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of the
GRAND
CHAPTER
of
Royal Arch Masons
of
ALABAMA



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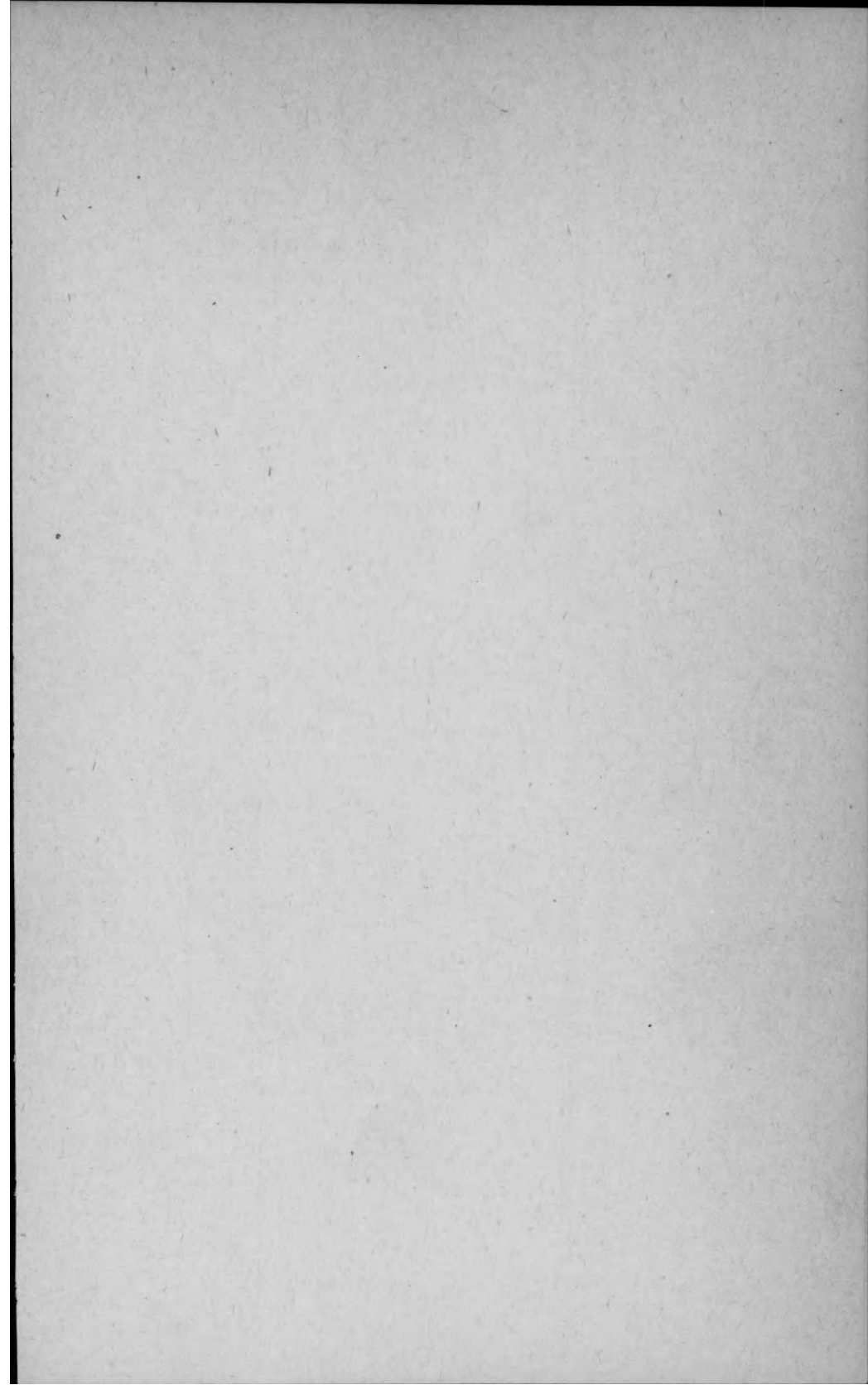
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FRANCIS H. BATES
GRAND HIGH PRIEST



MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
FRANCIS H. BATES

Was born in Marion, Alabama, November 9, 1851.

He received his elementary education in the schools of Marion, and was graduated from the University of Mississippi in June, 1872.

Soon after his graduation he removed to Jackson county, Missouri, but returned to Alabama in the fall of 1875.

In December of that year he was married to Miss Addie L. Phillips, of Dallas county, Alabama, since which time he has been living at his present home, near Hamburg, Alabama, engaged in farming and raising blooded stock.

His Masonic record is as follows:

He was initiated December 15, 1891, passed January 14, 1892, and raised February 16, 1892, in Temple Lodge, No. 425, at Marion, Alabama, and was elected Master of said Lodge in 1900.

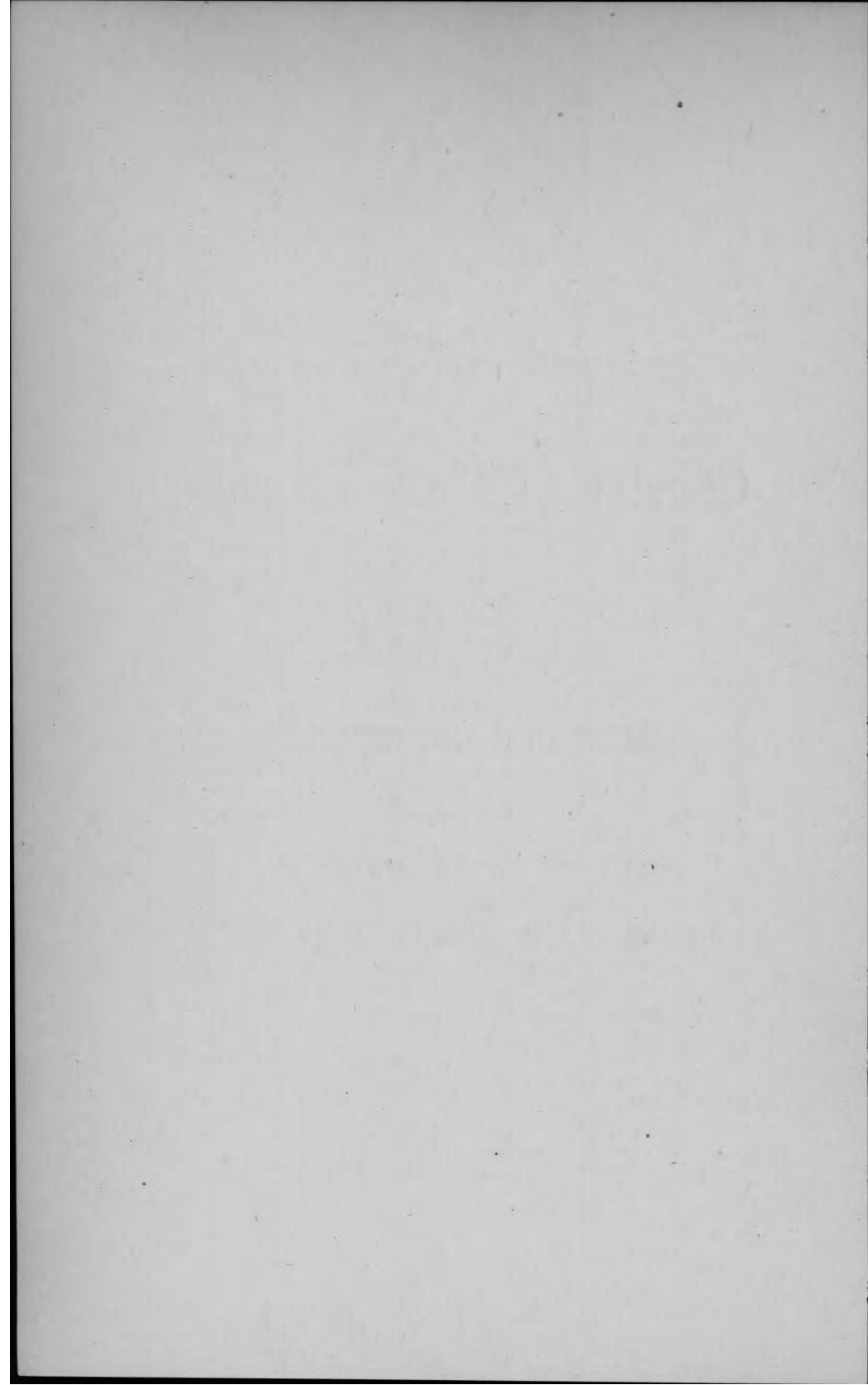
He was exalted June 3, 1896, in Marion Chapter, No. 12, at Marion, Alabama, and was High Priest thereof in 1902, 1903 and 1904.

He received the Order of High Priesthood on December 1, 1902.

He received the Order of Red Cross April 5, 1904, and the Orders of Temple and Malta April 29, 1904, in Selma Commandery, No. 5, at Selma, Alabama.

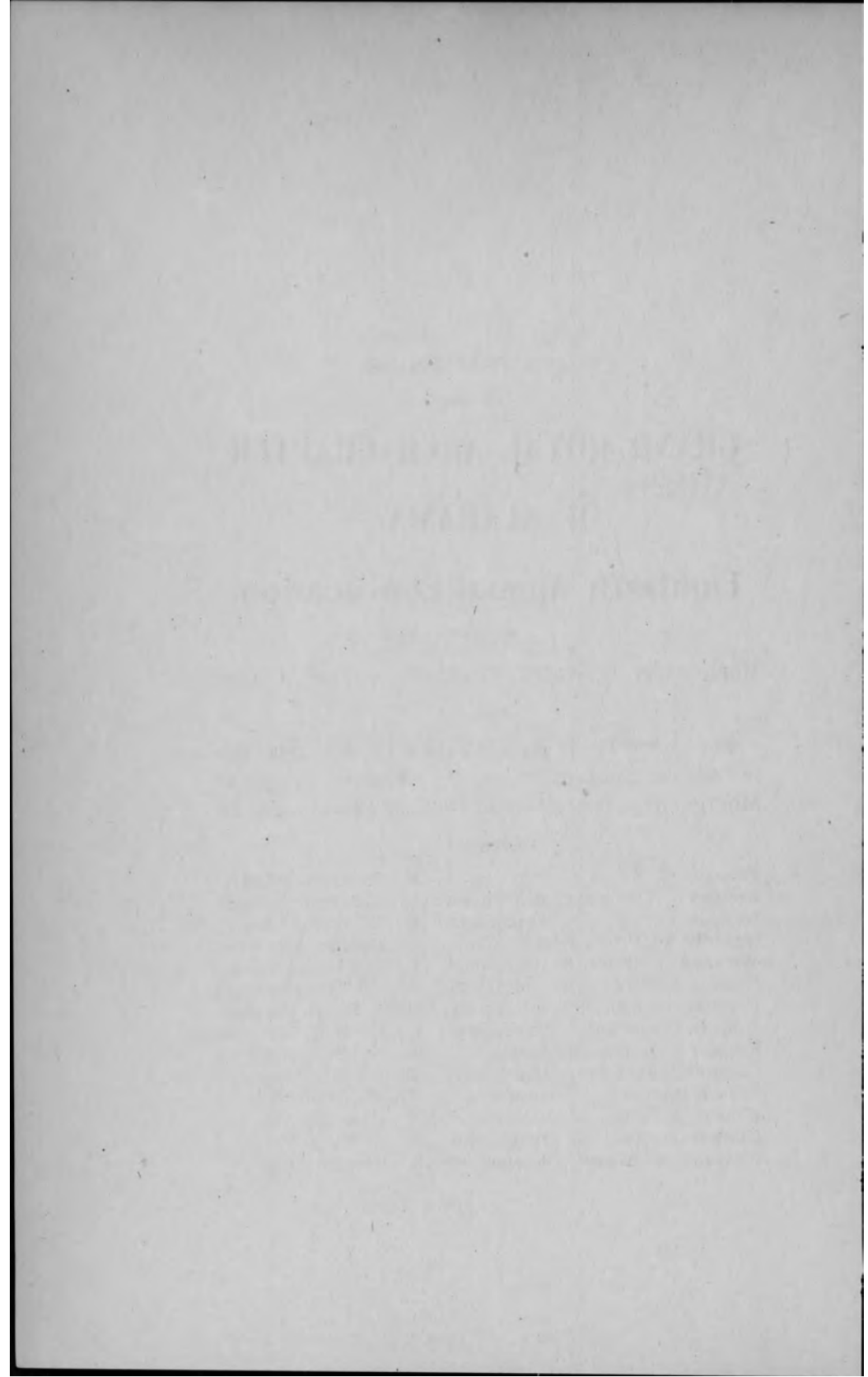
He was appointed Grand Master of the 2nd Veil of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in 1898 and 1899, Grand Royal Arch Captain in 1900 and 1901, and was elected Grand Scribe in 1902 and 1903, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1904 and Grand High Priest in 1905.

Our Most Excellent Companion is an earnest and zealous Mason. He is a man of unimpeachable character, much beloved and respected in the community in which he lives, and his personal influence is widely and most favorably felt in Masonic circles.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Royal Arch Chapter
OF
ALABAMA
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION
HELD IN THE
CITY OF MONTGOMERY
BEGINNING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.
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GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF ALABAMA.

Eightieth Annual Convocation.

HELD AT

Montgomery, December 3rd and 4th, 1906, A. I. 2436.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama met in Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple in Montgomery, December 3d, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT.

FRANCIS H. BATES....Hamburg, . . . M. E. G. H. Priest.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE . . . Montgomery . . M. E. Dep'ty G. H. P.
LEW LAZARUS..... Birmingham ..R. E. Grand King.
ROB'T W. SOUTHERLAND. Mobile.....R. E. Grand Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DINGLEY Montgomery ..R. E. Grand Treas'r.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP. Montgomery. R. E. Grand Secretary
FLEMING G. RILEY... Montgomery.. as R. E. G. Chaplain.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN....Uniontown....R. E. G. C. of Host.
ROBERT L. DOUGLASS. Mobile..... as E. G. Princ'pl Sojr'nr.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.... Montgomery ..E. G. R. A. Captain
JOHN B. LYONSOpelikaE. G. M. 3rd Veil.
ALBERT E. PACE.....Dothan.....E. G. M. 2nd Veil.
NORMAN GUNN.....Thomasville...E. G. M. 1st Veil.
CHARLES A. ALLEN... Montgomery..E. G. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM W. SCREWS M. E. Grand High Priest
 JOHN G. HARRIS M. E. Grand High Priest
 JOSIAH JERNIGAN M. E. Grand High Priest
 CHARLES R. BRICKEN M. E. Grand High Priest
 BASIL M. HILL M. E. Grand High Priest

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

Arizona George W. Coggin Fayette.
 Arkansas William W. Ransom Birmingham.
 California Basil M. Hill Springville.
 Canada Lew Lazarus Birmingham.
 Colorado John B. Christian Uniontown.
 Connecticut William Y. Titcomb Anniston.
 District of Columbia Norman Gunn Thomasville.
 Georgia Robert S. Teague Montgomery.
 Indian Territory Josiah Jernigan Troy.
 Iowa Stewart McQueen Montgomery.
 Kansas John G. Harris Montgomery.
 Kentucky Louis J. Wright Talladega.
 Louisiana Robert L. Douglass Mobile.
 Maine William H. Dingley Montgomery.
 Maryland Hezekiah G. Earnest Piedmont.
 Minnesota Walter Smith Tuscaloosa.
 Mississippi Wellborn J. Renfroe Dothan.
 Missouri William E. Bingham Tuscaloosa.
 Nebraska James B. Hunter Union Springs.
 Nevada Charles R. Bricken Luverne.
 New South Wales Q. Salter Monroeville.
 New York Lawrence H. Lee Montgomery.
 North Carolina Robert W. Southerland Mobile.
 Oregon George A. Beauchamp Montgomery.
 South Carolina Francis B. Bates Hamburg.
 South Dakota Jacob Bley Demopolis.
 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.....	{ Woolsey Finnell	H. P.
		{ W. E. Bingham*.....	K.
		{ Walter Smith*.....	S.
5	Eunomia.....	{ George T. Marsh.....	K.
		{ L. C. Sugg.....	S.
10	Tuscumbia.....	{ James R. Crowe.....	H. P.
		{ R. C. Johnston.....	K.
		{ Charles King.....	S.
12	Marion.....	{ W. H. May*.....	H. P.
		{ F. H. Bates*.....	K.
19	Mt. Moriah.....	Edward W. Gosa*.....	H. P.
21	Mobile	{ R. L. Douglass*.....	H. P.
		{ M. T. Sprague.....	K.
		{ I. Lichtbach*.....	S.
22	Montgomery ...	{ Philip McRae*.....	H. P.
		{ Robert S. Teague*.....	K.
		{ F. C. Baugh.....	S.
23	Talladega.....	{ J. E. Michael.....	H. P.
		{ Marion H. Sims*.....	K.
		{ Theo W. Bethea*.....	S.
24	Eufaula.....	{ Seth Mabry*.....	H. P.
		{ George A. Beauchamp*.....	K.
25	Courtland.....	{ N. G. Delashaw*.....	H. P.
		{ Jno. A. Gilchrist*.....	K.
26	Union.....	{ W. M. Neely.....	H. P.
		{ John B. Christian*.....	K.
		{ John S. Kennedy.....	S.
28	St. Johns	H. F. Reese*.....	H. P.
34	Hermon.....	{ J. B. Hunter.....	H. P.
		{ H. Stinson*.....	K.
40	Camden.....	N. D. Godbold*.....	K.
54	Tyrian.....	{ Josiah Jernigan.....	H. P.
		{ S. A. Pilley.....	K.
		{ C. F. White*.....	S.
56	Dadeville.....	{ R. T. Ward.....	H. P.
		{ Wm. C. Roeck*.....	K.
		{ J. W. Pinnell*.....	S.
64	Central.....	J. Alex. Moore.....	H. P.
80	Myles J. Greene.	John B. Lyons.....	H. P.
81	Jefferson.....	{ Jacob Bley.....	H. P.
		{ L. Cornish*.....	K.
		{ J. B. Hearin*.....	S.

86 Coosa.....	Lawrence H. Lee*.....	H. P.
88 Springville.....	B. M. Hill.....	H. P.
99 Thos. M. Bragg..	{ Charles R. Bricken.....	H. P.
	{ John W. Beall*.....	K.
101 Mineral City....	{ S. F. Vance*.....	H. P.
	{ Ed Burchell*.....	K.
	{ J. D. Matlock.....	S.
104 Sylacauga.....	{ W. J. McLeod.....	H. P.
	{ W. R. Miller*.....	K.
105 Anniston.....	{ John N. Shelnutt.....	K.
	{ James T. Greene*.....	S.
107 Fort Payne.....	{ Luke P. Hunt*.....	H. P.
	{ William T. Fuller*.....	K.
	{ W. M. Wade*.....	S.
108 Pratt City.....	{ R. F. Lovelady*.....	H. P.
	{ Thos. S. Page.....	K.
	{ E. J. Hudnall*.....	S.
109 Blocton.....	W. W. Perry*.....	H. P.
110 Bessemer.....	Andrew C. Mitchell.....	H. P.
111 Piedmont.....	{ H. G. Earnest*.....	H. P.
	{ O. L. Stewart.....	S.
112 Brewton.....	{ W. C. Griggs*.....	H. P.
	{ J. B. O'Bannon*.....	K.
113 Dothan.....	{ A. E. Pace.....	H. P.
	{ W. J. Renfroe*.....	K.
	{ Henry Green.....	S.
114 H. C. Armstrong.	Geo. W. Coggin.....	H. P.
115 Thomasville....	{ H. K. Jackson*.....	H. P.
	{ J. J. Vickers*.....	K.
	{ E. A. Rentz.....	S.
117 Beauchamp.....	{ A. P. Webb.....	H. P.
	{ J. W. Baker*.....	K.
	{ J. E. McCoy*.....	S.
119 Jackson.....	{ L. O. Hicks.....	H. P.
	{ Clyde P. Loran*.....	K.
120 Cunningham....	J. H. Edwards*.....	H. P.
122 Monroe.....	{ Q. Salter*.....	H. P.
	{ T. M. McMillan*.....	K.
	{ D. K. Smith*.....	S.
123 Covington.....	{ Richard H. Jones.....	H. P.
	{ J. M. Head*.....	K.
	{ B. F. Stewart.....	S.
124 Bladon Springs..	{ T. R. Lenoir*.....	H. P.
	{ Henry A. Powe.....	S.

	{ J. F. Jenkins.....	H. P.
125 F. M. Jackson...	{ J. P. Melvin.....	K.
	{ M. M. Kuffner*.....	S.
126 Tallassee	A. W. Herren.....	H. P.
	{ W. F. Betts	H. P.
127 Evergreen	{ H. H. Floyd*.....	K.
	{ F. L. Tatom*.....	S.
	{ Wm. P. Cobb*.....	H. P.
129 James E. Cobb...	{ S. L. Brewer*.....	K.
	{ E. R. Alexander*.....	S.
130 Palmyra	O. D. Street.....	H. P.

*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: With fraternal greetings, I extend to each and all of you a most hearty welcome to this, our 80th annual convocation, which, by the grace of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we are permitted to celebrate at this our appointed time, and may His presence abide with and guide us in our deliberations. One year ago you honored me by making me Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

I fully realized the great responsibility I assumed, and the exacting duties required of me to fill this office. No one can say at the completion of any service, that he has accomplished all that he desired or hoped for. However fully he may consecrate himself to his work, however great his devotion and loyalty may have been, no one with high ideals for his service is able to do all that his hope may have planned or his ambition conceived.

While I extend fraternal greetings to all, I must also congratulate you upon the prosperity of our Grand Chapter. I should in-

deed be ungrateful, did I not here express my brotherly appreciation to my official associates, and pay just tribute to their devotion to our cause, for the successful progress we have made during the past year, and as my recent predecessors have done, permit me too to pay an especial tribute to our zealous and untiring Grand Secretary for his labors, so freely and graciously bestowed upon the Chapters of Alabama. To him more than to anyone should be given our sincerest thanks, and I am sure I voice the feelings of every Royal Arch Mason in Alabama when I say, may he long be with us in his present official capacity.

I wish here to say, that I have been unable to visit as many of the subordinate chapters as I hoped to. It was not through indifference, but owing to circumstances over which I had no control, and while I have been denied the pleasure and privilege of such visits, rest assured that my heart has been with you.

Since our last Grand Convocation there has been chronicled by the newspapers throughout our land disasters so appalling in their magnitude and so horrible in their destruction that they stagger the imagination and thrill the soul with profound awe and sympathy. I refer to the earthquake and fire in California and the terrible hurricane which swept the coast section of our State and that of our sisters, Florida and Mississippi. The cries for help that went out were not unheeded, and foremost among those to lend a helping hand were the Masons of Alabama. The appeals from California came, and were heeded in such a liberal manner that word also came to send no more funds, as enough was already received to supply all demands.

On April 28th I joined with the various Grand Masonic Bodies of this State in the following circular:

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 26th, 1906.

To the Subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies of Alabama.

Dear Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights: In the inscrutable wisdom of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, "Whose thoughts are not our thoughts and whose ways are not our ways," a dire visitation has fallen upon the brethren of our sister Grand Jurisdiction of California. The once prospering and flourishing City at the Golden Gate is almost in ruins, the land of sunshine and flowers is covered by a cloud of distress. The working tools of numberless of the brethren of the Craft are shat-

tered, their homes have become desolate. Widows and Orphans are in need of relief, and their cry of distress has reached this, our Grand Jurisdiction. Knowing the deep-seated sentiments of brotherly Love and Charity which have been the crowning virtues of the brethren of this Jurisdiction, and in view of this great disaster it is our duty as Masons to render all assistance possible to our stricken Brethren, and we herewith appeal to the generosity of the various subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. The need of relief is most urgent, and no time can be lost in making your contributions. Remember that

"He that gives quickly—gives twice."

Call special communications, without delay, for this specific purpose, and promptly remit your offerings to Ben M. Jacobs, Acting and Deputy Grand Master, Birmingham, Alabama, who will forward the same to the authorized Masonic Relief Committee of the Grand Jurisdiction of California

Trusting that the presiding officers of the Subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies of this jurisdiction will present this appeal promptly to their local bodies, and invoking the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe upon your deliberations,

Fraternally yours,

BEN M. JACOBS,
Deputy and Acting Grand Master,
Grand Lodge A. A. F. & A. M. of Alabama.

FRANCIS H. BATES,
Grand High Priest,
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

BEN M. JACOBS,
Grand Master,
Grand Council R. & S. M. of Alabama.

ROBERT S. TEAGUE,
Grand Commander,
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama.

Attest: GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary and Recorder.

R. W. Brother Benj. M. Jacobs, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, was receiving and forwarding to California the contributions from the Masons of Alabama when we received this message and since his last remittance has received \$583.88

which he has deposited with the American Trust and Savings Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. This amount has been contributed by the several Masonic bodies of Alabama. It is impracticable to return it. It was for charity, and to charity it should be given. I therefore recommend that it be turned into the Widows and Orphans Fund of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and it and the other Grand Masonic bodies of Alabama be informed of our action. I also recommend that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the Postal Telegraph & Cable Co. and The American Trust and Savings Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, for courtesies extended. The former transmitted all messages from Brother Jacobs to Grand Master Flint, of California, free of charge, and the latter sent exchange without cost. While we are "returning thanks," let us not forget Brother Jacobs for the interest and zeal he manifested. As to official rulings, I am happy to say that not a single case of discord has come to me. I believe that our Companions are not only recognizing the importance of "peace and harmony" being the strength and support of our institution, but are paying more attention to our constitution and by-laws, which direct them in the way they should go.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

Since our last Annual Convocation many of our beloved Companions have been called hence. It is with feelings of deep sorrow that I record the fact of the deaths of two of our distinguished Past Grand High Priests, James Tait Beck and Edward S. Gatchell. These beloved Companions have gone from labor here to refreshment above, full of years of usefulness and honor to Masonry. In accordance with the usual custom and in memory of our departed Companions, I issued the following official announcements:

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S OFFICE,

HAMBURG, ALABAMA, June 15, 1906.

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

It is with profound sorrow that I announce to you the death of Most Excellent Companion,

EDWARD S. GATCHELL,

Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

who passed within the veils on the morning of May 3, 1906.

Companion Gatchell was born in the city of Selma, Alabama, December 27, 1863, where he resided all his life. For five or six days preceding his death it was known that our beloved Companion was critically ill. He had undergone an operation, and the treacherous complication pneumonia set in, leaving little hope for his recovery. From boyhood's estate he was engaged in the drug business, and at the time of his death was the proprietor of the Gatchell Drug Company, Selma, Alabama. He was married on March 6, 1888, to Miss Minnie Scott Taylor, of Montgomery, Alabama, who with four children survive him.

His funeral was conducted by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama, of which body he was the Senior Grand Deacon.

His Masonic record is as follows:

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. & 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.

He was true and faithful in all the relations of life, and was an ideal husband and father. Truly a good man and noble Mason has fallen, and our loss is irreparable.

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

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter, at Hamburg, Alabama, this 15th day of June, A. D. 1906, A. I. 2436.

FRANCIS H. BATES,
Grand High Priest.

Attest: GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
HAMBURG, ALABAMA, June 18, 1906.

*To the Officers and Members of all the Subordinate Chapters in this
Grand Jurisdiction:*

Companions: With profound sorrow I announce the death of one of our most beloved Companions,

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION, JAMES TAIT BECK,
Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter,

which sad event occurred in an infirmary in Selma, Alabama, on the evening of May 6, 1906. Companion Beck filled many important stations during his useful life, and filled them all with zeal, fidelity and conspicuous ability. His remains were shipped to his home in Camden, Alabama, where they were interred with Masonic honors. Our beloved Companion was born in that city on February 26, 1851, where he lived all his life.

The following is his Masonic record:

He was initiated January 7, 1876, passed February 10, 1876, and raised March 10, 1876, in Dale Lodge No. 25, Camden, Alabama, and was elected Master of said Lodge in 1879, 1880 and 1881.

He was exalted April 29, 1880, in Camden Chapter No. 40, Camden, Alabama, and was elected High Priest thereof in 1888 and again in 1893 and 1894.

He was anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in 1892.

He was received and greeted in Wilcox Council No. 24, Camden, Alabama, in 1880, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of said Council in 1883, and again in 1884.

He was elected Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama in 1883, and again in 1884, Grand Scribe in 1885 and 1886, Grand King in 1887, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1888 and 1889 and Grand High Priest in 1890 and 1891.

He was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Alabama in 1887, Deputy Grand Master in 1888 and Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1889 and 1890.

He was a prominent figure in the politics of this State, and was a leading spirit in redeeming it from misrule and oppression. He was elected to the Legislature from Wilcox county, on the Democratic ticket, in 1880 and 1882.

He was the nominee of the Democratic party for Probate Judge of Wilcox county in 1886, and elected to said office. At each succeeding term he was re-elected, and was serving as such at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss, to whom our hearts go out in profoundest sympathy.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, this 18th day of June, A. D. 1906, A. I. 2436.

FRANCIS H. BATES,

Grand High Priest

Attest: GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

From our sister jurisdiction we have received official notification of the death of the following distinguished Companions:

R. E. Companion Charley Omar Rouse, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arizona, died August 30, 1906, aged 29 years.

E. Companion S. D. Dodge, Grand Royal Arch Captain of the

Grand Chapter of Arkansas, died in Little Rock, Arkansas, January 10, 1906, aged 64 years.

M. E. Companion John Kirkpatrick, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, died in San Francisco, California, September 21, 1905, aged 75 years.

R. E. Companion Albert H. Branch, Past Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, died in Denver, Colorado, December 6, 1905, aged 50 years.

M. E. Companion John Humphreys, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, died in Trinidad, Colorado, April 25, 1906, aged 53 years.

M. E. Companion Luke A. Lockwood, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, died in Riverside, Connecticut, November 20, 1905, aged 72 years.

M. E. Companion George Harold Walker, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, died in Washington, D. C., May 5, 1906, aged 55 years.

M. E. Companion George Stone Hallmark, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, died in Pensacola, Florida, July 12, 1906, aged 81 years.

M. E. Companion Silas Orcasto Vaughan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, died in DeKalb, Illinois, March 10, 1906, aged 85 years.

M. E. Companion Benjamin F. Dawson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, died in Angola, Indiana, March 6, 1906, aged 72 years.

M. E. Companion Abel W. Daugherty, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, died December 17, 1905, aged 71 years.

R. E. Companion Henry C. Loomis, Past Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, died in Winfield, Kansas, October 14, 1905, aged 71 years.

M. E. Companion William Robert Johnson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, died in Chicago, Illinois, May 15, 1906, aged 61 years.

M. E. Companion John W. Finch, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, died in Adrian, Michigan, April 4, 1906, aged 80 years.

M. E. Companion Benjamin F. Watts, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, died in Ann Harbor, Michigan, July 13, 1906, aged 70 years.

R. E. Companion Francis Asbury Blades, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, died in Detroit, Michigan, April 24, 1906, aged 85 years.

R. E. Companion George M. Kingsbury, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, died in Cassopolis, Michigan, Feb. 27, 1906, aged 44 years.

M. E. Companion Joseph S. Browne, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, died in St. Joseph, Missouri, Feb. 12, 1906, aged 70 years.

M. E. Companion Albert Scripture Wait, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, died in New-
port, New Hampshire, Oct. 7, 1906.

M. E. Companion J. Leavitt Lambert, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, died Sept. 22, 1905, aged 67 years.

M. E. Companion James Dodge Glenn, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, died in Raleigh, North Carolina, Oct. 18, 1905, aged 53 years.

M. E. Companion James W. Underhill, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, died in Canton, Ohio, Nov. 13, 1905, aged 87 years.

M. E. Companion Brenton D. Babcock, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, died in Cleveland, Ohio, January 10, 1906, aged 76 years.

M. E. Companion J. Kelly O'Neill, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, died Sept. 8, 1906, aged 86 years.

M. E. Companion William Charles Hamilton, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, died in Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1906, aged 65 years.

NEW CHAPTERS.

On August 15, 1906, I issued a dispensation to Companions Oliver Day Street, William B. Hope, William Pearce Thomason, James F. Clark, Joseph J. Williams, Phocion B. Lusk, W. M. Cantrell, William E. Gibson, Samuel A. Bradford, Allan Todd, James Leonard Barnard, William Clark Winn and Stephen M. Pearson, to form and organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Guntersville, Alabama, to be known as Palmyra Chapter, No. 130. I appointed Oliver Day Street to be the High Priest of said Chapter, William B. Hope to be the King and William Pearce Thompson to be the Scribe.

CHAPTERS REORGANIZED.

On July 27, 1906, I issued a dispensation to Companions James R. Crowe, Robert C. Johnston, Charles H. King, James Caden, John W. Davis, Edward W. Gilfillan, James C. Harris, R. M. Johnston, James E. Keenan, Amos L. Moody, W. J. Mead, John B. Porterfield, James D. Perryman and W. I. Witherspoon to reorganize Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10 at Tuscumbia, Alabama, said Chapter having paid the required amount of dues to the Grand Chapter. I appointed James R. Crowe to be the High Priest of said Chapter, Robert C. Johnston to be the King and Charles H. King to be the Scribe.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

On March 23, 1906, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Springville Chapter No. 88 to receive and ballot out of statutory time on the petition of William L. Chandler, for the Chapter degrees.

On May 7, 1906, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Marion Chapter No. 12, to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of William Henry May, Royal L. Miree, George W. Thomas, Lewis W. Ayres, Robert L. Potts, Alexander E. Potts, J. Taswell Fuller, George C. Richardson and John C. Mickleboro.

On July 12, 1906, I granted a dispensation to Dothan Chapter No. 113 to elect and install officers it having failed to do so at the proper time.

On July 25, 1906, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Mineral City Chapter No. 101, to receive and ballot out of statutory time upon the petitions of Robert Lee Smith, Hugh Smith, Martin E. Morris, Martin Clark Foster, John T. Courtney, Herbert Ross Sims, John Phillips Evans and Hugh Morrow.

On Sept 21, 1906, I granted a dispensation to Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 19, to elect and install a High Priest, the Companion who was elected at the stated time having refused to be installed.

On Sept. 25, 1906, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Jasper Chapter No. 118, to receive and ballot out of statutory time on the petitions of J. M. Crawford, R. M. Ellis, John A. Graves and Eugene Long for the Chapter degrees.

On Nov. 16, 1906, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to Thomasville Chapter, No. 115, to receive and ballot out

of statutory time on the petitions of A. L. Means, T. O. Steele, E. D. Flinn and G. F. Gilmer for the Chapter degrees.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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

Grand Chapter of Arizona—David Francis Mitchell, Prescott.
Grand Chapter of Arkansas—H. A. Butler—Malvern.
Grand Chapter of California—Robert Ash, San Francisco.
Grand Chapter of Canada—William Rea, Ottawa.
Grand Chapter of Colorado—Tyler D. Heiskell, Fort Morgan.
Grand Chapter of Connecticut—Eugene A. Hall, Meriden.
Grand Chapter of District of Columbia—Charles W. Hancock, Washington.

Grand Chapter of Florida—George H. White, Jacksonville.
Grand Chapter of Illinois—Philander W. Barclay, Cairo.
Grand Chapter of Indiana—Alvin G. Tillotson, Michigan City.

Grand Chapter of Indian Territory—William H. Essex, So. McAlester.

Grand Chapter of Iowa—William Wilbraham, Cresco.
Grand Chapter of Louisiana—H. A. King, New Iberia.
Grand Chapter of Maine—James M. Nevens, Bucksport.
Grand Chapter of Maryland—Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore.
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—William P. Lawrence, Medford.

Grand Chapter of Minnesota—James Kelly, Duluth.
Grand Chapter of Mississippi—Nolan Stewart, Jackson.
Grand Chapter of Missouri—David M. Wilson, Milan.
Grand Chapter of Nebraska—Frederick J. Schaufelberger, Hastings.

Grand Chapter of Nevada—William McMillan, Reno.
Grand Chapter of New Hampshire—Henry P. Glidden, Dover.
Grand Chapter of New York—A. Marcellus Lampher, Lowville.

Grand Chapter of New Zealand—James McGregor, Invercargill.

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

Grand Chapter of North Dakota—Halley V. Hicks, Oakes.
Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia—David Small, Charlottetown.

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

Grand Chapter of Oregon—Jay Tuttle, Astoria.

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

Grand Chapter of South Carolina—Thomas R. Riley, Greenwood.

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

Grand Chapter of Tennessee—John W. Bailey, Memphis.

Grand Chapter of Texas—T. L. Stanfield, Terrell.

Grand Chapter of Vermont—Carroll W. Black, Bellows Falls.

Grand Chapter of Virginia—Alfred S. Lee, Richmond.

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

Grand Chapter of Wisconsin—William Chester Swain, Milwaukee.

I have recommended the appointment of the following Companions as the Representatives of the several Grand Chapters named near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, nearly all of whom have received their commissions:

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

Grand Chapter of Arkansas—William W. Ranson, Birmingham.

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

Grand Chapter of Canada—Lew Lazarus, Birmingham.

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

Grand Chapter of Connecticut—William Y. Titcomb, Annis-ton.

Grand Chapter of Delaware—Albert E. Pace, Dothan.

Grand Chapter of District of Columbia—Norman Gunn, Thomasville.

Grand Chapter of England—James C. Benson, Camden.

Grand Chapter of Florida—Stephen C. Henderson, Brewton.

Grand Chapter of Georgia—Robert S. Teague, Montgomery.

Grand Chapter of Illinois—Ralph N. Hudson, Mobile.

Grand Chapter of Indiana—Thomas P. Whitby, Selma.

Grand Chapter of Indian Territory—Josiah Jernigan, Troy.

Grand Chapter of Iowa—Stewart McQueen, Montgomery.

Grand Chapter of Kansas—John G. Harris, Montgomery.

Grand Chapter of Kentucky—Louis J. Wright, Talladega.

Grand Chapter of Louisiana—Robert L. Douglass, Mobile.

Grand Chapter of Maine—William H. Dingley, Montgomery.

Grand Chapter of Maryland—Hezekiah G. Earnest, Piedmont.

Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—George A. Joiner, Talladega.

Grand Chapter of Nebraska—James B. Hunter, Union Springs.

Grand Chapter of Nevada—Charles R. Bricken, Laverne.

Grand Chapter of New Brunswick—John M. Miller, Cordova.

Grand Chapter of New Hampshire—Joseph P. Vanderveer, Clanton.

Grand Chapter of New Jersey, John R. Barr, Eufaula.

Grand Chapter of New South Wales—Q. Salter, Monroeville.

Grand Chapter of New York—Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery.

Grand Chapter of New Zealand—John M. P. Otts, Jr., Birmingham.

Grand Chapter of North Carolina—Robert W. Southerland, Mobile.

Grand Chapter of North Dakota—Magnus E. Conaway, Sylcauga.

Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia—Albert E. Garner, Dothan.

Grand Chapter of Ohio—John G. Smith, Birmingham.

Grand Chapter of Oregon—George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.

Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania—Robert M. Hearin, Bladon Springs.

Grand Chapter of Quebec—Joseph D. Matlock, Birmingham.

Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, William J. McLeod, Sylcauga.

Grand Chapter of South Carolina—Francis H. Bates, Hamburg.

Grand Chapter of South Dakota—Jacob Bley, Demopolis.

Grand Chapter of Tennessee—William Wallace Screws, Montgomery.

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

Grand Chapter of Vermont—Leonard Cornish, Demopolis.

Grand Chapter of Victoria—James T. Greene, Anniston.

Grand Chapter of Virginia—Henry F. Reese, Selma.

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

Grand Chapter of Wisconsin—Bernard Harwood, Eutaw.

Grand Chapter of Minnesota—Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa.

Grand Chapter of Mississippi—Wellborn J. Renfroe, Dothan.

Grand Chapter of Missouri—William E. Bingham, Tuska-loosa.

In conclusion, Companions, allow me to express my sincere appreciation of the confidence you manifested in making me your Grand High Priest. It is an honor of which I am truly proud, and may you never have cause to regret your action. May our present session be harmonious and instructive to us all, and when our labors are finished, may everyone say and feel, I am glad that I came.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANCIS H. BATES,
Grand High Priest.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN ANSWER TO APPEAL FOR
THE BENEFIT OF THE CALIFORNIA SUFFERERS, THE
RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE.

LODGES.

Birmingham Fraternal No. 384.....	\$100 00
King Solomon..... 460.....	100 00
Union..... 50.....	25 00
Temple..... 425.....	10 00
Individual, Temple... 425.....	5 00
Birmingham Temple.. 636.....	100 00
Fruitdale..... 621.....	10 00
Amand..... 250.....	10 00
Adamsville..... 603.....	10 00
Fort Payne..... 437.....	25 00
Johns..... 511.....	25 00
Alexandria..... 208.....	5 00
Montgomery..... 11.....	25 00
Huffman..... 633.....	5 00
Hartford..... 409.....	10 00
Brundidge..... 184.....	20 00
Clintonville..... 188.....	10 00
Notasulga..... 119.....	10 00
Sam Thompson..... 456.....	5 00
L. E. Hine.....	1 00
Quitman..... 254.....	10 00
Brookwood..... 509.....	50 00
Ensley..... 560.....	25 00
Central City..... 305.....	100 00

Cullman Fraternal . . . No. 421	5 00
Sylacauga 200	5 00
Autauga 31	5 00
Gadsden 236	20 00
Hewitt 519	10 00
Spring Hill 536	10 00
Wallace Harralson . . . 558	5 00
Tensaw 221	10 00
Shelby 140	25 00
Shelby Individuals	25 18
Ironaton 622	41 00
Chester 363	20 00
Carney 549	25 00
Carrollton 214	10 00
Newton 224	25 50
Echo 345	10 00
Clanton 423	12 50
Samson 624	14 70
Spruce Pine 608	5 00
Tuckabatchee 96	5 00
Repton 575	5 00
Sonora 635	15 00
Howard 69	25 00
Henry 91	11 50
Mount Willing 471	5 00
B. J. Jones	1 00
Brother Hagood	1 00— 7 00
Dry Creek 626	10 00
Andrew Jackson 173	50 00
Coalburg 448	10 00
Robert E. Lee 379	25 00
Baldwin 142	25 00
Pike Road 204	10 00
Pike Road	10 00— 20 00
Magnolia 516	5 00
Mobile 40	50 00
Lozahatchee 97	25 15
Dadeville 71	12 50
Fairmount 238	10 90
Sam Dixon 218	10 00
Abernethy 615	25 00

Auburn.....	No. 76.....	25 00
Avondale.....	476.....	15 00
Herndon.....	125.....	2 00
Midland City.....	504.....	5 00
Clear Creek.....	340.....	2 00
Florence.....	14.....	10 00
Downing.....	580.....	10 00
Oneonto.....	324.....	8 75
Hartselle.....	398.....	5 00
Hermón.....	106.....	1 00
Clio.....	566.....	10 00
Lexington.....	613.....	5 00
Brilliant.....	601.....	50 00
Wiley.....	134.....	2 00
Mahan.....	490.....	10 00
Ware.....	435.....	10 00
Enterprise.....	469.....	2 00
Athelstan.....	389.....	10 00
Geo. Morrow.....	507.....	5 00
Rogersville.....	147.....	25 00
Pleasant Site.....	384.....	10 00
Coffeeville.....	122.....	5 00
Macon.....	7.....	10 00
Green Hill.....	402.....	5 00
Gilead.....	9.....	21 00
Trinity.....	386.....	10 00
Mt. Signal.....	508.....	10 00
Locust Fork.....	481.....	10 00
Crozier.....	78.....	6 50
Georgiana.....	285.....	5 00
Honoraville.....	251.....	9 90
Ohatchee.....	380.....	5 00
Newburg.....	388.....	10 00
Weogufka.....	378.....	5 00
Dean.....	112..	5 00
		2 00— 7 00
Town Creek.....	381.....	5 00
Demopolis.....	49.....	33 75
Woodlawn.....	525.....	6 50
Farrar.....	8.....	25 00
Dwight.....	550.....	11 00

Springville	No. 280.....	10 00
Putnam.....	212.....	5 00
Asbury	553.....	5 00
Proctor	571.....	5 00
Central	70.....	20 00
Fraternity	145.....	10 00
Upshaw	561.....	3 00
Eureka	64.....	10 00
Greeno	598.....	15 00
Livingston.....	41.....	5 00
Helena	410.....	10 00
Blue Springs.....	582.....	5 00
Leighton	43.....	15 00
North Border.....	391.....	5 00
Norris	301.....	10 00
Dothan	466.....	50 00
Prattville.....	89.....	6 00
Travis L. Bedsole....	619.....	5 00
Carbon Hill.....	494.....	2 00
Wylam	492..	25 00
Wylam Meth. Church.	10 00—	35 00
Motley	634..	2 00
Two brethren.....	50c ea.—	1 00— 3 00
Stokes	609.....	5 00
Nixburg.....	154.....	5 00
McCormack.....	629.....	10 00
Patton	572.....	5 00
Bear Creek.....	321.....	5 00
Selma Fraternal.....	27.....	100 00
Helion.....	1.....	25 00
Chattahoochee	192.....	5 00
Wetumpka	39.....	10 00
Fruithurst	551.....	5 00
Hopewell ..	193.....	5 00
Louisville.....	225.....	10 00
Carrington.....	522.....	5 00
Olive	606.....	5 00
Friendship.....	83.....	10 00
York.....	211.....	25 00
Isney	563.....	8 05
Bowen.....	240.....	10 00

Section	No. 565.....	10 00
Lake City.....	377.....	9 90
Ariton	171.....	5 00
Jas. D. Truss.....	515.....	10 00
Camp Hill	120.....	5 00
Ashford.....	493.....	10 00
Bridgeport.....	543.....	10 00
Lebanon	484.....	5 00
Davis Fraternal.....	483.....	10 00
Hickory Flat.....	392.....	10 00
Houston	365.....	1 00
Chas. Baskerville.....	281.....	10 00
Mt. Zion	542.....	5 00
Harrison.....	246.....	5 00
Oliver	334.....	25 00
Hoke's Bluff	470	10 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	266.....	25 00
Ashland	356.....	10 00
Bethany	468.....	20 00
St. Stephens	81.....	5 00
Wewoka.....	539.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon.	439.....	5 00
New Decatur.....	491.....	25 00
George Washington...	24.....	5 00
Sunny South.....	497.....	10 00
Holly Grove.....	323.....	5 00
Carmichael	548.....	30 05
Sulligent.....	532.....	10 00
John Payne.....	245.....	5 00
Perryville	616	5 00
Gillespie.....	290.....	5 00
Amity.....	54.....	15 00
Fulton.....	98.....	10 00
Boaz	546.....	5 00
Courtland	37.....	10 00
North Birmingham...	591.....	5 00
Mt. Hope.....	168.....	10 00
Hardy Howle.....	459.....	5 00
Landmark	187.....	10 00
Bentley.....	607.....	5 00
Tunnel City	578.....	10 00

Nanafalia.....	No. 335.....	10 00
Herbert.....	579.....	5 00
Jenifer.....	577.....	5 00
Rutledge.....	357.....	10 00
Anniston.....	443.....	25 00
VanBuren.....	355.....	20 00
LaPine.....	201.....	10 00
Corinthian.....	462.....	10 00
Guin.....	478.....	5 00
Reuben.....	581.....	10 00
Opp.....	605.....	10 00
Citronelle.....	637.....	5 00
Crane Hill.....	554.....	2 00
Brookside.....	552.....	5 00
Georgiana Davis.....	338.....	10 00
Russellville.....	371.....	10 00
Hamilton.....	344.....	5 00
Rising Virtue.....	4.....	5 00
Dolcito.....	596.....	5 00
Blacksher.....	593.....	5 00
Rock Springs.....	479.....	2 00
Wilsonville.....	510.....	5 00
Beulah.....	455.....	5 00
Heaton.....	354.....	5 00
Mt. Union.....	541.....	5 00
Gaylesville.....	256.....	5 00
Caldwell.....	502.....	10 00
Forest Home.....	270.....	10 00
Harris.....	457.....	5 00
Moundville.....	123.....	10 00
Elkmont.....	207.....	5 00
DeKalb.....	116.....	10 00
W. T. Underwood.....	612.....	10 00
Dawson.....	244.....	5 00
Alabama.....	3.....	2 00
Franconia.....	632.....	5 00
Monroe.....	485.....	21 25
Chambers.....	149.....	5 00
Hackleburg.....	526.....	2 00
L. H. Raburn.....	25.....	
D. F. Clay.....	25—	2 50

Concord	No. 586.....	5 00
St. Albans	22.....	10 05
Burnt Corn	489.....	10 00
Delta	189.....	10 00
Logan	500.....	2 00
Shiloh	105.....	5 00

\$2,990 13

CHAPTERS.

Mineral City.....	No. 101.....	50 00
Marion.....	12.....	25 00
Fort Payne.....	107.....	25 00
Mobile.....	21.....	10 00
Sylacanga.....	104.....	10 00
Coosa.....	86.....	15 00
Anniston.....	105.....	25 00
Clanton.....	116.....	12 50
Dadeville.....	56.....	12 50
Dothan.....	113.....	25 00
Central.....	64.....	15 00
Blotson.....	109.....	10 00
Jefferson.....	81.....	33 75
Collinsville.....	57.....	10 00
Cunningham.....	120.....	25 00
Jasper.....	118.....	25 00
Ennomia.....	5.....	10 00
Montgomery.....	22.....	25 00
Tyrian.....	54.....	5 00
Decatur.....	38.....	25 00

\$ 393 75

COUNCILS.

Sam Thompson	No. 43.....	25 00
Gadsden	56.....	5 00

\$ 30 00

COMMANDERIES.

Etowah	No. 15.....	10 00
Sylacanga.....	21.....	10 00

1906.]

GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

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Cyrene.....No.	10....	100 00
W. O. Snyder.....		10 00
Blocton.....	19.....	10 00
Montgomery	4.....	25 00
		\$ 165 00

A. A. SCOTTISH RITE.

Birmingham	300 00	
Leo Ackerman.....	5 00	
		305 00

Receipts from Lodges.....	\$2,990 13
Receipts from Chapters.....	393 75
Receipts from Councils	30 00
Receipts from Commanderies	165 00
Receipts from Scottish Rite.....	305 00
	\$3,883 88

By am't April 27, 1906,	Motley H. Flint, G. M.	600 00
" " May 1, 1906,	" " " "	700 00
" " May 8, 1906,	" " " "	500 00
" " May 11, 1906,	" " " "	1,000 00
" " June 18, 1906,	" " " "	500 00

\$3,300 00

Balance on hand this date, deposited with American
Trust & Savings Bank, Birmingham, Ala... \$ 583 88

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of R.: E.: Companion John B. Christian, the Grand High Priest's address was referred to a committee composed of three Past Grand High Priests, as follows: William W. Screws, Josiah Jernigan and Chas. R. Bricken.

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.

1905.	DR.		
Dec. 1	To balance...	\$ 2,206 19	
1906.			
Nov. 15	Received of Grand Secretary..	1,728 00	
			\$ 3,934 19
1905.	CR.		
Dec. 9.	By Grand Sentinel.....	25 00	
11.	Grand Secret'y, Excess Con-		
	tingent Fund.....	20 90	
	Grand Secretary, Contingent		
	Fund	400 00	
	Grand Secretary, issuing		
	Charters	20 00	
	Cases for Library.....	24 50	
	Binding Proceedings.....	95 20	
	Grand Secretary, Salary....	600 00	
	Grand Treasurer, Salary....	100 00	
	Com'tee on Correspondence.	100 00	
			1,385 60
1906.			
Dec. 3	Balance.....	2,548 59	
			\$3,934 19

REPORT 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, 1906 :

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1906.

Nov. 15 Dues collected since last report..... \$1,557 00

(For detailed statement see Appendix.)

CERTIFICATES.

The following certificates have been issued to former members of defunct Chapters :

1905.

Nov. 18 James I. Paschal... Pickensville, No. 36.. \$ 1 50

Dec. 12 Chas. W. Eichelberger, Rock Mills. 100.. 1 50

12 William M. Allison .. Rock Mills.. 100.. 1 50

1906.

Jan. 2 S. W. Smith..... Uchee..... 53.. 1 50

Ap'l 14 E. C. Goodwin Tuscumbia. 10.. 1 50

May 2 Frazier Cantelou Rockford... 62.. 3 00

Aug. 3 James P. Murdoch Cyrus 6.. 1 50

31 John L. Cox Danville ... 78.. 3 00

Sep. 12 B. O. Bridges Graham.... 106.. 3 00

Oct. 30 W. H. Yarbrough..... Columbus.. 93.. 1 50

30 Andrew J. Morris Columbus.. 93 .. 1 50

21 00

DISPENSATIONS.

1906.

July 27 To reorganize Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10.. \$42 00

Aug. 15 To organize Palmyra Chapter ... No. 130.. 90 00

132 00

RITUALS.

1905.

Dec. 13 No. 104 sold Covington Chapter No. 123.. 3 00

1906.

Jan. 22 No. 106 .. Collinsville .. No 57.. 3 00

July 7 No. 107 .. Union .. No. 26.. 3 00

Aug. 16 No. 109 .. Palmyra .. No. 130.. 3 00

24 No. 110 .. Tuscumbia .. No. 10.. 3 00

Oct. 31 No. 112 .. Collinsville .. No. 57.. 3 00

18 00

RECAPITULATION.

1906.

Nov. 15 Dues collected since last report....	\$1,557 00	
15 Certificates issued since last report..	21 00	
15 Dispensations issued since last report	132 00	
15 Rituals sold since last report.....	18 00	
		1,728 00

1906.

Nov. 15 Paid Grand Treasurer	1,728 00
Fraternally submitted,	
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,	
Grand Secretary.	

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama.

1905.

Dec. 9 To Contingent Fund.....	400 00
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1906.

Nov. 15 By Printing and Stationery.....	295 55	
15 Sundries.....	29 10	
15 Postage, Telephone and Express.	82 70	
15 Coal	25 00	
15 Dues to General Grand Chapter.	21 65	
		454 00
Amount overdrawn.....		54 00

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.)

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

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

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

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

Robert I. Douglass,	Wellborn J. Renfro,
Louis J. Wright,	William H. May.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

Walter Smith,	George W. Coggin,
Lamartine O. Hicks,	

ON BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

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

The Grand High Priest stated that the Grand Chaplain had been unavoidably detained on account of a call of duty in connection with his church work, which accounted for his absence from this Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Montgomery Chapter No. 22 requested the Grand Chapter to confer upon Brother Andrew Bilbro Perry, for said Montgomery Chapter No. 22, the several degrees of the Chapter in exemplifying the work by the Committee on Work, he having been duly elected to receive the same by said Chapter.

The Grand Chapter having acceded to the request, Brother Andrew Bilbro Perry was brought forward and received and advanced to the degree of Mark Master, by the Committee on Work, in due form.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to fur-

ther exemplify the work, and conferred the degree of Past Master on Brother Andrew Bilbro Perry, in due form.

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 3rd, 1906.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 4 o'clock, M. E. Grand High Priest Francis H. Bates presiding, and other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Companion William E. Bingham was present and took his station as E. G. Principal Sojourner.

Prayer by the R. E. Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work proceeded with the exemplification of the work and conferred the degree of Most Excellent Master on Brother Andrew Bilbro Perry, in due form.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

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 3rd, 1906.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, M. E. Grand High Priest Francis H. Bates 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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to exemplify the work and conferred the degree of Royal Arch on Brother Andrew Bilbro Perry, in due form, two substitutes being used to complete the "team."

NOTE—To correct a misapprehension which we observe exists in other jurisdictions, it is proper to state that the Companion on whom these degrees were conferred, is *not* a non-affiliate, but that the conferring of the degrees upon him by the Grand Chapter constitutes him a member of the Chapter which elected him 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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
IN GRAND CHAPTER.

[Dec.]

TUESDAY MORNING, December 4, 1906.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock, M. E. Grand High Priest, Francis H. Bates presiding, and other Grand Officers in their respective stations.

R. E. and Reverend Stewart McQueen was present and 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.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The Representatives of Grand Chapters present, were received and welcomed to seats in the Grand Chapter.

E. Companion Robert L. Douglass, called up the proposition offered by M. E. Companion Edward S. Gatchell, at the last Annual Convocation, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider same.

TO AMEND SECTION 2, ARTICLE II 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.

And the Grand Chapter adopted the amendment.
R. E. Companion John B. Christian, called up,

and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider his proposition offered at the last Annual Convocation :

TO AMEND SECTION 4, ARTICLE I, 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 to do so 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.

And the same failed to receive the approval of two-thirds of the chartered Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, as required by the Constitution.

Whereupon the M. E. Grand High Priest declared the proposed amendment defeated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DESPENSATIONS.

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 book of Palmyra Chapter No. 130, U. D., and find the same neatly and correctly kept, and recommend that a Charter be granted them.

There has also been submitted to us copies from the minutes of Tuscumbia Chapter No. 10, U. D. They have not submitted their original minute book, but their High Priest informs us that these copies are correct copies from the original, and that certain errors apparent in these minutes have been substantially corrected. We recommend that the Charter of this Chapter be restored to them without cost.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,
L. O. HICKS,
G. W. COGGIN,
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	Jefferson No. 81
Mt. Moriah No. 19	Springville No. 88
Mobile No. 21	Mineral City No. 101
Montgomery No. 23	Anniston No. 105
Eufaula No. 24	Pratt City No. 108
Union No. 26	H. Clay Armstrong No. 114
Camden No. 40	Clanton No. 115
Dadeville No. 56	Cunningham No. 120
Central No. 64	Tallassee No. 126

Heflin No. 128

INCORRECT:

Tuscumbia No. 10—Fails to give Christian names of some members.

Bessemer No. 110—Fails to give Christian names of all the members.

Brewton No. 112—Fails to give Christian names of members.

Dothan No. 113—Error in recapitulation figures.

Jasper No. 118—List of names not arranged numerically.

Covington No. 123—No seal attached.

Bladen Springs No. 124—List of names not arranged numerically or alphabetically.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. LYONS,
WILLIAM W. RANSOM,
JAMES B. HUNTER,
J. H. EDWARDS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

E. Companion Robert L. Douglass, Chairman of 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 reports that it has examined the returns submitted and find the following

CORRECT:

Ennomia No. 5	Sylacauga No. 104.
Talladega No. 23	Blocton No. 109
Courtland No. 25	Piedmont No. 111
St. Johns No. 28	Thomasville No. 115
Tyrian No. 54	Beauchamp No. 117
Collinsville No. 57	Jackson No. 119
Myles J. Greene No. 80	Monroe No. 122
Jefferson No. 81	F. M. Jackson No. 125
Coosa No. 86	Evergreen No. 127
Thomas M. Bragg No. 99	Palmyra No. 130, U. D.
The following are	

INCORRECT:

Marion No. 12—Has 32 members reported and pays dues for only 31.

Hermon No. 34—Signature of Secretary and seal of Chapter not affixed.

Decatur No. 38—No seal.

Fort Payne No. 107—Failure to state given names, using initials in a number of cases. Also fails to show precise manner of admission of two new members, and to state from what Chapter one Companion dimitted.

The committee calls attention to the amount of work reported by Jefferson No. 81, and Coosa No. 86, the former having exalted fourteen Companions, and the latter fourteen Companions during the past capitular year. This should be a matter

of congratulation to this Grand Chapter and of emulation by the subordinate Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT L. DOUGLASS,
LOUIS J. WRIGHT,
WELLBORN J. RENFROE,
WILLIAM H. MAY,

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 Palmyra Chapter No. 130, R. A. M., beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and approve all of said By Laws except as herein noted.

In Section 1 of Article III, referring to installation of officers, amend same by inserting the words "on St. John's Day," as interlined in pencil.

In Section 5 of Article V, referring to the reinstatement of a Companion for non-payment of dues, insert the words "and up to the date of reinstatement", as written in pencil by your committee.

In Section 1, Article XI, referring to a temporary suspension of the By-Laws, strike out the word "three-fourths" and insert the word "unanimous", as written in pencil by your committee.

With these amendments we recommend the approval of said By-Laws.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
J. E. MCCOY,
J. 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 application of Anniston Chapter No. 105, for a duplicate Charter, their original Charter having been lost, beg leave to report the same favorably and recommend that a duplicate Charter issue to said Anniston Chapter No. 105, R. A. M., free of costs or charges.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

J. E. MCCOY,

J. 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 application of William G. Hurd, late a member of Daniel Pratt Chapter No. 96, now defunct, for reinstatement and the issue of a certificate from this Grand Chapter, after a careful consideration of the same, beg leave to report favorably, and the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to issue a certificate to Companion Hurd upon the payment of \$1.50.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

JESSE E. MCCOY,

JESSE B. HEARIN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

M. E. Companion Charles R. Bricken, of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted :

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama :

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

It is gratifying to note that this Grand Chapter has passed the four-score mile-stone, and is growing stronger and more vigor-

ous each year. The address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest emphasizes the fact that the brotherly love and harmony prevalent for years past still exists in our subordinate bodies. The spirit of growth has not been checked, for we have report of the addition of two Chapters to the roll—one new and one re-organized. In every way we have revealed to us a healthy condition of the Craft.

We have no recommendations to offer, other than concurrence in the suggestion that the amount of money raised for San Francisco sufferers, and unexpended—\$583.88—be turned into the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, and that a page each in the printed Journal be devoted to the memory of our lamented Past Grand High Priests, James T. Beck and Edward S. Gatchell.

The address demonstrates the care and attention bestowed upon his duties by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Faternally submitted,

WILLIAM W. SCREWS,

CHARLES R. BRICKEN,

JOSIAH JERNIGAN,

Committee.

M.: E.: Companion Robert S. Teague, called up, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider his proposition offered at the last Annual Convocation :

TO AMEND SECTION 2, ARTICLE I, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Resolved, That Section 2, Article I, 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.

And the same failed to receive the approval of two-thirds of the Chartered Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, as required by the Constitution.

Whereupon the M.: E.: Grand High Priest declared the proposed amendment defeated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CODE.

M. E. Companion Charles R. Bricken, Chairman of Committee on Revision of Code, submitted the report of said committee, which was unanimously approved by a vote of the Grand Chapter and ordered entered on the minutes and printed with the proceedings for such action as may be taken thereon at the next Annual Convocation.

And on motion of E. Companion Lawrence H. Lee, the thanks of this Grand Chapter were extended M. E. Companion Charles R. Bricken, for his excellent and comprehensive work.

RELATIVE TO NON-AFFILIATES.

E. Companion Lawrence H. Lee, submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

Be it Resolved, That any Companion Royal Arch Mason, in good standing in his Chapter, has all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, notwithstanding the Lodge of which he was a member may have forfeited its charter for non-payment of dues, or for any other cause; Provided, such Royal Arch Mason was in good standing in the Lodge at the time of such forfeiture.

Be it further resolved, That a Companion Royal Arch Mason shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason who has been expelled or suspended for any reason by the M. M. Lodge of which he was a member. Nor shall a dimitted Master Mason be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, who voluntarily remains dimitted from a M. M. Lodge a longer period than twelve months from the date of his dimit.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

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

The Grand High Priest elect subsequently appointed the following:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

E. Companion Louis J. Wright, 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.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand from

last report	\$2,206 19	
Since that time he has receipted to the		
Grand Secretary for.....	1,728 00	
		3,934 19

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Sentinel.....	25 00
Grand Secretary, over draft on Contingent fund.....	20 90
Grand Secretary, for two Charters issued	20 00
Contingent Fund.....	400 00

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Cases for Library	24 50	
Grand Secretary, salary....	600 00	
Grand Treasurer, salary.....	100 00	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, salary.....	100 00	
Binding Proceedings.....	95 20	
		1,385 60
Balance on hand and in bank.....		\$2,548 59
The Grand Secretary has collected and has on hand since his last settlement with the Grand Treasurer.....		728 00
Total cash on hand.....		3,276 59

We find that the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15, 1906:

Dues collected.....	\$1,557 00	
Certificates issued.....	21 00	
Dispensations issued.....	132 00	
Rituals	18 00	
		\$1,728 00

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

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

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Amount appropriated 1905, Convocation of the Grand Chapter....	\$400 00
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By Printing and Stationery.....	295 55	
" Sundries.....	29 10	
" Postage, Telephone and Express....	82 70	
" Coal.....	25 00	
" Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	21 65	
		454 00
Amount overdrawn		54 00

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

Contingent Fund.....	500 00
Grand Treasurer, (payable quarterly).....	100 00
Grand Secretary, (payable quarterly).....	750 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence (payable quarterly).....	100 00
Grand Sentinel (to cover all expenses).....	25 00
Binding and Purchasing Grand Chapter Proceedings..	100 00
Grand Secretary—overdraft on Contingent Fund....	54 00
Book Cases for Bound Proceedings.....	25 00
P. G. H. P. Jewel....	25 00

\$1,679 00

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,
of Committee.

REPORT ON BINDING.

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

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

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

	Vols.
Arizona, 1889 to 97, 98 to 1905.....	2
Arkansas, 1901 to 05.....	1
California, 1857 to 64, 65 to 71, 79 to 81, 88 to 90, 97 to 99, 1903 & 04.....	6
Canada, 1871 to 74, 80 to 83, 1904 to 06.....	3
Colorado, 1903 to 05.....	1
Connecticut, 1866 to 69, 70 to 73, 1904 to 06.....	3
District of Columbia, 1822 to 33, 1901 to 05.....	2
Florida, 1857 to 65, 66 to 71, 86 to 95, 96 to 1904.....	4
Georgia, 1872 to 79, 80 to 90, 91 to 96, 97 to 1901, 02 to 05...	5

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Illinois, 1870 to 74, 98 to 1900, 01 to 03.....		3
Indiana, 1855 to 62, 63 to 72.....		2
Iowa, 1868 to 72, 73 to 77, 78 to 82, 83 to 86, 87 to 90, 91 to 94, 95 to 98, 99 to 1902, 03 to 05		9
Kansas, 1866 to 74, 1903 to 06.....		2
Kentucky, 1874 to 76, 77 to 79, 86 to 88, 92 to 95.....		4
Louisiana, 1891 to 96.....		1
Maine, 1855 to 60, 1902 to 05.....		2
Maryland, 1892 to 94.....		1
Massachusetts, 1867 to 70.....		1
Michigan, 1866 to 69, 70 to 72, 73 to 75, 92 and 93, 1905 and 06		6
Minnesota, 1859 to 75, 1901 to 05.....		2
Mississippi, Reprint 1846 to 67.....		1
Missouri, 1904 to 06.....		1
New Brunswick, 1837 to 1905.....		1
New Hampshire, 1868 to 74, 1902 to 05.....		2
New Mexico, 1897 to 1905.....		1
New York, 1883 to 85, 1905 and 06.....		2
North Carolina, 1904 to 06.....		1
North Dakota, 1889 to 99.....		1
Nova Scotia, 1869 to 79, 1892 to 1900.....		2
Ohio, Reprint 1816 to 50, Reprint 1851 to 57, Originals, 1855 to 60, 66 to 70, 71 to 75, 76 to 79, 80 to 82, 83 to 86, 87 to 89, 90 and 91, 92 and 93, 94 and 95, 96 and 97.....		13
Oregon, 1904 and 05.....		1
Pennsylvania, Reprint 1767 to 1864, Originals 65 to 70, 71 to 74, 75 to 78, 79 to 82, 83 to 86, 87 to 89, 90 to 93, 94 and 95, 96 to 98, 99 to 1901, 02 to 04.....		12
South Carolina, 1869 to 73, 74 to 80, 1893 to 99, 1900 to 05....		4
South Dakota, 1903 to 05.....		1
Tennessee, 1901 to 06.....		1
Vermont, 1851 to 59, 60 to 66.....		2
Virginia, 1865 to 71, 72 to 76, 77 to 81, 82 to 87, 88 to 93, 94 to 97, 98 to 1900, 01 to 03.....		8
Washington, 1884 to 89, 90 to 93, 94 to 96, 97 to 1900, 01 to 04		5
Wisconsin, 1904 to 06.....		1
		119

We now have the proceedings of many of the Grand Chapters complete, but there are many missing numbers yet needed to

complete our files, and I hope to succeed in filling more "gaps" the coming year.

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

Missouri, Reprint, 1846 to 1869.

Nevada, 1886 to 1891, 1892 to 1897.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE JEWEL FOR M. E. COMPANION

FRANCIS H. BATES.

M. E. Companion Charles R. Bricken offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized and instructed to purchase at the expense of this Grand Chapter a suitable P. G. H. P. jewel and present it to the retiring M. E. G. H. P. Francis H. Bates, as a tribute of esteem and a recognition of the valued services he has rendered to this Grand Chapter.

Resolved further, That an appropriation of twenty-five dollars be and is hereby made to meet the provision of the above resolution.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were duly installed by M. E. Companion Charles R. Bricken, E. Companion Robert L. Douglass acting as Grand Marshal.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

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

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.....Anniston.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

JAMES T. GREENE.....Anniston.
HENRY F. REESE.....Selma.
BERNARD HARWOOD.....Eutaw.

ON FINANCE.

RALPH N. HUDSON.....Mobile.
LOUIS J. WRIGHT.....Talladega.
JOHN B. LYONS.....Opelika.

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....Montgomery.
JOHN B. LYONS.....Opelika.
ROBERT W. SOUTHERLAND.....Mobile.
WELLBORN J. RENFROE.....Dothan.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....Birmingham.
LAWRENCE H. LEE.....Montgomery
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....Birmingham.
WILLIAM J. MCLEOD.....Sylacauga.
JACOB BLEY.....Demopolis.

THANKS TO RAILROADS.

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

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

MINUTES READ.

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

CLOSED.

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

Geo. A. Deauchamps
Grand Secretary



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

STATE OF ALABAMA.

The Thirty-Fifth 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 4th, 1906, with the following Officers and Companions present :

George A. Beauchamp.....M. E. President.
 Robert F. LoveladyE. Vice-President.
 William E. Bingham.....E. Chaplain.
 William H. Dingley.....E. Treasurer.
 Basil M. Hill.....E. Recorder.
 Robert L. Douglass.....as E. Master of Ceremonies.
 Walter Smith.....as E. Conductor.
 Robert W. Southerland.....E. Herald.
 John W. Terry.....E. Steward.

MEMBERS.

Companion Francis H. Bates....Past Grand High Priest.
 .. Louis J. Wright...Talladega Chapter No. 23.
 .. Marion H. Sims....Talladega Chapter No. 23.
 .. John B. Christian..Union Chapter No. 26.
 .. Jacob Bley.....Jefferson Chapter No. 81.
 .. Joseph Brower.....Mineral City Chapter No. 101.

Companion Ed Burchell.....	Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
.. Ephraim J. Hudnall.....	Pratt City Chapter No. 108.
.. Samuel Stein.....	Bessemer Chapter No. 110.
.. John F. Jenkins.....	F. M. Jackson Chapter No. 125.
.. M. M. Kuffner.....	F. M. Jackson Chapter No. 125.

The Council was opened in Ample Form.

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

Woolsey Finnell.....	Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
Philip McRae	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
William M. Neely	Union Chapter No. 26.
James Alexander Moore.....	Central Chapter No. 64.
Andrew C. Mitchell.....	Bessemer Chapter No. 110.
Lamartine O. Hicks	Jackson Chapter No. 119.
Richard H. Jones.....	Covington Chapter No. 123.
Oliver D. Street.....	Palmyra Chapter No. 130.

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 eight 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.
Robert L. Douglass.....	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.

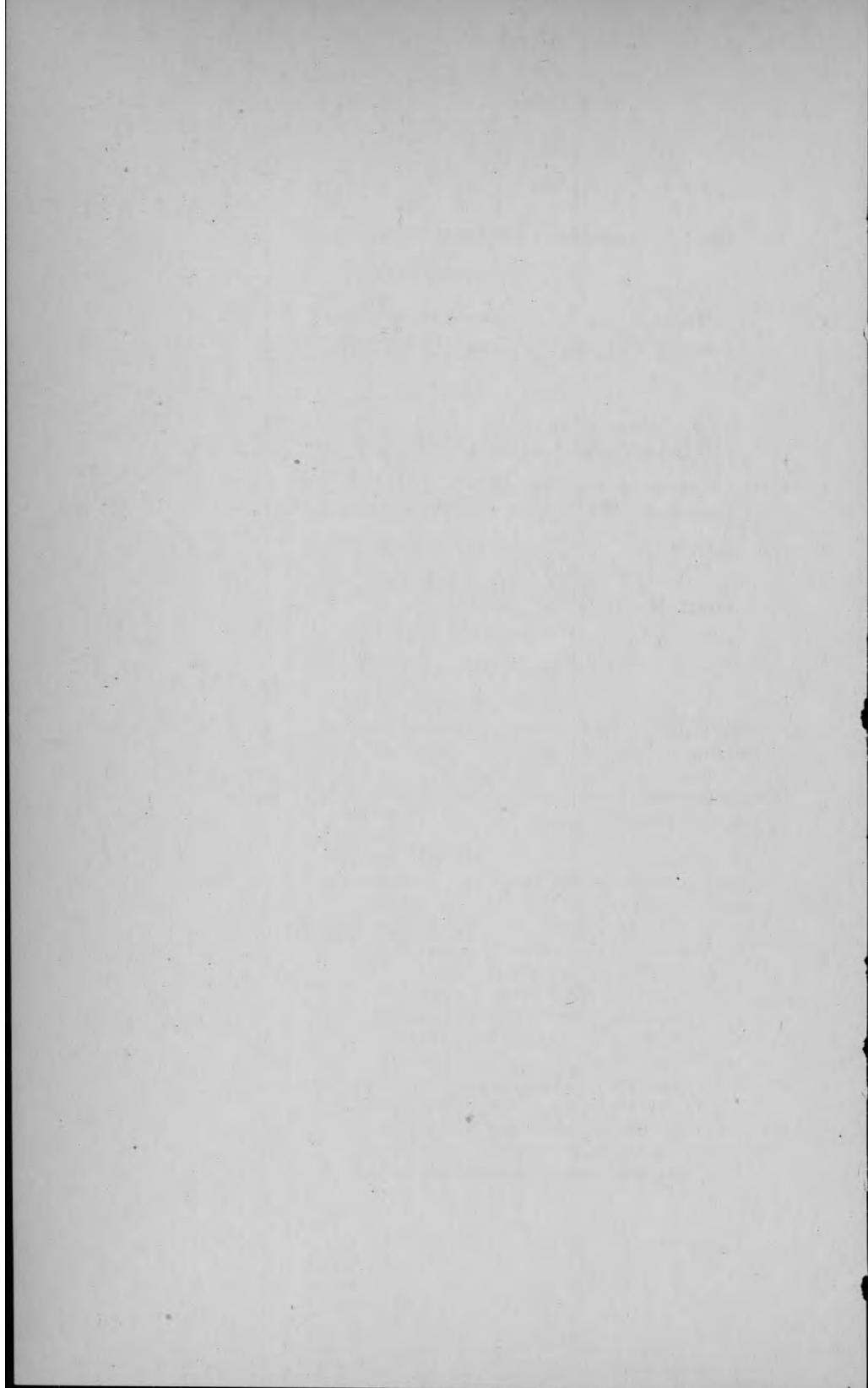
CLOSED.

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

Attest :

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
President.

BASIL M. HILL, Recorder.



CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Most Excellent Grand Royal
Arch Chapter
OF THE
State of Alabama.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Style and Title.

SECTION 1. This Grand Chapter shall be known by the style and title of "*The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama,*" and shall have a seal with suitable devices engraved thereon, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by its authority.

Of Whom to Consist.

SEC. 2 This Grand Chapter shall consist of the several officers thereof, to-wit:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest,
Right Excellent Grand King,
Right Excellent Grand Scribe,
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer,
Right Excellent Grand Secretary,
Right Excellent Grand Chaplain,
Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host,
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner,
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain,
Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil,
Excellent Grand Master of the 2d Veil,

Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil,
Excellent Grand Sentinel,

And likewise of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies for the time being, of the several subordinate chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction over which they shall respectively preside, and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of this Grand Chapter.

Powers and Duties.

SEC. 3. The powers and duties of this Grand Chapter and its officers shall be such as are hereinafter enumerated.

Where Annual Convocation to be Held.

SEC. 4 This Grand Chapter shall hold its Annual Grand Convocation at the city of Montgomery, on Monday immediately preceding the first Tuesday in December of each year, and the Grand High Priest, or in his absence or disability the Deputy Grand High Priest, shall have the power of convening the Grand Chapter whenever it may be necessary; and be bound to do so whenever requested in writing by not less than six chapters. Twenty days notice of said convocation shall be given to each chartered chapter.

Who are Entitled to Vote in the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 5. In the election of officers, and on all questions requiring a vote in this Grand Chapter, except on amendments or alteration of the Constitution, each chartered chapter shall be entitled to three votes, whether represented by one or more companions, and each Grand Officer, whether elective or appointed, and each permanent member of the Grand Chapter shall have one vote; and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a decision.

Members and Proxies.

SEC. 6. All officers and members of this Grand Chapter, and proxies appointed by the High Priests Kings or Scribes of subordinate chapters, must be regular members of some chapter under its jurisdiction; and no companion can represent more than one chapter at the same time, nor can any companion act as proxy for any other chapter than the one of which he is a member.

Charters—How Granted.

SEC. 7. No charter for constituting a new chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted by this Grand Chapter, unless those applying for the same shall have performed a requisite amount of work under dispensation from the Grand High Priest, or in his absence or disability from the Deputy Grand High Priest, and such work examined and approved by the Grand Chapter at an Annual Convocation thereof. *Provided*, that in all cases where a charter shall not be granted, nor the dispensation continued, the fee deposited in the hands of the Grand Secretary shall be returned to said petitioners.

Dispensations—How Granted.

SEC. 8. No dispensation shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons, which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the chapter nearest the place where the new chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that said dispensation be granted; *Provided*, That before such dispensation shall be issued, the sum of ninety dollars shall be deposited by the petitioners in the hands of the Grand Secretary; And *provided further*, That no petition for a dispensation shall be recommended by any subordinate chapter, until they are fully satisfied that none of the petitioners are members of any other chapter, and that they have a suitable place in which to assemble, which facts must be certified in the recommendation.

ARTICLE II.

OF ELECTIONS.

Officers of the Grand Chapter.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest,
Right Excellent Grand King,
Right Excellent Grand Scribe,
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer,
Right Excellent Grand Secretary,
Right Excellent Grand Chaplain,

Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host.

All of the above officers shall be chosen by ballot, on the second day of each Grand Annual Convocation.

The other officers of this Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner,
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain,
Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil,
Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil.
Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil,
Excellent Grand Sentinel.

Who shall be appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest; and the officers thus elected and appointed shall be duly installed as soon thereafter as practicable, and when so installed shall hold their offices respectively until their successors are duly elected or appointed and installed.

Who Are Eligible.

SEC. 2. 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.

Dues Must Be Paid.

SEC. 3. No chapter shall be entitled to vote in the election of officers, nor shall its High Priest, King or Scribe, or either of their proxies be eligible to any of the Grand offices, until the dues to the Grand Chapter are paid.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Who May Grant Dispensations.

SECTION 1. The Grand High Priest, or in his absence or disability the Deputy Grand High Priest, shall have the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under his hand and private seal, to a competent number of petitioners, possessing the requisite qualifications, empowering such petitioners to open a chapter of Royal Arch Masons for a certain specified term of time.

Duties of Grand Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Grand Chapter, from the Grand Secretary and give his receipt therefor, and keep a record thereof in a book kept for that purpose. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Secretary that may be authorized by the Grand Chapter, and on the first day of each Grand Annual Convocation, shall present a detailed account of his receipts and disbursements, together with vouchers for the latter, and shall execute and file with the Grand Secretary a bond in such sum as shall be prescribed by the Grand Chapter from time to time, which bond shall be made in some guarantee company, expense to be borne by the Grand Chapter, with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand High Priest, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

Duties of Grand Secretary.

SEC. 3. The Grand Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the transactions of the Grand Chapter which should be written. He shall keep sufficient books of account, in which separate accounts shall be kept with each subordinate Chapter; he shall receive all moneys due the Grand Chapter, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer; he shall keep the seal of the Grand Chapter, and shall affix the same, with his attestation, to all Charters, and other instruments of writing necessary to be executed; he shall see that the returns of subordinate Chapters, their dues and other contributions, be regularly made, and shall, on the second day of each Grand Annual Convocation, and before the election of officers, report all delinquencies; he shall superintend the printing and publishing of all proceedings ordered by the Grand Chapter, and duly forward copies of the same to the Grand Chapters of other jurisdictions, and to the officers of this Grand Chapter, and to the High Priest, King and Scribe of each subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by this Grand Chapter; and on the first day of each Grand Annual Convocation, shall present his account and vouchers for the inspection and approval of the Grand Chapter; and shall execute and file with the Grand Treasurer a bond, in such sum as shall be prescribed by the Grand Chapter from time to time, which bond shall be made in some guarantee company, expense

to be borne by the Grand Chapter, with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand High Priest, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

Duties of Other Officers.

SEC. 4. The duties of the remaining Grand Officers shall correspond with those respectively assigned them in the charges given at their installation.

In case the four principal Grand Officers shall be absent from any Convocation, the Past Grand Officers of like rank shall, in the order of their rank and seniority, be empowered to preside.

ARTICLE IV.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Must Have a Charter or Dispensation.

SECTION 1. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within this State must have a Charter, signed by the first four officers, attested by the Grand Secretary, and sealed with the seal of this Grand Chapter, or a Dispensation from the Grand High Priest, or in his absence or disability, from the Deputy Grand High Priest, under his hand and private seal, and every Chapter failing to comply with the above provisions, is hereby declared clandestine and illegal, and all Masonic communication, either public or private, with such clandestine associations, are hereby strictly forbidden, under the penalty of expulsion.

Of Whom to Consist.

SEC. 2. Every Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of a High Priest, a King, a Scribe, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Captain of the Host, a Principal Sojourner, a Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of Veils, a Sentinel, and as many members as shall be found expedient; and no Chapter shall be opened for the transaction of any business unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

Dispensations—How Long to Run.

SEC. 3. Dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest, or in his absence or disability, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, for the establishment of new Chapters, shall continue and be in force only from their date until the succeeding Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, at which time the original

record of all the proceedings of every such Chapter, or a certified copy thereof, together with the By-Laws which have been adopted for its government, shall be submitted to the Grand Chapter for examination, and if approved, a Charter shall issue for its permanent establishment, or if deemed advisable, the dispensation may be continued twelve months longer by endorsement thereon by the Grand High Priest, or in his absence or disability, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, attested by the Grand Secretary, at the expiration of which time the original or a certified copy of their proceedings during the preceding twelve months, must be submitted to the Grand Chapter for examination and approval, when a charter must issue or the Chapter be discontinued.

Must Have a Seal.

SEC. 4. Every chartered Chapter shall have a seal, with the name, number, location, and suitable devices engraved thereon, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority; *Provided*, That all Chapters shall have twelve months, and no longer, from the date of their respective charters, to procure the same.

Amount of Fees.

SEC. 5. No Chapter shall charge a less fee than thirty dollars for the Chapter Degrees, which fee must in all cases accompany the petition—and in no case shall credit be given, nor shall any part thereof be refunded to any candidate, unless his petition be rejected;

Provided, That all regularly ordained Ministers of the Gospel who are actively engaged in the exercise of their ministerial functions and in good standing in their respective Lodges, may be entitled, upon application and election thereto, to receive said Degrees gratuitously.

Must Make Returns.

SEC. 6. All Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall at each Grand Annual Convocation, make a return in writing, showing who are its officers and members, the dates of admission to membership, the number and nature of the degrees conferred during the same time, with the names of the recipients and the dates at which the degrees were conferred;

also, the names of those suspended, expelled, and the cause of such suspension or expulsion; reinstated, withdrawn, and dead since the last return, with the dates annexed to each, and shall close the report of their proceedings on the Fourteenth day of October next preceding the Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and immediately forward the same to the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1 Every proposition to alter or amend this Constitution shall be submitted in writing at a Grand Annual Convocation, and if approved by a vote of one-third of the members present, shall be entered on the minutes, and be thereafter submitted to the several subordinate chartered Chapters for their approval or rejection; if two-thirds of the chartered subordinate Chapters approve thereof by certificate over their respective seals to the next succeeding Grand Chapter, when it shall be so declared by the Grand High Priest, and thenceforth it shall be a part and parcel of this Constitution.

For the purpose of more effectively carrying out the provisions of the Constitution, and preserving order in this jurisdiction, the Grand Chapter hereby make and ordain the following By Laws:

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Has Sole Jurisdiction.

SECTION 1. This Grand Chapter shall have the sole government and superintendence of the Royal Arch Chapter and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons within its jurisdiction, to assign their limits, and to settle the controversies that may happen between them, and shall have the power to require from the several Chapters such annual sums from their respective members as shall be fixed by this Grand Chapter; *Provided*, That no dues, assessments or other sum shall be required of any Chapter for any Minister of the Gospel actively engaged in the exercise of his ministerial functions; and may exercise all other authority which may be deemed necessary for the maintenance of good order and the advancement of the interests of Capitular Masonry in this State.

What to Constitute a Quorum.

SEC. 2. The representatives of ten chartered Chapters shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and when the Grand Chapter is opened, the reading of the minutes of the preceding Grand Convocation (unless their reading is dispensed with) shall be first in order, after which the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest or presiding officer; the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary—all of which shall be referred to appropriate committees. After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session during its continuance shall be as follows :

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials and appeals.

3. Reports of regular and special committees, in the order named, and action thereon.
4. Motions, resolutions, and other business.
5. Election of Grand Officers (on second day of each Grand Annual Convocation.)
6. Installation of Grand Officers.
7. Closing.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Officers to attend punctually in person the Annual and Special Convocations of the Grand Chapter, and every officer, before he takes his seat as such, at any Convocation, shall clothe himself with the jewel appertaining to his station.

Duties of Grand High Priest.

SEC. 2. The M. E. Grand High Priest shall have a watchful supervision over the subordinate Chapters, and shall carefully see that the Constitution, Laws, and edicts of the Grand Chapter are duly and promptly observed. He may visit and preside in any Chapter within his jurisdiction, and give such instructions as he may deem necessary, and as shall not be inconsistent with the several enactments of this Grand Chapter.

Must Appoint Committees.

He shall, on the first day of each Grand Annual Convocation, or before the adjournment thereof, appoint the following committees:

1. A Committee on Chartered Chapters.
2. A Committee on Chapters under Dispensation.
3. A Committee on Finance.
4. A Committee on By-Laws.
5. A Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals.
6. A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
7. A Committee on Work.

Each of which committees shall consist of three members; *Provided*, That this shall not apply to the Committee on Work, which shall consist of five or more.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Immediately after the installation of the Grand Officers, he shall appoint a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, consisting of not more than three members, who shall report at the next Grand Annual Convocation.

He shall also be invested with such other powers, and shall discharge such other duties as may be required by the ceremonies and rituals of the Royal Craft.

Who to Preside in the Absence of the Grand High Priest.

SEC. 3. In the absence of the M. V. E. V. Grand High Priest at any Convocation of this Grand Chapter, or if from any cause whatever he shall become unable to perform the duties appertaining to the office of Grand High Priest, the same shall devolve on and be discharged by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, in the order herein named; and in case of the absence or inability of either of them, then the duties shall be discharged as provided for in Article III, Section 4, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Duties of Grand Treasurer.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer, in addition to the duties required of him by the Constitution, to hand over at the expiration of his term of office, to his successor, all moneys, books, papers, and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter, which may be in his hands as such Grand Treasurer; and for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, he shall receive annually the sum of one hundred dollars.

Duties of Grand Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Grand Secretary, in addition to the duties required of him by the Constitution, shall have in charge the correspondence of the Grand Chapter, keep all books, jewels, charts, furniture, and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter, and upon the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver the same over to his successor. He shall also annex to the printed proceedings of each Grand Annual Convocation an abstract of the annual returns of each subordinate Chapter, in like manner as are now directed by the Grand Lodge of this State; and for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office

shall receive annually such sum as shall be recommended by the Committee on Finance of this Grand Chapter and approved by this Grand Chapter, and be entitled to the further sum of ten dollars for each Charter issued for the institution of new Chapters.

Pay of Grand Sentinel.

SEC. 6. The Grand Sentinel shall be allowed for each day's attendance upon the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, the sum of five dollars.

ARTICLE III.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Their Rights and Privileges.

SECTION 1. All Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall have a right to convene as Royal Arch Masons, advance and exalt candidates, elect and install their officers, make By-Laws, rules and regulations for their own government; *Provided*, Such laws, rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter, and may require from their members such dues, assessments and fees as they may deem reasonable and proper; *Provided, further*, That no dues, assessment or fees shall be required of any Minister of the Gospel actively engaged in the exercise of his ministerial functions.

How a Charter May be Forfeited.

SEC. 2. Any Chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, failing to assemble once in any year, or being represented in this Grand Chapter for three years successively, or fail for two successive years to make its returns, and pay the dues required by the third section of this article, the Charter of such Chapter shall be forfeited; and should the charter of any Chapter become forfeited, or should the same for any cause whatever be stricken, by order of the Grand Chapter, from the roll of subordinate Chapters, the jewels, furniture, property, and other effects of such Chapter shall become the property of this Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest, or in his absence or disability, the Deputy Grand High Priest, or such suitable companion as he may appoint, shall take possession of and hold the same for the Grand Chapter.

Annual Dues.

SEC. 3. The several chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary, on or before the 15th of November of each Grand Annual Convocation, for each member of such chapter, the sum of seventy-five cents; *Provided*, That no such dues shall be required for any minister of the Gospel actively engaged in the exercise of his ministerial functions or calling.

Territorial Limit of New Chapters.

SEC. 4. No dispensation shall be granted for the establishment of a new chapter within ten miles of any other chapter, except it be in cities and towns with not less than one thousand inhabitants; and no chapter shall be removed from the place where it is located, except, upon a petition of a majority of the members of such chapter, and a majority of this Grand Chapter assenting thereto.

Duties of High Priests, Kings and Scribes.

SEC. 5. It is incumbent on the High Priest of every chapter in this jurisdiction, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the by-laws of his chapter, as well as the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of this Grand Chapter, are duly observed; that all other officers of the chapter perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and exact records be kept by the Secretary of the proceedings of the chapter; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all money belonging to the chapter; that regular returns be made to the Grand Chapter, according to the sixth section of the fourth article of the Constitution, and that the dues to the Grand Chapter be punctually paid.

The charter of the chapter is committed to his special care and keeping. He has the right and authority of convening the chapter at pleasure, and shall preside therein at all times when present, except when superseded by a Grand Officer. He shall not permit any companion who is not a member of some chapter under this jurisdiction, to give the work or lectures in his chapter. It is likewise his duty, together with the King and Scribe, to attend either in person or by proxy, every convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Petitions Must Be in Writing.

SEC. 6. All applications for the advancement or exaltation of candidates in every chapter under this jurisdiction, or for membership therein, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, who must be regularly affiliated with some Lodge, and presented at a regular convocation, referred to a committee, and shall lay over for investigation at least until the next regular convocation, and no candidate shall be received nor shall a companion be admitted a member therein without the unanimous consent of the members present.

Rejected Candidates Must Get Consent.

SEC. 7. No candidate, whose application may be rejected in any chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted in any other chapter than that to which he first applied, without the consent of such chapter being first had and obtained, and no companion shall be admitted a member of any chapter until he shall have produced a certificate from the chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in good standing in such, and at his own request was dismissed therefrom; *Provided*, That if such chapter be no longer in existence, other evidence of such facts may be received.

Jurisdiction of Subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 8. The jurisdiction of the several chapters, subordinate to this Grand Chapter shall extend half way in all directions, between the several chapters respectively, and no chapter shall have the right of conferring any of the chapter degrees upon any candidate whose fixed place of abode is within the jurisdiction of another chapter, without the consent of such chapter being first had and obtained.

Elections and Installations.

SEC. 9. Every regularly constituted chapter under this jurisdiction shall annually, at the regular convocation immediately preceding the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, elect by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast, the several officers of such chapter; and the officers, when so elected, shall be duly installed into office by some Past or Acting High Priest, as soon after their election as practicable, and the names of officers thus elected shall be communicated to the Grand Secretary immediately after their installation.

Ballotings in the Royal Arch Degree.

SEC. 10. All ballotings shall be in the Royal Arch Degree, and unless a further ballot be required by a member, one clear ballot shall entitle the candidate to all the degrees.

Trials.

SEC. 11. Every chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter has the right to try for unmasonic conduct all companions within its jurisdiction, except its High Priest, King or Scribe, or one of the officers of the Grand Chapter, and in all such trials the proceedings shall be conducted in the following manner, to-wit:

Charges and Specifications.

RULE 1. The charges and specifications shall be made in writing, under the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, or of a committee of the chapter appointed for that purpose, and delivered to the Secretary of the chapter.

Copy Served.

RULE 2. The Secretary shall make out a true copy of the charges and specifications, attest the same and deliver it as attested—or cause the same to be done—to the accused, at least ten days before the time of trial.

What Sufficient Notice.

RULE 3. If the residence of the accused be within ten miles of the place of the meeting of the Chapter, an attested copy of the charges and specifications, enclosed by mail to the postoffice nearest to his place of residence, thirty days before the trial, shall be deemed good notice. If he reside out of the State, and his residence be known, sixty days notice thereof shall be given—but if his residence be unknown to all the members of the Chapter, the trial may be had *ex-parte*.

Trials Must be Held at Special Convocations.

RULE 4. The examination of the charges shall be in a Chapter specially notified and convened for that purpose, at which no visitors shall be admitted, except witnesses and counsel; *Provided*, Said witnesses and counsel are Royal Arch Masons.

How Testimony to be Taken.

RULE 5. It shall be the duty of the Chapter to hear any evidence relevant to the charge, and the same commit to writing—if proper to do so—when it shall be heard in open Chapter; or evidence of persons not Royal Arch Masons may be taken out of the Chapter, by any persons authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths to witnesses, notice having been given to the adverse party so as to allow one day to every miles travel from the place where said notice is served to the place of taking said testimony; and a written notice left with the High Priest or Secretary of the Chapter, shall be sufficient to authorize the taking of testimony on the part of the accused.

Depositions.

RULE 6. The depositions shall be sealed up by the person taking them, and conveyed by some trustworthy person, or by mail, and delivered to the Secretary of the Chapter, who shall endorse thereon whether received sealed or otherwise.

Testimony to be Written Down.

RULE 7. Upon every trial, the Secretary of the Chapter shall write down in a fair hand the whole of the evidence in the case proper to be written.

How Vote to be Taken.

RULE 8. When the testimony is closed, the accused and the accuser (unless the charge be preferred by a committee) shall retire, and the question upon each specification shall be distinctly put by the Chair to each member present, beginning with the youngest, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" The answer shall be given standing, and in an audible manner, and the Secretary shall record the same.

Punishment Assessed.

RULE 9. If the accused be found guilty, the Chapter, by vote, shall assess the punishment due the offense, and every member shall be required to vote.

Quorum Necessary.

RULE 10. In all cases of suspension or expulsion of any member from the privileges of Capitular Masonry, two-thirds of the votes of all the members present shall be required; *Pro-*

vided, In all cases of suspension or expulsion, a majority of the whole Chapter be present.

Appeals.

RULE 11. Any Companion feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter upon the trial of any companion, may take an appeal to the Grand Chapter.

How the Appeal Shall be Made.

RULE 12. The appeal shall be made in writing, and in the following form, to-wit:

I ———, a Royal Arch Mason, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, do declare that I feel materially aggrieved by the decision of — Chapter, No. —, in the case of ———, and for a rehearing of the case, and to the end that justice may be done in that matter, do take my appeal to said Grand Chapter.

The above form shall be signed by the appellant, and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

Must be Taken Within Sixty Days.

RULE 13. The appeal must be taken within sixty days after the trial and judgment, and not afterwards.

Record to be Sent Up.

RULE 14. The Secretary of the Chapter shall immediately record the appeal, and transmit to the Grand Chapter at the next Annual Convocation thereof, a true copy of the evidence in the cause, together with the appeal, certified under his hand and the seal of the Chapter.

Grand Chapter to Decide.

RULE 15. The Grand Chapter, on receipt of the appeal and evidence shall be possessed of the cause, and shall proceed to examine and try the same, upon the evidence so transmitted, without any other testimony, and decide the matter finally.

Notice of Appeal.

RULE 16. The appellant shall give to the other party at least ten days notice, in writing, of the taking of the appeal, a copy of which notice shall be forwarded to the Grand Chapter, with evidence of the service.

Reversal Does Not Restore to Membership.

RULE 17. The Grand Chapter may reverse the decision of a subordinate Chapter, whereby a companion is suspended or expelled, but such reversal shall in no case restore the accused to membership in the Chapter from which he was suspended or expelled, without the unanimous consent of the members present at a regular Convocation.

Same Rules Apply to Grand Chapter as to the Subordinates.

RULE 18. The rules for taking depositions, serving notices and deciding causes herein prescribed for the Chapters, shall also prevail, so far as the same are applicable, in reference to trials in the Grand Chapter.

Must Adopt By-Laws.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of each subordinate Chapter to adopt a proper code of By-Laws for its special regulation and government, and such Chapter shall have the power to alter or amend the same at pleasure; *Provided*, That all such By-Laws or amendments shall be presented from time to time, for the approval of this Grand Chapter.

The Edicts and Decisions of this Grand Chapter not repealed or overruled, shall have the same force and effect as a By-Law of this Grand Chapter, and shall be subject to alteration or amendment in the same manner and by the same means relating to the alteration or amendment of a By-Law of this Grand Chapter.

Amendments—How Made.

SEC. 13. Alterations or amendments to these By-Laws and to the operative Edicts and Decisions of this Grand Chapter may be made at any Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

Grand High Priest to Open the Grand Chapter.

RULE 1. On the first day of each Grand Annual Convocation the M. E. Grand High Priest, or officer next in order of rank, shall open the Grand Chapter, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and at the same hour on each successive day of the session, unless otherwise ordered.

Shall Decide Questions of Order and Appoint Committees.

RULE 2. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, appoint all committees, fill vacancies which may occur by the absence of any regular officer, by appointments *pro tem*; and on all questions where the chapter is equally divided give the casting vote.

Must Address the Presiding Officer.

RULE 3. Any companion desiring to address the Grand Chapter, shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the presiding officer, confining himself to the question under debate, and avoiding all personalities; and no companion shall be permitted to speak more than twice on any one subject, without permission from the Grand Chapter,

Reports Must Be in Writing.

RULE 4. All reports submitted—the report of the Committee on Work excepted—all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and the companion offering the same shall read it in his place, and present it to the presiding officer to be submitted to the consideration and decision of the Grand Chapter.

Motion Must Be Seconded.

RULE 5. No motion shall be entertained until it is seconded, and no debate shall be had thereon until the question is stated by the presiding officer.

Precedence of Motions.

RULE 6. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or amend; and all motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are moved, ex-

cept in the filling up of blanks, when the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

The Previous Question.

RULE 7. The previous question shall not be called for, nor shall a question indefinitely postponed be acted upon during the session.

Reconsideration.

RULE 8. When a question has been decided, any companion of the majority may move a reconsideration thereof, but no motion to reconsider shall be entertained unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided.

Cushing's or Roberts' Manual to Govern When Not Otherwise Provided For.

RULE 9. In all proceedings not herein specially provided for, this Grand Chapter shall be governed by the rules of deliberative bodies (as far as applicable) as prescribed by Cushing's or Roberts' Manual.

Repealed.

RULE 10. All rules and regulations heretofore enacted by this Grand Chapter, and not herein contained, or which conflict in any manner with this Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

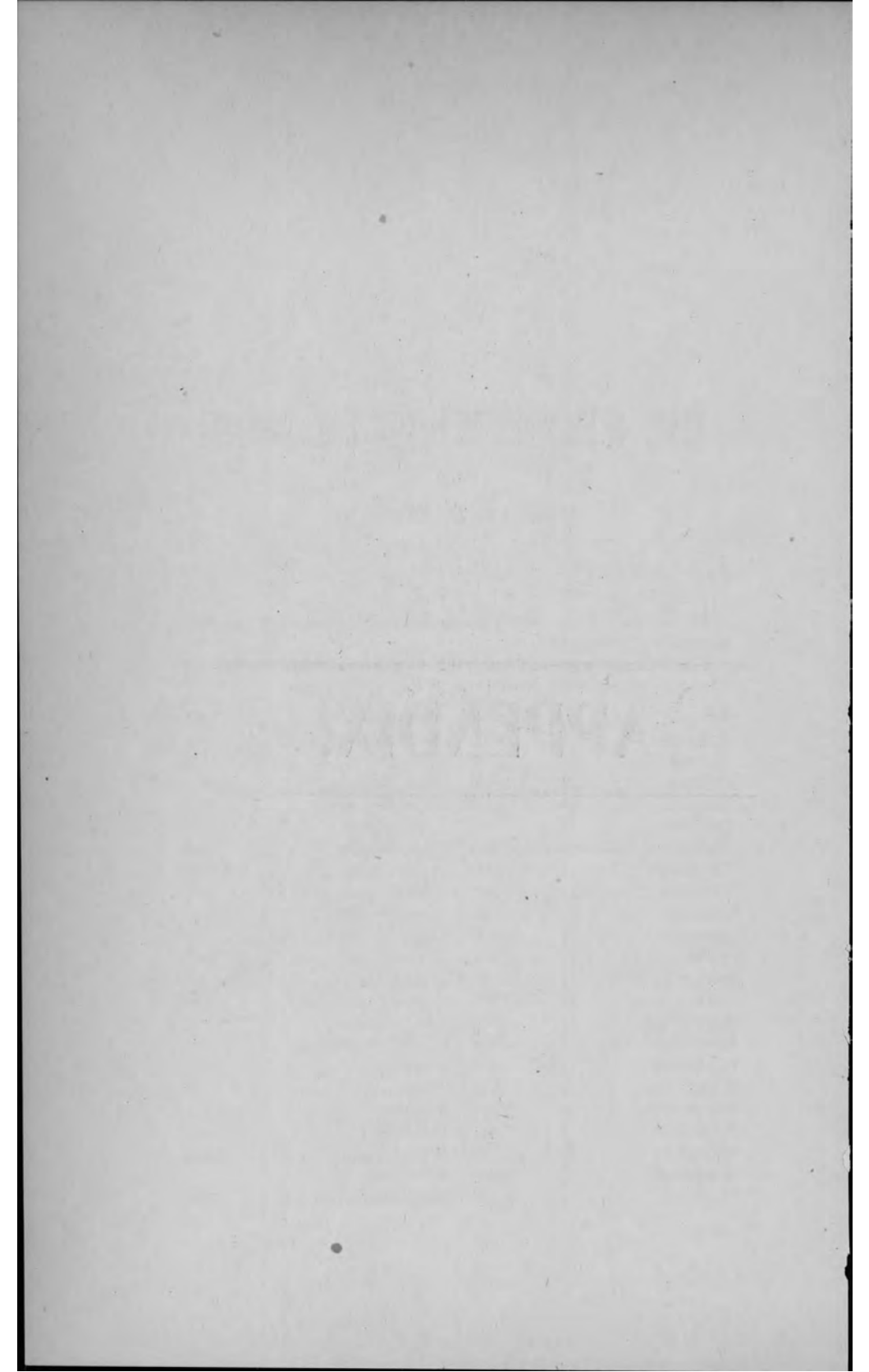
Suspensions of These Rules Must Be Unanimous.

RULE 11. These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may be, at any Grand Annual Convocation, added to, altered, amended, or repealed, by a vote of two-thirds of the companions present.

When to Take Effect.

RULE 12. This Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order shall commence and be in force from and after the passage thereof.

APPENDIX.



Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

BY

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the following report:

Your Committee has received the Proceedings of Grand Chapters embraced in the following list, to-wit:

Arizona	1905	Montana.....	1905
Arkansas.....	1905	Nebraska.....	1905
Canada	1906	Nevada.....	1906
Colorado.....	1905	New Brunswick....	1905
Connecticut.....	1906	New Hampshire.....	1905
Delaware.....	1906	New Jersey.....	1906
District of Columbia.....	1906	New Mexico.....	1905
England.....	1905-1906	New York.....	1906
Florida.....	1906	North Carolina.....	1906
Georgia.....	1906	Nova Scotia.....	1905
Illinois.....	1905	Ohio.....	1905
Indiana.....	1905	Oregon	1906
Indian Territory.....	1906	Pennsylvania.....	1905
Iowa	1905	Quebec.....	1906
Kansas.....	1906	Rhode Island.....	1905
Kentucky.....	1905	South Carolina.....	1905
Louisiana.....	1906	Tennessee.....	1906
Maine	1906	Texas.....	1905
Maryland.....	1905	Vermont.....	1906
Michigan.....	1906	Virginia.....	1905
Minnesota.....	1905	West Virginia.....	1905
Mississippi.....	1906	Wisconsin.....	1906
Missouri.....	1906	General Grand Chapter...	1906

ARIZONA.

16TH ANNUAL—FLAGSTAFF—NOVEMBER, 1905.

Comp. John Joseph Sweeney, M. E. : Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 7—members 469; net gain 36.

From the report of the Committee on Credentials, it is learned that seven Past Grand High Priests were present, and that Representatives of ten sister jurisdictions answered roll-call, Alabama's Representative not reported present.

The very short address of the Grand High Priest contained nothing of interest to outsiders, save that relations with other Grand Jurisdictions remained friendly as of yore, and that the Ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter did not appear to meet the approval of many of the Companions in Arizona, they still using the old Ritual, known as the "Caswell Work." These Chapters being familiar with Work, and it seeming to be their choice, he recommended that the Caswell Ritual be again taken up and adopted.

No decisions had been called for, and no grievances presented.

The Grand Secretary, in his short but excellent report, says:

"As usual the Returns were received in this office within the time prescribed by the Constitution, all neatly and correctly made out; such work makes the Grand Secretary's office a pleasing one."

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

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had done nothing officially that called for a report. He confirmed the opinion of the Grand High Priest, that the Caswell Ritual was more in favor with the Chapters than that of the General Grand Chapter. As he had been unable to find any law of the General Grand Chapter making use of its Ritual compulsory, he believed it would be admirable to allow any Chapter to use the old or new work as it may prefer. He said: "Personally—and after a close comparison of all the Rituals obtainable—I much prefer the old California Ritual, as we call it." Report adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that the action of the Grand High Priest, "relating to the appointment of Grand Representatives to represent the Grand Chapter at the Grand Councils (?) of sister Grand Jurisdictions, be approved. Concurred in.

The brief report of the Committee on Necrology "was received."

No matters of law before the Committee on Jurisprudence. The committee congratulated the Grand Chapter that thereby prevailing harmony was made evident. Received and concurred in.

No annual review of proceedings of other Grand Chapters. The transactions of this Grand Chapter were conducted with dignity and propriety.

Comp. Prosper Powell Parker, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

ARKANSAS.

56TH ANNUAL—LITTLE ROCK—NOVEMBER, 1906.

Comp. J. R. Donnell, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 74; Chapters U. D. 3—Total membership not given; 64 Chapters had made returns and 53 had paid dues.

At the Convocation we are reviewing, all the Grand Officers and a constitutional number of members were present; as also were nine Past Grand High Priests and twenty-four Grand Representatives, who, on response to roll-call were introduced, received and welcomed as usual. Alabama's Representative, Comp. H. A. Butler, was not reported as present.

The Grand High Priest in his address, said:

"The Chapters throughout the State appear to be in a prosperous condition, growing slowly but surely, and the outlook for the future is good. Peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction; only one little 'ripple' has occurred during the year to mar the fraternal feeling which should always exist among Masons"

The Fraternal Dead were fitly remembered.

Three dispensations for new Chapters had been granted, and several special dispensations had been issued for various purposes, such as to elect and install officers at other than the prescribed time, to receive and ballot on petitions, and confer the degrees without waiting the required time. This last kind he had been very slow to grant. In fact he had rejected all such requests except such as he considered to be for the good of the Chapters concerned. Unless good cause was shown him he had declined to grant any such requests.

His four decisions reported it needs not that we copy, as they involve no new proposition. Suffice it to state that these were all approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Before concluding his address the Grand High Priest gave to Companions J. C. Bone, Grand Secretary, J. M. Oathaut, and Thos. M. Horsfall, full credit for resuscitating dormant Chapters and organizing new ones.

Companion Bone seems to be invaluable as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer held at the end of the year balance cash \$2,756.64.

Brief communications from the Representatives of Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapters of West Va. and New York, respectively, were received, read and spread upon the minutes. A letter from P. G. H. P., Companion G. A. Donnally, was received, and he was kindly remembered in a substantial way.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to the three Chapters U. D., and its charter was restored to one Chapter.

Owing to the insufficiency of documentary evidence of a regularly held trial in the one case of appeal reported on by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, said case was remanded for a new trial.

Appropriate memorial pages appear in this volume. No report on charity is found. We fail to discover any report on Necrology, outside of the Grand High Priest's address, (deemed unnecessary, no doubt). There is no report on Foreign Correspondence. If the volume were indexed reviewing it would be an easier task.

Comp. N. P. Richmond, M. E. Grand High Priest:

Comp. John C. Bone (P. G. H. P.), R. E. Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

48TH ANNUAL—TORONTO—JANUARY, 1906.

Comp. William Roaf, M. E. Grand Z.

Chapters on roll 124; Chapters represented 92; Membership 10,085—Net gain 1,094.

Before the Grand Z. read his address, the roll of Grand Representatives was called, and twenty-one answered to their names (8 of those present live in Toronto), and were received and welcomed as usual. R. E. Comp. William Rea, Alabama's envoy

not included; doubtless the short time since his appointment sufficiently accounts for his absence.

The excellent address of the Grand High Priest was absolutely free from anything like "frills and furbellows" remarkable for its directness of expression, and evincing enlightened devotion to the interests of the Craft.

He feelingly read the list of departed Companions, making particular mention of the death of M. V. E. Companion Kivas Tully, "the last living member of Grand Chapter who was present and participated in its formation in 1857."

Among others, we note that he states that he had recommended Comp. William Rea (Grand High Priest elect), to represent Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

He indulges the hope that Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Canada, will, in future, not treat that Grand Body and the Grand Chapters they *seemingly* represent, so cavalierly as to absent themselves from the Annual Convocation year after year.

He puts on record twenty-nine visitations made by him, and applauds the loyalty and hospitality with which he was everywhere received.

Dispensations had been issued for the institution of five new Chapters.

He indulged in some strictures in respect of a laxity in the practice of some Chapters, as to use of colors in Royal Arch clothing, saying that any other than those authorized by Grand Chapter were altogether inadmissible.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents, who number 18, take up 76 pages of this volume, and form an important feature of the proceedings with their detailed account of visitations and with their tabular statements.

Most of these officers had done faithful and effective work; but one G. S. had singularly failed in his duty, he not having made a single visit in his district, merely reporting that the Chapters under his supervision *seemed* to be in good condition. (*Italics ours.*)

That officer should feel bad under the rasping.

The report of the Grand Scribe E., is full and complete. R. V. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett is a model officer. By the way, he "mildly roasts" a few of the Scribes E. of Chapters for tar-

diness in sending up returns and dues within the prescribed time limit. He says;

"When the books were closed five days ago, over thirty of the Chapters had not been heard from. If many more cultivate the habit in the future it will be a difficult matter to find out just where we 'are at.'"

From the Grand Treasurer's statement of assets it is learned that the bonds and debentures and cash in hand amounted to \$27,558.77.

On recommendation of the Committee on Benevolence grants were made to sixteen widows, one daughter, and five Companions, aggregating \$720.00.

The Committee on Warrants recommended that three Chapters U. D. be granted warrants, and that two such Chapters be continued under dispensation till next Annual—Adopted.

The Committee on Audit and Finance recommended that in future all Chapters unreported seven days prior to the Annual Convocation, be made a subject of enquiry by the incoming Grand Superintendents. Concurred in.

The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, closes its report with this timely admonition;

"The committee in closing its report desires to impress upon the Companions the deeply religious character of the institution to which they belong, its fundamental basis being the inculcation of a spirit of holiness to the Lord Jehovah. It is incumbent upon us to try and improve, both by precept and example, the religious character of those round about us, and thus show that the Holy Royal Arch system of Masonry teaches its recipients to fear God, and love their fellow man." * * * * *

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, in the absence of the Comp. who had given notice of the resolution, and in order to bring up the subject for final disposition:

"That the Constitution be amended to replace the Past Master degree in the Ritual to be conferred as formerly or in a modified form, as may be decided by the Grand Chapter."

"After a brief discussion the motion was put to Grand Chapter and declared lost, less than half a dozen of the two hundred or more, representatives present, being in its favor."

Next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Toronto, Jan. 23, 1907.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a review of the proceedings of forty-five Grand Chapters, and it is, as usual, from the polished pen of R. E. Companion Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee, and his paper is bright, clear cut and attractive. Companion Bennett easily holds a position in the front rank of reviewers.

His notice of Alabama—1904, is of the administration of M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Chas. R. Bricken. On decision No. 1, which held that a subordinate Chapter of the Alabama jurisdiction might receive and act upon the petition of a brother Master Mason in good standing in his home Lodge even though said Lodge may be in a foreign country, Companion Bennett comments thus:

"Now here's a glorious opportunity for the Canadian 'taboo.' A return ticket to the 'land o' cotton' is all that is necessary, and the 'despised and rejected' may reappear clothed in royal habiliments and a triumphant mien. This weighty decision received the stamp of approval from the sapient minds appointed to consider the same."

Well, Companion Bennett, you are welcome to all the fun you can make out of that matter.

What our contemporary in Toronto says about the writer, modesty might bid us to refrain from telling; nevertheless in the wish that it may stimulate some Alabama Companions to inform themselves through the reports on Correspondence, we repress our modesty and give the paragraph in question to our readers. It is as follows:

"It is no cursory review of the Grand Chapters that Companion William Y. Titcomb submits for the perusal of Alabama Royal Arch Masons. As was remarked before, nothing escapes him, and if the constituency he worthily serves, fails to appreciate him it is their loss."

How little soever we feel deserving of such praise, all the same, we are grateful for commendation by so accomplished a writer as Companion Bennett.

No doubt, Companion, we shall have to agree to disagree about dependent membership. His strong opposition to that doctrine crops out in several places in his very able review.

With reluctance we lay aside this interesting volume in order to take up others which are awaiting attention. So with the

best of wishes for your health and happiness, Companion Bennett, we say good-bye, for the present.

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

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

COLORADO.

31ST ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER, 1905.

Comp. Charles O. Unfug, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 36; Chapters U. D. 3; Membership 3 325—Gain over previous year 124.

Portraits—Grand High Priest Chas. O. Unfug, and Grand High Priest Elect Tyler D. Heiskell, with biographical sketch of each. Grand Officers all present, and all thirty-six Chartered Chapters represented. Twelve Past Grand High Priests were reported present, as were also thirty-seven Grand Representatives, including the G. H. P. elect, Alabama's minister.

Grand High Priest, Companion David Roscoe Crosby, elected to that high office at the last convocation, survived his election as such "barely six weeks." The announcement of his death was made in an impressive circular sent to all the chapters.

In his address the Grand High Priest intimated that the question had arisen, whether, on account of the death of their Grand High Priest, he should act as Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest, or Grand High Priest. To avoid dispute and argument he had submitted the matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which unanimously decided that, *under their law the office of Grand High Priest never becomes vacant*, he was *de facto* Grand High Priest, and should act accordingly. (Italics ours.)

Such being the law as expounded by the Jurisprudence Committee, why was not M. E. Com. Unfug Grand High Priest *de jure* as well?

He had granted eight special dispensations for various purposes, but had very properly refused one for waving time in balloting on petitions.

He recommended that charters be granted to the three Lodges U. D.—also he had constituted one new chapter.

After making a few recommendations of a purely local character, he concluded his address with the following pious suggestion:

"Looking upon the older companions whose memories linger in the achievements of the past, and on new faces bright with promises for future results, it seems to me that the first as well as the last and most fitting thing for all good men and Masons is to offer up our thanks to the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe for the blessings He has vouchsafed to us throughout the year now closing. The numerical strength of this Grand Chapter has increased, our financial condition is satisfactory, our lives have been spared, and our State is prosperous. For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth unto all generations."

"Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe"—We would respectfully refer our M. E. Companion to Companion Wait, of New Hampshire, as to fitness of said title.

The Grand Treasurer's total cash balance was \$3,043 77.

The Grand Secretary presented a "comparative membership table," embracing a period covering the time since 1875, which makes a fine showing for capitular growth. In 1875 there were 7 chapters with 293 members. In 1905 there were 36 chapters with 3,325 members. If, in the next 30 years they should keep up the same pace, their growth would be phenomenal.

The Grand Lecturer's report was read and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

"Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented his report, which was adopted and ordered printed with the proceedings."

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented a very brief report, which was adopted. The committee opposed the dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest as well as his approval of By-Laws.

The committee had previously expressed the opinion that the Deputy Grand High Priest becomes *de facto* Grand High Priest on the death of the Grand High Priest. It still adhered to that opinion, and held that under the Colorado law the Deputy Grand High Priest is entitled to the honors and prerogatives of the office of Grand High Priest in the event of the death of his superior, and shall be the Grand High Priest by right of such succession.

On recommendation of the Committee on Returns and Work charters were granted to two chapters U. D., but the third was continued U. D. till next convocation.

Companion Lawrence N. Greenleaf, as usual, presented the re

port on Necrology. To say that it was most fitting and eloquent is entirely superfluous, for Companion Greentleaf might be styled 'Chrysostom,' or golden-mouthed.

The Grand Council received thirteen new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Ernert Le Neve Foster (P. G. H. P.), Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, with wonted perspicacity, reviews the proceedings of forty-six jurisdictions. To Alabama-1904 he gives about two pages of courteous and fraternal notice. He does the writer honor by his approval of the latter's reply to Companion Bennett, of Canada, on the subject of dependent membership, and to Companion Schultz, of Maryland, on the subject of prerogative of Grand High Priests to make R. A. Masons "at sight," and quotes both paragraphs.

Under Missouri, he concurs with Companion Mayo in regard to the conferring of the rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest on Companion Beauchamp, "that it would have been far preferable to regularly elect him Grand High Priest, and place some one in the office of Grand Secretary as a figure-head, so that he could do the work of both offices and actually serve as Grand High Priest." Personally, we concur.

Companion Foster loses no opportunity to hit opposition to dependent membership, on the head, and to denounce the idea that the Grand High Priest possesses the prerogative of making Royal Arch Masons at sight.

He, referring to the use of the word "team," as applied to applicants for exaltation, prefers the word "trio," and tells us of its adoption in the standard work of Colorado.

Now, instead of "team," "trio," "triad," "triplet," or "class," we would mildly suggest the word "three"—it's a good word and symbolizes so many things.

Companion Foster's report is first-class.

CONNECTICUT.

108TH ANNUAL—HARTFORD—MAY, A. I. 2436, A. D. 1900.

Comp. Jos. R. Johnson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chapters on the roll 40; Represented 39; Membership 7,172—gain 219

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests attended this Convocation,

as also did Companion Eugene A. Hall, Alabama's Representative, in company with Representatives of twenty-four other Grand Jurisdictions.

The address of the Grand High Priest, short though it was, gave evidence of faithful administration of Capitular affairs entrusted to his keeping. In his mention of the Fraternal Dead he did not fail to refer especially to the demise of Past Grand High Priest Luke A. Lockwood, and that of M. E. Reuben C. Lemmon, Past General Grand High Priest.

No decisions were reported.

Eight dispensations for various purposes, had been granted, one of these was for forming Lockwood Chapter at Wallingford. The Grand High Priest recommended that it be granted a Charter at this Convocation.

He recommended that Grand Chapter make a liberal appropriation for the Masonic Home.

His eleven official visitations were most pleasurable to himself and, no doubt, profitable to the Chapters visited. A banquet winding up each visit, was the rule; but M. E. Comp. Johnson, records one instance, which is to the great credit of both himself and the Companions "of Trinity No. 7." He says:

"I wish to commend the companions for appropriating the money they usually expend for a banquet to the relief of a worthy companion. It afforded me greater pleasure than any banquet they could have placed before me."

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, evince on their part, faithful performance of duty, and, on that of the Chapters visited by them, respectively, on the whole, very satisfactory condition.

The Trustees reported funds in their possession as \$1,006 49, to which add \$40 64 interest.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand May 9, 1905, was \$3,688.88.

Grand Secretary, James McCormick, reported that returns had been received from all the Chapters. He also reported "gain in membership 226." (We had made it 219—the difference between the number reported this year, viz. 7,192, and number reported last year, viz. 6,953.)

The Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Grievances had nothing to report upon. The former recommended "that it be abolished until hereafter required. Adopted.

The Memorial Committee on the death of Past Grand High Priest L. A. Lockwood, made appropriate report. A portrait of that eminent Companion accompanies the report. The Grand High Priest's circular announcing Comp. Lockwood's death, is also incorporated in these proceedings.

(For years, in the Grand Lodge of Alabama, each retiring Grand Master, after writing his own name on the fly-leaf of the book, has turned over to his successor in office "Lockwood's Code of Jurisprudence.")

On recommendation of Committee on Address it was

"Resolved, That a vote of thanks be and is hereby extended to the M. E. Grand High Priest and his associate Grand Officers for their able and successful administration of the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry during the past year."

Fifteen eligible Companions were elected to the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest John H. Barlow, again gives us one of his first-class reports (85 pp), in which he has reviewed the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters whose transactions have reached his table.

Alabama—1905, received a little more than two pages of his valuable space. He compliments M. E. Grand High Priest Comp. Basil M. Hill, by extracting freely from his opening address.

He thinks that the writer's recommendation that recognition be extended to the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, "should have been adopted."

He regrets that the Past Master's Degree was ever placed as one of the Capitular degrees, but doubts "the expediency at this time of attempting to remove it; it confers no honor—that belongs to the degree of Actual Past Masters, but, if conferred in a dignified manner it inculcates useful lessons to the Royal Arch Mason."

Companion Barlow says the writer is about four years his senior; that makes Comp. B. about 76, for on Jan. 28, 1907, God willing, the writer will be 80 years old.

Under Maryland, our Companion says:

"He" (Comp. Schnltz) "quotes the following decision of the Grand Chapter of Alabama: 'A subordinate Chapter of this

Grand Jurisdiction may receive and act upon a petition of a brother Master Mason in good standing in his home Lodge, even though said Lodge may be in a foreign country',

"And says:"

"If, as we understand, the applicant need not even reside in Alabama, this ruling is in accord with the English and Scotch practice, but we do not recall any other American jurisdiction sanctioning it. In fact it would be in violation of the American doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge (Grand Chapter) jurisdiction."

Companion Barlow, thereupon says:

"We are inclined to think that residence in Alabama is understood, if so it is almost a universal regulation."

The writer cannot assert positively that "residence in Alabama" is implied, but thinks it is. If it were not so, the element of improbability would "put in" a vivid appearance. There is no probability that a foreign resident would, without any intention of moving to Alabama, apply for the degrees in one of our Chapters.

Companion Barlow, in the same paragraph continues, referring still to Companion Schultz: "We are in full agreement with him on all subjects save one, dependent membership, to which he thus alludes":

"He quotes our remarks made last year, 'that we believe that if an expression of opinion could be had from the fraternity in general, a large majority would be found opposed to the doctrine of dependent membership.' And says, 'Our observation inclines us to the contrary opinion.'"

"Well, it may be that Companion Barlow is correct in his opinion, if so, we can only say we regret it, and we deeply regret that so old, able and conservative a Mason as Companion Barlow should favor the monstrous doctrine that a Companion who should choose to withdraw his membership from a Lodge shall thereby forfeit all his Masonic, Capitular and Templar rights."

Companion Barlow retorts thus:

"Let us look at this a moment, the strength and influence of the Commandery today is that the Lodge and Chapter are back of it, it is for the best interest that its members should be affiliated in the Lodge and Chapter, this is one of the reasons why I believe in dependent membership. A Mason's first duty is to the Lodge, all other are subordinate to it."

We will not here put our word in. Brothers Barlow and Schultz require no help at their respective ends of the line. It needs not to add that, were we engaged in the trouble, we should be on Companion Barlow's side.

Comp. George N. Delap, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. James McCormick, R. E. Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

38TH ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—JANUARY, 1906.

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

Chartered Chapters 4; Members 853—Net gain 13.

A portrait of Companion Harry W. Lowe, Ex-President of the Convention of the Order of High Priesthood and G. H. P. elect, graces the first page of this splendidly printed volume of proceedings.

The Grand Chapter being opened it was found that fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present, as also were many other Past Grand Officers, together with the Representatives of twenty other Grand Chapters, including Alabama represented by Companion J. Harmer Rile (P. G. H. P.).

In his address the Grand High Priest mentioned the Great loss sustained by the Grand Chapter in the death of Past Grand Treasurer, Companion James S. Dobb. He also reported twelve deaths in the subordinate chapters.

Concluding his short address, less than four pages in length, he said:

"Nothing has been submitted to me for decision during the year. So far as I am informed, fraternal peace and harmony prevail in this Jurisdiction. In conclusion, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to our Grand Secretary for his invaluable aid and assistance whenever I called upon him. I extend my sincere thanks to the companions of this Grand Chapter for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to this high office. Now I leave the business of this Grand Chapter in your hands."

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$348 21. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Committee on Memorials mentioned particularly in its report the death of Past Grand Treasurer, James S. Dobb, saying:

"His sterling character as a man, his eminence as a Mason, and his prominence as a citizen, render his death an event of more than ordinary interest."

After the election of officers, those officers who had been re-elected, and those re-appointed, were not installed again.

The special committee on Past Master Degree reported that, after careful examination of the subject, it was of the opinion that no change should be made in the capitular system now in practice and which was adopted by the Grand Chapter of Delaware in 1896. The committee said:

"We recommend that the subordinate chapters be required to conform strictly to the Ritual."

The report was unanimously adopted.

In accordance with recommendation of the Committee on the Address, a portrait of Grand Secretary, Jas. H. Price, who had served as such with singular fidelity and efficiency for twenty years, appears in these proceedings.

Amendments to the Constitution, providing that none but High Priests and Past High Priests shall be eligible to any elective office in the Grand Chapter; also that the qualification of appointive officers shall be *that they shall hold office in a subordinate chapter*, lie over for action at the Annual, January 16, 1907.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion V. V. Harrison presents his ever terse and concise report on Correspondence (sixty-five pages), in which Alabama-1904 receives fraternal mention, covering nearly three pages. Our respected companion's reply respecting a *rare bird* is magnanimous.

Companion Harrison's power of condensation is great. Under 1 Cor. 12, 31, we "covet" the same.

Comp. Harry W. Lowe, M. · E. · Grand High Priest.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

38TH ANNUAL—WASHINGTON—February, 1906.

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

A portrait of Grand High Priest, Henry K. Simpson, adorns the first page of this well executed volume of proceedings.

No. of chapters 12; Members 3,304—Net gain 150.

Three special convocations had been held for funeral occasions—the burial of Past Grand High Priests Wm. G. Powers, Charles H. Smith and Thomas F. Gibbs.

February 14th, the Annual having been opened, was found to be attended by sixteen Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of thirty-seven sister Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama included.

The General Grand Principal Sojourner, of the General Grand Chapter, bringing fraternal greetings from General Grand High Priest, M. E. Sir, Companion Arthur G. Pollard, was received as the representative of the General Grand; also the Grand and Past Grand High Priests of Maryland, were honored visitors, received in the usual way.

The Grand High Priest, in his address (12½ pp.) made announcement of the final departure of Past Grand High Priests Powers, Smith and Gibbs, and fitly extolled their virtues.

He submitted one decision which was elicited by the following communication from the Secretary of Brightwood Chapter No. 9:

"BRIGHTWOOD, D. C., April 4, 1905.

"*Mr. Henry K. Simpson, Grand High Priest.*

"M. E. Sir and Companion: By vote of the Chapter, I am directed to lay the following case before you and ask for a decision:

"Companion ——— became in arrears for dues to this Chapter for the years 1902 and 1903. As he had been for some time under adverse circumstances and expressed a willingness to clear himself of the books as soon as able, the Chapter decided to be lenient."

"On September 12, 1904, the companion paid in three dollars, and on December 30th following six dollars and a half more, thus bringing his dues up to the close of the last caputular year."

"Since then it has been ascertained that the companion was dropped, for non-payment of dues, by his Lodge, October 18, 1903. Brightwood Chapter was not aware of this until I, as Secretary of Stansbury Lodge, received usual notice of the petition of ——— for reinstatement in his Lodge, presented January 18, 1905, and which was rejected February 15, 1905."

"It seems that the brother himself was not aware of his having been dropped by his Lodge until a short time before he applied for reinstatement."

"As Brightwood Chapter was ignorant that the brother had been dropped by his Lodge, and he had been carried on the roll of the chapter for more than a year thereafter; and further, as his payment of arrears to the chapter was made subsequent to his having been dropped, the chapter desires your answer to the following questions:

"What is the status of Companion —, as regards Brightwood Chapter?"

"Should all, or any part, of the arrears paid by him to the chapter be returned?"

"I would state that the companion has made no request for return of his money, but Brightwood Chapter wishes to be perfectly just towards him."

Answer: "In reply I will state, first, that Companion —'s status by action of his Lodge becomes that of an unaffiliated Master Mason, and does not affect his membership in Brightwood Chapter, and such non-affiliation on his part not being voluntary, does not put him under the provisions of the last clause of section 117 of the Grand Chapter Constitution."

"Second, Companion —'s membership being, according to its records, continuous in Brightwood Chapter, the amount paid by him for dues in arrears, properly belongs to and should be retained by the chapter."

The Grand High Priest uniformly refused to grant dispensations to waive constitutional requirements relating to reception of petitions and conferring degrees.

During the year he had made official visitation to every chapter in the jurisdiction

Under the heading "Recommendations" he said:

"Section 118 of the Constitution reads as follows:

"A Companion dropped, suspended or expelled from Lodge loses his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason while deprived of his rights as a Master Mason."

"The provision of this section is mandatory, yet this Grand Chapter has no means of officially knowing when action by Lodge affects the standing of a companion."

"My official attention was particularly called to this anomalous condition by the matter coming for my decision, and I suggest that this Grand Chapter, by resolution, request the Grand Lodge, by its Secretary, to furnish to the High Priests of the constituent chapters any official action in its constituent bodies that affects the status of membership of any companion, a member of any of our constituent chapters."

He thought this would not be a difficult task, as the same person was Grand Secretary in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's report was a business-like document

Grand Treasurer's balance on hand \$2,189.46.

Assets of the Grand Chapter, as per report of the Trustees, \$2 800.

The report of "Grand Visitor and Lecturer" shows that he had made in all seventy- nine visits, over six visits to each chapter on an average

The Committee on Grievances continued to report "no business."

We are pleased to find, in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the following as to Grand Chapter of Western Australia:

"1. As to the question of the recognition by this Grand Chapter of the Supreme Grand R. A. Chapter of Western Australia, referred to it at our last annual convocation, your committee recommend that such recognition be granted, and that fraternal relations be entered into, and Grand Representatives be exchanged between this Grand Chapter and the Supreme Grand R. A. Chapter of Western Australia "

On the decision of the Grand High Priest in the case of a companion who had been dropped by his Lodge for N. P. D., but carried on the roll of his chapter, and who eventually paid up both Lodge and Chapter, but when he applied to his Lodge for reinstatement was rejected, the Jurisprudence Committee reported thus,

"The case of ———, as stated in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest at the present convocation, is regarded by your committee as presenting questions the solution of which is not free from difficulty."

"It appears that the companion was in arrears for dues both in his Lodge and Chapter; that he was dropped by his Lodge Oct. 18, 1903, for their non-payment, applied for reinstatement Jan. 18, 1905, and his application was rejected Feb. 18, 1905."

"His arrears in his chapter were for the years 1902 and 1903, stated to have been caused by adverse circumstances; but he paid them in Dec. 1904, was not dropped by his chapter and still remained on its rolls."

"Your committee are of opinion that the questions involved in this situation are governed and controlled by section 118 of the Grand Chapter Constitution in connection with section 105 of the Grand Lodge."

"The former reads:

"Section 118 A companion dropped, suspended or expelled from Lodge loses his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason while deprived of his rights and privileges as a Master Mason."

"The latter is as follows:

"Sec. 105. No Lodge shall expel a member for non-payment of dues; but by a vote of the Lodge, after one month's notice to him, he may be dropped from the roll, but shall be installed by payment of arrearages if paid within one year from the time he was dropped; after one year he shall be reinstated only on written application, payment of dues to the time he was dropped, and by a majority vote taken by ballot. * * * And if such application for a renewal of membership be rejected, and no charges are preferred against him, the Lodge shall, on written application, give him a certificate that he has paid all indebtedness to the Lodge, and ceased to be a member thereof. A Brother rejected for reinstatement stands as an unaffiliated Mason, and a subsequent application by him for membership must be by petition for affiliation." Said the committee:

"The evident purpose of Sec. 118 is the enforcement of the duties and obligations, including the payment of dues, which every Mason owes to the Blue Lodge, as the basis of our institution, and your committee recognizes the importance of giving full effect to this purpose."

"In this case it appears that the companion, whatever may have been the cause of his arrearages to his Lodge, evinced, by his application for reinstatement, his willingness to pay them, and either paid or tendered them. By the rejection of his application he ceased to be a member of the Lodge, but having paid his indebtedness to the Lodge or tendered the same, as we must assume was the case, he was entitled to the certificate as provided for by section 105, and his status became that of an unaffiliated Master Mason."

"Although a Master Mason, while unaffiliated, cannot receive the capitular degree (Sec. 97 Grand Chapter Constitution), it does not follow that the simple fact of his becoming unaffiliated renders him at once ineligible to Chapter membership."

In this case your committee are of the opinion that Companion — was at the time of the decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest entitled to his "rights and privileges as a Master Mason," and therefore, under said sec. 118, to his "rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason," and recommend that said decision be approved." "At first blush," we respectfully fail to concur. The Companion remained suspended from October 18, 1903 to January 18, 1905, before applying for reinstatement. Report of the committee concurred in.

The memorials to the three Past Grand High Priests deceased were adopted by a rising vote.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood received eleven new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Companion Arvine W. Johnston, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as well as Grand Secretary, fully sustains his deservedly high reputation as a reviewer.

Alabama-1905 receives about two pages of fraternal mention at Companion Johnston's hands. The writer thanks him for pronouncing the Alabama report "excellent" and again, "delightful." He quotes our comment on the way they grant dimitts in Indiana, and agrees with us.

And says: "If we had the Indiana law here we would not have some non-affiliates whom we now have, but that is not saying that Capitular Masonry is the loser thereby."

He also copies the writer's reply to Companion Shaver's invitation to go and see the Kansas work in conferring the Capital degrees, but does not agree with us in our disapproval of scenic display, frills and furbelows therein, and says:

"If the degrees" (R. A.) "is to be conferred in the simplest manner possible, why not "communicate" it to the candidate and let his imagination fill the details? If the scenes are to be actually represented at all, why should they not be acted in the most lifelike manner possible and with such accessories as will produce the greatest realism? We are with Companion Shaver for the accessories."

It is "possible" that you are right, Companion, and that our "old fogeyism" has warped our judgment, but we still cling to the ways of the fathers in respect of this matter.

Companion Johnston continues thus:

"Having agreed with Companion Titcomb once and disagreed with him once, we will call it 'a stand off' or 'horse and horse,' these terms being of kin, we suppose, to the 'stand pat' and 'square deal' expressions of our present day language, and probably originating in the old game of mumble peg."

Whether Companion Johnston "agrees" or disagrees" with us all the same his comments are choice reading, and there is not an iota of malice in them. If we ever go back to W. City we're going to have a good, long, sociable chat with him.

On the liquor business, hear him under Arkansas:

"Arkansas has a hard-and-fast anti-liquor-selling law, but we cannot bring ourselves to believe that Companion McCaleb is in thorough sympathy with it. The probabilities are that King Solomon could not get into a chapter in the present day with his

very liberal ideas on women, and we tender him our personal congratulations on having received his Masonic honors in that early day, when the lines were not so tightly drawn. He would probably stand higher in some jurisdictions if he had ordered the fellow-crafts to be paid in corn, lemonade and oil, instead of making one of the articles of 'subsistence in kind' an alcoholic beverage."

But Companion, liquor drinking spreads broadcast such ruin that heroic measures have to be taken to check it.

Companion Johnston, under Illinois, gives us a delightful running comment on Companion Wardle's "Digressions." He is justly an admirer of that versatile reviewer.

Under Maryland, he forcibly says:

The report on Correspondence was again by the veteran Companion Edward T. Schultz. Under Alabama, he quotes the words of the lamented Josiah H. Drummond, on the dependent membership question, which took the position that the Lodge does not need any protection, being able to take care of itself, and the reply of Companion Titcomb thereto. We agree that the Lodge does not need any protection, but hold that the Chapter and Commandery should be protected from those who who will not pay Lodge dues. In advocating dependent membership we have ever had the interest of the Chapter in mind, not believing in the desirability of retaining members who disregard obligations as sacred as Lodge dues."

We would like to present our Companion's further discussion of this subject, but as we have exceeded our limits, must desist.

Comp. Charles Becker, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

ENGLAND.

COMP. THE RT. HON. EARL AMHERST, M. E. Pro Grand Z.

Quarterly Convocation—London—November, 1905.

Routine business, which would not interest our readers, occupied the attention of Grand Chapter during the meeting. The Committee of General Purposes recommend three petitions, for chapters to be attached, respectively, to Lodges named. Prayers of the petitioners granted. A few memorials asking permission to change quarters, were answered favorably, also a memorial asking for a charter of confirmation (or as we say, a

duplicate charter), the original having been burned, was granted. After some further business of local interest, had been transacted Grand Chapter was closed.

ENGLAND.

MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

We have upon our table a pamphlet containing the record of four Quarterly Communications—September and December, 1905, and March and June, 1906,—and statement of Accounts; Provinces and Districts; Provincial and District Grand Masters; Representatives; Roll of Mark Lodges, and Roll of Ark Lodges.

This influential Grand Body, with its subordinates in England and Wales and in the colonies and dependencies of the British crown, is doing a great work for the betterment of all who are within the sphere of its influence.

From the records of the September-1905 Quarterly it is learned, through the Report of the General Board, that the Thirty seventh Annual Festival, for Fund of Benevolence, held July 5, 1905, yielded the sum of \$10,817.04. Also a bequest of over \$25,000 had been paid to the credit of the Mark Benevolent Fund. This sum had been invested in consols.

At the December Quarterly, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and Starthearn, &c., &c., &c., was unanimously elected Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for ensuing year. Thus it appears that there is an intimate connection between the United Grand Lodge of England, of which the Duke of Connaught is M. : W. : Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

June 5, 1906, was the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The General Board called attention to this "most interesting and important circumstance." The wearing of a special jewel to suitably mark this auspicious occasion, was sanctioned by the M. : W. : Grand Master, H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught.

The expenditures in grants of relief, education and annuity, for the year ending March 31, 1906, amounted to \$3,119 76. According to balance sheet, Fund of Benevolence, March 31, 1906, the "Present Capital" foots up \$208,078.92. Here again appears the great superiority of systematic benevolence over that which

is spasmodic and variable in amount. Dignity marked the proceedings of this Grand Body.

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

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

FLORIDA.

80TH ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—May, 1906.

Comp. Olin S. Wright, M. E., Grand High Priest.
Chapters 28; Membership 1,371—Net Gain 162.

When Grand Chapter assembled, there were found to be present all the Grand Officers, a constitutional number of members, thirteen Past Grand High Priests together with Comp. Geo. S. Hallmark (P. G. H. P.) Representative of Alabama, and thirty-one other Grand Representatives (more accurately, Representatives of 31 other Grand Jurisdictions).

In his address the Grand High Priest manifested the genuine spirit of Masonry. He expressed regret that he had been able to make but a very few official visitations. He thinks that "visits by able ritualists do a world of good promoting fraternity, encouraging the zealous and animating the laggard."

He incorporated in his address his circular, sent to all the chapters, on the death of that eminent craftsman, Past Grand High Priest Angus Peterson, who died July 26, 1905.

The constituent chapters in Florida had lost, by death, twenty-three of their members.

The Grand High Priest also included in his address the several reports of the D. G. H. P., the G. K., and G. S., all of whom gave account of their performance of the work assigned them. Conspicuously good was the report of the Grand King.

The Grand High Priest had granted two dispensations—one to nineteen companions, the other to ten companions—to form and hold, each, a Royal Arch Chapter U. D. These would doubtless apply for charters.

Under the head of Rulings, he stated that several inquiries for rulings had been answered by reference to the Regulations. One decision was reported, and coming from an influential chapter it causes a little surprise that light should be needed on such a simple matter. The decision held that the placing of the

ballot box was under the direction of the presiding officer, and that, when the secret ballot was taken, all present must vote.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$2,868.24.

The Grand Secretary reported that all the chapters had made returns and paid their dues in full for 1905; but one chapter had paid nothing on back dues which amounted to \$14.30.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Marcus Endel, \$250 was appropriated to the Masonic Home and Orphanage.

On recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, a charter was granted to one chapter U. D., but a charter was not granted to the other, because it had not complied with the law in its mode of procedure. We presume it was continued U. D. that it might mend its ways; although we find no statement to that effect.

The report of the Committee on Memorials was short, but most appropriate.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances had nothing to report upon—a good indication.

A special committee, consisting of P. G. H. P's Wright and Jewel, made, on the effect of "objections to advancement," the following report, which was adopted:

"The undersigned, a committee to which was referred, at the last Grand Convocation, the question as to the effect of 'objections to advancement' of a candidate, after careful deliberation, would report as follows:

"1. An objection to a candidate made by a member of a chapter and brought to the attention of the presiding officer before the election of such candidate, or before receiving any of the degrees, should have the force and effect of a black ball; that is, it should stay the action of the chapter for six months, unless sooner withdrawn."

"But, at the expiration of such time, or upon the withdrawal of such objection, the case of such candidate may be again taken up upon renewed application made, as in the case of a rejected candidate."

"2. After a candidate has been elected, and has received one or more of the degrees, and a member objects to the further progress of such candidate, such objector should be required to present his reasons for such objection either to the High Priest in person, or to the Chapter on or before the expiration of the six months from the time of such objection. Whereupon the High Priest or Chapter should take steps to investigate the matter, and, if such objection is well founded, further steps should be taken to prefer charges, and try the candidate upon the al-

leged grounds of objection in the regular way of such proceedings. But should it appear to the High Priest or Chapter after such investigation, that such objection is frivolous and not well founded, the Chapter may proceed as if the same had never been made."

The committee recommended that the foregoing paragraphs numbered "1" and "2," be adopted as a regulation. Adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee, reporting upon matters referred to it, said:

"1. Relative to the suggestion that the Secretary or High Priest issue dimitts to members of dormant or moribund chapters by authority of the Grand High Priest where the charter of such Chapter has not been withdrawn by or surrendered to this Grand Chapter, we do not believe such action would be wise or in accordance with capitular law or usage. While we appreciate the reasons which influenced the suggestion, yet we see serious objection to the same, and recommend that the law and practice remain as at present."

In "2," the committee disapproved the ruling of the Grand High Priest requiring a residence, in the State, of twelve months, and of six months in the jurisdiction of any particular chapter before an applicant can petition for the degrees. The committee was of the opinion that the present law was sufficient to meet the case.

"3. We are also constrained to disagree with the decision made that one suspended for non-payment of dues is restored to good standing only, in our Order, by the payment of such dues, and that it requires the favorable vote of his chapter to restore such companion to membership therein. Says the committee: The payment of dues in arrears by one suspended for such non-payment, does of itself restore him to his membership in the chapter, in accordance with section 28 of our Constitution, notwithstanding that part of regulation 38 appears to sustain the decision made.

In "4," the committee having had its attention called to that part of regulation 38 relating to Lodge suspension, entailing Chapter suspension, which reads as follows: "and a member suspended can be restored only by action of the chapter," recommended that the same be stricken from the regulation, it being the committee thought, in conflict with the Constitution. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

The convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected seven eligible companions.

Comp. Joseph R. Kellar, M. E. (Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wilber P. Webster (P. G. H. P.), R. E. (Grand Sec'y.

GEORGIA.

As we open this handsome volume, the first object that engages our attention is the portrait of Grand High Priest John C. Joiner. A good face. We proceed in our wonted way:

84TH ANNUAL—MACON—April, A. I. 2436, A. D. 1906.

Chapters on the Roll at opening of Convocation, 126; at close, 129. Members, 5,309—net gain, 72:

At the convocation under review all the Grand Officers were present with representatives of 117 Chapters, 5 Past Grand Masters and representatives of 31 Grand Chapters, Alabama's faithful Representative, Comp. Thos. H. Jeffries, being of the number present.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest (9½ pp.) illustrates true Masonic principles and sentiments.

In his exordium he said:

"Permit me to preface my report by saying that my term has been a continuous pleasure. The companions have responded to every call, harmony prevails in every chapter and the progress has been most gratifying. Indeed, the harvest seems just now ripening. As never before, Capitular Masonry is appreciated in Georgia, and calls are coming from every section for 'more light.'"

"I have been much impressed by the steady and increasing zeal for Masonry. The tide is rising with each year, and the growth of other fraternities seems not to hinder but to increase the mother Order.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of our Lord forever." There is something more than human in a brotherhood that so long and so well holds the service and veneration of mankind. There is something in it that fills the aching desires of hungry hearts and gives a touch to the bewildered thoughts. There is somewhere a voice amidst its many that reaches the quivering and hesitating moods of the soul and calls it to the highest and best action. There is a power bid away in its mysteries that overrules the angry and revengful in man, and crowns his pure and his elevating thoughts. It moves us as did the action told in the ancient story:

"A little village was besieged by a powerful army. The investment lasted for many months. The walls of the village resisted attack and its gardens sustained the people. The besiegers soon destroyed the supplies without and the sun dried up the springs. So thirst, hunger and anger drove the army to despair. They beat upon their shields and demanded to be led against the villagers. The thirst and hunger of the besiegers was known to the besieged, and, instead of taking pleasure therein, behold the gates opened. There came forth a troop of children armed with vines loaded with grapes and bearing food fresh from the pantry. At their head marched a priest of God, holding aloft a 'cross.' The besiegers gathered around the army of little children, quenched thirst and appeased hunger. When the shades of evening fell, there could be seen an army fading away into the gloom of the distance—it was the army of the besiegers. They had been conquered—conquered by 'kindness.' 'Tis the same old story."

The heart of every man yearns for the touch of brotherhood, and the benediction of love. A wise man has said:

"You may ride us with one soft kiss, and with another we beat an acre." Therein lies the secret of the power of Masonry—it rules by the law of love and grows with "loving kindness."

One Chapter had been instituted U. D. Six Chapters had been constituted, Dispensations for various purposes, to the number of 46, had been issued. About 15 of these were for receiving petitions, balloting on the same, and conferring all the degrees at one and the same meeting.

The Grand High Priest reported one ruling, as follows:

"Two Companions of — Chapter, No. —, officers in the Chapter, dimitted from — Lodge, in the meantime they were re-elected to office in the chapter; objections were raised. I ruled that they could hold, as both their applications were then pending for affiliation. [Sec 7, Art. 4, of Constitution]

He earnestly endorsed the recommendation of the appointment of a State Grand Lecturer.

The Committee on Memorials fitly commemorated the lives and characters of the late Companions—Past Grand High Priest J. W. Oslin, Grand Chaplain J. J. Hyman, Companion Henry H. Swatts and Companion Albert G. Martin.

The committee report shows that seventy-four of the companions in Georgia have crossed the River of Death during the past year.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters, three

Chapters U. D., were granted charters. A fourth was refused because said chapter wished to confer the degrees for less than the constitutional fee, and the case of the fifth was referred to a committee on account of certain irregularities.

The Committee on Relief recommended that \$200 be contributed to the San Francisco sufferers; and it was so done.

We note in the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted, that the committee recommended that \$250 be set aside to pay the Grand High Priest's expenses for the ensuing Masonic year; that \$500 be appropriated to defray expenses of delegation to the General Grand Chapter, that \$1,000 be appropriated to the support of the Masonic Home.

An amendment to the Constitution, proposing to change the mileage of members attending the Grand Annual Convocation, from 5 cents to 3 cents a mile, for every mile to and from the place of meeting, was called up, but Grand Chapter would none of it, and, on motion, the amendment was laid on the table.

In Alabama we pay our own mileage and *per diem*.

The portrait of Past Grand High Priest William A. Graham was presented to Grand Chapter in a touchingly eloquent address by M. E. Robert S. Calding. Had we space to spare, our readers should see it (the address—not the portrait).

"A gavel, made from the Sacred Masonic Tree, which was taken from its native soil on Mt. Hermon, Palestine, and transplanted in the Botanical Garden at Washington, D. C., by the late President Garfield," was presented to Grand Chapter by Comp. Chas. R. Russell, and accepted with thanks to the donor.

The Jurisprudence Committee, whose report was also adopted, approved the ruling and the dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected seven new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With well known ability, Past Grand High Priest, Companion A. Morrill Lambdin reviews the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters (9 of them for two years), making fifty-seven volumes which have passed under his critical eye. He judiciously sum-

marizes the Alabama proceedings of 1904 and 1905. His fraternal tone and courtesy never fail.

He says of Grand High Priest Chas. R. Bricken's address:

"The address is pointed and concise, but complete, showing in detail the Masonic history of Alabama for the year as far as it was made by the Royl Arch."

He is pleased that the Grand High Priest saw fit to commend the writer's work as a reviewer, and says:

"We know from experience what inspiration comes with the knowledge that efforts along this line are appreciated."

Many thanks Companion, for your good words.

He notes that Companion Thos. H. Jeffries was appointed to represent Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

So you also, Companion, as well as ourselves and others, have been victimized by the p. d., for he makes you say:

"The Grand Secretary explains in a foot-note that they were non affiliates, &c."

Of Grand High Priest Companion Hill he says:

"The address is optimistic from beginning to end. The Grand High Priest seems to have a cup of gratitude filled to overflowing. If we did not feel somewhat the same way about Georgia, we might be tempted to say that the following sounds a trifle pharisaical."

Then quotes the passage in which our Grand High Priest intimated that the Almighty had crowned our whole country with prosperity, "showing partiality to none *unless* to our beloved Alabama."

Then Companion Lambdin strokes the fur the right way in the following:

Then follows a most eloquent description of the resources of the State, all of which we know is true, because we are her "twin-sister."

Companion Lambdin may rest assured that his kind commendation of the writer's report is highly appreciated.

Commenting on the "masterly production on 'Masonic Idols,'" presented by Grand High Priest Hubbard, of Massachusetts, he forcibly says:

"It always thrills our souls to know that our officer can so far live above the mere mechanical part of his duties as to grasp

the *sentiment* of Masonry, and is so gifted in the use of words as to be able to pass it on to his companions and contemporaries.

"We Southerners are occasionally prodded for our fondness for eloquent passages and flowers of speech. God forbid that we should ever let the grinding cares and prosaic duties of life so bind us down that we will cease to soar beyond the clouds, even if only in imagination!"

Under Montana, he says:

"Of our reference to the Dead Sea, constantly receiving and never giving, he (Comp. Hodges) says: 'He is a little off in his allusion to the Dead Sea, for it gives off in vapor more than it receives, and has salt enough to save it.'"

Companion Lampdin cleverly turns the point of the shaft thus:

"Our idea, Companion, was that we each needed to give something helpful to our fellowman. We find plenty of folks giving off 'gas,' but even salt could not save them from utter uselessness."

Comp. J. S. Gable, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

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

ILLINOIS.

56TH ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER, 1905.

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

Active Chapters 190; Total Membership 23,032—net gain 1,364.

A portrait of Comp. George F. Henthorne, Grand High Priest-elect, graces the initial page of this volume of Proceedings. When the Grand Chapter was open, it appeared that all the Grand Officers were in their places, and that seventeen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance at this convocation—a good indication of healthy conditions in Illinois Capitular Masonry.

The Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. was a distinguished visitor, appropriately received.

In the Grand High Priest's address he paid tribute to the memory of the late Comp. William S. Orr, Past Grand High Priest, and to that of the late Comp. Archibald McLellan, Grand Steward.

During the year he had issued two dispensations to ball ot on

petitions in less than legal time, and fifteen to elect and install officers out of time or to fill vacancies.

His ten visitations were, no doubt, profitable to all concerned.

In connection with his notice of Masonic schools, he made the following remarks, which merit the highest commendation:

"In this connection, I cannot refrain from expressing serious objection to the custom practiced by some of our chapters in the introduction of electric mats and other like novelties, entirely foreign to anything contemplated in the ritual, and not at all authorized in the established work. I desire also to register emphatic disapproval of a tendency that seems to be growing, indeed an innovation, in introducing vaudeville as a part of the Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. Music, referred to in the Ritual, contemplates only appropriate vocal or instrumental productions, and not too much of that. At this important moment of the work, a program of songs, dialogues, recitations or other features or facts of a farcical nature, is a descent from the sublime to the ridiculous—an influence diverting the mind from the impressive and striking lessons of the degree, and unfair and unjust to the candidates. An unchecked continuance of this practice may lead to rivalry among the chapters, not as to which 'best can work and best agree,' but which can present the best drawing card in the nature of a variety show."

"Section 18, Grand Chapter By-Laws, Subordinate Chapters, provides that an objection to conferring the degree of Mark Master upon a brother duly elected, shall be entered on record, if not withdrawn within sixty days. It then becomes equivalent to a rejection, notwithstanding the objection being forever precluded."

The Grand High Priest recommended a substitute for the foregoing Sec. 16, which will be in effect, as follows:

When an objection is made to conferring the degree of Mark Master upon a brother elected to receive the chapter degrees, "it shall be valid and entered of record, and shall stand as a law against the candidate for the term of one year, unless sooner withdrawn by the objector. The fee shall be returned to the applicant with information of the fact." No demand can be made for the reason of the objection.

Grand High Priest Goddard does not believe in the life membership idea. He says:

"I suggest that this Grand Chapter prohibit the system by Subordinate Chapters or enact some measure requiring that there be inserted in life-membership certificates a stipulation, 'Not valid when not in good standing in Ancient Craft Masonry.'"

Good!

The reports of the District Officers, (9 districts), and the reports of the Grand Lecturers are, on the whole, quite satisfactory, though attention is called to irregularities on the part of a few chapters, which will, doubtless, be speedily corrected.

The Grand Treasurer reports balance on hand as \$17,413.38.

The report of Comp. Gil W. Barnard, R. V. E. V. Grand Secretary, shows that the Companions made no mistake in choosing him for the responsible office he fills.

The carefully prepared report of the Committee on Obituary was adopted by a rising vote.

Past Grand High Priest Geo. W. Warvelle presented the annual report on Correspondence, which was received and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

On recommendation of the Correspondence Committee (special report), recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand. The question of recognizing the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, was deferred until next Annual for consideration.

The Committee on Credentials reported Representatives of forty-two Grand Chapters present, including Comp P. W. Barclay, for Alabama.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that the Grand High Priest's suggestion of amendment to Sec. 16, of the By-Laws, in regard to objection to an elected brother, be laid over until next Annual for careful consideration.

The committee did not recommend any action on the matter of creating a committee to examine visitors, not recognizing the need of such committee.

The committee concurred with the Grand High Priest in his disbelief in the life membership idea, and recommended prohibitive legislation thereon. Report adopted.

The Grand Council of High Priests received, at their convocation, forty new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To say that the Correspondence report, presented by Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, Committee on Correspondence, is able, puts the case but mildly; it is forceful and greatly enlivened by the introduction of occasional spicy—

even pungent ingredients, yet ever fair-minded and courteous. He reviews all but three Grand Chapters.

Reviewing Alabama-1904, he says our Grand Chapter "is almost an octogenarian. (The writer will be one if he survives until Jan. 1907). He takes exception to our issuing of a "new" charter to a chapter which had lost the original, and asks, why not a duplicate of the old one? With all due respect, we must hold the question unimportant.

He takes the writer roundly to task for citing as "authority" concerning issue of warrants as early as 1717 Mackey's statements respecting Preston's "apochryphal regulation of 1717, and quotes that distinguished Masonic writer, R. F. Gould, to show that Preston is utterly discredited as Masonic authority. We frankly admit that we had no other authority for said remark, and sincerely thank Companion Warvelle for the correction. We have since found in an address before the Grand Lodge of Ireland, delivered by W. J. Chetwode Crawley, R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the following statements:

"During the first half century of its existence, the Grand Lodge of England did not issue charters to its subordinate Lodges."

Again:

The Grand Lodge of Ireland was the first Grand Lodge in the world to furnish its Lodges with charters as evidence of their legal constitution " (About 1730.)

We are always thankful for correction and information. Companion Warvelle has, in this review, made a most entertaining contribution to Masonic literature. True, in our humble opinion, he, in a few instances, lays too much stress on trivial things; but, on the other hand, he evinces broadness of culture, power of intellect in dealing with important questions, challenging our admiration by his manner of handling them.

If at times his expressions appear a trifle sarcastic, still a perusal of all his observations satisfies one that no malice is therein contained.

Comp. Geo. F. Henthorne, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

INDIANA.

60TH ANNUAL—INDIANAPOLIS—OCTOBER, 1905.

Comp. Wm. H. Hamelle, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 107; Chapters U. D. 3; Members 10,040—gain 639.

Portrait—Grand High Priest elect, M. E. Charles Balch.

The goodly number of eighteen Past Grand High Priests attended the Convocation under review, and all but five of the one hundred-seven Chartered Chapters were represented. We are pleased to note that Alabama's minister was at his post, with thirty-two other Grand Representatives.

In opening his address the Grand High Priest made feeling announcement of the death of Past Grand High Priest, George H. Fish, who died May 31, 1905.

After reporting the distinguished Companions of other jurisdictions, of whose decease he had been officially notified, he announced that, of his own jurisdiction, one hundred-forty-eight Companions had died during the year just closed.

He had constituted one Chapter, and had granted, as he had a right to do, four special dispensations, the reasons therefor being sufficient. He had refused several requests which should not have been made. Also dispensations had been issued for organizing three new Chapters.

His few decisions were evidently in accordance with Masonic law.

In regard to a claim and counter claim, between two Chapters, complaining of invasion of jurisdiction, he suggested that "Grand Chapter take jurisdiction and settle the question at issue between said Chapters," it seeming necessary that "the division lines between the two shall be determined by a survey."

The inspection of Chapters prosecuted during the year disclosed the fact that in many of the Chapters irregularities existed. He earnestly recommended that his successors in office continue to inspect annually each Chapter in the jurisdiction, and without expense to Grand Chapter.

He recommended that the General Regulations be so amended as to require each and every petition, either for degrees or membership, to lie over four weeks before the ballot is spread.

From his concluding remarks we learn that a large number of different rituals are used in Indiana. He is fully convinced

that steps should be taken to provide an official ritual for each Chapter. Grand Chapter, he said, could make such provision with the fee for organizing one new Chapter, and furnish each Chapter gratis with a copy. And he recommended that the incoming Grand High Priest appoint a committee to prepare a correct copy of the ritual, and to report at next Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash in bank, October 14, 1905, was the sum of \$5,780.23.

Comp. Calvin W. Prather is undoubtedly one among the best of Grand Secretaries. He made the following satisfactory statement:

"It has been my pleasure for nearly five years past to report all Chapters in good standing, reports made promptly and correctly and all dues paid in full."

An excellent showing for Capitular prosperity in Indiana.

Past Grand High Priest, Simeon S. Johnson, presented his annual review of proceedings of other Grand Chapters, and it was ordered printed with the proceedings.

On recommendation of Special Committee the G. O. R. A. W. in use was changed to that recommended by the General Grand Chapter.

Fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of Connecticut were received through the Representative of that Grand Body.

On favorable report of the Committee on Dispensations, charters were granted to the three Chapters U. D. This brings the number of Chartered Chapters up to 110.

Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that peace and harmony were now prevalent throughout the jurisdiction. Concurred in.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that the rulings of the Grand High Priest were in accordance with Capitular law, but the committee was of the opinion that "where a High Priest vacates his office, and the King and Scribe refuse to discharge the duties of High Priest the Grand High Priest has then authority to issue a dispensation for that purpose"—namely: to fill the vacancy.

The committee recommended the appointment of a special committee on ritual, as suggested by the Grand High Priest, but

also suggested that the legitimate expenses of said committee be defrayed by Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest had recommended that Sec. 85 of the General Regulations be so changed as to require each and every petition either for the degrees or for membership to lie over four weeks before the ballot is spread. The committee, believing that the change would work greater hardship than it would furnish protection against exaltation of unworthy brothers, reported adversely upon said recommendation. The report of the committee was approved.

A Special Committee on Distinguished Dead of other jurisdictions, and the Committee on Necrology, made quite elaborate reports—essays rather—both of which were unanimously adopted by rising vote.

The committee on Death of Past Grand High Priest, Geo. H. Fish, made report, giving the Masonic record of that eminent Companion, and said report was also adopted by unanimous rising vote.

The Grand Representatives present were received in the customary way, and extended to Grand Chapter fraternal greetings of the jurisdictions they represented.

The Council of High Priests elected twenty-four petitioners.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Simeon S. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 47 Grand Chapters, in a paper of eighty-one pages. It is an excellent synopsis of the proceedings reviewed.

Alabama—1904, is given two pages, of which the writer is accorded one line and a half. Thanks. Companion Johnson takes the cream, but leaves the skimmed milk.

Comp. Chas. Balch, M. E. Grand High Priest:

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

INDIAN TERRITORY.

17TH ANNUAL—ADA—APRIL, 1906.

Comp. Eugene Hamilton, Grand High Priest.

Number of active Chapters 51; Number making returns 45; Membership, Dec. 31, 1905, 2,100—Net gain 259.

As per report of the Committee on Credentials, the Grand

Officers were all present; also eight Past Grand High Priests and our Representative, R. E. Wm. H. Essex, together with the Representatives of fourteen other Grand Chapters.

The Grand High Priest said in his address :

"Capitular Masonry is in a satisfactory condition within our bounds; though some of our Chapters are either dead or sleeping; but for the most part a healthy, vigorous condition of Masonic life prevails."

For the delectation of Companion Shaver of Kansas, we note what the Grand High Priest said about his visit to Topeka, Kansas, where the M. E. M. Degree was conferred on a class of 125, thus :

"The work was a revelation, the music very effective and the costuming and scenic effects very impressive"—A fine spectacular exhibition.

Under the heading, Rituals, he said that the ritual of the General Grand Chapter was very difficult to read. He feared an unauthorized key was being used in the jurisdiction. He had seen it used in Chapters during the conferring of degrees, and he said the time had come for Grand Chapter to take action in the premises. He said :

"We should have our own ritual, and it should be published in such a way that a man does not have to stand on his head to read it. The Companions can hardly be blamed for passing by the ritual of the General Grand Chapter and using unauthorized work, for a perusal, or an attempted perusal of the former should be preceded by a season of mental gymnastics and fervent prayer."

He had, in a circular, called upon the several Chapters to contribute to the relief of the widow of the late Jonas A. Lee, P. G. H. P., and the Chapters had heartily responded with the result of clearing the widow's home from debt and otherwise materially assisting her. He issued a touching memorial on the death of Past Grand High Priest Jonas A. Lee; and feelingly recommended obituary pages in the Proceedings for the Fraternal Dead.

He had granted fifteen special dispensations—seven of them

to waive time in balloting on petitions for the degrees; and had issued three dispensations for forming Chapters.

He reported fourteen decisions. We note that in No. 13 he intimated that according to the Constitution no Chapter could charge less than \$30.00 for the degrees, and that in no case can the degrees be conferred until the entire amount of the fee has been paid in, but there being no inhibition against refunding the fees for the degrees, if a Chapter wished to confer the degrees on a minister, a collection of the requisite amount could be taken, or with the consent of the Companions, the fees could be refunded after the degrees were taken.

"The Talequah Imbroglia"—"Some time ago, in a spirit of generosity, and with few members present, and without notice, a bare quorum of the Companions of Talequah Chapter transferred all the right, title and interest of the Chapter to a building in Talequah, in which it had a half interest, to the Blue Lodge of that place, and at the same time turned over to the same Blue Lodge all its funds."

"On being informed of the action, on complaint of several of the Companions, I decided the action of Talequah Chapter to be void, and directed that a Convocation be called, the transfer be set aside, and some arrangement be made by which; though the Blue Lodge should control the Lodge room, yet the property be managed without losing sight of the Chapter's interest in the matter. The Chapter complied but the Blue Lodge refused to take any action, saying that I had no authority in the matter."

The Grand High Priest then informed the Grand Master of Indian Territory of the matter. The latter fully agreed with him that the action of the Chapter, in making said transfer, was illegal, but he had failed to find any law that would justify him in making a decision in the case referred to, it not having come through the Blue Lodge, and asked if he (the G. R. P.) could give him any information on the subject. The substance of his reply was that since the Grand Chapter was a recognized, legitimate Masonic Body, action in a subordinate Lodge affecting the interests of a Chapter should properly be investigated by the Grand Master. Reply to this had not been received. Doubtless the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted. For good reasons he recommended that the charter of — Chapter be arrested.

He had made several visitations, and had only one complaint to make—that was that the Companions visited fed him too well—dyspepsia, indigestion.

There is no discount on Companion Murrow as a model Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$4,816.21.

"A GLADSOME APPROPRIATION."

"Last year at Oklahoma City, Companion W. L. Eagleton, after cordial remarks, moved that the appropriation made by the Committee on Finance for the Orphans' Home in Oklahoma be given to Indian Territory because of the great effort then being made by the Indian Territory Masons to complete the raising of \$50,000 00 for the Orphans' Home Fund. This motion was heartily adopted. At this meeting, just as soon as the report of the Grand Treasurer was read and disposed of, the old Grand Secretary was on his feet with a motion to appropriate one thousand dollars to the effort the Masons in Oklahoma are making to raise a like sum of \$50,000.00 for their Orphans' Home Fund. This motion was adopted unanimously, with cheers, by a standing vote."

We have copied the foregoing because it illustrates the beauty of true Masonry.

The Grand Lecturer had made forty-two visitations (and had attempted two more which failed through the fault of the Chapters referred to) encouraging, and, no doubt, profitable to the several Chapters visited.

Charters were granted to three Chapters U. D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made report, and it was adopted. Among other things, the committee recommended approval of the special dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest, but, for the benefit of future Grand High Priests, suggested, especially, that waiver of time in receiving and balloting on petitions for the degrees should be granted only in most urgent cases.

The committee also recommended approval of eleven of the Grand High Priest's decisions, and approval of the others with some modification thereof.

The Obituary Committee made a short but appropriate report. Adopted.

A resolution was unanimously adopted condemning horseplay or brutality in the conferring of the Capitular degrees.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Joseph Samuel Murrow, Com-

mittee on Correspondence, again presents an excellent report—a review of the Proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters including Alabama—1905. Our jurisdiction is treated most courteously in about a page of mention.

He says:

"The M. E. Grand High Priest, in his address expressed many beautiful and helpful thoughts and speaks most encouragingly regarding the status of Capitular Masonry in old Alabama, saying:—And then he makes a short extract from our M. E. Companion's utterances.

He also says what we all endorse, viz:

"Grand Secretary Beauchamp has the entire confidence and esteem of the Companions."

For his very kind and complimentary reference to the writer, he will please accept our grateful acknowledgment. By the way, Companion Murrow informs us that he is "three score and ten." Well, dear Companion, if our Heavenly Father spares him till Jan. 28, 1907, the writer will be "four score." "For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever."

Comp. Wm. H. Essex, M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

IOWA.

52D ANNUAL—IOWA CITY—SEPTEMBER 1, 1905.

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

Number of Chapters reported, 127; Number represented, 106; Membership, December 31, 1904, 9,658—Net gain 249.

M. E. Companion Lawrence's portrait silently greets us as we open this handsome volume.

We are pleased to see that Alabama's envoy, Past Grand High Priest, William Wilbraham, was reported as present at this convocation. He was one of thirty Grand Representatives who have shown by their presence proper appreciation of the distinction conferred upon them in their appointment to the position in question.

Ten Past Grand High Priests were reported as "on hand." All the Grand Officers were at their posts except the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Principal Sojourner.

A perusal of the Grand High Priest's address impresses us with the fact that he conducted the affairs of the Grand Chapter, during his administration, with an eye single to the interests of the Craft, and without swerving in the least from what he conceived to be his duty. A shining example to his companions.

He had been called upon to issue but one memorial circular during the year. It was on the death of Past Grand High Priest Almon R. Dewey, whose departure might be typified as the falling of "a bright particular star from the Masonic firmament."

Under the head of Fraternal Recognition, he announced the execution of previous order for the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand; and recommended that, at this session, no action be taken looking to recognition of the new Grand Chapter of Western Australia, "but that the request be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence for further inquiry, or at least until such a time as they can adjust their differences at home."

The Grand High Priest reported five decisions made by him. In the first, he decided that a fee should be charged for conferring degrees at the request of a Chapter working under another Grand Jurisdiction, and that the chapter making the request should pay the fees; and in answer to the question, "should the charge be based upon the regular fees of the chapter making the request or on the regular fees of the chapter doing the work, he said:

"Common honesty would indicate that the chapter doing the work should not demand more than their regular fees."

In answer to the question, "can a chapter accept the fees for the degrees as they are conferred?" he replied:

"No. Our law indicates that the entire amount of the fee for all the degrees should accompany the petition."

He decided that a Chapter had a perfect right to provide for the compensation of its Secretary, but that compensation should not include the remission of dues—Section 149, Chapter 41, of Code.

His fifth decision was that an investigating committee has no

right to withhold its report on petition without the consent of the Chapter.

He had granted a number of special dispensations to elect and install officers. He said:

"I have also received some fifteen or twenty applications to receive and ballot on petitions out of time. It is unnecessary to say that these have in all cases been refused. These requests would suggest that at least fifteen or twenty of our chapters are not paying much attention to the changes in our law, or they would be advised that the Grand High Priest has no power to grant such dispensations, and permit me to say that I believe this change to have been a wise one."

We concur with him in that belief.

M. E. Comp. Lawrence, after thoughtful consideration of the question, and study of the arguments *pro* and *con.*, had arrived at the conclusion that membership in a Chapter should be dependent upon membership in the Blue Lodge. He will permit us to intimate that, in our humble opinion, that conclusion was a very just one.

On September 1, 1905, the Grand Treasurer had on hand cash to the amount of \$8,096.84.

In the conclusion of his report Grand Secretary Alf Wingate says:

"It is very gratifying to be able to report that all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction have paid their dues, and also that a large number of the reports made are correct. We still find a very large amount of uncollected dues, as shown by the reports from the several chapters. A few take pride in reporting 'no dues unpaid.'"

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted, in course of the convocation, four reports. The first of these related to amendment of Sections 2 and 7, of Art. XI, of the Constitution, and provided that said sections should read as follows:

"Section 2. The principal sum of said fund" (Charity Fund) shall not be drawn upon. The interest and earnings thereof may be, by the Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund, appropriated to the assistance of aged and infirm Royal Arch Masons, or needy widows or orphans of Royal Arch Masons, but to no other purpose whatever."

"Section 7. That said Board of Trustees shall securely loan or invest such fund, care for it, and pay from it such sums as they may appropriate, and none other. In making loans or investments, they shall give preference to government securities

or loans on unincumbered real estate. No investment shall be made in the securities of any State or municipality outside of Iowa, nor shall any loan on real estate exceed one-third of the actual value thereof."

And the report was unanimously adopted.

The report of the Committee on Necrology (7½ p.p.) was a carefully prepared, somewhat elaborate, but appropriate paper which was adopted.

A special committee on the death of Past Grand High Priest, Alman Ralph Dewey made fitting report, which was adopted.

Past Grand High Priest William F. Cleveland offered an amendment to the law (Section 125), providing that membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Master Mason Lodge. The proposed amendment contained a couple of provisos deemed important. Referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

It is pleasant to note that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals continues to enjoy vacation.

Marshalltown was chosen as the place for next Annual Convocation.

The second report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which was adopted, recommended approval of the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

In its third report the Committee on Jurisprudence presented as a substitute for Companion Cleveland's proposed amendment of Section 125, and for Companion Sourwine's amendment offered in 1904, the following, which was adopted:

"Be it Resolved, That Section 125 be amended so that when amended it will read as follows:

"Section 125. No Chapter shall receive the petition for the degrees, of any Mason who is not affiliated with some regular Lodge of Master Masons. Membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Master Masons; provided however, that a Master Mason may remain unaffiliated after withdrawal from a Lodge for a period of six months without affecting his membership in the Chapter to which he belongs; and, provided further, that a dimitted Master Mason, who has in good faith petitioned for membership in a Lodge and has been rejected therein, shall not forfeit his membership in the Chapter to which he belongs."

The fourth report of the Law Committee, which was also adopted, recommended disapproval of a proposed amendment to

Section 34 of the laws of the Grand Chapter. The object of said amendment was to provide for dissemination of the ritual as adopted in 1881 and approved in 1872.

From the report of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund, it is noted that the Permanent Fund amounts to nearly \$14,000; and that the Board has dispensed in charity the sum of \$350. The Relief Fund amounted to \$1,199 22.

There are twelve memorial pages, artistically prepared, in this handsome volume.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected nineteen new members. The address of President W. F. Cleveland was in excellent taste and replete with salutary thoughts.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The excellent report on Correspondence, the product of the pen, brain and heart of Past Grand High Priest Wm. F. Cleveland, chairman of the committee, in which he well summarizes the transactions of all Grand Chapters whose proceedings have passed under his eye.

Alabama-1901 is accorded very courteous notice. Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken comes in for highly complimentary reference. He alludes to the action of our Grand Chapter upon "that" dependent membership "resolution," which, though supported by a large majority, lacked the requisite two-thirds vote, and says:

"This must have been a disappointment to Companion Titcomb."

Yea, verily, Companion, right you are.

He says of this scribe:

"He writes a most admirable report,"

Thanks, dear Companion, for this very high compliment, notwithstanding that, in all sincerity, the writer cannot see that such praise is merited. All the same we greatly appreciate the intended kindness. He quotes the writer, under Maine, on dependent membership.

As to necessary, actual presence of the charter, he does not agree with us, at least we so infer. In justice to him we quote what he forcibly says on the subject, under Minnesota, thus:

"What a fruitful theme for extremists upon the subject of 'actual presence.' If it is framed and hung on the Lodge room wall it will always be present until it is stolen or destroyed by fire. In that event the Lodge or Chapter must cease to exist. Upon the other hand, if they put it in a tin box and deposit it in a safe or vault for safe keeping its preservation would be assured and the life and existence of the Lodge or Chapter would not be imperiled, but its absence from an important session of either Lodge or Chapter would invalidate the business transacted. So it goes."

Well! well! we are not so very far apart after all, but our Companion seems to be in doubt as to the matter.

Companion Cleveland has done the Guild a valuable thing by preparing a list of the Correspondents, with their terms of service, two years or more.

From his well conceived paragraphs on Dependent Membership we note that only one Grand Chapter in the United States fails to require petitioners for the Chapter degrees to be affiliated Master Masons.

"There are 46 Grand Chapters in the United States; 31 of these are committed to the doctrine of dependent membership."
* * * "Some require immediate affiliation, others allow six or twelve months time in which to re-affiliate, or become involuntary non-affiliate."

"Fifteen Grand Chapters in this country (including Iowa) require" petitioners for the Chapter degrees to be affiliated Master Masons, but allow them to dimit from the Lodge after exaltation without losing their Chapter membership.

Comp. A. V. Storm, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

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

KANSAS.

41ST ANNUAL—TOPEKA—FEBRUARY, A. I. 2438, A. D. 1906.

Comp, Thomas Leonidas Bond, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.
Active Chartered Chapters 84—Members 6,721: Net gain 478.

The summary of Annual Returns contains the following most satisfactory statement, viz: "All Chapters made returns and paid Grand Chapter dues in full."

This volume is enriched with full page portraits of Past Grand High Priests, and with artistically arranged groups—one of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Kansas-1905—

1906, and the other of the General Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter, U. S. A. (The General Grand King looks as though never in his life had he cracked a joke.)

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were in attendance at this Convocation, one of them, Comp. Bertor G. Brown, being Gen. G. M. of 2d veil, Gen. G. C., R. A. M. of the U. S. Alabama's Representative, we are pleased to see, was "on hand" with 31 other Representatives of sister Jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, reported that while the official circle of Grand Chapter remained unbroken, 81 of their Companions in Kansas had paid the debt of nature.

As is the case with most Grand High Priests, he had not been able to make many visitations. He was glad that he had been able to attend "a most illustrious and distinguished Convocation of Topeka Chapter No. 5, Jan. 25, 1905." 121 candidates received the degree of Most Excellent Master, on that occasion—a record breaker. He warmly eulogizes said Chapter. Without in the least questioning the quality of the material taken by Topeka Chapter into the M. E. M. Degree, at that time, we are nevertheless, of the opinion, on general principles, that, in Masonry, retail business is preferable to wholesale.

We note the following recommendations made by the Grand High Priest:

He recommended that \$600 00 be appropriated to defray expenses of delegation to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Boston.

He recommended that the Jurisprudence Committee be "instructed to prepare a standing regulation providing an adequate penalty for the offense of conferring more than two degrees on the same day."

He had, at first favored the opinion that the apron of a Royal Arch Mason should be worn only in conferring the R. A. Degree, but having consulted Mackey's "Book of the Chapter," in which the author "declares that the collars, aprons and Jewels of the Chapter are generally worn in conferring the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master," he recommended reference of the question to the committee on Ritual and Ceremonies with instruction to present a resolution prescribing a rule for the government of the Chapters.

He had issued a dispensation for formation of one new Chapter—a very promising case.

But one decision was submitted:

"This arose upon an appeal from the decision of the High Priest of "— Chapter, No. —. At a stated Convocation of said Chapter held on Friday evening, January 12, 1906, a certain motion was made, to which an amendment was offered. A vote was taken upon the amendment and resulted seven in favor and six against it, whereupon the High Priest voted in the negative and declared the amendment lost. The original motion was then put. Six Companions voted in favor of it and seven against it. The High Priest voted in favor of the motion, thus making a tie vote, and then declared the motion carried. One of the Companions appealed from the decision, and on January 30, 1906, forwarded the same to me for action, insisting that the High Priest had no authority to vote except in case of a tie.

"Your Grand High Priest ruled that the presiding officer of a Chapter was privileged to vote upon any question before the Chapter for consideration; but he should usually vote only in case his vote would affect the result. His ruling that the amendment was lost, was sustained. His ruling that the motion was carried, was reversed.

"If a proposition has a majority of one in its favor, the presiding officer can defeat the proposition by voting in the negative, as it will then lack a majority, and therefore fails. If a proposition pending has a vote of one against it, the presiding officer can vote in favor of the proposition, thus making a tie. The motion even then fails for lack of a majority. The presiding officer cannot vote to make a tie, and then cast another vote to dissolve it."

The Grand High Priest made another recommendation which shows his lively interest in the Masonic Home: He recommended appropriation of \$100.00 for the Home library.

The Grand Treasurer's recapitulation shows, Feb. 6, 1906, balance in General Fund—\$4,709 71; in Charity Fund—\$1,203.73. Total Grand Chapter balance on hand—\$5,913.44.

Grand Secretary Wm. M. Shaver's annual report is painstaking and very complete—first class.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was received and adopted, recommended approval of the decision of the Grand High Priest relative to the rights and prerogative of High Priests while presiding over their Chapters.

The committee approved the Grand High Priest's interpretation of the law requiring fees for special dispensations.

The following will, doubtless, explain this matter:

Kansas law (Masonic) requires that a fee of \$5.00 be paid for each degree conferred out of time. "One of my predecessors

held that when a petition was acted on under dispensation authorizing the waiving of statutory time, all four degrees were conferred out of time, and required the payment of \$20.00 for such dispensation. The M. V. E. did not believe the Chapters should be required to pay \$20.00 for such dispensation. Under their laws, when one degree has been conferred another may be conferred the same day without special dispensation. Therefore he had required—Chapter No.—to pay \$5.00 for each petition, with the understanding that not more than two degree should be conferred in one day upon such petitioner, as should be elected.

As the Kansas law stands, we do not concur.

Under instruction from the Grand Chapter the committee submitted a Standing Regulation, and recommended its adoption, the purpose of which regulation is as follows:

Any Chapter violating the law which prohibits the conferring of more than two degrees on the same candidates in the same day, shall pay to the Grand Secretary \$10.00 for each degree unlawfully conferred, and shall not be entitled to representation in Grand Chapter until such sum shall be paid or remitted; *Provided*, That this regulation shall not exempt such Chapters from liability to the charge of contumacy for violating Grand Chapter law.

On recommendation of Committee on Chapters U. D., a charter was granted to Cherryvale Chapter U. D. A charter was also granted to a number of Companions who had not worked under dispensation. We suppose it was an exceptional case.

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

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected twenty-five qualified Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We come now to the best part of this volume—the report on Correspondence by the R. V. E. Grand Secretary Wm. M. Shaver, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, who, on eighty printed pages, reviews the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Chapters (three for 2 years) making 50 volumes reviewed, and all done with a masterly hand.

Alabama—1905, receives two and one-half pages of fraternal

mention. He styles M. A. E. Grand High Priest Basil M. Hill's address:

"A sensible, compact, business address." He does not believe the address should be padded with a long list of the Fraternal Dead, but that such work should be left to a Committee on Obituary. He speaks of this matter while reviewing Alabama, because we have no Committee on Necrology, and because he thinks we would do well to create such a committee. We concur personally.

He mildly criticises our large number of dispensations to waive time in conferring degrees. The writer's own views respecting that subject are too well known to require repetition. He notes the well merited commendation of Grand Secretary, George A. Beauchamp's splendid work since he assumed his important office. Also our failure to secure recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and devotes nearly a page to that subject. When we have the support of such thinkers as Companions Shaver and Barlow—why, we feel better. Companion Shaver says;

"If Alabama waits until Scotland recognizes, it will wait a long while unless that Body experiences a 'change of heart.'"

He calls the writer's annual report "interesting and instructive;" presently, however, noting our preference for plain ritual in Chapter as well as Lodge, such as would appeal to the hearts of men like those who met "in the Lodge room over Simkins' store", he jumps upon us "with both feet" thus:

"We notice that the men who meet 'in the Lodge room over Simkins' store' get into more palatial quarters as soon as their pocket-books will justify it."

Surely, you would not blame them if they did so, Companion? But—we would be willing to wager an ostrich against an English sparrow that if such men had to choose between comforting and relieving the suffering, on one hand, and beautifying their Lodge, on the other, the embellishment of their Lodge room would have to wait until the call of humanity had been answered.

Companion Shaver is an earnest advocate of dependent membership—at all events, he is glad to note that Companion Cleveland of Iowa, is "an earnest advocate" thereof.

He does not concede the right of a Grand High Priest to make a Royal Arch Mason at sight. Neither do we.

He approves the Grand Representative system when it is properly maintained.

It is a distinct pleasure to the writer to find himself in accord with Companion Shaver on many questions.

Comp. Edw. W. Waynaut, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. M. Shaver, R. E. Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

88TH ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER, 1905.

Comp. Jas. H. Ewalt, M. E. Grand High Priest,

Whole number of Chapters 91; Free members (?) 314; Present members 5,581.

This Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter consisted of the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, twenty-seven Past High Priests and eighty-eight representatives of subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this volume, tenderly remembered, in his address, the late Past Grand High Priest, Comp. William Ryan, who died November 13, 1904.

He reported sixty-four dispensations granted for waiver of time in conferring degrees.

Five decisions were submitted by the Grand High Priest. Four of those rulings, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, were approved, with a modification of decision No. 3, which ruled that when a member of a Chapter ceases to be a member of his Lodge, he is dropped from the roll of the Chapter, but only after due notice with an opportunity to be heard. The Jurisprudence Committee did not concur in the apparently expressed opinion of the Grand High Priest that the Companion is entitled to any notice by the Chapter, or opportunity to be heard before he can be dropped from the roll of his Chapter. While courtesy demands that the Lodge notify the Chapter that said member has been dropped, and that the Secretary of the Chapter notify the Companion that he is dropped, he is not legally entitled to any notice before such action is taken.

Committee's report was adopted.

Under the head of "Rituals," the Grand High Priest said :

"The question of distribution and preservation of our ritual is a perplexing one. The Grand Chapter has printed nearly 800 copies. Of the first edition over 100 copies are unaccounted for. They were received by Chapters, and retiring officers either would not return them, or lost them, and they cannot be produced."

Now surely that "perplexing question" would have been obviated, had they confined themselves to the "mouth to ear" practice.

Among the Grand High Priest's recommendations we note the following :

"I recommend that one Companion be selected to review the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, in lieu of three as provided in Section 1, Article 5, to be known as 'Reporter of the Doings of other Grand Chapters,' as he is in no sense a Correspondent, nor is it a report on correspondence, but on doings or actions."

The name to be given said committee, whether composed of one or several companions, does not appeal to the writer as very weighty matter, but *de gustibus, &c.* We raise no objection to the suggestion of our M. E. Brother.

Grand High Priest, Comp. Ewalt, manifested a staunch friendship for the Homes, and urged the Companions to show their interest by visiting them, assuring them that their visits would be greatly appreciated, especially by the aged and infirm brethren in the Old Masons' Home.

At the opening of Grand Chapter, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was \$5,525.83.

The resources of the Grand Chapter, examined and approved Oct. 17, 1905, amounted to \$9,308 00.

In the Grand Secretary's report we note that of three cases referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence one was against a certain Chapter "for non-payment of dues and failing to make returns or send representatives 10 years." Why was that Chapter suffered to remain delinquent for so long a period without being disciplined therefor? The Charter of another Chapter was arrested for like delinquency of 3 years standing.

Comp. W. W. Clarke presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was ordered printed with the proceedings.

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters U. D. Charters were granted to four such Chapters, also a duplicate Charter was granted free of cost to a Chapter which had lost the original by fire.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, and exchange of Representatives arranged for.

The Finance Committee made an important statement and a recommendation which was most timely. The committee said receipts exceeded disbursements by \$2,500.00, and recommended donation of \$500.00 to Old Masons' Home. Adopted.

The Committee on Grievances had but one case on its docket, its report on which, and recommendation thereto attached, were adopted.

The Committee on Necrology fitly discharged its melancholy duty.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion W. W. Clarke again submits his annual report on fraternal correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of all Grand Chapters which came under his inspection, in a report embraced by seventy-six pages of print. This report is made up of brief records of transactions, happy selections, and pithy and pertinent comments. The entire production richly merits our attentive perusal.

Our Companion gives Alabama-1904, a trifle over a page and one-half of fraternal notice.

Grand High Priest, Chas. R. Bricken's address is characterized as "admirable." He pounces down upon the writer for commending the refusal of the Grand High Priest in West Va. to grant a dispensation to recirculate the ballot, the plea being that a black ball had been cast under a mistake as to the candidate's identity. We had remarked that Companions should exercise more care in respect of the sacred duty of balloting on candidates.

Thus comes Companion Clarke in his criticism :

' True, so far as the sacred duty goes; but how about the fellow who was taken for some one else, and who suffered without fault on his part.'

We can only reiterate that Companions should be very careful

in that matter of balloting. The inconvenience to the candidate of waiting awhile until the mistake can be rectified without impairing the value of the secret ballot, is to be regretted; but better so than to tinker with the said secret ballot. But, then he proceeds to smooth our ruffled plumage thus;

"Having mildly urged an objection to one of our good Companion's comments, candidly, for the reason that, in our judgment, he was wrong, as was the High Priest," (the p. d., no doubt, left off the word Grand) "whom he commended, we shall now, not from a sense of duty, but because it gives us pleasure, and for the further reason that it is essentially and intrinsically right, quote with highest commendation, if that be of value, these manly words, and words of wisdom, in defense of Symbolic Masonry, from his review of Maine."

Then he quotes the remarks in defense of the Blue Lodge which the writer made, under Maine. Rest assured, Companion Clarke, that your kind words are highly appreciated.

Comp. Albert A. Hazelrigg, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. H. B. Grant, R. E. Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

59TH ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS—FEBRUARY, 1906.

Comp. Geo. W. Booth, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 25; Members, 2,046—Net gain, 167.

All the Grand Officers, except the Grand Lecturer and Grand R. A. Captain, were present; also nine Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of twenty Grand Bodies, Alabama being included.

The address of the Grand High Priest covers but four pages of print; nevertheless, he says, in that limited space, all that was needful to be said.

He feelingly announced the death of two Grand and two Past Grand Officers, viz: Grand R. A. Captain, Henry M. Dauncell, and Grand Lecturer, Curtis T. Hines; and Past Deputy Grand High Priest, John S. Alfred, and Past Grand Captain of the Host, Thos. R. Reynolds.

Two special dispensations, clearly within his prerogative, had been issued, but he had refused to permit a Chapter to waive

time in receiving and balloting on a petition for the degrees. He said:

The character of every applicant should be, we are taught, 'carefully examined with a scrutinizing eye,' which could not be done should this salutary rule of four weeks delay be disregarded or dispensed with."

Under "State of the Order," he said:

"While there has been no 'boom' in Capitular Masonry in Louisiana during my incumbency of the office of Grand High Priest, there has been a healthy, steady, encouraging growth. * * * *"

He pays tribute to the invaluable services of the Grand Secretary—Companion Richard Lambert (P. G. H. P.).

In his conclusion he favors the one-year term of office.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was \$1,843.62.

Grand Secretary Lambert reported that all the chartered chapters had made returns and paid Grand Chapter dues.

M. E. Companion Duncan, having been ill several months, was allowed further time to prepare his report on Foreign Correspondence.

Nothing having been referred to the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, said committee submitted no report.

The Representatives of sister Grand Chapters present were introduced, welcomed, received with the "Private Grand Honors" and escorted to seats in the Grand East.

The M. E. Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected nine new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Herman C. Duncan, with wonted marked ability, reviewed the proceedings of forty-three Grand Chapters (one for 2 years), including Alabama-1904 which he accords half a page of courteous mention. He says the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence takes up four-fifths of volume—that it is an exhaustive report, not to the reader, but of the subject, "for he takes the trouble"? "to count the number of P. G. H. P.s, present at the several convocations, together with the P. D. G. H. P's, P. G. S.s, &c. We note this, not by way of criticism, but to show how such an extended report can be compiled."

The reason Companion Duncan gives for calling the writer's report "exhaustive" is that we count the P. G. H. P.s present, as well as some other Past Grand Officers. We do this because it seems worth while to note how many men, having received the highest honors in the gift of Grand Chapter, continue to manifest their interest in its meetings by their presence. "Exhaustive"? Why, dear Companion, how can putting down the number of P. G. H. P.s present make a greatly extended report?

Concluding, Companion Duncan throws at the writer the following sugar-plum, reminding us thereby of the mother who, having spanked a child, gives it a sweetmeat to stop its crying:

"The report is gracefully written and is thorough."

For this last line of the Companion's review of Alabama the writer makes his profoundest bow.

This volume of Proceedings is handsomely executed.

Comp. Robert R. Reid, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Comp. Richard Lambert (P. G. H. P.), R. . E. . Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

81ST ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY, 1906.

Comp. Wm. N. Howe, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Chapters working—59; all making returns. Chapters represented, 54. Members, April 1, 1906, 7,327—Net increase 306.

Amount of Charity Fund, \$8,144.91. Paid in charity from income, \$320.

Exalted during the year, 480.

All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Chapter representatives being present, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. We note that Comp. James M. Nevens, our Representative, was not reported as one of the thirty-two Grand Representatives present. Eleven Past Grand High Priests answered roll call, as did seven other Permanent Members.

The Grand High Priest's business like address was short (5½ pp.) After its conclusion, he submitted the reports of the visiting Grand Officers. The cursory inspection we have been able to give these reports made by the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King, the Grand Scribe,

and the District Deputies, discloses the fact that, in Maine, Capitular Masonry is in a flourishing condition. He submitted no decisions.

The report of Grand Treasurer Leander W. Forbes shows that the finances of Grand Chapter are in good shape.

We suppose there is not, in all our wide borders, a more faithful and efficient Grand Secretary than R. E. Companion Stephen Berry, of Maine. From his brief report we quote the following significant words: "I need only say that nothing is left on my desk unattended to."

Companion Herbert Harris presented the report of the Committee on Memorials. It goes without saying that the sad duty was fitly performed.

The Annual Report of Companion Herbert Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was accepted and permission given to add later proceedings.

A special report from the same committee, in view of the fact that England and Scotland had declined to recognize the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, recommended that the subject of recognition of that new Grand Chapter be deferred until after the coming convocation of Grand Chapters, when the matter would doubtless come up for action. Adopted.

The same committee recommended that "hearty, though tardy, welcome be extended to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, and that an exchange of representatives be requested."

"Report accepted and recommendation adopted."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported: No business, and the report was accepted.

The Jurisprudence Committee, after a quite elaborate report on the history of capitular legislation as to proxies and voting, submitted its opinion as follows:

"First. That a Grand Officer cannot be represented by proxy nor can a Permanent Member be so represented."

Second. That a Chapter can be represented by its High Priest, King and Scribe, or by a proxy appointed for each of them if the commission on such proxy is issued by each of these officers under his own hand."

"Third. That each of those officers can issue his proxy to the same person, and that person may be a Permanent Member of this Grand Chapter or a member of a subordinate chapter under this jurisdiction."

"Fourth. That in voting, each elective and appointed office

has one vote in his own right, and no more; that each Permanent member has one vote in his own right.' "

Owing to the conflict of the wording of the Constitution on the subject of "proxies" and "voting," the committee was of the opinion:

"*First.* That the practice previous to revision of 1860, (which was that every chapter should be represented by its High Priest, King and Scribe in person, or by their respective proxies at every convocation of Grand Chapter)—The word 'should' has been changed to 'shall'—should be observed, and that no member of this Grand Chapter or his proxy should cast more than two votes, either in his own right or in his own right and as proxy."

"*Second.* To avoid further difficulty on this matter we submit the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

'Amend Section 3, of Article I of the Constitution, by adding to said section the words: 'And no companion shall be proxy for more than one absent member.' "

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made two other reports—one of these treating of the territorial jurisdiction of a certain chapter, and the other declaring that a chapter which presumed to abridge the ceremonies of the Mark Degree, was liable to discipline at the hands of the Grand High Priest.

Twenty-five candidates were elected by the Council of the Order of High Priesthood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Companion Herbert Harris furnishes his fourth excellent report on Correspondence. Alabama-1905 receives courteous and fraternal attention covering a page and one-half of the printed matter. He lays the writer under obligation for kind personal mention.

He quotes Companion Bennett's slightly sarcastic comment on the writer's vindication of dependent membership, and does so sympathetically, we infer.

Reviewing the address of Illinois' Grand High Priest, he says—and we endorse:

"We say 'amen' to his emphatic disapproval of various novelties introduced into the work of certain chapters. Companions who approve of that sort of thing can have no adequate conception of what our rites are intended to teach; those who would convert our ceremonies into a vaudeville entertainment have no

proper place in a Royal Arch Chapter; we should think the 'Shrine' a fitter place for their talents, though we speak without experimental knowledge of that organization."

Under the same jurisdiction he thus goes for Companion Warvelle:

"At last, Comp. Warvelle confesses the source of much of that profundity of erudition with which he has astonished us humble scribes of one talent or less; it is 'that rare compend of Oriental wisdom entitled 'Telmenow Isitsoornot.' He owns to having 'often having consulted its pages,' and doubtless keeps it at his elbow, along with the latest edition of 'Hoozhoo' and the Guides to Weissnichtwo and Dinnakenland, and we need no longer be awe-struck at what we find in his writings."

We have omitted very much of interest in this meaty report, for lack of space," and conclude with the following under North Carolina:

Under North Carolina, Companion Harris says:

"Under Kansas he discusses the different methods of proceeding from one degree to the next, and thinks each 'lodge' should be closed before the next is opened.

"Why act as if there were several different organizations? There is one chapter, and that is all there is to it. If it is necessary to confer the first degree, open the chapter 'on the Mark degree,' or open the chapter 'as a lodge of Mark Masters;' the mere form of words makes little difference. If it is then desirable to confer the Past Master's degree on the same evening, suspend work, or close work in the Mark degree, and take up work in the Past Master's degree, and so on. Your one organization is open all the time till you close at the end of the evening. When you close, on the highest degree on which you have worked during the evening, you close the whole thing, once for all; whereas, if you close on each degree, you have held several meetings of your organization, that is, of your chapter, in one and the same evening.

"In Maine, if one of the preliminary degrees is to be conferred at a stated convocation, the chapter is first opened on the Royal Arch degree, and the business is transacted on that degree. Then it is announced that 'work in the Royal Arch degree will be suspended,' and work in the other degree is 'taken up in its stead,' omitting the usual ceremonies. At the close of the work, it is announced that work in that degree is closed, and work in the Royal Arch degree is taken up in its stead; the minutes are read and the chapter is closed on the Royal Arch degree. The chapter has been open all the time, some times in one degree

and sometimes in another, but only one convocation has been held."

Comp. James E. Blanchard, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Comp. Stephen Berry, R. . E. . Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

Always neat and in the best style of the printing art, comes "Maryland, My Maryland" to our table. A very artistic portrait of Comp. Chas. McDonald, M. . E. . Grand High Priest, graces the first page of this volume, in which we find records of the 108th Annual—Baltimore—November, 1905.

Chartered Chapters 21; U. D. 1—Members 2,576; Net gain 112.

The Annual Convocation under review was held in the city of Baltimore, Nov. 23d, with all but three of the Grand Officers in their places, a quorum of representatives of subordinate Chapters, seven Past Grand High Priests, 18 Past High Priests, and Representatives of 23 sister Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama included. (We note that no Representative of Maryland G. C. near Alabama G. C. had been recommended up to time of going to press.)

The address of the M. . E. . Grand High Priest occupies but a little more than five pages of the printed proceedings, still it covers all the ground.

On Condition of the Order, he said:

"It is a pleasure to be able to report the Craft in splendid condition. Our Subordinate Chapters are prosperous, and doing good work. Neither envy nor discord are known among us, and harmony prevails throughout the confines of our jurisdiction; and having in mind the fact that numerical strength is not all that goes to make a successful Chapter, our subordinate bodies are exercising due care and diligence in the selection of their members, and as a result, the material which they are receiving is fully up to the average in every particular."

His official visitations had not been so numerous as he had intended they should be, but he said that the Grand Lecturer, Comp. Dukehart, reported having visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction, and they, without exception, were in a satisfactory condition, and showing considerable proficiency in the work, and a general knowledge of the usages and regulations of the

Craft. That Comp. Dukehart, of whom he could not speak too highly, reported the Chapters, generally, in better condition than ever before.

For good and sufficient reasons he had granted seven special dispensations, and had, on the strong recommendation of the Grand Lecturer, issued his dispensation for the organization of one new Chapter.

He had submitted no decisions—a good omen.

After highly commending the self-sacrificing devotion of the faithful and efficient Grand Secretary, the Grand High Priest recommended that Grand Chapter take some action in respect of compensating that officer for the sacrifices he is making for the benefit of the Craft.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, in accordance with the Grand High Priest's suggestion, recommended that memorial pages be set apart to the fraternal dead.

The Committee approved all the dispensations granted save one—which gave permission to —— Chapter No. —, to receive and act on an application for the degrees at the same Convocation. Further, the committee heartily approved the recommendation in regard to remuneration of the Grand Secretary, and recommended that his salary be raised to \$500 00 per annum. Report adopted except that the part relating to the Grand Secretary's salary, being an amendment of the Constitution, has to lie over.

The Grand Treasurer's balance in bank was the sum of \$2,830.53, Nov 30, 1905.

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

The Committees on Grievances, and on Unfinished Business, each had the pleasure of reporting that nothing had been submitted to it for consideration.

Companion Schultz's report on Correspondence was ordered to be bound with the Proceedings.

St. John's Chapter No. 19, Baltimore, it appears, is, in respect of numbers, the banner Chapter of the State—545 members.

A sum not to exceed \$300 00 was appropriated to defray expenses to the General Grand Chapter, June, 1906. The Council of M. E. High Priests of Maryland, Anointed, Consecrated and Set Apart to the Order of High Priesthood, nine High Priests-elect.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is with pleasure unfeigned that we find that able, veteran reviewer, Companion Edward T. Schultz, still at the reportorial helm. Long may he so continue. We can sympathize with him in the desire, if it be the pleasure of The Great I AM, to "die in harness."

Companion Schultz reviews the proceedings of 52 Grand Chapters with the skill of a master.

Alabama-1904, is most fraternally treated. He is pleased to note that the proposition, "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," failed of adoption.—Not so the writer.

He says that the Grand High Priest of Alabama, and the committee on his address highly commended the writer's report on Correspondence, urging all the Companions to read it carefully; then Companion Schultz adds:

"We would like to do this ourself, but must be content with having read to us extracts. He does not spare himself or the printer in his reviews, but reads every report carefully and quotes and comments freely. If there is a weak spot anywhere he is sure to find it and expose it to view. He is not restricted, as we are, to 75 pages, and this year he covers 163 pages of finer type than ours."

Very good of you, Companion, but doubtless we deserve the irony conveyed in your intimation that we do not spare the printer—for perhaps we *are* too diffuse.

He does us the honor to extract somewhat largely from our report. He quotes without comment our remarks on Prerogative; and reproducing what Companion Drummond, the lamented Correspondent of Maine, had said, arguing that Symbolic Masonry needed no help, as a foundation, from the superstructure, that it is perfectly able to take care of itself, &c., Companion Schultz does us the justice to quote our comment which was as follows:

"Upon the foregoing, which was one of the 'last Masonic utterances' of the distinguished and greatly lamented Josiah H. Drummond, we had forborne to make any comment. Since, however, Companion Schultz has quoted it in full, with his approval, we may, doubtless, take the liberty of saying a word in reply to our Maryland contemporary."

"In the first place we must protest that, in our contention on behalf of the Blue Lodge, we were far—very far from arguing the matter from a money point of view. We were not thinking about revenue. If slang may be admissible, the shekels were not 'in it.' But we were influenced by a feeling that it was not the part of a true Mason to turn his back upon those sacred precincts within which he received light, and from whose ceremonies he had derived these most impressive lessons. All there is of Ancient Craft Masonry is found in the Blue Lodge."—Honeycomb the foundation and the superstructure is bound to collapse.

"If a Mason must, under stress, leave some of the Masonic Bodies, surely the Lodge should be the last one to be forsaken."

* * * * "With the greatest respect for both the memory of the departed Companion Drummond, and the character and attainments of Companion Schultz, we beg to insist that the foregoing quotation did not answer our contention."

Whereupon, Companion Schultz flings aside the argument with the following.

"All very pretty and seemingly plausible, but it is altogether sentimental. Now perhaps every Brother, as the old regulations say, *ought* to be a member of a particular Lodge, but this does not mean that he *shall*, or he *must*, under penalty of excommunication from the Fraternity."

"Sentimental", is it? Well! with such sentiment every true Mason should be imbued, it seems to us. Throw away sentiment and you make void our cardinal principles. Sentiment rules the world. The "old regulation" which Companion Schultz cites—"Every Brother *ought* to belong to a particular Lodge," comes in pat at this juncture.

Under Colorado, our esteemed Companion says:

"In Maryland, both in Lodge and Chapter, an objection after ballot has the same effect as a black ball, and this right extends even after the applicant had received one or more degrees, and we hold that this is correct and in full harmony with the spirit of the fraternity, that a Brother or Companion has the right to object to the admission into fellowship, at any and every stage."

Quoting a decision of the Grand High Priest of Connecticut, "That as the possession of the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters' degrees is a prerequisite to receiving the Royal Arch Degree in this jurisdiction, no Royal Arch Mason, who had not received these degrees, could be admitted as a visitor in any Royal Arch Chapter in Connecticut, which is in accordance with

the Regulations of the General Grand Chapter," Companion Schultz, says:

"This is quite a serious matter, and it seems to us the rule might be relaxed, at least to the extent of allowing our English Companions to sit with us in all the degrees except that of Past Master. And even in that degree where would be the harm of putting the visitor in the class with the candidates and conferring upon him the degree, thus healing the deficiency and bringing him up to the standard of our American system."

On this matter we are with Companion Schultz.

In our personal opinion, it (the P. M. Degree) should be eliminated from the Capitular work. It has no business there. If it belongs anywhere, it belongs to Symbolic Masonry.

We have marked several passages in Companion Schnitz's instructive report, for notice, but must now desist with just a word in reference to the Grand Chapter of Western Australia. Companion Schultz thinks it would be wrong to extend the hand of fellowship to that new Grand Body in advance of recognition being accorded it by England and Scotland. Under the circumstances we cannot agree with our Companion of Maryland as to that matter. We have elsewhere expressed our views on that subject, so will here refrain from so doing.

Comp. James F. Allen, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Comp. John H. Miller, R. . E. . Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

58TH ANNUAL—SAGINAW—JANUARY, 1906.

Comp. Thos. H. Williams, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Active Chapters, 140; Membership, 17,070—Net gain for the year, 603.

The constitutional number of chapters being represented, Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form May 15, 1906. Eighteen Past Grand High Priests attested their interest in the Royal Craft by being present at this convocation.

The frontispiece of this handsome volume exhibits, in the portrait of Grand High Priest Williams, the face of a well-beloved, practical character, and in his address conspicuously shine his benevolent instincts. The Grand High Priest is evi-

dently a man who has a heart, and a big one at that. His intelligent administration of affairs speaks for itself. His feeling announcement of the death of companions—notably the final departure of the Grand Chaplain, and of the Grand Lecturer, warmly touches the chords of sympathy. Then, too, his deep interest in the Home appeals strongly to his Companions. He does not wish that institution to be simply a 'Poor House,' but in reality a Home, with all that the term implies.

The Grand High Priest submitted fourteen decisions, a few of which we excerpt. The Association of United Travelers of Michigan had applied to him for his consent to their renting of the Masonic hall for their meetings.

He held that the rule which prohibited the Lodge from occupying a room in connection with any non-Masonic organization, would equally apply to the Chapters. Accordingly he withheld his consent.

Third Ruling.—If a Brother withdraws from a Blue Lodge, and remains unaffiliated for twelve months, his membership in his Chapter is thereby terminated.

Sixth.—"Brother ———, a member of a Lodge in England, has sat in our Lodge, now wishes to visit our Chapter, frankly admitting that he was not in possession of the M. M. M. degree, the P. M. and the M. E. M., which are not required in England, where he was made a Royal Arch Mason."

The Grand High Priest held that, if the Chapter so desired, and satisfactory evidence of the Companion's good standing was presented, it could heal him by conferring the missing degrees, viz: M. M. M., P. M., and M. E. M., and then admit him.

Ninth.—"At our last regular convocation, the ballot was passed to confer the degrees of the Chapter and a Brother found clear, and he was declared elected. Now, a Companion who was present and voted, claims that he cast a black ball, and objects to the conferring of the degrees. The High Priest, King and Scribe are all positive that the ballot was clear. I am directed to ask how to proceed in this case."

Answer.—First, the High Priest having declared the ballot clear and the candidate elected, the record should so stand. Second, the objection will so stand; and you should enter the facts on your records, showing that objection has been made."

Thirteenth.—"In the event of a suspended member applying for reinstatement, is he required to pay dues for the time be-

tween suspension and petition for reinstatement, together with arrearages accrued at time of suspension?"

"*Answer*.—No. He should pay all arrearages due at time of suspension. While relations are severed by suspension the Companion is not entitled to any benefits, and cannot be held for dues during that period." Good doctriens.

Under the head of Recommendations, he said:

"After a member has been a faithful worker in the Masonic vineyard for a quarter of a century or more, we should release him from all the burdens of life in our power so to do. I would, therefore, recommend that Article XX, Edicts of Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Michigan, be amended by striking out the word 'seventy' where it appears, and inserting the words 'sixty-five' instead, which would make the age of emeritus members sixty-five years in place of seventy, as it now stands."

He recommended that the sum of \$500 be contributed to the San Francisco sufferers from the awful calamity of April, 1906. This was done.

He had issued five special dispensations to waive time in conferring degrees.

Under the head of official visits, he intimated that he had found that many of the Chapters create an interest in the work, and add very much to the attendance, by exchanging visits. This practice met his hearty approval, and he trusted it would continue.

He recommended increase of the salary paid to the indefatigable and most efficient Grand Secretary, whose onerous duties increase year by year.

The Grand Chapter's strong box is far from being empty, the Grand Treasurer's balance cash, after all disbursements, being \$8,187.91.

In his painstaking and complete report the Grand Secretary makes a suggestion which is worthy of consideration. He says that he has sometimes wished that the Secretary of the Chapter could be made one of the two representatives to which each Chapter is entitled. The thought is pregnant with possibilities—nay, probabilities for good. That officer would more fully realize the importance of his office; he would more promptly dispatch the business thereof—especially as to correspondence with the Grand Secretary; further, it would greatly increase his in-

terest the Royal Craft; and consequently his Chapter would derive much benefit from his zeal and activity.

"The Grand Secretary explained that, by the aid of the notes and memoranda made by the late Grand Lecturer Lewis C. Goodrich, Mrs. Goodrich had, at the request of Grand High Priest Williams, prepared a report of schools held and work done up to the fatal night, that record might be preserved of the same. As Mrs. Goodrich had written many of his reports from his dictation, she was more familiar with them than others."

The Grand Secretary then read said report, which, on motion, was received and ordered printed in the proceedings, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to write to that lady, expressing the thanks and gratitude of Grand Chapter for her comprehensive and beautifully written report."

We have read said report and heartily endorse the foregoing commendation.

Part Grand High Priest, Comp. Hugh McCurdy, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported from the same as follows:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand High Priest, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the same and compared them with the constitution, laws and by-laws of this Grand Body, and find the same to be correct. We congratulate the Grand High Priest upon his able and faithful discharge of the duties of his high office, and he has brought the Royal Craft together in peace and harmony by his wise and judicious management."

"In discharging his duties he has ably brought to bear equity and law in the decisions of all questions submitted to him, and we commend him for his wise and judicious action in so artistically combining equity and law to the satisfaction of the brethren and the honor of the Royal Craft, and we recommend that his decisions be accepted and approved."

Report adopted.

The same committee, reporting upon the case of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, said:

"In view of the present insufficient light upon the subject, and the seeming disagreement between the Grand Chapters in question, we would recommend that no action be taken towards the recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia until such time as the differences between it and the

Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland may be amicably settled, or further information advanced."

Also adopted.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries occupies twelve and one-half pages of this volume. It was adopted. Many of the tributes to departed worth, therein contained, were very full and complete—and will be treasured up by the more immediate friends of the deceased.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals was jubilant over its empty docket.

The facile pen of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Hugh McCurdy, was employed to formulate tributes of respect to the late Companions, The Rev. Francis Asbury Blades and The Rev. David Burnham Tracy. He who can measure up to the character delineated in the following, must be a true Mason and a true man:

"He accepted all, he absorbed all, and he was above all. He had frankness, and he was as candid as light. He was willing that all the sons of men should be acquainted with his heart and brain. He had nothing to conceal. Frank, candid, pure, serene and noble. He was not afraid to live; not afraid to speak his thoughts, neither was he afraid to die. In his brain were the blessed remains of the day; and in his heart were mingled the dawn and dusk of life. He was not afraid—cheerful every moment—the laughing nymphs of day did not desert him. They remained that they might clasp the hand of the veiled and silent sisters of night, and when they did come Brother Tracy stretched his hands to both—one side the nymph of day, on the other the silent sister of the night. And so, hand in hand, between smiles and tears, he reached his journey's end."

"From the frontier of life, from the western wave-kissed shore, he sends us messages of content and hope. And those messages now seem like strains of music blown by the mystic trumpeter from death's pale realm. And I lay this poor wreath upon this good man's tomb: I loved him living and I love him dead."

Through its President, the Board of Control of the Masonic Home made a very satisfactory report on the condition of the institution. There were 51 inmates of the Home, and the weekly cost of maintenance was \$3 60.

Total receipts during the year \$11,852 50; total disbursements, \$9,600, about.

Next Annual at Port Huron, May, 1907,

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Grand Secretary's salary was raised to \$800 per annum. Well merited

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence (153 pp.), reviewing the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Chapters, presented by R. A. E. V. Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover, committee, is a clear cut discriminating synopsis of the several volumes reviewed. Companion Conover is by no means disposed to be a controversialist; all the same, when occasion arises, he does not hesitate to express his opinion in unmistakable language.

The lateness of Michigan's advent to our table must be the excuse for very brief notice of this fine report.

His review of Alabama-1904 is the one before us, and it is truly fraternal. On account of that anti-dependent membership action which our Grand Chapter took year before last, he says:

"Alabama is one of the very few Jurisdictions which refuses to recognize the almost universal law."

He makes very kind remark about the writer's report on Foreign Correspondence; then pounces down upon him, just as a hawk swoops down upon a poor, innocent chicken, in the following (because the writer had presumptuously said, in reference to Grand High Priest Maynard's caution to High Priests, against carelessness with rituals, "Ah! Companions, how much trouble would be avoided by having no printed ritual"):

"I want to ask Companion Titcomb which gives the most trouble, to have an authorized printed ritual and allow no other copy, or to have 'Tom, Dick and Harry' making all the copies desired to work of any Grand Jurisdiction they choose? It is the experience in Michigan that we have less trouble and more uniform work since adopting the printed ritual, and we have converted even those opposed originally to the proposition."

Question begets question. Would Companion Conover undertake to carry in his hands at once all the authorized rituals now in possession of R. A. Masons in this State, even under the reign of the standard ritual? As to his question, we do not hesitate to reply that, if it were made a Masonic offence to use, possess or own—and the rule were *enforced*—a printed or written ritual of *any* kind, the trouble consequent upon carelessness in handling

rituals would vanish into thin air, and wherever a "book" bobbed up down would come the vengeance of the law.

The striking features of those three worthies—Past Grand High Priest Finch, Grand Lecturer Goodrich and Past Grand Chaplain Tracy—add much to the attractiveness of this volume.

Com. Clark E. Spencer, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Comp. Chas. A. Conover, R. . E. . Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

44TH ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER, 1905.

Comp. George Forsyth, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters 61; Represented 54; Membership 8,254—
Net gain 162.

At the Convocation under review, besides the Grand Officers and a quorum of representatives, there were reported present seventeen Permanent Members—twelve of them Past Grand High Priests—and Representatives of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions, including Companion James Kelly for Alabama.

The address of the Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the initial page of this volume, is a plain, businesslike paper. He feelingly paid tribute to the memory of departed Companions—notably to that of the late Past Grand High Priest, Comp. William Parker Jewett.

He had issued two dispensations to open new Chapters, but had refused a petition for permission to open a new Chapter in the city of St. Paul, because it was not supported by recommendation of all the Chapters in said city. He had granted several special dispensations, four of which were permissions to receive and ballot on petitions for the degrees at the same Convocation.

The Grand High Priest had made a few visitations, but had been prevented from making many more, by serious illness which had confined him to his bed nearly two months. His visit to the office of the R. . E. . Grand Secretary, caused him to bestow high commendation upon that very efficient officer.

His two recommendations were of especial interest to none outside of Minnesota.

Under Condition of the Craft he said;

"From a careful examination of the Grand Inspector's reports, I find our Chapters are generally prosperous and peace and harmony prevail. Twenty per cent. are carrying no insurance. I earnestly urge upon the Companions to carry a sufficient amount to cover furniture and paraphernalia. The charters are nearly all kept in tin tubes or deposited in safes, very few being framed and hanging on the walls of Chapter rooms. Nearly all the Chapters are well equipped with furniture, robes and paraphernalia, and their assets, with the exception of three or four, show a balance on the right side of the ledger. Many Companions have failed to record their marks; I earnestly hope this Grand Chapter will provide some remedy for this neglect."

The Grand High Priest submitted no decisions.

The R. E. Grand Secretary (P. G. H. P.) Comp Thos. Montgomery, as his reports show, well merits the commendation bestowed on him by his superior officer.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$7,-046.85.

The Committee on Necrology made a short but highly appropriate report. Concurred in.

The Committee on Grand Inspectors reported "that the work assigned to the Inspectors appointed, has been faithfully and efficiently performed; that the system is convenient, economical and efficient; and that we recommend that it be approved and continued."

Adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to the two Chapters U. D.

The Grand High Priest's recommendation as to insurance of Chapter property, and as to properly lettering the Ark, was concurred in.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved in all things the official acts of the Grand High Priest, and the Committee's report was adopted. His denial of a petition for dispensation to form a new Chapter in city of St. Paul, was sustained by the committee and by the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was ordered published in the proceedings.

The several Committees on Appeals and Grievances, on Visitors, and on Unfinished Business, reported that nothing had been presented to them for their consideration.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests received nineteen new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest, and present Grand Secretary, Companion Thomas Montgomery, presents his wonted able and perspicuous report on Correspondence, compressed within the limits of seventy-three pages. We are glad that he promises to write more at length if it is desired that he do so. This is his sixteenth annual report. That we have general sympathy with the wish that he would "widen out," we are confident.

Alabama-1904, receives at his hands a full page of kind and courteous notice. About one-third of that space is devoted to the writer, who heartily thanks him for his generous commendation.

Comp. Frederick Bloom, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Thomas Montgomery, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

58TH ANNUAL—BROOKHAVEN—FEBRUARY, 1906.

Comp. E. Ernest Clement, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chapters on roll 69; represented 58; Chapters making returns 67; Present Membership 3,031—Net gain 169.

At the opening of Grand Chapter all the Grand Officers were present, and nine Past Grand High Priests were also in attendance, as were twenty-two Grand Representatives, but we fail to find among the last named, our own spokesman, Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Nolan Stewart.

From the address of the Grand High Priest (who, by the way, furnishes in compact form all needful information in regard to his administration, without rhetorical display), it is learned that he had arrested the charter of a moribund Chapter, its revival appearing perfectly helpless, it having held no Convocation, or election, and paid no Grand Chapter dues for three years. He had granted dispensations to a few (5) Chapters to ballot and act on petitions for the degrees out of time, the Assistant Grand Lecturer conducting the work.

Several petitions for like dispensations were refused for what were considered good and sufficient reasons therefor.

Under the heading, Decisions, in answer to a request for information as to the proper mode of procedure, and the proper officers to sign a deed to property owned jointly by Blue Lodge and Chapter, he says :

"I decided that, after resolutions had been favorably acted on at regular Communications of Lodge and Chapter, the proper officers to sign the document were the Worshipful Master for the Lodge and the High Priest for the Chapter, attested by the Secretaries, with the proper seals attached."

He had been asked to allow the name of a Chapter to be changed. He had informed the petitioners that the power of changing the name of a Chapter belonged solely to the Grand Chapter.

He had received a great many requests for information which he had answered by sending the petitioners in each case a written copy of the paragraph in the Code governing the point at issue.

Since the death of that most efficient and zealous Grand Lecturer, Companion John Lloyd Spinks, the Ritual has been but little known by Companions all over the jurisdiction. (We mean the revised adopted as the Standard Work of Mississippi.) The Grand High Priest recommended the subject of Grand Lecturer to the careful consideration of the Grand Chapter at this Convocation, that it certainly deserved.

In regard to salary of Grand Lecturer, he stated that the last Grand Chapter adopted the report of a special committee providing for the payment of \$600.00 to the Grand Lecturer for four months' services, and increasing the annual Grand Chapter dues fifty cents for each member, to accumulate a future fund for the same purpose. That report having been inadvertently omitted from the published proceedings, he had obtained written statements from all of said committee, save one (since deceased) unanimously answering that said report was adopted. So he had instructed the Grand Secretary to increase his call for Grand Chapter dues to the required amount. He had issued a circular, August 19th, to all the Chapters asking if they wished the services of the Grand Lecturer. Forty Chapters replied requesting that he give each of them two or more days of his time. Yellow fever and quarantine held such visitations up till October 30th, at which date he received a telegram from his appointee, that he would not serve. He immediately notified the Chapters of that fact. November 7th he accepted the Grand Lecturer's resignation, and commissioned the Grand Principal Sojourner to fill the place. The latter made 14 visitations for which Grand Chapter paid him \$5.00 a day as Acting

Grand Lecturer, and the Chapters visited paid his expenses. In this connection he "trusted that Grand Chapter would adopt a prohibitive order as to permitting the use of books of any description, containing the secret work, in Chapters during the opening, closing, or conferring degrees."

One Chapter had so far forgotten the Regulations as to elections, as to permit nominations for the various offices and to cast one vote for all, in a bunch as it were. He at once mailed a written copy of Section 15, and ordered the election set aside, and a new election to be had. This was done.

His visitations had been confined to the vicinity of his residence in South Mississippi.

Grand Secretary. Comp. Frederic Speed, in his annual report found it necessary to animadvert upon delinquency of Chapters in sending in their returns, and made important suggestions upon the subject. A special committee of five was appointed to consider the same and report thereon.

The Grand Treasurer's cash on hand amounted to \$4,842.70.

The Acting Grand Lecturer, in his report, made some valuable suggestions, which were referred to the special committee of five on Grand Lecturer. Some of those suggestions, made after the statement that he had lectured twelve Chapters and had exalted thirteen classes, were—That the services of an instructor were badly needed throughout the State, especially among the smaller Chapters, many of them ill equipped with Companions who know how to work without assistance. In the next place, he said that many of the smaller Chapters possessed extremely inadequate facilities for conferring degrees, therefore he would suggest that Grand Chapter should purchase a "modest equipment of costumes and paraphernalia (such as could be carried about in a trunk) and place the same in the custody of the Grand Lecturer to be used in exemplifying the work; That quite a number of the Companions had been induced to buy a illegal book called "Allen Cipher," pretended to have been authorized by the General Grand Chapter. He ventured to suggest strong prohibitive legislation on the subject.

The Special Committee of five to which the subject of Grand Lecturer had been referred, made report, and it was adopted. The committee recommended that the Grand Lecturer's salary be \$125 00 per month and railroad fare, to be paid monthly on receipt of his monthly report. He is to devote his entire time

to the work and follow no other occupation while drawing salary. Each Chapter visited is to pay the local expenses of the Grand Lecturer whether or not the Chapter fails or declines to have a meeting for him.

The committee recommended that a committee consisting of the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, be appointed to procure such paraphernalia as they may deem necessary for the use of the Grand Lecturer in his work; that he be custodian of the same and be held responsible therefor.

The Committee on "Delayed Returns," aware of Grand Secretary Speed's willingness to bear any extra burdens that might be imposed on him, knew no better way than that Grand Secretary should redouble his importunities to delinquent Chapters.

The Committee on Subordinate Chapters recommended discontinuance of the use of books as guides during the opening, closing, and conferring of degrees, and that nothing but the adopted work of this Grand Chapter be used at all.

The Grand Lecturer was requested to make effort, on each visitation, to secure additional contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Home Building Fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That it shall be an offense punishable with suspension, for any Royal Arch Mason to have in possession any expose of Royal Arch Masonry, and with expulsion, to make use of the same in the work of the Chapter."

The Committee on Capitular Law, approved the dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

The memorial pages appended, embodied in the excellent diction of Companion Frederic Speed, are very impressive.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Within the space of ninety-six pages, Past Grand High Priest Companion Phineas M. Savery, the veteran reporter, furnishes another one of his fine reports on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of forty-six Grand Chapters—one for two years.

Alabama-1904—received fraternal attention. We note that Companion Savery mentioned the failure of our Jurisprudence Committee to receive endorsement of its adverse report on the resolution: "That a Royal Arch Mason who dimitts from a Master Mason Lodge and remains unaffiliated of his own voli-

tion for more than one year, stands suspended as a Royal Arch Mason," but failed to notice that said resolution was then put upon its passage, with the following result—77 for and 48 against; thus lacking the requisite two-thirds majority, the resolution failed of adoption.

The writer proffers thanks for complimentary personal mention. We excerpt Companion Savery's short conclusion.

"CONCLUSION."

"In review of past year, we note prosperity exists in almost every Grand Jurisdiction and each month increases numerical strength—notwithstanding the inroads of Death.

"The Ritual animal is not yet domesticated, although coralled by the General Grand Chapter.

"In several Grand Jurisdictions the degree of Past Master is sought to be eliminated, as it has been by our Canaia Companions.

"Old fogies, of which the writer is one, are still *tolerated* in the Guild, but we are passing away—soon none will remain to cumlain of innovation on Ancient Craft Masonry.

"Some of the Guild, who have passed the allotted age of seventy years, do not appear to grow old gracefully, yet there are none of them who would not be missed were he to "fall asleep," but Our God "ever doeth all things well," so let us wait His call in Faith and Hope and Love, doing all the good we can from day to day and pray the blessings of God upon the Craft wheresoever dispersed."

This volume is embellished with portraits—one of Grand High Priest-elect, and the other one of the late M. E. F. P. Jenkins.

Comp. Wm. A. Bodenhamer, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frederic Speed, R. E. Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

60TH ANNUAL—KANSAS CITY—APRIL, 1906.

Comp. Nathan J. Swatland, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait adorns the first page of this volume.

Chartered Chapters, 100; Chapters U. D., 4; Membership, Dec. 31, 1905, 9,943—Net gain, 583.

Eighty-two of the Chartered Chapters were represented at this convocation. Twelve Past Grand High Priests were present, and the Representatives of thirty Grand Chapters answered roll call, Alabama being included.

The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest (7 p.p., about,) gives the Companions a clear account of his administration. He had granted ten special dispensations, which he had undoubtedly right to issue, and had issued two dispensations to organize new chapters; but had refused four requests—one for permission to use paraphernalia in public parade 4th July, two to hold special election prior to the regular time therefor, and one to receive and ballot on petitions on the same night, such action being contrary to the law.

He reported three decisions, which will not interest outsiders, save that in one of them he declared that county lines have no significance in respect of receiving a petition from one residing in a county other than that in which the chapter petitioned is located, it, however, being the nearest one to the petitioner's residence.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be raised from \$1,200 per annum to \$1,500. This recommendation had been adopted the previous year, but by some oversight of the Secretary, the by-laws affecting said salary had not been changed to fit this recommendation; so the Grand High Priest recommended that Sec. 236 of the By-Laws be changed by striking out the figures \$1,200 and inserting in lieu thereof the figures \$1,500. He furthermore recommended that the Grand Body authorize issue of warrant for \$300 to cover deficiency, for the past year, in the Grand Secretary's compensation.

That was right and proper. That faithful, efficient officer, Comp. Stevenson, is surely "worthy of his hire."

Orient Chapter (102) is warmly complimented on its record-breaking—an increase of 200 members in one year.

The Grand Treasurer reported, April 24, 1906, a cash balance \$15,710.66.

Grand Secretary Robt. F. Stevenson's report is a model of business like work,

He informs us that all of the Chapters have made their returns and paid their dues. That simple statement is eloquent in its significance.

Certain amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter were offered, providing that the appointive officers of the Grand Chapter shall be: State Lecturers, Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel. Providing further "that the Grand High Priest shall be,

ex-officio, Grand Lecturer, and shall have in special charge the work as approved by this Grand Chapter, and shall see that no other work is taught or practiced in this Grand Jurisdiction. Then follow the details of the amendments, too long to copy—especially as the record, so far as we have discovered, does not show the fate of said proposed amendments. Later it was proposed to amend the By-Laws by making Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary elective, and all the other officers appointive, but after short discussion the resolution was negatived.

The Grand Lecturer made report in detail, showing his work for the year.

The generous contribution of \$1,000 by the Grand Chapter of Missouri to the San Francisco sufferers; was received with heartfelt thanks, as is learned from Secretary Wm. A. Davies' letter of acknowledgment.

The report of the President of the Masonic Home of Missouri, M. E. Companion Noah M. Givan, and that of the Superintendent of the Home, are of a most encouraging character. The completion of the Old People's Building—"a most excellent building, fire-proof and easy of access to our venerable members of the Home family"—supplies a much needed want, adding so much to the comfort and security of the inmates.

In the report of the Secretary we find that, from Sept. 1, 1905, to March 31, 1906, the total receipts were \$41,589.45, and total disbursements, same period (including cost of "Old People's Building"—\$28,629.27), were \$44,879.58. Total of Endowment Fund, securities and \$1,848.34 cash on hand April 1, 1906, was the sum of \$106,148.34.

The Committee on Historical Register, after a report in detail on the Card Index System, recommended appropriation of \$600 for completion of the same.

Later, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the sum of \$600 was appropriated for said purpose.

The special committee of five, to which, it now seems, had been referred, resolutions to amend Section 12, Art. 11, and Sections 50, 51, and 52, Art. VIII, of the By Laws, reported non-concurrence, but recommended that the whole subject be referred to a special committee of three, to report at next annual. Adopted.

We are glad to see that Grand Secretary Stevenson's salary was raised to \$1,500 a year by unanimous vote.

Committee on Masonic Home made a most favorable report. Concurred in.

Charters were granted to three of the four Chapters U. D., but the fourth was continued U. D. till next Annual.

The excellent report (11 pp) of the Committee on Necrology was adopted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The Jurisprudence Committee affirmed two of the three decisions reported by the Grand High Priest, but in reference to the third, which is as follows: "Oct. 24th, Comp. —, of — Chapter No. —, asked if his Chapter could elect a Companion to honorary membership, no dues to be paid."

"Decision: The Chapter would have to pay \$1 per annum Grand Chapter dues on all its members in good standing, but could remit the local dues if desired."

The committee was of the "opinion that neither the question nor the decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest is sufficiently explicit."

Article XVII of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter provides for membership in subordinate chapters by two methods:

1st, by exaltation.

2d, by election to membership on petition.

"And Section 183 of the same Article provides that 'No member of a Chapter in this jurisdiction shall hold membership in another Chapter at the same time.'

"The laws of this Grand Jurisdiction are silent in regard to 'Honorary Membership.' The term 'Honorary Member' of a Chapter, as understood by your committee, is a Companion of one Chapter, who, for some meritorious reason, has been complimented by some other Chapter, by being elected an honorary member of such other Chapter; but that such election to honorary membership is simply a courtesy extended to such Companion, and that as such honorary member he is entitled to neither vote nor voice in the Chapter thus honoring him, and in order to retain his standing as a Royal Arch Mason, such Companion must be and remain a member, in good standing, of a Chapter other than the one so electing him to honorary membership."

"Your committee therefore holds that a Companion elected to

honorary membership in a Chapter is not thereby personally liable for the payment of dues to the Chapter so honoring him; nor is such Chapter liable for the payment of Grand Chapter dues on account of such honorary membership."

"We also hold that a Chapter cannot elect one of its members to honorary membership other than by electing him to life membership as provided in Section 194 of the By Laws of this Grand Chapter."

Report adopted.

The Grand Convention of Associated High Priests elected thirteen new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

R. V. E. V. Companion Robert F. Stevenson, Correspondent, as well as Grand Secretary, presented a very able report on Fraternal Correspondence, occupying 154 pages of printed matter. Alabama-1905 receives courteous attention on three and one-half pages, nearly a page of which is generously accorded the writer.

He desires to know of Grand Secretary Beauchamp, how it is that Missouri's space on the roll of Grand Representatives is vacant. Companion Beauchamp informs us that notification of the death of Companion Newton N. Polk, Missouri's Representative, was sent to Missouri promptly. The fault must have been with the mails.

R. V. E. V. Companion Stevenson compliments our Grand High Priest, Basil M. Hill, by approvingly quoting from his Annual Address, and making a brief summary of the same.

He says of the writer:

"He does not approve the gorgeous robes, stage-settings, scenic displays, frills and furbelows of the M. E. M. degree, but quotes *Latin frequently*." (Italics ours)

Then he quotes our inquiry as to whether or not such 'displays' would appeal to the hearts of men like those whom Companion Greenleaf has portrayed in his touching poem entitled "The Lodge Room Over Simpkins' Store," and continues thus:

"One may reasonably ask, why not stick to the mother tongue in all forms of expression rather than resort to a foreign for emphatic impress."

"Come off the perch, Companion Titcomb, drift over into Kansas and observe that that there are good things even in Nazareth."

"All good things should not only be tolerated, but also embraced."

We confess to surprise on reading those words, "but quotes Latin frequently; since we have always felt that to interlard one's writings with foreign words, was in bad taste when *writing for English eyes*. The writer seriously doubts that a dozen Latin expressions can be found in all of his reviews written during the past seven years. Companion Stevenson must have had "the other fellow in mind when he penned that line.

After criticizing the writer, as above, Comp. Stevenson gives him the following *stick of candy*:

"We found his review very interesting, entertaining and instructive. It has all the ear-marks of a painstaking, careful analysis. In a Texas round-up, its brand would enable easy distinction, and on account of its value in the growing herd would be among the first cut out, with permission to roam the range unmolested."

Thanks, Companion, for the intended compliment. We do not object to being compared to a Texas steer, even if Dogberry *did* say, "comparisons are odorous."

It is a pleasure to find that on various points the writer is in accord with Companion Stevenson. A perusal of his report warrants the assertion that his review is among the best of the year.

At the risk of extending this paper beyond just limits, we cannot forbear repeating what Companion Stevenson says, under Nevada, on the proposition that the cases of dram sellers, gamblers, &c., should be left to the arbitrament of the ballot:

"We can endorse this proposition generally, and it usually works in the cases he cites. as the statutes of the State makes them crimes, and to violate the civil or criminal law is a Masonic offense, but saloons are licensed by law, are not in the same category with gambling, etc., and therefore are not considered as baneful. There were places in our State before our law barring dramshop keepers was enacted, where the saloon-men ran the lodge, and after each communication almost the entire membership repaired to the drink-shop, as a matter of course or the result of example. Consequently the Masonic standard of morality varied with the communities and the local option

business by means of the black-ball was not effective in preserving that temperance which Masonry defines."

"It is to preserve the Lodges from such prostitution that those laws were enacted. Will our Companion still think we were not right?"

Well and forcibly said. We wish we had space for his cogent argument, under New Hampshire, on Masonic duty. This report is by no means destitute of spice.

Oomp. Tandy A Dunn, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Comp. Robt. F. Stevenson, R. . E. . Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

16TH ANNUAL—BUTTE—SEPTEMBER, 1905.

Comp. Hugh T. Cumming, Grand High Priest.

Number of active Chapters 16; Members 1,197; Net gain 48.

Portrait—M. . E. . Grand High Priest, Comp. Hugh T. Cumming.

Again, in a preliminary report, Grand Secretary Hedges sings that sweet song:

"All returns made
And all dues paid."

Eight Past Grand High Priests and one Past Grand King were reported present.

The Grand High Priest's address occupied about eight pages, but contained all things needful to be mentioned. He submitted no decisions. He recommended that the spelling of one word in the Constitution be changed from "v-a-i-l-s" to "v-e-i-l-s." He further recommended that, if the printing company at Helena was too busy to get out the proceedings in a reasonable time, the job be given to some other firm.

The Grand High Priest made some sixteen visitations with pleasure to himself and evident profit to the Chapters visited.

Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, keeps the affairs of Grand Chapter "in ship-shape and Bristol fashion."

The report of the Finance Committee shows that the Grand Treasurer holds as General Fund \$2,276 60, and as Masonic Home Endowment Fund \$1,571.69.

The Jurisprudence Committee gave as its opinion that "the use of substitutes is discretionary with each subordinate Chap-

ter," quoting from the digest of decisions of the General Grand Chapter, that "Grand Chapters may prohibit or permit their use."

When *one* candidate is exalted, or *two* are exalted, can we truthfully record as a fact that *three* were exalted? We are not unfamiliar with the plea for the use of *one* or even *two* substitutes, nevertheless, by their use, we cast to the winds that requirement—"no more, no less."

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers referred the recommendation that a certain word be spelled *v-e-i-l-s*, to the Jurisprudence Committee. No doubt the latter committee will report thereon at the next Annual. Meantime the earth will, doubtless, revolve as usual.

All the Grievance Committee had to do was to exchange felicitations on the emptiness of its docket. A good cause of congratulation.

The Council of Anointed High Priests gained eight new members—High Priests-elect in their respective Chapters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is a distinct pleasure to find Companion Cornelius Hedges in such good form for his exacting duties as Grand Secretary, and for his invaluable services on the Guild of Correspondents. His heart seems as young as of yore, and his intellect as clear as crystal.

His introductory remarks consist of a bright, but "brief survey" of the Thirty-second Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter held at Little Rock, Ark., and vicinity—made up from his reading of its recorded proceedings.

His notice (about one page and one-third) of Alabama-1904, is, as ever, courteous and fraternal. Alluding to Comp. Chas. R. Bricken, then M. E. Grand High Priest, he says:

"The contents are prefaced with the handsome picture of the fine young Companion who has presided over the destinies of this Grand Chapter for the two preceding years." * * * * *

"He is too young and useful to go on the retired list, and we shall confidently expect to hear from him further."

Companion Hedges' kind expressions personal to the writer are greatly valued. He hopes that his mistake in reporting us absent from Convocation, did not affect our "mileage and per

diem." Dear Companion, in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Alabama, "mileage and per diem" are unknown.

Companion Hedges is "no less an expansionist and optimist than ever." Well! Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone."

—[Hos. iv-17.]

Under Illinois, he pertinently and somewhat facetiously says:

"Companion, Past Grand High Priest Warvelle continues his valuable labors as Correspondent, and treats the subject by individual jurisdictions, and again topically." (The ubiquitous p. d. puts it "jurisdictions.") "Montana is touched gracefully in both directions. He says he can see no good reason for not displaying the three lesser lights in our Mark Master and Past Master Lodges. It will also please some of our Companions to know that there is no landmark for imagining that they are in the 'Holy of Holies' when working the Royal Arch and using the seven-branch candlestick, though the fact is that when our Ancient Companions went up to build the second temple, they met in a tabernacle, that is, a tent, near the ruins of King Solomon's Temple. The symbolism is decidedly out of joint and offers an inviting field for discursive imagination. Our Companions were bound to find some use for the candlestick which is included in a Chapter outfit, and it did not seem just the right thing to locate it in a tent, so they had it brought into the Sanctum Sanctorum to keep it out of the draught of wind."

"The value of Masonry does not depend upon the Scriptural or traditional accuracy of the furniture or scenery that adorn our Lodge and Chapter rooms. Symbolism is capable of a variety of translations, hence the richness and beauty."

Well said, Companion Hedges.

But we must take up the next volume of proceedings awaiting our attention.

Comp. Francis D. Jones, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Comp. Cornelius Hedges, R. . E. . Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

39TH ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER, 1905.

Comp. Francis McGiverin, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters 54; U. D. 1; Membership 3,633—Net gain 102.

A steel engraved portrait of the M. . E. . Grand High Priest adorns the first page of this volume.

The Credentials Committee reported eleven Past Grand High Priests, and twenty-four Grand Representatives, including Alabama's, present at the Convocation under review.

The address of the Grand High Priest (six and one-half pages) gives a clear account of his administration, without any poetry or unnecessary remarks. He made tender announcement of the death of Past Grand High Priest, Companion Robert W. Furnas who died June 1, 1905.

The Grand High Priest said that, with a few exceptions, which would be mentioned later, conditions were satisfactory. Relations with other Grand Jurisdictions were harmonious, and during the year, nothing had transpired to disturb the pleasant conditions which existed the previous year.

He had issued six special dispensations for various purposes, such as to elect and install officers, to occupy temporary quarters, etc.

He recommended that the charter of one Chapter be revoked. The reason given was evidently a good one. There is no Blue Lodge at the locality named, and his predecessor had noted that fact. He did not think a Chapter could be successfully maintained at that place. Some of the members were not affiliated with any Lodge. The Chapter had not done any work during the year, and had not paid its dues to the Grand Chapter. He also recommended that the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue dimitts to all members in good standing who had paid their dues to the date the charter is revoked. No decisions submitted.

Personal business had prevented his making more than one or two official visitations. (When a Grand High Priest is about to be elected, if there is a strong probability that he will be unable to visit the Chapters, he ought, in our opinion, to decline the honor of an election.)

He recommended the Nebraska Masonic Home to the fostering care of the Companions.

R. E. Grand Secretary, Francis E. White, makes a model report. He reported that the accounts with all of the Chapters except two, had been settled and balanced. He said that during the year 1904-1905, there were twenty-four inmates in the Home. During the year the total cost of maintaining the Home (for 11 months) was \$2,964.09.

During the year the Home had received a total of \$14,777.72.

An addition to the Home is under construction, and when completed will cost approximately \$15,000.00.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$4,452.57.

The Grand Lecturer reported that with the exceptions of some instructions imparted to several members of different Chapters, he had not been called upon for any instructions whatever; this fact, in his opinion, showed that the officers of the Chapters were proficient in the work.

Official notice from the Grand Chapter of New Mexico that it had abolished the system of exchanging representatives with other Grand Chapters, was received and placed on file, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to recall the commission of the Nebraska Representative near said Grand Chapter.

Companion Phelps' report on Foreign Correspondence was presented and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a verbal report that nothing had been submitted for its consideration.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispositions, a charter was granted to the Chapter U. D.

"The Grand Chapter was called up by the Grand High Priest while the Grand Chaplain read the report of Committee on Fraternal Dead. Then the Grand Secretary called the names of those who had died during the year, and the Grand Chaplain responded giving the dates of death." A very fitting way.

The Committee on By-Laws reported for final action thereon a number of amendments to the Constitution, which were nearly all adopted. It needs not to copy the same here.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected twelve eligible Companions to membership thereof.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the product of that skilled workman, Past Grand High Priest, Charles J. Phelps, who in less than sixty-four full pages, presents an excellent synopsis of the proceedings reviewed.

Alabama-1904, receives a page and a trifle over, of fraternal mention. He quotes Grand High Priest, Chas. R. Bricken's touching announcement of the death of that greatly lamented Companion, R. E. Grand King, Joseph P. McQueen. He considers the four decisions reported "in accord with well under-

stood Masonic law." He compliments Grand Secretary Beau champ, and the writer, for which we tender grateful acknowledgments. There is much in this report we have marked for notice, but we must content ourselves with a "snap-shot" or two—so called—beginning with the Companion's comments under Illinois. He says:

"Under Alabama, Companion Warvelle questions the right of a Grand Chapter to perform the work of conferring the degrees, another custom observed in the oldest Grand Chapter in this country from the earliest day. Again he says it creates non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons" (As Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp has shown, there was no *non-affiliation* in the Alabama case, which was the subject of Companion Warvelle's criticism.) "We think that generally the work is done for a subordinate body which has elected the candidates. A more careful attention to just what is transacted in the Grand Chapters reviewed, would result in a better knowledge of things, but that is 'saw dust' to Warvelle. he deals in '*abite dicter*,' and reminds us of the one wise juror who knows the other eleven are all kinds of fools. He informs us, however, that Gould 'succinctly expresses his (Warvelle's) ideas. We had labored under the now evident mistake that Gould's expressions were of his own ideas."

Under Louisiana, he notes that the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was recognized by the Louisiana Grand Body; also he quotes bodily Companion Duncan's able argument on requirement that the R. A. must be opened in order to work in M. M. alone.

Of the address of the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts he says:

"His address is a magnificent exposition of Masonry in this land, and he doesn't hesitate to say what all students must have discovered, that, 'in this country the lives of the eminent Masons of that early day were, in a great measure, the history of the Revolution and of the formation of our Republic.' '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,' he says, 'and defending the principles of human rights, of the Brotherhood of Man.'"

On dependent membership. Companion Phelps is as solid as Gibraltar—See how he quotes with relish the intimation of Companion Codding of Pennsylvania, that he has "no use for the

Mason who has no use for the Lodge, and does not support it, not only with his means, but with watchful solicitude, advice and care."

Companion Phelps has thought for years that the rule requiring physical perfection applies only to the candidate for the E. A. Degree. Personally we have long entertained the same idea.

With reluctance we say good-bye for the present, to our contemporary of Nebraska.

Comp. Wm. W. Wright, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Francis E. White, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

33D ANNUAL—RENO—JUNE, 1906.

Comp. George Gillson, M. E. Grand High Priest. A portrait of Companion Gillson graces the first page of this volume. Number of chapters, 7; R. A. Masons, 322.

A majority of the subordinate chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. Six Grand High Priests were present, as also were the Representatives of twenty Sister Jurisdictions, Alabama not included.

The Grand High Priest's address was short, but most appropriate. Extracted from his opening remarks, the following is deemed worthy of repetition:

"It is not enough that we remind ourselves annually of the deep significance of the duties we have assumed in becoming Masons. Should we not, day by day, hour by hour, think of our obligations to our fellow-man? Comfort and sympathy to the afflicted need not necessarily mean a check, large or small. Material aid is not all. There are those among us who, with the best intentions, cannot bestow this phase of comfort, but they are not shut off from well-doing. Not one of us but can take the time from the busiest life to say a kindly word, to give an encouraging smile. How do we know at what crisis in a man's life he comes to you? His troubles may so have accumulated that he sees in his desperation no outlet from his afflictions but suicide. There falls on his ear a friendly word; there comes to his distracted vision a kindly smile. He feels suddenly that there is in the world sympathy—sympathy for him. It isn't all black. A fellow creature has an interest in him, a feeling for him. He'll make another effort. He does; and braced and in-

vigorated by "the new knowledge that he does not stand alone, more than likely succeeds. And what has been done for him? Nothing material. It is the simple, yet mystic explanation, companionship. The humblest among us can feel, when he rests his head on his pillow at night, that he has fulfilled his solemn obligations to his Order, if during the day he has returned kindness for kindness, or further, when some angry man has vented his irritation on him he has given the "Soft answer which turneth away wrath." Let us then carry this companionship, as set forth in our noble Order, into our families, into our business dealings. Trifles make the sum of human things.

In connection with the matter of aiding and assisting those of us in need, I am proud and happy to say that Royal Arch Masons in the State of Nevada have, through the medium of the Grand Lodge, donated most generously to our unfortunate and afflicted Companions in the devastated and stricken metropolis of our neighboring State."

The following two recommendations made by the Grand High Priest may be of general interest. They were—first, "I recommend such legislation as will make membership in a Chapter dependent upon membership in a symbolic Lodge.

And the other as follows:

"I also recommend that standing resolution, No. 11, be amended so as to make the tenure of office of Grand Representatives subject to the will and pleasure of the Grand High Priest."

June 11, 1908, the balance cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounted to \$383.06.

With but one exception, the Chapters had all made their annual returns and paid their dues, according to the report of Grand Secretary C. N. Noteware.

The Jurisprudence Committee, to which the Grand High Priest's recommendation as to dependent membership was referred, recommended the adoption of the following as a General Regulation:

"Membership in a Chapter shall be dependent on being a Master Mason in good standing; and any Companion being suspended by any Lodge for non-payment of dues, shall be suspended from membership in his Chapter, and the High Priest, at a regular convocation of the Chapter, shall declare him suspended by operation of law, and the Companion shall be duly notified of his suspension by the Secretary of the Chapter."

Unanimously adopted,

We would have had the Regulation read as follows: Membership in a Chapter shall be dependent on being a member in good standing, of a Master Mason Lodge; perhaps, however, in Nevada a dimitted Master Mason, holding his dimit for a certain length of time, cannot be in good standing.

The cream of this volume is the Report on Foreign

CORRESPONDENCE,

by Companion Edward D. Vanderlieth, Chairman, who, with his wonted ability, reviews the proceedings of 48 Grand Chapters and Grand Bodies—two for two years—employing 111 pages of this volume. He, with his well known generosity, allows Alabama-1905 to occupy the greater part of three pages of his report.

Of the portrait of the lamented M. E. Companion Edward S. Gatchell, he says:

"We like his clear-cut countenance and sharp eyes. They denote earnestness of purpose and a mind that can rule with love and fear."

He quotes, with evident approval, Grand High Priest Basil M. Hill's remarks *anent* fostering the Public School System, and says:

"It is a lofty ideal, even to the keystone! We believe in the highest ideals, even to the striving for the knowingly unattainable. The higher they are the greater the effort. This means a greater and closer touch with mankind, a closer and greater service for his good, and in the end an added worth and meaning to life."

He says:

"Companion Titcomb reviewed the Western Australian situation in a special report, and should have won his case. The Jurisprudence Committee, however, cautiously postponed further hearing."

Thanks for this endorsement of the writer's effort to secure, to our W. A. Companions, that which, even on the showing of their opponents, they should receive.

In regard to Companions suspended N. P. D., Nevada, in her treatment of the subject of Grand Chapter dues, must be the banner jurisdiction. All the same, dues should not be charged against suspended Companions.

Concerning his application of the term "foolish" to something the writer had said, Comp. Vanderlieth having intimated that he only meant that the writer's observation referred to did not weigh as much as his usual utterances, quotes the writer's reply, "That is to say, when he said foolish, he did not mean 'foolish.' Satisfied."

Whereupon he retorts: "Our Companion is easily satisfied."

Why, in the name of common courtesy, should we *not* be "satisfied," when the Companion declares he did not mean what he said? On another line he says:

"Illinois does not believe in donating Chapter funds to assist in building a public hospital. Comp. Titcomb thinks that, if the Chapter is in possession of surplus funds after all masonic requirements are duly fulfilled, there can be no impropriety in making a donation to such a worthy object. We agree. If a Chapter does its whole Masonic duty to its members, it is still doing its Masonic duty when it lovingly does for the welfare of mankind. Masonry's charity and benevolence is not confined by ties of membership. They are more noble and extensive, inclusive always, rather than exclusive."

Well said, Companion. Again he says:

"We said: 'Companion Titcomb is right when he says that Grand Secretary Noteware is a most efficient officer. He is a Masonic worker, too. There isn't a lecture or a degree in either Blue Lodge or Chapter that he can't deliver or confer almost off-hand.' How is that for high?"

Well, here was a challenge, and to it we had replied as well as we could: "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 altogether, without using a book or other help of any kind? Pass?"

"No," exclaims Companion Vanderlieth, "Companion Noteware recently installed the officers of our Chapter, giving Mackey's full service without using a book or other help of any kind. Companion Noteware is over eighty years of age, too. Next?"

Companion Noteware's case is certainly a remarkable one, and we freely and fully accord him our admiration. But that "chip on the shoulder," "Next?" brings out the fact that, though Comp. Beauchamp is far from being a boastful man, he, for years, has never used a book in the installatio

Lodge, Chapter or Commandery, full service. Neither does he use a book in funeral service, laying corner-stone, "Lodge of Sorrow," or any other public services. All in addition to conferring degrees in Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, in like manner. He has a wonderful memory. As we asked before, How is that for "High," Low, Jack and the Game?

Referring to the writer's hint that possibly some Craftsman might accuse him of trying to proselyte members, by quoting the Church Catechism, our Companion says (and this expression of his does him great honor):

"No member of the Royal Craft will accuse us of trying to proselyte when they know that any road to Heaven will draw no objection from us so long as the traveler can humbly say, 'Teach me Thy way, O Lord.'"

Companion Vanderlieth's kind remarks about the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence are greatly appreciated.

We can honor our Companion in no better way than by quoting his concluding words, which are as follows:

"CONCLUSION.

"We come from the vineyards of the Royal Craft. A golden glory rests over them, for the workers in due season gave true work, and now that the year's in the wane, they come rejoicing. Glad songs fill the air, and their baskets are heavy laden with luscious, purple and ruby treasures, a wilderness of sweets. The year's with plenty crowned,

If, each year, Companions, we would have a closing scene filled with brightness, success, peace and plenty, we, as Craftsmen, must go our way with fullest faith in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

The Fatherhood of God! As Father, He is our refuge and strength. Our help cometh from Him.

The Brotherhood of Man! As Brother,

"Have Love! Not love alone for one,
But man, as man, thy brother call."

The world has largely accepted the truth that "God is Love," In the teachings of Masonry it is predominant. Companions! strive on, speed the day when, through the wonder-working powers of the Craft, by its side shall be written, "Man is love."

And now, Companions, may all needed blessings be with you; especially so with the writers of the Guild! By the wisdom of the Supreme High Priest may we be directed, and by his strength may we be enabled to serve both God and man, with fervency and zeal, as taught within our sacred Chapter halls."

It is very gratifying to find ourselves in accord with our good Companion in so many respects as we do so find ourselves.

Comp. Chas. S. Fulstone, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Chauncey N. Noteware, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

18TH ANNUAL—SAINT JOHN—AUGUST, 1905.

Comp. Frank A. Godroe, M. E. Grand High Priest.

This excellently printed pamphlet is embellished with portraits of Grand High Priest Frank A. Godroe and William B. Wallace, Grand Lecturer and Grand High Priest-elect.

So it appears that when elections are held in New Brunswick, the officers nearest to the G. H. P. in rank, may be overleaped by one lower in official position. Well, we have nothing to say against this practice. Doubtless the Grand Secretary was better equipped for the position than the others.

Number of Chapters 9; Members 531—Net gain 30.

All the subordinate Chapters had made returns and paid their dues.

The Grand High Priest said in his address:

'Our reports show an increase in membership, and for the size of our jurisdiction, it is a healthy sign, and denotes interest in the Craft and zeal amongst its members; peace and harmony reign within our jurisdiction, and our fraternal relationship with other Grand Chapters is of the most cordial nature.'

It had not been his privilege during the year to visit the entire jurisdiction. The visits made were limited to the immediate vicinity of the city of St. John.

At the Annual immediately preceding this Convocation, Grand Chapter had requested the Grand High Priest to formulate examinations on the several degrees. This he had done and had submitted the same to the Ritual Committee.

As intimated in the address, the subject of a standard ritual engrossed the attention of Grand Chapter at this Convocation.

As will be presently seen, owing to no end of zeal and painstaking, laborious effort on the part of the Ritual Committee during the past two years, New Brunswick now rejoices in the possession of her own standard ritual.

The M. E. recommended that in future Grand Chapter pay the traveling expenses of the Grand High Priest in making his visitations.

Grand Secretary Hartt "fills the bill" in his important office.

Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer \$493.63, August 18, 1905.

On recommendation of the Executive Committee, Grand Chapter decided to take no action in regard to recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, pending further information, and in view of the fact that said Grand Chapter had not asked for recognition on the part of New Brunswick Grand Chapter.

The Ritual Committee presented, in a report, the result of its time-and-energy taxing labors, and with the same, the formula of examinations prepared by Grand High Priest Godroe.

After slight amendment, the report of the Committee was adopted.

The business of Grand Chapter was transacted at one sitting.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected seven members, five of whom were present and were duly admitted.

New Brunswick has no annual report on Correspondence.

Comp. Wm. B. Wallace, K. C., M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. Twining Hartt, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

86TH ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY, 1905.

Comp. Joshua W. Hunt, M. E. Grand High Priest.

No Chapters on Roll, 25; Making Returns, 25; Represented, 21; Membership 1,905, 3,820—Increase in Membership, 40.

A portrait of Comp. Alpheus Wooster Baker, Grand High Priest 1884-1885, appears on the first page.

The Grand officers were all present, together with ten Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of twenty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, Alabama included.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates his companions upon the completion of a prosperous year in Capitular Masonry—healthy, if not large increase in membership—absence of complaints, appeals, grievances, good will and harmony everywhere prevalent in the Jurisdiction. Under Necrology, he presents the civil, social and Masonic records of several eminent Companions of the Jurisdiction. Why not leave those details to the Committee on Obituary? Surely the presiding officer does not need those particulars as part of the ammunition for his address.

He had granted three special dispensations, all strictly within his prerogative.

But one decision was reported, viz: denial of request for a waiver, on behalf of a Master Mason who had abandoned his residence in another Jurisdiction, but had not gained residence elsewhere; because the party had no legal residence.

The Grand High Priest had made several official visitations which have impressed on his mind very pleasing recollections. We note that he had found in a few of the Chapters the Book of Marks very well kept, in other Chapters not so.

He recommended, in case the funds of Grand Chapter permit, that a semi-annual convocation be held for the purpose of exemplifying the work of the several degrees.

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe were referred, with the address of the Grand High Priest, to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

Past Grand High Priest Comp. Albert S. Wait presented his report on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

On recommendation of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, after commendation of the faithful and painstaking services of the Grand High Priest, his recommendation of a semi-annual convocation for the exemplification of the work was approved on condition that the financial condition would warrant the same. All his other acts and recommendations were approved.

The Finance Committee recommended that the per capita tax be continued at thirty-five cents for the next three years. Adopted with the balance of the report on finance. Law Committee had nothing to report.

An impressive report on the death of the late Companion Alpheus W. Baker (P. G. H. P.) was read and accepted.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood received nine accessions to its ranks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as we had the right to anticipate, the work of that accomplished and acute reviewer, Companion Albert S. Wait (P. G. H. P.). This report is a real review of the proceedings of forty-six Grand Chapters, and of the General Grand at Little Rock, Ark.

After looking through this lucid report, we are dismayed at the number of passages we have marked for notice. Their name is well nigh "Legion." Hence we must content ourselves with brief reference to a few of those passages. Under Vermont, alluding to Companion Perkins' opinion respecting Actual Past Masters, he says:

"We are glad to learn from him that ourselves and Companion Titcomb of Alabama are wrong in supposing ourselves alone in our views relating to the rights of Actual Past Masters. We would be glad to find it develop that we have the concurrence of others besides our Companion of Vermont."

He agrees with Comp. Southgate, of North Carolina, in regard to the required presence of the Charter, and says:

"While the requirement is a proper regulation, it is not indispensable to the legality of work performed."

As a sample of Comp. Wait's close reasoning, we venture to reproduce his comment on the views of Comp. Haines, of New Jersey, in regard to the time when the operation of a dimit begins. It is as follows:

"Our Companion expresses regret at not being able to agree with us as to the time when the operation of a dimit begins, and declares that he holds firmly to the opinion 'that an affirmative vote on the application settles the status of the applicant'."

Continuing, he says:

"The opinion that a Lodge or Chapter has, and ought to have, entire control of its own records till the close of the meeting 'at which a transaction is had,' is entirely true; but the position

that legislation is not completed till then is not equally terrible, *is the verdict of a jury held in abeyance until court adjourns?*'

Companion Wait rejoins thus:

"We have ourselves placed this last query in italics, as it seems to be put as entirely conclusive of the question."

"We discussed this question at some length in reply to Companion Perkins, of Vermont, in our report of 1903, and after reviewing what we then submitted, are satisfied with our view as we then expressed it. We do not, therefore, here return to the argument, except to say, that it is the immemorial, as well as every day practice of our judicial courts to hold and treat its own orders as ambulatory, and subject to change, or even abrogation, until the final close of the term. Of course we do not intend to say, that, under circumstances requiring it, judgment may not be made final from an earlier day. But the public interests require, and the rule in all our courts is, in general, that all orders are subject to change while the court continues in session. But, 'Is the verdict of a jury held in abeyance until the court adjourns?' Nothing in jurisprudence is better understood or more in accordance with universal practice. Every verdict is always in abeyance until judgment upon it is actually entered up. Every court before which a verdict is returned has the power, on legal cause being shown, to set it aside, and such action by the courts is of, by no means, unfrequent occurrence. In fact, no example more unfortunate to our Companion's argument could be cited, than this one of the verdict of a jury in judicial proceedings. It shows the necessity in the practical affairs of civilized life, that there should always remain open the means of preventing injustice and wrong in cases of precipitateness in human transactions. We see no reason why Masonic bodies and their members should be denied the power to set right a dimit at the mutual desire of the parties."

Under Missouri, Companion Wait says:

"We have been taught that to constitute a Past Master, a brother must have been duly *elected* and installed, to preside over a regular and duly constituted Lodge. And correspondingly so of a High Priest. * * *." We would add, "and must have served his term as such."

We heartily endorse his view as to applying to Deity the appellation, Great Grand High Priest. The Priest, High Priest, Grand High Priest is a suppliant. Almighty God has no superior.

Com. Joshua W. Hunt, M. . E. . Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, R. . E. . Grand Secretary,

NEW JERSEY.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL CONVOCATION—TRENTON—MAY, 1906.

Comp. Peter McGill, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chapters 38—Membership 4,895—Net gain 366.

This neat volume is enriched with several portraits of Grand High Priests, including Companion McGill, and with a historical sketch of Grand Chapter for fifty years, embellished with medallion likenesses of the several Grand High Priests who have successively presided over its destinies during the entire period.

The banquet, an account of which is preceded by a representation of the very handsome loving cup made for the occasion, in celebration of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, was held in the Masonic Temple, Wednesday, May 9, 1906, at 6 p. m. It was a tasteful and elaborate affair. The various addresses made in response to the several toasts proposed, were gems of thought framed in pictures of silver. The scene will be long remembered by those so fortunate as to participate therein.

At this, the Fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapters, all the Grand Officers were present as well as a full quorum of Chapter Representatives, together with a goodly number of (18) Past Grand High Priests, and forty-eight Grand Representatives, Alabama's included in the person of R. E. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Frederic G. Wiese.

From the Grand High Priest's address it is learned that he had issued only three dispensations, which were to install officers out of time, on account of unavoidable hindrances at the prescribed time for installation.

Four decisions were submitted—the first was in answer to question as to whether or not a Brother, a member of a Lodge in Pennsylvania, must take his P. M. degree in a Pennsylvania Lodge before petitioning a New Jersey Chapter for the Capitular degrees.

“Answer—Not necessary, according to the law of New Jersey, although it would be if petition was made to a Pennsylvania Chapter. In that jurisdiction the P. M. degree is not one of the Capitular degrees, and is required before becoming eligible to petition for them. In New Jersey it is a Capitular degree.”

A brother had dimitted from one Lodge, applied to another, and been rejected. Hence 2d Question—"Can an unaffiliated Blue Lodge Mason be elected to, and hold office of H. P., K. and S. in the Chapter?"

Answer—The rejection, by a Blue Lodge, of an application for membership, has no effect on his Capitular standing. He is not obliged by the statutes of this Grand Chapter to continue his membership with a Blue Lodge; he can dimitt from one at any time and retain membership or hold any office in a Chapter."

No. 3—A Brother petitioned and was elected, and advanced to the M. M. M. degree: "owing to a combination of circumstances no further advancement was made. Now the Brother desires to receive the rest of the degrees. Is it consistent with Masonic customs to advance him without any further investigation?—Reputation good so far as learned, and wishes to go on.

Answer—Unless the Brother is *not* under good Masonic report, and in the absence of a By-Law specifying a definite time within which he must present himself for advancement, you cannot refuse to advance him."

No. 4 was elicited by the following question: "Are postal card notices legal Masonic notices?"

Answer—No. Open communications conveying Masonic information to members of a Chapter, are unmasonic and are prohibited."

On receipt of the almost paralyzing news of San Francisco's terrible calamity, he immediately sent out an appeal to the Companions in New Jersey. Prompt and generous response was made by the various Chapters. The Grand High Priest thus feelingly expressed the warm sympathy of himself and his Companions for their Brethren and Companions on the Pacific shore:

"But while San Francisco suffered most on account of her greater area and population we must not forget the adjacent towns and cities crying out for succor. Santa Rosa, a total desolation and shambles; the ruins of San Jose blackening the landscape; the fair walls and towers of Berkeley overthrown; Alameda besides and a score of smaller and less well known places cry out to us for help. Ah! my Companions! never before in the history of our country have such scenes of suffering, desolation and ruin met our eyes. Chicago enveloped in flames and

her people driven into the waters of the lake to escape a fiery death; the smoking business palaces and homes of Boston; the hell of flaming destruction of Baltimore, and the deadly overwhelming waters of Johnstown and Galveston made us shudder and turn our eyes away in horror, but we stand appalled at the picture of the ruin of San Francisco and her sister towns. In other countries greater catastrophies and larger losses of life have occurred, but not in ours. But the splendid grit, courage and energy of the American is already at work, and San Francisco, regenerated, purified, will arise from her ashes and be fairer than ever. Truly, to destroy Americans you must annihilate them."

The Grand Treasurer's cash on hand, to balance amounted to \$2,271 06.

Grand Secretary Gear made in his report the highly satisfactory announcement that "The returns of work and dues have been received from all the subordinate Chapters."

The distinguished visitors in waiting, were introduced, welcomed and received with the Grand Honors.

These visitors included the Grand High Priest of New York and his accompanying Companions; the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania and company; the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, 3d and last, but by no means least, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Comp. Arthur G. Pollard.

After reports of committees, routine business was conducted to a conclusion and Grand Chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

The Grand Council of High Priesthood elected twenty-one qualified Companions to membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The scholarly and thoughtful report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Henry S. Haines. Chairman of the Committee, in a review covering 253 pp.

Alabama is generously given five pages of his valuable space. He pens a most fitting synopsis of Grand High Priest Companion Basil M. Hill's address, and styles "graceful" the latter's tribute to departed Companions. He notes the refusal of our Grand Chapter to extend recognition to the new Grand Chapter of Western Australia; concluding on the matter, he says:

"But as New Jersey has not, as yet, been initiated to this interchange of courtesies, we refrain from entering into a discussion of the matter at this time."

He approves the adoption of the Alabama resolution to make Past High Priests members of Grand Chapter; but in a forcible paragraph doubts the propriety of Grand Chapters doing the work of Subordinate Chapters—thinks exemplification of the work with Royal Arch Masons as the medium much preferable for Grand Chapter; also questions the legality of the practice of putting Subordinate Chapters in possession of the stations in Grand Chapter. This criticism affects several Jurisdictions—at this moment we cannot say how many.

He thinks a resolution (which passed) confining eligibility to office in Grand Chapter to its permanent members, "highly appropriate," but does not think well of a clause therein contained, restricting the tenure of office for Grand High Priest to one year, neither, personally, does the writer think it judicious.

Aware of the criticisms of those who pounce upon the "mutual admiration society," nevertheless, because the Alabama Companions desire to know what is thought of their servant outside the Jurisdiction, we suppress our modesty, and gratefully give a place to the following:

"The temperate and discreet utterances of Companion William V. Titcomb, as Correspondent, regarding the transactions of fifty-one Grand Chapters, have afforded much pleasure and no little encouragement. They give evidence of mature thought and deliberate judgment; and in their adaptability to the needs of his Companions cannot fail to be of great service to those for whom especially they are written; while the good-natured presentation of them enhances their value and gives them additional welcome." Every prominent event noted in these various Proceedings seems to have met his intelligent observation, and through his ministry to have yielded their appropriate lessons to the Craft.

He has given his Companions a thorough synopsis of what the Capitular world is doing, and has fulfilled his mission as a reviewer in a most creditable manner. To state his opinions on the various topics that present themselves for consideration, would be but to repeat our own views already sufficiently known to our own household. Let it suffice therefore, to assure Companion Titcomb that his effective labors to uphold the ideals of our institution are not unobserved or unappreciated, and that in this good work we shall delight to strengthen his hands.

To New Jersey he has devoted five pages of most courteous and fraternal notice in terms which our Companions most gladly reciprocate, and in the name of whom we return our thanks."

Under North Carolina he says in reply to Companion Southgate:

"We cannot agree with him in attaching so little importance to the selection and recording of a Mark, and regret that a Companion of his influence should measure the value of this emblem by its "utility." Such reasoning, in its logical extreme, would deprive Masonry of all its distinctiveness, all its charm and all its influence. The Lambskin Apron, the emblem of innocence, is also an emblem of labor, but not more than is the Mark an emblem of its reward. Yet, who at this day would discard the apron for its want of utility, or for a like reason dispense with the presentation of it to the novitiate with the working tools of the Craft? The whole spirit of the Mark Degree is violated by neglecting this provision, and its whole symbolism lost. The means of special identification furnished by the Mark is one to which not only the candidate, but the Chapter is entitled, and to fail to select it is to violate a pledge expressed or implied."

There is so much in this report that we would like to present to our readers, that we despair of having space for doing it any measure of justice; hence we here end our report on New Jersey.

Comp. Daniel C. Adams, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Leonard L. Grear, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

8TH ANNUAL—ALBUQUERQUE—OCTOBER, 1905.

Comp. A. N. Pratt, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 10; Represented, 8; Members, 586; Net gain, 23.

As reported by the Committee on Credentials, all the Grand Officers were at their posts, and eight Past Grand Officers were present—four of these being Grand High Priests.

The address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest gave a clear account of his administration, and showed his heart was in his work.

He submitted a single decision to the effect that in the absence of H. P., K. & S. from a stated Convocation, or a special Convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest may open the Chapter and preside.

He had granted three special dispensations—two of these to waive time in conferring degrees. He had also issued one dispensation for formation of a new Chapter.

He had made three official visitations and had found the Chapters visited growing in numbers and financially prosperous.

The Chapters in New Mexico are working under charters issued by the General Grand Chapter of the U. S.

He quotes one of the decisions of the General Grand High Priest, approved, which says: "Degrees should not be conferred on Sunday." He also called attention to the General Grand Chapter's recommendation of a uniform standard of Marking and reading the Cryptogram.

He mildly lectures the Secretaries of Chapters on the subject of carefulness in preparing their returns and promptly forwarding the same.

Conspicuous in his conclusion is his inculcation of benevolence, and no less so is his claim that New Mexico is not one whit behind the most charitable Jurisdictions in her exercise of charity.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, general fund, was the sum of \$682.31; charity fund, \$778.32.

The report of the Committee on Grand High Priest's address, approved all decisions made by the Grand High Priest, also, his dispensations. Among the recommendations of the Committee were the following:

"We recommend that the System of Exchange of Grand Representatives be abolished by this Grand Chapter, as it seems of no useful purpose."

"We approve most heartily the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that all Subordinate Chapters perfect themselves

in, and work only under the ritual of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. A., and we suggest that the Grand High Priest-elect call the attention of the High Priests of Subordinate Chapters to this recommendation." Report adopted.

We learn, from the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, that all the Chapters had made returns and paid their dues. When such is the case there appears a pretty good sign of Chapter vitality.

R.: E.: Past Grand Treasurer Comp. J. M. Wroth, it seems was appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but we find no Correspondence report.

Next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Albuquerque, Oct. 17, 1906.

Comp. Arthur Everitt, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Alpheus A. Keen, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

109TH ANNUAL—ALBANY—FEBRUARY, 1906.

Comp. Henry D. Hamilton, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 201; Members, 29,390; Net gain, 1,431.

This volume of proceedings, executed in first-class style, presents the Grand Chapter of New York as one of the most flourishing and influential Capitular Bodies in the United States—nay, in the world.

At the Convocation passing under notice in this paper, there were present Representatives of one hundred and ninety-nine of the two hundred and one enrolled Chapters; the entire corps of Grand Officers; fourteen Past Grand High Priests; R.: E.: A. Marcellus Lampher, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, together with thirty-three other Grand Representatives.

An artistic engraved portrait of Grand High Priest H. D. Hamilton adorns this annual issue of Grand Chapter proceedings, as also do the view of the dedication of the James Bryan Murray Monument and of the Monument itself.

Several distinguished visitors were guests of this Convocation, including in their number the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, the Mayor of Albany, the Governor of New York, the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, and others, all of whom were received and welcomed with the honors due to their rank. On that occasion the addresses and responses were happy and appropriate.

In his able address, the Grand High Priest fitly mentioned the departed Companions of his own Jurisdiction, notably, Past Grand High Priests, Reuben C. Lemmon, formerly of New York, and J. Leavitt Lambert; also, R.: E.: Companion Jesse B. Anthony, the lamented late Superintendent of the Home of Utica; and the distinguished dead of sister Jurisdictions.

During the year, four Chapters had been constituted; nineteen dispensations had been issued, also four special dispensations for various purposes.

Foreign relations were reported as most satisfactory. In his own State the Grand High Priest has made a number of visitations during the year, thus keeping more in touch with the Chapters.

The Grand High Priest said:

"All of my decisions were reached by a reference to the existing written law, and but one requires a report. This case seemed to involve a choice between the provisions of Section 42, Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and those of Section 32 of our Constitution, each of which we are bound to support. My decision was based upon the broad principle that if there be a conflict of authority, that course should be chosen which will better accomplish the purposes for which Capitular Masonry exists."

"The question was as follows:

"In case of the enforced absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, can the Chapter, under any circumstances, be opened by, and hold a Convocation under a Past High Priest of the same or any other Chapter, by express request of the High Priest himself, either orally or in writing?"

"My answer was: 'Under Section 42 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, the Junior Past High Priest present, may open the Chapter and preside at a stated or special Convocation legally called, in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe. No request of the High Priest seems to be necessary'."

Among the Grand High Priest's recommendations we note that he recommended the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the General to the Permanent Fund.

The Committee on the James Bryan Murray Monument presented an interesting report of the dedication of that monument.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made a short report, which, however, shows that he had not been, by any means, a drone in the Masonic hive. He rightly thinks that visits of Grand Chapter officers to the Subordinate Chapters are highly beneficial to the Chapters visited.

From the Grand Treasurer's report it appears that the total of the Permanent Fund was \$17,781.37; and the grand total of funds was \$41,979.29.

The Grand Secretary made a careful, painstaking report—no small matter in view of the size of the Jurisdiction, and the number of items to be considered. He says:

"The entire number of chartered Chapters have made returns of their work and changes of membership for the year ending Dec. 27, 1905, in accordance with lawful requirement."

The Grand Lecturer made a satisfactory report. He had assisted in several functions, and in work at a number of points, and, during the year had responded to every call for his services, having visited, in some cases more than once, thirty-two Chapters, advising, instructing and occasionally conferring degrees.

At the two Conventions of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests—an adjunct of the Grand Chapter—one hundred and five eligible Companions were duly elected, anointed and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

An interesting letter of regret on account of his own absence from the Convocation, from M.: E.: E. T. D. Chambers,

Representative of the Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Quebec, was read and ordered of record.

The Grand High Priest presented an appeal from his own decision in the case of charges preferred against certain members of the late ——— Chapter, No. ———, also the complainant's answer to the appeal and his own memorandum explanatory of his decision. Referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

In brief, the case in question was as follows:

In a certain Chapter, a man of bad character was proposed and accepted, during recess of Grand Chapter. Complainant appealed to the Grand High Priest, who in his ruling adjudged said certain members of said Chapter guilty of un-Masonic conduct; and reversing the decision of the Trial Commissioners which had been lenient in said case, expelled the more guilty of said members, and suspended others until December 28, 1906.

The appellants presented thirteen specifications in which they claimed that the Grand High Priest was in error in adjudging the action of the Trial Commissioners as error in excluding the proceedings of the Grand Chapter offered in evidence by complainant. Further, that the Grand High Priest erred in adjudging that the judgments of the Grand Chapter are binding upon all and particularly upon the Commission, appointed by order of the Grand Chapter, etc. The gist of the thirteen counts being that the Grand High Priest had exceeded his authority.

The complainant answers said appeal and denies that the Grand High Priest was in error.

In his "memorandum" the Grand High Priest cites Section 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, which provides that "The Grand High Priest shall exercise all the *executive and judicial* functions of this Grand Chapter during its recess."

The Committee on Appeals reported the matter back to Grand Chapter with the request that it be referred to a special Committee.

Grand Chapter took the case up and, after some spirited discussion, sustained the Grand High Priest and dismissed the appeal.

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

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence made an able report on the Grand High Priest's decision that "the Junior Past High Priest may open the Chapter and preside, at a stated or special Convocation, legally called, in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe." The Committee wisely, in our opinion, disapproved said decision, and the Grand Chapter sustained the Committee.

The Finance Committee, among its other recommendations, reported favorably on the Grand High Priest's recommendation that \$5,000.00 be transferred from the General to the Permanent fund.

It is a pleasure to note that Past Grand High Priest Marvin I. Greenwood is continued as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

R. E.: Comp. Pierce Cushing submitted an eloquent memorial as the report of the Committee on Memorials.

At a suitable juncture exemplification of the work took place under the direction of the efficient Grand Lecturer, R. E.: Comp. McGown.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Again, within the compass of 97 pages, Past Grand High Priest Marvin I. Greenwood, Chairman of the Committee, furnishes an admirable report, reviewing the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters, including Alabama 1904, which is accorded two pages of courteous notice. For his very handsome compliment to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence, the writer takes off his hat and makes his best salaam.

We are pleased to see, under Massachusetts, that Companion Greenwood wishes that the whole system of cipher on pretended rituals "could be most effectually killed."

If our esteemed Companion will pardon us, we shall apply to himself what he says about Companions Wait, of New Hampshire, and Southgate, of North Carolina:

"He has an eye quick to see all the items of interest, and a very happy way of expressing his ideas upon them; and

"He is an easy, yet forceful writer, who knows how to say what he wishes to say, and then to stop."

Comp. Derrick Brown, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Christopher G. Fox, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

In the appendix appears an ingenious address, on Past Master's Degree, made by R.: E.: Pierre Cushing, in vindication of the degree—all the same it is out of place in Capitular Masonry.

NORTH CAROLINA.

58TH ANNUAL—CHARLOTTE—MAY, 1906.

Comp. Lat. Williams, R.: E.: Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 25; U. D., 1; Membership, 1,585; Gain, 204.

A portrait of Grand High Priest James Dodge Glenn, who died October 20, 1905, forms the frontispiece of this splendidly printed volume.

Eight Past Grand High Priests manifested their zeal by being present at this Convocation, as also did twenty Grand Representatives. But we note that Comp. W. B. McKoy, our envoy, was not of the number.

The address of the Acting Grand High Priest was very brief (3 pp.) consisting mainly of a few reports of his official acts and a feeling tribute of respect and love for the memory of his departed chief, Grand High Priest James Dodge Glenn. This tribute was in the form of a circular addressed to all Royal Arch Masons wherever dispensed.

He had granted five dispensations—three of these for waiving time in receiving and acting on petitions; but had refused

one which would have permitted the reception of petitions of two revenue officers, and ballot on the same at a special Convocation.

He earnestly recommended an increase of the salary of the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Companion James Southgate, who, for fifteen years, gave his important and valuable services, as such, to Grand Chapter gratuitously. That recommendation was certainly a step—short though it was—in the right direction.

Grand Treasurer, Comp. W. S. Willard had on hand balance \$1,818.86.

Grand Secretary James C. Munds urges upon Chapters the importance of prompt and correct returns, also the necessity of the High Priest's signing for the rituals received, since otherwise it is out of the Grand Secretary's power to keep track of these books. In seven instances, this year, said publications have not been signed for. Ah! Companions, make a huge bonfire of the things, and thus rid yourselves of a great annoyance.

The report of Grand Lecturer F. M. Maye, was, as a whole, very encouraging. He said, in concluding his report:

"There are indications, however, that Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina is entering upon an era of greater prosperity."

He is very highly commended by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers for his great zeal and efficiency.

The Committee on Necrology made a short but impressive report on the death of Grand High Priest James D. Glenn. Received and adopted.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals was glad to report no business for consideration. Received and adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, the Chapter under dispensation was so continued.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, approved the Grand High Priest's dispensations issued, also his refusal of a dispensation to allow balloting on a petition at a special Convocation.

Next Grand Chapter will be held at Greensboro.

CORRESPONDENCE.

And now comes Companion James Southgate with another of his thoroughly good reports (his 23rd) on 116 full pages he reviews the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters—always courteous; at the same time always fearless in the expression of his opinion.

Alabama, 1905, receives fraternal notice covering two and one-half pages. He says:

"The address of the Grand High Priest (Spp.) is well written and gives a good report of his work during the year."

He also makes a generous extract from said address. He notes the high commendation bestowed (deservedly so) on our R.: E.: Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Beauchamp, who, when he assumed the duties of his office, found a membership of only 856, but through whose instrumentality, in a great measure, it has increased to more than 2,100, while the cash balance has grown from \$697.18 to \$2,206.19, and says:

"We join in the chorus of praise to this faithful officer." He thinks, in regard to the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, that "it is safer to await the action on such questions by the General Grand Chapter." We respectfully dissent.

As to Grand Chapter conferring degrees, he thinks it "is somewhat out of the regular order," and says:

"We do not confer degrees as a Grand Chapter, but the work is done by the local Chapters, which may invite some Grand Officer to preside and exemplify the work."

For Companion Southgate's exceedingly kind and complimentary reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence, the writer returns hearty thanks.

Then he says of the writer:

"He disapproves of our use of substitutes, in which we agree. We have for many years, allowed one, but latterly, we fear, two are sometimes used. We dissent."

Dear Companion, if one may be used, why not two? Indeed, none should be used. To make use of any substitutes, seems to us farcical.

Well, well, the printer's devil has paid Companion Southgate a visit also, as witness the following:

"He quotes from our conclusion of our plan to make the General Grand Chapter a court of last resort, and approves the idea." (The word "approves" should read, disapproves; for in the passage he quotes from us, we had said that we did not hanker after an appellate tribunal above the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter either, having intimated that we were old foggyish enough to believe strongly in the *vox populi*, etc. sentiment. Whereupon the reviewer says:

"Yes, but, Companion, the *vox populi* is not always the *vox Dei*, and we have long since taken this idea out of our list of the follies of 'ye olden tyme'.")

Ah! Companion, all right to eliminate the "follies of 'ye olden tyme'," but hold fast to the good even though the dust of ages has settled upon it. Brush off the dust and cherish the underlying sentiment of truth.

The voice of the people—public opinion—public sentiment, is the supreme power among men. None so great that he may disregard it; none so powerful but that he must yield to it.

Under Maryland, Companion Southgate quotes the following from Companion Schultz:

"We learn elsewhere from his report that Companion Southgate is 72 years of age and avoirdupoises at 250 pounds." (If the Great I AM spares the writer until January 28, 1907, 2 1-2 months more, he will be 80 years old.) "Eight days ago (August 23d) we passed our 78th milestone, and weigh just half as much as Companion Southgate."

Our North Carolina Companion responds as follows:

"Although a light weight physically, weighty truths are often uttered by this 'little fellow.' As Burns looked down on Scott at their first interview, yet the latter proved himself massive in thought and great in 'literary acumen.' We must not despise the day of 'small' things, if we ourselves are great in avoirdupois." * * * "We accept his explanation that none but a Past High Priest could be installed High Priest of a Subordinate Chapter in Maryland. As we have no such order as

High Priesthood in North Carolina, these complications are not likely to arise."

The closing paragraph of our esteemed Companions' conclusion is pathetic. He seems to be under the impression that the present report will be his last. We hope it will not be so. May he live long to instruct and interest the Royal Craft.

Comp. Lat. Williams, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. James C. Munds, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

36TH ANNUAL—SYDNEY, C. B.—JUNE, 1905.

Comp. M. C. Webster, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 15; Members, 890; Net increase, 49.

From the Grand Secretary's report it is learned that all the Chapters had made returns, and with one exception, all had paid their dues. Exaltations during the year, 72.

We are pleased to see that Alabama's Representative, R.: E.: Comp. David Small was present at the Grand Convocation with nineteen other Grand Representatives, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, five Past Grand Kings and thirteen Past Grand Scribes were also present.

The Grand High Priest opened his address with devout acknowledgement of dependence upon the Great I Am, and with thankfulness for His abounding mercies.

No grievances had been brought to his notice. No decisions were submitted by him to the Grand Chapter.

The few visitations he had been able to make, brought pleasure to all concerned, and evinced a satisfactory condition of the Chapters visited.

During the year he had issued seven dispensations. Of these one was for going to church in procession on St. John's Day, one to move Chapter to another place for the purpose of conferring degrees, one to confer the Royal Arch Degree on six candidates, one to confer the same degree on four candidates, and one to confer the same on five candidates.

No report from the Board of General Purposes calls for mention in this paper.

The representatives of the Grand High Priest made report of their respective visitations.

Nothing further transpired that claims our attention, unless it be the report of the Grand Treasurer, who had received from the Grand Secretary \$933.93, and after all disbursements held a balance of \$424.38.

There was no annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

No convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held this year (1905.)

Comp. W. M. Black, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. D. M. Campbell, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

89TH ANNUAL—SPRINGFIELD—OCTOBER, 1905.

Comp. Lewis P. Schuns, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 161; Members, 22,337; Net gain, 1,363.

At the Convocation under review, thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present. We are pleased to see that our Representative, Comp. Geo. W. Fels, was one of twenty-eight envoys responding to roll call.

In his address the Grand High Priest (whose portrait adorns the initial page of the volume) paid tribute to the late Past Grand High Priest and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Companion Reuben Compton Lemon, whose portrait also appears in this volume and who died September 6, 1905; also to the 296 Companions of his own jurisdiction, who had died during the year, as well as to the illustrious dead of other Jurisdictions. He had granted seventeen special dispensations, but, for good reasons, had refused three.

He said:

"I have the satisfaction of reporting that all the Chapters in the State have been visited and inspected during the past

year. It has required much correspondence to secure this result, but I think a great good has been accomplished, especially in securing uniformity in the work, forms and ceremonies. This was largely attained by having the inspectors meet with the Ritual Committee to receive instruction before beginning their work."

He expressed high appreciation of the efforts of the twenty-five inspectors. He said:

"With few exceptions, the Chapters show a very satisfactory condition. The ritualistic work is good, and the officers in a large majority of the Chapters are enthusiastic in their work. In almost every instance where poor work was done, it was due to a lack of interest manifested by the officers in perfecting themselves in their different parts."

He intimated that the law relating to suspended members was conflicting, and recommended that it be so amended as to cover the matter of suspended members more fully.

He recommended that the annual inspections be continued. Manifestly great good has resulted therefrom.

His twenty official visitations reported, had, beyond doubt, insured a stimulating of the Chapters visited.

The three decisions reported were clearly in accordance with Masonic law.

The address winds up with an account of the impressive ceremony used in the dedication of apartments set apart to the uses of Capitular Masonry in the new Masonic Temple at Toledo, Ohio. The elaborate, but "beautiful and appropriate ceremony" was prepared, at the request of the Grand High Priest, by Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Wm. M. Cunningham.

The Grand Treasurer's balance, October 4, 1905, was the sum of \$16,489.97.

It is learned from the Grand Secretary's report that, of the whole number of Chapters in the State, 23 have less than 50 members; 56 have from 50 to 100 members; 54 have from 100 to 200 members; 14 have from 200 to 300; 7 from 300 to 400; one from 400 to 500; two from 500 to 600; three from 600 to 700; and one with 960 members.

M.: E.: Comp. Wm. E. Cunningham, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported completion of his work and asked for its publication with the Proceedings. Granted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions reported by the Grand High Priest, and submitted, in the matter of his recommendation: First, as to some legislation being had to correct the evils growing out of the increasing list of suspended members; after giving valid reasons therefor, an amendment of Section 4 of the Code is as follows:

"4. The Subordinate Chapters shall have authority to assess such dues upon their members from time to time as they shall deem just and expedient, and the By-Laws of the Chapter shall designate the amount of dues so assessed and the time for the payment thereof, which shall be considered sufficient notice to each member; and it is hereby made the imperative duty of the High Priest to cause the Secretary to enter suspended, if the same has not already been done, every member who is now, or may hereafter become in arrears for dues for six months after the time fixed for payment; and within thirty days after the entry of such suspension, and forthwith in the case of Companions heretofore suspended for non-payment of dues, notice of their suspension shall be sent by the Secretary of the Chapter to such suspended member, the notice to be under the seal of the Chapter and sent by registered mail to the last known place of residence of such delinquent, and the registry receipt therefor shall be kept on file as evidence of the service of such action. If the dues of such suspended member are not paid within six months after the mailing of said notice, or have not in the meantime been remitted by the Chapter for good cause, then charges shall forthwith be preferred against him and proceedings be had under Rule 33 of the Code."

Second, (as to the Grand High Priest's recommendation that the Secretary of each Chapter be required to enter on the record a copy of each Annual Return) the Committee offered the following standing Resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of each Chapter shall spread in full, in writing, upon the record book of the Chapter a correct and legible copy of the Annual Return made to the Grand Chapter, said copy to be so recorded not later than thirty days after said Annual Return shall have been approved as correct by the Grand Secretary."

Third. (As to an Auditing Committee):

"Resolved, That each High Priest when installed shall appoint a Committee on Finance, consisting of three members of the Chapter, to serve for the year. It shall be their duty to examine and report upon all bills and demands presented to the Chapter for payment and also to examine the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and Secretary and to audit and report upon the same in writing at the Annual Convocation for the election of officers, and prior to said election; which report when adopted by the Chapter, shall be entered in full upon the minutes of said meeting; and to make such other examinations and reports as the Chapter or High Priest may require."

In closing the Committee paid a high tribute to the memory of its long-time Chairman, Reuben C. Lemmon.

The Committee's report was unanimously adopted.

The feeling and eloquent report of the Committee on Necrology was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report endorsing the system of Grand Representatives. We quote the concluding resolution of said report as follows:

"Resolved, That absence from the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter for three consecutive years, unless a suitable excuse therefor in writing is sent to the Grand Chapter, shall warrant the Grand High Priest in requesting the recall of his commission by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter represented." That's the right way to put it.

On recommendation of the same Committee, action on request of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, was deferred until the next annual. Both of these special reports were unanimously adopted.

We agree with the Committee on Charity that the Ohio Masons have "well done" in establishing their splendid Masonic Home.

The next Grand Chapter will convene at Columbus the first wednesday in October, 1906.

It is learned from the business-like reports from the Masonic Home that the total of residents of the Home is 160; 67 men, 37 women, 29 boys, 27 girls. Total receipts during the year, \$50,423.10. Total disbursements, \$47,499.69.

In all funds of Grand Chapter, on July 31, 1905, the total balances were \$53,930.03.

The Masonic Home Hospital was dedicated, May 10, 1905. That invaluable edifice is a monument to the devotion of the O. E. S. women.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests elected the large number of 66 applicants to membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The veteran and well informed reviewer, Comp. Wm. M. Cunningham thus opens his report on Foreign Correspondence:

Salutatory and Introductory.

"After an interval of thirty-six years, over a third of a century, the writer again resumes the reportorial work of this Grand Chapter. The growth and prosperity of Capitular Masonry within the period named is simply marvelous; not only in this Grand Jurisdiction, but throughout the world. In 1869, when the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by the writer, there were in Ohio but one hundred and fourteen Subordinate Chapters and six thousand three hundred and twenty-seven affiliated Royal Arch Masons. At the close of the year 1904, there are one hundred and sixty-one Chapters, with a membership of twenty thousand nine hundred and seventy-four Royal Arch Masons. The total receipts, for dues, by the Grand Chapter in 1869 were \$3,452.25; in 1904, the annual receipts were \$8,825.75 for general purposes, and \$4,941.25 per capita tax for the support of the Ohio Masonic Home."

The foregoing is followed by disquisitions, replete with information and instruction, on "Capitular Masonry," "Symbolism," and "Order of High Priesthood." These must be read to be appreciated. Our space will not admit of their insertion here.

Alabama, 1904, receives courteous attention at the hands of our highly esteemed contemporary. He calls Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken's address "a thoughtful business paper," compliments Grand Secretary Beuchamp, and the writer; for all of which he has our profound thanks.

He says:

"Your Committee had always classed Companion Titcomb, until within the current year, as one of the younger members

of the Guild in the Grand Lodge, but under South Carolina, whilst disclaiming the title "venerable," he admits that his seventy-seven years "probably justify its use." Whilst the writer is a close second, 75, he would congratulate him upon the youthful vigor that permeates his correspondence reports."

A group of "Grand High Priests of Iowa," graces the report on Iowa.

Comp. Wm. A. Reiter, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

45TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JUNE, 1906.

Comp. Edward Biddle, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 28; Chapters making returns, 27; Membership, not stated because of the failure of one Chapter to make and send in returns; all the rest had made returns and paid dues.

On opening this very neat volume the first object that arrests our attention is a vignette of Grand High Priest Edward Biddle. It seems the face of a sturdy Anglo-Saxon.

All the Grand Officers and a majority of Chapter Representatives were present, together with ten Past Grand High Priests, and four Past Grand Lecturers; also thirteen sister Grand Chapters were represented, but not Alabama. Companion Hodson, where was Comp. M.: E.: Jay Tuttle, Alabama's spokesman?

The Grand High Priest's address was short (5 1-2 pp.), but presented all matters needful to be mentioned. In the following he reports the condition of the Royal Craft to be good:

"Reports received from the constituent Chapters shows a healthful growth in all parts of our Grand Jurisdiction. In keeping with the growth and prosperity of our fair State, Royal Arch Masonry shows a corresponding increase. Its lessons of fraternity, goodness and truth are as eagerly sought, and its teachings are as powerful, as at any time in the past century. So long as men desire more moral and spiritual light, so long as

men desire a better understanding of, and bond of companionship with their fellows, so long will men seek admission into our fraternity."

He had "appointed" a Companion to represent the Grand Chapter of Colorado, one to represent the Grand Chapter of Missouri, and one to represent the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, near the Grand Chapter of Oregon. It is, we believe, the province of each of the Grand High Priests of those other Jurisdictions to make said appointments on his recommendation.

He had granted five dispensations during the year, three of these being permissions to waive time in balloting and acting on petitions for the degrees.

He submitted but one decision, substantially as follows: An English Royal Arch Mason, who was an actual Past Master, but who had never received the M. M. and M. E. M. degrees, was desirous of affiliating with an Oregon Chapter. He decided that it would be necessary to confer the missing degrees in full upon the applicant. He felt clear that this was the proper course. At the same time he was aware that some Chapter Masons of wide experience differ with him in this regard, they holding that it is only necessary to obligate the applicant in the two missing degrees.

He submitted the matter for consideration by the Grand Chapter.

The Jurisprudence Committee, to which the foregoing decision was referred, reported that it was in accordance with Sec. 12. Art. 3, Part 2 of the Constitution, and recommended its approval.

The Committee also approved the Grand High Priest's dispensations. Report of the Committee adopted.

The Committee on Grievances had no call on its docket. Its report was adopted.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead briefly yet feelingly reported, and recommended that memorial pages be set apart in the Proceedings.

Companion J. M. Hodson's resolution, providing for the subscription for one hundred shares, at par value each, of the cap-

ital stock of Masonic Builder's Association, of Portland, Oregon, having been approved by the Finance Committee, was adopted.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected nine eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

When we open the Report on Correspondence presented by Past Grand High Priest J. M. Hodson we always expect "a treat" and are never disappointed.

He gives Alabama, 1905, three pages of fraternal notice. He says:

"The address of Grand High Priest Hill was rather brief, yet comprehensive, and covered the year's doings in god shape." He says:

"Companion W. Y. Titcomb is again the author of the Report on Correspondence. He always does a good job, and the present is no exception, but reading between lines it seemed to us he was weary of the work while doing it. Oregon for 1905 has fraternal review, and we are pleased to note that in nearly every instance we are agreed. Our make-up, as is probably pretty well known by this time, is to fully agree or as fully disagree, and that is the kind of Brother we enjoy reading after."

How Companion Hodson became impressed with the idea that we were "weary of the work," we cannot divine; but we regret that the scrawling of our screed made him tired. Here are his views on charging dues against members suspended for N. P. D.:

Then Companion Hodson proceeds thus:

"Under Colorado, speaking of Brother Foster, he" (the writer) says: "Under Pennsylvania he asks if it is 'justice' to require payment for something not given (alluding to the practice of charging his dues during suspension N. P. D.)' Individually we answer, 'by no means.'"

"As a principle standing alone, we do not think any one would endorse it as right, but as marked out in practice in

Oregon, we think it is right. A Mason is better known in his own Lodge or Chapter than anywhere else; his ability, his nature, and his general character is an open book to his associates. If he is unable to pay through age, financial weakness or misfortune, our Chapters and Lodges remit his dues, and are not required by the Grand Bodies to pay on him. If he is amply able and through negligence or general "cussedness" drops out, he deserves to have to pay to get back in; and in fact we think the fraternity is better off and stronger if he elects to stay out permanently. Each Lodge is made the judge of each case as it arises and may remit accumulating dues if it is right to do so, and in our experience or observation we have never known a Lodge or Chapter to go far wrong. We have never yet known a worthy Brother suspended or dropped simply because he was poor. That is our Pacific Coast Masonry. True Masons do not do things that way anywhere."

Very well put. But all the same the practice of charging something for nothing is wrong in principle. No "value received" there.

He quotes the writer on the Delaware proposition to eliminate the Past Master's Degree, and says:

"If the Chapters of Royal Masonry in America have any landmark it is 'that no one shall be exalted to that august degree who is not a Past Master.' Now the present usage provides within the Chapter itself a compliance with that ancient requirement, which is not exactly what it seems to have been the intention of the law when adopted; yet we think it more rational than that of Pennsylvania, where it is claimed that the degree is wholly the property of the Blue Lodge. They go through the farcical performance of electing the petitioner as an actual Master, and installing him as such, when he is not Master in fact, nor is he ever expected to be. We are satisfied with the arrangement as at present practiced in all the other Grand Chapters, and think the innovation will create confusion without doing the least particle of good. If, at the organization of Royal Arch Masonry in America, the Council degrees of Royal and Select Masters had been made a prerequisite to the Royal Arch, the Past Master omitted, the Most Excellent, not invented, and the Super Excellent wiped off the State, we think it would have been much the better way, would have avoided the necessity of the Council organization, and placed the information which all Royal Arch Masons ought to have where it naturally belonged; but as we regard the Council as a fixture, we are utterly and forever opposed to the mixture that would occur should the attempt be made now. In fact, we would oppose as forcibly as possible any change of conditions under which the Capitular Rite has grown to its present great and influential position."

The opinions of our distinguished contemporary of Oregon are entitled to careful consideration, however we may view the matter in question.

Under Indiana the writer had commented favorably on the rule in that Jurisdiction prohibiting waiver of time in acting on petitions for the degrees. Companion Hodson does not agree with us on that subject. But, under the same Jurisdiction, our view, in regard to making election in another Chapter a prerequisite to granting a dimit, that it is a violation of Masonic usage in this country, since it creates, for no matter how short a time, dual membership, he says:

"We endorse."

When Companion Hodson agrees with us on any subject and, in most cases, he does so agree, we feel greatly encouraged. If he disagrees with us, we take it as an honest difference of opinion; moreover, if he satisfies us that he is right and that we are wrong, he shall certainly be informed of the fact.

There is so much in his report that we have marked for notice, it would fill pages; therefore it must pass by. A snapshot or two must suffice instead.

Under Canada, on dependent membership, he quotes Comp. Bennett's comment on the failure in New Jersey of the L. M. law, in which our Companion of Canada said: "To the right-thinking Craftman, the money seeking and compulsion phase of it must reveal itself, in all its hideous repulsiveness, sooner or later." Whereupon Comp. Hodson responds as follows:

"It will probably be 'later,' for every year shows the 'hideous repulsiveness' of the vain commercial character which worms itself through the Blue Lodge, that it may wear gaudy feathers and sit near the head of the banquet table, enjoying the big watch charms and posing as High Masons, when in fact they scorn the common worker and despise the labor required to learn what they ought to know. It is to get rid of and shut out such characters who wish to trade on the possession of the 'high degrees' that dependent membership is enacted, and to force them to either contribute to the charity of the fraternity, or get out. Masonry as a whole is stronger without them."

Under Colorado, he says:

"We agree in believing that specials, when called for work in different degrees, should be opened directly upon the degree, without taking the time and trouble of opening in the Royal Arch first." We concur.

Companion Johnston, District of Columbia, had said that the subject of Grand High Priests making Royal Arch Masons at sight, had been "chewed" over until it was stringy, to which Companion Hodson replies:

"Possibly so. The strings, however, appear to be only in the teeth of its upholders. The rest of us are getting along nicely." Include the writer in the crowd which is "getting along nicely."

Under Georgia, we agree with Companion Hodson that the title belongs to the office instead of the man.

Under Illinois, he ably defends the position that the charter must be actually present.

Under Maine, he again wields an effective weapon in defense of dependent membership on the same lines as under Canada.

Companion Leroy of South Dakota, had said that the Grand Chapter of Alabama did "an unusual thing, in conferring the Royal Arch Degree on some brethren. (At the request of their respective Chapters, we add.):

To which Companion Hodson replies as follows:

"Without denying the legality of the work, he thinks it 'peculiar in the extreme.' If the Grand Chapter is the authority in Capitular matters, having full control of ritual and administration, which of course it has, we think it was 'peculiar in the extreme' of being the proper thing to do. No better method could be adopted to impress upon the Companions present the proper working of the ritual." Good; with thanks for your forcible vindication of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, Companion.

We must leave untouched some strong utterances by our gifted Companion, notably under Illinois and Maryland.

Comp. Lot L. Pearce, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jas. F. Robinson, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

110TH ANNUAL—PHILADELPHIA—DECEMBER, 1905.

Number of Chapters, 127; Members, 24,005; Net gain, 1,329.

(Number of Mark Lodges, 3; Number of Members, 616.)

Comp. J. Henry Williams, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

A steel engraving, portrait of Grand High Priest Williams graces the initial page of this volume which is executed in first-class style.

The record is of the proceedings of the March, June, September and December quarterlies, 1905, and of the Annual Grand Communication, Dec. 27 (St. John's Day), 1905.

At the Quarterly, March 2d, on recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia was declined, in the following resolution:

"Resolved, That as the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia has not the allegiance of all the Chapters of Western Australia, and on account of lack of further information, we decline to recognize it as the Supreme Grand Chapter of that State."

At this Communication the Grand Chapter was, at a fitting time, "called off," a Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened, and the M. M. M. Degree exemplified.

At the June Quarterly the Most Excellent Master Mason Degree was exemplified.

At the same Communication, the Grand High Priest reported having suspended the High Priest of a certain Chapter, for un-Masonic conduct—embezzlement of county funds, and having directed said Chapter to have charges preferred against said High Priest for un-Masonic conduct.

At the court of Quarter sessions of ——— county, the accused did plead guilty under the charge of embezzlement, and was sentenced to pay cost of prosecution, with fine of six cents and to be imprisoned in the Penn. penitentiary for four years. By resolutions adopted, the action of the Grand High Priest in

the foregoing case was approved and ratified, and said Chapter was directed to proceed forthwith to try the charges against the Companion High Priest mentioned.

After routine business at the Quarterly of September had been transacted, the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified.

The main features of the December Quarterly were the reports of the Jurisprudence Committee and the Committee on Finance. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following substitute for a proposed amendment to the Constitution:

"Section 10. No member shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time when he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason, and not then unless he shall have had his Mark recorded in the Book of Marks. *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to abridge the prerogative of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest relative to the conferring, or causing to be conferred in his presence, or by his dispensation, any of the degrees of Capitular Masonry."

The Finance Committee reported total receipts, \$12,503.52; expenditures, \$12,127.45, leaving balance on hand, \$376.07. The investments held by the Grand Treasurer amounted to \$24,500.00.

The Committee's estimate of receipts and expenditures for coming year was as follows: Receipts, \$10,841.07; expenditures, \$10,775.00; estimated balance, \$66.07.

The Jurisprudence Committee's substitute for a proposed amendment to Section 10, Constitution, was adopted.

The Annual Grand Communication was held December 27, 1905, with all the Grand Officers present except the R.: E.: Grand Treasurer, and with six Past Grand High Priests answering to their names, and twenty-one Grand Representatives at their posts. The place for Representative to the Grand Chapter of Alabama seems to be vacant.

The Introduction to the Grand High Priest's address consists of a little more than five lines. His report of his administration during the year evinces faithful discharge of the duties pertaining to his high office.

His few decisions presented are, doubtless, conformable to the laws of his Jurisdiction. Those rulings were not passed upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

In Pennsylvania "no officer can resign his membership from a Chapter during the Masonic year for which he has obligated himself to serve. It would be permitting him to violate his obligation, which cannot for a moment be countenanced."

The Grand High Priest had made twenty-two Grand Visitations during the year, as well as nineteen Informal Visitations—to the profit and encouragement of the Chapters visited, beyond a peradventure.

Much attention was given, in this address, to the subject of Marks.

The Grand High Priest of New York, with some Past Grand, and Grand Officers of that Jurisdiction, also the Grand High Priest of New Jersey, were distinguished visitors who contributed to the success of the occasion by appropriate addresses.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence is composed of the following members, viz: Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Matthias H. Henderson and Companions Stockton Bates, Thos. F. Penman, Robert E. Umbel, and James W. Hughes. Alabama fell to the lot of M.: E.: Companion Henderson, who with perfect courtesy accords to it about two pages of his valuable space. He quotes Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken's four decisions, without comment. We take it that he does not disapprove the same.

He refers to the failure of a resolution offered in our Grand Chapter, "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," and adds the following:

"We have a similar regulation, but with us the limit is six months."

Of his handsome compliment to the writer, the latter would express his very high appreciation.

The writer had ventured, in regard to substitutes, to ask how the exaltation of one, or even two candidates conforms to the requirement. *Three, no more, no less.* Companion Henderson replies thus:

"We can give him no better or more comprehensive reply to this than to refer him to our own words which he quotes before he asks the question."

Our eminent Companion will pardon us for thinking that our question remains unanswered. But we suppose that further discussion of the use of substitutes is useless.

Under Connecticut, he says:

"Quoting our reply to Companion Harrison, of Delaware, in which we told him that our Chapters are prohibited from advancing any but their own members, Companion Barlow asks: 'Does this mean that to petition for the Chapter degrees the applicant must belong to a Lodge in Pennsylvania.' No, Companion Barlow, it does not mean that. It means that when a Brother changes his residence and comes into a new locality, in possession of one or more of the Chapter degrees he cannot receive the remaining degrees unless he returns to the Chapter in which he started. Or he can resign from that Chapter and petition the Chapter nearest his residence. If received by it he is then one of its members and it can proceed to confer the remaining degrees upon him. He must belong to a Master's Lodge and be a Past Master either by election or dispensation, but the location of the Lodge does not enter the question."

On the same line, Companion Stockton Bates, under Illinois, thus satisfactorily answers Companion Warvelle's question, "Does this Jurisdiction restrict the R. A. Degree to 'actual Past Masters?'"

"You understand the matter correctly. The 'Degree of Past Master' is not conferred in Pennsylvania Chapters. (Good.) 'A member of a Lodge of Master Masons may get a dispensation to 'pass the chair,' and thus become a virtual Past Master. He can then petition for the M., M. E., and R. A. Degrees in the Chapter. You will thus see that there is no restriction as to actual Past Masters."

Companion Murrow of Indian Territory had made an argument against the doctrines that the Charter must be actually present, and as good an argument as could be made for his side of the question. Companion Bates comes back to him in good shape, as follows:

"Is not this pregnant and ever recurring topic a mere question of the law? Give us the law. In Pennsylvania the law requires the actual presence of the warrant. A Chapter cannot be opened in its absence. If lost or destroyed a duplicate must be procured."

"It is the visible evidence of the lawfulness of the Assembly as a warranted Chapter. Every one present is entitled to the knowledge that this evidence is within everyone's sight. It is the guarantee of orderly lawful procedure and is peculiarly Masonic."

"A policeman is no less a policeman when off duty; but it is his uniform and his badge that proclaim him an officer of the law."

Under Kentucky he reproduces Companion Grant's quotation of the writer's remark that the Grand High Priest, who refused to have the ballot again read on the plea that a black ball had been deposited by mistake, did exactly right; that Companions should exercise more care in respect of the sacred duty of balloting on candidates, and adds:

Whereupon Companion Grant pithily remarks:

"True, so far as the sacred duty goes, but how about the fellow who was taken for some one else, and who suffered without any fault on his part."

Why, of course our sympathy goes out to that victim of a Companion's carelessness.

Under Maine, Companion Thomas F. Penman has the following:

"Companion Harris objects to our law requiring an objection, after ballot, to be made orally in open Chapter, because it exposes the objector, instead of giving the protection to him that the secret ballot or private objection affords. The writer concedes that this is a debatable question, but why should any conscientious Companion, with a valid objection against a can-

didate, require to be shielded? Too often is the ballot employed to vent private piques and grudges, motives that the coward would hesitate to give audible expression to, and it is doubtful if the opportunity should be extended."

Companion, so frail is human nature that secrecy of the vote on candidates is essential to the peace and harmony of even a Lodge or Chapter of Free Masons.

Companion Robert E. Umbel, reviewing North Carolina, noting that the Grand High Priest favored the idea that most of the visitations should be made by the Grand Lecturer, rather than the Grand High Priest, asks, "Why not the Grand Lecturer accompany the Grand High Priest? Our observation in this regard convinces us that the best results could thus be obtained." * * *

Under Oregon, he gives in full Companion Hodson's valuable conclusion to his report on Correspondence. Companion Penman's review consists mostly of choice extracts.

Reviewing Tennessee Companion J. W. Hughes said that the Grand High Priest heartily recommended "that the Companions of the Grand Body on returning home use their best efforts to get the Brethren and Companions to take some Masonic paper, believing that great good can be accomplished along this line, if proper efforts are made. There can be no doubt of that fact, for knowledge is power, either for good or for evil. This recommendation appeals with equal force to members of the craft in all Jurisdictions." Fitly remarked.

The conclusion to this report contains "food for thought." Companion Bates is a forcible writer. By the way he, we are morally certain, does not "smoke tobacco" in Lodge or Chapter.

In the division of Proceedings to be reviewed, two of the Committee had ten volumes apiece to write up; two had eleven, and one had twelve—fifty-four in all.

Comp. J. Henry Williams, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles Cary, M.: E.: Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

29TH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH, A. I. 2436, A. D. 1906.

Comp. H. Ed. Channell, M.: E.: Grand 1st Principal, Z.

Number of Chapters, 11; Members, 1,018; Net increase, 52.

On the first page of this neat volume appears a portrait of M. E.: Grand Z.-elect Comp. John McLean. It is a good face.

We are pleased to note that our Representative, R.: E.: Companion C. P. O'Connor, was reported as present.

In his address the Grand Z. reported "the standing of the Order in a most satisfactory and prosperous condition, with a good, healthy increase."

He paid due attention to the subject of "Fraternal Dead." Reporting his official acts, he said under the head, "Rulings," that it gave him pleasure to report that he had not been called upon to give any decisions during the year—demonstrating that the officers of the several chapters have acquainted themselves with the law.

His opinion had been unofficially asked as to the necessity of opening the Chapter, on regular meeting night when there was only work in the Intermediate Degrees. He in effect, replied, that since the Charter or Warrant was granted to the Chapter, therefore the Chapter should be first opened in order to legalize proceedings in the intermediate Degrees, after which they could be opened for work. He believed this rule to be a universal acceptance.

He had granted but two dispensations during the year.

To those who inveigh against the system of Grand Representatives, affirming that those Representatives—at least some of them—often disregard their position as such, Grand Z. Companion Channell replies:

"I deem it better to change the Representative rather than the system." Agreed.

His eight visitations had been most agreeable.

The several reports of the Grand Representatives, the Grand Scribe E.; the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Lecturer, were all highly encouraging. The Grand Treasurer's balance, in bank, was: Benevolent fund, \$2,134.91; General fund, \$1,080.48; total, \$3,215.39.

M.: E.: Comp. Will H. Whyte, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of said Committee, which was received and ordered printed with the said Proceedings.

On recommendation of the Committee on Grand Z.'s Address all of his official acts were approved, and his views in regard to Grand Representatives were concurred in.

On the evening of the First Day, the M. E. M. Degree was exemplified in a "most excellent and impressive manner." Subsequently it was unanimously ordered that the hearty thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to the Companions who had exemplified said degree.

Our Companions in Quebec call the doorkeeper not Tyler nor Sentinel, but Janitor. Well! he keeps out c's and e's all the same, without doubt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Again we gladly welcome to our table the well written report of our genial and accomplished contemporary M.: E.: Companion E. T. D. Chambers. We should be able to say that, like wine, his reports improve with age, but from the fact that they have ever been as good as the best.

In his judicious introduction, he expresses thankfulness to the Great Giver of all good for the mercies of the past year, as well as for privilege of contemplating the beauties of nature, and is hopeful that the prosperity of the Royal Craft may continue, also, that it may be given him to say some word that may bring comfort, help or joy to some Companion or Companions.

He likewise, in dignified, fraternal manner, administers a rebuke to those who seek a short cut to the state of those who may wear wedding plumes, or ride on the camel's back. He re-

grets an increase in dispensations to waive time in conferring degrees.

Companion Chambers, in reviewing Alabama, 1905, gives a brief synopsis of Grand High Priest Basil M. Hill's address, and pays the writer so handsome a compliment that this scribe is bound ("by vanity," some Companion may say) to let his Alabama readers see it. "So here goes:"

"Another entertaining and scholarly Report on Correspondence was presented by Companion William Y. Titcomb. The courtesy of his style and the soundness of his judgment leave nothing for us to criticise, and our congratulations upon his work are sincere and conscientious."

The writer thinks this commendation far beyond his deserts; all the same he is grateful to Companion Chambers for his good opinion.

In Quebec when the Chapter is open, upon the open Bible, which rests on the altar, appears an *equilateral triangle*. To a great many of the Royal Craft such a display seems an altogether new thing. The writer confesses that it is new to him; at the same time he recognizes its appropriateness. Under Illinois, Companion Chambers says:

"In the entire English System of Capitular Masonry the triangle is one of the most important symbols, and from it are deducted some of the most interesting teachings of the Royal Arch Degree."

Companion Chambers, noticing the increase in the number of dispensations granted, in various quarters, for the purpose of conferring degrees out of time, discreetly says:

"Of course there may occasionally be a very exceptional case, but as a rule we hold with the Grand High Priest (of Iowa) that such dispensations should not issue."

In the writer's opinion, if such rule were inflexible in all Jurisdictions as it is in Iowa, the effect would be to "tare up" Capitular Masonry. In this connection we are reminded of a certain Latin sentence familiar in the long-ago school days, (though now we must confess to knowing "little Latin and less

Greek") which very freely translated, is as follows: "There is nothing in life worth having, that is attainable without great labor on the part of mortals."

Our Companion's reports are full of "meat."

Comp. John McLean, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Will H. Whyte (P. G. H. P.) R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

107TH ANNUAL—PROVIDENCE—MARCH, 1906.

Comp. S. Penrose Williams, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Chapters chartered, 10; Membership, 2,915 R. A. M..

When the Convocation was opened all but two—Grand Chaplain and Grand Captain of the Host—were in their places. Forty-three Permanent members were present, including ten Past Grand High Priests, also the Representatives of twenty-six sister Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand High Priest Comp. John P. Sanborn representing Alabama.

The address of the Grand High Priest makes manifest the fact that his administration was conducted with an eye single to the best interests of the Craft, and with a purpose to do even-handed justice to all concerned.

Regretting that he could not visit all the Chapters, he nevertheless made five official visitations, and a number of informal visits, familiarizing himself with conditions and work of the various Chapters.

Having observed some irregularity in Chapter work, he became satisfied that a misunderstanding existed in some of the Chapters, relative to the manner of conferring the Royal Arch Degree; accordingly he had issued the following edict:

"To all High Priests of Chapters within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Rhode Island:

"Excellent Companions: Whereas, every High Priest at the time of his installation *solemnly agrees that he will not suffer either more or less than three Brethren to be exalted in his Chapter at one and the same time*; and whereas, being satisfied and convinced that as it is the obligation which makes a

man a Mason, in the Entered Apprentice Degree, so likewise it is the obligation which a Brother assumes in the degree of the Royal Arch that exalts him to that degree; Therefore, it is my desire and pleasure that whenever the Degree of Royal Arch Mason is conferred in any Chapter in this Jurisdiction, that three candidates only shall be obligated at one and the same time, and whenever there are *less than three candidates substitutes are to be used* to complete the number three. Such substitute to be clothed as though he were a *bona fide* candidate."

"S. Penrose Williams,
Grand High Priest."

Except "*bona fide*" the foregoing italics are ours.)

With all due respect, we beg to state that in the edict just now quoted, there appears to occur a striking inconsistency. At his installation "every High Priest solemnly agrees that he will not suffer either more or less than three Brethren to be exalted in his Chapter at one and the same time." As we have heretofore intimated, when substitutes are used, less than three Brethren are exalted, which procedure is in direct violation of the installation obligation. We are not unaware of the argument usually employed in defense of the unlawful practice referred to, but believe that our contention holds all the same.

With the Grand High Priest's three decisions reported we find no fault. They will, no doubt, meet with general acceptance.

He had issued two dispensations; these were clearly within the scope of his rightful powers.

His conclusion was dignified and courteous.

The Deputy Grand High Priest briefly submitted his report of the duties assigned to him, as also did the Grand King, and Grand Scribe.

The Grand Lecturer is evidently the "right man in the right place."

The Grand Secretary neatly tabulates the returns of the several Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's balance to new account was the sum of \$4,972.79; total assets of Grand Chapter were, \$6,672.79.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was, by note, authorized to publish its report with the proceedings.

The annual dinner was at the expense of Grand Chapter.

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

The customary P. G. H. P.'s jewel was ordered for retiring Grand High Priest, Comp. S. Penrose Williams.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests received into the Order, three eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the gifted pen of Past Grand High Priest and Grand Chaplain, Comp. Henry W. Rugg, Chairman of the Committee.

Alabama, 1904, is given nearly two pages of fraternal notice. After having copied, with evident approval, a paragraph of Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken's annual address, he says:

"His rulings were in accord with general recognized Masonic law, but of only local importance."

The writer is greatly indebted to Companion Rugg for kind remarks concerning the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence. It is a distinct pleasure to think that we are very generally in accord with our eminent contemporary of Rhode Island, on points of opinion.

He finishes his conclusion with the following pertinent words:

"How impressively is man's dependence upon Jehovah brought in the symbolism of the Royal Arch Degree! And how clearly sounds out the call through such teaching, requiring men to obey the Divine law and to go out of a narrow selfhood in the discharge of the duties of related life."

"It is Free Masonry applied to the hearts of faithful craftsmen which will most enhance the glory of our ancient institution and justify its existence as a forceful agency in the establishment of God's kingdom on the earth."

Comp. Frank B. Wilson, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. William R. Greene, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

94TH ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—FEBRUARY, 1905.

Comp. J. E. McDonald, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 22; U. D., 1; Members, 1,221; Net gain, 161.

The M.: E.: Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, assembled Tuesday, Feb. 14. The Grand High Priest being unavoidably absent, R.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest Comp. Frank E. Harrison, presided as Acting Grand High Priest.

Eighteen Subordinate Chapters were represented at this Annual Convocation, thirteen more than the number necessary to constitute a quorum. The Representatives of eighteen sister Grand Chapters were introduced and welcomed in the customary manner. Comp. James B. Park, our Representative, was not reported present.

The Grand High Priest's address, (8pp.) read to the Convocation, evinced earnestness and zeal in the cause of the Royal Craft, and marked capability in the administration of its affairs. Under State of the Craft, he said:

"It gives me genuine pleasure to report that the past year has been the most prosperous and flourishing one in the history of the Craft for many, many, years. So far as I have been informed, peace, good will, and fraternal love and friendship prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. There have been exaltations in every Subordinate Chapter, except one; and in some of the Chapters, the number of exaltations has reached to twenty-four. The total number of exaltations during the year, was 185, and the net increase in membership amounts to one hundred and sixty-one. The financial condition of the subordinate Chapters has, therefore, kept pace with the increased membership, while the financial condition of the Grand Chapter is, perhaps, far above that of any previous year in its existence, certainly in the last two or three decades. There appears to be more zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry than I have ever known before in this Jurisdiction. I report these facts not only as a cause of gratification and congratulation to the craft but as a stimulus and incentive to increased zeal and activity, so that the next year may bring forth even greater and better things for us. I recommend to your most careful consideration, the Report of the Grand Secretary, in

which you will find a detailed statement of the work done during the past year, in the Subordinate Chapters, and in which you will also find much helpful and gratifying information."

"Let our watchwords be 'Onward' and 'Upward'."

February 13, 1905, the Grand Treasurer's balance was the sum of \$3,145.48.

The Grand Secretary in his first-class report, mildly roasts some Secretaries of Chapters for using initials, instead of giving names in reading the names of Companions, in their returns. Companion Barron still keeps up his good work in visiting Chapters and rendering them efficient aid. "Permission was given him to publish his Report on Correspondence in the printed proceedings of this Grand Convocation."

The Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which was brief and of local importance merely, was adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had play-time. So may it continue.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that Calhoun Chapter U. D. be allowed to surrender its dispensation and work under the charter and name of Living Arch Chapter No. 21, without cost and to hold its meetings at Calhoun, S. C.. Adopted.

Said Committee also recommended arrest of the charter of the one Chapter which had not made returns for years, and which strenuous efforts on the part of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Barron had utterly failed to get hold a Convocation. The recommendation was adopted.

On the favorable report of the Finance Committee, the Grand High Priest's recommendation that Grand Secretary J. T. Barron's salary be raised to \$300.00, was adopted. This we are glad to see, because his good work is worth even a great deal more.

The Committee on Necrology made an appropriate though short report, and it was adopted.

The next Annual will be held in the city of Charleston.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Comp. Jacob T. Barron, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, and also Grand Secretary, made a concise and excellent report on the proceedings of the Grand Chapters whose transactions had reached him.

Many thanks for the fraternal notice given Alabama, 1903. Companion Barron's good opinion is highly valued by us.

The Grand Convention of High Priests had three accessions.

Comp. Frank E. Harrison, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Jacob T. Barron, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

77TH ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1906.

Comp. Wm. D. Good, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters (by our count), 74; Chapters, U. D. 3;

Members, 3,551; Exalted, 329; Admitted, 38; Restored, 11;

Withdrawn, 95; Suspended U. C., 6; Suspended N. P. D., 56;

Expelled, 1; Died, 69.

The portrait of Grand High Priest-elect Geo. L. Cowan, greets us on the first page of this well printed volume.

Eleven Past-Grand High Priests and twenty-one Grand Representatives attended this Grand Convocation. (Where was Companion John W. Bailey, Alabama's Representative?)

The address of the Grand High Priest, which covers but three pages of these proceedings, intimated that the rank of Past Grand or Acting Grand Officers remained unbroken. But during the session news of the death of Companion John S. Pride, P. G. H. P., and the duty of preparing a memorial on the same was entrusted to Companion John S. Williams. Said memorial appears in the Appendix.

The Grand High Priest reported in his address one official ruling, in answer to the following question, "Is a member of the Chapter, who has taken the Mark and Past Master's Degree only, liable for dues?"

"Answer—No. There can be no members of a Chapter except those who have been exalted to the Royal Arch Degree."

Seven special dispensations, to elect and install officers, had been granted, and three dispensations for new Chapters.

He had received a communication from the Grand High Priest of Virginia in relation to concurrent Jurisdiction in Bristol, Tenn., affecting a Virginia Chapter and a Chapter in Tennessee. The correspondence relative thereto is submitted for Grand Chapter's "consideration and action."

Impaired health had prevented him from making more than two visitations.

He made two recommendations, one commends the Widows' and Orphans' Home as worthy of continued and unceasing efforts, on the part of the Chapters, to raise the Endowment Fund. "You will feel," said he, "happier by knowing that you have brought joy and sunshine to those whom you are bound to protect and relieve, by giving ten dollars to the endowment fund instead of spending twenty-five dollars on a spread." Words fitly spoken.

The other recommendation was, "that some system of visitation and inspection be devised and put in force, whereby Chapters may be instructed and encouraged to do better work, and to infuse new life into them."

Extreme "apathy" in some Chapters seems to have incited that last recommendation.

"The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence submitted his printed report, which was handed to the members present."

On recommendation of the same Committee the recognition of the new Grand Chapter of Western Australia was deferred "until such time as the mother Grand Chapter shall agree to the same."

"The Committee on Ways and Means submitted the following report, which was adopted:"

"1. We recommend that the per capita tax and fees for degrees remain as at present."

"2. We recommend that after all payments, which are due by appropriation or edicts have been made by the Grand Treasurer, and after reserving two hundred and fifty dollars for contingencies which may arise and are not provided for, the balance remaining in the Treasury be donated to the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, the same to be paid by the Grand Treasurer direct to the Commissioners of said fund."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, concurred in the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, that a memorial page be set apart, in the printed proceedings, to their illustrious dead. The Committee said:

"We approve of the decisions and rulings of the Grand High Priest. We approve of the dispensation granted by him, but we do not approve of the recommendation of the Grand High Priest as to the joint or concurrent Jurisdiction between Gill Chapter, —, of Virginia, and Anderson Chapter, 141, of Tennessee, as to the town of Bristol, and from what we have learned from members of Anderson Chapter it is not best to grant concurrent Jurisdiction."

The record of proceedings does not inform us what the Grand High Priest's said recommendation was. We can only infer, from the report of the law committee, that it was favorable to said concurrent Jurisdiction. The Committee approved of the Grand High Priest's commendation of the Widows' and Orphans' Home. "Great good," the Committee thought, "would be accomplished and weak Chapters strengthened and encouraged by some system of visitation and instruction."

Committee on Accounts reported balance on hand as \$4,369.41.

Charters were granted to the three Chapters U. D.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence (87pp.) reviewing the Proceedings of fifty-one Grand Chapters is the skilled work of Past Grand High Priest, John H. McClister, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee. It is a concise and excellent summary of all the Proceedings reviewed.

Companion McClister gives Alabama, 1904, two full pages of courteous mention. The writer is under obligations for fra-

ternal reference to the Alabama report on Foreign Correspondence.

He quotes, under Arizona, Regulation No. 4, of the General Regulations: "Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this Jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his Mark and record the same in a Book of Marks kept by the Chapter for that purpose, and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with," and adds:

"We require them to select and record their Mark before exaltation, and we think it the better plan."

So do we, Companion. It is the Alabama plan. Companion McClister is "sound as a dollar" on dependent membership.

With our Companion's views on many points, our own are in entire accord. We have space for only one instance. It relates to the gifted reporter of Illinois, as follows:

"Companion Warvelle is an interesting reviewer, and is free to oppose what does not coincide with his ideas. His 'topical discussion' on the various subjects that are being much talked about by reporters is certainly very unique. Many of his ideas meet our approbation, yet some of them we are not prepared to adopt."

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected twenty-eight new members.

Comp. Geo. L. Cowan, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. A. Clendening, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

56TH ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER, 1905.

Comp. E. F. Murchison, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 188; Members, 11,622; Net gain, 1,032.

This well executed volume presents, on its initial pages, two portraits—one of Comp. Norton Moses, M.: E.: Grand High Priest, 1872-3; the other of Comp. Samuel P. Cochrane, Grand High Priest-elect.

One hundred and twenty-six chartered Chapters were represented at this Convocation. All the Grand Officers were present, as also were twelve Past Grand High Priests.

The address (Spp.) of the Grand High Priest, succinct, yet comprehensive, is a model one.

He paid a touching tribute to the memory of the late Comp. Peyton Nowlin (P. G. H. P.)

Under the heading, "Work of the Year," he reported that ten Chapters had been constituted—eight new Chapters organized U. D.—seven dispensations had been granted to permit public installation of officers, and for good reasons, four dispensations had been refused.

His decisions, twenty-four in number, were all approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, and by the Grand Chapter. We quote, without comment, a few of his rulings, for the benefit of our readers, as follows:

"3. The Brother having been elected to receive the Degrees in Union Chapter No. 23, said Chapter holds Jurisdiction for twelve months, notwithstanding the fact that he has moved outside the State."

"6. A Scottish Rite 32 degree Mason cannot visit a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons unless known and properly vouched for as a Royal Arch Mason in good standing."

"9. The expelled Brother, when reinstated in Sanedo Lodge is reinstated in your Chapter, if Sanedo Lodge has taken no action against him."

"14. Eighteen months having elapsed since the Brother was elected to receive the degrees in Clarendon Chapter, a new ballot must be taken. Re-elected officers need not be reinstalled."

"17. Wichita Falls asks: 'To whom does Companion Z. belong? He has been carried on the rolls of Wichita Falls and Floyd City Chapters since 1901.'

Answer—To Floyd City. Companion Z, being a petitioner, the Grand Chapter, in granting a Charter to Floyd City in 1901, made him a member thereof."

"23. The arrest of the charter of Plainview Lodge does not affect the Plainview Chapter or the Royal Arch standing of its members."

"24. The High Priest of Savon Chapter was duly and constitutionally elected by acclamation, no other candidate being in nomination for said office."

The Grand High Priest is a warm friend of the Widows' and Orphans' Home. He says:

"The Grand Chapter, at its last Convocation, made an appropriation of \$10,000.00 to the Grand Lodge; \$5,000.00 of said amount was to be paid this year, and \$5,000.00 next year. The Grand Lodge, by resolution, directed that the money, when paid, should go to the W. and O. Home fund. The Grand Chapter did not instruct the Grand Secretary to issue his warrant for amount donated." Then he quotes the law, "No money shall be drawn from the Treasury unless ordered by a vote of the Grand Chapter." But believing that the wishes of the Grand Body would not be complied with unless this money was paid over, he had instructed the Grand Secretary to issue his warrant for \$5,000.00 in favor of the W. and O. Home, and the Grand Treasurer had paid it. Later a resolution was adopted, ordering payment of the other \$5,000.00 to the W. and O. Home. So the matter was healed.

He commended the Grand Visitors for their faithful work.

The Grand Treasurer's balance after all disbursements was the sum of \$10,321.68.

According to the report of Committee No. 2 on Credentials, twenty-two Grand Representatives were present, Alabama's not being of the number.

As before stated, the Jurisprudence Committee sustained all the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

Certain papers under consideration by the same Committee, among other things, declared the following:

"That in June a resolution was introduced in the Chapter that hereafter Brandon Chapter would not receive "instant reports," and that the High Priest had ruled the same out of order, as being in conflict with the Constitution."

The Grand High Priest having ruled against said High Priest, the Committee says:

"We support the High Priest's ruling. The laws in the case read: 'Constitution, Art. 2, Sec. 5. * * * which petition shall lie over one regular meeting (unless by a unanimous vote the time shall be dispensed with), that the character of the candidate may be fairly investigated.'"

"Art. 78. A petition must be presented at a stated Convocation, and be referred to a committee and lie over one month, unless by a unanimous vote of the Chapter time is dispensed

with. Time can only be dispensed with at a stated Convocation."

"Art. 79. A petition, having been read, and referred to a Committee, cannot be withdrawn, but must go through the ordeal of investigation, and, after the report of the Committee, whether favorable or otherwise, must be balloted upon."

"Art. 105. * * * It is the special duty of the Investigating Committee to examine and vouch for the proficiency of applicant in the lower degrees, as well as of his merits; and unless satisfactorily vouched for he shall not be considered eligible to receive the degrees."

"*Argument.* The greater includes the less. The rights given by the Constitution to waive time carries with it, of necessity, the right to do all things necessary to bring the petition before the Chapter for action. A petition must be referred to a committee (Art. 78); it must be reported by the Committee (Art. 79); hence an "instant report must be made, or the unanimous vote of this Chapter to dispense with time is of no effect, and the motion to "dispense with time" could very properly be made to include such instructions."

"The Constitution having granted certain privileges to a Chapter, the latter cannot divest itself of them, unless we hold that the Constitution can be made to apply to some Chapters and exempt others. This we do not think can be done. The vote on waiver of time should be taken on each case as it comes up."

"(If such a resolution was passed, it would amount to nothing, because, at any subsequent convocation, it could be repealed, and if it were enacted into a by-law, it would be of no effect until approved by Grand Chapter, and even then it could be repealed in thirty days, if the Chapter should so desire. This also subject to action by the Grand Body.)

"(The section claims that instant action deprives some Companions of the privilege of voting, etc., and cites when the weather being bad the attendance is small.) While this may be so, yet, if nine are present, it is perfectly *legal* to dispense with time, and it also is the prerogative of *one Companion* present to prevent waiving time."

To us, while agreeing with the Committee that said High Priest was correct in his ruling, it seems, if we may be pardoned for presuming to say, that the Committee's argument is unnecessarily labored. Why was it not enough to base its opinion upon that Constitutional provisions that a unanimous vote could waive time?

Some ten charters—a few of them conditioned upon payment of the usual fees—were granted to new Chapters.

The memorial in honor of the late Companion Peyton Nowlan, Past Grand High Priest, was adopted by a unanimous vote. The Report of the Committee on Obituaries was also adopted; as also was that of the Committee on Grievances.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion J. C. Kidd submitted an important resolution which was adopted. The resolution amended one adopted in 1902, so as to read as follows:

"Resolved, That any Chapter losing its Charter by accident, may secure a duplicate by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest."

Important reports were made by a special Committee on the subject of securing funds and erecting an auditorium for the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home.

The address of the Grand High Priest-elect Comp. S. P. Cochrane conveys valuable information and evinces much research.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, by Companion Wm. A. Scott—his second—Chairman of the Committee, reviewing the Proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters (four for two years) is before us. Comp. Scott's review is one of the best of the year.

His notice of Alabama, 1904, is truly courteous and brotherly. He calls our Grand High Priest's deliverance "a model address." He says pertinently:

"Regardless of the oft asserted opinion of Companion Titcomb in favor of dependent membership, our Companions of Alabama are not among those who would impede the flight of a Brother, by requiring him to fasten an anchor in the Lodge as he soars upward, taking the privilege of wearing the badge of a Knight Templar or the claw of the Shriner, but permit him to sever the cable-tow, or as Companion Barlow puts it, 'kick from under him the ladder by which he has ascended,' and thereby sever his connection with that body which, without ostentation or display, quietly moves along, bearing the burden and heat of the day, blessing mankind by its deeds of charity, for it is to it that appeals for aid are most frequently made, and from its Treasury such assistance is usually given

and among its members every true Mason ought to delight to see his name enrolled; but pshaw! we have 'lost our bearings,' What was it we were trying to say? Yes, here it is: Our good Companions of Alabama have declared against dependent membership, as evidenced by the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which was adopted." Then he quotes the said report against dependent membership.

His exceedingly kind and very handsome compliment paid the writer's work is gratefully appreciated. Modesty impels us to refrain from repeating the same.

We have marked, for reference, some passages in this report, but must not give our paper undue length.

Companion Scott thinks too much importance may be given to the "form or Marks." He says:

"Let us rather look to the material presented, and see that the work is good and square work," etc.

He gives, on the subject of odd names in Texas, Companion Chase, of Maine, "a Roland for his Oliver." And under Louisiana, he ably defends the Texas practice of giving the second section of the M. M. degree to only one candidate at a time.

Comp. Samuel P. Cochrane, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. John A. Bryan, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

89TH ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE, 1906.

Comp. Delos M. Bacon, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 29; all but one making returns. No. of members June, 1906, 3,658; Net gain, 158.

At the Annual Convocation, 1906, all the Grand Officers were at their respective posts, nine Grand High Priests also being present, as well as twenty Grand Representatives. The place in the list of Representatives for Alabama's envoy, is vacant.

A portrait of Grand High Priest D. M. Bacon graces the initial page of this attractive volume.

Past Grand High Priest of Indiana, Companion Martin H. Rice, a distinguished visitor, was received with a cordial welcome.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows him to be a zealous Mason as well as an able presiding officer.

He submitted but one decision, preliminary to which he said:

While it is true that under Article 24 of the Grand Chapter Regulations, "No non-affiliated Master Mason shall receive the Chapter degrees in any Chapter in this State, yet in the absence of any law to the contrary, I submit the following as a ruling:

"Non-affiliation in Lodge, occasioned by drink, does not affect Chapter membership, nor abridge in any degree, former rights or privileges."

The Jurisprudence Committee, to which said decision was referred, sustained said ruling, quoting the law of 1898, still in force, as follows: "While affiliation with a Lodge is necessary in those applying for the Capitular degrees, it is not necessary when the application is for re-instatement, or affiliation with, a Chapter."

In the opinion of the writer (expressed with due deference) this is opening wide the door for partial nullification of the dependent membership law. What is to hinder lukewarm members of Lodges from dimitting, since doing so will not affect their standing in the Chapter, or affiliation therewith?

Under "Dispensations" the Grand High Priest said:

"Following the precedents established by my predecessors, from time almost immemorial, I have, in several cases of emergency, granted dispensation to several Chapters to receive and ballot on petitions without waiting the prescribed time." * * *

"While this has been done in accordance with Article 25 of Vermont General Regulations, the same seems to be in conflict with Digest of General Grand Chapter Decisions. (Proc. 1903. p. 272, No. 7.) He invited reference of this matter to the Jurisprudence Committee."

When the Committee reported thereon, it was to the following effect: In the opinion of the Committee said conflict was only apparent and not real. To avoid any possible complications,

the Committee recommended the amendment of Article 25 of the General Regulations by inserting the words, "or Acting Grand High Priest" after the words, "Grand High Priest," and striking out the words, "Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe."

So a limitation is put upon said exercise of power, and the law is made explicit. The report of the Jurisprudence Committee was unanimously adopted.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be doubled. Good!

The Finance Committee heartily concurred in the foregoing recommendation and fixed the Grand Secretary's salary at \$400.00 per annum, beginning June, 1905.

Grand Secretary Ross' report was short but to the point.

The Grand Treasurer reported the handsome balance on hand as \$11,857.97.

The Finance Committee favored an additional loan to Grand Lodge of Vermont of \$1000.00. The Grand Chapter had already lent \$10,000.00 to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers most heartily applauded the Grand High Priest for his official conduct, and tenderly sympathized with him in his recent trouble when his only son lay at death's door, but rejoiced with him on the recovery of his child, devoutly thankful to the "Great I Am" for His merciful answer to prayer.

The Committee on Grievances experienced "unbounded pleasure" in being able to fold their arms and pass compliments, no business appearing before the Committee.

The Grand Lecturer, in his report, justly laid particular stress upon the importance of attending by Chapter officers, upon the District meetings. The Report on Necrology was fit and eloquent.

The Reports of the Districts Deputies evince earnest attention to their duties, and interest therein.

The Order of High Priesthood elected five eligible Companions to Membership.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand High Priest Marsh O. Perkins presents another exceptionally fine report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he has reviewed 46 American Grand Chapters, and has compressed into one article, notices of Foreign Grand Bodies, replete with valuable information.

Alabama, 1905, is accorded nearly two pages of fraternal, courteous mention. He pronounces the address of Grand High Priest Basil M. Hill, "able."

He says: (referring to our Grand Chapter's conferring the Royal Arch Degree for two Subordinate Chapters.)

"This usage may be good practice for the officers of the Grand Body, but we question the propriety of such usage. Let the work be exemplified by Subordinate Chapters before the Grand Chapter, and then hold them to their lines, and sustain the dignity of the Grand Body. It is proper to state that the Companions, thus exalted, did not become non-affiliates, but were enrolled as members of the respective Chapters."

Another Reviewer disapproves the practice as Companion Perkins does, but yet another finds no fault with it, but think it exerts a good influence on the Companion's present, showing them how the work should be done. Personally, the writer is inclined to agree with Companion Perkins on the subject.

With reference to the writer's special report recommending recognition of the new Grand Chapter of Western Australia, Companion Perkins thus forcibly comes to our support:

"Under instructions received at the last Annual Convocation, Companion William T. Titcomb (our full name is William Yates Titcomb, Companion Perkins), Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, addressed letters of inquiry as to how the new Grand Chapter of Western Australia was regarded, to the General Secretary and to the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland. The first named, with his characteristic courtesy vouchsafed no reply. The others responded punctually. As a result of the correspondence, Companion Titcomb again recommended the recognition of the new comer, but another Committee reported adversely with Grand Chapter in concurrence, notwithstanding the former presented irrefutable argument in favor of his position. As bearing upon the question, Companion Titcomb applied the rules laid down

by the International Conference of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, one of which practically concedes the right of recognition when two-thirds of the Lodges signify their adhesion to a new Grand Lodge. Had a jury returned a verdict, as was practically done by Grand Chapter, so contrary to the evidence presented, there isn't a court in the land that would not have thrown it out."

As to Comp. Perkins' attributing the writer's last report to Comp. Beauchamp, the explanation thereof is entirely satisfactory. Besides, no harm was done. Moreover, he did us honor impliedly by setting down Comp. Beauchamp as the author of said report.

Under Colorado he says:

"For the first time in the history of the Grand Body, the Companions had been called upon to mourn the loss by death of a Grand High Priest while in office. Within a few short weeks after his exaltation to the high office, M.: E.: David R. Crosby was called hence, and the Deputy Grand High Priest, R.: E.: Charles O. Unfug, was called upon to assume the dignity and duties of the station.

"The question was raised as to whether he should act with the full power and rank of the higher place, or as Deputy and acting Grand High Priest. To avoid all differences, the question was submitted by the Committee on Jurisprudence, who decided unanimously that under the regulations of the Grand Chapter, the office of Grand High Priest never becomes vacant, that he was *de facto* Grand High Priest and that he should act accordingly. This decision was affirmed by Grand Chapter. Notwithstanding M.: E.: Comp. Unfug's "assumption of all the rights and prerogatives of the office of Grand High Priest," we note he was not installed until after the opening of the Grand Chapter at this convocation. Was he then absolutely *de facto* Grand High Priest during the interim between the death of M.: E.: Comp. Crosby and his installation into office? If he was, why was such installation deemed necessary?"

Under District of Columbia, he says:

"Comp. Johnston still looks upon the Schley incident as a 'precedent,' but is about the only correspondent to so regard it. 'Deterrent,' as suggested by Comp. Foster, of Colorado, is the appropriate term to be applied."

From Companion Perkins' concluding article on Foreign Grand Bodies we extract the following:

"The Grand Chapter of Western Australia was organized at Perth, June 15, 1904, by the Representatives of six Chapters, five of them working under charters from the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and one under a charter from England. Later another Chapter joined them. M.: E.: Michael Sampson was elected Grand Z. Convocations were held in August and March following. A Constitution and Ritual were adopted, and with everything in order it would seem that the new comer is entitled to recognition. Scotland, however, has entered a protest to the new departure, and notwithstanding previous encouragement England maintains a momentous silence.

At a Convocation, held in August, 1905, the Grand Z. gave an earnest, hopeful address. It was reported that if the Chapters of Scotch Constitutions persisted in their 'secession,' after receiving the protest from the Grand Chapter of Scotland, a new situation would present itself, and the question of recognition might be reconsidered. As five of the Chapters have already declared anew their loyalty to their Grand Chapter, it is now up to Scotland to act decently, recognize the new Body and help it on its way with maternal blessings. The Grand Chapter has chartered one new Chapter, giving it a total register of eight subordinates, with an aggregate membership of 283. It has been recognized by all the other Australasian Grand Chapters, except Victoria, and unquestionably has the sympathy of the American and Canadian Grand Chapters. M.: E.: Companion Sampson continues as Grand Z., and Companion Horace B. Joseph as Grand Scribe E."

Comp. David A. Elliott, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Henry H. Ross, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

98TH ANNUAL—RICHMOND—OCTOBER, 1905.

Comp. Sol. Louis Bloomberg, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 51; U. D. 1; Members, 4,348; Net gain, 248.

A portrait of Grand High Priest Bloomberg adorns the first page of this neat volume.

M.: E.: Companion Alfred S. Lee, our Representative, we are glad to note, was reported present, as also were 24 other Grand Representatives. Eight Past Grand High Priests answered to their names.

The address of the Grand High Priest evinces a faithful, zealous and efficient administration of the Craft's affairs.

He submitted but two decisions which are of interest to the members of his own Jurisdiction alone; hence we pass they by.

He had issued eight special dispensations permitting Chapters named to waive time in acting on petitions for the degrees; but refused a blanket dispensation to one Chapter; however, in order to help said Chapter as far as he could, and also the Valley Royal Arch School there held, he had authorized a Past Grand High Priest, President of the School, to grant, in his name, such dispensations as he might deem necessary to further Royal Arch Masonry.

Great as was his desire to visit all the Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia, he could not do so. He did, however, make twelve visitations, with pleasure to himself and with "some benefits to the Craft."

Under "State of the Order," he said:

"For detailed information as to our growth and financial standing I refer you to the excellent reports of our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, without copying the information herein."

The "detailed information" referred to by the Grand High Priest, it is not necessary to reproduce here.

The Grand Secretary reports only four Chapters delinquent. He tells us that this is his tenth year of service as Grand Secretary. He states that during the last 19 years, the Active Chapters have increased from 31 to 52, and the members from 2,407 to 4,348; a net increase of 1,941. Grand Lecturer Hubbard had exalted 847 of these. Four hundred and thirty-nine Companions had died during these ten years.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was \$58.47. The Grand Lecturer made an extended report covering six pages of solid "long primer," and showing earnest, laborious efforts on his part to perfect Companions in Capitular education.

The Grand Representatives present were most cordially and eloquently welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Centennial Celebration reported progress. The invitation of Norfolk United Royal Arch Chapter No. 1

was referred to the Grand Committee of the Whole, for consideration. The formation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was consummated in Norfolk, and its first Convocation was held there. So it appears quite likely that the proffered hospitality of the city of Norfolk will be accepted.

The Reports of the District Deputies make, on the whole, an excellent showing. (Shenandoah Chapter (47) contributes \$3.00 of each exaltation fee to the Masonic Home.)

The Grand Committee of the Whole recommended that the Centennial Celebration proposed, be held in the city of Norfolk during the annual Conclave (?) of 1907.

Companion Nesbitt's Report on Foreign Correspondence was "ordered printed in the Proceedings."

After due consideration by the Grand Chapter the entire action of the Grand Committee of the Whole, including recommendation of historic Norfolk as the place for the centennial celebration, was most appropriately adopted.

Grand Council of Anointed High Priests.

The President of the Grand Council made known the election of thirty High Priests to the Order, for the year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence (73pp.) is again from the able and disseminating pen of Companion Charles A. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Committee.

Alabama, 1904, receives courteous and brotherly notice. (But Companion Nesbitt, why did you cut fifty years out of the life of Alabama's Grand Chapter, by heading your report thereon with "28th Annual" instead of 78th? Again when you say: "Virginia has no Grand Representative of that Court," you overlook Grand Secretary Blank's list of Grand Representatives, pp. 76-77, Virginia Proceedings.)

Very just and very complimentary reference nearly one page in length, is made to the civil and Masonic career of M.: E.: Companion Charles R. Bricken, Grand High Priest that year.

For kind remarks personal to the writer, Companion Nesbitt will please accept grateful acknowledgement.

Comp. Samuel W. Thompson, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.
Comp. James B. Blanks, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

Note—Grand Secretary Blanks states that since the Proceedings were in print, an exchange of Grand Representatives, with the Grand Chapter of Western Australia has been consummated.

WEST VIRGINIA.

35TH ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—NOVEMBER, 1905.

Comp. Hiram R. Howard, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.
Number of Chartered Chapters, 29; Chapter U. D., 1; Members, 3,476; Net gain, 355.

This volume is embellished with several portraits.

At the Convocation under review eight Past Grand High Priests manifested their zeal by being present. Likewise did the Representatives of nineteen Grand Chapters including Alabama.

The Grand High Priest, before concluding the exordium of his address, animadverted with some severity, but most justly, upon the "hurry up" practice at times in case of pushing candidates through the Capitular degrees, that they may more speedily don the waving plumes of the Templar, and ride in festive company over the "burning sands."

He had issued one dispensation authorizing certain Comparisons to form and open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

He reported nine decisions, which are certainly conformable to the Capitular laws of his Jurisdiction.

Decisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 are copied for the information of our Alabama readers. They are as follows:

"1. The Degrees of Select and Royal Master are essential to membership in a Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction of West Virginia, and a Royal Arch Mason hailing from a sister Jurisdiction who has not received them has the privilege of visitation in a Chapter and can participate in the organization and work in any of the degrees he has received, but is ineligible to membership in a Subordinate Chapter and can not hold

an office in one within this Grand Jurisdiction without first having had said degrees duly conferred upon him."

"2. The degrees of Royal and Select Masters can not be conferred *gratis* upon any person in the Grand Jurisdiction of West Virginia any more than either or all of the other of the six degrees under the control of the Grand Chapter can be, without violating the Constitution which expressly requires a fee of not less than twenty dollars for all six."

"3. Subordinate Chapters may and should require by by-law a specific fee for each degree; provided the fees so required does not reduce the sum below the minimum fee of twenty dollars for conferring the whole six."

"4. It is but equitable and right, where the by-laws of a Chapter are silent upon the subject to exact a fee for the Select and Royal Master degree in an amount equal to one-third of the sum required in the by-laws for the conferring of the whole six."

The Grand High Priest gives at some length his reasons for this deciding; and no doubt, from his standpoint, those reasons are sound. In Alabama eligibility for membership in any of our Chapters does not require possession of the Cryptic degrees.

November 8, 1905, the Grand Treasurer's cash balance in hand was \$2,261.63.

The newly appointed Grand Secretary, Comp. D. K. Reed makes a modest, but excellent report.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was "deferred for the present, out of abundant courtesy." The Committee believed that "Scotland's protest" would be "withdrawn in time."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the decisions and rulings of the Grand High Priest. The Committee said, in respect of Decision No. 4:

"In reference to the fee to be charged to affiliating Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions who have not received the Council degrees, we recommend that the fee be not less than one-third the amount charged for the Chapter degrees in the Subordinate Chapter in which he seeks affiliation."

Companion J. D. Baines (C. F. C.) moved to amend by allowing such Companions to receive the two cryptic degrees free of charge. Said amendment was lost.

The Report of the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted. The three votes of one Chapter were cast against adoption with the demand that they go on record.

The Order of High Priesthood received thirteen (our West Virginia Companions, it seems, are not superstitious about the number 13) new members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence presented by Chairman of the Committee Companion J. D. Baines, is an excellent summary (86pp.) of the Proceedings of the American Grand Chapters, with brief reference to Foreign Grand Bodies. Comp. Baines is evidently well versed in Capitular law and usage.

In his fraternal mention of Alabama, 1904, occurs an erroneous statement made inadvertently, which statement he will, undoubtedly pardon us for correcting. Referring to the action of the Grand Chapter of Alabama on "that dependent membership resolution," he says:

"At this Grand Convocation said Committee (Jurisprudence) reported against the resolution. But the Grand Chapter, by a vote of 77 to 48, adopted it. So that 'dependent membership' has a footing in Alabama."

But on your spectacles, Companion, and look at page 44, Proc. Grand Chapter of Alabama, 1904. The next sentence after the words "77 for the resolution and 48 against it," declared the resolution lost through lack of a two-thirds majority. Would that the result had been otherwise, but as a loyal Companion, we, of course, acquiesce in the decision of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence, Companion Baines, "lets alone," as he does every other Correspondence Report, save that of Companion Warvelle of Illinois, whom he quotes on the subject of the Order of High Priesthood, but whom he gives a sly rap in the following:

"He admits himself an innovator and glories in it. He does not seem to have much respect for opinions that are more ancient than himself."

We shall not find fault with what Companion Baines, under "Remarks," says about the proper limiting of correspondence reports. We shall "go our gait," but ever subject to the will and wishes of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

In his concluding remarks our esteemed Companion gives us considerable food for thought under several different heads. In much of what he advances we heartily concur; for instance, the Past Master Degree "really has no proper place in the Chapter." Surplus Grand Chapter funds should not accumulate by means of excessive Grand Chapter dues. "Powers of a Grand High Priest." Under the paragraph on "spelling" among other things, he justly criticises the use of the word "benefacio" in the Masonic calendar, instead of which should be placed the word "benedictionis." But, alas, we find "benefacio" in the Masonic calendar on page 716 of these W. Virginia Proceedings; and in the closing invitation to Companions wheresoever dispersed about the globe to flock to Charleston to inspect their improved apparatus, we find a "tetragrammation." However, the p. d. doubtless put in here his fiendish work.

Comp. George M. Ford, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. D. K. Reed (P. G. H. P.), R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

56TH ANNUAL—MILWAUKEE—FEBRUARY, 1906.

Comp. Wm. E. Schwahn, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 77; Members, 7,627; Net gain, 319.

At the Convocation under review, the Credentials Committee reported sixteen Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of thirty-four Grand Chapters including Past Grand High Priest Wm. C. Swain, for Alabama, as being present, with a constitutional number of Chapter Representatives.

The Grand High Priest in his address, announced the death of the Grand Chaplain, Companion Thomas J. Snodgrass. He

recommended that the Committee on Obituary report in detail on this sad event.

He had made several visitations during the year with pleasure to himself and profit to the Chapters visited.

He was pleased and justly so, to see M.: E.: Companion Swain present, and that he had resumed his duties as correspondent writer for the Grand Chapter, after one year of indisposition. That pleasure is not confined to the G. H. P.

Under "Opinions and Decisions" he submitted four rulings among which we find the following:

Question—"In team work in conferring of the Royal Arch do you object to the Royal Arch Captain participating?"

Answer—"I certainly do object for the reason that only the Principal Sojourner and the three candidates constitute the team, no less, no more."

We had been under the impression that the three candidates constitute the "team," or "class," or "trio," or "triad."

Question 2.—"Must nine regular Royal Arch Masons be present if Chapter is not opened on Royal Arch Degree, but is opened on the Mark, Past, or Most Excellent Degree for purpose of work?"

Answer—"I take it from Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, that eight is the number required for opening a Lodge of Mark Masters, seven, for opening a Lodge of Past Masters, seven for opening a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters."

From the Grand Secretary's report it is learned that "every Chapter sent in its annual report on time; every dollar of dues from constituent Chapters was paid before the close of the session; every Chapter in the Jurisdiction represented but two. The School of Instruction on Monday before the opening of Grand Chapter was a success."

If all these items taken together do not make a good showing, we would like to know the reason why.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand, February 20, 1906, was the sum of \$6,881.73.

A letter from the Grand High Priest of Iowa in reply to one from the Representative of Iowa asking if there were any for-

mal business matters pending between the two Grand Jurisdictions and stating that he knew of none such and conveying fraternal greetings, is recorded in these Proceedings.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred on twenty-four candidates.

The report of the Committee on Obituary was very impressive, and charged with salutary admonition. Adopted by a rising vote, as also was an excellent memorial on the life and character of the late R.: E.: Companion, the Rev. Thomas J. Snodgrass.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charity, "in accordance with similar action for many previous years, fifty dollars were appropriated to the widow of the late Companion C. Loftus Martin, Grand Scribe in 1865.

The Finance Committee recommended that the dues to the Grand Chapter remain as heretofore, but a substitute fixing dues at twenty-five cents was adopted.

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand High Priest's answers to questions propounded were approved.

A resolution, the effect of which was to instruct the delegates from Grand Chapters to the General Grand Chapter, to introduce and work for an amendment to the General Grand Constitution, requiring that all teams for the Royal Arch Degree shall be composed of *bona fide* Most Excellent Masters only—that no substitutes shall be permitted in constituting the team, was indefinitely postponed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is needless to employ any laudatory adjectives in characterizing the Annual Report on Correspondence, since it is from the pen of Past Grand High Priest, Wm. C. Swain, Committee. It is composed mostly of judicious extracts and very few and brief comments. (We regret that Alabama was left to shiver.)

Under Illinois, after quoting Companion Warvelle quite largely, he throws in the following personal:

"Warville calls us old, that is he places us among the 'old' reporters. He says in addition, that we are not as 'sassy' as usual. Well, perhaps, we are not; but we can 'lick' him. If he don't believe it, let him come on and try us."

Companion Swain is no friend of dependent membership. We should say that he is positively unfriendly thereto.

Under Indian Territory we are glad to know that in referring to a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which was "of the opinion that a Master Mason in good standing who has lost a leg, but who has been supplied with an artificial leg, and who is thereby capable of conforming to all the rites and ceremonies of a Chapter, is eligible to receive the degrees conferred therein." Companion Swain heartily concurs with the Committee.

Under Louisiana, he says:

"We never could see the need of opening the Royal Arch, when the Mark Degree only was to be conferred."

Approving (we infer) he quotes Companion Hedges, of Montana, against the idea that the actual presence of the charter is essential to the legality of a Chapter meeting.

Companion Swain concludes his report thus:

"We have again finished our Report, and submit it for your approval. We have done the best we can, and hope you will lay it up, as you shall do, in your mental storehouses. We would tell you a good story, to finish with, if we had one. We are like the old Revolutionary soldier, whom a country district in Massachusetts had got for a Fourth of July celebration, where Edward Everett was to make a speech. He was the only one they could find and Everett told him when he turned to him in his speech, he wanted him to rise up. The old man did so, when Everett said to him, 'Sit down, Sir; it better becomes us to stand in your presence.' And the old man sat down again. But all the rest of his life he wondered why Everett wanted him to stand up, when he told him at once to sit down again."

Comp. John Grimshaw, M.: E.: Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. W. Perry, R.: E.: Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

33RD TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION—JUNE, 1906, Boston, Mass.

The Proceedings of this Convocation have not yet reached our table but we have received the address of the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest; the report of the General Grand Treasurer, and the report of the General Grand Secretary, to all of which brief reference is here made.

The Address of Companion Arthur G. Pollard, M.: E.: Grand High Priest is dignified and courteous, presenting a clear account of his administration.

He pays high compliments to the General Grand Treasurer and the General Grand Secretary.

He had granted six dispensations—one to be used as a substitute for a charter destroyed by fire; five for the formation of new Chapters, one of the latter being to start a new Chapter at Luzon, Manila, Philippine Islands, to be known as Luzon Chapter No. 1.

Among his few decisions we note that according to his best judgment, and so far as his observation extended, he decided that the three Great Lights in Freemasonry are the only emblems requisite for display on the Altar during Convocation. In some quarters, the Triangle is recognized as one of the emblems appropriate for the Altar—a very significant emblem it is too:

From Atlanta, Ga., had come to him the following two questions:

"1. Is a dimitted Mason eligible to any elective office in Royal Arch Masonry?"

"2. Is there not an established law in Masonry that the dimitted Mason is eligible to office?"

To these questions he substantially replied, that the General Grand Chapter has declared that "every Royal Arch Mason ought to be in affiliation with a Lodge of Free Masons, but legislation upon this subject is left to the several Grand Chapters. The rule, as far as the General Grand Chapter is concerned, is binding only upon the membership of Subordi-

nate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter." He suggested that the Companion consult the Grand High Priest of his own Jurisdiction in regard to the matter.

In reply to an inquiry as to the eligibility of a candidate for the Capitular degrees, who had been physically disabled by the loss of an arm, he ruled that such candidate was ineligible.

He submitted the subject of recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia for consideration at this Triennial Convocation. San Francisco was not forgotten.

M. E. Companion Pollard's Address is a plain report of his administration of Capitular affairs. It is not framed in wreaths of rhetorical flowers, but is chaste and well written.

The General Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$10,722.99.

From the report of the General Grand Secretary it appears that the Chartered Chapters subordinate to the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, number 24—nine in Idaho; three in Utah; eight in Wyoming, and one each in Hawaii, Chinese Empire, Chile and Puerto Rico. With but one exception they had all made returns and paid dues for 1903, 1904, and 1905.

From the tenor of his report presenting the application of the new Grand Chapter of Western Australia, it would seem that the General Grand Secretary does not favor recommending, to the various Grand Chapters, the recognition sought for.

The General Grand Secretary states that the Ritual as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter is now the authorized work of the following Grand Chapters, viz.: California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington.

In the schedule of dues paid to the General Grand, the Grand Chapter of Alabama is credited with payment of the amounts due for 1903, 1904, 1905; for 1903, \$17.32; 1904, \$30.32; 1905, \$21.65.

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, U. S. A., concluded their Proceedings, we doubt not, in peace and harmony, and all went home delighted with their outing.

CONCLUSION.

That Capitular Masonry is, in general, on the up grade will not be doubted by those who take the trouble to read its literature. Loyalty to its great, heaven-born principles—especially that of brotherly love and charity—is more conspicuously in evidence than ever before. May the good work go on widening and spreading like the circle of wave, the result of dropping a pebble into the lake's placid surface.

With love for all, enmity towards none, we, for the present, conclude our reportorial labors.

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB,

Chairman of the Committee.

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, Died, Dimitted and Suspended since last return.

Chapter No.	Name of Chapter.	No. Members.	Amount of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accept'd	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.
1	Tuscaloosa* -----	51	\$ 39 75	4	4	4	4	1	1	2	2	4
5	Eunomia -----	24	18 00	13	13	13	13	1	1	2	8	--
10	Tuscumbia, U. D. ---	19	---	---	---	---	15	5	---	---	---	---
12	Marion† -----	32	41 25	9	9	9	9	1	1	1	2	---
19	Mt. Moriah† -----	34	52 50	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
21	Mobile -----	91	68 25	9	10	12	14	1	---	---	1	2
22	Montgomery -----	74	55 50	6	6	6	8	---	4	2	1	2
23	Talladega -----	38	28 50	9	9	8	8	1	1	1	---	2
24	Eufaula* -----	19	15 75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
25	Courtland* -----	21	15 00	3	3	3	3	---	---	---	1	---
26	Union -----	35	26 25	5	5	5	5	1	2	1	---	---
28	St. Johns -----	61	45 75	5	5	5	5	1	---	1	---	---
34	Hermon† -----	67	98 25	4	5	5	5	---	---	1	1	---
38	Decatur -----	60	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
40	Camden* -----	36	27 75	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	1	---
54	Tyrian -----	47	35 25	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	4	7
56	Dadeville* -----	70	47 25	6	6	6	6	2	---	1	1	1
57	Collinsville -----	18	13 50	2	3	3	3	---	1	1	1	---
64	Central -----	30	22 50	---	---	2	2	---	---	1	---	---
80	Myles J. Greene* ---	29	18 75	5	5	5	5	---	---	---	1	---
81	Jefferson -----	51	38 25	13	14	14	14	---	---	1	3	---
86	Coosa -----	66	---	14	14	14	14	1	1	1	3	---
88	Springville* -----	23	12 75	6	6	6	6	1	---	---	---	1
92	Notasulga -----	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
99	Thomas M. Bragg* ---	27	21 00	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
101	Mineral City -----	284	213 00	42	40	41	41	4	7	3	7	4
104	Sylacauga -----	54	---	3	4	6	6	---	---	---	1	3
105	Anniston* -----	47	31 50	8	9	9	8	---	1	1	3	---
107	Fort Payne† -----	30	42 00	7	5	4	3	1	---	---	1	1
108	Pratt City* -----	37	27 75	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	4	---
109	Blocton -----	43	32 25	5	5	6	5	---	---	---	---	3
110	Bessemer -----	75	---	4	4	5	7	1	---	1	1	---
111	Piedmont* -----	38	28 50	3	3	3	3	---	---	2	1	---
112	Brewton* -----	42	31 50	3	2	2	2	---	---	1	---	---

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Chapter No.	Name of Chapter.	No. Members.	Amount of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accept'd	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Suspended.
113	Dothan*	59	32 25	13	13	13	13	2	4	2	1	--
114	H. Clay Armstrong	60	---	12	12	12	12	---	---	1	---	--
115	Thomasville	32	24 00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15
116	Clanton	38	28 50	9	10	9	8	---	---	---	1	2
117	Beauchamp	39	30 00	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
118	Jasper†	42	69 00	8	7	7	2	---	4	---	11	3
119	Jackson	52	39 00	10	8	8	8	2	---	1	---	---
120	Cunningham‡	54	75	14	14	11	11	3	---	---	1	5
121	Phoenix*	16	12 00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
122	Monroe	40	30 00	8	5	5	5	---	---	1	4	8
123	Covington	45	---	20	20	20	20	---	---	---	1	---
124	Bladon Springs†	65	96 75	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	---	---
125	F. M. Jackson*	32	20 25	6	6	6	6	---	---	---	1	---
126	Tallassee	18	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1	2
127	Evergreen*	37	26 25	5	5	5	4	---	---	1	1	---
128	Heflin	22	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	1	---	---
129	James E. Cobb	25	---	10	10	10	10	---	---	---	---	---
130	Palmyra, U. D.	19	---	6	6	6	6	13	---	---	---	---
		2385	\$1557 00	313	308	309	305	55	36	38	72	66

* Dues paid for 1905.

† Dues paid for 1905 and 1906.

‡ Paid balance on 1905 dues.

EXALTED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Samuel, H. Cox, Charles H. Morgan, Jas. W. Strudwick, William F. Strudwick.
- Eunomia, No. 5: James H. Ballentine, F. Gordon Cobb, David C. Finney, Andrew M. Nail, Francis Tappey, Richard T. Tyler, Robert P. Weeden, Oliver Day Street, Wm. Pierce Thomason, Samuel Arnie Bradford, James Leonard Barnes, Allan Todd, Will Eugene Gibson.
- Marion, No. 12: Lewis W. Ayer, J. Tazwell Fuller, William H. May, John C. Mickleboro, Royal L. Miree, Robt. L. Potts, A. E. Potts, Geo. C. Richardson, George W. Thomas.
- Mobile, No. 21: William H. Armbrecht, Edmunds Bennett, Nathaniel S. Gay, Charles B. Hervey, Isaac Lichbach, Marcus Lichbach, Clarence M. Linscott, John Lord, H. Munro Price, Jerry J. Newell, Elliott G. Rickarby, Thomas A. Taylor, W. Marshall Turner, Leonard Wise, Joseph Ziegler.
- Montgomery, No. 22: Jett T. West, Emanuel Ketzky, William L. Allen, Duncan Campbell, Tom Moore Jones, Adolph Moritz, Tilford F. Leak, Frank McPherson.
- Talladega, No. 23: Thomas A. Costner, William C. Dean, Rufus J. Fulbright, Nephanus E. James, Samuel W. Welch, Eugene J. Ward, Wiley J. Waters, James W. Williamson.
- Courtland, No. 25: John C. Giddens, Joseph B. McClellan, William T. Sullivan.
- Union, No. 26: Ronald B. Crowder, George W. Long, Junie F. Harwood, William P. Lambert, Miles A. Watkins.
- St. Johns, No. 28: Harry D. Broadway, Bruce Beveridge, James M. Donald, Eugene Robbins, Jr., H. Pettus Randall.
- Hermon, No. 34: William T. Edwards, Henry Oscar Ellis, Francis M. Mosely, Jr., Ben Phil Powell, Joseph H. Rainer, Jr.

- Dadeville, No. 56: J. S. Gregory, C. B. Huggins, A. P. McClendon, J. J. Pinnell, W. A. Robertson, Thomas H. Shyroad.
- Collinsville, No. 57: James F. Rudisill, Wm. A. Willbanks, Hamilton B. Rolls.
- Central, No. 64: Edward Sherman Lyman, Robert Edward Woolley.
- Myles J. Greene, No. 80: William T. Andrews, Wilbern M. Bass, Jesse Culpepper, James M. Frazer, Stacey L. Hutchinson.
- Jefferson, No. 81: William R. Christopher, Max Ely, Sigmond Funkenstein, Roulack Gewen, Wm. Clinton Harrison, Jr., Benjamin F. Marshall, Henry C. Mower, George H. McKee, Rene McMillan, Gilbert M. Newhouse, George W. Roberts, Henry W. Robinson, Lucian K. Simmons, O. S. Welch.
- Coosa, No. 86: Otto Agricola, James H. Arnold, William J. Beggs, James E. Blackwood, James B. Carroll, William F. Cooper, Charles F. Cross; Herbert M. Davis, John D. Dunlap, Joseph M. Moraim, Maurice C. Shannon, O'Connor J. Stock, Walter E. Striplin, Samuel C. Tatum.
- Springville, No. 88: Lee A. Bradford, Oscar L. Chambers, William L. Chandler, Moses Dyer, J. Manly Inzer, John W. Lawley.
- Mineral City, No. 101: Robert Elbert Bowdon, George Harrison Brown, Acton Redgrave Boone, Wm. Samuel Bell, Samuel Edwin Cowin, Henry Laurens Chisholm, John Theo. Courtney, Martin Luther Davidson, John Davis Dabney, John Phillips Evans, Richard Faull, George Brooks Forbes, William Henry Fraitticher, Martin Clark Foster, Robert Norwood Griffin, George Sidney Griffin, James Fitts Hawkins, Blair Hughes, Charles Bell Jennings, Charles J. Lowman, William Talley Lathem, William Kennedy McNeill, Edward Wallace McChesney, Wiley Collins McGrady, John Andrew McDougal, Martin

Elijah Morris, Hugh Morrow, James Ivan Odum, Frealand Howard Parsons, Moses Eugene Roy, William James Rushton, James Franklin Rushton, Frank Clinton Shepard, Jr., Robert Christian Stein, Albert Sydney Smith, William Foster Shannon, Herbert Ross Sims, Robert Lee Smith, Charles Percy Webb, Edward Haskins Williams, Joseph Tyler Wiley.

Sylacauga, No. 104: Thomas W. Knight, T. C. Moore, Archie A. McEwin, Wm. J. Rayfield, Wm. A. Smith, John C. Williams.

Anniston, No. 105: J. N. Bagley, E. C. Dickinson, E. M. Houston, F. W. Ledbetter, John Mees, M. H. Rudisill, S. Sanders, William E. Todd.

Fort Payne, No. 107: George H. Carr, M. W. Howard, Luke P. Hunt.

Blocton, No. 109: William Owens Dyeus, Carl Kelly Goodson, William Augustus Harvey, Samuel C. Moore, William Thomas Morrison.

Bessemer, No. 110: Sam Erlick, J. H. Fulton, John K. Harless, Charles I. Hinds, Wm. C. Howton, W. H. Weaver, L. L. Wheeler.

Piedmont, No. 111: John W. Coffman, Raulah H. Savage, Y Burney Vandeford.

Brewton, No. 112: S. S. Foshee, L. B. Mayo.

Dothan, No. 113: Lovick P. Anthony, Morrison E. Bethea, Major B. Byrd, Charles A. Burk, Eley J. Buntin, William H. Clark, Lemuel A. Carroll, William A. Fountain, William T. Gissendaner, A. N. Gay, Arthur L. Kelly, A. Clyde Kelly, George H. Malone, Samuel M. Maund.

H. Clay Armstrong, No. 114: Cecil A. Beasley, James R. Fullerton, Robert Guin, John T. Huffstutler, Alexander Hutchinson, Willie B. Jamison, Henry A. Kimbrell, Benjamin F. McClure, Walter Scott McNeil, John Neams, John L. Sanford, Rasmus W. Sanford.

- Clanton, No. 116: Henry G. Bridgewater, Enoch J. Callaway, William C. Dickinson, Francis A. Gibson, Isaac N. Hicks, James D. Lamar, Thomas J. Pinson, Joseph H. Shepard.
- Jasper, No. 118: Grant U. Burdick, John L. Burch.
- Jackson, No. 119: Frank J. Bernhardt, J. T. Knobles, Paul Clifford Moore, James McIntyre, John W. Pearce, Thomas Moody Phillips, Charles Lucas Schaab, John R. Wotring.
- Cunningham, No. 120: Wm. Beddow, John Broda, Sam Lowery, Alex. Patterson, J. H. Perkins, T. E. Porter, H. L. Reems, Thomas H. Sanders, C. H. Clark, E. T. Fields, R. T. McLeod.
- Monroe, No. 122: John B. Barnett, Hampden C. DuBose, Francis M. Lowery, Thomas B. Nettles, David K. Smith.
- Covington, No. 123: Jesse O. Acree, Joseph H. Aplin, J. Thomas Clark, Thomasf M. Costen, Aurelius Coleman, Edward E. Doty, Angus Douglas, Preston J. Gantt, James J. Hagood, James C. Howell, John J. Howell, Joseph N. Jernigan, William H. Jones, Leslie Lathram, William F. Prestwood, Albert L. Rankin, William Clinton Smith, William Robert Smith, James P. Stanley, Zack D. Studstill.
- F. M. Jackson, No. 125: John Berry Ambrose, James Gillespie Hendrick, William Jeremiah Hand, Benjamin Kline, L. M. Livingston, James Philip Weaver.
- Evergreen, No. 127: John T. Buffington, Thomas E. Champion, James A. Smith, John S. Watson.
- Heflin, No. 128: L. H. Jackson.
- James E. Cobb, No. 129: Edward Robert Alexander, William Peyton Cobb, Benajah Bibb Cobb, Albert Stevens Danner, Julius Arthur Kernodle, Dawson Edward Laslie, Joseph Bozeman Letcher, Edgar Milton Lewis, Peter Preer, Frank Livingston Wadsworth.
- Palmyra, No. 130: William Nelson Bain, William E. Barnard, Robert M. Huffman, D. Isbell, Leon C. McCord, Samuel Houston Tyler.

AFFILIATED.

- Tuscumbia, No. 110: James R. Crowe, James Caden, John W. Davis, Edward W. Gilfillan, James C. Harris, Robert C. Johnston, R. M. Johnston, James E. Keenan, Charles H. King, Amos L. Moody, W. J. Mead, John B. Porterfield, James D. Perryman, W. I. Wither-
spoon, James P. Murdick.
- Eunomia, No. 5: Joseph J. Bradley.
- Tuscumbia, No. 10: James P. Murdick.
- Marion, No. 12: Henry L. Brannon.
- Mobile, No. 21: Edward B. Mershon.
- Talladega, No. 23: Thomas G. Bush, Jr.
- Courtland, No. 25: Noble G. Delashaw.
- Union, No. 26: William M. Neeley.
- St. Johns, No. 28: William T. Waller.
- Camden, No. 140: Francis M. Purifoy.
- Dadeville, No. 56: Alexander Beck, Hugh S. Simpson.
- Coosa, No. 86: John W. Stone.
- Springville, No. 88: Joshua P. Woodall.
- Mineral City, No. 101: Nash Hilliard Burt, Jr., Walter George
Cleveland, Louis Bernard Joseph, Monroe Warren.
- Fort Payne, No. 170: James H. Dobbins.
- Bessemer, No. 110: James H. Fulton, as P. M.
- Dothan, No. 113: Richard T. McDavid, Wellborn J. Renfroe.
- Jackson, No. 119: J. Colin Moore, Jr., W. A. Parker.
- Cunningham, No. 120: William Barr, E. T. Padget, J. E. Win-
ning.
- Bladon Springs, No. 124: John T. Wilson.
- Tallassee, No. 126: James F. McCluskey.
- Palmyra, No. 130: James F. Clark, Oliver Day Street, William
Pearce Thomason, Phocion B. Lusk, W. M. Cantrell,
William E. Gibson, Samuel A. Bradford, Allan Todd,
William Benjamin Hope, James Leonard Barnard,
William Clark Winn, Stephen M. Pearson, T. J.
Bruce.

REINSTATED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: G. B. Wimberly.
- Tuscumbia, No. 10: W. J. Brinkley, J. W. Curry, George Geise, Sam Porter, William H. Wilson.
- Marion, No. 12: Frank J. Lovert.
- Montgomery, No. 22: George W. Crist, Dallam W. Crawford, John G. Hendricks, William J. Orum.
- Talladega, No. 23: William M. Costner.
- Union, No. 26: Louis J. Adler, John F. Conner.
- Collinsville, No. 57: Ira B. Luther.
- Coosa, No. 86: William B. T. Sizemore.
- Mineral City, No. 101: John S. Clements, William L. Deilheim, James T. Garretson, John F. Graham, James P. Lynch, Marcus Weil, Ben Weil.
- Anniston, No. 105: N. H. Ballard.
- Pratt City, No. 108: Andrew H. Dunlap, William Elliott, Forrest Jackson, J. H. Tidmore.
- Dothan No. 113: Oscar P. Green, John H. Jones, James N. Yon, D. Emanuel Young.
- Jasper, No. 118: John S. Chadwick, Robert H. Jones, Thomas O. Jones, Leroy Williams, William Hope, David Dickinson.

DIED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: J. Luther Foster, Dec. 9, 1905. William H. Armstrong, March 19, 1906.
- Eunomia, No. 5: James B. Laughlin, Sept. 24, 1906. Samuel H. Lowrey, June 7, 1906.
- Marion, No. 12: William O. Johnson, Dec. 24, 1906. Aged 40 years.
- Mt. Moriah, No. 19: Foster M. Kirksey, Feb. 14, 1906.
- Montgomery, No. 22: Henry H. Matthews, June 6, 1906. Charles R. Westcott, June 5, 1906.
- Talladega, No. 23: Thomas A. Jones, Dec. 21, 1905. Aged 74 years.
- Union, No. 26: William R. O'Sullivan, July 22, 1906. Aged 33 years.
- St. Johns, No. 28: Edward S. Gatchell, May 3, 1906.
- Hermon, No. 34: Neatwood C. Ellis, June 2, 1906. Aged 31 years.
- Camden, No. 40: James Tait Beck, May 6, 1906. Aged 56 years.
- Tyrian No. 54. Joel D. Murphree, Feb. 6, 1906. Aged 78 years. Samuel J. Townsend, March 1, 1906. Aged 73 years. W. Scott Wade, Jan. 30, 1906. Aged 60 years.
- Dadeville, No. 56: J. S. Gregory, Aug. 23, 1906.
- Collinsville, No. 57: Andrew J. Vann, Sept. 5, 1906. Aged 72 years.
- Central, No. 64: William Burwell McMath, Jan. 1, 1906.
- Jefferson, No. 81: C. Boaz Whitfield, March 1, 1906. Aged 68 years.
- Coosa, No. 86: Ransom F. Tinsley, April 3, 1906.

DIED.

- Thomas M. Bragg, No. 99: Benjamin R. Bricken, Nov. 28, 1905. Aged 56 years.
- Mineral City, No. 101: James Esdale, Feb. 7, 1906.
Samuel Griscom, Jan. 20, 1906. John A. Milner, Dec. 19, 1905.
- Anniston, No. 105: J. B. Ellis, Feb. 28, 1906.
- Bessemer, No. 110: Gerald Mitchell Fountain, July 13, 1906. Aged 38 years.
- Piedmont, No. 111: Hampton W. Glover, July 20, 1906. Aged 64 years. George U. McCury, June 4, 1906. Aged 79 years.
- Brewton, No. 112: Richard Weaver, Feb. 18, 1906. Aged 88 years.
- Dothan, No. 113: George A. Granberry, Aug. 29, 1906. Aged 67 years. George Y. Malone, April 2, 1906. Aged 76 years.
- H. Clay Armstrong, No. 114: James P. Dickinson, March 13, 1906. Aged 55 years.
- Jackson, No. 119: Malcolm H. Robinson, Aug. 31, 1906.
- Monroe, No. 122: David W. Davis, Feb. 6, 1906. Aged 63 years.
- Bladon Springs, No. 124: Willie T. Cox, June 13, 1906. Aged 39 years.
- Evergreen, No. 127: Pinkney M. Bruner, Sept. 11, 1906. Aged 70 years.
- Heflin, No. 128: W. Richard Awtry. Aged 33 years.

DIMITTED.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: Eli Abbott, James A. Serey.
- Eunomia, No. 5: Frank P. Culver, William M. Gillis, Olive Day Street, William Pierce Thomason, Samuel Arnie Bradford, James Leonard Barnard, Allan Todd, Will Eugene Gibson.
- Tuscumbia, No. 10: W. I. Witherspoon.
- Marion, No. 12: Gustave F. Schultze, Charles H. Wood.
- Mobile, No. 21: John T. McNamara.
- Montgomery, No. 22: Abraham J. Messing, Jr.
- Eufaula, No. 24: Henry H. Parker.
- Courtland, No. 25: Elijah M. Odom.
- Hermon, No. 34: Wellborn James Renfro.
- Camden, No. 40: Clarence Alexander Cook.
- Tyrian, No. 54: Louis H. Jeter, Richard T. McDavid, Frederick Phenix, Sidney J. McMath.
- Dadeville, No. 56: John H. Sanford.
- Collinsville, No. 57: Ira B. Luther.
- Myles J. Green, No. 80: John C. Edwards, Jr.
- Jefferson, No. 81: Richard P. Allen, William LeRoy Copall, Lum T. Spraggin.
- Coosa, No. 86: B. Pope Hammond, Daniel G. McCanlay, Wm. B. F. Sizemore.
- Mineral City, No. 101: John S. Clements, William H. Franklin, William Edward Morris, Robert Augustus McAdory, Charles W. Odom, George Smith O'Bear, William Chester Plant.
- Sylacauga, No. 104: Lewis W. King.
- Anniston, No. 105: N. H. Ballard, T. G. Bush, Jr., H. F. Buchholz.
- Fort Payne, No. 107: James F. Clark.
- Pratt City, No. 108: William Elliott, Frank M. Page, F. O. Stone, J. I. Williams.
- Bessemer, No. 110: James A. Hendricks.
- Piedmont, No. 111: Newton Sheffield.
- Dothan, No. 113: Sam H. Campbell.

Clanton, No. 116: William F. Middleton.

Beauchamp, No. 117: Benjamin D. Currie.

Jasper, No. 118: John M. Miller, G. Smith Elliott, J. N. Odom,
Noah S. Daniels, William Hope, David Dickinson,
W. M. Stokes, R. A. Whatley, B. F. Nutall, George
Griffin, T. O. Jones.

Cunningham, No. 120: A. A. Leck.

Monroe, No. 122: John W. Fore, E. Robinson Morrisette, Jos.
Patterson, Charles S. Talley.

Covington, No. 123: Aurelius D. Coleman.

F. M. Jackson, No. 125: Thomas J. Hoskins.

Tallassee, No. 126: T. B. Wallace.

Evergreen, No. 127: James A. Smith.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.

- Tuscaloosa, No. 1: William J. Cronier, Henry Fletcher, Stephen E. Smith, James Guyton.
- Mobile, No. 21: Joseph A. Carter, Clarence Verrmille.
- Montgomery, No. 22: James A. Bowdoin, Charles P. Jones.
- Talladega, No. 23: (By Lodge) William M. Franks, Henry B. Jones.
- Eufaula, No. 24: Nicodemus Shelly.
- Tyrian, No. 54: Ebin G. Chaffin, James M. Dannelly, William B. Duke, Robert L. Harmon, Forest V. Hunter, Sherwood W. Shirley, Elijah S. Whaley.
- Dadeville, No. 56: H. W. Craddock.
- Springville, No. 88: George M. Truss.
- Mineral City, No. 101: Alonzo W. Clark, Charles Irwin, John Columbus Jones, (By Lodge) Willis Dwight Colby.
- Sylacauga, No. 104: Wm. F. Burke, A. J. Notestine.
- Blocton, No. 109: Willis F. Pledger, J. Fritz Thompson.
- Thomasville, No. 115: W. A. Carter, J. H. Findly, W. T. Had-dox, W. T. Jarvis, E. F. Jackson, William Kerridge, T. B. McFarland, T. S. Pickens, Thomas B. Robinson, J. F. Savell. (By Lodge) James W. Tucker, William A. Tharpe, C. W. Terry, Charles Studstill, Arthur Mahone.
- Clanton, No. 116: Thomas Smith, Henry C. Threadgill.
- Jasper, No. 118: Annis Chambles, James W. Butler, George S. Gelder, John H. Longcrier, Charles Roland.
- Cunningham, No. 120: B. T. Buchanan, C. M. Hughes, O. L. Pinson, W. L. Rosamond, C. T. Sharp.
- Monroe, No. 122: James I. Bizzelle, James A. Barnes, J. Frye Guillard, Claude Hardy, John L. Marshall, W. Blanchard Marshall, Noah A. McNeil, Nicholas J. Stallworth.
- Tallassee, No. 126: George H. Smith.

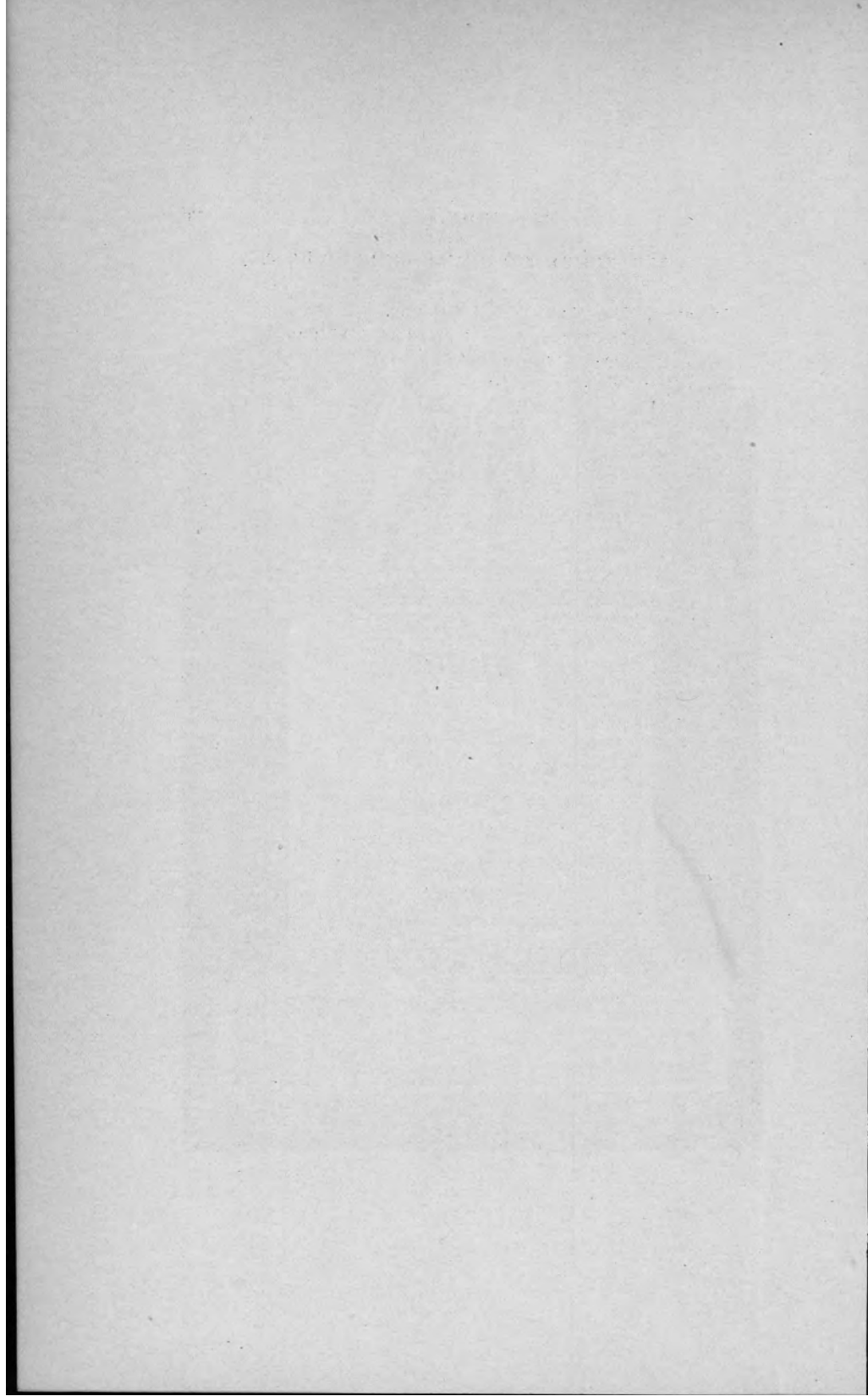
SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Sylaucauga, No. 104: Frank H. Kaupp.

Fort Payne, No. 107: (By Lodge) Elias S. Killian.

Blocton, No. 109: Phillip Odess.

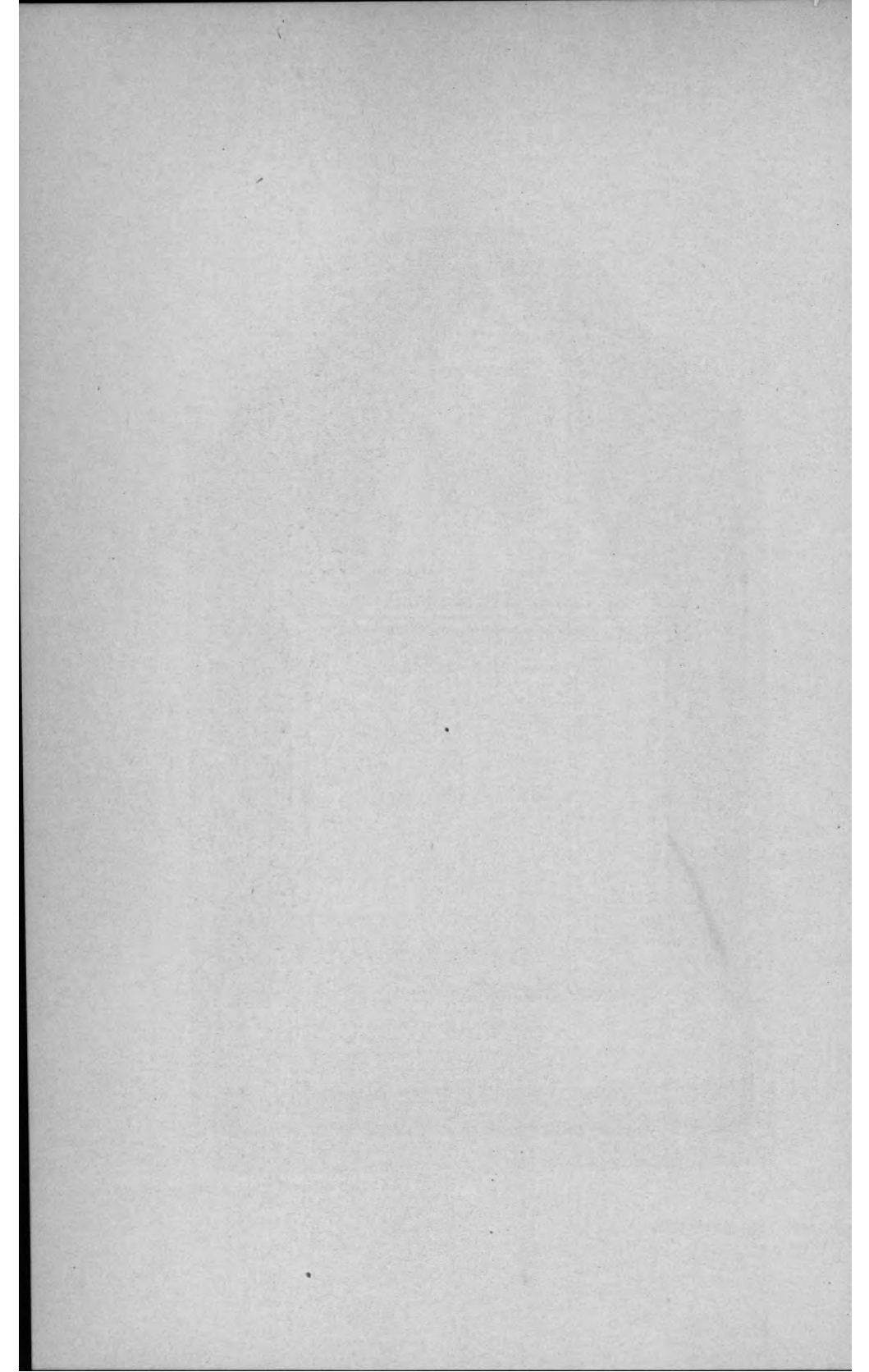
Tallassee, No. 126: J. J. Salter.





IN MEMORY
OF THE
Thirty-Eight Companions
OF
OUR OWN JURISDICTION
WHO HAVE
PASSED WITHIN THE VEILS
During the Past Year.

We Cherish Their Memory.





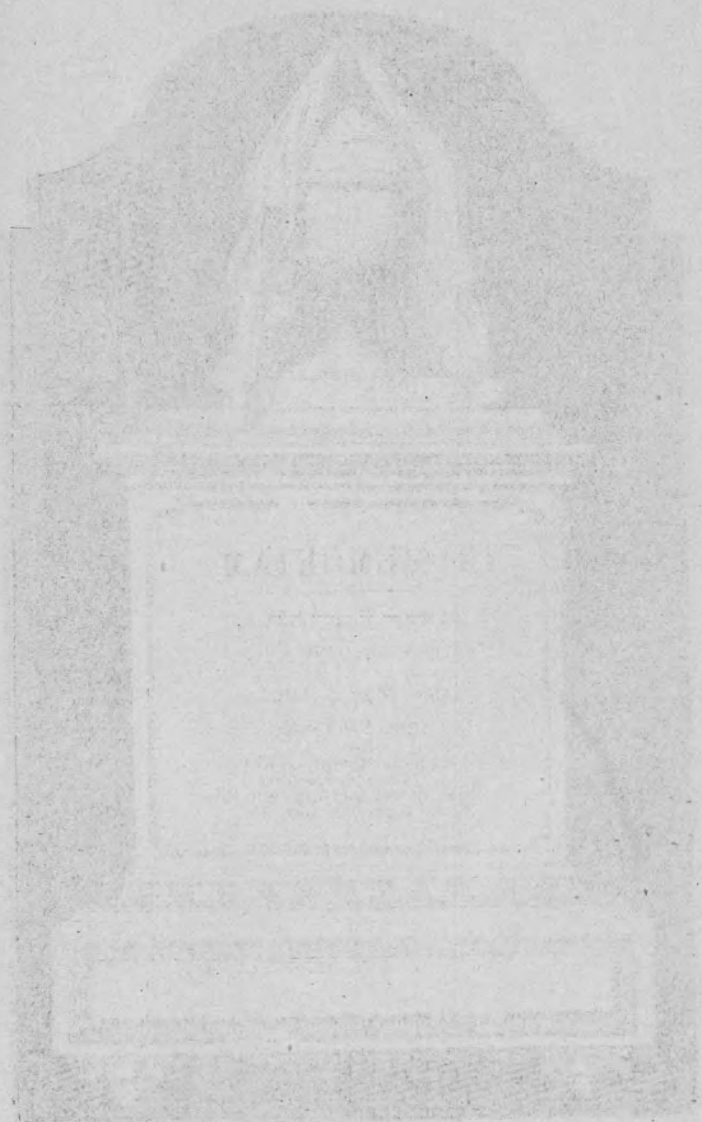
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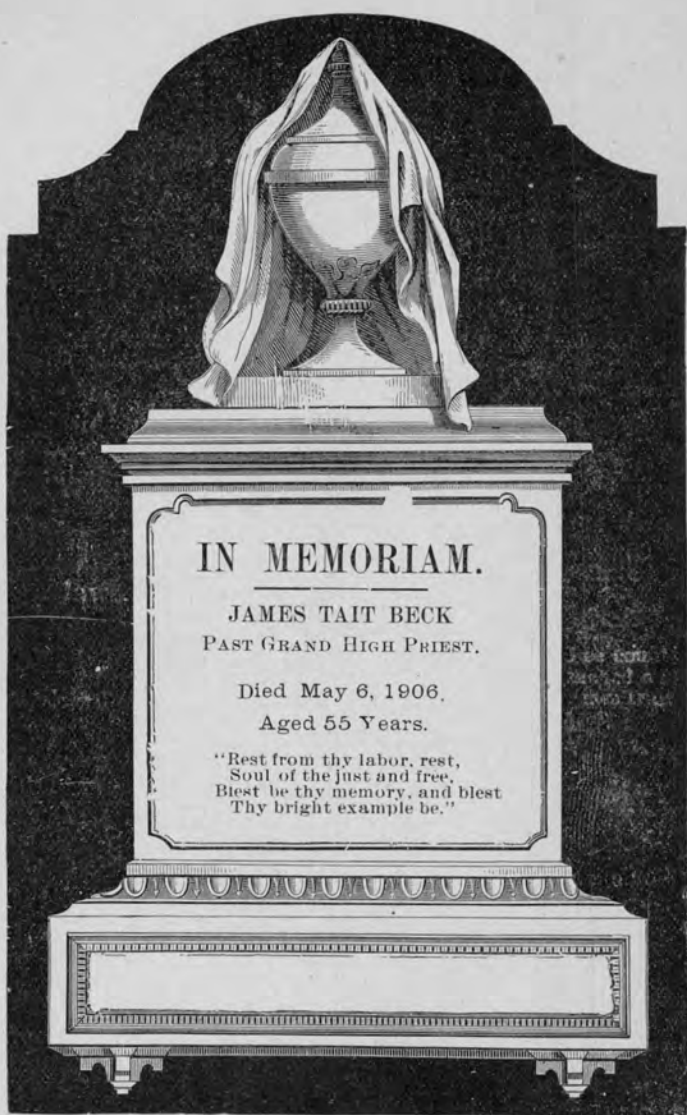
EDWARD S. GATCHELL
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Died May 3, 1906.

Aged 43 Years.

"His life was gentle, and the elements,
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up,
And say to all the world, This was a man!"





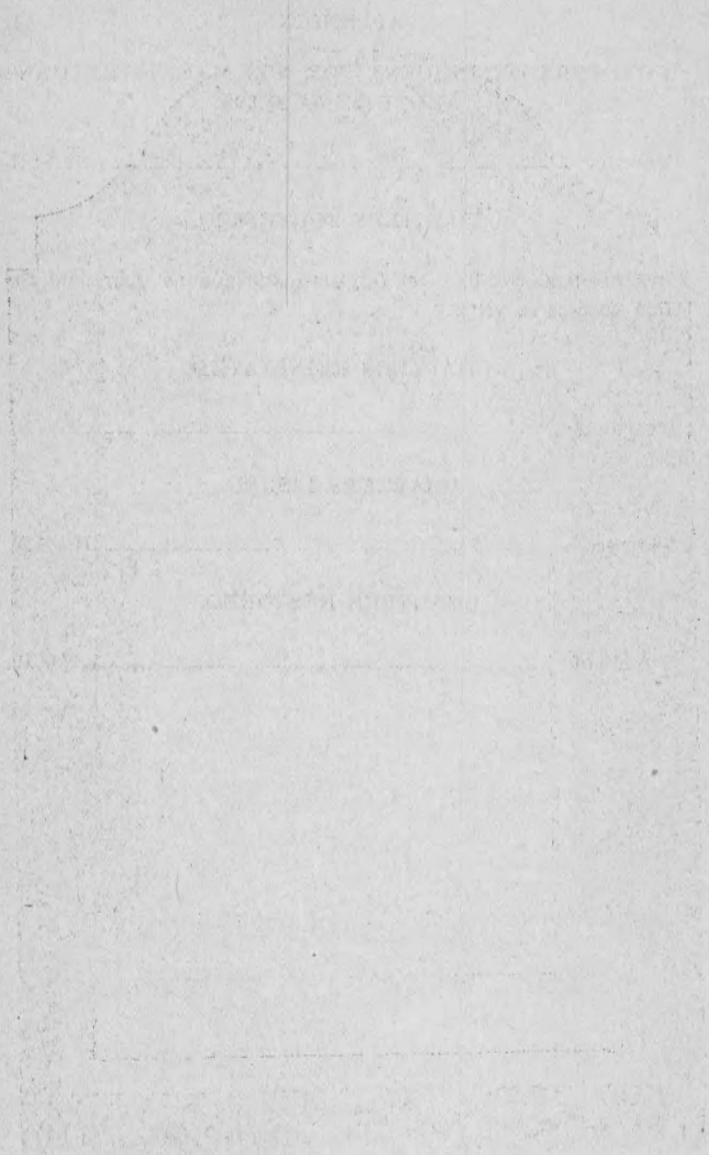
IN MEMORIAM.

JAMES TAIT BECK
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Died May 6, 1906.

Aged 55 Years.

"Rest from thy labor, rest,
Soul of the just and free,
Best be thy memory, and blest
Thy bright example be."



APPENDIX.

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CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS
AND PAYING DUES.

Phoenix -----No. 121.

CHARTERS FORFEITED.

Notasulga, No. 92. No returns made and no dues paid for
two successive years.

CHARTERS REINSTATED.

Tuscumbia, -----No. 10.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Palmyra -----No. 130.

CHARTERS RESTORED.

Tuscumbia -----No. 10.

APPENDIX.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters represented.....	44
Number of Members	2385
Number of Chapters making Returns.....	50
Number of Chapters paying dues.....	48
Number of Chartered Chapters on the Roll, 1905..	50
Charters issued 1906	1
Charters restored 1906	1
	52
Charters forfeited	1
Number of Chartered Chapters on the Roll, 1906....	51

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Exalted	305
Affiliated	55
Reinstated	36
Died	38
Dimitted	72
Suspended N. P. D.	62
Suspended U. C.	4

REGISTER OF CHAPTERS.

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

Number.	Name.	Location.	County.	Postoffice.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Convocation.
1	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Woolsey Fennell	Andrew F. Prince	3d Friday.
5	Etowah	Huntsville	Madison	Huntsville	Henry C. Pollard	Robt. P. Weeden	1st Tuesday.
10	Tuscumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	Tuscumbia	James R. Crowe	Jas. E. Keenan	1st Tuesday.
12	Marion	Marion	Perry	Marion	Chas. C. Johnson	Wm. H. May	2nd Friday.
19	Mt. Moriah	Eutaw	Greene	Eutaw	Bernard Harwood	Radford E. Mobley	2nd and 4th Friday.
21	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Frank E. Arnsbaugh	Chas. S. Shawhan	2nd Tuesday.
22	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	Joseph H. Stratford	Wm. H. Dingley	2nd Friday.
23	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	John E. Michael	Robt. P. Henderson	1st and 3rd Thurs.
24	Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	Eufaula	John R. Barr	Jas. P. Hill	3rd Tuesday.
25	Courtland	Courtland	Lawrence	Town Creek	William V. Preut	Wm. H. Smith	1st Thursday.
26	Union	Uniontown	Perry	Uniontown	William M. Neely	Junie Harwood	4th Monday.
28	St. John's	Selma	Dallas	Selma	Donald McLachlin	Walter H. Trimby	1st Tuesday.
34	Hermion	Union Springs	Bullock	Union Springs	James B. Hunter	Rianzo J. Lawrence	4th Tuesday.
38	Decatur	New Decatur	Morgan	New Decatur	F. T. Saywell	Andrew B. Harvey	3rd Wednesday.
40	Camden	Camden	Wilcox	Camden	James C. Benson	Solomon D. Bloch	2nd and 4th Sat.
54	Tyrian	Troy	Pike	Troy	Josiah Jernigan	Sidney J. McMath	4th Thursday.
56	Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Dadeville	Robt. T. Ward	Herbert C. Sturdivant	1st Friday.
57	Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Collinsville	Wm. J. Roberts	Wm. R. Roberts	1st Tuesday.
64	Central	Aldrich	Shelby	Montevallo	J. Alex. Moore	E. S. Lyman	1st and 3rd Monday.
80	Jefferson	Opelika	Lee	Opelika	John B. Lyons	Edgar J. Tucker	1st Tuesday.
81	Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	Demopolis	Jacob Bley	Jos. I. Lee	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
86	Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah	Gadsden	Geo. E. Christopher	Henry B. Myers	Sat. before 3rd Sun.
88	Springville	Springville	St. Clair	Springville	Basil M. Hill	Edward M. McClendon	4th Tuesday.
99	Thos. M. Bragg	Luverne	Crenshaw	Luverne	Chas. R. Bricken	Frank B. Bricken	

101	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	Birmingham	James Scott Vance	Chas. J. Geohagan	2nd and 4th Thurs. Wed. before 1st Sat. & Thurs. before 3rd Sat
104	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Talladega	Sylacauga	Wm. J. McLeod	Lewis H. Crumpler, Jr	1st and 3rd Tues.
105	Anniston	Anniston	Calhoun	Anniston	J. H. Duke	T. L. Graham	2nd Friday.
107	Fort Payne	Fort Payne	DeKalb	Fort Payne	John L. White	N. J. Callan	1st and 3rd Tues.
108	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	Pratt City	Chas. D. Comstock	Ephriam J. Hudnall	2nd and 4th Monday.
109	Blocton	Blocton	Bibb	Blocton	Ike B. Krintzman	David M. Lewis	2nd and 4th Tues.
110	Bessemer	Bessemer	Jefferson	Bessemer	Andrew C. Mitchell	Thos. T. Huey	Thurs. before 2nd Sun.
111	Piedmont	Piedmont	Calhoun	Piedmont	Wm. H. Kinebrew	Thos. A. Howell	3rd Tuesday.
112	Brewton	Brewton	Escambia	Brewton	W. T. Neal	W. C. Griggs	2nd and 4th Friday.
113	Dothan	Dothan	Houston	Dothan	Albert E. Pace	Wm. T. Jones	1st Monday.
114	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette	Fayette	Geo. W. Coggin	J. Newton Collins	1st Fri. before 1st Sat.
115	Thomasville	Thomasville	Clarke	Thomasville	J. E. Evans	J. J. Bozeman	3rd Saturday.
116	Clanton	Clanton	Chilton	Clanton	Emmett A. Matthews	Allie C. Smith	1st and 3rd Tuesday.
117	Beauchamp	Atmore	Escambia	Atmore	Alfred P. Webb	Perry A. Johns	1st and 3rd Thurs.
118	Jasper	Jasper	Walker	Jasper	Charles D. Long	Thos. B. Hazelton	2nd Thursday.
119	Jackson	Jackson	Clarke	Jackson	Lamartine O. Hicks	Cobb Nichols	1st and 3rd Monday.
120	Cunningham	Ensey	Jefferson	Ensey	C. C. Nixon	W. L. Clark	Tues. before 2nd Sun.
121	Phoenix	Greensboro	Hale	Greensboro	Samuel H. Dailey	John B. Barnett	1st and 3rd Wed.
122	Monroe	Monroe	Monroe	Monroe	Richard H. Jones	Edward E. Doty	Fri. before 3rd Sun.
123	Covington	Andalusia	Covington	Andalusia	Robt. M. Hearin	Madison L. Smith	4th Saturday.
124	Bladon Springs	Bladon Spgs	Choctaw	Koenton	John F. Jenkins	B. McKae Thompson	Every Saturday.
125	F. M. Jackson	Bibb	Bibb	Piper	A. W. Herren	J. T. Jarman	4th Friday.
126	Tallassee	Tallassee	Elmore	Tallassee	Wm. F. Betts	Frank J. Dean	Thurs. before 2nd Sun.
127	Evergreen	Evergreen	Conecuh	Evergreen	Walter B. Merrell	Albert L. Black	2nd and 4th Mon.
128	Heflin	Heflin	Cheburne	Heflin	James C. Baldwin	S. M. Providence	Fri. on before F. M.
129	J. E. Cobb	Tuskegee	Macon	Tuskegee	Oliver Day Street	Samuel H. Tyler	
130	Palmyra	Guntersville	Marshall	Guntersville			

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS
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ALABAMA.

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Florida	Stephen C. Henderson	Brewton.
Georgia	Robert S. Teague	Montgomery.
Illinois	Ralph N. Hudson	Mobile.
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Iowa	Stewart McQueen	Montgomery.
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New Zealand	John M. P. Otts, Jr.	Birmingham.
North Carolina	Robert W. Southerland	Mobile.
North Dakota	Magnus E. Conway	Sylacauga.

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South Dakota	Jacob Bley	Demopolis.
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Victoria		
Virginia		
West Virginia	Robert F. Lovelady	Pratt City.
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Colorado	Tyler D. Heiskell	Fort Morgan.
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Mississippi	Nolan Stewart	Jackson.
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Nevada	William McMillan	Reno.
New Brunswick	Allison B. Connell	Woodstock.
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New Jersey	Fred J. Weise	Bordentown.
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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.
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Rhode Island		
Scotland	Charles Martin	Hardie.
South Carolina	Thomas R. Riley	Greenwood.
South Dakota	Frank A. Brown	Aberdeen.
Tennessee	John W. Bailey	Memphis.
Texas	T. L. Stanfield	Terrell.
Vermont	Carroll W. Black	Bellows Falls.
Victoria	Henry I. Scott	
Virginia	Alfred S. Lee	Richmond.
West Virginia	James A. Bryan	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin	William Chester Swain	Milwaukee.

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Canada	George J. Bennette	Toronto.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Delaware	James H. Price	Wilmington.
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Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
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Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.
Ireland	Archibald St. George	Dublin.
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Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
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Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
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New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Grear	Passaic.

New S. Wales	Alfred J. Burbridge	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.
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Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
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South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	William A. Clendening	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	David K. Reed	Clarksburg.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Gen. Gr. Chapter	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo, N. Y.

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