too much of it to be reproduced in this paper.

The representatives of the Standards of Judah, Reuben, Ephraim and Dan, and of the Banners of the twelve Tribes, presented in this volume, are beautifully executed.

The memorial to M. E. Companion Albert Daniel Nelson, Grand Treasurer, was touchingly eloquent, and at the same time concise.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. E. T. D. Chambers again presents his readers with an admirable report on correspondence. When he agrees with a writer his agreement is whole-souled and unmistakable. If he disagrees with him, he, figuratively speaking, cuts and slashes with a polished blade. Equally he instantly perceives the "difference between a hawk and a hand-saw" (properly hershaw).

He gives Alabama, 1904, nearly three pages of courteous attention. Of Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken's address, he says :

"His address is a very instructive one, but we could wish for further light upon one of his decisions "

Said decision was based, doubtless, upon a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter of Alabama on favorable report by our Jurisprudence Committee, which resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, That Alabama Masons living not more than five miles from the State line, and the nearest Alabama Chapter being over ten miles from their homes, are allowed to join Chapters in bordering States, provided such States adopt similar resolutions."

Florida, Georgia and Tennessee have so done, and Mississippi will, no doubt, "follow suit." This is all the "light" the writer can shed upon the subject.

Comp. Chambers' very handsome compliment paid the writer is greatly appreciated, for P. G. Z., Comp. Chambers himself

too well understands the use of the language in which he writes" to commit errors of phraseology—*e. g.*, he would not style an offense against Masonry a "Masonic offense."

He says of the writer :

"We have another of his exhaustive and very charming reports on correspondence. He comments fearlessly, though always with courtesy, and extracts judiciously."

We are elated at his support of our criticism on that Nevada decision, that it was not a "Masonic offense" to ask a Companion how he voted on application. He says :

"We support his contention that "If it is not Masonic to divulge the secrets of the ballot, it is equally un-Masonic to pry into those secrets."

We still think our criticism was just, notwithstanding Comp. Vanderlieth's explanation. This we say with all due respect for our accomplished Nevada contemporary.

Comp. Chambers' review is always a welcome visitor on the writer's table.

Comp. H. Ed. Channell, M. E. First Principal Z.

Comp. Will H. Whyte, R. E. Grand Scribe E. (P. G. Z.)

SOUTH CAROLINA.

93D ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—FEBRUARY, 1904.

M. E. J. Edwin McDonald, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 22; Chapter U. D. 1; Membership, 1,059; Net gain, 149.

When the time for assembling in Grand Convocation arrived, all the Grand Officers, and representatives of thirteen Subordinate Chapters, besides Grand Representatives of sixteen sister jurisdictions, were found present, and Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

The address of the Grand High Priest (8 pp.) is an excellent paper, well equipped with that very desirable quality, simplicity of expression, which is the best vehicle of thought and eloquence.

Fitting mention is made of the fraternal dead—in his own jurisdiction the small number of eight Companions having died

during the past year. Among these he especially mentions the late R. T. E. Grand Chaplain, Companion the Rev. J. E. Dunlap. The distinguished dead of the jurisdictions of whose decease he had been officially notified are suitably recorded.

On the State of the Craft he said:

"So far as I am informed, fraternal peace and good will prevail throughout the Jurisdiction. With one, or possibly two, exceptions, all of the Chapters have done some work during the year, while a few of them have made unprecedented growth and progress." * * * "The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is much better than it has been for many years past, and I congratulate you upon the excellent showing made by the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer."

His visitations were necessarily but few during the year. Those he was able to make were so agreeable as to enhance his regret at not being able to visit all the Chapters in the State.

He submitted no decisions.

Of his seven special dispensations granted, three were for balloting on petitions for degrees out of time.

The M. T. E. Companion referred to the late Triennial of the General Grand Chapter in glowing terms.

He recommended that \$250.00 be appropriated for expenses of the Grand High Priest and assistants in visiting the Subordinate Chapters. Also that hereafter the Grand Chapter send two Representatives to the G. G. Chapter, one of the two to be the Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretaries, being longer in office than the Grand High Priest, would keep in closer touch with that body, as a natural consequence.

He did not wish the surplus in the Treasury to remain idle, but, through safe investment, to bring in revenue.

On recommendation of the Committee on Topical Reference, these recommendations were referred to the Finance Committee, which approved the same, and its report was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash in hand, after disbursements, was \$1,788.36.

In his able and businesslike report the Grand Secretary made a recommendation in regard to a case which was a little peculiar. He says: "It appears that Comp. J. A. Hutchison, formerly a member of Beulah Chapter No. 25, who signed a petition for dispensation to organize Campbell Chapter, thinking himself a

member thereof, paid dues to that Chapter, but did not pay to Beulah Chapter, resulting in his being dropped from the roll of membership therein for non-payment of dues. Beulah Chapter being now defunct, I recommend that Campbell Chapter be authorized to entertain Companion Hutchison's petition for affiliation, if he is not already a member thereof, under the terms of Par. 8, Sec. CX., p. 22 of the law of Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina." Referred to Jurisprudence Committee. That Committee, in the conclusion of its report on the foregoing, said:

"Beulah Chapter being defunct, Companion Hutchison may apply as a R. A. M. for membership in any Chapter he pleases, without any action on the part of Grand Chapter. Provided: That the dues which he owed to Beulah Chapter when erased be paid to the Grand Secretary, and it would seem that Campbell Chapter ought to pay them, as that Chapter received the dues from the Companion."

And the report of the Jurisprudence Committee on that matter was very properly concurred in.

On favorable report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, all of the dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest were approved.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reported that its review of Proceedings of other Grand Chapters would be printed in the Proceedings; also approved the action of the Grand High Priest in the matter (appointments and recommendations) of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made fitting report, which was adopted.

A special Committee was appointed to draft resolutions on the death of R. E. Companion J. E. Dunlap. (Said resolutions have evaded our search.)

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances was happy in having an empty docket.

The city of Charleston will have the honor of the next Grand Annual Convocation.

No further business appearing, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form and with solemn prayer.

The Grand Council of High Priests received two new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion Jacob T. Barron, Grand Secretary and chairman of the Correspondence Committee, again presents his readers with a first-rate report, it being a summary of the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters, and consuming less than 72 pages.

Alabama, 1902 (not exactly prehistoric, but ancient quite), receives a courteous notice, taking up one full page. He says of our Grand Chapter:

"They have a cipher ritual. Let us hope that it has for its framework the essentials prescribed by the General Grand Chapter."

Companion Barron, that "prodding" would still be in order, for Companion Park continues absent from your Annual Convocation.

He copies our personal notice of himself, which, he says, "we do appreciate." Again of the writer he says:

"We fear this able reviewer leaves too much to Grand Chapter sovereignty—would like to have him a little stronger for the General Grand."

Well, dear Companion, while the General Grand Chapter continues to be more for ornament than use, what incentive is there for "stronger" regard, enthusiasm, on behalf of that most estimable *old lady*?

We have space for but one sample of Companion Barron's crisp utterances. It is as follows:

"In Companion Terrell's report he takes us to task for criticizing the printing of the Texas Proceedings, and gives us a good one, which no doubt we deserve. Anyway, we don't love him any the less, even if we have never gotten over the aversion to fine printing which we formed at school." ("Me too, Platt.")

"In reply to our remarks about using the word 'team,' he asks, 'Why not adopt the Texas custom and say 'trio'? Well, we see no *reason* for it, and don't like to be odd just for the fun of being odd."

"He very properly takes Companion Southgate to task for saying it's 'a landmark' to say that a High Priest must first be a King or Scribe. Not only not 'a landmark,' but not even a regulation or rule in some Jurisdictions, which, as in South Carolina, have a written law to the contrary. Surely if these outrages on 'landmarks' continue, ere long we will lose some of our respect and reverence for the genuine article."

Well, Companions, "have it out" to suit yourselves. Which waysoever it is decided, "Barkis is willin'". "A tempest in a teapot," anyway.

M.: E.: J. Edwin McDonald, Grand High Priest.

R.: E.: Jacob T. Barron, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

16TH ANNUAL—ABERDEEN—JUNE, 1905.

Companion Geo. H. Perry, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 30; members 1,950; net gain 64.

When the Grand Chapter had been opened, it was found that all the Grand Officers were present, also a constitutional number of chapter representatives, seven Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-two Grand representatives, including Companion Frank A. Brown for Alabama.

A well executed portrait of the Grand High Priest adorns the initial page of this volume.

The address of the Grand High Priest evinces the truth that singleness of purpose to maintain the dignity of the Order, and to promote its high interests, is conspicuous. He touchingly remembered the companions departed. He found it out of his power to make visits to many chapters, but did visit those near by. They treated him so well that he became eloquent in their praise. He had granted two dispensations to elect and install officers.

One Chapter had been constituted. He submitted three decisions which, so far as we can see, were sound.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved his dispensations and decisions, but reporting on the latter, said that, while the following decision was legal, viz :

"It is my opinion that it is perfectly legal for a High Priest to to give the obligation of the Mark Master degree to more than one candidate at the same time. At least I am unable to find any thing in the Masonic law opposing such practice and know it is customary in many Jurisdictions to so give that part of the work where there are several candidates for one evening's initiation," in the Committee's opinion said obligation should, for the sake of impressiveness, be administered to only one at a time.

The Grand Lecturer had held twenty-three schools of instruction, and would have held several more but for failure to secure a quorum in some places.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, June 15, 1905, was the sum of \$1,228.91.

Companion Pettigrew "fills the bill" as Grand Secretary. He says :

"The reports of all chapters, with the exception of one, were received on time and in excellent condition." The one excepted had not made report for two years, and had done no work since 1898. He suggested that Grand Chapter take some action in regard thereto. We find no such action recorded.

Companion Levoy presented his annual report on Correspondence, in printed form, received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

Next Convocation will be held at the City of Sioux Falls, June 14, 1906.

Grievances and Appeals were conspicuous by their absence from this Convocation.

The presentation of Jewels was quite a feature of this occasion, admitting of considerable explosion of eloquence from not unwilling lips.

The Order of High Priesthood received twelve new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Louis G. Levoy presented a well written report, reviewing the Proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters with discrimination and care. Alabama--1904 is courteously treated. For kind and complimentary personal reference, he will please accept our grateful acknowledgements.

Companions of the Guild, let us advise you not to try to engage in a disputation with Companion Levoy for, rest assured, he will, none of it. Listen to the following :

"No, Companion Bennett, you can't get up an argument, for we just won't argue. We got out of that line some time ago, and propose to keep out, at least as long as we can."

Doubtless, however, that is not an ultimatum, for listen again, In another place he says :

"Some day, perhaps, we may conclude to again shy our castor into the ring and give and take as in olden days."

Comp. John K. Kutnewsky, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Geo. A. Pettigrew, R. E., Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX

TENNESSEE.

76TH ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1905.

Chapters, 74; members, 3,430.

M. E. Fred. C. Watkins, Grand High Priest.

This attractive volume contains as frontispiece the intelligent, pleasing features of R. E. W. A. Clendenning, now on his fifteenth year as Grand Secretary.

There were present at the Grand Convocation, all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, one Past Grand King and a constitutional number of representatives of subordinate chapters, also representatives of twenty-two other Grand Chapters, not including Alabama. Where was Comp. John W. Bailey?

The Grand High Priest in his address commemorated the lives of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Angel S. Meyers and Companion Charles V. Taylor, Grand Captain of the Host, and placed on record the names of the illustrious dead of other Jurisdictions.

He reported ten grand visitations which, no doubt, were profitable as well as very pleasant. We note that in these visits, the Banquet was much in evidence. That was all right. Some of us do not sufficiently cultivate the social feature in our gatherings.

His three official rulings were in accordance with the laws of of his jurisdiction, and, as we find were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and by the Grand Chapter.

He had granted seven special dispensations to elect and install officers. He refused one, to install, for the good reason that, the Chapter having elected its officers at the stated meeting in December, a dispensation was unnecessary. [Art. XVI, By-Laws.]

Conformable to a resolution adopted by the Grand Body, Jan. 26, 1904, he had addressed a letter to each subordinate Chapter, calling attention to the needs of the Widows and Orphans' Home. He desired that some action might be taken by Grand Chapter having in view increased activity in the subordinate chapters for the support of the Home.

Referring to the question "as to the legality of conferring the Royal Arch Degree on a Most E. M. that had been made M. E. M. in a Chapter, also to another case of like nature, when the

records of the defunct chapter had been destroyed by fire," he recommended that the blanks, sent out by the Grand Secretary at the close of present year for the reports of the subordinate chapters, require the Secretary of each chapter to report the names of all M. E. M.'s, and of all exalted in his chapter, also date when advanced, inducted, received and acknowledged, and exalted. In view of the importance of this matter, he heartily recommended that, on returning home the companions of the Grand Body use their best efforts to induce the Brethren and Companions to take some Masonic paper in order to become better informed on matters Masonic. At the request of several Companions, he recommended that, beginning with 1906, the pictures of the outgoing and incoming Grand High Priests, be placed in the Proceedings. He also recommended that the request of several Secretaries and others, that a portrait of Grand Secretary Clendenning be put in the Proceedings of the present year. This was accordingly done.

We thus have the pleasure of seeing the genial Grand Secretary's countenance on paper.

He said: "Peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, so far as I am advised."

Before concluding he gave notice of Exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree on the evening of the 23d January—same date as notice. Accordingly, on said occasion, three M. E. M.'s were introduced and exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Masons, in due form, receiving the lectures thereto pertaining.

The following resolutions were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"1. *Resolved*, That Article XIX of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter be amended as follows:"

"Insert after the word 'those' in the fourth line, the words, 'advanced, inducted, received and acknowledged and' so that the sentence shall read: "The names of those advanced, inducted, received and acknowledged, and exalted, and the dates thereof." Also amend the same article by inserting after the word 'return' in the sixth line the words: "The names of all those upon whom no degree has been conferred during the year.

"2. *Resolved*, That the practice of High Priests of Chapters, who are also Worshipful Masters of Lodges, drawing mileage and per diem from the Grand Chapter and then refusing to register with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, allowing the Senior Warden to represent the Lodge in that body and draw

mileage and per diem there is contrary to the letter and spirit of Article XX of our By Laws and calls for the strongest condemnation."

(We have read, but do not copy the two articles—XIX and XX of the By-Laws, as it is unnecessary.)

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the resolution on Article XIX, and the one referring to Article XX after striking out the last clause which reads as follows: "and calls for the strongest condemnation."

(Through inadvertence, we presume, the record fails to show the adoption of this supplemental report.)

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, in another supplemental report, said report being on a resolution referred to the Committee, the minimum fee for the degrees was reduced from twenty-five dollars to twenty-dollars—five dollars for each of the four degrees.

Elegant and touching memorials were read holding up to the minds and hearts of Companions present, the excellent qualities of the lately deceased Companions, Charles Vallee Taylor, Grand Captain of the Host, and Angel S. Meyers, Past Grand High Priest.

The report of the Committee on Returns stated that all the Chapters except three had made returns.

The Committee on Appeals reported that no business had been presented for its consideration.

We find in these Proceedings the following authoritative declaration: "Nine members of the Chapter, means nine members of the particular Chapter in which the meeting is held."

Undoubtedly correct.

The Committee on Ways and Means, whose report was adopted, respectfully declined to concur in the Grand High Priest's recommendation that the per diem of representatives be increased. The committee did not believe that any pecuniary means should be offered to stimulate the zeal or enthusiasm of Masons.

The committee heartily concurred in the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that some action be taken by Grand Chapter with a view to increased activity on the part of subordinate chapters for the support of the Home. The committee

further recommended that after all claims on the treasury had been met, the balance, less \$250 reserved for contingent expenses, be donated to the Endowment Fund of the Widows' and Orphans' Home.

All honor to the Grand Chapter of Tennessee for this liberality.

Charters were granted to the three Chapters U. D.

The forty-first annual convocation of the Order of High Priesthood received twenty-nine accessions to its membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. J. H. McClister, submits his second report on Correspondence, embracing a review of forty-eight volumes of Proceedings. His first report was so good that to say this one is still better would be putting it very high indeed in the scale, but with confidence it may be affirmed that the second has lost none of the prestige of the first.

"Alabama-1903," courteously reviewed in a little over one page, is headed: "Chapters 46: members (not known.)" Before concluding his notice he makes the despairing announcement, "but nowhere can we find the number of members in Alabama."

Dear Companion, had you made more diligent search, you would have found, in Alabama Proceedings 1903, page 246, the information of which you were in quest. Under "Recapitulation" appears the following: "Membership 1732." Grand Secretary Beauchamp is a most methodical business man and never forgets anything. (By the way, Companion, what is pleasant for a Tennessee Mason to know, Bro. B., while being expert in business methods, is thoroughly acquainted with the ritual in symbolic, capitular and cryptic Masonry, never at a loss in work, lectures or charges, having no use for a book or cypher in any part of any degree. We are proud of him.)

Companion McClister will please accept thanks for his fraternal reference to the writer's report.

Under Colorado, he says concerning Comp. Foster's report:

"We find much in his report to approve and but little to differ from. He believes in dependent membership, and we think he is right. He does not believe in free passes to ministers. He advocates a time limit before petitioning the Chapter. We believe that any Master Mason has a right to petition, and such is

our law. He does not like the word "team," preferring "trio." Well, we do not see much difference; we all know what it means. "A rose by any other name," etc. He does not believe in the practice of making honorary Past Grand Officers. It is certainly an empty title. He does not agree with Com. Grant that it is proper to install the presiding officer of a Lodge or Chapter U. D. He does not believe in the practice of granting dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions and confer degrees all at once. It can't be done in Tennessee." To most of which we, ourselves, heartily subscribe.

He endorses what Companion Johnson, of Indiana, quotes from the address of the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, which we copy in part:

"There is no place in Masonry for 'hustle,' whether it be 'hustle the work' or 'hustle for candidate.' This hurry and rush is subversive of the very process of assimilation which is necessary to a proper conception of the lessons of the degrees."

We join Companion McClister in that endorsement.

Under Mississippi we find the following:

"The report on Correspondence is by Companion P. H. Savery, who reviews the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters."

"Under Alabama we find this excellent advice:"

Then follows the passage ending with the prayer to "Isis," taken from the hieroglyphics:

"O Isis, since my soul is only one tear from thine eyes, let it fall as dew upon other souls, and while I am dying for others let the perfume of their watered souls mount to thee Behold me, O Isis, ready to be thus sacrificed."

The reading of the text might be misleading, attributing the passage quoted to Companion Savery, whereas the original is found in the address of Grand High Priest, Comp. Geo. F. Moore (1902). The omission of the authority was, of course, unintentional.

M. . E. . William D. Good, Grand High Priest.

R. . E. . William A. Clendenning, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

55TH ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER, 1904.

Number of Chartered Chapters 177—Present membership 9,699—Net gain 928. Three Chapters U. D. have sent in their returns and paid their dues.

M. E. F. W. Fitzpatrick, Grand High Priest.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests manifested their interest in Capitular Masonry by their presence at the Convocation.

Immediately after opening his address the Grand High Priest paid loving, eloquent tribute to the departed Companions of his own and sister Jurisdictions, mentioning in particular Past Grand High Priests John Adriance, Robert M. Harkness and Rufus Os-good Rounsavall, also Companion W. F. Moore. "Scarcely," said he, "have the Altars and Jewels of the Subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction been without the emblem of mourning during the current year."

Among Companions to whom he issued commissions as Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters, we note Companion John B. Lyons for Alabama.

Also, we find Comp. W. V. R. Watson recommended as Grand Representative of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Eight Chapters had been constituted, four renewed, and charter restored to one Chapter which had forfeited the same by failing to meet during three months. Six Chapters U. D. had been formed. Seven dispensations had been granted for public in stallations.

The Grand High Priest submitted twenty-one decisions, the great majority of which met the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee and of the Grand Chapter. It will interest our readers to pay attention to one or two of the decisions in which the Law Committee did not concur.

"Decision No. 8," in the words of the Jurisprudence Committee, "relates to a case where a High Priest ruled that a member of the Chapter had not the right to vote upon the recommendation of a petition for a new Chapter, where the member was also a signer of the petition."

"The Grand High Priest first ruled that the High Priest was in error. He subsequently reviewed his ruling upon the ground that the Grand Chapter had no law in the question, and that we

should be governed by Art. 177, which provides that, where the Grand Chapter has no law, the laws of Grand Lodge of Texas shall apply. The law of the Grand Lodge, Art. 255, says that it is improper for the signer of a petition to vote thereon. We think the first position of the Grand High Priest the correct one. The Grand Chapter has spoken in the question. The Grand Chapter speaks in "laws," in statutes enacted, in approved decisions of its Grand Officers, in authorizing action by its subordinates, by approved By-Laws. In our Digest of Resolutions and Edicts we find a 'Code of By-Laws adopted by the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas for the use of Chapters under its jurisdiction, 1874.'

"These By-Laws to be used by Chapters until such time as they may adopt others and have same approved by the Grand Chapter." Art. VI, Sec. 2, of these By-Laws reads:

Sec. 2. None but members of this Chapter shall vote in any case whatever, except petitions for degrees, and no member shall be excused from voting unless by unanimous consent of the Chapter. To hold that this only is the law with such Chapters who use this code, would be having a general rule with a special application, and we think such is not the intention of this Grand Body."

"We would further call attention to the fact that Art. 255 of the Grand Lodge was adopted in 1873. That in 1887 the Grand Lodge enacted Art. 252, which provides that, except in certain cases, an application for a new Lodge can only be signed by dimitted Masons. Our laws say signers of a petition must attach either a dimit or a certificate of membership."

The position of the Committee on that matter is, in our judgment, the correct one.

"Decision No. 20 holds that" an applicant for the degrees of the Chapter must have resided in the State twelve, and in the jurisdiction of the Chapter in which he applies, six months." This is still another ruling under the claim that the Grand Lodge law applies because the Grand Chapter is silent. In this we think a mistake is made. "Our Constitution, Sec. 6, Art. 11, says: 'Unless he shall have resided twelve months in this State, and shall be personally known to, and vouched for by, at least two members of the Chapter.' A good law.

Again we must agree with the committee in its opinion.

The twenty-first decision was in answer to two questions, viz: "Are convocations held on St. John's Day, June 24th, Stated Convocations?" and "Can any business be transacted save that of installation?"

The answer to both was "No."

On the latter part of this decision the committee said that, in the Royal Arch Masonry, St. John's Day is not a festival day, to the knowledge of the committee. That Royal Arch Masons do not recognize "saints' days." That June 24th, with Grand Chapter, is simply a day set or a time fixed for government of subordinate chapters in electing officers. That the Constitution says elections must be held at the last Stated Convocation preceding June 24 h, and installed as soon thereafter as convenient, &c.

Technically, the committee is probably right. Still, it would seem that Capitular respect for the Grand Lodge, and for its observances, should instigate the Chapter to respect such observances and to desist from the transaction of general business on such future occasions. And, too, the Chapter members, being Blue Lodge Masons, could not easily divest themselves of the thought that in transacting ordinary business on St. John's Day they were wanting in veneration of our Patronal Saint. We are disposed to side with the M. E. Grand High Priest as to this matter.

We cannot too highly commend the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that membership in the Chapter be made dependent on membership in a Blue Lodge

The Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand Visitors of the 2d, 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 16th Districts made their respective reports, which, according to Committee on Grand Officers' reports, show healthy conditions and faithful discharge of duty.

Through the Grand Treasurer's report it is learned that on Dec. 2, 1904, the balance on hand was \$10,257.84.

The Grand Secretary's report was a carefully prepared, painstaking document.

On recommendation of a majority of the special committee appointed to consider and report upon the subject, the sum of \$10-000.00 was appropriated to the Grand Lodge, in consideration of the construction of apartments in Masonic Temple, Waco, for the use of the Grand Chapter and its officers and committees.

The Grand Orator delivered "a pleasing address, and on motion he was requested to furnish a copy for publication." The latter portion of said address brings vividly back to our mind one of Grand Master Meyerhardt's addresses in the Grand Lodge of Georgia; and more vividly, if possible, Brother and Compan-

ion Greenleaf's touching poem, "The Lodge Room Over Simpkins' Store."

On recommendation of Committee on Chapters U. D., charters were granted to two new chapters.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood received forty new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Right up in the front line, as a reviewer, is Companion W. A. Scott, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Unprepared for news of the retirement of that able reporter, J. D. Terrell, whom we greatly miss, we were startled by the news of a change. But Companion Terrell will, we fully believe, justify our opinion that Companion Scott is proving himself worthy of the mantle lately worn by his distinguished predecessor. Companion Scott has written a first-rate report reviewing the Proceedings of forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, in a paper occupying 125 pages. His selections are choice and his occasional comments bright and clear-cut.

He gives Alabama, 1903, about three and one-half pages of courteous notice, at the outset informing the reader that his father was an Alabamian, who when a youth became a devoted adopted son of the Lone Star Republic.

The reviewer, after quoting our Grand High Priest's remarks and recommendation concerning Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp, observes that a resolution was adopted creating Companion Beauchamp an Honorary Past Grand High Priest, and says it was "a nice expression of their (our) appreciation and perhaps a well-merited reward, but cannot give the satisfaction that comes from the knowledge of having actually occupied the chair." He says:

"The official rulings are few, of minor importance, and are in general conformity with the laws governing Texas Chapters, except the sixth, which is as follows: 'That the Royal Arch Degree cannot be conferred upon any candidate until after he has selected for himself a Mark, and had it recorded in the Book of Marks of his Chapter as such.'"

We make the discovery that Alabama is not the only possessor of such rule.

Our esteemed Companion does this writer the honor of quot-

ing Grand High Priest Bricken's commendation of the writer's report on Correspondence.

The writer had deprecated the publication of details of gross immorality as specified in reports of a committee on Appeals, since such was not conducive to moral health. Thus speaks Comp. Scott:

"Frankly, Companion Titcomb, laying the question of law aside, we see no impropriety in a statement sufficiently explicit for the reader to form an intelligent idea of the case. By thus being fully advised, you were enabled to say 'a righteous judgment was that of the committee,' otherwise it might have been passed unnoticed."

Ah well! Companion, pardon us for intimating that our opinion on the matter remains unchanged.

We having said of Comp. Beauchamp, "We think, Companion Terrell, that we have one of the best ritualists and Grand Secretaries to be found in this broad land," Com. Scott adds:

"He merits well your praise, the proceedings reflects his ability, and his noble sacrifice in accepting the position when the office of Grand High Priest was just within his grasp, reflects noble qualities of soul that make the true Mason."

M. E. E. T. Murchison, Grand High Priest,
R. E. John A. Bryan, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

88TH ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE, 1905.

M. E. Daniel Payson, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 28—U. D. 1—R. A. Masons 3,493—Net gain 40.

Portrait—Grand High Priest Payson—Head and bust.

This Annual Convocation was opened June 16, 1905, with all the Grand Officers present except the Grand Royal Arch Captain, together with nine Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King and twenty-two Grand Representatives, Alabama's not included, as was the case of the 87th Annual.

Permanent members present	18
Grand Officers present	17
Representatives present	68

Total roll	103
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The address of the Grand High Priest, like its predecessor of last year, was very short (5 pages), but full enough to set forth the details of his administration. He said :

"A general review of the work of this Grand Chapter for the past year affords much encouragement."

"It is a matter for mutual congratulation that a year of harmony and satisfactory growth is recorded in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction."

A number of special dispensations had been issued to receive and ballot on petitions without usual lapse of time, satisfactory reasons therefor having, in all cases, been given.

No decisions were submitted to Grand Chapter.

No case of grievance had been brought to his notice.

Acting upon the recommendation of Committee on Dispensations he had issued such permission for formation of a new Chapter. By proxy, said Chapter had been instituted, and he recommended that a Charter be granted to the same.

Under the head "Miscellaneous" the Grand High Priest informed Grand Chapter of the finding, "In the innermost recesses of an old box, a Charter granted by the Grand Chapter of Vermont to Washington Chapter No. 6, nearly ninety years ago." This valuable relic he had the pleasure of restoring to the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's statistics show that all the Chapters had made returns. Delinquency in this regard puts Grand Secretaries to a deal of trouble. We congratulate R. . E. . Comp. Ross that all his Chapters "toed the mark."

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand as \$10,742.08—a fine showing for Vermont.

M. . E. . Comp. Perkins presented his annual report on Correspondence, which was accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

To its entire satisfaction, the Committee on Grievances was "out of a job."

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, a Charter was granted to the one Chapter U. D., to be known as Hiram Chapter No. 29, and said Chapter was authorized to work U. D. until it should be duly constituted.

The Grand Lecturer was empowered to have the several arks

in the jurisdiction made to conform to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter.

In an able report the Jurisprudence Committee expressed the opinion that a Chapter which has made provision in its by-laws for life membership, but which has subsequently repealed said provision, cannot require dues from members who were made life members before the repeal of said provision. The committee frankly observes:

"Therefore, while your committee do not feel certain that the result they have reached is correct, they are equally uncertain that they would be nearer right if they had reached a different conclusion."

As a business proposition, or under any generally accepted code of morals, it would be manifestly wrong-doing to make those life members pay annual dues, after they had complied with the stipulated requirements for life membership, and the Chapter had, to all intents and purposes, pledged to them exemption from dues for the future. While the committee's conclusion commends itself to our sense of right, we could wish that there had not been any shadow of doubt as to the correctness of said conclusion in the minds of the committee. "*Fiat Justitia, etc.*" All the same we do not think provision for life membership very desirable.

The excellent report of the Grand Lecturer was highly commended. The Grand High Priest paid him and the Grand Secretary tribute of richly deserved praise. Nor were the faithful District Deputies forgotten.

The Committee on Necrology ably and eloquently discharged its melancholy duty.

The Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood elected eight new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The most interesting portion of this volume is found in the Annual Report on Correspondence presented by Past Grand High Priest Marsh O. Perkins, whose reputation as a reviewer is too well assured to require any confirmation by our poor pen. Nevertheless, we freely accord him a place in the first rank of correspondents.

He accords Alabama, 1904, nearly two pages of fraternal

notice. He thinks the few decisions reported by our Grand High Priest "all in harmony with the general law of Capitular Masonry." He says:

"In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was extended to the new Grand Chapter of Western Australia, but for some reason the vote was reconsidered and the request referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which practically recommended no action in the premises without the advice of the General Grand Chapter and of the Supreme Grand Chapters of England and Scotland. We believe the first committee knew as much concerning the regularity of the new Body as Alabama will ever learn and further believe that no demands of fraternal courtesy required, or require, a conference with any General or Supreme Grand Body, assuming of course that Alabama, like Vermont, is an independent Grand Chapter—and we think our Companions of the Land of Rest would resent any other assumption."

Singularly enough, Comp. Perkins attributes the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence to R. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. George A. Beauchamp, styling the paper "painstaking and thorough." If that report was in any respect meritorious, the merit is the writer's; equally, if it was faulty in any particular—and, no doubt, it had more faults than one—we regret to see these failings imputed to our highly esteemed Grand Secretary. Own up Companion that these lines were penned at a very late hour when your eyes were heavy.

Comp. Perkins, referring to the subject of "gorgeous robes, stage settings, scenic displays, etc.," in conferring degrees, well says:

"It is a question, however, that is increasing in importance every year, and care will have to be taken that the appeals of the Institution to the heart for the uplifting of humanity, are not overwhelmed by catering to the grosser delights of the senses."

He says under Colorado:

"Comp. Foster looks askance at the use of 'Keys' so far as advisability is concerned, but recognizing the actual situation, very pertinently enquires of Comp. Mayo of Missouri: "

"Is it not better for Grand Chapters to issue their own than to leave it for members to get and use incorrect works issued by publishing houses?"

Comp. Perkins subjoins:

"Why not concede, man fashion, that ciphers have been in use from 'time immemorial' and be done with it? Nothing is gained by hiding, ostrich like, in the sand of professed ignorance. The only question is as to how their use can best be controlled."

He considers the making of a Royal Arch Mason "at sight" ridiculous. So do we.

He does not think the "absence" of the Charter would invalidate the work. We respectfully dissent.

There are many things in this regard which we would refer to but for the pile of other volumes awaiting their turn.

M. E. Delas M. Bacon, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

97TH ANNUAL—RICHMOND—NOVEMBER, 1904.

M. E. Edward Smith Conrad, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 46—Chapters U. D. 5—Present membership 4,100—Net gain 373.

The portrait of Grand High Priest Conrad which makes the frontispiece of this well printed volume, marks him as a man who thinks for himself. On his features individuality is plainly stamped.

After Grand Chapter had been opened, four Past Grand High Priests, three D. D. G. H. P.'s and Grand Representatives of eighteen Sister Jurisdictions, were found to be present. We note that Companion Percy Dixon of Mobile, had been commissioned as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and that M. E., Companion Alfred S. Lee had received his commission as Representative of Grand Chapter of Alabama. We trust Companion Lee will not, like some few G. R.'s, treat his appointment with indifference, by absenting himself from his Grand Chapter.

In his "interesting, encouraging and instructive address" the Grand High Priest said:

"The duties of the high office have been discharged as intelligently, faithfully and efficiently as I knew how, and I stand ready to receive your censure or commendation as you may deem just."

"The year has been a pleasant and a busy one. In addition to the unusual number of appointments which were made, I have

written over three hundred letters; passed on numerous questions of Masonic law; granted twelve dispensations to receive and ballot on applications without waiting the statutory period, and refused a number of others; granted dispensations to open five new Chapters; had three Chapters installed, to which Charters were granted at your last Annual Convocation; examined, amended and approved By-Laws for four Chapters; visited eleven Chapters, attended one of the Schools of Instruction, and assisted at opening of the new Front Royal Chapter."

"It affords me pleasure to report the Craft is prospering and harmonious throughout the Jurisdiction - as will more fully appear from the more detailed reports of my esteemed Deputies."

"I am informed by the Grand Secretary that reports received show the additions this year have been 555, with net gain in membership of 373, which is very gratifying."

According to the custom of the Order, he had issued a Memorial of the late Past Grand High Priest, Companion Samuel M. Bowman, who died Oct. 20, 1904.

He submitted three decisions. The first was elicited by a question asking for construction of Section 109 of the Methodical Digest, in so far as it refers to the jurisdiction of a Chapter located in an incorporated city *vs.* a Chapter located in country distant about one and a half miles from said city limits. The question is as follows:

"Is the dividing line of territorial jurisdiction half way between the corporate limits of the city and the Temple in the country, or is it half way between the respective meeting places of the city and county Chapters?"

In giving his answer the Grand High Priest said:

"You will observe that the Section 109, of Methodical Digest first lays down the general proposition, to-wit:

"The jurisdiction of a Chartered Chapter shall extend over all the adjacent territory in Virginia which is nearer to it by the usual mode of traveling than to any other Chapter."

"This is the law, except so far as may be modified by subsequent provisions, and so far only. The modifications are only two, to-wit:

"1st. That when two or more Chapters are situated in one city or town, the jurisdiction of such Chapters shall be concurrent in such city or town, and over such adjacent territory."

"2d. That over all places which, by the usual mode of traveling, are equi-distant from two or more Chapters, the jurisdiction of such Chapters shall be concurrent."

After arguing forcibly the questions from his point of view, he said:

"My conclusion is, that it is half way between the respective meeting places of the city and county Chapters, but that within the city limits there would be concurrent jurisdiction."

"I am however open to conviction, if there is doubt as to the correctness of the conclusion reached."

The second decision was on the following:

"A Royal Arch Mason, dimitted more than two years ago, makes application to another Chapter for membership."

Question—"Is it necessary to make regular application for membership, endorsed by members of his former Chapter, or can the Chapter to which he applied receive the dimit and ballot on that?"

Held—"That the applicant has become a non-affiliate. He must make application for membership, which must be recommended and vouched for by two members of the Chapter to which he applies and the application lie over one month before acted on, and if elected, deposit his dimit."

The third and last decision related to a Companion who had received his degrees in another Jurisdiction and who made application for membership in a Virginia Chapter. He had not received the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees.

"Question—What course to pursue to admit him a member?"

"Held—If the Companion is a member of a Chapter without this Jurisdiction, these degrees could not be conferred on him in this State."

"He must take a dimit from the foreign Chapter, make application for membership in the local Chapter, and, if received, he must then receive from the local Chapter the two degrees."

These decisions have the ring of pure metal.

The Grand High Priest sincerely trusted that every Chapter which had not done so, would adopt the resolution to contribute to the Home \$3.00 of each exaltation fee.

Fourteen Chapters have already agreed to make this contribution to the Home. Several other Chapters make liberal donations to the same object.

It strikes us that the \$3.00 plan would be productive of material aid to the support of the Home. These proceedings show for last year, exaltation of 428 to R. A. Degree. Under the \$3.00 plan adopted throughout the Jurisdiction, that increase in members would mean \$1,284.00 for the widows and orphans.

The plan suggested seems to be an excellent one. We are glad to see that it was approved. It will hardly be amiss to

state here also that the decisions of the Grand High Priest were approved.

Before closing his address the Grand High Priest paid warm tribute of commendation to the District Deputies, the Grand Secretary, and especially to the Grand Lecturer, for their zeal and efficiency.

From the excellent Grand Secretary's report it is learned that the Grand Chapter of Virginia is *actat* 96. When Companion Blank was elected Grand Secretary in 1895, there were 31 active Chapters; now there are 51 with the 5 U. D.'s chartered. Increase of 20 in nine years.

The Grand Treasurer reports, after all disbursements, balance cash on hand, \$435 16.

The Grand Lecturer M. E. Companion W. J. Hubbard, must be an exceedingly zealous and an indefatigable worker. His very full report unmistakably shows this to be true.

Charters were voted to the five Chapters U. D.

The Grand Representatives present were duly presented to Grand Chapter, and most cordially and eloquently welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

We note that on the Second Day, M. E. Comp. A. S. Lee, Alabama's Representative headed the list of 22 Grand Representatives present.

The committee on the address, endorsing the Grand High Priest's praise of Grand Lecturer W. J. Hubbard, ventured to add that:

"It is doubtful if M. E. Companion Hubbard has an equal as Grand Lecturer in any of the Grand Jurisdictions."

Well, Companions, we would not say one word to depreciate Companion Hubbard's merit, but are constrained to add that we have a man, who, as instructor in Symbolic, Capitular, Cryptic, and Templar Masonry is not only letter perfect, but also most impressive and tireless. There now—that for our Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp.

On recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was adopted and the Grand Secretary was directed to invite an interchange of Grand Representatives.

The report of the Grand Lecturer was approved and his recommendations were adopted.

Charters for the five Chapters U. D. were also ordered, as has been already intimated.

Each item of the report of the Committee of the Whole having been separately considered, the report was adopted as a whole.

For lack of space we have omitted several matters of importance.

By resolution carried, a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel was ordered for Grand Lecturer (P. G. H. P.) Hubbard, and the Grand Council of High Priests was permitted, at its own request, to donate \$50.00 for embellishment of the same.

The reports of the District Deputies were, on the whole, eminently satisfactory.

The Royal Arch Schools of Instruction have awakened much enthusiasm in the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests received eight new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Charles A. Nesbit again presents an excellent report reviewing the proceedings of all those Grand Chapters which passed under his inspection. His 96 pages embrace a mass of reading matter of great value to the Masonic student—mostly extracts.

Alabama is treated with the greatest courtesy. Grand High Priest, Chas. R. Bricken's address is quoted with manifest approval. He says that our Grand High Priest paid "a beautiful tribute to the dead at home and all sister jurisdictions, including the lamented O'Keeffe and Schwartz of Virginia." He honors the writer by quoting the Grand High Priest's commendation of him.

He says: "We are sorry to note that Alabama does not require dependent membership." As to that matter, Companion, your reason is our own, personally.

He styles the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence 'able, instructive and readable.' He will please accept our grateful thanks for his kind words.

Under Pennsylvania, he quotes the Correspondence Committee, under Alabama, as follows:

"He" (the writer) "does not believe in cipher rituals, and is a persistent and consistent advocate of dependent membership.

In Pennsylvania cipher rituals, or indeed printed rituals of any kind, are unknown, and we do not envy the officer who should be detected in their use. He would for the first offense be reprimanded, and the second—well, we would tremble at his fate."

On that subject we glory in Pennsylvania's attitude. Companion Nesbit presents the foregoing without comment, but we fancy we hear him ejaculate—"Them's my sentiments."

M. : E. : Comp. Sol. L. Bloomberg, Grand High Priest.

R. : E. : Comp. James B. Blanks, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

21ST ANNUAL—BELLINGHAM—JUNE, 1905.

Number of chapters, 26—present membership, 2,034. Net gain, 88.

M. : E. : Nathan S. Porter, Grand High Priest.

Frontispiece—portrait of retiring Grand High Priest, N. S. Porter.

All but three of the subordinate chapters were represented at the Annual Convocation, which was opened June 19, 1905.

All the Grand Officers were at their posts, encouraged by the presence of five Past Grand High Priests.

The address of the Grand High Priest was not lengthy, still it was long enough to make it plain that he had the interests of the Royal Craft at heart, and was firm in the maintenance of what he believed to be right.

At one point in his remarks, he used this expression:

"Masonry is too broad to be circumscribed by three degrees."

From that view we respectfully dissent. We still think that all there is of Masonry is found in the symbolic degrees. If members of the so-called higher degrees always prove themselves good Master Masons, they are all right.

He said:

"While I do not favor using substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree, yet in small towns, it frequently happens that two Most Excellent Masters may be compelled to wait an indefinite period of time for a third candidate to be ready to form a full team; and under such circumstances I deem it proper to use a substitute." And he had granted six dispensations to use

one substitute in each case. On the other hand, he had refused to grant a requested dispensation in answer to the following: A certain chapter had four candidates up to the Royal Arch degree, and all four wanted the R. A. It was desired to divide them into two couples and to use one substitute with each couple, thus making two triplets—a full number.

If substitutes may be used at all, we see no good reason for said refusal.

By reference to Washington Proceedings-1904, we find that the Grand Chapter refused to concur in Grand High Priest, John N. Prather's recommendation that the G. G. C. rules and regulations, providing for the use of a substitute, be adopted.

In our humble opinion, Grand High Priest Porter's eight decisions submitted were good law and usage with one exception, No. 6. That decision strikes us as erroneous. We quote in part:

"Something over two years ago, a brother petitioned this chapter for the Capitular degrees and was elected, but failed to present himself to receive them for a period of more than a year. He afterwards asked to have the degrees conferred upon him, when objection was raised and his further progress stopped. Subsequently the objection was withdrawn. Is it proper to proceed in his case?"

Answer—I have held that, inasmuch as membership in a Chapter is co-existent with good standing in a Symbolic Lodge, in the absence of direct legislation or decisions precedent, Blue Laws laws apply to chapters. I would suggest in this case that you treat his application as a renewal of his petition and spread the ballot; that being guilty of laches, he be subjected to the ordeal of a new ballot. If he then be elected according to Masonic usage, give him the degrees. The objection having been withdrawn, it is reasonable to presume the ballot will be fair."

If we assume that the degrees would have been conferred if no objection had been raised, then, the objection being withdrawn, and none other being raised, he should have received his degrees without a ballot, unless there was a statute requiring a new ballot after the lapse of a given time—say one year.

The Grand Secretary had had the pleasure of forwarding all the annual dues of the chapters to the Grand Treasurer, before leaving home to attend the Annual Convocation—a novel pleasure, he intimates.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was \$2,464.91. Amount bonds on hand, \$1,000.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, reporting on the eight decisions submitted by the Grand High Priest, approved the following: Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8, disapproving Nos. 3 and 4. No. 3 reads as follows: "Must the petitioner be an actual member in good standing in *some* lodge of Master Masons?" "*Answer—Yes*"

No. 4 reads as follows: "If a Master Mason holding a dimit has petitioned a lodge and been rejected, is he eligible to receive the chapter degrees?"

"*Answer—No.* Section 14 of Grand Chapter By-Laws makes membership in a lodge a qualification for the chapter degrees."

As indicated already, the committee disagreed with the Grand High Priest as to those two decisions, and its report on all the said rulings was adopted.

A prayer from a certain chapter, asking that a Mark Master, who, shortly after he had received said degree, had lost his right arm, might be advanced, had been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, and the committee recommended denial of such advancement in accordance with a report of committee approved the previous year. While the committee deeply regretted the seeming necessity of that rule, it had been unable to "find any rule consistent with the established law of the order making it possible to report otherwise. One of the committee was unprepared to agree with his colleagues, and was also not prepared to dissent from their opinion, therefore he declined to make a minority report. But the Grand Chapter refused to adopt the committee's recommendation. Properly so, in our humble opinion.

The Committee on Obituary made fitting report. The Grievance Committee had not a single case on its docket.

The reading of the Cryptogram, as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, was adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to print the the report of the committee on the same

The Order of High Priesthood elected twelve new members.

CORRESPONDENCE

The report on Foreign Correspondence (121 pp.) is by R. E. Companion Yancey C. Blalock, who reviews the proceedings of 50 Grand Chapters—three for two years. Alabama receives nearly a page and one-half of courteous notice.

Next Annual Convocation is set for June 16, 1906, in the city of Spokane.

M. E. Otis A. Crampton, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

34TH ANNUAL—CLARKSBURG—NOVEMBER, 1904.

M. E. Chas. M. Lamar, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 29; Members, 3,127; Net Gain, 304.

This volume is embellished with several portraits, including the Grand High Priest-elect, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee.

Five Past Grand High Priests and Seventeen Grand Representatives were present at the convocation under review. At a suitable juncture the Grand Representatives, Alabama's included, were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, fitly commemorated the late Grand Secretary, Robert Cunningham, past Grand Scribe, H. M. Bell, and Companion William H. H. Flick (P. G. C., P. G. H. P. and P. G. M.), all of whom had died during the year 1904.

He reported two chapters constituted, three special dispensations granted, and several Grand Representatives appointed, among whom we note Companion Robert F. Lovelady, of Pratt City, commissioned March 31, 1904, as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Most Excellent Companion Lamar submitted one decision, viz: That Companions, notwithstanding they were in good standing in the chapter, being suspended in the Lodge for non payment of dues, thereby stood suspended in the chapter, under existing law.

Under the head of visitations, he intimated that he had visited his own chapter only, and expressed the opinion that the Grand Lecturer should do most of the visiting, "for the reason that he is generally more proficient in the work and can be of some benefit to the chapters visited."

Not discussing the question of comparative proficiency on the part of the G. H. P. and G. L., we nevertheless must disagree with our M. E. Companion.

The chapters take inspiration from visits by the head of the Royal Craft, and consequently are roused to greater activity. We wish our own Grand Chapter might exemplify this idea.

The Grand Treasurer had, November 5, 1904, a balance on hand of \$309.15

The new Grand Secretary is a faithful, efficient officer.

The Grand Lecturer had made but two or three visitations—all that he had been called upon to make—but those few visits resulted in good to those visited.

In addition to the cash balance reported by the Grand Treasurer, the Committee on Finance reported a certificate of deposit in bank, dated Jan. 4, 1904 payable to the order of the Grand Treasurer, twelve months after date, drawing 3 per cent. interest on \$1,500.00; hence the committee reported balance in the treasury Nov. 15, 1904 \$1,809.15.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had no matter before it for consideration, and so reported. Adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence approved the rulings of the Grand High Priest, and its report was adopted.

The Grand Secretary, Committee on Obituary, discharged his duties, as such committee, by setting apart memorial pages to the fraternal dead.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood received six accessions to membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Correspondence is presented by Companion John D. Baines, chairman of the committee thereon. In his report Companion Baines utterly ignores the correspondence reports from the several jurisdictions reviewed. All the same, he submits a very good, though brief synopsis of the various volumes of proceedings which have passed under his inspection.

Alabama-1903 is accorded about three-fourths of a page of notice. We trust our Companion will lose no sleep through fear that new chapters may be established in Alabama "without due inquiry."

He says:

"Dependent membership" is undecided in Alabama."

That is ancient history, Companion; last year (1904) the resolution, 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, we personally regret to say, was voted down, an adverse report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

In his "remarks," at the conclusion of his report, Companion Baines is quite severe on his own Grand Chapter, in respect of the relations subsisting between the Grand Chapter and the subordinate chapters.

Under Iowa, we agree with him that "Masonry was intended for *men*."

We welcome Companion John D. Baines to the Guild, but would like to see him a little more sociable.

M. E. Hiram R. Howard, Grand High Priest.

R. E. D. K. Reed, Grand Secretary.

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55TH ANNUAL—MILWAUKEE—FEBRUARY, 1905.

M. E. Franklin P. Ainsworth, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters (by our count), 78—present membership, 7,353. Net increase, 200.

Three portraits of lately deceased companions, Past Grand High Priest Oliver Libbey, Past Grand King Ira A. Hill and Past Deputy Grand High Priest John C. Brooker, adorn this well printed volume.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows that he had been a faithful administrator of the Grand Chapter's affairs.

He reported three decisions. One of them, in effect, held that when a rule of the Grand Chapter seemed in conflict with a ruling of the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter should govern, a decision of the General Grand in conflict therewith applying only to those chapters subordinate to itself.

The second decision related to procedure in cases of advancement after objection.

The third decision denies the power of the Grand High Priest to grant dispensation to ballot on petitions at special convocations.

Under the head of visitations, after calling attention to the fact that the Grand Lecturer had been unable, during most of the year, to discharge the duties assigned to him, and even had

to abandon his profession, the Grand High Priest reminded the Grand Chapter that the preceding year the Grand Lecturer had visited every chapter in the jurisdiction, spending a good deal of time and money in performing this duty. Said the M. E.:

"It has come to my knowledge that he expended about \$200 more than he received from this Grand Chapter." He recommended that said officer be reimbursed for this expenditure. On recommendation of committee, that was done.

His one or two other recommendations are deserving of notice:

"My attention has been called to what seems to be a case of bad law, adopted by this Grand Chapter at its session in 1902. I refer to the decision made by one of our ablest Grand High Priests, in answer to the following question:

"*Question*—If the E. H. P., King and Scribe are not present at a stated convocation, is there any way to open the chapter and proceed with the business?

"*Answer*—There is. While our constitution does not provide for it, that of the General Grand Chapter, to the provisions of which we are subject, does. (See Art. III, G. G. C. Const.)."

Says Grand High Priest Ainsworth:

"The provision referred to in this decision was made to govern the chapters subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, and does not apply to us.

"The power is vested in the High Priest to open and govern his chapter, to read and expound the law, and in his absence this power is vested in the King or Scribe, and in none other, until the approval of the decision above quoted. To me this seems very bad law, and inconsistent with all precedent. To permit one who is not a member of a chapter to open and govern it, in the absence of the entire council, is hardly consistent with good sense."

He recommended that this matter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

He said that rule 20 of Rules and Regulations was as follows: "It is lawful to appoint and install a trustee to an office in the chapter." He recommended that the law be amended by adding the words, "excepting the offices of Treasurer and Secretary."

Under "Chapter Attendance" he threw out some hints worthy of consideration—Elect able and industrious secretaries—make convocations interesting to intelligent men—make it the Secretary's duty to summon all members to all convocations, since

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busy men are not apt to keep in mind the dates of convocations. He did not favor the use of post cards in the sending of summons, and objected to newspaper notices of chapter business.

With all of which we concur.

A careful Grand Secretary like Companion Wm. W. Perry is invaluable.

We note in his report the following item:

Total amount of dues.....	\$4,778 50
Total chapters reporting.....	77
Total number represented.....	75
Total number that paid dues.....	77
Past Grand High Priests present.....	16

(We are pleased to see that our Representative, M. E. Companion Wm. C. Swayne was present, and are glad to infer that his health is restored.)

"Total receipts for year ending Feb. 22, 1905, \$4,912 61.

Amount of receipts in excess of expenditures \$942 05."

The Grand Treasurer reported Feb. 21, 1905, cash on hand, \$6,131.40.

The trustees having examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, found them correct.

Eloquent memorials commemorating the late Companion Ira A. Hill (P. G. K.), and Companion Oliver Libbey (P. G. H. P.), were read to Grand Chapter, and the report of the Committee on Obituary was adopted by rising vote.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence having under consideration the Grand High Priest's recommendation that it investigate as to the propriety of amending the decision of 1902, declaring who may open and preside over a chapter, declined to go with the Grand High Priest in his declaration that one of the three principal officers must be present to open the chapter, but reaffirmed the decision of 1902, with a proviso amending the same, in the following words, viz: "provided such Grand High Priest is a member of that chapter."

With all deference to the learned Committee on Masonic law and usage, we must side in opinion with Grand High Priest Ainsworth on that matter. The High Priest, King or Scribe, which one soever is presiding, is held responsible for the doings

of the chapter; hence the chapter should not be opened in the absence of all three principal officers.

Confessing that it is, doubtless, irrelevant here to say what we desire to affirm, we just tell what we were thinking, viz : that by parity of reasoning there ought to be nine R. A. Masons, members of the Chapter, present in order to transact business.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decisions submitted by the Grand High Priest. Report adopted.

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

The "General Committee" having under consideration that part of the Grand High Priest's address relating to Chapter attendance, recommended "that where practical, secretaries will send notices of meetings in sealed envelopes, avoiding the use of postal cards or other public notices as far as possible." The Grand Chapter refused to concur.

February 21, 1905, the General Grand High Priest, Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell, Mass., telegraphed his regrets at being unable to accept kind invitation to be present, also his fraternal congratulations. Grant Chapter suitably replied.

Under resolution passed, the Grand Lecturer is to hold a School of Instruction on "the day previous to the annual Convocation" of Grand Chapter and under certain conditions specified.

In view of the action taken by Grand Chapter providing for a School of Instruction, the "Committee on Chapters to be Visited" recommended that only such Chapters be visited as the Grand High Priest may in his discretion designate. Adopted.

The Order of the High Priesthood held a meeting during intermission on the first day.

On February 23, 1905, a convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held and twenty-six High Priests were received into the Order.

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It is with pleasure that we find M. E. Companion William C. Swain wielding that pen which maintains its old-time vigor unimpaired. We trust he may be long spared to give the Craft the benefit of his contributions to Masonic literature.

Alabama, 1904, receives fraternal notice.

Companion Swain does the writer the honor of quoting him on "dependent membership."

He says of the writer:

"He notes our disagreement with him in reference to Masonic balls and dances, but gives no reason for his belief. He reviews, in the form of an abstract, the various Grand Chapters and does it well."

Many thanks for your commendation, Companion, it is highly appreciated. As for our "reason" in respect of "Masonic balls and dances," perhaps we have none that is cogent; but it seems to hardly comport with the dignity of our fraternity to chap-erone frolics.

In his conclusion Companion Swain says:

"We have finished and said very little of our own. There has not been much to say. The different reporters have confined themselves to their own limits and said nothing on topics of general interest. There is very little said on dependent membership, and what there is—is mostly by New Hampshire, and Wait takes the same view of it we do, and all we can do is to copy what he says and let it go at that."

"The great institution is in a state of prosperity, and the gains for the last year are greater than ever before. New York has moved up to the first place and Illinois to the second in point of members."

"So may it ever be."

WM. C. SWAIN, Committee.

M.: E.: Wm. E. Schwahn, Grand High Priest.

R.: E.: Wm. W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

32D TRIENNIAL—LITTLE ROCK—OCTOBER, 1903.

Comp. James W. Taylor, General Grand High Priest.

Officers and members present 166, entitled to cast 223 votes, as follows: General Grand Officers (not including Gen. Grand Sentinel), 13; Past General Grand Officer, 1; 35 Grand Chapters represented, four votes each, 140; 16 Subordinate Chapters represented, one vote each, 16; Past Grand High Priests (not including General and Past General Officers) present, 53; total 223 votes.

A portrait of the General Grand High Priest, Comp. James W. Taylor, of Georgia, graces the first page of this volume.

The address of the General Grand High Priest was forcible and eloquent. Under the heading Necrology, he said :

"Death is not destruction, it does not end all, it is not a destroyer; but only a state in which the physical powers are inert, where that wonderful thing called life is withdrawn. It is only a way opened for the soul to pass to a more perfect life and to the fulfillment of the work which God has given it to do; a transition from a state of mortality to a state of immortality; a refining process through which every one of God's creatures must pass to enable them to enter the portals of the sanctuary and enter into that perfect past prepared for His people. There is no wisdom in being afraid to die; but there is wisdom in learning and practising how to live, ever being ready for the summons, and in realizing that we have done our duty to ourselves, our country, our neighbor and our God."

He paid touching tribute to those illustrious departed Companions—Drummond, Larnier, McCahan, Orr Caldwell, Woodbury and others.

He gave good reasons for the selection of Little Rock as meeting place for the 32d Triennial.

He had granted dispensations for forming four new Chapters. Two other dispensations had been issued, one to elect and install officers, the other to install an officer provisionally hindered from being present when the other officers were installed.

He withheld his approval of a request, from the Grand Chapter of Washington, for a general dispensation to permit the conferring of the degrees upon Master Masons applying to Chapters in Washington therefor, said Brethren residing in such parts of Alaska as were under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. He withheld his approval, but promised to bring the matter before the General Grand Chapter at Little Rock.

The General Grand High Priest reported six of his decisions. In the first he ruled as follows :

"When a candidate is elected to the Mark Master's Degree, the Lodge should be regularly opened before the degree is conferred."

"2d. The General Grand Chapter has no control over the question of jurisdiction of Subordinate Chapters working under Charters from State Grand Chapters, which alone control the matter of jurisdiction.

"3d. Twenty dollars is the minimum amount fixed by the

Constitution of the General Grand Chapter for the Capitular Degrees. The compact between the Grand and Subordinate Chapters and the General Grand Chapter when formed, provides that there shall be no conflict in their constitutions. Hence, no Grand or Subordinate Chapter can adopt a by-law reducing the fee for the degrees below twenty dollars."

"4th. * * * the edict declares that six months shall expire after an applicant is rejected before he can renew his application; it would seem, therefore, that six months' residence within the jurisdiction of a Chapter would authorize it to entertain an application."

In the fifth decision, which relates to Masonry in Porto Rico, where the Grand Lodge of that island permits the Subordinate Lodges to work in the Scottish Rite, which Grand Lodge is recognized by nearly all, if not all of the Grand Lodges of the United States working under the York Rite, he was of the opinion that no objection could be made by the General Grand Chapter to applicants for the Capitular Degree from members of its Subordinates. Material being otherwise worthy, he thought the reception of their petitions admissible.

In the sixth decision he ruled that "The action of King Cyrus Chapter No. 1, Valpairso, Chile, in installing a Secretary by proxy without a certified proxy of the Secretary-elect, was irregular; hence said Companion, not having been legally installed, is not Secretary, therefore, and cannot resign." (Said Companion had tendered his resignation), "an office to which he has not been qualified by installation obligation". He declared said office vacant, and it should be declared so by the High Priest, and an election ordered by him after complying with the law governing elections to fill vacancies in Chapters.

Under Official Visitations the Gen. Grand High Priest spoke warmly of the grand, enthusiastic reception accorded himself and the other members of the General Grand Chapter at the Triennial in Little Rock by the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

According to the report of the General Grand Treasurer, the total funds of the General Grand Chapter amounts to \$17,825 31.

From the report of the General Grand Secretary it is learned that, in 1902, the number of affiliated Companions was 219,965, a net gain in affiliated Companions of 26,771.

The magnificent memorials of the late Companions—Josiah Hayden Drummond, Noble Danforth Larner, George Lewis M'Cahan, Charles H. Ohr, John Day Caldwell and Roger

Williams Woodbury were well worth copying did our space admit of the same.

The Committee on General Grand Secretary Fox's report was "impressed with its wonderful accuracy of detail, comprehensiveness, simplicity of arrangement, freedom from extraneous matter, in a word, its perfectness," and congratulated the General Grand Body upon having so efficient an officer.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended approval of decisions numbered *one two* and *four*.

The committee could not recommend approval of decision numbered *three*, "being of the opinion that it is not within the authority of this Grand Body to legislate as to the fees to be charged by Constituent Grand Chapters, same being one of the ways of raising revenue in Subordinate Chapters appendant thereto."

But the committee suggested that the General Grand Chapter recommend to the Constituent Grand Chapters that they make \$20.00 the minimum fee for Capitular degrees.

The committee recommended that action with respect to decision No. 5 be deferred, and that a special committee be appointed to investigate the same and report to next Triennial. Report on decision 6 shuts out installation by proxy. Entire report of Jurisprudence Committee concurred in.

The Committee on Rituals made report on the proper reading of the Cryptogram of Royal Arch Masonry. The committee was of the opinion that as certain characters, referred to, "are used in connection with the ark, each Chapter should be in possession of *two* arks. One to represent the original Ark of the Covenant, with the cherubim attached, but devoid of characters on its top or sides. The other should be smaller and without the representation of the cherubim, but having upon its top a triangular plate of gilt or yellow metal inscribed as follows:" then presented a diagram of said triangular plate with its inscriptions and the inscriptions on the four sides of the ark.

Inasmuch as these characters have reference to certain significant and important features of the Ritual, we recommend the omission therefrom of the word * * * * wherever it occurs, so that a certain combination shall be known as the G.: R.: A.: W.: instead of the G.: O.: R.: A.: W.:

Report of the committee adopted.

The General Grand Secretary's salary was raised to \$800.00.

Recognition was extended to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand.

A charter was granted to Borinquen Chapter No. 1, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Although, at this Convocation of the G. G. C., not much business was transacted, all the same the assembled Companions had a grand time. The Grand Chapter of Arkansas covered itself with glory as host.

The 33d Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter will be held at Boston, Massachusetts, June 19, 1906.

GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS.

- Comp. Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell, Mass., G. G. H. P.
- Comp. Joseph E. Dyas, Paris, Ill., D. G. G. H. P.
- Comp. William C. Swain, Milwaukee, Wis., G. G. K.
- Comp. Nathan Kingsley, Austin, Minn., G. C. S.
- Comp. John M. Carter, Baltimore, Md., G. G. T.
- Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, N. Y., G. G. Sec.
- Comp. Bernard G. Witt, Henderson, Ky., G. G. C of H.
- Comp. George E. Carson, Washington, D. C., G. G. P. S.
- Comp. Frederic W. Craig, Des Moines, Iowa, G. G. R. A. C.
- Comp. Wm. F. Kuhn, Kansas City, Mo., G. G. M. of 3d V.
- Comp. Bestor G. Brown, Topeka, Kas., G. G. M., 2d V.
- Comp. Charles N. Rix, Hot Springs, Ark., G. G. M., 1st V.

CONCLUSION.

Having taken up so much space with our several reports, we have not the hardihood to inflict a lengthy ending upon our readers; therefore our only conclusion is:

May the blessing of the Great I Am be and abide with all true Masons!

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB, Chairman.

NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS MAKING RETURNS

With the Number of Members Returned, Amount of Dues paid to the Grand Chapter, and the number of those Advanced, Presided, Received and Accepted, Exalted, Affiliated, Reinstated, Dick, Dimitted and Suspended since last return.

Number.	NAME.	No. of Members.	Amount of Dues Received	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd and Accep'd	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.
1	Tuscaloosa*.....	53	\$ 39 75	5	5	5	5	1	1	2	2	
5	Ennomia†.....	20	27 00	6	6	6	6	1	2	1		
12	Marion*.....	24	18 75	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
19	Mount Moriah.....	35	...	4	4	3	2	...	2	...	...	
21	Mobile.....	79	60 75	9	8	6	6	2	1	3	4	
22	Montgomery.....	67	50 25	8	8	8	8	...	1	1	7	
23	Talladega.....	31	23 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
24	Enfaula*.....	21	23 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	
25	Courtland*.....	19	12 00	4	4	4	4	1	3	...	...	
26	Union†.....	28	36 00	8	8	8	8	...	...	...	...	
28	St. Johns†.....	56	80 25	...	...	...	...	1	5	1	...	
34	Hermon*.....	64	39 75	15	13	12	12	...	...	1	...	
38	Decatur.....	60	45 00	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	1	
40	Camden.....	37	...	17	17	17	17	1	1	1	1	
54	Gyrian.....	61	45 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
56	Dadeville*.....	65	49 50	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	
57	Collinsville.....	16	12 00	8	7	5	5	...	2	...	...	
64	Central†.....	29	43 50	3	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	
80	Myles J. Greene*.....	25	18 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
81	Jefferson.....	41	30 75	10	10	10	10	...	1	1	...	
86	Coosa.....	54	41 25	13	13	13	13	1	1	1	...	
88	Springville*.....	17	13 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
92	Notasulga*.....	17	12 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
99	Thomas M. Bragg*.....	28	21 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
101	Mineral City.....	246	184 50	34	35	35	35	3	1	2	4	8
104	Sylacauga†.....	52	66 75	9	8	6	6	10	1	1	...	
105	Anniston.....	42	...	9	9	9	8	2	1	...	3	
107	Fort Payne*.....	26	17 25	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	
108	Pratt City.....	37	...	6	6	6	6	4	1	...	9	
109	Blocton.....	41	30 75	6	6	6	3	1	1	...	2	
110	Bessemer†.....	70	105 00	12	12	11	9	...	2	...	7	
111	Piedmont*.....	38	26 25	4	4	4	4	...	...	1	...	
112	Brewton*.....	41	30 75	3	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	

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113	Dothan*.....	43	42 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12
114	H. Clay Armstrong†...	49	59 25	21	21	21	21	...	...	...	2	...
115	Thomasville†.....	47	64 50	9	9	9	9	1	...	2	...	...
116	Clanton.....	33	24 75	4	4	2	2	1	...	1	...	...
117	Beauchamp.....	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
118	Jasper.....	50	...	8	8	9	9	1	...	...	...	...
119	Jackson†.....	43	63 00	2	2	2	1	2	...	2	...	...
120	Cunningham.....	46	53 75	7	7	4	4	1	...	...	...	...
121	Phoenix*.....	16	14 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...
122	Monroe.....	48	36 00	1	1	1	1	1	...	2	1	...
123	Covington U. D.....	26	...	14	14	14	14	1	...	1	...	...
124	Bladon Springs.....	65	...	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	2	...
125	F. M. Jackson*.....	27	16 50	8	8	8	5	...	...	...	...	...
126	Tallasee†.....	20	28 50	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
127	Evergreen.....	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
128	Heflin.....	2	16 50	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
129	James E. Cobb, U. D..	15	...	2	3	3	3	12	...	...	...	...
		2165	1605 00	278	374	254	244	42	20	34	45	59

*Dues paid for 1901 only. †Dues paid for two years.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Sydney O. Clements, M. P. Mealor, H. M. Starnes, William Toxey, John B. Taylor.
- Eunomia, No. 5: Frank P. Culver, William P. Hooper, Charles A. Marshall, Leo J. Marschentz, Kennell McDonnell, William C. Wheeler.
- Mt. Moriah, No. 19: E. C. Meredith, Jr., M. L. Mallory.
- Mobile, No. 21: Silas A. Burgoyne, Selby S. Coleman, James K. Semmes, B. S. Woodcock, Edward B. Wheyland, James M. Hall.
- Montgomery, No. 22: Shiner H. Adams, Frank C. Baugh, Claude L. Patterson, Carlisle E. Cook, Edward C. Fowler, Wm. O. Garside, L. D. Shumaker, Emil S. Hugger.
- Courtland, No. 25: George F. Craig, Robert P. Morris, John M. Roberts, Lewis A. Weaver.
- Union No. 26: John L. Flowers, Frederick M. Goff, Lewis A. Morgan, Jr., Wm. R. O'Sullivan, Enos Rogers, Sidons Stolenwerk, John P. Sanders, Samuel T. Townsend.
- Hermon No. 34: Richard C. Branscomb, Wm. C. Ellis, John G. Carmichael, Arthur H. Feagin, C. M. Franklin, Rufus C. Kellar, R. J. Lawrence, Arthur L. Pierce, Milus Reeves, Gibson P. Thompson, William G. Walker, Samuel J. Wilson.
- Camden, No. 40: John M. Bonner, Charles P. Brown, Clarence A. Cook, Monette E. Curtis, Patrick M. Dannelly, John R. Foster, Edward N. Jones, Jr., Dixon B. Jones, Andrew M. Jackson, J. M. McLeod, John K. Pharr, Josiah R. Pharr, Wm. W. Ptoney, Raphael O. Semmes, Charles W. Smiley, Edgar H. Walton, Wm. E. Waid.
- Dadeville, No. 56: H. C. Wooddie.
- Collinsville, No. 57: Ryal A. Burt, Lorenzo D. Clayton, Charles A. Herring, William H. Marsh, William R. Roberts.
- Jefferson, No. 81: Isidore Bley, Thomas H. DeLach, Gregory W. Harrison, Leslie M. Band, Jesse B. Hearin, Henry J. Kotch, Archie Ortman, C. Boaz Whitfield, Turner W. Whitfield, Benjamin A. Wooten.

- Coosa, No. 86: William A. Bellinger, Herchel V. Baskin, Alex M. Brown, Claude E. Connor, Charles L. Guice, Isaac W. Hill, Newton A. Hausman, J. Henry Lester, John P. McDuffie, John R. McMullen, Henry P. Smith, Wm. N. Thompson, Marion M. Turner.
- Mineral City, No. 101: John P. Abbott, William J. Adams, Peter H. Atkins, Joseph M. Anderson, Hubert A. Bandy, John B. Bethea, James M. Barnett, Clifford Cole, Alex'r. R. Chisolm, Charles G. Davis, Charles A. Ellis, Charles C. Esdale, Paul H. Earle, Charles W. Ferguson, William T. Fox, Arthur R. Forsythe, Robert Hamilton, James W. Hughes, Jr., General E. Hart, Thomas McLaughlin, James H. McCary, Martin R. McNeill, Wm. K. McNeill, Henry C. Miller, Walter H. Moore, George W. Parsley, Wm. C. Plant, Ernest Redd, Frank B. Reed, Ernest F. Rowley, Anderson E. Riddle, Thomas M. Sutton, Thomas O. Smith, James G. Vance, James C. Westbrook, Fred S. Warren.
- Sylacauga, No. 104: Jacob M. Bailey, Louis H. Crumpler, Jr., James A. Crawford, William J. Corley, Anderson J. Notistein, John D. Thompson.
- Anniston, No. 105: T. G. Bush, Jr., H. F. Buchaly, J. B. Ellis, B. W. Ingersoll, R. Hertz, F. W. Leabbetter, J. F. Spearman, S. W. Tate, C. A. Wilkerson.
- Fort Payne, No. 107: Nathan J. Callan, James F. Clark.
- Pratt City, No. 108: Wm. C. Bryant, Carl Devers, Benjamin B. Glasgow, Benjamin F. Phillips, Richard C. Wynn, W. W. Wolf.
- Blocton, No. 109: George Archer, Henry H. Farrar, J. Morgan Turner.
- Bessemer, No. 110: Joseph S. Kellam, G. H. Harrell, Tupper A. Moore, Joseph Sachs, Henry C. Moore, Rudolph Wegelin, Jerald M. Fountain, Clarence M. Tiller, Daniel G. Meadows.
- Piedmont, No. 111: William A. Barker, James P. Farr, H. Ollie Sparks, Charles W. Whitesides.
- H. C. Armstrong, No. 114: Mill A. Astan, William Balton, Jesse A. Couch, Alley W. Cannon, Peter T. Donahoe, Otto L. Ekwurzel, Raymond W. Harris, Thomas V. Hill, Richard Hays, Marvin Jones,

- Benjamin G. Jones, Elkanah B. Newton, Thomas A. Roberts, Ulysses V. Kaley, James W. Richards, William K. Simpson, James W. Shepherd, J. Frank Smith, Lee A. Weathers, Rodolphus F. Wheeler, Dean A. Young.
- Thomasville, No. 115: J. Lillian Bedsole, Edwin C. Dozier, Henry T. Griffin, John S. Henson, Wm H. Harty, Wm. D. Harrigan, J. J. Vickers, Gohlston L. Yates, Mitford E. Chapman.
- Clanton, No. 116: William C. Jones, John W. Stanfield.
- Jasper, No. 118: S. Virgil Cunningham, H. B. Hungerford, W. M. Stokes, George Griffin, R. A. Whatley, B. F. Nuttall, G. W. Gibson, W. N. Kilgo, M. O. Travis
- Jackson, No. 119: Claude P. Lorenz.
- Cunningham, No. 120: George Grissett, Roy L. Gray, R. C. Boak, Thomas Parker.
- Monroe, No. 122: Charles H. Motley.
- Covington, No. 123: L. E. Broughton, E. L. Collum, E. B. Dickerson, J. M. Head, S. B. Milligan, H. A. McLendon, A. R. Powell, L. Q. Ray, J. H. Rose, W. C. Randolph, Wm. Riley, J. E. Savage, B. F. Whidby, T. L. Waters.
- Bladon Springs, No. 124: L. L. Dugger, Arthur E. Rogers, Walter S. Rogers.
- F. M. Jackson, No. 125: Wm. C. Evans, George Kuffner, J. E. Liddell, Wiley A. Propst, P. M. Thompson.
- Tallassee, No 126: John W. Buce, Thomas A. Worrell.
- James E. Cobb, No. 129: Carnie G. Laslie, Oscar S. Lewis, John A. Peterson.

AFFILIATED.

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- Eunomia No. 5: William M. Gillis.
Mobile, No. 21: J. H. McCormick, Henry H. Patterson.
Courtland, No. 25: John A. Gilchrist.
St. Johns, No. 28: Thomas H. Fairchild.
Camden, No. 40: David McIntosh, Sr.
Central, No. 64: William R. Weaver.
Coosa, No. 86: Newell H. Bomar.
Mineral City, No. 101: G. H. Irving, John M. P. Otts, Edward
E. Squier.
Sylacauga, No. 104: Wm. D. Andrews, Archer D. Bentley,
James A. Greer, Julius C. Jones, Evander V. Jones,
Louis W. King, Wm. R. Miller, R. M. Merchison,
John A. Shinn, David M. White.
Anniston, No. 105: J. H. Brickhouse, R. Y. Hannon.
Thomasville, No. 115: Emmet L. Hestle.
Clanton, No. 116: William J. Bone.
Jackson, No. 119: J. W. Fluker, W. H. Fluker.
Cunningham, No. 120: C. W. Richter.
Monroe, No. 122: David W. Davis.
Covington, No. 123: Richard H. Jones.

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REINSTATED.

- St. Johns, No. 28: Robert J. Barber, Daniel W. Fitzpatrick, L.
B. Joseph, Charles E. Keathly, John D. Riggs.
Decatur, No. 38: Ferdinand Ambrosius, M. W. Brown, Charles
E. Malone, Frank Utter.
Camden, No. 40: John H. Malone.
Mineral City, No. 101: Arthur R. Wissinger.
Sylacauga, No. 104: George A. Hill.
Anniston, No. 105: J. M. Ledbetter.
Pratt City, No. 108: George W. Edwards, Gus Lee, Edward C.
Mandy, John W. Thomas.
Blocton, No. 109: James C. Haywood.
Brewton, No. 112: Fenwick L. Leavitt.
Jasper, No. 118: Thomas B. Hazelton.

DIED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Joseph H. Tyler, Nov. 3, 1904.
Eunomia No. 5: James A. Paul, July 23, 1905.
Marion No. 12: Harrison H. Hunt, Feb. 16, 1905,
aged 79.
Mt. Moriah No. 19: James P. Barclay, Feb. 1905; John
R. Taylor, Dec. 14, 1904.
Mobile No. 21: Thomas T. Roche, Dec. 19, 1904.
Montgomery No. 22: John J. Flowers, April 7, 1905.
Courtland No. 25: Samuel E. Baker, Jan. 17, 1905,
aged 46; David L. Martin, April 25, 1905, aged
48; Reese B. Porter, July 16, 1905, aged 68.
Camden No. 40: Green F. Spurlin, Feb. 10, 1905,
aged 70.
Collinsville No. 57: James T. Miller, Dec. 10, 1904;
William A. Small, March 5, 1905.
Central No. 64: Alonzo Cross, Dec. 26, 1904.
Jefferson No. 81: Samuel H. Newhouse, April 10, 1905,
aged 62.
Coosa No. 86: Herman Herzberg, October 24, 1904,
aged 67.
Springville No. 88: John McClendon, March 31, 1905,
aged 75.
Mineral City No. 101: John J. Dickson, Oct. 11, 1905;
Paul Gilardoni, Aug. 20, 1905.
Sylacauga No. 104: Julius C. Jones, June 8, 1905.
Pratt City No. 108: Wm. L. Rogers, Dec. 1904.
Blocton No. 109: Thomas B. Dison, June 26, 1905,
aged 71.
Bessemer No. 110: William A. Green, Feb. 20, 1905,
aged 36; George W. Herring, Feb. 9, 1905,
aged 49.
Brewton No. 112: Ezekiel P. Loveless, June 20, 1905,
aged 74.

- Thomasville No. 115: James B. Holliman, April 19, 1905; J. H. Stephens, July 4, 1905.
- Clanton No. 116: Enoch A. Knight, July 29, 1905, aged 65.
- Phoenix No. 121: R. W. DuBois, May, 1905.
- Monroe No. 122: Clarence E. Bizzell, June 12, 1905, aged 32; Samuel W. Yarbrough, July 13, 1905, aged 40.
- Covington No. 123: George F. Stewart, May, 1905, aged 32.
- Evergreen No. 127: John L. Betts, September, 1905, aged 30.
- Heflin No. 128: W. O. Jenkins, July 5, 1905, aged 63.

DIMITTED

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Nash H. Bart, Mick M. Kuffaer.
Mobile, No. 21: Wm. A. Alexander, Selby S. Coleman, Claude N. Lacey.
Montgomery, No. 22: Allen J. Cammack.
Talladega, No. 23: Jason S. McCants, Frank P. McConnell.
Eufaula, No. 24: H. L. Brannon, Charles H. Beach, Charles H. Bishop, John G. Bow, William A. Hill, William D. Hubbard, Wm. W. Robinson, Stephen B. Shipp, John W. Tullis, Jr., Webb W. Vaughn.
St. Johns, No. 28: L. D. Joseph.
Herman, No. 34: James H. Goodsoe.
Decatur, No. 38: Wm. A. Crawford, Robert V. Ray.
Camden No. 40: Wm. T. Waller.
Jefferson, No. 81: Wm. J. Braswell.
Coosa, No. 86: James H. Taylor.
Mineral City, No. 1: Richard M. Bates, Walter G. Cleveland, Francis M. Purifoy, Ferdinand Rothenhofer.
Piedmont, No. 111: Robert Y. Hannon.
H. C. Armstrong, No. 114: John T. Sanford, J. P. Woodall.
Beauchamp, No. 117: John D. Emmons, Willie L. Morgan, Harry H. Patterson.
Jackson, No. 119: William P. Canady.
Phoenix, No. 121: T. G. Jones, J. M. P. Otts.
Bladon Springs, No. 124: Charles S. Hamrick, Frank A. Tate.
Heffin, No. 128: J. H. Grimes.

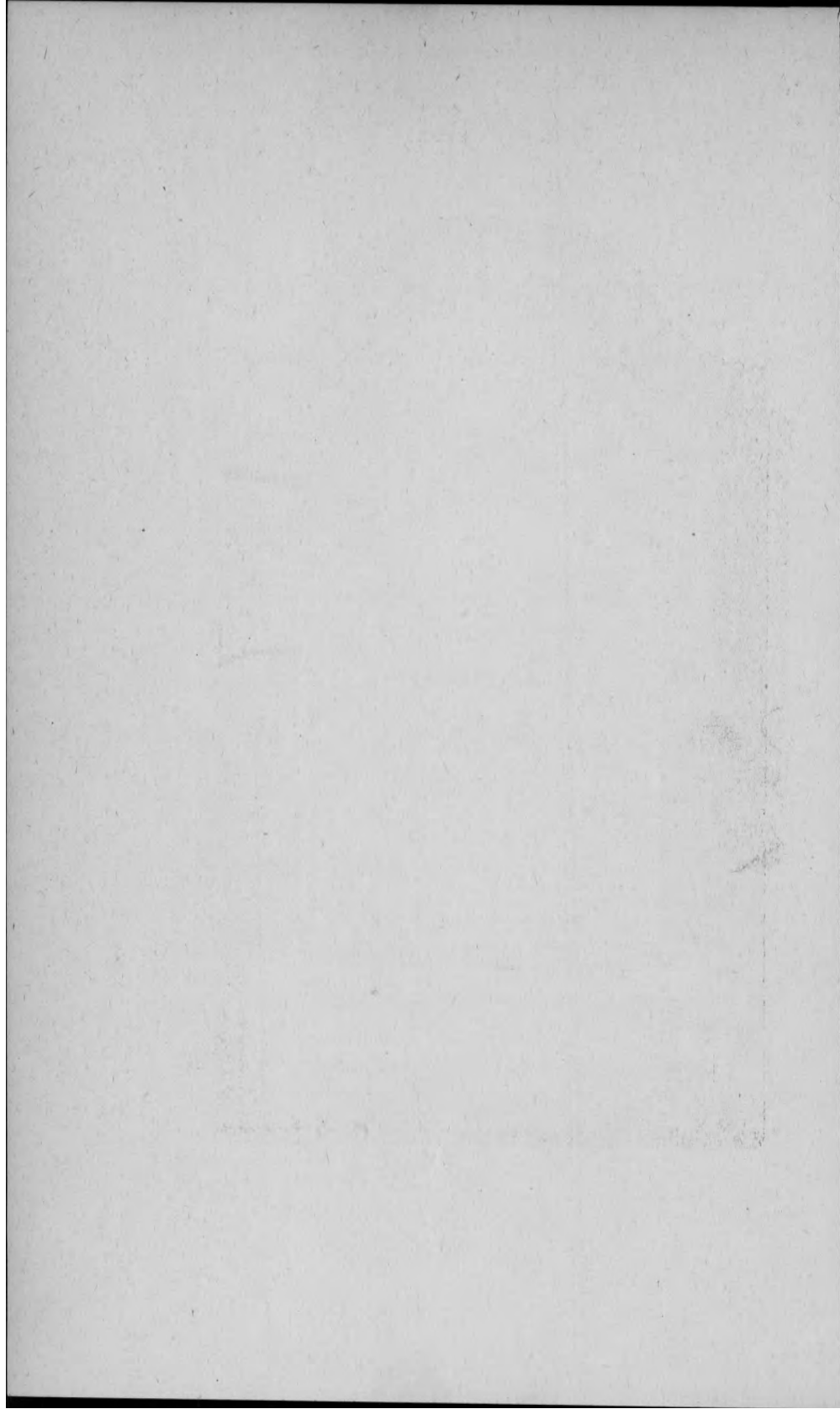
SUSPENDED, N. P. D.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: A. M. Jenkins, G. B. Wimberly.
Eunomia, No. 5: Bernard F. Ludwig.
Mobile, No. 21: Joseph Donovan, Max Michael, Geo. J. Santa Cruz, Frank L. Ward.
Montgomery, No. 22: John L. Anderson, Henry Bockman, D. W. Crawford, George W. Crist, John M. Riley, H. P. Johnson, Louis Wellich.
Decatur, No. 38: George H. Chase.
Camden, No. 40: Robert S. Tait.
Mineral City, No. 101: Paul Calame, James N. Collins, Wm. L. Dellheim, James T. Garretson, Albert E. Meadow, Columbus Phillips, George R. Trafford, Harry L. White.
Anniston, No. 105: T. M. Carry, R. B. Kelly, A. E. Noble.
Pratt City, No. 108: W. W. Clark, A. H. Dunlap, James M. Donaldson, George W. Edwards, William Elliott, Patrick Felton, Forest Jaxon, J. H. Gidmore, John W. Thomas.
Blocton No. 109: James M. Davenport, Charles J. Hager.
Bessemer, No. 110: John Boyd, T. J. Cornwell, W. B. Kyle, J. A. Pilcher, C. G. Pritchard, T. O. Smith, Charles Steadman.
Dothan, No. 113: Marcus B. Behrman, Herman Behrman, John J. Crary, Oscar P. Green, John D. Hendley, William T. Hall, John H. Jones, Sam P. Kirkland, Braxton B. Parsons, William Williams, James W. Yon, D. Emanuel Young.
Beauchamp, No. 117: Virgil M. Epperson, John L. Grace.



IN MEMORY
OF THE
THIRTY-FOUR COMPANIONS OF
Our Own Jurisdiction
WHO HAVE
PASSED WITHIN THE VEILS,
During the Past Year.

"WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY."



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Covington No. 123

James E. Cobb No. 129

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REGISTER OF CHAPTERS.

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

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	CONVOCACTION.
1	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Walter Smith	Andrew F. Prince	3d Friday
5	Enonah	Huntsville	Madison	Huntsville	Augustus F. Evans	James B. Harrison	1st Tuesday
12	Marion	Marion	Perry	Marion	William A. Mason	Gustave F. Schulze	1st Tuesday
19	St. Moriah	Etowah	Greene	Etowah	Bernard Harwood	V. E. Mobley	2d Friday
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Ralph N. Hudson	Charles S. Shawhan	2d and 4th Friday
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Philip McGee	William H. Dingey	2d Tuesday
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Marion H. Sims	Robert P. Henderson	2d Friday
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	Eufaula	Seth Mabry	James P. Hill	1st and 3d Thursday
25	Courtland	Courtland	Lawrence	Courtland	John B. Christian	Wm. T. Simmons	3d Tuesday
26	Union	Union	Felix	Uniontown	Henry F. Reese	Philip Harwood	1st Thursday
28	St. Johns	Selma	Ball	Selma	John B. Christian	Walter H. Trimby	4th Monday
34	Hermion	Union Springs	Ball	Union Springs	James B. Reese	John Harwood	1st and 3d Tuesday
38	Decatur	New Decatur	Madison	New Decatur	James O. Ballenger	Andrew B. Harvey	1st Tuesday
40	Camden	Camden	Wilcox	Camden	James C. Benson	Solomon D. Blawie	3d Wednesday
54	Tryon	Troy	Pike	Troy	Josiah Jernigan	Hubert C. Sturdivant	2d and 4th Saturday
56	Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Dadeville	J. Washington Pinnell	Wm. R. Roberts	4th Thursday
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Collinsville	Wm. J. Aldrich	Louis N. Nabors	1st Friday
64	Central	Opelika	Shelby	Aldrich	Wm. F. Aldrich	Edgar J. Tucker	1st Tuesday
80	Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	Opelika	John B. Lyons	Joseph I. Lee	1st and 3d Monday
81	Jefferson	Jefferson	Marengo	Demopolis	Jacob Bley	Henry B. Myers	1st and 3d Tuesday
86	Coosa	Etowah	Etowah	Gadsden	Laurence H. Lee	Edward M. McCleendon	Saturday before 3d Sunday
88	Springville	Springville	St. Clair	Springville	James L. Herring		
92	Notasulga	Notasulga	Macon	Birmingham	Edwin Burchell	Charles J. Gehegan	2d and 4th Thursday
99	Thos. M. Bragg	Luverne	Crenshaw	Birmingham	Ernest A. Hammett	Bela A. Phillips	Th. bf. 3 Sa, W. bf. 1 Sa.
101	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	Sylacauga	James T. Greene	T. L. Graham	1st and 3d Tuesday
104	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Talladega	Aniston	John L. White	Wm. T. Fuller	2d Friday
105	Aniston	Aniston	Calhoun	Fort Payne	Charles D. Comstock	Ephraim J. Hudnall	1st and 3d Tuesday
107	Fort Payne	Fort Payne	DeKalb	Pratt City	George W. Randall	Thomas M. Lewis	2d and 4th Monday
108	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	Blount	Jerry M. Fountain	Andrew C. Mitchell	Thursday before 2d Sun.
109	Blount	Bibb	Jefferson	Bessemer	Heskiah G. Earnest	W. C. Giggs	2d and 4th Friday
110	Bessemer	Bessemer	Jefferson	Breton	Duncan C. Carmichael	William T. Jones	2d and 4th Friday
111	Piedmont	Calhoun	Calhoun	Breton	W. T. Neal	J. Newton Collins	1st Monday
112	Breton	Escambia	Escambia	Dothan	George W. Coggin		
113	Dothan	Dothan	Dothan	Fayette			
114	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette				

115	Thomasville	Thomasville	Thomasville	J. E. Evans	Jesse J. Boz man	Friday bef. 1st Saturday
116	Clanton	Clanton	Clanton	Emmett A. Mathews	Allie C. Smith	3d Saturday
117	Beulah	Beulah	Beulah	Alfred P. Webb	Perry A. Johns	1st and 3d Tuesday
118	Jasper	Jasper	Jasper	John B. Hughes	Thomas B. Hazelton	1st and 3d Thursday
119	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	R. Adams, Jr.	S. A. Adams	2d Thursday
120	Cunningham	Enslay	Enslay	Robert King	F. E. Butcher	1st and 3d Monday
121	Phoenix	Greensboro	Greensboro	William Smaw	Wm. E. W. Yerby	2d Tuesday
122	Monroe	Monroe	Monroe	Samuel H. Bailey	Wm. G. McCorvey	Tuesday before 2d Sun
123	Covington	Covington	Covington	W. M. Knox	J. M. Head	3d Wednesday
124	Bladen Springs	Bladen Springs	Bladen Springs	Robert M. Hearin	Nadison L. Smith	Friday before 3d Sun.
125	F. M. Jackson	Coleman	Coleman	John F. Jenkins	B. M. Thompson	2d and 4th Tuesday
126	Tallassee	Tallassee	Tallassee	Amid F. Herren	John T. Jarnan	1st and 3d Saturday
127	Evergreen	Evergreen	Evergreen	William F. Herrens	Frank J. Dean	4th Friday
128	Heflin	Heflin	Heflin	Simone I. R. Blacke	Albert L. Black	Thursday before 2d Sun.
129	James E. Cobb	Tuskegee	Tuskegee	James C. Baldwin	Samuel L. Providence	2d and 4th Monday

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS
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Arizona.....	George W. Coggin.....	Fayette.
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Canada.....	Lew Lazarus.....	Birmingham.
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Delaware.....	Charles H. Mandy.....	Ensley.
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Florida.....	Stephen C. Henderson.....	Brewton.
Georgia.....	Robert S. Teague.....	Montgomery.
Illinois.....	George F. Moore.....	Montgomery.
Indiana.....	Thomas P. Whitby.....	Selma.
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Iowa.....	William Smaw.....	Greensboro.
Kansas.....	John G. Harris.....	Montgomery.
Kentucky.....	Edward S. Gatchell.....	Selma.
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Maine.....	William H. Dingley.....	Montgomery.
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New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Gadsden.
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North Carolina..	Robert W. Southerland.....	Mobile.
North Dakota...Magnus	E. Conaway.....	Sylacauga.
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Quebec.....	Henry H. Matthews.....	Montgomery.
Rhode Island.....		

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South Dakota.	Obe Lee	New Decatur.
Tennessee.	William W. Screws	Montgomery.
Texas.	John B. Lyons	Opelika.
Vermont	Leonard Cornish	Demopolis.
Victoria		
Virginia		
West Virginia.	Robert F. Lovelady	Pratt City.
Wisconsin.	Nathaniel L. Mewhinney	Birmingham.

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Connecticut.	Eugene A. Hall	Meriden.
Delaware	J Harmer Rile	Wilmington.
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Florida	George S. Hallmark	Jacksonville.
Georgia	Thomas H. Jeffries	Atlanta.
Illinois	Philander W. Barclay	Cairo
Indiana	Alvin G. Tillotson	Michigan City.
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Iowa	William Wilbraham	Cresco.
Kansas	Heman L. Millard	Topeka.
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Louisiana	H. A. King	New Iberia.
Maine	James M. Nevens	Bucksport.
Maryland.	Gustav A. Eitel	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.	William B. Lawrence	Medford.
Minnesota.	James Kelley	Duluth.
Mississippi.		
Missouri	David M. Wilson	Milan.
Nebraska.	Frd'k J. Schaufelberger	Hastings.
Nevada.	William McMillan	
New Brunswick	Allison B. Connell	Woodstock.
New Hampshire.	Henry P. Glidden	Dover.
New Jersey.	Fred J. Weise	Bordentown.

New South Wales....	David Walker Custer....	Sydney.
New York.....	A. Marcellus Lampher..	Lowville.
New Zealand	James McGregor.....	Invercargill.
North Carolina ...	W. B. McKoy.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	Halley V. Hicks.....	Oakes.
Nova Scotia.....	David Small.....	Charlottetown.
Ohio.....	George W. Fels.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	Jay Tuttle.....	Astoria.
Pennsylvania.....	Walter D. Clark.....	New Castle.
Quebec.	Charles P. O'Connor ...	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....		
Scotland.....	Charles Martin.....	Hardie.
South Carolina.....	J. B. Park.....	Greenwood.
South Dakota.....	Frank A. Brown.....	Aberdeen.
Tennessee.....	John W. Bailey.....	Memphis.
Texas.....	W. V. R. Watson.....	Houston.
Vermont.....	Jesse W. Arms.....	Waterbury.
Victoria.....	Henry I. Scott.....	
Virginia.....		
West Virginia.....	James A. Bryan.....	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin.....	William Chester Swain.	Milwaukee.

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Arkansas.....	John C. Bone.....	Batesville.
California.....	William A. Davies.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	Geo. J. Bennett.....	Toronto.
Colorado.....	Chas. H. Jacobson.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	James McCormick.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	James H. Price.....	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Washington.
England, Edward Letchworth, G. S. E.,	Freemason's Hall.....	London W. C.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	William A. Wolihin.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	Gilbert W. Barnard.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	Alf Wingate.....	Des Moines.
Ireland.....	Archibald St. George.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	William M. Shaver.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	J. Gilman White.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	Charles A. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	Thomas Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Frederic Speed.....	Vicksburg.
Missouri.....	Robert F. Stevenson, P. O. Box 999,	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	Chauncey N. Noteware.....	Carson City.
New Brunswick.....	William B. Wallace.....	St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Frank D. Woodbury.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	L. L. Grear.....	Passaic.
New South Wales.....	Alf J. Burbidge.....	Sydney.
New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
New Zealand.....	Herbert J. Williams.....	Wellington.
North Carolina.....	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo.

Nova Scotia.....	D. H. Campbell	Halifax.
Ohio.....	Edwin Hagenbuch	Urbana.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania.....	Charles Carey.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte, Box 1207.	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	William R. Greene.....	Providence.
Scotland, Robert S. Brown,	Royal Arch Mason's Hall	
	75 Queen St.,...	Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	Jacob T. Barron.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee.....	W. A. Clendenning.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	John A. Bryan.....	Cleburne.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	John Braim.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	James B. Blanks	Petersburg.
Washington.....	Yancey C Blalock.....	Walla Walla.
West Virginia.....	D. K. Reed.....	Clarksburg.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Gen. Gr. Chapter..	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo, N. Y.

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